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Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

Thursday 7 June 2007

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Ladies Turf 1's - Willow Bridge

One gloomy Sat arvo (26/5) we headed off to Mandurah Turf loaded up in a few cars & the "fun bus". Rachel had brought the "chilly bin" loaded to the lid for the trip home. The trip was uneventful - rather boring really.

The Nana manager handed out the not so new lycra suits - we headed off to change - Jack gave a very restrained pre game talk - quiet, this never happens.

Out onto the pitch for which only a few had played on previously, with Peel assoc umps at the ready. The fingernails were bitten down in the first 10mins of the game - the defence were making it hard work but then we got our acts together finally we found our game.

With the new catch cry of "Leeeeft" or "NOT Right" we had hundreds of shots on goals but we took them 3 -0, go the seagull. Sarah Dick injured her drinking elbow so we were down to 11 players in the end. It was a corker of a game.

Peel even offered Arvo tea to us before we headed off to "Chooks" for the long & entertaining trip home, thanks to Rob Golding who had agreed to umpire if needed & for driving the "fun bus".

The girls deserved last weekend off to R & R, before hopefully establishing ourselves at the top of the ladder with a win over rivals, Melville this Sunday 10 June.

Lee Abbott

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Comprehensive victory in Wizard Cup

Fremantle men's hockey team opened the floodgates to score a come from behind 5-2 Wizard Home Loans Cup win over Harlequins at Perth Hockey Stadium in Round 8 action.

Fremantle took the lead 12 minutes out from halftime but conceded twice within the space of just two minutes to go behind at the break. But the Port Club was switched on in the second half and created enough chances to ensure an emphatic triumph. The margin of victory could well have been greater with Fremantle denied by the woodwork on three occasions and unable to make more of its 12 second half penalty corners.

Fremantle coach, Peter Freer said his team is showing promising signs. "I'm very happy because tonight was a much improved performance compared to the past four or five weeks", he said. "We have a few players starting to find form and the team is really starting to gel together which is great".

Harlies coach, Matthew Beevers said his team would be capable of performing better as the season progressed. "We're disappointed with the result, the group worked really hard but our skills and decision making let us down at key times and that led to goals by Fremantle", he said.

"I was very pleased with the first half effort but unfortunately we were unable to maintain that intensity."

Hockey WA Report - Author Unknown

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A New 'Magpie'!

Premiership player, Jeremy Hiskins and his wife, Tina have welcome their 2nd child into the world. A little girl called Georgia Krystina Joy Hiskins, born on Monday 4th of June. A little sister for Brodie. Hopefully two new Magpie recruits in the making. Congratulations Cougs!



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Good start by Promo 2 girls

Our team has made a great start to the season under the very smooth guidance of coach, Kegs. In our first two matches, we scored 7 goals while keeping a clean slate in defence.

The first real test came against UWA and although leading 3-1 at half time, the score ended up being 3-3 draw. Our next opposition had a slightly more aggressive approach to hockey and at times it felt like we were playing Aussie Rules. I guess we need to "suck it in and toughen up"!!

Round 6 saw us play the bottom side and although the game was a low standard we scored some goals and enjoyed being in the winners circle again. We are currently positioned 3rd on the ladder and looking forward to the next round against Melville.

The shirts are being washed, the Thursday night dinner roster has been completed (thank goodness) and the umpiring duties are being done. We are looking to improve our skills, increase our work rate and reach our full potential.

Nic Weatherhead

Men Provisional 3 (Turf 4s) sing our song

Only one game played since the last edition of the Magpie, but well worth reporting on! Freo Men's Provisional 3's took on a battling Rockingham side at Melville Turf, and delivered a crushing and comprehensive 4-0 defeat. After a nervous start, Fremantle settled into confident display of neat attacking hockey, which was rewarded with the opening goal midway through the opening period.

A perfectly timed run into the heart of a crowded 'D' from Pete Wilmore, saw him latch onto Matt Allan's free hit, and crash the ball into the roof of the Rockingham net, underlining his excellent performance. Fremantle continued to dominate, and came close to extending their lead on numerous occasions, before Pip Greenacre finally stepped up to extend the lead.

Further second half goals from Matt Allan and Andy Shorter (in a cameo role) put the game beyond Rockingham's reach, who rarely threatened custodian Jesse Newman's goal.

The sound of the Freo club song from the Melville rooms was a joy to behold, and hopefully one that we will not be waiting too long to hear repeated.

Matt Allen



Whether you love
or hate Melville –

Come to watch
this weekend as
**THE MAGPIES
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MELVILLE!**

This Sunday 10 June 2007
Games start at 12.30pm
Venue: Perth Hockey Stadium

FHC Women 2s play 12.30pm at PHS-2
FHC Women 1s play 2.00pm at PHS-2
FHC Men 1s play 4.00pm at PHS-1
FHC Men 2s play 5.30pm at PHS-1

New Arrivals of the Irish Kind

Keep a look out for Three Irish lads to arrive on Sunday 17 June. I am sure hearing their voices will make the girls weak at the knees.

