

The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

12 August 2004

by Ian Sills

A Team to be Proud Of

We are now well into the second round of the season, however I am pleased to report that after an extremely disruptive first round the team has settled into a very cohesive group which both the process, performance and results show. Since the Wolves game in this second round, the team has beaten Raiders, Aquinas and Strikers in Bunbury, with a draw against Vic Park. Of greater note is the process that the team has gone about to defeat these teams and played against the other teams they have narrowly lost to. Apart from the Curtin game where we lost 3 to 2, with a rush of blood performance, the team has controlled the game for significant periods of time, something that has not been there during the past couple of years. This has come about due to the gelling of talent – those that watch now can see the unity that is portrayed both on and off the field, and it is this tight group that has developed a very strong team culture where sharing of knowledge, trusting each other, and above all being accountable for performance is part of the team make-up.



UWA have been the form team of the round, and 2 years back had beaten Fremantle 11 to nil; however last Friday's game depicted to us where we are currently at. Twenty minutes into the game we were 3 to 1 down, with some great saves by Leon in the net, however by half time the character of the team prevailed with us clawing 2 goals back and going in at 3 all. By 20 minutes into the second half Fremantle were 4 to 3 up, a situation we haven't been in against UWA for some years. Unfortunately, their experience in this situation took over and they finished winning 5 to 4. This result certainly shows the depth of character of the team, the quality of hockey it is capable of playing and probably the best yardstick as to where the team is actually at. The boys played some quality hockey.

Whilst it is not acceptable to accept losing, it is important to know where we are actually at, as far

as progressing towards being in a position in the top three teams in Perth next year and beyond.

At this stage of the season with 3 games to go, it is important that we finish off well. This week we play Hale on Sunday at Hale at 3pm. They are vying for our position one place outside the final five. It will be an extremely tough game, but a must win for us. In the last two weeks we play Wasps (1st) and YMCC (3rd). We believe that both teams are beatable, and we are setting out to do that. However, the most important thing will be in the way we play, the style, the processes that can make us more competitive and be part of this major progression of the team that has occurred this year.

For those of you who are proud members of Fremantle, I am sure that the team will put on performances that you can be proud of in these final weeks of the season, so we would love to see you at the games, and stay around to mingle with the team after.

Now that Jeremy Hiskins is enjoying father-hood, he is averaging 2 goals a game, many of these are not to be missed as he has an unbelievable talent of making something out of nothing. He tells me his secret is a red-wine diet, so those of you over 18 looking for a tip on improving your scoring this could be the answer.

It's probably wrong just to focus on one, but with the stability of a back 3 of Leon, Daz and Pokey, a midfield of Al Greenacre, Simon Munt and Nikkers, Brown and Guest, why wouldn't the forwards of Hiskins, Pauly, Cam and Goofy get opportunities to put a winning score on the board. I also must make mention of the wonderful support by our interchange bench of Wazza, Pierre, Al Blight and Rhys who don't miss a game whilst only being used very sparingly. They are an important part of the team.

Now, that the first team has established itself back in GC and has a marvellous future ahead of itself, it is of vital importance that we take action to ensure that the Club has the membership and structure to survive and be self-perpetuating in the future. The 2's need an influx of talented players, as they have struggled to hold the grade this year. These players need to be of the quality to be at training on Tuesday and Thursday nights so as to

keep real pressure on all GC players. We must take immediate action with the aim at having under 17A and under 15A teams in 2005. It means a lot of hard work that must start from now. I look at Vic Park in particular who are going through a major transition phase, and all new players coming into there top squad have come from their U17A team over the past few years. (Wolves and UWA have a similar structure). It makes logical sense for this to happen, and will provide the base for a lot more youth and enthusiasm to come into the top teams in future years. Otherwise, the continued survival of the men's section of the Club is a concern. I look forward to input here.

Finally, all the best to all teams as you finish the season and for those in the finals we certainly hope the Fremantle Premiership banners fly high for you.

Peter Freer (GC Coach)

Clayton Wright (GC Manager)

Umpire Accreditation Course

The course will cost \$15 per person plus \$20 accreditation fee for the separate accreditation assessment. This is your chance to learn the nuances of the rules and gain confidence when that inevitable roster puts you in charge of a game.

Contact Bob Bowyer at the club or on 9364-9685. Alternatively by email on: bob.bowyer@bigpond.com .

DID YOU KNOW? by Mike Willis

"Never defend a lead. Emphasise a way of playing that is proactive and not reactive".

Ric Charlesworth, former Australian Hockeyroos Coach, 2001

**Kevin Martin and Associates
SUPER & INVESTMENT PLANNING**

9322 2877

Wine Raffle

By now your team manager will have handed you a paper bag which it is hoped will be returned to the club containing a bottle of reasonable wine suggested value equal to or greater than \$15.

Please return by August 21. Tickets will be on sale shortly with the donated wines as prize.

BP REFINERY

Who Has Keys?

We have had a few security issues at the clubhouse and we need to know who has keys to the club.

If you are accessing the club then please ensure all doors & windows are left locked and alarm on.

Please email Lee Abbott on davwin@tpg.com.au or ring her on 9339 2504 if you have clubhouse keys.

Team Photos for Windup Magpie

To ensure your team is included in the windup Magpie I would ask that if any team member has access to a digital camera could they take a team photo and email it to i.sills@curtin.edu.au and that will ensure publication. If only standard prints are available no probs – snail mail me a copy to 6 Fabian Close, Willetton 6155 and I will scan it.

Gold Plate Nomination for Interfoods

Last week the finalists for the restaurant Gold Plate Award were announced and Interfoods in the "freestanding cafe - city licensed" category with 5 others from around the metropolitan area. These would have been selected from a pool of probably about 150 initial entrants. The Gold Plate winners in each category will be announced on October 18 at the WA Hospitality and Catering Exhibition at the new Convention Centre.

As our Club has received a very generous sponsorship from Interfoods in the past, many members will be very interested in the announcement of the winners.

Many will not know that Peter Tagliaferri is no longer associated with Interfoods. However, Terri McClure who many do know as former manager has now become the proprietor and it could be quite useful for possible future relations with Terri and Interfoods to show our gratitude for past support by patronising Interfoods where possible.

From THE WITTS DICTIONARY

Cigarettes (n) killers that travel in packs [Mary Ott]
Mediocrity (n) the rugged will to lose [Colin Bowles]