



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## PREMIER LEAGUE

### **Ladies Melville Toyota League vs UWA (Lost 0 - 1) 2016-05-07**

Round 3 saw Melville up against the strong and consistent UWA outfit, who are known for their physicality all over the pitch. The game began at quite an intense pace, with both teams trying to move the ball quickly to negate each others aggressive presses. From this, UWA were able to earn a penalty corner, which was well executed by Shelley Liddelow, and gave UWA a 1-0 lead after 8 minutes. Despite the early goal, Melville girls continued to work themselves into the game and match UWA for effort and skill. With the midfield from each team working hard to set their strikers up for some goal scoring opportunities, it was UWA who were getting on top of Melville, and earned numerous short corners. Once again, Erin Judd, Melville's goalkeeper, was equal to the challenge, keeping the ball out and the score at 1-0 going in to half time. Early in the second half, it was evident that neither team would give up. Unfortunately for Melville, the experience of the UWA team started to come in to play, as they were able to control the game a bit better than the youthful and energetic Melville girls. This gave UWA more scoring opportunities from both field play, and penalty corners, where as Melville seemed to struggle to continue their good play from the midfield into the attacking circle. To Melville's credit, they defended with plenty of guts, and did not allow UWA to score again, however they could not apply the same amount of pressure to the UWA defence.

Another close 1-0 defeat for the Melville girls, however the effort and intensity was there. Round 4 sees them take on Old Aquinians away from home, with the girls looking to notch their first win of the season.

## **Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Aquinas Red (Drew 2 - 2) 2016-05-14**

Round 4 of the Melville Toyota League saw Melville Women coming up against Old Aquinians, at the Aquinas Turf. Coach, Mal Cowan, alerted the team to the fact that in the past two weeks, the opposition had scored against them in the first 3 minutes and 8 minutes respectively. Despite asking the girls to start playing from the get go, some loose defensive work gave Aquinas striker Savannah Fitzpatrick enough room to slot the first goal of the match after 6 minutes. To make it even worse, 4 minutes later, Reds netted another goal to take a 2-0 lead.

This seemed to be the catalyst for Melville to pick up their work rate, intensity and skill level. They began to work themselves back into the contest with some hard running off the ball by the strikers, and the defenders being able to hold possession and string a few passes together. It wasn't all easy going, as they had to see off a couple of penalty corners from Reds. However, up the other end, Melville were also kept scoreless, despite having a couple of penalty corners.

Half time at 2-0 down, and Cowan instructed the girls to continue sticking with the game plan, and more opportunities would be created. This turned out to be good advice, as Melville began to create havoc amongst the Aquinas defence. Multiple penalty corners were awarded, but again Melville could not convert. With 17 minutes remaining, the strikers withstood many stick checks and questionable tackles to earn a penalty stroke, which was converted by Mathilda Carmichael.

The final 15 minutes was dominated by Melville, but the Old Aquinians goalkeeper made a few critical saves, which meant they maintained their 1 goal lead, until the final 2 minutes. Melville finally were able to convert from penalty corner, bringing the score to 2-2. Neither team were overly happy coming away with only 1 point, however, it's a step in the right direction for Melville, as they look towards their next match against Vic Park, at Duracraft Stadium, Saturday 21st May, 630pm.

## **Ladies Premier 2**

Goals: K. Silvey

This week was against the always tough Old Aquinas, who were sitting on 2 wins and a draw, top of the ladder. After a great week of training, we were all keen to head into the game and improve on our efforts from last game.

The game didn't start off as planned, Aquinas got through, and ended up with 2 forwards onto Kirst and Rosie, which led to a tap in goal. We managed to pick our game up from there though, defending fairly well, and winning 50/50 battles across the pitch. Kirsten Silvey managed to get on the scoreboard! Yes you read that correctly.. after she had taken a short corner shot, fought for the rebound, and slotted in a nice Tomma... yeah that also happened.

The game was a bit of a back and forth from then, both teams having opportunities. Rosie "the great wall" Manolas had a ripper of a game, and kept us in it for the full 70 minutes.

