

THE DRIBBLE

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SEASON IS HERE- BRING IT ON UWA.

The season is underway. The Men's Premier League have played 3 rounds and currently have 2 wins and 1 Loss. They currently sit in 4th position on the ladder. The Women Premier League commence on the 17th April vs Westside Wolves at Lemnos Field at 2.00pm. See the home fixture double headers on pages ahead.

WELCOME BACK OUR MEN'S AIS DRAFT PLAYERS

The club has selected Flynn Ogilvie and Tom Wickham as our AIS draft players for this year. Unfortunately they may not be able to play for us prior to the Tokyo Olympics which start in July. Tom "TJ" Wickham is well known to us. He has played 172 premier league games and scored 116 goals. He won the Olympians medal for best player in the premier league in 2014. He won gold for Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Flynn has a science degree from Wollongong University and previously played for Wollongong University Hockey club. He played 8 games for us last year. Unfortunately he missed the grade final because of injury. Flynn has played 109 games for Australia and scored 21 goals. He won gold at the 2018 Commonwealth games and bronze at the last World Cup.

This year has seen the retirement of Andrew Smith at the age of 36. His first premier league game was in 2003. He played 181 premier league games. He was a member of the successful grand final teams in 2004, 2005 and 2007. He also played for the Thundersticks.

This year we will be without the services of Chris Bausor. He is now living and working in Melbourne. Chris has played 282 premier league games for the club and played for Australia on 13 occasions. He won the Olympians medal in 2015 and 2016. He is also a past captain of the premier league team. He currently sits third on the list for the most number of mens premier league games for UWA.

The good news is that James Royce is back in the country and will be shortly out of quarantine. He played in the Round 3 clash vs Old Guildford and judged best a field and won the \$50.00 Rocky Ridge "Player of the Day" voucher. He last played for the club in the winning 2017 grand final team. He has played 92 games for the club to date. James originates from the UK. He has recently completed a masters degree in engineering.



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Some more great news is that David Edmonds has decided that retirement is overrated. He is back playing Premier League. The honour board records show he has played 205 games. That will now require updating.

Further great news is that Frank Main is back. He has missed the last two seasons through injury. Frank has played 160 Premier league games. He has also represented Australia in the Junior World Cup.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: ROCKY RIDGE BREWING CO.



Readers may have seen the great article in the West about Rocky Ridge Brewing Company and its founder Hamish "Hammer" Coates.

What the article didn't tell you was that Hammer had an outstanding career as a goal keeper with UWAHC. He played 165 Premier League games between 2008 and 2015.

Nor did it tell you that Rocky Ridge Brewing is now a major sponsor of UWAHC. Their product is now on sale at the clubhouse.

Hammer grew up on a family farm at Jindong via Busselton. The farm has been a beef and dairy farm for 5 generations of the Coates family. The farm was originally opened up in the 1920s as part of the group settlement scheme.

When he was at UWA he studied Geophysics. He has since trained as a brewer and has established his brewing operations at the family farm.

The brewery takes great pride in maximising the use of locally sourced material in the brewing process. Rocky Ridge has opened a cellar door at 10 Marine Terrace Busselton. Food is on sale from the premises on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

When you are next down south make a point of dropping in at the cellar door.

When you are next at the club remember to order a Rocky Ridge beer.



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UWAHC BOARD MEMBER: WELCOME NEIL HACKETT

Neil commenced his hockey career with a number of current UWA members at Cricketers at Melvista Oval before playing Seniors with Westside Wolves. He was also known to fill in at JTA before succumbing to a serious knee injury. Neil studied a Bachelor of Economics at UWA before undertaking post-graduate finance and company director qualifications.

He held various roles with the federal securities regulator ASIC before working in funds management and is now a full time director with various ASX and private companies.



Neil & Paula

His connection to UWAHC over the last 9 years has revolved around his son and daughter playing juniors and now moving into the senior ranks. His wife Paula has held various manager roles and Neil is known as the junior coach of last resort!

He spent 10 years consulting to the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, including 5 years as Chairman of WestCycle the peak cycling body for WA and brings a passion for junior sport development to the UWAHC.

On a side note he played with Clements, Pell, Moran, Woodford and I was also one of Tristram Woodhouse's first tennis coaches when he was a youngster.

CLUB INFORMATION

PREMIER LEAGUE HOME FIXTURES

SAT 24TH APRIL 2021: DOUBLE HEADER: UWA VS MELVILLE
WOMEN @ 4.00PM, MEN @ 5.30PM

SAT 1ST MAY 2021: DOUBLE HEADER: UWA VS VIC PARK
WOMEN @ 4.00PM, MEN @ 5.30PM

SAT 22ND MAY 2021: DOUBLE HEADER: UWA VS YMCC
WOMEN @ 4.00PM, MEN @ 5.30PM



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DAY 1: Joc Bartram, Grace Stewart, Mariah Williams and Kaitlyn Nobbs took the players through a series of skills before signing some autographs on sticks, hats, clothing and bags. A great start to the clinic.



DAY 2: Corey Weyer, Jacob Whetton, Tom Wickham and Nathan Ephraums played a pile of small games, trick shots and goal scoring exercises that gave the kids life and enjoyment in hockey. Kids managed to get their autographs also. Another successful day out.



DAY 3: Aleisha Power, Greta Hayes, Mariah Williams and Laura Barden joined us on Day 3. It was Game day. Always welcomed by the players. The girls took the players through their paces with a series of games giving feedback to game styles and skills requirements in order to become better players.

University of WA Hockey Club raised in excess of \$6000 to assist our Aussie Teams for Tokyo 2020ne! Great effort everyone! The club is proud and excited to be able to contribute to the athlete success.