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Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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## Mens Metro 1

Well, to start the season off we had a great win at home over Aquinians 7-1. This was followed up with a tough win over Melville at Melville Grounds 6-4, considering we were up 5-1 at half time and then let them back in the game. We then beat Mods at home 5-0 and lost our last game to Vic Park 4-1. It has been the best start to the season in 6 years so all are confident.

We have decided that some strange things are happening with the grading considering this team used to be the 'Thirsty Thirds' within the club but with Freo putting in an additional turf team a few years ago became the 'Fat Fours' and then again with another turf team going in this year, we are now known as the 'Fat Fives'. We feel there may be a conspiracy to slowly push us down to Veterans.

*Blaza (Wayne Blazejczyk)*

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## Ladies Vets - rounds 4 & 5

**Round 4** - It really shows what having numbers can do for a team. Fourteen players turned up and we won 5-0; two goals each to Connie and Sandy G and one to Mercia.

**Round 5** saw a return to only having 10 players - thanks to Bernie for coming out of retirement at the last minute to make the ten. We lost that one with the opposition scoring their goals 10 minutes into the second half.

*Linda*

## Men's Metro 2 GOLD - An attacking force to be reckoned with

What started out as a run of the mill Saturday arvo loss, as we found ourselves 2-0 down against Raiders at half time on Sat 12/5, ended up as one of the most inspirational victories I've ever seen.

The Metro 2 Gold men were sent up a few grades after spanking Andy Shorter's teams in practice matches both at the end of last season and the start of this season. After struggling initially with the level of the competition, we have cemented a place in the top 4 by winning 5-3.

Let me explain - we came in at half time 2-0 down and dead on our feet. We went back out and in 2 minutes Phil Brown had 2 stupendous goals (one coming from an awesome through-ball down the middle of the field from Blake). Then the floodgates opened and with Kyle and Mark Greig not letting anyone through the defensive 25 (tackling like there was no tomorrow), we shortened up our game and took control of the game. Marty took a stroke and scored (3-2 up) and followed up with an incredible field goal (4-2 up). Marty went for the hat trick from a corner only to be denied by Shano's deft chip over the goalie on a shot Marty after the game still reckoned would "have gone in easy if he'd left it alone!" (5-2 up). All of these 5 goals coming in 12 minutes!! Not a very Freo-like performance. The attacking power during this spurt of play was like nothing I've ever seen before.

From there we continued to control the game, Raiders got a charity goal and we ran out 5-3 winners. Great team effort boys, particularly Kyle who ran out of centre half awesomely.

*PJ (Paul Connolly)*

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## Willow Bridge League Womens Promotion 1

To all those who missed last week's game, you all missed a thriller at Joondalup (yes we did take a packed lunch and have beers on the way home!). Saturday 19 May brought Round 5 of the season and new uniforms to the Promotion 1 Womens team. After all the hype they arrived and girls 'squeezed' into them. Although we did look 'hot' on the field, we understood no matter what we looked like this week against new comers, Whitfords, would be a tough match. Whitfords had come close to knocking off other top clubs and we would need to give them the respect they deserved.



Half time Jack sets the tone for the Women's 1s

Fremantle created numerous goal chances but did not convert in the first half – scoreline 0-0. After some strong words from coach, Jack, we went out firing Whitfords were still playing well and we were putting them in the back of the net. Whitfords eventually made it down to our defensive circle converting a short corner. Never being behind in 2007, the girls lifted their heads to go 2-1 up, but Whitfords still had fight levelling scores from a 'very illegal' short corner. With only minutes on the clock Brenda Golding showed her worth slotting on in the net. 3-2 win and still unbeaten near the top of the ladder. We have a road trip this weekend, playing Peel in Halls Head, Mandurah. Peel is sitting top of the ladder so another challenger ahead.

*Sharron Wharton-Street*

## **US President George W. Bush:**

"He is living proof it is too early for the United States to have a president where English is his second language. He is no communicator"

*Clive James*



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## Special happenings off-season

Congratulations to Pierre Quesnel who became engaged to partner, Jo in January 2007.

And to Clayton Wright who took the more serious step of getting married to Tara on January 10. Thanks to Nat Strother who provided the lovely flowers.



Beautiful Bride, Tara & Clay

A potential junior player, Charlie was born to Michael (Ray) Illingworth and wife Sarah in March 07. Hearty congratulations from all at the Freo to those members and their partners.

*Any news or gossip involving members  
is always welcome - Ed*

## Men's Provisional 3 (Turf 4)

This is the 4th turf side of the club and it has endured an indifferent start to the season, winning just one from four. However, the newly formed team have begun to successfully gel, and it is only a matter of time until results begin to turn in their favour.

The side has welcomed to the club two new members in David Paice and Vincent Gandiwa, as well as bringing together players from throughout last seasons' grades.

Looking ahead, upcoming opposition are likely to give us some tough fixtures, and a finals berth will be extremely tough to attain, yet is firmly in the mind set of all involved.

*Matt Allan*



### **Did you miss the last two club social events?**

Make sure you don't miss the 'Racing Night' on Saturday 28 July 2007 – put it in the diary now!

## Women's Provisional 2 Gold (Turf 3)

A massive big thank you to Pam Mercer, who just had baby number 5, for stepping up to aid this team by coaching for a few weeks. Also to Mercia who has assisted Pam.

Unfortunately, this young & talented team had a 1-0 loss in the last 2 minutes to Melville on Sat 5/5/07. No umpires showed up, so clubman, Daryl McCormack, volunteering to blow the whistle when he expected to be a spectator.

This team has an extremely fast forward line, one of the fastest Pam has seen. We just need to find the goals & utilise each other in the "D".

To note, Heidi does a brilliant job managing the side, a great effort as she is new to the club this year. Welcomes must also go to Natalie, Tiarna and Susi who have joined us in 2007, many promising ex-juniors are also in this team.

This team is the one to watch with much rising talent & we look forward to more spectacular games throughout the season.

*Lee Abbott*

## **Senior teams' Ladder Positions after Round 5 – Saturday 19 May 2007**

Team	Points	Position
<b>Men</b>		
Wizard Cup	5	Twelfth
Premier 2	4	Eleventh
Premier Alliance	0	Tenth
Provisional 3	3	Seventh
Metro 1	12	Second
Metro 2 Gold	11	First
Metro 3 Gold	3	Ninth
Metro 4	4	Sixth
Over 50	1	Ninth
Midweek Vets 40	9	Fourth
<b>Women</b>		
Willow Bridge League	12	Second
Promotion 2	7	Fourth
Provisional 2 Gold	4	Sixth
Provisional 3 Gold	10	Second
Metro 1	12	First
Metro 2 Black	9	Third
Metro 2 Gold	9	Third
Midweek Vets 3	3	Fifth



**'Come on Rhys, we know it was you!'**  
Rhys Spencer pleads to the umpire