

The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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Black and White Night

All who attended the first social night of the season had a great time. Lots of nibbles and Richard Greenacre mixing the cocktails behind the bar made sure everyone was in the party mood. There were angels and devils, French maids, and some very slick boys from the 40s setting the style. Judge for the evening, Lee Abbott, had quite a task choosing the winners but was finally able to narrow it down to Andrew Evans and Mel Smith both of whom were deserving of their prizes.

The raffle prize, a hockey stick donated by Hockey International, was won by Ben Steinbacher who promised to put it to good use.

Many thanks to Richard Greenacre, Helen Wilmore and Tammy Lugg for the great job behind the bar, Keryn Pestana and Tess Ray for "manning" the door, Wazza Nelson for organising the fabulous DJ and Lee Abbott for Judging the costumes.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Quiz Night on 19th June.

BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CENTENARY 1904 - 2004

BACK TO BICTON DAY

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2004

10AM - 3PM

ALL EX STUDENTS AND STAFF
WELCOME

Ladies SL4 Team – Sharron Wharton-Street

Due to the fact that Sharron has enthusiastically supplied a report covering half a season, it is too long to print in one Magpie issue. Consequently, it will be printed in successive issues. Although not wishing to give away the ending I have to reveal that the SL4 team

is the only Freo team in the Challenge Cup and will appreciate any support it can get - Ed.

The Fremantle Ladies top team, (the State League 4's), started the season with a less than prepared team after departures from the 2003 team due to travels and other commitments. Although our Fairest & Best Player for 2003, Celia Reid, left the country to pursue fame & fortune in old blighty, England, we were still left with a solid core team which welcomed new recruit Mel Smith (Melzy –former Freo junior who has returned to the light), Jade (our talented junior with legs that could run all day) and later in the year, Tess (another talented junior recruited from Santa Maria Boarders). Definitely good signs for the ladies side of the club when we can recruit good quality juniors as some of us oldies are feeling it after the tough games in the past year of State League 4s.

Our pre-season was definitely not as prepared as last season and this definitely showed in the first game up against South Perth – last years premiers. We lacked lustre from the first whistle, although did pick up later in the game to come back from 3 nil to a score on the siren of 4-2 loss. This is the game we really wanted to win and although it was recorded as a loss on the scorecard, Sloth was impressed with our fighting spirit to comeback from behind which were unable to achieve last year.

Next game saw us come up against the likes of Uni Associates, another team we had problems overcoming in the 2003 season – this was the only team we did not beat last year in the regular matches. This game was played by what looked like a different Freo team to the previous week's encounter. Sloth asked for possession hockey and that is what he got – his team talk at half time inspiring and at the end of the game – he showed the girls a blank page telling them he had nothing to say as we had played the game exactly as he asked. End score 3-0 with a strong Fremantle win.

A 3 nil win over Mods confirmed our position as equal top position on the ladder on points and second on goal average. Looking like the team to beat – Freo continued to bang home the goals in this game. At this point of the season, we felt this could be our year!

Drowned out on Sunday Mother's Day in Joondalup – both teams agreed on a re-match the following Thursday. Vic Park met Freo at the stadium for what we had expected to be a hard fought game due to the opposition's speedy forwards. This game was another

one which Sloth came off with a smile, a 5-0 win, possession hockey and our girls slotting those goals in the net, including a lovely deflection by Melzy into the top left corner. A definite score for our goal percentage!

KAYLENE' S KITCHEN
Spaghetti Bolognese
Salad and Garlic Bread

May brought together UWA and Fremantle for a very important game, UWA sitting in fourth position were in a good position to knock us off and we knew this. The girls hit up to our theme song, Spiderbait's "Black Betty" – named after our gun corner variation with Ms Dee, really amped up the team for this game. The game was hard with the little UWA girls able to hit hard with their bodies on the field. This was shown when our eager zippy recruit, Melzy dived in the circle and was kicked in the head by UWA goalie causing a wound in need of stitches. Mel was not to be stopped coming back on the field with a bandage around the head looking like a real trooper – bloodstains and all. And this wasn't the end of the injuries for the team with our strong back, Robbie getting a ball in the face and a rather nasty cut on the eyelid in our defence circle, unfortunately she was unable to return to the field for this game. End score 3-1 up to Fremantle, a well-fought win. Our girls at their best!

To be continued.

Pepper Spray for Your Protection

Shanie Scadden & Tim are selling pepper spray (only legal supply in WA) at \$30.00 each. - BODYGUARD oleoresin capsicum spray. With Perth being a dangerous place, 3 dead bodies found in Fremantle alone in the last month and escaping convicts/prisoners the pepper spray may just give you enough time to make a run for it!!

See Shanie or Tim at the clubrooms if you are interested in purchasing the spray.

Player Profile – Mel Smith

FHC team and positions played? State League 4, right wing

How long have been playing and when did you start playing seniors? I have been playing hockey for 13 years. I started seniors when I was 15 for YMCC.

Greatest hockey experience? In 1999, being part of the MLC winning Buchanan Cup team for the

best hockey school in the state (we beat Como, the hockey school)

Best piece of advice you were given? Don't drag left

Best piece of advice you could give someone else? DON'T DRAG LEFT!!!!

Hockey goals that you are still striving for?

To get the ab fab Freo state league 4 team to the women's premier league by 2014

Hockey hero and why? Melanie Twitt - the name, height and speed say it all!

Best thing about FHC? The reputation it continually upholds for being nasty/dirty players...I luvvit!

3Bs Notch First Win!! – Paul Connelly

Yes, with some prompting from the ever-sledging "Bad Boy" Bubby, the 3Bs broke through on Saturday against Uni on their own \$4.00 Superturf.

Training had become like going in to bat against Australia as "Bad Boy" Bubby's taunts had become harder and harder to stomach. Comments like "come and talk to me when you guys win a game" really have pushed me to emphasise to the team how important this one was.

As it was, we started with 10, but it was a good 10 as Blake scored not long after the initial whistle and Benny scored not long after making it 2-0 up and Uni were shell-shocked. Phil put in another nice one leaving us 3-0 up at half time.

Our second mystery recruit in 2 weeks mentioned complacency and laying off the ball at all costs during the half time breather, but as the players relaxed a bit (Justin's miss right in front of goals with no goalie in between the posts was a shocker and please do remind him about it B.B. Bubby) the score only reached the 5-0 heights.

Good work by the back half all day...won't go into details, I'll leave all that for B.B. Bubby at training on Thursday.

Still a nice butt kicking of hapless Uni.

We're not the most talented team going in 3Bs but in typical Freo style, we'll be winning ugly this season (as Mick Shorter puts it!).

DON'T FORGET THE QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY JUNE 19