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MENS HOCKEY CLUB - KEY TO THE CLUB'S SUCCESS

At present your club is held in the highest esteem by both Sports Council and the University Sporting Facilities Committee.

The club's success this year can be clearly seen in a number of different ways.

- Club pennant competition
- Intervarsity victory
- Its three representatives in the Australian Universities Touring side.
- The continuation of the high standard of the club's magazine, "Dribble".
- Its involvement and willingness to participate in Sports Council.
- Its well organized social functions for club members.

The Club's record over the last couple of years is an impressive one but the club's success should not be taken for granted. Behind every club's success is a strong enthusiastic executive. Your club can be thankful for such a fine executive committee whose keenness has obviously rubbed off onto the ordinary members of the club.

There is no valid reason why this success should not continue providing all members give their full support to the club. A blending of experienced and inexperienced committee members is vital if the strong leadership of the club is to continue.

Tradition alone does not guarantee success, there is no one pacacea for remaining on a crest of a wave; club loyalty, a keen executive, and hard work from all members of a club is imperative if the position of high esteem the club holds at present is to continue.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again the official hockey season is over. (How about that for a ridiculously simplistic statement?) And once again the Uni club has faired reasonably well in most levels in the competition. As you can no doubt recall last year we finished second behind South Perth in the Judge and Byrne table with a score of about 69%. An excellent performance considering the size of our club. The 1A team again finished 3rd in the Guth Ardagh table but unfortunately lost the first semi to Gordon Getley and a well known short corner hitter. Well that was last year.

Since the last time we saved the Palace with a high influx of diners we've been involved in the usual round of competitions and carnivals starting, as usual, with night hockey.

We managed to put four teams at the risk of scraped knees and elbows and our first team played in, but lost, the top grade final. We'll probably suffer the same contest again this year.

The summer hockey knock-out tournament had to do without the superb skills and finesse of a Uni team this year and this, sadly, may have resulted in a lack of tune in our state trial reps F. Blue Murray, L. Led Edmonds, S. Doc Hayward, D. Dino Reynold, G. dave eye Davies and J. Netts Nettleton. Hopefully the selectors will see the error in their ways next year.

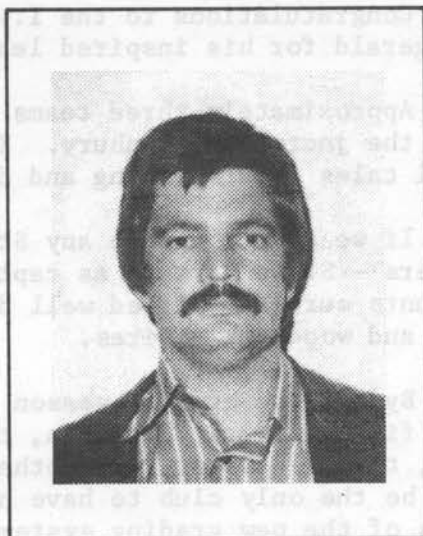
Albany suffered from our enlightening presence yet again. We entered 3 teams but taking pity on the locals we withdrew one so that they might have a chance. Priorities off the field dictated that we should pull out of the top grade and hence we managed to only finish 2nd and 3rd in the grades we did contest. Although no Stanly Trimmers made the journey back the usual boring stories about the trip down and overcoming Many Mount Peaks City United and most of our players did.

Our first great money raising event, the Carnival, was cunningly used to try and put our grounds into their end of season condition at the beginning. However, a reduced number of teams that we could accomodate, 48 rather than 70 and astute alignment of the grounds by the Uni architect made the task a little difficult. A fine effort by all club members and especially the organising committee resulted in yet another successful carnival and fund raising event.

The season then commenced and despite vacations, I.V. and a non playing president we finished the first round with 3 teams contesting Challenge Cups. The 3A's best traditional rivals Y.M.C.A. 3-2 after being down 2-0 at one stage. The 4A's lost to Fremantle 2-0 and the 7A's (yawn) massacted old Wesley about 97-0.

Our I.V. contingent successfully rescued the Syme Cup from eastern state abuse and returned it to its rightful resting place in the corner at Charlie Browns. W.A. defeated N.S.W. 3-1 in the final after finishing 2nd in Pool 2.

Three W.A. players were selected in the I.V. combined team - Fearless Frank Fitzgerald as V.C. Ace Green and Rowdy Kazakoff. Three W.A. players were also named in the Australian Universities team to tour New Zealand. Ace, Rowdy and Slack Holmes all made the trip with Slack being named best touring player in a team that included 5 or so State players.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to the I.V. team and our reps and special thanks to FF Fitzgerald for his inspired leadership of our team.

Approximately three teams of hockey players, a gaggle of golfers and a caddy made the journey to Bunbury. Their return brought only one pennant and the usual tales of disgusting and decadent performances.

If we didn't manage any State Senior representation we did supply 3 colts players - Steve Hayward as captain, Greg Davies and John Nettleton. By all accounts our guys played well despite the occasional goalie's eye view of the game and woodduck umpires.

By the end of this season 5 teams managed to qualify for the finals. The 1A's finishing 3rd yet again, the 2A's second, the 3A's third, the 4A's third and, yawn, the 7A's first. Our other 4 teams finished well down the lists but we will be the only club to have had only "A" teams for each of the first four years of the new grading system.

