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Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

Thursday 21 June 2007

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Men's Premier 2

Sunday 10 June 2007 - Fremantle (6) defeated Melville (5) which kept everyone on the edge of their seats and in my case no finger nails left..... as we all want to beat Melville! Melville were placed third on the ladder at the time and the boys came out and showed everyone the great skills that they have and it didn't matter that we were second-last at this time as Freo were clearly the better team on the field.

Jonathon Ellis had an awesome game in the goals, with many great saves.

Last week we had 3 Irish men join the team. It was their first game for Freo as they had stepped straight off the plane onto a hockey field and immediately fitted in. Thanks for playing and welcome to the club.

Freo drew with Wolves 2 all, which was also a great game. Jonathon again had a spectacular game in the goals with easily taking the BOG award (Best On Ground), with some awesome saves again, no one was getting past him...

Tessa Ray

Fortunately we were able to utilise Lesley with fresh legs in the last part of the game and the team picked up. Naomi was exceptional in goals for us.

A great goal by Natalie in the final part of the game secured the win. A great team win! Well done girls, everyone played well and our training sessions have certainly paid off.

Pam Mercer

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Ben Greenacre and family on
the sudden loss of mother,
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Women's Provisional 2 Gold (Turf 3s)

Magpies v Curtin Trinity Pirates - Sat 9 June 2007

A 2-0 win was a good result. It took a little while for the team to settle but a great goal in the short corner by Susi eased the pressure. In the second half we lost Keryn to injury and a few girls ran out of steam.

State selection for Freo vets

Glenn Strother has been selected in the WA Over 40s Men's State Vets Team.

Brenda Golding has been selected in the WA Over 35s Women's State Vets Team.

Congratulations to you both.

Metro 1As in Challenge Cup

Metro 1A men have made the challenge cup after a resounding win over Wasps last weekend. We still have one round to go against Wolves this week who are in third so a win could further create a gap between second and third.

Other Freo teams expected to make the Challenge Cup include Women Promotion 1, Women Metro 1 and Men Metro 2 Gold.

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Babies Galore – What was happening 9 months ago????

After announcing new young 'Magpies' arrivals last edition, we now have another 3 new bubs on the scene and it all stems from the Freo Men Metro 1 team!

Cameron and Denise are happy to welcome to the world, George William Famlonga. He arrived on Thursday 7 June 2007, weighing in at 2.86 kgs. Both Mum and bub are doing great. With the skills of Mum and Dad, no doubt George will be starring in our top team one day in years to come.

Metro 1A player Andrew Smyth and his wife Simone have had a baby boy Bailey Andrew Smyth, arriving on 20 June 2007, and weighing in 7 pound 9

Not be to outdone by his younger brother, Rob Smyth and Christine welcomed the earlier arrival of Mekayla Smyth one day earlier on 19 June 2007, weighing in 6 pound 1.5. Grandma Smyth has waited almost 40 years for the first grandkid and now she has two within 48 hours.

Congratulations to all our new parents!

Going for gold! Men's Metro 3 gold

Well its almost half way through the season and the Men's Metro 3 Gold team is looking good for a shot at the finals this year. After a slippery start and some selection changes they are sitting-pretty half way up the ladder. They lost 3-1 last week in a tough game at home to Mods (the top side) and take on the second side, UWA in a late game at McGillivray this weekend.

A win puts Fremantle in contention for a spot in the top four early in the second round. The defence is one of the best in the competition and the attack is starting to pull together.

Honourable mentions to:

- Andy – Committee member, Manager, coach and mentor and that says nothing about his skill on the field.
- Mike – Brings drink, pearler back stick crosses.
- Rosco – Team Manager, junior coach, cooks a mean bbq, fierce attacker
- Dave – Unbelievable back stick tackler
- Ben – Great game last week, fitting into half back well
- John – Stalwart of the club, tactician.
- Cam – Staunch defender. Hits a bloody hard nut!

- Ian – All-rounder -Total Legend in his lunchtime.
- Brett – Midfield / Striker – brilliant stick skills.
- Brian – Recruited from the grade above – playing well on wing.
- Russ – Keeper last year playing Centre Forward this year.
- Tim – Solid in defence and attack.
- Bronson – New Keeper playing well.

Ian Darby

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Women's Metro 2 gold

When is a goal not a goal? When its hit in after the final whistle from a short corner, when the umpire who is standing near the goal says that the ball wasn't stopped outside the 'D' but on the line of the 'D'. I thought your vision got worse after 40 but who's to argue with good umpires!

That was the decision that our girls and especially Trish had to live with in Round 7 when we played against Canning. But true to our form this week in Round 8 we had a great win against Dellas 3-0; this secures our place as third on the ladder!

Even with our injured players, Di, Ciara, Jane and Claris we still have a good core group of ladies who are playing well together.

