



Saturday 14th May 2016

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs YMCC (Drew 2 - 2) 2016-04-23

Goals: R. Broek, H. Munro

Having put in a lot of effort and hard work in the pre-season, under new head coach, Mal Cowan, the Melville girls were up against a strong YMCC team, away from home, at Shenton Park. Melville started off brilliantly, with the defenders and midfield moving the ball swiftly to allow the strikers some quality attacking opportunities. Within the first 5 minutes, Melville were rewarded with a penalty corner, which was converted by Hope Jobe. The quality of the ball movement continued for most of the first half, as Melville had 17 circle entries. Unfortunately, through some basic skill errors, lack of decisiveness in front of goal, and some good goalkeeping by YM, the score remained at 1-0 going into half time.

YM changed up the way they pressed in the second half, and this proved to be a good move, as Melville began to look for long passes out of the back, rather than continuing with the balls into their midfield. YM made the most of their attacking opportunities, and pulled the score back to 1-1 early in the first half, through a well-executed penalty corner. YM continued to have the better of the second half, as their strong midfield began to stamp their authority on the game. Before long YM had converted yet another penalty corner to take the lead 2-1. Despite a tremendous first save by Melville goalkeeper, Erin Judd, YM's Amelia Spence put away her second for the night, by one-timing the ball into the back of the net. The intensity of the game never fell away, as Melville searched for the equaliser. The structure of the strikers and midfield continued to provide the team with goal scoring chances, and with 8 minutes remaining Roos Broek, made the most of these opportunities, by

ripping a toma from the top of the circle. 2-2 with 8 minutes remaining, and neither team were happy to sit back and accept the draw. Melville earned a penalty corner with 2 minutes remaining, however some strong YM defence ensured the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

A positive start for Melville, however they will need to continue to work on their efficiency in the attacking circle, to make the most of the chances they create. The defenders also need to work towards putting together a full 70 minutes of solid ball movement and completing basics, even when fatigued and under pressure, to ensure they can control the match

BRING IT ON WASPS!

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs WASPS (Lost 0 - 1)

2016-04-30

Round 2 of the Women's Melville Toyota League saw Melville take on WASPS at Duracraft Stadium, which was always going to be a physical affair. WASPS took control of the match early on, when after 3 minutes, Kirsten McKay made Melville pay for a turn over in their defensive 25. WASPS continued to have the upper hand for the opening 20 minutes, as they were able to penetrate Melville's press, by playing in their midfield, as well as looking for longer, more direct passes, straight to their strikers. Despite having control of the match, WASPS were unable to capitalise, on their early dominance. Melville worked their way into the game, and once they started moving the ball a bit faster, were able to start creating some attacking chances. Despite earning 2 penalty corners, which they were not able to convert, they were unable to have any quality field shots on goal. As half time neared, and the score remaining at 1-0, in favour of WASPS, the speed of play didn't drop. After half time both teams came out with renewed energy. Neither team were able to give their strikers many opportunities, and most of the second half was played in the midfield. Melville earned a couple of penalty corners, which again they were unable to convert, whilst Melville goalkeeper, Erin Judd, made a terrific save in the final minutes to keep her side in the match. Unfortunately Judd's goalkeeping work would not be enough, as her teammates were unable to convert one

of their chances down the other end. WASPS closing out the game to take a 1-0 win, and their first points for the season.

Ladies Premier 2 vs YMCC (Won 4 - 0) 2016-04-23

Goals: M. Hagen (3), E. Fleay

No report

Ladies Premier 2 vs WASPS (Won 2 - 0) 2016-04-30

Goals: S. Bruce, E. Fleay

After a great start to the season with a 4-0 win against YMCC, the girls were eager to continue our improving trend, which started from pre-season.

WASPs were our next opponent, so I decided to put in some unpaid overtime, and scout their first match in hope there were some tactics we could implement that would give us the best chance at winning. There were a few specific tactics talked about during pre-game talks, which to the girls credit, were attempted out on the pitch to some degree of success.

We welcomed back Courtney Pickford from injury which set her back quite some time. It was extremely hard during the game to keep Courtney from jumping onto the field, we had to restrain her multiple times due to the doctors orders of restricted minutes.

Ashleigh Power also got the call up after putting in a good outing in 3s and training well. It was the first time (I think) that the womens 2s had selected and fielded a very strong outfit without needing double ups from 1s.

The confidence in our depth is a great sign for MCHC.