Overall the club finished well down the list in the Judge and Byrne competition with an average of 50.65%. This was probably due to the loss of many experienced players from last year. Fortunately some new talent emerged to bolster the top four or five teams and with the large intake of new blood that can be rated as experienced we should have a firm foundation for the next few years.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who have supported and helped to run the club this year and especially those parents and friends who lent their time and expertise to help out with the carnival and the grand final day. Special thanks are due to Blue Murray. Firstly, for yet another successful year as captain coach of the 1A team and also for being president, lead organiser, initiator and venue supplier for many shows early this year.

Dave Miller has worked like a trojan keeping us in contact with the outside world and doing much of the tedious administrative work. Neil Bradley deserves commendation for paying all moieties on time and for being a thoroughly objectional money collector. Tim Ridgen has recently gone very silly and spends too much time working for the club so he also gets a mention along with the rest of the committee.

Next year a new, younger looking committee led by an older looking Dave Miller will be running the club and I trust you will afford them the same support we received this year.

Bob Griffiths

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The President in his report referred mainly to performances of the club on the field. In my report I will try to cover the events which occurred off the field.

I believe that the committee of the club has worked very well this year and I cannot recall any time when I have seen it work better.

I felt the club would suffer as a result of the loss of Frank Murray as President early in the year. Frank was a most dynamic president and applied himself most diligently to his job. Rob Griffiths proved to be a most able replacement and has performed a difficult job well.

Of the committee members I would like to make mention of the work done by Tim Rigden. He has helped organize several events as well as editing "Dribble". The quality of Dribble this year has been excellent.

The two pre-season events organised by the club were the Ravenswood and Rottne trips. These were novel outings for the club and were ideas proposed by Frank Murray. According to all reports both were excellent events.

The club has organized four shows during the season, those at Frank Fitzgerald Pino Monaco's, Kevin Fitzpatrick's and at the Hackett Refectory. The next Committee may give consideration to organising more than four next year.

Socially the most important event this year has been the move to the Chelsea Tavern. The club has been looking for a venue like this for a considerable time. The present position makes last year's arrangements which included Steve's, the Highway Hotel and various garages appear most unsatisfactory.

The presentation of the Wood-duck award and game reports have already formed part of the club's tradition which hopefully will be with us for some time to come.

Another tradition of the club which was remembered at Uncle Domenic's this year is Intervarsity. In the last two years we have had considerable difficulty filling sides. In Western Australia, I.V. is dying and unless we work very hard each year to send good sides we will cease to participate. I feel that if one year we missed out, we may never go again.

I would like also to mention the work done for the club by people other than committee members. I believe this year we owe much to the aid of Roger Grey, Frank Fitzgerald and Fred Dessauvage amongst others.

The Fun Day held on Sunday the 29th August was an outstanding event which was completely organised from outside the committee.

As is usual the club was much concerned with fund raising events. The carnival was, as is usual, exceedingly well organised. The drop in profits was due to factors beyond the club's control. The Quiz Night was also an outstanding fun raising event. It was so successful because so many members of the club took the trouble to organise tables. The club raffle however, which offers a prize of \$350 this year, can't be a successful one unless club members are willing to sell their raffle tickets.

A person who has put in a considerable amount of time for the club this year is Ron Hewitt, who has conducted most training sessions throughout the year. His help is most appreciated.

David Miller

TREASURER'S REPORT

With an annual turnover of some \$11,000 a year, the Uni Hockey Club has quite a large budget compared with other clubs on campus. Our membership of over one hundred members meant that subscriptions income was nearly \$2,000. Fees were based on \$20, an increase of \$5 over last year. Grants from the Sports Council (i.e. money from Guild fees) came to nearly \$3,000.

Fund raising activities settled an income of \$943, with \$360 from the Quiz Night, and \$487 from the Carnival. These two events being our major fund-raising efforts.

The committee decided last year to invest \$1,000 in the Petth Building Society firstly to gain interest on our revenue, and also to provide an account for funding Intervarsities and other long term expenses.

By far the largest expense to the club is the affiliation fees made to the W.A.H.A., these totalled \$2,964. Intervarsity travel cost \$3,556, of which travel grants from the Guild were \$804 and the club subsidy was \$380. Our State representatives at the Australian Colts Carnival were also subsidized \$30 each.

I would like to thank very much Kevin Fitzpatrick for his efforts as Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer. He did most of the foot work on campus for me, and dealt with the Guild Accounts Office most ably.

Neil Bradley.

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FRANK MURRAY — LIFE MEMBER



Membership: 1968 - 1972, 1974 - 1976

Administration

1969 Committeeman. Raffle Organiser

1970 President (In that year the club won the A2 grand final, to regain A1 status)

1971 President - taking over position from Ken Perry

1972 Assistant Secretary, Dribble Editor, Captain A1 side.

1974 Capt-Coach top side

1975 Capt-Coach top side

1976 President for first part of season
Capt-Coach 1A side.

Frank has been President of the Club for more times than any clubman for at least the past 15 years. Being President in the Uni Hockey Club is not an insignificant position as in many sporting clubs. In most years the success of the Hockey Club, as a playing and social institution, depends very greatly on the President to lead and direct the Club. Frank has been extremely efficient at attending to organisational details. He has been responsible for running the Pre-season carnivals on a number of occasions

Has served as Club delegate to Sport's Council, and is now a representative on a WAHA committee.

