



Saturday 28th May 2016

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ladies Melville Toyota League vs Vic Park (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: M. Carmichael

On a very blustery Saturday afternoon, Melville Women took on top of the table Vic Park, at Duracraft Stadium. Having started slowly the past few fixtures, Melville were instructed to come out with their heads switched on and ready to go. They did just this. Earning a penalty corner in the first minute, and then two more within the first 5 minutes, unfortunately the Vic Park defence could not be broken. Despite being put under this early pressure Vic Park worked themselves into the game, and putting the Melville defence under pressure. Vic Park eventually earned some reward for their efforts, being award a penalty corner, but like Melville, they were unable to convert. At the 18 minute mark, Vic Park became the first scorers of the match. A ball through the Melville press in the midfield, had the defence scrambling across, however, some good movement by the Vic Park strikers off the ball allowed them to find a free striker in the circle, who slotted the ball home.

This did no deter Melville as they continued to make life hard for Vic Park when they were outfitting through their very effective press. Eventually this lead to pinning Vic Park in their own defensive half for a period of time, and allowed Melville to bring the score back to 1-1 as Mathilda Carmichael put one past the Vic Park keeper at the 25 minute mark. The last 10 minutes of the half continued with Melville pressing well, however they were not able to create many opportunities, as the Vic Park defence were not going to give in easily.

The second half began at a fast pace, with both teams endeavouring to put some scoreboard pressure on and net an early goal. A breakaway from Vic Park, saw them awarded a penalty stroke, as the Melville defence could not legally diffuse the Vic Park attacking opportunity. Melville's goal keeper, Erin Judd, stepped up to the mark once again, and made a tremendous save to keep her team level. Due to the weather conditions, there had been a power outage at the stadium all day, this meaning the lights were unfortunately not working! After nearly 60 minutes of the play, the umpires deemed it too dark and unsafe to continue, and the match ended in a 1-1 draw. In accordance with the rules, a sufficient amount of the match had been completed, so the result of 1-1 stands. This giving Melville their 3rd draw of the season, however a much improved and pleasing performance against the ladder leaders. Next week they take on Curtain Trinity Pirates, once again at Duracraft Stadium 4pm Saturday.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Newman Knights (Won 4 - 1)

Best: C. Dawes/S. Gallimore, C. Surman, M. Northover

Goals: R. Harrup (2), C. Dawes, C. Surman

On a very blustery and at times wet, Saturday afternoon, the 4s girls took on Newman Knights, at Hale. An opposition who although were mid-table, were not going to be an easy beat. It was evident early on that Newman were just going to park 11 players behind the ball, mostly in the middle of the pitch and make it a slog fest. This gave our defenders an opportunity to transfer the ball, and run Newman around. This patience helped create some space for the strikers, and allowed us to put in 3 goals by half time. Although the strikers take credit for the goals, it was impressive to see our defensive group remain patience, and do as asked, in moving the ball around.

Second half, was more of the same stuff, patience and shifting the ball to make the Newman girls run. This seemed to get under the skin of the Newman girls, who started to engage in verbal slanging matches with the Melville girls, as well as making use of their backsides to put people on the ground, as they couldn't get the ball

off us. It made for an entertaining game, and at some stage Melville did put in another goal to take the score to 4-0. As coach I had to leave with 5 minutes to go to get to my own game, and was hoping we could keep a clean sheet. Unfortunately, a comedy of errors resulted in a corner (apparently the ball was hit into a Melville body, so she hit it back at Newman, and then they hit it back at Melville and hit the body again). Anyway, Newman did put this corner into the goal to take the final score line to 4-1

Mens Provisional 2 (Black) vs Wolves (Won 5 - 2)

Best: M. Scally, G. Watton, R. Rushton

Goals: M. Scally (3), M. Read (2)

With the mornings storms temporarily abated, the top of the table clash started like a blind man at a orgy, we were going to have to feel things out. Unfortunately for us, while we were still going the grope, Wolves snuck by us and scored an early goal. This kicked the Maroon into the zone (see what I did there) and it was pretty well one way traffic thereafter. Matty chimed in for his usual brace, with the main highlights of the game being Matt being on the end of an 'accidental' full blooded undercut from Toddy and young Mitch Scally not only scoring his first goal in seniors but his second and then his third, spectacularly followed by the Scally tradition of falling in a heap after getting brushed off by the defender. Finally big thanks to Gav and Jayben for blowing the whistle following an umpire no show.