The girls started off well, defending well, moving the ball around and creating scoring opportunities. The aim so far has been to utilise our midfield as much as possible, and then to release our strikers with added support. Defensively we have been marking very tight and aggressively, to make intercepts around the pitch, and gain possession as early as we can. We scored in the first half after a great shot by Stacey and came into the break 1-0. The second half was frantic at times, trying to find that goal that gave us a little bit more breathing room. The girls stuck to their guns and we eventually scored through Emma Fleay. Defensively we were

fantastic, keeping a clean sheet yet again. High rotations were key for us to continue the high pressure we created and the aggressive nature we want to attack with.

Big thank you to Don Miller for helping me out on the sidelines with rotations and any advice he had for the girls, it is always much appreciated by myself and the girls.

Probably not as appreciated by the surrounding suburb who heard Don's voice for 70+ minutes yelling "ROTATE" and "GOOOOO MELVILLE!!".

Also quick thank you to Denise for being the best manager out :) Massive test for us this week against UWA, it will show the character of the girls and exactly how far we have improved and how well we can follow our motto thus far, "Application and Execution".

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Ladies Premier 2 vs UWA (Lost 0 - 3) 2016-05-07

Facing UWA this week, and the girls were very keen to get it going. Both of us were tied on points sitting top of the ladder, so it was going to be a great game to see where we are at. The first half was the best 35 minutes we had strung together. Our forwards were putting the defence under immense pressure, our midfield were taking on 1-on-1 battles and winning them, making intercepts, and our back 4 were denying their forwards each time they got forward or entered the D. We moved the ball fairly well, and as much as we could have held possession more, we had the endeavour to move forward rather than muck around with the ball.

The second half we didn't replicate the conviction of our ball movement and our defence, and UWA came on wanting to make a point. 2 goals off of short corners, and a field goal saw us go down 3-0.

We dropped our heads after conceding and reverted back to our old game of hitting and hoping.

Quite a few things the players have stated as needing improvement based on that second half, but there were many things to be happy about in the first half.

Old Aquinas next, who have good form since starting the season. In order to beat them, we need to increase the minutes we are playing well and putting things together, and minimising the "lulls" we have in games.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ladies Provisional 1 vs UWA (Won 3 - 0) 2016-04-17

Best: T. Latham, M. Woodforde, C. Dawes

Goals: C. Dawes (2), M. Northover

Great first game of the season with a win under our belt!

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Ladies Provisional 1 vs OGHMC (Won 6 - 1) 2016-04-23

Best: M. Sader, M. Woodforde, C. Dawes

Goals: C. Dawes (3), M. Sader (2), M. Northover

Another win under the belt for the 4s this week winning by a convincing 5 goals against an excitable OGMHC team. Thanks to our stand in coaches, Jess and Emma for stepping up for the 4s and to Jenna, Larissa and Gams who played back to back games in extremely hot conditions. Everyone worked well together with some clever passes and some great plays were made by taking the play out wide. All in all a great game.

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Uni Associates (Drew 2 - 2) 2016-05-07

Best: L. Blechynden, B. Coleman, S. Chiswell

Goals: M. Northover, C. Surman

Coming up against a known physical opponent in UWA Soaks, the Melville girls knew that they had to match it, or they would be sent home with no points. Melville started strongly, creating a few opportunities in the first 15 minutes, but some poor decision-making in the circle meant we did not capitalise on the chances. As good teams do, Soaks came back at us towards the backend of the half. They had multiple short corners in a row, which Tearne (GK) did well to keep out. However, they did break our defence and take a 1-0 lead.

Half time came at a much-needed time, to allow the Melville girls to refocus and get control back of the game. They lifted the physicality and intensity of the match in the second half, and captain Maddie combined well with Chook to score our first goal, and bring the



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score back to 1-1. Our forwards began to get back to their free flowing style of play as our midfield fed them the ball in space to run on to. Against the run of play, Soaks had a break away, and despite what some would call a normal, and reasonable tackle by Larissa, the umpire thought it was a chance to inject himself into the game and award a stroke. Tearne could not keep it out, and Soaks took a 2-1 lead with 20 minutes remaining.

Chook had been one of our most influential strikers all game, and she rewarded herself with a nice goal to draw us level again at 2-2. We finished the game out strongly, but again, a few of our decisions with the ball when entering the attacking 25m could have been improved. Nonetheless, it was a strong performance by the Melville girls ☺

Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs UWA (Lost 0 - 1) 2016-04-16

Best: T. Barrett, J. Pickering, G. Scally

The curse of the premiership hangover once again struck. Whilst not helped by missing 6 regulars, the 30 degree heat, having a keeper who hasn't played for 3 years having a 2 minute warm up and an opposition who were young, fit and seemingly on PEDs, it was still an underwhelming effort which we hope will be the one to dust off the cobwebs. The highlight was clearly the dynamic performance of Slug who in no way resembled a beached manatee as he collapsed in a scoring attempt in the forward line as the defender waltzed away with the ball all the while being caught on camera for future generations to study. Welcome to seniors Howells boys and Josh!

Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs Aquinas (Won 7 - 1) 2016-04-24

Best: G. Watton, D. Reay, B. Rushton

Goals: D. Reay (3), R. Weddikkara (2), J. Pickering

After a disappointing first up effort, it was good to bounce back with a resounding win. Struggled to convert our opportunities in the first half against a team who's average age was lucky to be 18. Second half was a bit better, with Dom collecting a hat-trick and disappointingly Slug finished with 2 next to his name which must have really been demoralising for the opposition.

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Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs Whitfords (Won 5 - 2) 2016-05-01

Best: M. Read, B. Joss, M. Scally

Goals: M. Read (2), J. Pickering, R. Williams, G. Watton

Whilst most normal people were settling in for a traditional Sunday dinner, followed by a some wholesome family TV before heading to bed for an early night ahead of the week to come, we were sent to the farthest reaches of the Metropolitan area (Joondalup) to play against a team of blokes who grew up playing hockey in the farthest reaches of the metropolitan area. Not helped by the less than forgiving surface, the game started reasonably well, with us coming unstuck on more than one occasion (literally), and squandering a few early chances. Finally a corner was trapped resulting in a goal, with another following shortly thereafter to relieve the pressure. The half time talk was more about where we would rather be, than tactics and notwithstanding an early goal, Whitfords started to turn up the pressure. After conceding 2 quick goals, it was up to a Slug imitation goal for Watto, with Matty sealing the result shortly thereafter. Welcome to young Mitch, who based on his efforts has, thankfully for us, shown the apple has fallen some way from the tree.



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Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs Newman (Won 6 - 1) 2016-05-08

Best: R. Williams, G. Scally, M. Read

Goals: M. Read (2), R. Williams, N. Elliott, G. Watton, K. Armitage

With an unhealthy devotion to our mothers rendering half the team unavailable, we managed to scramble together 12. As usual the 'thorough' warm up had us starting the game in fine form and after about 15 minutes of on pitch warming up, we started to knock the ball around and play our game. 2 Goals from PC variations were so impressive, Gav lost for words at half time. The second half saw more of the same, with 3 goals coming in 5 minutes to Mathrick Reamitage to take the sting out of the game, before both Scallys managed to have play stopped for different injuries in their first game of seniors together

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Rockingham (Won 4 - 1) 2016-04-23

Best: C. Fullarton & J. Powell, K. Williams, K. Welten

Goals: K. Williams (2), C. Fullarton, K. Welten

The match started off extremely strong with Melville having 90% control of play. We scored our first goal through Kat Williams just before half time. The second half started strong again, and we scored our second goal, again through Kat Williams by a deflection. Rockingham retaliated and scored their first and only goal for the game. Kim Welten quickly put our nerves at ease by scoring her first goal of the season. We had another shot on goal, but unfortunately, the umpire wouldn't change his original call of a short to a goal. But we didn't need to worry, with Courtney Fullarton standing on top of the D for our short corners. With a cracker of a hit, it smashed straight into the backboard, and we scored our 4th & final goal for the game! Was a great game and our first win for the season!

Ladies Provisional 4 (Black) vs John XXIII (Lost 0 - 3) 2016-04-16

Best: B. Martin, M. Ballard, C. Corsini

No report

Ladies Provisional 4 (Black) 2016-05-08

Best: E. Hopkins, J. Pocock, B. Irvine

No report

Ladies Provisional 4 (Black) vs Ellenbrook (Won 4 - 3) 2016-05-01

Best: R. Vanderzwan, B. Clifford, C. Corsini

Goals: C. Corsini (2), G. Repton, B. Clifford

No report

Ladies Provisional 4 (Black) vs Hale (Lost 1 - 3) 2016-05-07

Best: W. Joyce, B. Martin, N. Amphlett

Goals: N. Stevens

No report

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Canning (Lost 0 - 6) 2016-04-26

Best: T. McEntee/D. McMillan/J. Templeman

Not one of our best games, Canning came out incredibly strong in the first few minutes to take a quick couple of shots on goal which really seemed to rattle us for the rest of the game.

We did show some good passing which helped us get it down the field to take a few shots and get a couple of shorts when we worked together, but nothing that we could close away for a goal.

Better luck next week boys.