Please make them welcome and help them to enjoy the Fremantle Hockey experience.

I believe they will be playing in a midweek game against the State Under 21 team on the Wednesday after they arrive. With the adjustment to the 21 day rule they will be able to play for Fremantle from when they arrive.

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Ladies Metro 1s

The start of the season saw most of last year's grand final winning team bonding together over a couple of beers and deciding that we would try and do it all again. Greg Bird was plied with Jim Beam and coerced into coaching not one, but all three Women's Metro sides.

Some team losses meant we were looking for a new back line with a team full of forwards (or wannabe forwards) and thankfully, Jo Bright (Goalkeeper) and Elisa Thompson (U17) came into the side and solved the defensive problem.

Our first game saw us line up against Mods at home where we were able to post a nice 10 – nil win. Jen Hoare led the charge with 4, Tanya "Joey" Sayers with 2 and Nikki Green, Anna Parkin, Lesley Lawler and Kath Hoare all able to put the ball into the back of the net.

Next up was a road trip to Richardson Park to play South Perth. This time the win was 7-2 (Jen, Nikki and Kath all getting 2 and Joey 1).

Round 3 and we were missing 5 of our normal players. A quick ring around and some pleading later and we had Linda Green, Jodi Hickson and Susanne Burwell to fill in. However, due to a few too many drinks the night before we only had 10 players, one of whom quietly threw up a few times before gingerly walking onto the field and scoring three goals. It looked like being a hard day at the office. Fortunately, with the help of some Gatorade and a great halfback line up we were still able to walk away with a 5-1 win. Kath Hoare (3) and Anna Parkin (2).

Round 4 was a bye and Round 5 a trek to the back of beyond to play Blades. Physically, this was probably the toughest game yet. Weak umpiring saw some "interesting" decisions going both ways and a very frustrated Blades team calling the game off with 2 minutes to go.

Greg had told us at the start of the game that if we were up by 4 or 5 goals at half time we would be swapping the team around and the backs would be playing forward. Instead of heeding this warning, we all went out looking to score and by halftime were up 4-0. The team was duly swapped around and the backs got a chance to see what an attacking short corner or two would be like (fortunately for us forwards we didn't have to defend as the ball rarely got beyond the halfway line). This meant that 8 players scored in the game (a 9-0 win) and we remained on top of the ladder.

In round 6 we met our first serious competition, Melville, who had been our opponents in last year's grand final. The first few minutes were heated as everyone settled into the game and while most of the play was in Melville's half and we had plenty of scoring opportunities, nothing seemed to be able to be finished off.

The second half came round and Nikki Green was able to put us 1-0 up with a lovely goal before scaring the opposition with a hit which a Melville player took to the stomach and sent her to the sideline for the rest of the game. Unbeaten in 5 games, we are eyeing up the Challenge Cup!

Tania Smith



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Men Metro 4s

We're getting the reputation of being known as the 'giant slayers' amongst the other Metro 4 teams and for a good reason too. The top sides always seem to struggle against the Mighty Spastic 12s and one thing is for certain, we always put up a good fight right down to the very last minute of the game. Although our track record may not show it, our real level of skill and commitment we are certainly worthy of a top 4 finish at the end of the season if we put a few more wins on the board.

Our greatest strength is certainly not our individual skill level but rather that we play as a complete team and when we do, opposition beware because you're in for a hiding.

Since last year's fantastic year, we've had a few changes but the core players have fortunately remained. We still have a rock solid backline lead by Doug, Peter and Alex a quick glance at our for and against details will tell you how hard they have work this year.

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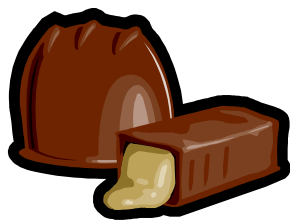
We've had a bit of turmoil with finding a centre half and Rob stepped up to take on the challenge, however he now works on the mines and is a fly in fly out player. This left a massive hole and I was desperate to find someone who could read the game and was strong enough to command the centre of the pitch. Enter Brian O'Donnell our brilliant left wing and consistent goal scorer. Brian has taken to the centre half position like a duck to water. At the last game against Southern River, who are second on the ladder, Brian commanded and directed not only our team but also the opposition, they were at a total loss as to what to do.

We also have two brand new players to hockey in Kevin Mears and Sean Ryan. Kevin's face should be familiar at the club because of his wife Dee and the assistance he has always given. As for Sean, he happens to be Kevin's neighbour. Sean scored his first goal last time out, the best part was that it was only his second game ever. Congratulations Sean, keep those goals coming.

