

Goals flow in AHG Women's first outing

With the first game in WA's top division for the Freo Women AHG Premier 1 team taking place on Sunday 26 April 2009, a convincing win showed that Fremantle are not just here to make up the numbers. The team proved too strong for their opposition, South West Strikers, with an 8-2 win.

Solid preparation meant that nerves for the first official hit out were quelled, and the girls started well, pushing South West Strikers into their deep defence from the first hit. From here, Fremantle forced strikers to turn over the ball regularly and backed this up by keeping possession for long periods of play, and well-structured attacks. Fremantle were rewarded for all this hard work with many attacking short corners. Unfortunately, they were unable to capitalise on these, although coming extremely close on various occasions.

The deadlock was broken in the 18th minute when new recruit, Erica McLernon provided the first of many goals through a good passage of play. Two further goals resulted in the following 15 minutes to put Fremantle 3-0 before the break. Strikers' managed to pull one goal back just before half time, with a well-struck penalty corner.

Although not hot for a Perth summer day, the heat was not ideal for some of the new Freo recruits, from the cooler states of Australia and New Zealand, who had not played in such heat. Luckily coach Mal Cowan was able to roll the bench frequently and keep fresh legs on the field to over run Strikers in the second half.

The Fremantle supporters dominated the crowd and did not have to wait long into the second half to see Fremantle's fourth goal, a clinical strike from AIS recruit, Emily Hurtz. A blistering 10-minute spell resulted with another four goals, with two goals within two minutes from Lara Parkin, who was on the end of some beautiful build ups from the midfield and passes into the circle. Lara acknowledged her teammates after the game, saying "Those two goals were team goals, I was just the lucky girl to be on the end of them to finish".

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This sentiment was echoed by many players and supporters after the game, congratulating all the girls on a solid team performance. The depth of the team was highlighted by the fact all 16 players played a part in the game, and the final score line showed 6 scorers on the Fremantle card.

No doubt tougher opposition will following in the coming weeks and throughout the season as teams learn more about their players, however anyone who watched Sunday's game will know that with the confidence and comradely shown by all the girls, Fremantle is starting to build a strong case of retaining their position in the top grade after a 20 year absence.

Report courtesy of Hockey WA website



AHG Men top of table

The Magpie's AHG men have had a sparkling start to the season, currently sitting second on the premiership table behind Uni.

The first five matches were:

- Win 7-1 v Subs
- Win 4-1 v Old Aquinians
- Win 3-2 v Wasps
- Win 6-1 v Curtin Trinity Pirates
- Loss 5-3 v Wolves

Reds turf host David Bell match

Many past and present members of Old Aquinians and Fremantle turned out on May 7 – a Thursday night – to watch the deferred annual ANZAC Day David Bell clash take place on the Reds new turf.

After a period of scratchy play as the teams came to terms with the new surface, the Magpies started to make the game their own due, in large part, to the dominating efforts of Kwan Browne, Goalkeeper Andrew Charter and Captain Darryl McCormick. A final score line of 4-1 reflected the degree of dominance with Kwan getting two goals, and Paul Nicholls and Phil Marshal potting one each.

Inaugural Kevin Martin trophy awarded to Browne

In order to honour the memory of Kevin Martin and to reflect the respect in which he was held by many in the Old Aquinians H.C. a trophy was created to be presented to the best player of the David Bell Trophy match. **Phil Martin**, representing the Martin family, presented the trophy to **Kwan Browne** who was outstanding at Centre Half and proud as punch to receive this award.



AHG Women stumble

Curtin Trinity Pirates gathered its first points of the season, via a 2-1 win over newcomers Fremantle at Perth Hockey Stadium on Sunday 10th May.

The Magpies went into their third round AHG match looking to continue their unbeaten record, but it was the talented, young Pirates squad who came out on top. Both sides showed amazing speed and skill in which shots went wide and keepers saved brilliantly.

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Pirates dominated the first fifteen minutes of play and had plenty of chances to score throughout the half. But thanks to Ayuni Yahya's brilliant goalkeeping, the Pirates couldn't capitalise on these shots. The Fremantle goalie almost single-handedly denied the opposing side countless scoring opportunities.

A large crowd for the home team cheered on as the Pirates went into the first break with a 1-0 lead. The opener came as a surprise after Tasmanian recruit Eloise Duay scored through a quick reverse stick tap into nets, with only seconds left in the half.