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 4) 2016-05-16

Best: M. Willis, T. McEntee, J. Butcher

Goals: M. Willis

No report

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Dale (Lost 2 - 3) 2016-04-30

Goals: C. Gallagher, M. Willis

Definitely one of the better games we have played in a long time.

After a rousing talk from Matt before the game, we played with some really good structure leading to us scoring the first goal! With heaps of talking and early passing everybody delivered a top game!

Fitness let us down a little towards the end, but all in all a good game to play!

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Kwinana (Lost 0 - 2) 2016-05-08

Best: B. Taylor, J. Templeman, D. Kidd

No report

METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs WASPS (Drew 1 - 1) 2016-04-16

Best: M. Farrow, M. Leighton, R. Thompson

Tired bodies allowed WASPS to score in the second half but generally a great first game in conditions better suited to the beach. With a new team this season it may take a while to settle but the Metro girls are looking strong this year and ready for a great season.

Ladies Metro 1 vs Fremantle (Drew 1 - 1) 2016-04-23

Best: M. Farrow, M. Leighton, J. Coad

Goals: M. Leighton

Week 2 was a carbon copy of our first game, another draw in hot conditions. We need to play as hard in the second half as the first. With our fearless leader, "The Voice" taking a much deserved break, we also need to be better organised with our subs and positions.

Ladies Metro 1 vs North Coast Raiders (Won 2 - 0) 2016-04-30

Best: R. Roberts, M. Guerin, M. Farrow

Goals: M. Guerin, R. Roberts

A great win girls, our draw curse has finally broken. We worked well as a team today and after so many short corners one after the other,

Marloes found the back of the net. Our second was followed quickly after by Rachel. It was great to have Jan and Maris on the sidelines today...makes all the difference having the Voice!!!

VETERANS LEAGUE

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs Westside Wolves (Lost 3 - 5) 2016-04-18

Best: A. Scanlon, M. Starling

Goals: D. Reay, A. Scanlon

No report

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 3 - 1) 2016-04-11

Best: A. Scanlon, R. Lee, R. Williams

Goals: R. Lee (2), M. Lyons

No report

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Joondalup (Won 2 - 0) 2016-04-27

Best: S. Clark, A. Hall, M. Farrow

Goals: K. Sparkes, S. Wilson

No report

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 2 - 0) 2016-04-27

Best: O. Hasselerharm, H. Doyle

Goals: J. Coad

For our first hit out we were pleasantly surprised with our team. We have some new players, so welcome to Conor, Gwenda, Olive, Rae and welcome back to Nicola & Annette. The passing was great, the running good and will get better, but we need to not hit at the goalies pads. Good goals to Jenny and Gwenda although in the first half would be better. Well done girls

**Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Newman Knights (Lost 0 - 2)
2016-05-04**

Best: C. Coleman, O. Hasselerharm, L. Coss/N. Ogden
A different game to the week before. Last week was fast and fun with some super skills, this week our fitness was not there and it showed. We were second to the ball and did not capitalise on our shots on goal. Second half saw better form but not enough to get us back in the game. Bad luck girls. Lets make it better next week.

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Canning (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-11

Best: W. Joyce, C. Smith, C. Coleman/D. Murphy
Boy what a game. They were fast and aggressive on the ball and had a game plan. All things we weren't. A dangerous game for some of our players, especially Corelle who ended the night with lengthy wait at Fiona Stanley after getting hit by the ball on a short corner. We both agree we are not used to being up that late without a glass in our hand. Its a broken arm. No hockey for Corelle for at least 6 weeks.

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Southern River (Won 3 - 1) 2016-04-30

Best: S. Willett, B. Hancock, J. Cooke
Goals: A. Scanlon (2), J. Cooke

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Vic Park (Won 1 - 0) 2016-04-23

Goals: M. Fardon
No report

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Modernians (Lost 0 - 2) 2016-04-16

No report

Mens O40 Division 2 vs YMCC (Lost 0 - 3) 2016-04-23

Best: D. Doak, T. Heard, J. Holt
First game of the year and a huge thanks to the 40 4's players who helped us out, thanks guys and Criddle. We went down 0-3, but we played well as a team and we can only improve so bring on next week.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Newman Knights (Lost 1 - 2) 2016-04-16

Best: B. Pickering, J. Holt, B. Kennington

Goals: B. Kennington

This was a very close game with each side having a number of opportunities to take control. Melville through Bryan Kennington drew first blood with the first goal in the first half, taking a 1-0 lead into the halftime break. Newman came back strongly in the second half scoring half way through. The game ebbed and flowed from end to end with Newman scoring the winning goal close to full time. A good effort by everyone on the day with an unfortunate loss for Melville to start the season but showing good signs that this will be another good year.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Fremantle (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-08