I cannot finish a piece about the Metro 4's without mentioning the man who has the highest workload in our team, Ben Wylie. Ben is literally everywhere and he drives the opposition mad, especially if you're trying to mark him. Finally we managed to pick up Martin Spencer from last year's Metro 3C's and we are still in negotiation with the the Metro 3's to keep Tim Cole in our side, I am certain we will be able to hold onto him if we just twist the right arms.

I believe that we have a team that can certainly make the finals and very possibly the grand final this year, it will all depend on how much we really want to play in September.

Tim Algie



2007 Fundraising - Selling chocolates!

Chocolates are back! Each team will be expected to sell 12 boxes of chocolates within the senior club and some juniors also.

Your team manager will explain all shortly.

Remember, our great club does not run itself, you as players & club supporters need to give back –
Do your bit for the Magpies!

FHC U15B Girls Generosity recognised

Find below text of a letter forward to Linda Green from a South Perth parent :

Hi Linda,

I am a father of a girl who plays for South Perth U15B's girls. On Sunday Morning, 26 May, we had a game right after your U15B girls game at PHS.

Our goalie called just prior to the game and informed us she is sick and can't make the game. Unfortunately, she had all the goalie gear. As we had no gear we couldn't put a goalie out on the field and were facing forfeit of the game.

We asked your U15B coach if we can borrow their goalie gear and she took me to your equipment manager, who was so kind and trusting and let us borrowed it, thus, saving us forfeiting a game.

It was this generosity that caused me without any reservation, to let you know not only my appreciation for this kind gesture, but on behalf of the girls and their parents as they knew of this gesture.

I am not only a father of a girl playing on the team, but also a member of the Junior Committee of Hockey WA (I didn't let the manager know this). So, speaking with another hat on, it was great to see this great sportsmanship displayed by your club in enabling a competing team to play a game and not make a mandatory forfeiture due to having no goalie (as we had no gear). I know the South Perth club was full of praise of your club for that gesture. I will mention this at our next meeting.

Please convey this message to that person who loaned us the goalie gear. His gesture displayed the spirit we like to see all people display, not only in this sport but in other arenas as well.

Vale Daphne Marks

We are sorry to report the passing of Daphne Marks, wife of Life Member, Harley and mother former 40s player, Gary, after a long illness.

The club extends sincere condolences to Harley, Gary and family on their sad loss.

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Senior teams' Ladder Positions after Round 6 – Saturday 26 May 2007*

Team	Points	Position
Men		
Wizard Cup	9	Tenth
Premier 2	4	Twelfth
Premier Alliance	0	Tenth
Provisional 3	6	Sixth
Metro 1	15	First
Metro 2 Gold	12	Second
Metro 3 Gold	6	Ninth
Metro 4	4	Fifth
Over 50	1	Ninth
Midweek Vets 40	9	Sixth
Women		
Willow Bridge League	15	First
Promotion 2	10	Third
Provisional 2 Gold	5	Seventh
Provisional 3 Gold	10	Second
Metro 1	15	First
Metro 2 Black	12	Third
Metro 2 Gold	12	Third
Midweek Vets 3	3	Fifth

* Wizard Cup and Premier 2 as at Round 9, June 1

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Report on Women's turf grade meeting

On Thursday 10 May 2007, we held a meeting at the clubrooms to which all of the women's turf grades were invited to & it was compulsory for Turf 1 & 2 teams to attend. The meeting was well attended with a few Metro Ladies also showing up - Thanks all.

Blaz came & gave a historical perspective of the women's side of the club. He spoke about the club's support of the women in the club and presented some interesting graphs of FHC current position in Hockey WA (6th largest women's club in the metro area).

Lee Abbott then informed the group of background work by the Ladies Development Committee who meets year round to ensure that the women's side of the club are successful & prepared for each season & problems which arise. Presentation was provided including goals from past years and how these have been met, also included were goals for 2007 & beyond.

Identified Goals of 2007 include:

- ✓ Maintain happy, content and full Metro & Vets teams
- ✓ 1st grade (Wizard League by 2008)
- ✓ Increased interest from existing players to the club focus - giving back to the club
- ✓ Recruitment - some people may find themselves playing down the grades to make room for talented new players to reach our goal for reaching 1st division next year
- ✓ Umpiring - we all have a duty to participate
- ✓ Coaching - assist where possible, One-off coaching sessions for specialized positions such as goal keepers, half backs etc to be provided
- ✓ Provide a clearly defined path for junior
- ✓ Continue to have fun.

Anyone with helpful suggestions is asked to contact women's representatives of the club:

- Naomi Hodgkinson (Womens Vice President), Lee Abbott, Sharron Wharton-Street, Glenn Strother or Tania Smith

Lee Abbott