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Fremantle Hockey Club Newsletter

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BUMPER DOUBLE EDITION!

Read all about the top teams at the Freo Hockey Club as they start the 2008 winter season – plenty of reports and news from the club, but three rounds into the regular season, we haven't heard from the rest of you!

Keep the club informed of how your team is travelling so far this year Reports can be forward to editor, Ian Sills on sillsphone@inet.net.au

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Wizard Cup – Week 1 v Wasps An important win

Season 2008 is under way. A much better start than last season for the Wizard Home Loans Cup team against a team we expect to be fighting it out for a finals position. Inspired by a great performance by the girls in defending about 50 short corners in the second half, the boys came out firing.

Returning Irishman Peter Blakeny scoring a deflection goal showing great desperation to put us ahead 1-0. Paul Nicholls then cleaned up a short corner rebound to put us up by 2 goals shortly after.

In the second half, Peter scored his second goal off a clever corner variation to put us ahead in the 49th minute 3-0. Wasps managed to get one back but a tiring defence managed to cull any further inroads to the lead.

With debuts in the Black and White for Phil Marshall, Cliff Bailey, Jimmy McPherson, Tim Gillon and Andrew Hawson there has been a high turnover in players from last season. All players showed great character in sapping conditions with a high work rate across the field.

There is an air of excitement within the group this season and we are aiming at a second flag in 3 years to celebrate the 75th year of this fantastic club.

Clay

Willow Bridge – Week 1 v Vic Park Solid win to start the season

With the hard work of a 9 week pre-season behind us, Mal gave us a quick pep talk before game one. With a short but focused warm up, the Freo girls huddled to the words of 'We have done the hard work, now lets rewards ourselves, reward Mal for his time and reward the club with win number one'.

With this in our mind we hit the ground running, and dominating the first half of the game, with field goals to our inners, Rachel Robertson and Gemma Cowan being pretty to watch. Sara Laidler (our junior member) took a one on one to the Vic Park keeper only to be taken out.

After numerous attacking corners, we just couldn't find the back of the net again. 2-0 up at half time, with hot and sticky conditions we moved to the dugout to replenish fluids and focus on the second half.



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We knew Vic Park is a team that doesn't give up, so we were expecting a strong second half from them. This became apparent as we become more defensive in our play, and resulted in 10 defensive short corners in a row (not 50 Clay!!!).

With the defence well practiced in this department, Tanya Wray in the net guided all well. Rachel Robertson ran as first runner, and after 10 x 15 metre sprints in a row to the top of the circle, she didn't even look flushed - you can tell she is the fittest in the team (showing us all up in Pre-season Beep test 1 & 2!).

Tanya Wray stood solid saving a few good shots; we cleared a ball off the post and enjoyed soaking up the pressure. Vic Park tried their all to get into our circle, including a lacklustre overhead, which was trapped by Sharron at shoulder high and almost returned to the Vic Park player through her head - luckily she pulled back and the ball wasn't hit for six!

Game turned into a physical match in the end as Fremantle provided some attacking in the closing minutes. All in all a solid start to the season.

Sharron

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for Freo Sat 17 & Sun 18 May 2008

The FHC Committee has arranged the club to man the sausage stall at Bunnings Melville (corner Leach Hwy/NorthLake Rd) next weekend.

We want everyone's help in this fundraising event (we get to keep the profits off the sales!), and therefore your team manager will be contacting you shortly with your teams duty for the weekend.

Please put your hand up when asked for help, each team will be given a 2 hour slot over the weekend, that does not clash with their game times. Get your friends and family down to buy a snagger and support your club!

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We are proud to announce that Healthways are supporting the Fremantle Hockey Club for the third year in a row with a Healthways Healthy Club grant to assist with keeping us healthy happy and fit.

The grant is able to be spent on a number of avenues including:

- Training course (Umpiring, Coaching, Responsible Service of Alcohol)
- First Aid equipment (new stretcher)
- Sun protection items
- Protective equipment for hockey (goalkeeping gear upgrades)
- And much much more.....

Jade Pestana, from the committee, is coordinating the reporting and allocation of funds for this grant. More information is below regarding free training for members.

*** FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE ***

Don't be unfinancial, pay your fees now. All details of fees for grass, turf and students are noted on our website www.freohockey.com or contact Treasurer, Ross Wharton-Street on 0400 243 120



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Free Training! Responsible Service of Alcohol Wednesday 16 July 2008

Add another qualification to your resume by attending an upcoming Responsible Service of alcohol course through our Healthways Grant.

This session will be held on Wed 16 July in Mt Lawley – the session runs from 6-9pm. Please be aware spaces are limited, so we need your names ASAP if you are interested.

If you are interested in taking this course, please do not hesitate to contact Jade on jadust@hotmail.com or call 0433 602 730.

Wizard Cup & Willow – Week 2 Wins for the top teams

Two from two was the catch cry for the Fremantle top men's and women's teams as both finished the weekend with 4-0 wins over the oppositions.

The Wizard Cup boys beat South West Strikers at PHS, whilst the Willow Bridge girls beat Riverside Lions at Shenton Park Turf, both on Saturday afternoon.

The teams appeared to replicate each other, going into the half time break with 1-0 leads and looking less than convincing against sub standard oppositions.

However with fighting spirit, the teams lifted in the second halves to convert a further 3 goals to put the result out of reach of both oppositions.

With no defensive corners conceded, the teams worked on their attacking plan and either converting field goals or building to attacking short corner challengers.

Our Premier 2 boys got their first points for the year with a come from behind 4-3 win against Old Guildford.

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Wizard Cup – Week 3 v UWA Uni too strong in tight game

During the first half, Uni had more attack but the strong defence dominated by Gaza and featuring some excellent saves by Leon kept a lid on the opposition's many forward thrusts to allow them just one goal. By half time the score was 1-1 as Freo capitalised on one of the few circle penetrations.

Freo came out the half time break with renewed vigour and had more possession but dangerous looking attacks were broken up by a determined Uni defence. When the Magpies penetrated the circle they looked dangerous but this didn't happen frequently enough to bother the scorers.

A late goal by Uni sealed the game and our boys suffered their first loss for the season 1-2.

Willow Bridge – Week 3 v Harlies Magpies dominate game

With last weeks game well behind us, the Magpies put the pressure on Harlies in the first two minutes, when Melita scored the first goal off a short corner. The tempo was set very high early in the game, with the fast and furious Magpies dominating the attack, Harlies had no answer.

Some quick passes down the right side saw Jess Laidler with the ball in the circle, as she cleverly manoeuvred the pass to Rachel Robertson, who (naturally) landed the ball in the back of the net.

Freo held the pace for the rest of the half and continued to keep the hard press on Harlies, with multiple shots on goal but no conversions.

The girls started the second half with enthusiasm and force. A defensive short corner was quickly broken down by Michelle Gulich, who passed the ball to right wing Rachel Lamb (Shanks), then a sister act combo (Jess to Sara) resulting in Sara scoring her first goal for the game. Sara's second goal was scored soon after, when Gemma Cowan ran into an open circle and hit the post, Sara finished off the teams hard work with a seagull goal!

A last minute effort by Harlies gave them a short corner and a goal, with two minutes remaining. Final score Freo 4, Harlies 1.

Melzy



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Willow Bridge – Week 4 v Whitfords Magpies undefeated

This week saw the Fremantle ladies take a road trip to south Geraldton (Joondalup). It must have been the only suburb in Perth that wasn't raining, as it was quite hot on the field!

Both teams started the game very strongly. The Whitford's goalie was a giant and saved some corker shots whacked at her by the Maggies. Sarah Dick decided to take on the giant, only to bounce right off her and land near the top of the circle! Eran O'Sullivan, the super sub, came on the field and within minutes, scored Freo's first goal. The forwards banded together and put heavy pressure and Sara Laidler converted her first goal, which went through the goalies legs.

We were lucky enough to have Andrew Robertson as an umpire, although he did pick on his better half Rachel with some cruel umpiring decisions.

The famous full backs Melita Morriss and Sharron Wharton-Street played awesome hockey and were quick to break down Whitfords attack whenever they came close to our defending 25.

