

The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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by Ian Sills

Player profile - Josh Poke

JOSH POKE - New player from Tasmania who played with the Tassie Tigers from 1999 -



2002 (NHL) and in 2003 played for Smithton before moving to Fremantle Hockey Club for the 2004 season.

FHC Team and Position/s played:

Goundrey Cup side. Have played striker, midfield and defense. Enjoying playing in the back line.

How long have you played? 16 years

When did you start playing seniors? 1994

Greatest Hockey Experience? Playing in three A-Grade Premierships.

Best Piece of Advice You Were Given? Play to the whistle

Best Piece of Advice You Could Give Someone Else? Never give in.

Hockey Goals That You Are Striving For? Premiership with Fremantle Hockey Club and to play in the National League again.

Hockey Hero and Why? Warren Birmingham for the way he controlled a game.

Best Thing About Fremantle Hockey Club? Mateship.

WIN STILL ELUDES 3Bs - Paul Connelly

I remember last season it started like this and then 3D's ended up a stroke away from the Grand Final. The endeavour is there and the forward play is there, us backs (yes, I'm included) need to bloody toughen up and tackle every person who enters the circle with a lot more vigour. Around the ground our tackling is great, but it seems we're not picking our players or any

players up (basics) and then watching guys waltz into the circle.

That said, we scored 5 goals and lost (5-6). It was a moral victory, but Bubby wants us to get a REAL one soon! Blake Scanlon continues to impress with very un-Freo-like goal scoring prowess. Had a hat trick and was then evicted from further play by this guy on the sideline with a whistle (whom I'm told was an umpire). And for just trying to take a free hit and being bumped off it by an opposition player? I thought that was very average "umpiring".

Justin came back from injury and played like the devil he is, scored on on a rebound and ran hard all day. Woodsie returned from overseas and put in a blinder in the first half. Our "mystery" fill in came down to play and was excellent and tough all day. Yorma continues to score and show silky skills in evading defenders. Kyle runs hard and is letting himself down by failing to lay the ball off when the opportunity presents, but he is carrying the ball well. Jess our Goalie has been excellent and really fires the boys up with his abuse when the opposition score a goal, we need more of that, Jess, to toughen us up! Maybe even before they score?

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th June

FHC Club Rooms

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\$10.00 per ticket.

LOTS OF PRIZES AND RAFFLE
TO BE WON.

We now seem to have a full team (OK we played with 10 in this game) so it's time to come together and string some wins together. Bubby the "Vertically Challenged one" (I never said that, I

read it) has been stirring us up something chronic about not having a win yet, and he has a point. Even though the 1A's lost on the weekend, I saw their second half and the fury and at times anger that game was played with reminds me of the reason I love this club Freo Magpies so much.

Coach wanted!

Metro 1 ladies are in need of a coach for the weekends. They can train with the other Metro teams but need the guidance of an experienced person to coach at their games on the weekends. Please call Lee Abbott on 9339 2504 / 040 888 0174 if you can help out.

A Big **Thank you** to the Metro 3 girls who gave up their weekend off to help the Metro 1 & 4's out with numbers. You don't know how much you were appreciated!
Thanks girls, *Lee Abbott*

WHAT A NIGHT FOR HOCKEY

Monday 31/5. Yes it was freezing out at the stadium 8.30pm but the diehards - SL6's (bottom of ladder) turned up in numbers for game v Mods (top of ladder). All we could do was think of the hot chocolates after the game (with marshmallows). We went on the field late so it was getting really cold, Pete made us run around the field 6 times to keep warm. The support crew arrived armed with blankets. Lee tries to decapitate the opposition defending the first short corner, but they sure got scared and with good reason. What a game, 1st half Tessie scores off a short, she turn 30 tomorrow and it's her present to the team. Mods then equalise, we start getting a little tired but don't drop our heads. Kate, Nicole, Tessa pull us out of trouble. Peta's knee gives in - too cold. One of Mods fullbacks goes off after a nasty reverse stick tackle with one of the players and a spectacular cartwheel thru the air only to have the free go to the other team. From the stands a shout " you're soft umpie", it should have been Freo's ball.

The battle to score continues, it's under 2 minutes of the game left, it's in the circle, sticks everywhere, bodies being used as weapons, it's getting desperate. From out of nowhere Renee gracefully glides in and scores - 2 -1. All we have to do is hold it. The ball gets hit long into our defence, 10 seconds to go. We walk slowly to retrieve the ball - it's over and we won. Our first win for the season, Pete is still smiling - he now has a get-lucky outfit which you will probably see him wearing out clubbing next time -you know what I mean!

Well done SL6s, thanks to those who warmed the bench & got a run. Big thanks to the spectators who braved the cold and came out and

supported us. Looking forward to the Freo Doctor cocktails this Saturday.

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DID YOU KNOW? by Mike Willis

"Consistent high-quality training underpins consistent achievement in sport. There is nothing more important".

*Ric Charlesworth, former Australian Hockeyroos
Coach, 2001*

Player/Coach Profile - Laurie Packham

FHC team and positions played? Coach U13B girls 2004. Player 1950s left wing in A grade.

How long have been playing and when did you start playing seniors? Played with Freo for 23 years. Was 16 years when I first played. Left to coach South Perth A grade in 1970.

Greatest hockey experience? Being elected captain of the 1967 Australian team to tour to the World Championships in Germany.

Best piece of advice you were given? Always attack the ball.

Best piece of advice you could give someone else? Always want the ball more than the opposition.

Hockey goals that you are still striving for? To coach girls to enjoy and improve their game.

Hockey hero and why? An English left wing in the 60s who had the best swizzle waist hit across from the left!!!

Best thing about FHC? Coming home and seeing the unity with the women and the men. The support by all involved.

When I started as a 16 y.o. our home grounds were on Fremantle Park. We then moved to Gibson Park for 1952 then to Steven Reserve, our current home, in 1969.