Frank has been a focus for Club social functions - firstly through the extension of his parents home for many arranged and informal functions and more recently has extended his residence as a headquarters for many a club show.

Playing record

Frank has a very distinguished personal playing record. He has been a member of the top side since joining the club, and has played seven seasons of 1A hockey. Selected in the Colts side in 1971, State senior side in 1973, and State Rest sides in 1974 - 1976, Frank's ability is beyond question.

Intervarsity: 1968, 1969, Capt 1974 Syme Cup side.

Selected in the Australian Universities side in 1969 that played New Zealand Unis.

Capt Aust Uni. team in 1974 vs N.Z. Unis.

Capt W.A. Uni. side vs Indian Unis side toured Aust in 1971.

For the past three seasons Frank has been Capt - coach of the 1A side. These have seen the best performances of University in the top competition since the mid 1950s. 1975 saw Uni playing in the Challenge Cup and the preliminary final. This year's side has an excellent chance in the finals.

In 1973, when we were relegated to A2s Frank played A1 hockey for Old Mods. However he continued to have a very close commitment to the club.

General

Frank apart from his skill as a player and an administrator has brought an attitude to the club that was previously lacking. His enthusiasm for what ever he tackled has paid immense dividends and permeated through out the club. Frank has been an inspiration to his fellow team members as well as to a great majority of members.

THREE PREVIOUS GRAND-FINALS

Up until this year, Uni had won three Grand Finals since the second World War, all being during the nineteen-forties.

Only the other week, Mal, Ron and Eleanor blew the dust off the Archives of the "West Australian" and went searching for details of grand finals since 1945. In their searching they discovered details of the three grand finals we've won.

1945 - vs Cricketers - Uni won 2-1.

This gave Uni their first ever premiership, a memorable achievement indeed. A most notable feature of the game was the fact that then State player, Danny Dunn was Captain of the side and from all accounts was the inspiration behind the win. J.S. Lynn, whose name is perpetuated on one of our annual trophies, was also a member of that historic team.

1947 - vs Old Guildford - A draw.

This was quite a tussle it seems and the result was the only shared pennant in post war hockey.

In the first game after 30 minutes of extra time, the team were level on 2 all. They didn't have flicks in those days so the officials scheduled another match for the following weekend.

In the replay, at the end of 70 minutes the score was 2 all. After the first 10 minutes of extra time the score was 3 all. After the second period of 10 minutes the score was 4 all. Then the score remained constant at 4 all during the first spell of 5 minutes extra time, but after a further five minutes the other way, both sides scored again, and the result after 100 minutes of hockey was 5 all.

At this stage a third match was talked about but one of Uni's fullbacks was being married the following Saturday, and the other fullback had exams so the Uni team decided to quite while they were ahead and the result was called a tie! Danny Dunn was again a member of that side.

1949 vs Cricketers - won 4-3

There are few details of this match except that at half time Uni were down 3-0. After what must have been some pep talk at half time the team went back on the field and scored 4 goals to win 4-3. One known member of the team was Jeff Weaver, the father of Ian and Ross Weaver.

HAYWARD — AN OLYMPIAN?

Winner of the 1976
J.S. LYNN trophy.

This year has
been an outstanding
one for Steve Hayward
and in the opinion of
the committee has
done most to bring
credit to the club.

This year for
the first time an
award, the Olympians
Medal, has been al-
located to the best
player in the 1A
grade. Steve Hayward
became the first person to win that medal.

This culminated an outstanding season for
him in 1A hockey. His ability has done much
to get the top side into its first grand final
for more than 20 years.

He has played every game at right full back
and has held down this position magnificently.
In addition to this he is becoming recognised
as probably the best short corner hitter in the
State. He was the leading goal scorer in 1A's
this year, scoring a total of 25 goals. He has
scored a goal in every game that he has played
this year.

Steve joined the club in 1974 when he was
then 18. Prior to then he had played all his
hockey in Geraldton.

Steve first represented the State when
selected in the State Junior Side in 1970.

He was first selected in the State Colts in
1972 at the age of 16. He has been a member of
the State Colts side every year since then.
Being selected in five consecutive colts sides
(under 21) is truly outstanding and in recent
times is rarely achieved.

In 1974 Steve scored the winning goal in
the Grand Final at the colts competition which
was played at Perth.

In 1975 he was selected in the combined
Australian colts side at the end of the carnival.

In 1976 he was selected as Captain of the W.A. Colts team and was again in
the combined colts side.

At the age of 20, Steve's hockey career is only just starting. If he contin-
ues to show the dedication he has shown in the past, he must be almost certain
to be selected in the State Senior side in the near future and may possibly
represent Australia.

Other Uni players to score votes in the medal count were:-

F. Murray (32)	4th	K. Holmes (6)
L. Edmonds (16)		J. Ovens (4)
B. Buirchell (12)		B. Kazakoff (4)
D. Reynolds (9)		D. Viner (2)



Medal in hockey to Hayward

University defender
Steve Hayward last
night won the inaugural
Olympians' Medal for
the fairest and best play-
er in the men's 1A-grade
hockey competition.

With the last vote of
the night at the count at
the Sheraton-Perth hotel,
Hayward totalled 36
votes to beat Old Mod-
ernians' forward Steve
Smith by one vote.

Australian vice-captain
Ric Charlesworth, who
missed several matches
while away with the
Olympic team, finished
third with 34 votes.

