

The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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Outstanding fees

At least half of the club have yet to pay some or all of their club fees. If you want Freo to continue to be a club (& a wonderful source of entertainment, oh and exercise too) then please pay your fees ASAP. These can be paid at the bar or to your team manager.

Remember no pay no play - 1st June is only next week.

Senior player - \$290.00

Student / unemployed \$200.00

There are facilities to pay off you fees but you must start by the 1st June - Richard has the forms at the bar.

Black & White night: It's this Saturday

Don't forget this great night with DJ, prizes for best dressed, jackpot joker (it went off last Thurs - \$500 so it's a clean slate this week).

Bring a non-club member and you get in free, otherwise \$5 entry fee.

Fremantle GC TradeWinds Coach's Corner

It is sometimes you can feel "vertically challenged", it is sometimes you think of "Bubby", but those supporters who gathered with the "vertically challenged Bubby" on Anzac Day would have been there to appreciate the humour of this tall man, even if you were playing with the opposition. Not only was great humour experienced, but also satisfaction and a winner's grin when the GC team proved successful over "The Reds".

I am certainly pleased to report to all Club members that the Fremantle first men's team defeated Reds in the Traditional David Bell Trophy challenge on Anzac Day, 2004. After the poor performances of a promising team in the first four games, you may ask how this was achieved.

An inspired GC team took the field against Reds after a Remembrance service taken by President

Stewy. Tough and tight were Leon and his men at the back, but also, there was great service to the strike forwards who converted 5 goals. Five goals you say, well that is incredibly pleasing, and the team aims to please supporters with the creation of many set-ups, and conversions in the weeks to come.

Players of the Day were given to two men:

Mark Nicholls received the Match trophy for skill, courage and audacity in a typical never say die performance. **Daryl McCormick** received the *TradeWinds* award for Player of the Day with his first performance back as Captain of his team. Coogs found the net twice, JT our latest talent once, Guesty with a superb flick and Kenty with a definitive shot on goal were the scorers.

For continued success, it's important that scoring opportunities continue be created and these converted.

BLACK & WHITE NIGHT

Saturday 22nd May

7.30pm

**Always wanted to be a penguin?
perhaps a lovely white fairy?
or maybe slip into a slinky black
catsuit?
here is your chance.....**

DJ KOOTZ Will be spinning the discs

**\$5.00 per person
(bring a non-club member and you get in free)
Prizes for costumes, door prizes and a raffle.
Look forward to seeing you there.**

The following week saw the same team play South-west Strikers who are always a daunting team to play. The result shows a 1 nil loss, and this was extremely disappointing and very frustrating for the players as they created countless scoring opportunities. Strikers had about 7 circle penetrations and put one of these away to win 1 nil. We had 32 circle penetrations. The team felt after this game that there had been a progression forward in the way we are playing,

and whilst frustrated were keen to amend the situation in the next weeks.

Alas, Vic Park were the next opposition and were formidable early in the game, we were one down after 15 minutes and looking down the barrel. However, it was interesting to note that in this game Ben and Al Greenacre took the field after the 20-minute mark, and there was an immediate turnaround in the fortunes of the team. History now shows we went on to win this game 5 goals to 2, which has put Vic Park well and truly at the bottom of the ladder. Another 5 goals, as a result of a few tactical changes from the prior weeks was pleasing to see. This was a great Club win as not only did the Greenacres take the field but Bubby played for 20 minutes and Wazz and Rhys backed up on the bench. It became more evident in this game that new recruits Simon Munt and Josh Poke have found their feet within the team, and we looked forward to continued improved performances from them.

MEET THE KIWIS

Thursday 27th May

At the club

UWA at the Uni turf has not been something for Fremantle to look forward to in recent years, and this was the match up in our last game. Uni had beaten Fremantle 11 nil 2 years ago, and I think 6 nil and 5 nil last year, so this match was certainly a test as to where we are heading. So many supporters being at the ground impressed the team; I believe we more than matched the Uni crowd. The team wishes to thank you for your support not only at that game, but throughout - it certainly does help. Our main concerns were the free-flow play that Uni can be capable of and in particular their right side strength. Whilst it was certainly a team effort to nullify UWA all over the ground, and in particular David Guest and Paul Nicholls had a big job to do, but I am sure many were impressed by Ross Brown's efforts at LHB. Not only did he nullify their RW, he also offered much to our attacking moves. Whilst the game was very even in the first half, we found ourselves 2 down at half time, mainly through errors by us. The second half, to say we were concerned about their free flowing play is an understatement to the way we played in the second half. We were the free-flowing team and dominated this half, however only managing to score 1 goal after a great set up by the team, powerful shot by Coogs that knocked the "living daylight" out of the GK

with Guesty picking up a great rebound. Highlighted in this game is our weakness in PC conversion, and whilst we believe that we are now very competitive against all sides, we are not going to put winning scores together unless we tighten up and increase our percentage of conversions in this area. The Team is professional enough to do something about this, and I hope our supporters can get more satisfaction by converting these, as well as field goals in the weeks to come.

In the next weeks we play Hale this Friday night, followed by Wasps and YMCC to finish off the round - these are big games. We value your support and look forward to having a drink with you after the game. At present we sit mid-table, success our way in these ensuing games will have us well placed for the onslaught in the second round toward the finals.

As a side-note, the on 27th May, Freo GC v NZ is not now being played, NZ are playing a WAIS team instead, but we have extended an invite for the NZ Olympic Team to come to the Club that Thursday night to socialize with us. We have been building up a great relationship with NZ over recent years, and we hope that NZ will accept the invite to be with us on this night. We will let you know.

May you all enjoy your hockey and have continued success.

Peter Freer

KAYLENE'S KITCHEN

**Beef & Pasta Bake
Spaghetti with Meatballs
Sausage casserole and rice**

served with a medley of vegetables in cheese sauce and buns.

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