AHL star striker Sian Smithson equalised for the Magpies soon after half time on the 37th minute mark after she burst through the strong Pirates defence. Smithson had more chances to increase her teams' lead with three short corners off her stick in the space of six minutes. She was unable to score, although came extremely close each time. Both teams attacked relentlessly for the remainder of the half and it appeared as though they would end the game on even terms.

However, on the 45th, a determined Holly Hyder managed to latch onto a rebound and smack the ball into nets. The impressive shot helped Pirates secure the third and final goal of the match, thus putting an end to the Magpie's winning streak.

Pirates' coach Elspeth Denning said her team could have rammed home a far more impressive victory, but is still quite happy with the result. "It's excellent to see the younger girls stepping up the plate and keeping up with our senior state players. I think we did miss out on a lot of scoring opportunities, but there's nothing you can do about it now. At least we came out with a win in the end."

Courtesy of Hockey WA – Kav Kutty

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NEW CONSTITUTION AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

The new constitution is now able to be reviewed and commented on. This will be voted on in the AGM (Part 1) to be held at the end of the season 2009. This is your club's constitution, so to have your say please take a look at what our working party has put together.

There will be a copy behind the bar or alternatively, contact Lee Abbott or Sharron Wharton-Street, to get a copy electronically.

Any comments are to be put in writing & sent to Lee on davwin@tpg.com.au or alternatively hand to Lee direct.

Kwan Browne – Player Profile

Many club members will be curious as to who the recruit from the Tasmanian NHL team is. He stands out on the field for many reasons; not the least for his incredible stick skills and push/flick that travels like a bullet making his corner flicks deadly. Most would not have thought of Trinidad as a natural source of top class hockey players.



Kwan was born in Trinidad in 1977 and started playing hockey when very young. After leaving school studied law at the London Metropolitan University gaining, firstly, a degree then a Masters in European and International Law followed by an MSC in International and Business Law. He joined the London Met Field Hockey team when he started at university and ultimately

captained the team to number one in the BUSA hockey ranking.

Kwan was recruited by Blaz when in the West Indies in January and is an exciting player to watch – scoring eight goals in the first four games. Can't wait to see more of him teaming with our boys in the AHG Premier 1 team!

Do you want to earn yourself some money by selling your umpiring skills?

I have several requests from people within the club as well as outside who would like to pay someone to undertake their umpiring commitments. I have several requests for this Saturday and Sunday and for future dates.

Please email Martin Spencer on martin_spencer@optusnet.com.au with your Name/ Preferred days /Playing Level or level of skill/ contact phone number and fee requested.

I will pass on the details to those who require an umpire so they can contact you. Alternatively go the Freo Hockey page and fill in the Umpires form at this link:

<http://www.freohockey.com/forms/UmpireList.asp>

Many Thanks, Martin Spencer
Club Umpire Coordinator

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Kate Mead on her recent selection in the Under 18's Women's State Team.

Kate joined Fremantle this year and is has shown her worth, putting in solid defensive tackles in the Premier 1 team over the past 4 rounds.

Kate will be training hard for the National championships in Canberra later this year. We wish her all the luck in the world.

Juniors show the way in 09

Friday saw a great start to the senior season for some of our junior players, starting with Declan Spencer (9/10 Boys A res) playing with our Men's Premier 2 team opening his goal tally for the year with their first goal of the game.

Saturday saw Rohan Henderson (11/12 Boys) and Matt Bird(7/8 Boys A) combining to help our Mens Metro 3 to there first win for the season, with Matt picking up one goal and best player votes.



Men Premier 2's defence in action

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Ties	\$30.00
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FHC AHG Men Player Profile



Name: **Darryl McCormick**

Nickname: **Daz, Dazza, Macca**

Hockey Position: **CF/Fullback**

Looking for love:
Found it in KB

(Proof it can be found at our club!)

Fav Freo Moment: **Premiership 2006**

Highest Hockey Honour: **Olympians Medal**

Hate: **Anyone playing us!!**

Like: **When the 1s and the Bombers win!**

Which SuperHero would you most like to be & why? **SuperMan. What needs to be said? The dude can fly, is super strong and has super stamina..... Like you Captain Daz**

Umpiring is a part of the game

You will have noticed by now that there has been a change back to the old system of umpiring. There have been some advances though on how the umpiring obligations are allocated.

If you look at your team's fixtures on Hockey Net you will see when you have an umpiring bye. This is when your team is required to provide umpires to other grades.

It is important to you, your team and to the club that you fulfil your umpiring obligations.

There are not only substantial fines for the club if you do not provide umpires when required, but your team will also be penalised by having precious premiership points taken away.

This could make a major difference in your finals aspirations.