Hayward, who plays at
right full-back, is a
tough tackler and marks
closely to disrupt attack-
ing moves.

However, his greatest
attribute is his goal-scor-
ing ability. He has scored
in every game he has
played this year.

His tally of 29 goals has
not been equalled for
many years. His accuracy
and power with penalty
corners and penalty
strokes is uncanny.

Hayward, originally
from Geraldton, has been
in the WA colts team for
five years and this year
was selected as captain.

He was also chosen in
the WA team for the first
time.

Smith scored 24 goals,
including 18 in the first
round. He was the key
to Old Modernians' strik-
ing force.

Votes:

3. Hayward (Sheraton) 36;
Smith (Old Modernians) 35;
Charlesworth (Australia) 34.

INTERVARSITY — THE CHAMPIONS



This year's I.V. was an outstanding success for all those who participated. It was probably the most keenly contested for some time and the greatest winning margin (excluding Macquarie) was 4-0.

The team remained as one group throughout the week, which had much to do with our success on and off the field.

Our first game was against Wollongong which we won 3-1. The game was relatively easy with Chris Davis being best afield.

The following day was our worst and the results of the two games were

W.A. 3 drew with Queensland 3

W.A. 2 drew with Monash 2

Queensland performed exceedingly well and only a late corner by Frank Fitzgerald got us the point.

Monash Uni again proved to be our bogey side and again a late corner goal by Frank Fitzgerald got us the draw. Mike Jansen played a great game at right half.

The next day saw our only loss for the carnival when we went down 2-3 to Newcastle. Brian Chapman played brilliantly at centre forward scoring both goals.

From then on we didn't look back with a great 4-2 win against Melbourne. The side combined very well on a bad ground with Dave Miller our best player.

Our last game of the round was against New England which we won well. The score 3-1. This secured our place in the finals.

The semi final was very close with Chris Davis scoring the winning goal with only minutes to go. The game showed the greater application on our player's part which was the difference between two very even sides. Steve Wood played outstandingly.

The Grand Final was somewhat of an anti climax as we played far superior

hockey and won 3-1. The game really belonged to Brian Kazakoff whose performance was truly Brilliant. We scored a solo goal from the half line which struck the crowd with amazement.

Our best player throughout was Terry Green who scored best player votes in six out of eight games. Another most consistent player was Graeme Wright.

Goals scored were:

F. Fitzgerald	8
B. Chapman	5
T. Green	3
G. Wright	2
P. Kazakoff	2
C. Davis	1
B. Kazakoff	1

The players in their first I.V. John Tregonning, Steve Wood, Andrew Alston, Graeme Wright and Mike Jansen all performed most creditably.

The only sad note was with the injury of Peter Kazakoff which prevented him from participating in most games.

The Ross Field award for best player at I.V. was awarded to Terry Green.

Our success this year is even more outstanding when one considers our record over past years. Since 1968 our position -

1968	-	3rd
1969	-	3rd
1970	-	1st
1971	-	2nd
1972	-	5th
1973	-	5th
1974	-	1st
1975	-	2nd
1976	-	1st

Selected in this years combined side:-

FRANK FITZGERALD (VICE CAPTAIN)
TERRY GREEN
BRIAN KAZAKOFF

Selected in the A.U.S.A. Touring Side

KIM HOLMES
TERRY GREEN
BRIAN KAZAKOFF

THE WASY I.V. TEAM

It was somewhere in the West, near a sewage farm's gentle gleam,
That they formed a motley side: 'twas the Wasy I.V. team.
They were long and wiry students, from every Uni side,
And the forward wasn't born with whom the fullbacks couldn't collide;
But their style of playing hockey was irregular and rash -
Mighty little consistency, but a mighty lot of dash.
As a social institution they were a marvellous success,
for its members were distinguished in both repartee and jest.
They had lots of fancy stickwork, and their shirts were green and sleek,
for their cultivated owners only trained in them once a week.
So they started across the country in pursuit of sport and fame,
For they meant to show those New South Welshmen how they ought to play the game,
And they took an extra Kazakoff - just to give theirs a rub
Ere they started operations on the other luckless clubs.

(they somehow reach the final)

Now my readers can imagine how the contest ebbed and flowed:
When the Wasy boys got going, it was time to clear the road,
and the game was so terrific that ere half time was gone,
a MUHC boy's voice was broken - from merely cheering on.
For they rushtackled us till the field was stewn with dead,
though Stan gave a doubtful flick, and neither was ahead.

(Extra Time)

Then that 'Ace', Terry Green, ambled slowly into the 'D'.
Though it was only extra time, no other player could he see:
There was only the goalie to oppose him, all the rest were in a trance,
So he took up his stance for perhaps his team's last chance,
For he meant to score a goal to get victory for his side:
So he flicked - netted it - and we nearly cried.

And the goal that Fearless crashed in, when it hit that New South backboard,
Was the third and final goal, and the game was called A WIN!

Scholar

(With apologies to A.B. Paterson)

THE SOCIAL RECIPE

The Ingredients: The required ingredients for a successful social calender are good shows, great participation by all players at all levels, and a positive attitude to mixing with the other players in the club, even when you think you have nothing in common with them (except hockey). The fact that there may be several years difference between you and another person in the club should be no deterrent to mixing at the Chelsea, on Sundays at barbecues, Saturday night shows or at training.

