



The Magpie



Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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Calling all Magpies!

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2006 – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2007!

As you can see from the ladder below, our elite men's team (2006 Reigning Premiers) are just outside the final 5 and are in great form coming into the business end of the season.

The competition is tight and the stakes are high, but we have a genuine chance to create history for our club and win back-to-back Premierships. All our boys need to do is make the finals and they will do the rest; well with your help. Have faith, Freo are good enough to go all the way in 2007!

We want as many fellow Magpies to attend the remaining 3 x games of the 2007 season and cheer our boys on to glory; we can do this!

Below is the ladder for this season, work it out for yourself that as a Club we can do this!
We are the reigning Premiers; least we forget.

So starting **this Friday 7:00pm, we face opposition Melville at their home, Melville Hockey Turf**; we require as many Magpies as possible to cheer on our Elite Men's Team and help them bring home the bacon again for 2007

I have heard a whisper that the Fremantle Mascot will be there feathers and all squawking his loudest for the team, be part of the enthusiasm!!

The following fixtures is: Saturday 25 August – 5.30pm at Shenton-Turf – Opposition Wolves
And final fixture is: Saturday 1 Sept – 5.30pm at McGilliveray-Turf – Opposition UWA

Ladder for Fremantle (Wizard Home Loans Cup) as at Aug 12, 2007

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts	%
1	University of WA	19	16	2	1	86	24	62	49	85.96
2	Westside Wolves	19	12	5	2	65	42	23	38	66.67
3	Hale	19	10	7	2	51	33	18	32	56.14
4	WASPS	19	10	7	2	67	59	8	32	56.14
5	CT Pirates	19	10	8	1	61	56	5	31	54.39
6	Victoria Park	19	9	8	2	58	46	12	29	50.88
7	Fremantle	19	8	7	4	61	55	6	28	49.12
8	Old Aquinians	19	8	11	0	54	51	3	24	42.11
9	YMCC	19	7	12	0	56	73	-17	21	36.84
10	Melville	19	6	11	2	35	63	-28	20	35.09
11	South West Strikers	19	5	12	2	27	63	-36	17	29.82
12	Harlequins	19	3	14	2	31	87	-	11	19.3

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WANTED!

FREO SUPPORTERS



WE NEED YOU!

Promotion to Wizard Home Loans League

**It's all within reach this year
for the Women's Willow Bridge
League team to gain promotion
to first division for season 2008!**

Two seasons ago, the highest placed women's team at Freo was State League (SL) 4's and with a dominating performance the squad swept all before them. 2007, grades restructured and we find ourselves just 1 grade from the pinnacle of club hockey and with an excellent opportunity to earn promotion for the 3rd year running.

The teams performance this year has been no less than outstanding (however we expected nothing less from this determined talented set of girls), and the existing strength of the club has been ably assisted by ex-New Zealand International player, Rachel Robertson (ex-Willetton) and the return of Gemma Cowan from South Perth after being a Freo junior, first division player/coach and state representative.

Kelli Wray has also impressed all in goals (she's a State and Aussie lawn bowls rep), bringing along with her fellow goalie & sister Tanya Wray (ex state & Ruby Squad player) – who has happily come off the bench since mid season, in something I haven't experienced before - a spare goalie at the club!

The winning combination of past years has been boosted by the above girls; however it was hard tough hockey played in the past year to get us where we are from existing players who are vital to the team and club.

Standing in the way of promotion is Vic Park, who at this stage of the season are just three points ahead of us on the ladder, this team is a strong team but certainly not unbeatable. Our first match up saw them beating us in the last 5 minutes of the game 1-0 – the next result will certainly be different!

1987 was the last year Freo women had a top grade team – 20 years on it is all within reach again & we're excited. Way back then, Jack McMeekin was the "Head" coach & Kegs (Julian Rayney) was coaching the 2's – this year, we see the same combination, with both men back in the mix coaching the top two womens teams extremely successfully.

**With just 3 games left of the regular season we need your support more than ever!
These games are crucial, and are by far the hardest for us to play, with games against
Melville, Vic Park & Peel in the last weeks leading up to finals**

Fixtures are

Saturday 18 August 2007

Sunday 26 August 2007

Saturday 1 Sept 2007

4pm start at Melville Turf

12.30pm start at PHS-2

2pm start at PHS-2

versus Melville * 4th on ladder

versus Vic Park * 1st on ladder

versus Peel * 3rd on ladder

We ask club members please find the time to come & support the girls to gain the top spot after a 20 year absence from the top grade. Any player in the club will know that support on the sideline is priceless and can only help a team to progress to the next level.

**How great would it feel as a club to have both men and women in first division,
competing fiercely for premiership flags in 2008?**