We had a golden opportunity to slot one when we executed a short corner variation perfectly, only for Lizzie to be denied by the woodwork! Aquinas did strike late in the game though, managing to hit a chaos ball down the guts into the D, and getting a cheeky touch on it.

The girls were disappointed with the loss, considering we were right in that game the whole way. BUT, we are still playing good hockey, and have 2 wins and 2 losses on the board now. Much better than we started last year! If we continue on our improving and positive trend, then the wins are just a matter of WHEN not IF.

Watch this space!

## PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

### **Ladies Provisional 1 vs Whitfords (Won 9 - 0)**

Best: R. Harrup, M. Woodforde, C. Surman

Goals: R. Harrup (3), C. Surman (2), S. Chiswell, S. Bowyer, M. Sader, M. Northover

Melville's opponent this week was Whitfords, otherwise known as Shitfords. Melville were by far the dominant team, which was evident by half time with the girls up 4-0. Despite Melville having the majority of possession in the Whitfords defensive half, improvements were to be made in the second half. More patience with the ball in constructing goal scoring opportunities, and shifting the ball from one side of the field to the other, and making the Whitfords girls run!

With the end scoreline being 9-0, one would say that the girls most definitely did this. What was even more interesting, was that we scored 5 goals in the half, with most players being put in foreign

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positions. Chook was a reliable fullback, and Loz did well up front, Chloe learnt what it was like to be a defender, as did Monique and Maddie, whilst Nat and Gams had a run up front. Apologies Larissa, who was the only player (excluding goalkeeper Tearne) to get a run in the striker line!!

All in all, a good performance, with the goals going to Harrup (3), Chook (2), Maddie, Monique, Shahni and Sarah Booyah!

### **Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs Mods (Won 2 - 1)**

Best: T. Barrett, B. Rushton, R. Williams

Goals: D. Reay, J. Coleman

With the expected post Mother's Day influx of players not materialising, the days leading up to the game were spent trying to field a team. With the help from a few (ir)regulars and fortunately some overflows from the 4's we mustered up a side. The game itself never reached great heights, with Mods defence making it tough to score. What Mods didn't bank on was one D-Reay firing a drag flick for the ages from slightly inside the 25. The second half was a textbook running out of steam, with Mods sneaking an equaliser with 5 to go against the run. Lucky for us a supremely executed short corner variation after the whistle restored normality.

### **Ladies Provisional 4 (Black)**

Best: E. Hopkins, W. Joyce, C. Hadley

No report

### **Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs Kalamunda (Lost 0 - 3)**

No report

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## METRO LEAGUE

### **Ladies Metro 1 vs Modernians (Won 3 - 1)**

Best: M. Farrow, M. Leighton, O. Hasselerharm/S. Orr

Goals: M. Leighton, R. Roberts, C. Caydamar

A good game playing as a team resulting in some great goals.

Special thanks to our guest coach Mhari you are welcome any time.

Also a huge welcome back to Sandra, not too shabby for her first game back and thanks to Olive and Lisa for coming to help out.

## VETERANS LEAGUE

### **Mens O40 Division 2 vs WASPS (Won 4 - 0) 2016-04-30**

Best: J. West, K. Yeo, T. Heard

Goals: T. Heard, I. Neill, A. Shearing, B. Pickering

A 4-0 win against WASPS is always a good thing

### **Mens O40 Division 2 vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 2) 2016-05-07**

Best: S. Chapman, J. West, D. Doak

Goals: D. Doak

We played for the first Gryphon Magpie Derby. It was a great contest, but we didn't manage the win. So we will be off to Stevens Reserve in round 12 to get the trophy back



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## **Mens O40 Division 2 vs Lions 2 (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-14**

Best: K. Yeo, D. Doak, T. Heard

Well we play the top of the table and went down 4-0 with just a bare 11. Westy was injured (knee) and Chappo was putting out fires. Shears was FIFO. We competed well and they winged a lot. Some rock solid defense from Roo Dog who was best player. We will get those Lions 2 (Suburban) next time fellas.

