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Games – Our 2s Men Sunday made a stunning turnaround victory with a 3 - 2 win over UWA. It almost looked over when they were down at half time 2 - 1. All credit must be paid to these young men for the way they handled themselves in a Grand Final. To come from behind was a demonstration of real character. The Melville crowd were right behind them and very vocal with their support. The hill excelled again with the usual antics and run on to the pitch after the game. Jordan Hunt (Coach), Pat Welsh (Asst Coach) and Manager (Jay Dorsett) should be very proud of the way they managed this group. Complimented on the field by the leadership of Captain Craig (Cactus) Orr what could go wrong. Well done to all the guys.

Our Ladies Promotion 1 / Premier 1 Elect team finished in style against last years premiers Whitfords with a 2 - 1 victory. A tough physical game there was no quarter given or received. The Game plan was going to perfection when there was a 10minute plus delay of game which required Technical Coordinators to interpret the rules for an injury attendance and ensuing time off and back on. While breaking our girls rhythm for a short while it did not change the outcome of the much rejoiced Melville Promotion 1 Team. The professionalism of the team and coaching management staff was its best. Coach Blake Burrows kept the girls focused until the end. Asst Coach (VP Women) Steve Silvey and Manager Di Silvey were running subs and team organization like clockwork. The after celebration was something to behold also and all thanks must go to Di Silvey for putting on such an event. Our club favourite from Korea Mia Eum was presented the Fairest and Best trophy before flying back home to Korea that night. Unfortunately we say good bye to Lizzie Stratton to top grade hockey as she announced her retirement at the end of the game.

Our U17A boys did go down 2 - 0 on Friday night with a spirited effort after making their way to the Grand Final as Minor Premiers. We are very proud of them and what they have achieved over the year. It is not every team or player that gets to play in a Grand Final. Well done boys.

Juniors Wind Up

Another great juniors wind up was held on a wet, windy and cold Sunday morning. I am pleased to say the grounds were packed to capacity and the 36 teams, with their families and friends were all there to celebrate the awards. There were many awards for best players and state representatives of which there were 13 at different levels. The three main club awards for juniors were presented by Dave Porter (Best Junior Goalie) to Jessica Hood, Ian Haliday (Highest Goal Scorer) to Fraser Hay and Keith Harper (Most Successful Junior moving into Seniors) to Aimee Clark. These fine young athletes have excelled in not only their junior grades but also in senior grades. Janine Tate, Graeme Coleman and Corelle Coleman must be thanked for the organization of a fantastic event. The obvious work that must have gone into getting this event

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to run so smoothly was borne out by the great day had by all and without a hitch or break in proceedings. It was fun to be at. Well done to all our juniors you are great.

Presentation Night – Please be advised the senior presentation night will be held at Tomkins on Swan 4th October. Tickets are now available from Catherine Timmel (email: dtimmel@bigpond.com or mob: 0419947323) and cost \$80.00 each. This will be a Gala Event do not miss it during this important year. **Please get your tickets asap as time is drawing short. Last Tickets 25 Sept.**

I wish you all a very good Presentation Night and End of Season Break.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.