Melville 3 faced stiff competition from the competition leaders in Fremantle 2. Fremantle dominated play for most of the game scoring twice in both halves. Melville had good opportunities to score but were unable to capitalize. Strong efforts by all Melville players in particular Paul Brennan, Ian Munns and Bryan Kennington made Fremantle work hard but unfortunately was not enough to stop Fremantle from winning.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs NC Raiders (Won 4 - 1) 2016-04-16

Best: J. Christie, L. Alder, A. Wood

Goals: A. Wood (2), L. Alder

First game of the season against the grand final winners from last year. Lots of new players in the team but we showed plenty of potential. Everyone contributed and overall a good result with a 4 - 1 win

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs CTP (Won 3 - 0) 2016-04-23

Best: K. Harper, B. Morrison, R. Nottage

Goals: G. Coleman, K. Harper, R. Nottage

Good to see the intensive preseason training payed off. Harps has already scored more goals than he did all last season. Our low draft

pick, Brad, played a much better game than we expected. Thanks to Carlo and Ian for filling in.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs OGMHC (Won 3 - 2) 2016-04-30

Best: G. Hunt, K. Harper, B. Morrison

Goals: G. Coleman, A. Marshall, B. Morrison

Most of our players were unaware of the outcome of the game, as their primary focus was on the umpire. At the conclusion of the game unsuccessful efforts were made to secure the umpire as a permanent fixture. By the way, we won.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 4) 2016-05-07

Best: M. Jolliffe, S. Silvey, K. Harper

Goals: G. Coleman

We jumped out of the blocks and scored first, but it was all downhill after that. A tough game against a quality opposition. Mike pulled off some miraculous saves, which prevented the score line from being much worse. Thanks to Kingsley for umpiring.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs NC Raiders (Won 4 - 1) 2016-04-16

Best: J. Christie/A. Wood, L. Alder

Goals: A. Wood (2), L. Alder, M. Coles

First game of the season against the GF winners let year. With lots of new players in the team we showed plenty of potential. Everyone contributed with a great result

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Westside Wolves (Won 5 - 0)

2016-04-23

Best: L. Alder, M. Hudson, J. Christie

Goals: L. Alder (2), M. Hudson (2), T. Ganzer

Played on a beautiful ground at Wolves. Great start and we were 2 goals up in as many minutes from the start. Second half we turned up the heat and finished strongly. Good rotations and great contribution from all the players.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Hale (Won 4 - 0) 2016-04-30

Best: T. Patton, J. Christie, C. Avent

Goals: J. Christie, T. Ganzer, M. Pitcher, J. Sembi

Not a pretty game. First half Hale were playing short a player and we took advantage and scored 4 goals but never looked comfortable. Second half when they had 11 players they managed to keep us scoreless. Good result but we still have a lot of improving to do.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Blades (Won 5 - 0) 2016-05-07

Best: L. Alder, A. Wood, D. Stonehouse

Goals: L. Alder (2), E. Nell, J. Sembi, A. Wood

Some good goals against an undermanned Blades side. At times we made it look difficult for ourselves.

Mens O60 Division vs Old Aquinians (Lost 1 - 4) 2016-04-25

Best: P. Hall, B. Porter, L. Welten

Goals: S. McEntee

A number of changes to our 2016 lineup and on paper the team looked good but despite scoring first we were outplayed from that point on. We did not play well early and let their main striker cause havoc running between the 25 line and the circle. Pat Hall played a strong game in defence and with Bruce playing at Centre Half we did control a fair percentage of the second half but could not convert any of about 10 short corners.

Mens O60 Division vs Whitfords (Won 3 - 2) 2016-04-23

Best: P. Hall, G. Bowater, B. Porter

Goals: G. Bowater (2), S. McEntee

A big improvement on last week with the addition of Gary and Terry giving us a strong forward line. It was a warm day and we finished the first half up 2-0. After half time Whitfords came back strongly and drew level within 10 minutes. We regained our composure and gradually took control and after a number of chances were finally rewarded with the winning goal. It is good to get an early win on board as we have some strong teams to play in the next few weeks.

Mens O60 Division vs Wolves (Lost 3 - 5) 2016-05-08

Best: G. Bowater, B. Porter, L. Welten

Goals: L. Welten (2), G. Bowater

We came against one of last year's grand finalists and started with 10 men in wild and willy weather. We played well but Wolves still had 3 goals on the scoreboard by half time. We reorganised in the second half and with now 11 players and playing into a strong wind matched them in the second half and in fact out scored them which was pleasing. Once we get our full list available we will be more than competitive against most of the competition. Thanks to Tony for helping us out again and a great effort by the forwards to score 3 second half goals.