## **Mens O40 Division 4 vs OGMHC (Lost 3 - 6)**

Goals: S. Criddle

After last weeks disappointment there was a strong belief that Melville would perform better this week. This seemed to be the case with Melville scoring the first goal and creating many chances. However OGMHC had other ideas and scored the next 3 goals with open free running hockey which Melville struggled to control and going into half time with a 3-1 lead. Melville responded strongly after halftime scoring 2 of the next 3 goals and bringing the game back to a 4-3 score line. Unfortunately Melville ran out of legs and allowed OGMHC to score the next 2 goals and sealing their victory. Melville performed well overall but will need to play consistent hockey for the whole of a game to achieve success. Perhaps better luck next week.

## **Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Willetton Reds (Lost 0 - 4)**

Best: B. Morrison, C. Slattery, R. Nottage

We fronted up with the perfect numbers for a Summer sevens game, but unfortunately this is the Winter season. Our pre-season plan to off load all our excess players has certainly paid off. We managed to keep the damage down to four goals, which was probably a good result.



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### **Mens O50 Division 3 vs Rockingham (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: D. Stonehouse, T. Patton/A. Toogood/A. Wood, L. Alder

Goals: A. Wood

Great contribution from all players. Really should have made more go the opportunities especially in the first half. Good play to score in 2nd half but unfortunately Rockingham made the most of their opportunities equalising shortly after

### **Mens O60 Division vs Mods (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: B. Porter/F. Williams, P. Hall, T. Parker

Goals: K. Platel

We had to play the Top team on its home ground but we had 13 players which meant we could sustain our effort in defence against a resolute attack. We welcomed Frank for his first game of the year and he played a big role in us holding onto the lead until the last 5 minutes of the game. Keith followed the team strategy of staying out wide and it worked as he got behind the defence and scored a great goal. It was great team effort and bad luck not to hold on. It took a bit of magic from Mods to score the equaliser but I think we should be confident of pushing all the top teams if we can get most of our team on the park.



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## JUNIORS

### **Boys 11/12A**

Best: S. Hird, H. Lock, T. Potter

Goals: A. Rayfield

Not the result we were hoping for tonight. Conceding a number of goals early before we had time to settle into the game and having to chase is quite difficult. We did score a very nice goal going the length of the field from a pc being run down. Well done Brysen! The boys competed much better in the second half but ultimately it is our basic skills that let us down. Looking forward to next weekends game to get back in the winners circle.

### **Girls 11/12A vs Vic Park (Lost 1 - 4) 2016-05-13**

Best: J. Hood, E. Gebauer, M. Ballard

Goals: T. Widger

Awesome work setting up our structures in the first 10 minutes which led to Trilby's goal. Got our depth, opened up the space on the spot, we were able to easy tap in a goal to give us the lead. Great TEAM play! But what happened next was a mix of inability to outlet effectively from the back (repeatedly trying to exit through the centre) :-/, lack of tight marking defensively from the back, and when we got the ball we tried to play as individuals. This goes against what we've trained for and what is expected of us when we move into seniors. I implore ALL girls to make an effort to come to training and apply yourselves to the game plan - otherwise we will have a long disappointing season ahead.

### **Girls 11/12A vs YMCC (Won 3 - 0) 2016-05-06**

Best: T. Power, S. Jackson, N. Flynn

Goals: V. Wade, T. Widger, N. Flynn

Great game considering the conditions. It was decided that we'd play hockey in a lake - we were able to shorten up our game and get 3 solid goals. We lost ourselves a bit in the last 10 minutes, but our early work put us in a good position. Special mention to Crystal, Neasa, Jayde and Ash for helping out the team by filling in, with Neasa scoring an awesome individual goal.

### **Boys 11/12A Reserve vs Vic Park 2 (Lost 0 - 3)**

Best: C. Surtees, N. Deluca, C. Deaville

We kept Vic Park at bay for the 1st half with a 0-0 score, in the second half they had more legs (and bodies) than us tipping the score to 3-0 and winning the game. Our team did a great job defending the 1st half and unfortunately just couldn't get the goals through in the 2nd half despite having quite a few chances.