We are really looking forward to (okay so I'm a liar) playing against Southern River this week, I will be away walking the Bibblum track so I am counting on you girls for another win! At least it will be on our great fields at home not like some other teams grounds which have more bumps, holes and obstacles than some golf courses.

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I know that by supporting the social functions this keeps the money coming in to keep the grounds in top form, and that's where you could see Lou, Jess and me at the black and white op shop night. After some shopping at the local Good Sammies we went along to the night propped ourselves up at the bar (where else would you find us) and enjoyed the night. Especially after the few drinks we got up and started to dance the night away. My motto is: dance like no one is watching and even if they are don't pay attention to them and then get drunk so you can't remember! But one thing I do remember is seeing PJ spill tomato sauce all down his white shirt, he even left the tags on from the salvos shop - the question begs to be asked were you planning to return the clothes on the following Monday?

Being the social person I am I also noticed that a few of the hockey players are very talented, if you want to know what I mean ask Jason from Men's Metro 4 grass grade what he has been up to on the weekend - masquerading as an expert no less.

As a team we drink well together too, a few times (okay nearly every time) after our home game you can see myself, Trish, Claris, Margaret, Chrissie, Sara, Di, Louise, Mairead, Jean, Ciara (pronounced like key-ra not like tiara Lou!), Jess when she gets out of her goalie gear and of course our goal scorer extraordinaire Connie, propping up a table and the club's bar. And no we are not seasoned drinkers like PJ says we (Are we?) just enjoy the craic (ask the Irish girls what that means) after the game. Connie always sneaks out early but not our Trish; she's usually the last to leave the place while savouring the last drop of red wine! Mind you I stay as well (just to keep her company)!

So our winning streak continues, as a team on and off the field, at this rate we certainly will be in the finals - watch this space.

Raye McNally



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Willow Bridge League Versus Vic Park 1-0 loss

Round 8 & this game was a top of the table clash, Freo 1st & Vic Park 2nd on goal average alone.

First half saw Brenda having a discussion with one of the umpires on the virtues of the opposition giving her a cuddle whilst trying to move 5 yards away during a free hit. Freo looked good with the majority of play in our attacking half. Vic Park looked dangerous when they got the ball in the defensive circle which wasn't often.

We worked hard to put the goals away in the back of the net to no avail. The goal keeper was working hard - we just needed to get around her.

3 or 5 minutes from full time Vic Park found the goal & then held the ball closely until the final siren.

The girls were very disappointed but the good sportsmanship continued with a few of the girls even shaking the hands of the umps at full time.

We expect a re-match for the Challenge Cup in a few weeks - Wednesday 18 July, 7.00pm at PHS-1.

Please come & support us as we had little support last match and were drowned out the Vic Park supporters & their team mascot!

Lee Abbott

The 'mostly very' Over 50s

Injury and itinerancy have made it difficult to settle into a regular game plan this year. Only 3 players have played every game. Unbelievably players have taken out-of-State holidays to Hong Kong, Europe, Singapore, Gold Coast (2 players), Darwin (2 players) and several others taken within state weekend trips and work trips.

Where has the commitment gone? It is the hockey season. 24 players have played for the team in our 7 games allowing us to field a team each week.

We picked up our second point for the year with a draw 2-2 against Melville. Highlights of the game: - Marcus and Bob played their usual great games; Keith's sweetly hit goal from the top of the D; G.C.'s ability to hit the right post, collect the rebound then hit the left post.

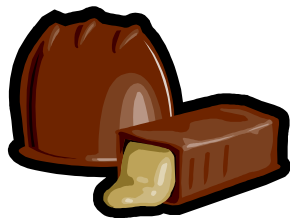
Our collection of over 10,000 games experience seems to be negated by a similar quantity of wear. However it has not diminished our desire to win and will see us move off the bottom in the next round.

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There are still a few opportunities for members or member's businesses/employers to sponsor a race on the evening. The \$50 sponsorship package provides you with naming rights for one of the eight races (highlighted both on the night and within the souvenir race card) and a full page advert also within the race card.

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Senior teams' Ladder Positions after Round 11 – Saturday 16 June 2007*

Team	Points	Position
Men		
Wizard Cup	12	Tenth
Premier 2	8	Tenth
Premier Alliance	6	Ninth
Provisional 3	9	Seventh
Metro 1	18	Second
Metro 2 Gold	12	Fourth
Metro 3 Gold	9	Seventh
Metro 4	8	Fourth
Over 50	2	Ninth
Midweek Vets 40	12	Sixth
Women		
Willow Bridge League	18	Second
Promotion 2	11	Fifth
Provisional 2 Gold	8	Seventh
Provisional 3 Gold	16	Second
Metro 1	21	First
Metro 2 Black	18	Second
Metro 2 Gold	15	Third
Midweek Vets 3	3	Sixth

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