Boys 11/12A vs Fremantle (Lost 2 - 3) 2016-04-29

Best: T. Potter, W. Reynolds, M. Scally

Goals: W. Reynolds, M. Scally

Playing our first game of the season the boys came out of the blocks well scoring first. A feature of the first half was the boys ability to move the ball up the field and find our quick guys out in space. Going into the second half locked at 2 all the second half was more of a dour contest. Unfortunately we weren't able to keep up our ball movement and control to get the result. It was very pleasing to see a number of the boys playing in new positions.

Boys 11/12A vs WASP (Won 3 - 2) 2016-05-06

Best: M. Love, S. Bentley, T. Ziegelaar

Goals: S. Bentley, A. Rayfield, T. Ziegelaar

After a slow start going down 1 nil early the boys fought back to be 3-1 up thanks to 3 penalty corner goals. 2 of which came from rebounds off the keeper. Wasps fought back and the boys defended strongly to deny many attacks in the closing stages. Again there were some excellent passages of play with some great ball movement. However it will need to be more consistent over the full match against stronger opposition. Well done boys on a good win. Keep practicing the words to that song.

Girls 11/12A vs Pirates (Lost 1 - 8) 2016-04-29

Best: J. Snyman, T. Power, M. Hagen

Goals: V. Wade

Not the most ideal start to the season.

Tried a structure that didn't work so Oggies bad. A good game by all and looking forward to next game.

Boys 11/12A Reserve 2016-04-29

Goals: D. Paino

A good solid start to our season against Mazenod. Our Goalie Zac McKinnon did a great job keeping Mazenod at bay and scoring too many against us. Special thanks to our fill ins this week Aden Van Zuylen and Daniel Paino, our only goal scorer of the night, great job!

Boys 11/12A Reserve vs Suburban Lions Gold (Lost 0 - 8) 2016-05-06

Best: Z. McKinnon, N. Deluca, C. Deaville

Well what can we say? It just wasn't our night, the Lions were just too strong for us on the night.

In saying that our Goalie Zac McKinnon had the crowd(both Sides)cheering and applauding his stunning performance at keeping way more goals out that actually got through.

It's early days and I'm sure this team wont take long to gel and perform at their best very soon.

On the upside of last nights game, we finished just in time before the torrential rain set in and drenched the 11/12A Girls.

Boys 9/10A vs Lions (Won 9 - 2) 2016-05-03

Best: J. Schonken, W. Stewart, T. Bergin

Goals: J. Schonken (4), D. Forbes (3), K. Potter, W. Stewart

The boys have started the season off in emphatic fashion with a 9-2 win. After a tight first half which saw the score at 2-1 the boys put on a 7 goal second half to put the game to bed. This is an Excellent start to the season but there are plenty of things that need to be done going forward to ensure a more complete team performance. Matt Willis.

Boys 9/10A vs WASPs (Won 12 - 0) 2016-05-09

Goals: J. Scanlon (3), J. Schonken (3), R. Bright (2), W. Stewart (2), B. Dowie, D. Forbes

Another good performance from the boys after a comfortable win in round 1. An 8 goal first half put the result beyond doubt. It was pleasing to see a large spread of goal scorers this week and some of them well worked team goals. The second half was less clinical than the first and something for the boys to keep working on putting into play some new tactics.

Girls 9/10A vs UWA (Won 7 - 0) 2016-05-01

Best: C. Hobbs, S. Hasselerharm, K. O'Sullivan

Goals: K. O'Sullivan (3), A. Drane (2), N. Flynn, S. Hasselerharm

Great start to the season! Short on numbers (even one of our fill-ins was sick), we managed to have a great game. Playing our aggressive press, UWA had no answer for getting through. Created a number of turnovers in the middle, and strikers worked hard off the ball to beat them on the spread. Plenty still to work on and with players coming back in next week, we're looking forward to a solid season ahead. Special mention to Chloe Power for standing in as GK for us this week; didn't look out of place in the older age group and made a few great saves.