I think the ingredients for a great pudding were there this year. Starting with Rottnest, stirred with a liberal sprinkling of Ravenswood, a dash of barbecues, just a touch of after-training drinks, combined with a full measure of the Pub-after-the-Game, and beaten well. Press this into a tray greased with fun days at McGillivray. Bake well at about 30 degrees on a sunny wasy beach, then when cool, top with a quiz night, Bunbury, Albany, Challenge Cup Shows and you have the "Round-up".

Serve with apperitifs of night hockey, hors deouvres of the Woodduck award, summer training, a main course of nine teams in serious hockey, five finals, and a glass of Swan Lager, and you have the UMHC Social Year.

(Oh, and for dessert, the Annual Dinner).

In Detail (and roughly chronological order)

Rottnest - A must for next year, very successful. The basin, with the one metre board, the putt-putt with hockey sticks and tennis balls, and beery trips home on the Temoraire.

votes - 8 out of 10

(deduct 2 for lack of numbers)

Ravenswood - another must for next year, a very P.S.A. It all started on a quiet Sunday morning in the Uni Car Park 1. Following a rocket trip to RAVENSWOOD, there was cricket, canoeing, swimming, water polo and the highly competitive multi-racial sport of drinking.

votes-9 out of 10

Albany - Started Easter Friday, at Ye Olde Narrogin Inn at Armadale with cricket, car rally to Williams, Pies and Choc milk at Mt. Barker, and climbing Rastle Cock (At this point Chunder, er, Chundered). The weekend saw suffering (knees, ankles, shins) at the hands of the Red Rovers and the Many Mount Peaks, Croquet Club, and the blooding of new players in that sport of sports "The Zoom Game".

votes - 7 out of 10

(deduct 1 for low attendance, 2 for no Stanley Trimmers).

Chelsea - Possibly the most significant 'find' of the year - a place where we could gather as a club without interference and "do our own thing". Team reports and the Woodduck award have become very much part of this.

votes - 8 out of 10

(deduct 2 for the high prices)

Barbecues - Mostly at Frank Murray's place, Frank has always been ready to offer his place for barbecues, and Meetings, and during the summer his swimming pool is a very good reason why everyone readily accepts Frank and Erica (and more recently Boof) have been integral parts of many a club show.

votes - 7 out of 10

(deduct 3 for attendances.

Quiz Night - A very notable event successful both financially and socially. The attendance was astounding, as 8p.m. arrived so did about 200 people and extra tables had to be scrounged from wherever possible. The money made (nearly \$400) was a big boost for our coffers, and everybody enjoyed themselves. The Quiz Master, as always a very nonchalant Roger Gray. Free grog awards and excellent questions (absurd with a touch of country flavour).

Votes - 9 out of 10

(deduct 1 for Guild Admin.)

Shows - Included Fearless, Kevin Fitzpatrick's Pino Monacos, and other impromptu shows at various other people's residences.

Votes 7 out of 10

(deduct 1 for lack of variety, 2 for attendance)

Bunbury - Three sides nominated, one pennant, severe shortage of beer in Bunbury during the next week or so. About 25 players and partners, one tent, several motel rooms, Australia lost the hockey, the Burley for team very enjoyable weekend.

Votes 8 out of 10

(deduct 2 for attendance)

Fun Day - Thirty people, pentathlon - leap frog, six legged race, sculling race, invitation handicap one hundred, chorist races, sculling competition, egg and spoon race. Barbecue following, very P.S.A.

Roger and Fearless organized it, Snoopy won the I.H.O.H. and the IAS won the pentathlon.

Votes 8 out of 10 a good attendance

considering the lack of publicity.

Pizza and Champagne Night - Not a tremendous success, cost to the club was high due to low attendance (about 40), probably the last show the U.M.H.C. has on campus for a while, reasonably enjoyable nevertheless. Zoom game was a highlight.

Votes - 6 out of 10.

DRIBBLE THIS YEAR

If you don't know, DRIBBLE, or more commonly DRIVEL (describing its contents) is the weekly (er fortnightly, even monthly) newsletter of the hockey club. When it was started is unknown to me, but the records of Sports Council show it goes back to at least 1968. Dribble is certainly one of the most original names I have ever heard of for a club newsletter and I believe (modestly) ours is the best commonly occurring sporting club periodical on campus.

Unfortunately, the Dribble is really only as good as the articles therein, and getting people to put pen to paper is quite difficult. Hopefully, more articles will be forthcoming next year.

I believe the standard of the articles this year was terrific and many, many thanks to those people who took the half hour it takes to string together a couple of hundred words and write something.

Ros, the typist at Sports Council is a jet, and she even wrote an article herself, as well as stapling the pages together and correctin spelling mistakes and bad grammar (sometimes).

(Cruise)

Graeme/Wright will be Dribble Editor next year, a most capable player, he has several ideas and no doubt next years Dribble will be better than ever.

Here are probably the two "Articles of the Year".

GUIDE FOR THE HOCKEY PLAYERS WIVES ON BEER TERMS

part 1 1 Beer = a round. Depending on the number of people in the round this may take up to an hour.
A few beers = At least 4 glasses although sometimes used to explain an absence of 3 hours.
Some beers = a nebulous term used only in desperation.
Several beers = used only when the player drops his guard and, in his last moments awake, confesses to all.
A certain amount = not to be used in front of the women's auxiliary.
Indicates all methods of counting were lost.
Many beers = Uttered in moments of sorrow and regret the morning after the night before.