Mens Provisional 4 (Gold) vs UWA (Lost 0 - 6)

Best: S. Paramasibam, T. McEntee, B. Malacari

No report

METRO LEAGUE

Ladies Metro 1 vs Wolves (Lost 3 - 1)

Best: M. Farrow, B. Lawrence, E. Rayfield

Goals: M. Farrow

Wolves came out firing and scored quickly on a very wild day to be playing hockey. We then settled and held them to a nil all second half. The team played really well to hold the normally high scoring team. Special thanks to Brittany, Eilidh, Georgia and Caitlin, our young recruits, who came to our rescue last minute.

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VETERANS LEAGUE

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs NC Raiders (Lost 2 - 4)

2016-05-02

Goals: G. Watton, W. Farrow

No report

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs Uni Associates (Won 2 - 0)

2016-05-09

Goals: G. Scally, M. Watton

No report

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs Newman Knights (Won 3 - 1)

2016-05-16

Goals: M. Watson, J. Pickering, G. Watton

No report

Mens O40 Midweek Division vs Vic Park (Won 3 - 1) 2016-05-23

Goals: S. Mathew, G. Scally, G. Watton

No report

Ladies O35 Division 4 vs Hale (Won 2 - 1)

Best: W. Joyce, D. Murphy/G. Hogg, M. Margetts/J. Coad

Goals: D. Murphy, G. Hogg

A good win and pleased to report thankfully no visits to emergency this week!!! Two quick goals and great ball movement in the first half saw the girls take control of the game. The pregame talk must have spurred them on because apparently if they didn't play well they were threatened with having to play one short...it worked a treat last week.

Mens O40 Division 1 vs YMCC (Lost 0 - 4) 2016-05-07

No report

Mens O40 Division 1 vs NC Raiders (Lost 3 - 6) 2016-05-14

Goals: M. Fardon, W. Farrow, B. Potter

No report

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Mens O40 Division 1 vs Westside Wolves (Won 4 - 1) 2016-05-21

Goals: M. Fardon (2), E. Hardy (2)

No report

Mens O40 Division 2 vs Whitford (Won 2 - 1)

Best: W. Harries, J. West, B. Pickering

Goals: T. Heard, J. West

Well we welcomed the return of Harries into the team and with a bare 11 we managed to have a 2-1 victory over our most northern opponents, Whitford. Well done fellas we are starting to produce some good hockey and this week we got to sing the song.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs Lions (Lost 1 - 2)

Goals: C. Bontempo

This was a hotly contested game with the winner only being decided in the last few minutes. Lions opened the scoring early in the first half with a short corner conversion. The game then became high pressured with both teams having multiple chances. Melville finally equalized late in the first half via a converted short corner. The second half became a battle of who would score the winning goal with both defences effectively closing down most attacking moves. It fell to Lions 4 off a deflected short corner to score the winning goal with minutes to go. The game was played in good spirits and sportsmanship but unfortunately Melville was not able to bring home the points.



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Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) vs Fremantle (Won 2 - 1)

Best: S. Silvey, G. Hunt, B. Morrison

Goals: A. Spear, S. Silvey

We fronted up to something that looked more like a forest than a hockey field. After clearing some of the debris we managed to find some grass to play on. Somehow we managed to come away with a win. Freo must have been more depleted than we were.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Kalamunda (Lost 0 - 5)

Best: T. Patton/D. Stonehouse, C. Avent, T. Ganzer

Two top teams but we were seriously undermanned. Thanks to Slats for helping out in the first half where we matched up well against Kalamunda at half time they were only 1 goal up. The second half was a struggle with only 11 players and for the last few minutes down to 10 players where they piled on another 4 goals. Looking forward to playing them next time already.

Mens O60 Division vs Wasps (Lost 2 - 8)

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

Goals: S. McEntee, K. Platel

We played last year's grand finalist and I have never seen so many state track suits in one team. Needless to say we were in for a hard day at the office and they had 6 on the board by half time. We came out in the second half and although running into a gale force wind we broken even with them scoring 2 each. We have played the 3 top teams in the succession so hopefully we can win some of our next few matches.

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Boys 11/12A vs Wolves (Lost 5 - 6)

Best: A. Rayfield, H. Rogerson, T. Dickson

Goals: A. Rayfield (4), B. Brown

After a poor result last week the boys set about rectifying that with an excellent showing going down 6-5 to a strong wolves outfit. The boys played an excellent first half and moved the ball very well and showed that we can compete with the best teams if we turn up to play. Unfortunately the boys weren't able to convert our half time lead into a win just running out of legs in the last 5 mins. Well done on a much improved performance, let's keep improving and there will be plenty of wins around the corner.

