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Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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ANZAC Day defeat toughens team

To our Wizard Cup team on ANZAC day, Perth Hockey Stadium Turf-1 must have seemed like the wicked slopes of Gallipoli and the Reds like the defending Turks. The clash against Aquinas for the David Bell Trophy was going to resemble that battle our troops had fought 94 years previously.

Although some rapid incursions by our troops looked promising they mostly failed to score when just a touch was required. Midfield attacks were efficiently repelled by the Reds generated by former Fremantle player and coach, Butch "Ataturk" Worth.

For the first part of the game Freo stayed in touch with their opposition. Then the Reds brought in their heavy artillery in the form of Ryan Feilding whose hat-trick of goals from pinpoint, bullet-like short corner flicks provided the solid base upon to build a massive score by pouncing on defensive lapses.

When full-time sounded, the Magpies heaved a collective sigh of relief having conceded the game 7-1. Like our battle scarred troops retreating from ANZAC Cove, they left the stadium with bitter battle experience. Unlike them they all lived to fight another day resolved not to repeat the experience.

Ian Sills

Like the Dockers, the Freo Magpies were spurred by three successive losses and won the fourth game of the season against Hale 3-2

- Ed

Round 1 Women's report

Round 1 of the season resulted in a superb weekend of hockey with the Fremantle women's teams outshining the rest with no losses across the board. Our seven ladies teams (including one new turf division) have trained hard in the pre-season and came together magnificently under the pressure of Round 1 of the 2007 season.

Six strong wins and one gallant draw, the girls scored a total of 39 goals, whilst only conceding 4 through tough Freo defences. These goals were spread across all divisions and included many multiple goal scorers.

Special note goes to Fremantle Metro 1 Girls who had a blinder win of 10-0 and Jennifer Hoare who scored 4 goals. She may be one to watch in the 2007 Golden Stick tally!

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The top women's team, competing in Willow Bridge Promotion League, had a strong win versus Suburbans during a thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon. The girls fired on all cylinders, opening the scoring after a few minutes and continuing the pressure to finish on a 7-0 win. Top Coach, Jack McMeekin, noted a good game in imperfect conditions, which can be improved on in the following rounds.

Fremantle's second team, Promotion 2, recorded a solid 4-0 victory against Modernians with many Under 17s girls progressing to the senior level this year. Under the control of coach, Kegs, the girls held their composure against an older, more experienced side, with goals being shared amongst 4 individuals. Carly Bullen in goals provided many saves to ensure no goals were conceded.

Sharron Wharton-Street

Round 2 provided more solid performances from the girls with another 5 wins across the board and four teams holding top position on the ladder. Well Done girls! - Ed

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Ladies Midweek Vets

The Ladies Midweek Vets had their first game on Wednesday 18 April 2007. We've seen four new players join the team after a long lay off from hockey so welcome to Sharron, Dianne, Fiona and Lisa.

Unfortunately one of our players was unable to play as she hurt herself roller-blading (don't you know you're a Vet now, Ann?) with the kids.

We played one short but acquitted ourselves well against Newman Knights playing with one sub. We kept them from scoring until a short corner after the siren in the first half and made plenty of scoring opportunities ourselves but were unable to convert. We lost 3-0 and look forward to a better result next time round.

Linda Green



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Hook in2 Hockey

Hook in2 Hockey is an initiative of Hockey Australia, coordinated by Hockey WA, to increase hockey participation in Australia. Fremantle has been taking part in Hook in2 Hockey for the last three years.

This program involves coaches going to local schools for two 'taster' sessions during first term. These sessions are vital to generating numbers for the five day course run at the club during the school holidays and all our coaches over the last three years have done a great job. Because of their work we have run the holiday course with 57, 53 and 30 children consecutively over the three years.

We use juniors from the Club to work as coaches during the holidays and they have all offered their time willingly for five one hour sessions. This year we have had the vital services of Shari Hutchison, Daisy O'Neil, Sara Laidler, Declan Spencer, Jonathan Ellis, Julia Collin, Mark Ellis, Jessica Smith, Adam Green, Danielle Cliff, Scott Green, Marianne Green and Laura Green.

The initiative has been designed to help Clubs build their membership group from the most important area – juniors. Each year because of Hook in2 Hockey we have recruited heavily to the Club in both Minkey and U11.

Of course none of this would be made possible without the very capable and invaluable organisation behind the scenes of Tania Smith who has co-ordinated the coaches for the schools, liaised with the Association, organised the packs for the participants, and ensured that Juniors are available for the holiday period to coach. She has done this for the last three years and without her steady influence it wouldn't have been so successful. Many times this has involved trips to the Stadium to pick up extra stickers, pamphlets etc for the coaches to give out at their schools.

All of us who work with Tania knows how vital who work is to the Fremantle Hockey Club's future – thank you Tania.

Linda Green

Women's Metro 2 Gold Report

It was the luck of the Irish or was it just that we were all refreshed and ready to go this year that gave us our 4-1 win against Dellas on Saturday the 21st April. Either way the women's Metro 2 Gold team have started the season how they plan to finish it - winners!

We have some new faces this year; Ciara, Jean and Mairead (pronounced like parade but with an 'M') who hail from the emerald isle. Other fresh new faces to our team are Lou, Louise, Dianne, Sarah M and seeing that our goalie from last year Jo has gone to play with the Metro Ones, we also welcome Jess to our team as goalie.

Old faces, or should I say seasoned players, back to the team include, Trish, Connie and Claris who all scored goals for the game - go girls! They of course had back up in the defence from Crissie and Raye.

And if the start to the season is anything to go by it is going to be hard to pick best players as we had so many to choose from, Margaret our best & fairest winner from 2006 season will have tough competition with all the new girls to the team.

The start of the season's first win has given us all the taste of victory that we will take towards the rest of the season. We all look forward to the other members of the Metro 2 Gold joining us in future games. And for now, this team manager is putting her sore bones and muscles to rest with a Radox bath.

Raye McNally.

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Nic attaches a black arm band to a very senior, Fred Strother

Over 50s recruit senior citizens

With so many members expressing their intentions to play Over 50s in 2007 it seemed rather a retrograde step to recruit players from the now defunct Over 60s to act as interchange players in the first games of the season. Apparently, there were many potential players away for Round 1 or unable to play for other reasons. So when Nic recruited Mal Jackaman, Ian Sills, Fred "I have given up hockey for good" Strother and Lauder Coomber it revealed more than a hint of desperation – particularly considering our opponents were a full strength Raiders side.

One minutes silence to acknowledge the passing of Bob Kernaghan and Kevin Martin preceded the start of the game. The Freo side quickly found itself under pressure ultimately succumbing to a fast and skilled Raiders forward line. The official score was 6-0, although there seemed to be a number of scoring opportunities which the Magpies failed to capitalise on. The old boys will be hoping that the rest of team becomes available very soon.

Ian Sills

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Senior teams' Ladder Positions after Round 2 – Saturday 28 April 2007

Team	Points	Position
Men		
Wizard Cup	3	Eleventh
Premier 2	1	Eleventh
Premier Alliance	0	Ninth
Provisional 3	3	Sixth
Metro 1	6	Second
Metro 2 Gold	4	Third
Metro 3 Gold	0	Eighth
Metro 4	0	Sixth
Over 50	1	Sixth
Midweek Vets 40	2	Sixth
Women		
Willow Bridge League	6	First
Promotion 2	6	First
Provisional 2 Gold	4	Third
Provisional 3 Gold	6	First
Metro 1	6	First
Metro 2 Black	4	Third
Metro 2 Gold	3	Fourth
Midweek Vets 3	9	Sixth

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