2A.3A Women's Auxiliary
P.S. Just the one = world famous term. Usually in the case of drinks after training.
One for the road = Invariably follows "just the one"

part 2 etc. to follow next year including
"How to phone the pub and get an answer"
"Budget meals that will keep for 5 hours without spoiling".

GREAT RIDDLE OF OUR TIME PART CCXLVI111

Why is the hockey stick hooked?

Is it to allow fearless full backs to deftly catch escaping forwards by inserting the hook up the receding players shorts leg and to thereby render him obscene?

Or is it for use in restraining aggressive umpires by catching him around the neck?

Could it be that the game was originally played by 2.2m tall giants with straight sticks and when normal 1.8m tall people took up the game the rules committee, as usual, a very conservative bunch of traditionalists decreed that the length of sticks should remain the same and just maybe the one bright English Hockey player of the time determined that if he put a hook in his stick he would not have to waste time replacing divots after every attempted hit?

Perchance at about the time of the games beginning a cruel trick of nature did not allow any mulberry branches to grow in straight lengths of more than 800mm (of course that would have been before the craftsmen of Ocford, Pakistan invented the modern cane handle, humid air soluble glue and spliced stick we know today.)

The most likely explanation occurred to the author when he happened to notice enscribed on the side of a piece of stone from Pharoah Tunkahocks Tomb hieraglyphics depicting a game similar to the one we know today. The game consisted of players propelling a plastic covered cork ball with the little fingers on their right hands. It appears that one of the rules of the game insisted on pain of disqualification that injured players could not be assisted from the field of play. However players were permitted to carry a walking stick to assist themselves off, provided the stick was flat on one side, would pass through a 50mm ring and neither weighed less than 340g nor more than 794g.

The game continued in this fashion until when, on one momentous day in 1723 one Michael Pratt of the Wormwood Scrubs Reform School just eleven, disgusted by an umpires interpretation of the 2743mm rule took up his regulation walking stick, inverted it and hit the ball with the flat side into the opposition's goal. The rest is history.

Next: Part CCXLIX - "Why does the towelling grip on a hockey stick unwind on a hot day when you run a lot, or on a wet day when you don't even run at all."

PLAYERS THAT HAVE LEFT THIS YEAR

Murray Griffiths - Was transferred to teach at Geraldton this year. Was always an active clubman and a great competitor on the field.

Rick Dunn - Has finished Uni and now married, is touring Europe with Peta.

Michael Merven - String decided to return to his native Mauritius. Rumoured to be having an excellent time.

Chris Jones - Has left us to take up the occupation of traveller. Thought to be attempting to break into the professional hockey business.

Max Adams - Won himself a scholarship and is now studying in England.

Peter Blenise - It is believed that he has at last finished Uni and is travelling around the State in a mobile dental clinic. Recently engaged.

Don Sylvester - Another intellect who has deserted us for scholarship with the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, N.Z.

Don Sherrington - Always a steady player with the club. Has left us to teach in Bunbury.

Godfrey Walker - Gone to Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific.

Spot one of the above players in the 1A collage?



THE WOODDUCK AWARD

A popular addition to the aftermatch activities at the Chelsea this year was the woodduck (WD) Award for the silliest act of the week. Potential WD's were nominated by an allegedly reliable witness who had observed the allegedly silly act and who recounted the alleged incident in all its ridiculous details to the assembled multitude. This spectacle alone was enough to reveal definite WD characteristic in one player previously suspected of being a sparrow. His reputed habit of eating birdseed did not fool astute WD judges Ledmonds, Fearless and Xmas. These three renowned gentlemen and well-known woodducks of long standing (and even more lying down) chose the winning candidate in clear-cut cases, but in close contests the WD of the week was elected by popular acclaim.

Inaugural WD, as one might have guessed, was the One Without Fear himself, who in a split second of drink-induced absentmindedness abandoned what he had travelled 6,000 miles and played eight games of hockey to win, namely the Sir George Syme Cup, to the dubious care of Charlie Brown's Pizza Parlour.

The pizza king, Friggin Rigden became the next W.D. when he removed a chair from behind the descending rear portion of Steve Grey, who was left helpless in the grip of gravity. When the hapless Grey had arisen from the floor (a place he has been seen before) Friggen was heard to politely inquire, "Sorry, was this your chair?"

Mal Traill, who bogged his car in the South end of Carr St., which incidentally runs E-W, was the third winner. Traill further damaged his reputation as a mild-mannered reporter in the following weeks with a series of scandalous nominations which produced at least one W.D. One of these was Squaker, the Bumbury-City Roller, who apparently preferred to sleep outside the tent in the rain.

Perhaps an unlikely candidate, but a woodduck nevertheless, was Kevin Fitzpatrick who was silly enough to involve his means of conveyance in a collision not after, but on the way to the I.V. players dinner. Another to win the award for his automotive exploits was Tom Greenwell.

One of the most closely contested awards went to Ian Gummery for intercepting an overhead pass with his head, proving that it was not, in fact, an overhead ball. Ian won by one vote from Bevan Buirchell, who had to be disuaded by the umpire from taking a spell behind the goals in a match against Fremantle. He must have had a guilty conscience.

It has been said (1) that woodducks are born and not made, yet Buirchell has demonstrated that in exceptional cases the desire to be a W.D. combined by a reputation for winging, is enough to produce award winning characteristics.