Sara Laidler also decided to take on the giant, but won when she confidently drew the goalie out of her comfort zone and smashed one past her. Jess Laidler executed some terrific solo efforts to get the ball into the magpies attacking circle, but was rarely rewarded for her efforts.

Rachel Robertson made the giant stretch for the last time, as she scored the final goal in the last 10 minutes. The ladies flew back south with another strong win, 4-0.

Melzy

Willow Bridge – Week 5 v Melville Top of the table clash

The derby round against Melville, the game that will mean so much to win, especially when it's a 1 vs 2 situation. We were missing our talkative captain (Sharron Wharton-Street) and goalie (Tanya Wray) who are crucial members of the team, so the ladies had to pull together and give this game everything they had inside them.

It was a very even game to start with (and very quiet, no Shar!) with both teams were strong on the ball. Fremantle had numerous short corner opportunities but couldn't find the net.

Melville were extremely physical throughout the whole game and Jess Laidler felt the force of it when she was hit in the head by a Melville stick. The Freo ladies kept fighting hard for the ball and had the majority of it in the second half. Dale O'Meara's previous top-level hockey experience showed in the game as she outclassed Melville in her first game for Fremantle's top side as a very solid full back. Jen Tesak filled in as goalie and played a superb game! Stopping every ball Melville hit at her.

Finally, after some terrible umpiring decisions, Freo earned a short corner, and scored through Melita Morriss, with 7 minutes remaining on the clock. The Magpies were pumped for the last 5 minutes as victory was in sight. When the full time whistle blew, a sigh of relief came over the Freo bench! One of the best games the ladies have played! Congratulations!! Final score, 1-0, resulting in Freo 5 points clear on the ladder.

Melzy

Umpiring allocations – haven't we learned?

The veteran hockey player made his regular Sunday morning phone call to his 30 year old son. "How did you go yesterday?" "Not so good," his son replied, "we played short". "Did someone not turn up?" his dad queried. "We had eleven players but had to provide an umpire under this new system, so we were down a player at all times." "I can't figure what was wrong with the system that was in place when I was a junior and seemed to work pretty well for decades," dad exclaimed wistfully.

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“What was that?”

“When the fixtures were drawn up before the start of the season, each team had an umpiring bye twice a year and the games to be umpired by that team were already allocated. That way the team manager had weeks to roster his players to appropriate matches.”

Dad went on “There was a rare no-show and the perennial problem of umpiring quality but by-and-large the system worked. No-shows resulted in a fine on clubs and premiership points were deducted from the team. Teams soon took their responsibilities seriously when faced with the possibility of missing finals by a tenth of a point.”

“What happened to that system?”

“When the men’s and women’s associations amalgamated a new administration took over and stopped allocating umpiring duties to teams but simply told clubs what matches needed umpires – often with short notice. From that time forward it was not unusual for teams to experience no-shows several times a season.”

“Well that clearly didn’t work,” retorted the son, “and now we have this system. Can’t they learn from the past?” His dad didn’t answer but his wistful look gave his thoughts away.

Ian Sills

Introducing The Fremantle Hockey Club Cookbook

**So you think you can cook?
Got some fabulous family recipes
you want to share?**



To celebrate our club’s 75th Anniversary and in the spirit of our club culture, we ask you send in your favourite recipes to be included in the first ever FHC Cookbook.

We want to collect recipes from all members and associates of the club, young and ‘seasoned’, past and present. The cookbook will be available later in the year as a fundraising initiative for your club.

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A nice set of figures – AGM Part 2

Former long-time club treasurer and current club auditor, Jack Rickie was salivating. What causes someone like Jack to show such obvious pleasure?

It was at our AGM part 2 last week and Jack was giving his usual comments on the annual accounts. As an auditor, Jack enthused over the way our treasurer, Ross Wharton-Street, had kept the books and presented the figures. As a former treasurer, Jack delighted at seeing a surplus of \$17,707.71 and the bad debts down to \$1,500.

Ross’ careful managing of the club accounts ensured that the fees remain unchanged from last year’s with a penalty of \$50 for any fees not yet paid. Well Done to Ross and the FHC Committee for their ongoing hard work.