### **Boys 9/10A vs Vic Park (Won 8 - 0)**

Best: D. Forbes, M. Tate, J. Schonken

Goals: D. Forbes (2), J. Schonken (2), R. Bright, K. Potter, J. Scanlon, W. Stewart

Another comprehensive victory for the boys. After a sluggish start and a first half that featured 2 nice pc flicks. The boys took it up a notch in the second half and scored some nice goals as a result of much better ball movement. It was pleasing to see the boys play a full rotation and take charge of their own subs. We still have plenty to work on as we strive for a full 70min performance.

### **Girls 9/10A vs Wolves (Won 4 - 0)**

Best: A. Bell, C. Hobbs, J. Vanderzwan

Goals: A. Bell (3), A. Power

Much better game this week. The 1st half we were able to move the ball down the field well, but we tended to force the ball down one side. In the 2nd half we used the midfield a lot better and were able to setup the transfer really well. Still need a bit of work on basics and some decision making, but plenty of positive signs moving forwards. Nice work by Abi to get a hat trick in her 1st game for the year.

### **Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Lions (Won 3 - 1)**

Best: Benjamin Tan, Brodie Hood, Luke Scatchard

Goals: J. John, O. Sanchez, F. Stephens

This week was a fantastic effort by the boys. Everyone played a big part in a great win for the team. We will be looking to build on this into next week and keep improving as the season continues.



### **Girls 9/10A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Grey) (Lost 1 - 2)**

Best: C. Bentley, L. Mellor, I. Piggford

Goals: G. John

Girls 9/10 A Res continue to improve and were again unlucky to loose. Scores were tied up at 1 all with minutes to go. Bentley was solid back and Mellor continually provided opportunities for the forwards. Piggford was unlucky to badly roll her ankle ending her game midway thru the 2nd half. John Baskerville and Plogase worked hard all day and Arthur was great in GK.

### **Boys 9/10B (Black) vs Vic Park (Won 2 - 0)**

Best: J. Lambert, A. Lukan, M. Harrup/J. Kelly

Goals: T. Foo, A. Lukan

A good performance against a tough opposition, although we still have a lot of improving to do. The game plan is coming together, but under pressure we are lapsing into old habits.

### **Boys 9/10B (Sand) vs Kwinana Tigers (Lost 4 - 7)**

Best: J. Hart, B. Gillett, M. Sidaway

Goals: J. Hart (3)

Much improved result this week, with lots of time spent in the attacking half, and four goals scored. Looks like the boys are starting to gel as a team.

### **Girls 9/10B (Sand) vs Southern River (Won 3 - 1)**

Goals: I. Bilclough, T. Godin, E. Robinson

Another great game for the girls. It was a really exciting match with great play from both sides. In the end our super goalie was the difference between the teams: Zoie made numerous excellent saves. All the girls played their hearts out :) Well done girls 3 out of 3: a fantastic start to the season!

### **Girls 7/8A vs NC Raiders (Won 2 - 0)**

Goals: L. Cocks, C. Forbes

3 from 3 is a perfect way to start the season with a tough top of the table clash next week. The girls are growing as individuals and as a team. The game against Raiders on the weekend was a brilliant

display of team work with the girls scoring two goals in the first half. The team now need to start staying hungry in the circle and put goals in the net during the second half, for us to stay in contention with the top of the table and show our dominance in the league.

### **Boys 7/8A Promotion vs Rockingham (Won 3 - 0)**

Goals: B. Harel, D. Harris, Z. Swinton

The boys demonstrated that they have actually been paying attention to coach Gav Byer's instructions during training, carrying out a plan that allowed them to control the game. Solid on-ball play across the entire field ensured that Melville kept possession with good team build up and lots of opportunities for goal. Dylan Harris, Zach Swinton and Ben Harel all found the back of the net for a 3-0 win. Defensive pressure which started in Melville's forward line, continued through into the midfield and then completed by the backs limited the number of shots on goal Rockingham could take, the type of team pressure that assisted goalie Jeremy Uy in keeping a clean slate for the game. A great game to watch, well done boys!