Girls 11/12A vs Wolves (Lost 1 - 6)

Goals: T. Widger

Hockey is a simple game. What makes it easy are three things; 1. Smart decision making, 2. Proper basic skill level, and 3. Reaction time. It's the second week in a row where we were the team that didn't do these for the majority of the game. There were signs of improvement in our press, but our ball use at times was not to the standard we set for ourselves. Come prepared to make a stand next week girls.



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Boys 11/12A Reserve vs Wolves (Lost 0 - 4)

Best: E. Tang, R. Lawrence, E. Blechynden

We would like to make a warm welcome to our newest recruit Tate Metelerkamp, he is also brand new to our club! Great to have you on board.

Welcome back to Max Gillard, Max has been out of action for quite some time with a knee injury and it was great to have him back and playing his first game with his team this season.

Although we failed to have a win, there's always next week, good on you boys.

Boys 9/10A vs Westside Wolves (Won 1 - 0)

Best: K. Potter, Z. McKinnon, M. Tate

Goals: W. Stewart

This was a tough game but the boys remained focused to come away with a win over Westside Wolves. The first half was fast paced and the atmosphere intense right to the last minute of the game. Well done Melville.

Girls 9/10A vs Vic Park (Won 5 - 0)

Best: J. Vanderzwan, B. Carew-Reid, N. Flynn

Goals: A. Drane, N. Flynn, K. O'Sullivan, A. Power, J. Vanderzwan

Steadily on the way to becoming the team we know we can be. We were able to open up the game by transferring through the midfield, and setup a ridiculous amount of goal scoring opportunities. We set up our structures well in the D, but then just lacked that little bit of polish. Not often do you say that when the score line reads 5-0 in your favour, but it could have been a cricket score if we'd converted all the opportunities we had. Defensively set up well, though took us a little while to react and they were able to open up a long ball to their strikers. Need to be switched on and hungry for 70 mins of hockey both offensively and defensively to convert these opportunities and tighten up in defence.

Boys 9/10A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 2)

Best: B. Abbott, J. Needham, L. Page

The boys played a good game with great structure and intensity. Disappointed not to come away with the win but they are improving every week which is great to see.

Girls 9/10A Reserve vs UWA Green (Lost 0 - 1)

Best: Z. Polglase, C. Bentley, L. Mellor

The game was played in 2 halves - with Melville defending for the first half , then spending the second half peppering the goals. Polglase, Bentley Rayfield and Thompson were irresistible back and Mellor led our Mids and Strikers . Again unlucky on the scoreboard but the girls continue to improve. Some neat linked passing and great attacking plays were a feature.

Boys 9/10B (Black) vs NC Raiders (Won 5 - 0)

Best: A. Lukan, J. Lambert, C. Soraine

Goals: A. Lukan (5)

Another very polished performance against a good team. The 5 nil result does not actually reflect how hard the boys had to work.

Although Aden had a day never to forget scoring 5 goals, they were all the result of excellent teamwork, hard running, fast movement of the ball and getting into the right positions.

Boys 9/10B (Sand) vs Rockingham (Lost 1 - 4) 2016-05-22

Best: C. Addison/N. Thompson, J. Hart

Goals: J. Hart

The boys rose to the occasion without their coach there, and played well.

Second part of the 2nd half they created some great scoring chances with good plays off short corners, and were unlucky not to score more than once. They trailed 1-0 at half time.

In the second half they had the ball in their forward half the majority of the time, and scored to bring it to 2-1, but again missed some shots and conceded one soft goal. The final score of 4-1 didn't do their efforts justice.

Girls 9/10B (Sand)

The girls played a great game of hockey on the turf. The score really doesn't reflect the game. The girls had the majority of the play and put some excellent moves together. Unfortunately our brilliant goalie Zoie, is not being allowed by Hockey WA to play up and this made a huge difference to us. Well done and thank you to Tara and Charlie was offering to take on the role of goalie - you both did a really good job :)

Girls 7/8A vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 0)

Goals: C. Forbes, S. Pillay

In a game that the opposition wanted to call off, the girls fought hard through the first half to go into half time with a 1-0 lead. As the weather eased, the girls began to play really good team hockey and the ball movement was great to see, scoring again midway through the second half, to put the game beyond a strong Wolves team.