From these, and the many other excellent nominations, will be chosen the Woodduck of the Year, who will retain the handsome W.D. trophy for life.

References (1) C. Davis "I.V. Woodduck Committee Policy Speech" Sydney '76



THE 1A's – GRAND FINALISTS '76 – from left:

Frank Murray, John Nettleton, Kim Holmes, Brian Kazakoff, Lindsay Edmonds, Steve Haywood, Jeff Ovens, Bevan Buirchell, Greg Davies, Dave Viner, Graeme Wright.

Missing: Denis Reynolds

THE CELEBRATED 1A COMBINATION

Some brief notes on those who played in the 1976 1A side.

FRANK MURRAY (Blue) 26 Right Inside/Midfield general/Captain Coach

The sides most experienced player, having played more than 100 first grade matches for the club. Joined UMHC in 1968, regular member of top side in his first year. Colts player in 1971, State selection in 1973. Represented State in fixtures against Holland (1974) and the 1975 Australian World Cup Team. 1974-1976 selected in State Rest sides. Intervarsity - 1968, 1969 (Combined side and vs N.Z. Unis), 1974 (Captain Combined Universities, also vs N.Z. Unis). Capt. UMHC side versus Indian Universities in 1971. Awarded half blue in 1969, full blue in 1971.

Has had an outstanding season, dominating midfield play. Excellent tactician.

LINDSAY EDMONDS (Led), 27 Right Wing/Left Inside

Another 1968 recruit (from Albany). First played in 3rd side. Member 1969 A3 Premiership team. Selected in top eleven in 1970. Played more than 80 first grade matches. Made the final State team trials in 1974. I.V.: 1968, 1969 (combined side), 1970 (combined side), 1973 (Combined side). Game is characterised by reliable trapping, speedy thrusts dribbling past defenders with ease and execution of the famous feint.

STEVEN HAYWARD (doc) 20 Right Full back.

Joined club in 1974. Since that time top side has contested the final each year. Doc's ability to convert corners has been the difference between Uni sides being in or out of the four. Schoolboys 1972, Colts 1973-76 (Captain). Played in State Rest teams. Played more than 50 1A games. Leading goalscorer (25) in 1A competition. Certain to represent the State within a short time. Winner of inaugural Olympians medal, 1976.

DENNIS REYNOLDS (Dino) 23 Centre Half/Right Half

Wore Uni colours for first time in 1972. Played in top side since joining club. State Colts 1971-1974. Selected in numerous Metropolitan sides. I.V.: 1972 (Combined side), 1974 (Combined side, also against N.Z. Unis) Has made a great contribution to Uni hockey. Always puts in 100% effort. A key player in the 2A side of 1973. Full Blue in 1973.

JEFF OVENS (Juvens) 24 Inside Left/Centre Forward

Seventh season with club. Played in top side in first year. I.V.: 1971, 1972, selected combined sides both I.V.'s. Half Blue in 1972. Very talented player, good stick work, fast, one of the few forwards who can "take-on" opposing players and maintain control of ball.

BEVAN BUIRCHELL (Snoopy) 24 Left full back/left half

Albany recruit, joining in 1969, first season with 3rd side. A regular member of top side since 1970. Club Fairest and best in 1974. Veteran Intervarsity man, representing W.A. from 1969 to 1975 inclusive. Selected in combined bids in 1970, 71 (Vice Captain) and 1974 (also versus N.Z. Unis) Awarded half blue in 1970. Always gives 100% effort. dogged and determined.

JOHN NETTLETON (Netts) 19 Goalie

Transferred to Uni (from Mods) in 1974. Schoolboys in 1972, Colts 75, 76. Developed into one of the State's best keepers. Has had a very good season.

GREG DAVIES (Davo) 20 Left Inside/Right wing

Member of club since 1974. Regular 1A player. Colts 1973, 75, 76. Member of 1974 Syme Cup side. Selected All Aust. Uni Side. Awarded half blue in 1974. Has effectively countered most opposing forwards - always gives his best.

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FRANK MURRAY (Blue) 56 Right Inside/Outside/Center/Captain Coach



Member of club since 1974. Captain 1A player. State 1975, 1976, 1977. Member of 1978 State Cup side. Selected All American. Awarded All American Cup. Has effectively committed most opposing forwards - always gives the puck.

KIM HOLMES (Slack) 25

Right Half/Right Wing

Another Albany recruit, joining in 1969 and finished playing the first season in the A3 premierships team. A member of top side since 1970.

I.V. : 1971 (Combined side), 1974 (Combined side and fairest and best) Australian Unis touring side 1976; voted best player. Has played more than 80 first grade fixtures. Tackling skills, speed, defence of corners and ability to run through a defence are attributes of Slack's game.

BRIAN KAZAKOFF (Rowdy) 20

Centre half/left half

Member since 1974. Schoolboys in 1971.

Intervarsity in 1974, 1975, 1976 (All Australian res; toured N.Z.)

Very good ball control, passes adeptly and is rarely beaten in close encounters. His first season in the top competition.

GRAHAM WRIGHT (Kruise) 23

Left Wing

Hails from Parkes, N.S.W. Member of winning St. George Sides, Sydney.

Competition 1972-1974. N.S.W. Schoolboys 67, 68, 69.

First season with club. Deceptive pace, good stickwork.