If you play hockey you should be able to umpire (I have heard you telling the umpires when they have got it wrong.)

There are some resources on the Hockey Australia webpage that can help you to gain confidence in umpiring or to assist you if you have never umpired.

Have a look at www.hockey.org.au, then tab under Officiating and Resources. They have a 2009 umpires briefing which gives video examples of calls, ways to deal with different situations and advise on interpretation of rules. There is also a Community Umpire Accreditation test under Hockey ED tab on the same page, that is also helpful in understanding the game from an umpire's point of view.

If you feel you need to umpire a lower level first to get your confidence, why not offer your services to the juniors and umpire an under 11's or under 13's game to get a feel for it. Our junior coaches, players and team managers would love you help!

If you are a confident umpire and wish to offer your services to a team to help them fulfill their obligations you can leave your name behind the bar or put a note on the Fremantle Hockey webpage.

For any umpiring queries contact Martin Spencer on email: martin_spencer@optusnet.com.au

Kevin Martin Foundation.

The first function organised by the Kevin Martin Foundation was a breakfast for members at the Swan Yacht Club in East Fremantle on Sunday 19 April 2009. There were 65 people in attendance including the guest speaker for the function, Sharron Wharton-Street who outlined the various activities on the Club's drawing board, especially Junior development and the setting up of an artificial surface committee.

For those Hockey Club members who are not aware of the history of the formation of the Foundation, it is a concept that Kevin Martin had discussed with a number of senior Club members over a long period. He envisaged a group that would be involved in fund raising for the Fremantle Hockey Club. A business association was always discussed but never brought to fruition.

After Kevin's passing, this group decided that we wanted Kevin's dream to become a reality and it was agreed that we would put together a group of people by invitation who have been associated with him from a hockey playing perspective, a business perspective or a social perspective.

We believe that getting together socially several times a year would be an ideal way of remembering Kevin, having a bit of fun and raising funds at the same time. The Foundation has been formed to do these things and we believe that Kevin would be totally agreeable because these were things that Kevin loved doing.

FHC AHG Men Player Profile



Name: **Terry Creek**
 Nickname: **Creeky**
 Hockey Position: **Halfback**
 Looking for love: **No**

Fav Freo Moment: **Premiership 2006**

Highest Hockey Honour: **Aussie U18s**

Hate: **Onion**

Like: **Golf**

Which SuperHero would you most like to be & why? **SuperMan for his X-Ray Vision**



At Breakfast: Former Magpie and Australian player, David Bell (right) with Chris Cook and Ian Elder

For practical reasons, the Foundation is part of the Fremantle Hockey Club, but with a bank account in the name of the Foundation. The use of funds raised by the Foundation on an annual basis will be determined after discussion with the Club's executive.

However, junior development will always be considered a high priority as this was an area in which Kevin had a great deal of interest over a long period.

The Foundation's next function will be a luncheon to be held mid season with the final function being a dinner towards the end of the season. For those Club members who are not aware of Kevin Martin's involvement with the Club up until the time of his passing, the following is a brief outline:

Kevin joined the Club in 1957 as a 7 year old and played 812 games including 239 A grade games (from 1965-1984). He represented the State at Schoolboys level in 1963 and 1964, the Colts in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1970 and the Seniors in 1969, 1971 and 1972.

He served on the Club committee for many years, with a particular interest in raising sponsorship dollars for the Club. Kevin was also involved with coaching juniors for many years and formed the link between Santa Maria College and the Club that has proven to be very beneficial.



Former Aust captain Craig Davies (right) and Guy Grant reminiscing about games for Freo

Because of this involvement, Kevin won all of the Awards and Trophies available to be won in the Club – the J H Lee Junior Award, the Hudson Memorial Trophy, Life Membership and the C.A. Faulds Award.

The Kevin Martin Foundation is a fitting tribute to a great Club member and is a vehicle which we hope can be used to ensure that Kevin's hockey dreams and goals can be continued and passed on to successive generations of hockey players.

Keith Smith



FHC AHG Men Player Profile

Name: **Paul Nicholls**
 Nickname: **Pauly**
 Hockey Position: **Anywhere Kegs needs me**
 Looking for love: **Nope**
 Fav Freo Moment: **I don't think I could go past the 2006 Premiership**
 Highest Hockey Honour: **2007 Indoor Hockey World Cup Squad**
 Hate: **People driving in the right half lane..... slowly!**
 Like: **One HD**
 Which SuperHero would you most like to be & why? **Flash because I could beat SuperMan in a race**