Girls 9/10A vs Lions (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-08

Best: N. Flynn, J. Vanderzwan, C. Hobbs

Post-big-win hangover in the grand final rematch. Coming from the 7-0 win last week where everything appeared to come easy, we were confronted with an opponent with higher skill level and determination. A few errors in the 1st half cost us big time. The 2nd half was far better when we sorted out our structures a bit better and we were able to keep the scores level. As I said to the girls, the first few weeks the result isn't the main focus; developing our structures and process and performing these consistently is the most important.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs UWA (Lost 3 - 6) 2016-05-01

Best: D. Parkes, L. Scatchard, L. Downey

Goals: F. Stephens (2), B. Abbott

Great first outing for the boys. Everyone played with a lot of spirit against a tough UWA side. We will continue to improve into what is looking to be a promising season.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs YMCC (Lost 2 - 5) 2016-05-08

Best: L. Downey, b. Cole, J. Needham

Goals: J. John (2)

Really excellent game by everyone. It was great to see us implement the processes and game style we have been working on at training. There are some really positive signs from the first two games and we will be looking to bring that into next week.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Hale 2 (Won 3 - 1) 2016-05-01

Best: Polglase, Mellor, John

Goals: Z. Polglase, E. Rayfield, E. Rolls

Solid team performance by the girls today.

Defence was rock solid with Arthur, Piggford & Polglase repelling the Hale strikers repeatedly. Forwards worked hard all day and were rewarded with 3 great goals. Rayfield, John & Rolls were hard workers all day and Mellor & Riordan were tireless all day wide.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Lions2 (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-08

Best: E. Rayfield, C. Thompson, E. Arthur

Another solid performance by the girls today. Very unlucky not to have scored on a number of occasions, but the hockey gods were not smiling on us today. Arthur was fantastic in the goals and performed some great saves. Rayfield was great up back ably assisted by Thompson. Polglase and Haigh were good the the middle and half back. The Lions were very good and the girls will have learnt a lot from today's game.

Boys 9/10B (Black) vs Lions (Won 8 - 1) 2016-05-01

Best: T. Foo, R. Needham, J. Kelly/A. Lukan

Goals: R. Needham (4), A. Lukan (2), T. Foo, T. Kelly

Great first up effort by the boys. A very tight first half saw us go into the break leading 2 - 1, but who would expect what was to come. A very dominate second half, against a good side, saw us add a further 6 goals.

While we were strong in attack, we still have a little work to do in our defence. The challenge is to repeat that performance week after week and advance from being a good side to being a great side.

Boys 9/10B (Black) vs (Won 11 - 1) 2016-05-09

Best: T. Alder, T. Foo, G. Hyde

Goals: R. Needham (3), G. Hyde (2), A. Lukan (2), T. Alder, Z. Coleman, T. Foo, J. Lambert

A very dominant performance against a much inferior opponent.

Boys 9/10B (Sand) vs Peel (Lost 0 - 11) 2016-05-02

Best: J. Hart, K. Vester, A. Blechynden

First game together for many of the boys in this group and it will take a bit of time for the group to gel together. Opposition was strong and the Melville Boys defended well at time, especially in the first half.

Girls 9/10B (Sand) vs Priates (Won 5 - 0) 2016-05-01

Goals: M. Borinelli (10), M. Raja (2), I. Bilclough, T. Godin

A great start the to sesaon. Mon and Chloe had the girls super organised and it showed on the field. Brilliant play from all the girls.

Girls 9/10B (Sand) vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 1) 2016-05-08

Best:

Goals: T. Godin, E. Robinson

Another great game from the girls. We dominated the first half and should have been 5 or 6 up. Wolves games back hard in the second half and scored 30 seconds before the end of the game. Great start to the season girls.

Girls 7/8A vs UWA (Won 2 - 1) 2016-05-01

Best: L. Cocks, J. Jackson, C. Power

Goals: L. Cocks, J. Jackson

The start of the season saw the A girls take on a tough and very skilful Uni side. The girls came out all guns firing and full of energy. With several circle penetrations, the first result finally came with Lucy putting the ball in the back of the net on the back post. Great trap and execution Lucy! Uni equalised soon after. Credit to the girls as they didn't drop their heads and kept working . With a bit of individual skill, Jayde then converted a Tomma into the bottom corner after some fantastic build up play in the midfield. It was a real team effort by all the girls. They now just need to use their voices on the field while playing, like they do before and after the game. Well done girls!!

Girls 7/8A vs WASPS (Won 2 - 0) 2016-05-08

Best: Team Effort

Goals: G. Needham (2)

The first grass game was an interesting one to say the least. The weather couldn't decide what it was doing - it felt like your average day in Melbourne - but luckily for us, the girls were semi switched on at the start. The girls' basics on grass still need a little improvement but they fought hard on the day to get the 2-0 win. Credit goes to Coco for making one save the whole game, while standing in the freezing cold!