Boys 7/8A Promotion vs Hale (Lost 1 - 3)

Goals: Z. Swinton

Hail on the field and Hale on the scoreboard.

Hale showed our Melville team why they currently sit at the top of the J7/8 boys ladder, winning 3-1 at Duracraft Stadium in very wet conditions. Hale were well structured and exposed Melville's inaccurate passing by turning over play through regular intercepts. Although trailing for most of the match 2-1, the entire Melville team showed strength of character by playing hard all-game through strong winds and relentless rain. As the boys continue to develop under the guidance of coach Gav, the next game against Hale promises a different result.

Boys 7/8B (Gold)

Best: J. Bunn, N. Massie-Taylor, C. Gorton

Goals: R. Stephenson

A strong performance by Melville saw them dominate play in the first half. Again more precise accuracy at goal should have taken the game away from Aquinas but in the end Melville held on for a good win.

Girls 7/8B (Black) vs Lions Gold (Won 1 - 0)

Best: N. Champion, R. Quartermaine, M. Frossos

Goals: R. Quartermaine

No report

Girls 7/8B (Sand) vs Fremantle (Won 1 - 0)

Best: G. Lawrence, A. Thomson, L. Skipsey

Goals: G. Lawrence

In miserable cold gusty weather the girls managed to get a win. Ball to the hand for Yolande which bruised her finger but it will be okay.

Boys 5/6A Promotion vs Joondalup Lakers (Drew 1 - 1)

Goals: J. Mellor

Coach Roger Mellor checked out the field at 7am to see if it survived the morning storm ... and it had, so the game was on at 9am despite strong stormy weather. The boys got drenched in the warm up, but it was mostly dry and blustery for the game. They fought out a 1-1 draw, but had many chances to take the lead in the second half. Well done boys for a strong showing. Also sorry to report that Kirby's mum was struck in the head by a branch blown off a tree whilst watching the game, best wishes for a quick recovery.

Boys 5/6B (Black) vs Joondalup Lakers (Won 4 - 0)

Goals: J. Harmsen (3), T. Stone

The team had a moral boosting win in trying wet and windy conditions. They worked as a team and put into practice what they learnt in training. The boys did well. Well done to Jackson Harmsen for 3 goals, and Thomas Stone for another goal.

Boys 5/6C (Gold)

We had our first home game for the season and considering it was wet and wild we were very grateful to be playing on the fantastic fields at Stevens Reserve.

The boys lined up with only ten players this week however they maintained great pressure throughout the whole game. WASPS unfortunately got an early goal from a short corner, however, Melville held them for the rest of the game. We were a lot stronger in defence this week and moved the ball wide and had some great clearance from the backline. The forward line also displayed good team work with short passes and some runs into the "D".

Unfortunately, we didn't convert on our short corner but it was great to see the boys attacking and moving the ball forward. A great team effort and a massive improvement from the previous week. Well Done Boys!

Girls 5/6C vs Southern River (Won 8 - 0)

Best: C. Billingham, S. Huston, S. Sherriffs

Goals: C. Billingham (4), S. Huston (2), M. Bond, H. Patton

Despite the severe weather warning our team showed that they are committed to the team by turning up on time and being ready to play. We were rewarded by the worst of the weather holding off during the majority of our game. The pitch was pretty dry considering the amount of rain from the previous night and early morning.

After a few weeks of training and playing together the girls are showing the makings of some great teamwork. They are learning and understanding their positions and using their wings to make some great runs at goals.

Chloe Billingham, Scarlett Huston, Meika Bond and Hannah Patton were hungry for goals this week. By not giving up, they converted runs to goals with the support of the rest of the team. When our players lost a ball they tackled the opposition and got it back. At times going back two or three times as needed and not giving up. Well done team!

Our team was very hungry for the ball this week, which showed in the score. Great work girls!

There was a lot more desperation in the attacking D. What a great effort!

In our defensive D our team rallied to assist our GK showing the desperation in defence that we need.

After only ever playing 2 games of hockey, there was great work by:

- Sophia Sherriffs showing great potential in defending.
- Ava Spurling running down of the opposition players and not giving up.

With teamwork, skills, and fitness improving it will be interesting to see what we can achieve as a team.

Thank you to our umpire - Jaymon Needham for a great job (and turning up in the cold wet weather)!