### **Girls 7/8A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Red) (Lost 0 - 1)**

Best: G. Munnings, M. Spires, . Irvine/M. Swan

The two teams were pretty well matched but they scrambled home a late goal to take the win. We played a well structured game and probably had the better of the play, but we seemed to forget one of the three cornerstones of how we want to play, and that was being desperate in both D's. We tended to try and work the ball closer to goal rather than having a shot and we didn't put any pressure on their player taking a shot which resulted in us conceding a scrappy goal. Just remember, while you are out there, never just be watching the game! There is always a job for every player on our team whether we have the ball or not. Keep working hard girls and lets take our shots and not let them shoot. Well done on a great start to the season!

### **Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Rockingham (Drew 1 - 1)**

Best: C. Rynvis, M. Harler, Q. Kieser

Melville fail to capitalise on a very strong and fast start. The domination of play was not reflected on the score board with the teams level 1-1 at half time. In the second half Melville squandered numerous opportunities and failed to trouble the Rockingham goalie who was clearly best on ground from both teams. Better avenues to goal must be found if the team is going to fulfil it's potential.

### **Girls 7/8B (Sand) vs St. Brigids (Won 4 - 1)**

Best: G. Lawrence, A. Flexman, D. Swinton

Goals: G. Lawrence (3), D. Swinton

Good game by the girls, they are starting to show great team work and skills are improving rapidly.

### **Boys 5/6A Promotion vs Rockingham Redbacks (Lost 1 - 3)**

Goals: E. Cooper

Facing a quick and strong Rockingham team, the full backs and goalie soaked up a lot of pressure in the first half, conceding only one goal. The team held their positions well in defence under pressure. After a frank half time address, the boys returned inspired to the field and retained lots of possession, looking very dangerous and threatening to score on several occasions. Eventually a spectacular reverse tommahawk cross got behind the goalie and was slotted in from centre forward. Unfortunately Rockingham responded within 30 seconds with an immediate reply, and sealed the 3:1 result with one more goal later in the half. Although a loss, a good team effort to start the season.

### **Boys 5/6B (Black) vs AW Reds (Lost 0 - 4)**

For the first game the boys did well. Unfortunately the score line did not reflect the game which for the majority of the time was fairly even. The team showed promising signs for the season, with the players forming into a team and remembering what they have learnt in training.

## **Boys 5/6C (Gold)**

Goals: A. Harvey

The boys fronted for their first game of the season. We had perfect hockey conditions and a very eager team to get out on the field. With some players new to hockey and still learning positions and tactics, it was pretty impressive for their desire to get the ball and keep fighting to the end.

Canning played a solid game and a couple of their players dominated. Their confidence to push forward and high balls unfortunately intimidated the Melville backs, however, that is something we can work on to shut down in future games.

When the ball was moved wide the forward line showed great promise and some aggression in the "D", which resulted in a goal and hopefully many more for the season.

Although we went down 6-1, the boys came together well as a team and have to be congratulated for their efforts.

## **Girls 5/6C**

Best: S. Huston, B. Bond, A. Farrell

Goals: M. Bond, C. Davies, S. Huston

Our coach Kim Patton did a great job encouraging and directing the girls. After a slow start, our girls settled into the game towards the end of the first half. Learning positions and player names and strengths started to click. The goals started to come but with the Wolves Pink teams early couple of goals made it hard to come back.

There were some great individual efforts by our girls and some great team efforts. Ashleigh Farrell showed us she knows how to hit a ball - keep it up. Beth Bond had a great game as her first time as GK. Scarlett Huston scored our first goal and then helped to set up the next goal with a great pass to Meika Bond in front of the goal. Caitlin Davies had great positioning for our third and final goal of the day. Mathilda Swan (MCHC) and Iris Gray (Wolves) umpired our game fairly and competently. Thanks for umpiring girls!