Boys 7/8A Promotion 2016-05-01

Best: J. Birmingham, E. Elliott, Z. Swinton

Goals: Z. Swinton

Initially worried that they wouldn't be able to understand what he said to them, Melville's top J 7/8 Boys are excited this year to have Scottish MTL player Gav Byers coaching them this year. The first game set the scene for the year with a gutsy comeback effort against OGMHC to draw the game 1-1. A solid performance by goalie Jeremy Uy kept the game alive at 1-0 until a base line run stretched the opposition and allowed Zac Swinton to find the back of

the net. The team started to gel more as the game progressed with some great end to end passages of play, beginning from a stand out backline of Joe Birmingham, Ethan Elliott and Daniel Wallington. Coach Gav happy with the promising start to the year and the team's willingness to battle hard.

Boys 7/8A Promotion vs Whitford (Won 2 - 1) 2016-05-07

Best: J. Birmingham, B. Hardy, D. Harris

Goals: D. Harris, C. Steel

The J7/8 A-prom Boys team stepped to the challenge of a run on grass with a 2-1 win over Whitford. The boys controlled much of the game with at least a dozen opportunities but a stand out performance by the Whitford goalie keeping the number that found the back of the net to just 2. Whitford were first on the board with a goal against the run of play in the first half but didn't test Melville's goalie many more times thanks to some great defensive play across the field by all players.

Coach Gav was particularly impressed by the strength and commitment to the ball by defender Joe Birmingham who has had a solid start to the season. Next week's third placed Melville vs second placed Rockingham game is set to test the nerves of parents and perhaps coach Gav, the boys will no doubt take the game in their stride.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs UWA Green (Won 2 - 0) 2016-04-30

Goals: M. Chanter, O. Farrell

What more could you ask of a team for their first game of the season? Before the game we spoke about playing on, using width and being desperate in both D's. Every player, without exception, followed instructions brilliantly. Our wings in Jordan and Olivia F getting in on the posts, our forwards Morgan and Oli P, attacking directly at goal, our midfielders Sasha, Celia, Caity and Mikaela running to be available at all times and our defenders were fantastic with great tackling and a number of one percenters from Shaya, Mathilda and Georgia stopping the opposition shooting. Great start girls.

Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Wasps (Won 3 - 0) 2016-05-07

Best: O. Patton, M. Swan, O. Farrell

Goals: O. Farrell, O. Patton, J. West

In the first half the game was essentially played in our attacking 25. On a couple of occasions, our two full backs were the only players from both teams outside that area – now that's what I call a press!! However, all the possession and play comes to nothing if you don't shoot. At Half time we spoke about taking a shot as soon as the ball goes into the circle – doesn't have to be hard, just has to be accurate and we will clean up on the rebound. First attacking play in the second half, Jordan did what was asked and had a shot from just inside the circle. Guess what? The ball rebounded to one of our wings sitting on the post exactly where we wanted them and we scored!! Then two more rebounds from shots from the top of the circle were slotted for a solid win. Great game girls – a bit of short corner practice this week!!

Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Lions (Lost 0 - 3) 2016-05-02

Best: M. Harler, C. Rynvis, K. Osterhage

After a strong start Melville failed to capitalise on multiple opportunities. The Lions scored just before half time, taking the lead into the break. Again Melville started strongly but 2 quick goals by the Lions against the general flow of play ended Melville's chances. To their credit, although they did not get a positive start on the score board the team must be commended for fighting it out until the end.

Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Southern River (Won 5 - 0) 2016-05-07

Best: M. Harler, C. Rynvis, R. Stephenson

Goals: J. Hood (2), R. Stephenson (2), K. Osterhage

Melville came out fast against an under manned opposition. 4 goals in the first half virtually sealed the game. To their credit they continued to toil hard in the second half, scoring again and providing solid defence down back. A good team effort all round which will boost confidence.

Girls 7/8B (Black) vs NC Raiders (Drew 1 - 1) 2016-04-30

Goals: G. Murphy

Great first game of the season with 70% of the play down our end, NC raiders getting the first goal and our girls coming back to even the score in the last 10 minutes. Solid start to the season.

Girls 7/8B (Sand) vs CT Pirates (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-04-30

Best: A. Thomson, D. Swinton, S. Treasure

Great effort by the girls for the first game of the season. We controlled a good portion of the game in our offensive zone but just couldn't get a goal.

Girls 7/8B (Sand) vs Wasps (Won 1 - 0) 2016-05-07

Best: A. Flexman, D. Swinton, A. Willis

Goals: G. Lawrence

First win for the girls.