

THE DRIBBLE

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WOW- SHELLY LIDDELOW



200 GAMES

87 GOALS



2012 Ric Charlesworth Medalist

MILESTONES CONTINUED

After last weeks successful 300th game played by Chris Bausor, two other members will be receiving awards for milestones games.

Last year both Shelly Liddelow and James Royce passed their 200th and 100th milestones. This weekend we celebrate Shelly's 200th. She has been a member of the team since 2004 and currently played 209 games for the club to date. She has also scored 87 goals and fast approaching 100 goals. She also already the top goal scorer in history of the club and gaining this 100 goal milestone would also be very special for her. We hope she gets this target in 2022.

Shelly is no stranger to the club taking part in six premierships the club has won. In addition to this, in 2012, Shelly also won the Ric Charlesworth medal. The fairest and best prize for the Hockey WA Premier League ladies competition.

Shelly was also a member of the Hockeyroos from 2007 to 2010, playing 87 games and scoring 13 goals. She was also a member of the Beijing Olympic Team.

Shelly is a club legend and we thank you for your life long contribution to the club. Get down to the club and support her this weekend.

SUNDAY DOUBLE HEADER

MATCH INFORMATION



Game Date: Sunday 1st May 2022

Game 1: Women's 1st @ 4.00pm vs Curtin Pirates

Game 2: Men's 1st @ 5.30pm vs Curtin Pirates

Game Venue: UWA Superturf 1.



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SOAKS LADIES: PINK IS THE NEW GREEN

So whilst everyone was enjoying their summer break, the SOAKS Women's Committee, hatched a plan to shake the masters mid-week hockey up a bit and lobbied to stand up an Over 50's competition. Whilst the concept wasn't new, it just hadn't been achieved - so to ensure we could keep our members playing the game they love longer we decided to throw some serious effort behind it. I don't think there was a metropolitan club that didn't get a call or email from us, and via the power of a 'What's App' group we slowly won clubs over to the idea. HockeyWA was supportive of the new comp throughout the 'negotiations' and a big thank you to Graham Pilcher for hosting a 'virtual' meeting of interested clubs on a Sunday (he was in ISO so couldn't go anywhere!) as this helped get the final couple of teams over the line and the inaugural O/50s Women's Mid-Week Competition was launched. This then saw a huge change in the make-up of our mid-week teams, which had become quite structured over the years. The new competition brought old members back and following a survey and member consultation, the O/50s team was chosen and we have new look Div 2 and Div 3 teams. It'll probably take us a couple of weeks to settle into our new teams, but everyone is excited with their new teams and our O/50s had a hard fought out draw for their first game.

On the weekend side of things we've had a bit of a change in our 'ones' (Div 4) team - with the new batch of ex-UWAHC players joining the pink. It was impressive to see the supporter base for this team with the dads, wife, bubbers and kids all in attendance. If you are ever looking for a baby cuddle, just turn up to one of this team's games! Our Div 8 team has also been lucky enough to capitalise on the overflow of players from UWAHC with quite a few young ladies joining our ranks. Clearly Pink is the new Green this year.



Inaugural O/50s Women's Mid-Week Masters



Our new look Div 4 team
(spot the ex-UWAHC players]

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JUNIOR PRESIDENT UPDATE

One good thing about writing an article for the Dribble is that it's a good chance to sit back and look at progress to date. The word that springs to mind immediately is "wow" - the season hasn't even started yet and already a huge amount has been done. This time of the year is always pretty frantic and we've got through one of the hardest parts of the year with selections now completed. This is a lot of work for our age group coordinators and thanks is due to them and a raft of junior parents and volunteers who assist as well as the senior club members who gave their time to be independent selectors. Well done to all the kids who worked really hard during the trials and training. Keep up the good work!

One really big piece of news is that due to the strong growth in our J3/4 cohort we've made the decision to start our own J3/4 competition. This is a really exciting development for the club, this year we'll have two time slots with 6 evenly matched teams in each slot. We've got cool new shirts on the way and lots of planning is going into making Saturday's morning's a real highlight of the week. We can take a few more players if there's anyone who still wants to join up.

J1/2s has also grown strongly and we now have 12 teams and in more hot-off-the-press news, we will be moving the J1/2 competition to join up with the J3/4s so we'll have everyone together on the grass fields 2 & 3. We'll have coffee, tasty treats and the BBQ cranking out sausages and bacon and egg burgers.

One thing I'd ask everyone to remember is that everyone who helps run our club, whether they are on the committee, coaching, a team manager or umpire mentor, they are all volunteers. Please be considerate of that in your interactions, particularly during work hours, and take the chance to say thanks. It always means a lot to our volunteers to hear that and the club is making great progress due to their hard work.

For all the junior players who need to complete service hours for school, there are lots of jobs where we need assistance that can help you rack up some hours - please contact Chris Nelson (jpres.uwahc@outlook.com) as soon as possible.

Finally, the Bunbury Carnival isn't that far away. AGC's will be getting updates out as they come to hand but in the meantime remember that accomodation goes very quickly so look into getting a booking and mark the date on your calendars.

Chris Nelson
Junior President