DAVID VINER (Blades), 19

Left half

Club's most outstanding find for 1976 (ex Geraldton). Played nine 1A games, and adapted extremely well to the pace of top grade hockey. Should be an asset to the club for many years. Rare distinction of playing in a University Grand Final side in first season with club.

PETER KAZAKOFF 23

Centre Forward

Member since 1971. Played in top side for early part of season. Intervarsity 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976.

FRANK FITZGERALD (Fearless) 22

Fullback

First season (1971) played in U/18 team. Proved a match winner in his first 1A game (1974) at left wing against Fremantle. Played in five Intervarsities; Vice Captain combined side in 1976. Dedicated UMHC man.

RON HEWITT (Later) 23

Inside forward

Seventh season with club. Proved a versatile replacement for a number of games during the past three seasons. First played 1A's in 1971.

I.V.: 71, 72, 73 (All Aust), 74, 75 (Capt All Aust side).

Awarded half blue in 1973.

JIM ASHBY Youngster

Right wing

First season with club. Certain regular top side player of the future. Fast, hard hit, mixes with the best (or worst) of opposition.

NEW ZEALAND 1976

In August, Slack, Rowdy and Ace were selected in the Australian Uni's tour of New Zealand, which has been classed as the most successful since the tours were first started.

The team only lost one match. This was to Canterbury Province who played with seven Montreal Olympians in their side. The score being 3-1. All 4 goals were scored in the last twelve minutes of play.

The three W.A. members acquitted themselves well; on and off the field. All being members of the two test sides.

Slack was the milk shake king, Rowdy the Bourbon King and Ace the Ace!

A feature of the games was the fact that Slack was named fairest and best for the tour, playing most matches at left half. Most memories of N.Z. begin and end with the poor umpires. The umpires that weren't useless were outright cheats. Their interpretation of the advantage rule, turned most games into a mass of confusion and frustration.

Despite this minor setback the Aussies adjusted themselves well to the playing conditions, birds and beer (64¢ a jug) and showed dominance over the Kiwis in all fields. For further details approach one of the players and ask about Jane, Sally, Mary or Mt. Cook.



Denis Reynolds - won fairest and best on player votes for the 1A's by one vote from Steve Haywood, seen here in a first round match against South Perth.

TEAM REPORTS

2A

CAPTAIN - RON HEWITT

BEST PLAYER - ROSS FIELD

TOP GOAL SCORER - PETER KAZAKOFF AND FRANK FITZGERALD
(11 each)

Writing at the end of the qualifying round, the 2A's this year appear to have their best chance for some time of taking off the pennant. We've dispensed with Fremantle, Aquinians appear old and slow and Don Sarant and his band of merry men appear the only obstacle.

As best player votes indicate, the performance this year has been an even one from all players representing the side. Perhaps the best way to describe the performance is to say a few words about the players involved

Richard Nota - Probably not the noisiest goalkeeper we've had all year but a great performer. Best game - South Perth first round. He also distinguished himself by obtaining from the captaincy vote and enabling Later to give the casting vote in his own favour.

Brett "Squaker" Hawker

- Probably the noisiest goalkeeper we had all year. Managed to jump the promotion queue with a move to goalkeeper halfway through the season. Best game, Applecross Y.M.C.A. - second round when he overcame a hole through his mouth to still manage a few quiet ones down the Chelsea.

Tim "Dum Dum" Irvine

- Although his heart is with the 3A's, Dum Dum managed a few steady games with the two's - usually against Fremantle.

Frank "Fearless" Fitzgerald

- One word from the skipper and Fearless does exactly as he likes. Despite a heavy training programme Fearless has come good at the right time and with a highatrick of goals against cricketers in the second round - who can say more?

Ross Field

- Not many people who have seen the 2A's this year will doubt Roscoe value to the side. Best game - Cricketers - first round when Graham Walter thought he kept running into a brick wall. Doesn't pass the ball to people who mistrap.

David "Blades" Viner

- "Can you play left-half?" That was the question asked of Blades at the start of the year. He gave it a go. Played many good games for the two's before being promoted. Best game - Bassendean Morley first round.

Bob "Calipers" Kelliher

- Still thinks he's a 3A player despite having played easily most of his games with the 2A's. Like Blades, he sees the value in attacking. Best game Applecross YM - first round - and probably the final round.

Bill Chapman

- A true legend of University Hockey. The only time Bill ever stops is when both legs are stiff with cramp - and even then he's usually trying to tackle back. Never puts in a bad game and always capable of lifting the side.

Brian "Rowdy" Kazakoff

- In the few games he played was always amongst the best. The games he played at centre-half showed what a good player he is in that position. Still can't pass the ball the right inner - its got to be to the stick and along the ground.

Tony "Morgs" Morgan

- One of the legacies of some great 3A sides over the years. When his trapping, passing and goalscoring are going well Morgs is great. A couple of times he got two out of three moving and was fairly useful. Anyone who watched the game against YMCA in the first round is well aware of the devastating Morgan Trap.

Leigh "Robby" Robinson

- 1st year player who never puts in a bad one. Member of a long list of University players whose goalscoring tally will probably never go into double figures. Best game - Aquinians first round.

Terry "Ace" Green

- The Charlie George of the 2A's. When he does it he does it well. Greeny was probably the most dynamic and devastating player on the side. But all this takes it out of a bloke - and he had to rest up at times. Best game - Y.M.C.A. first round. (Also takes fli - a bonus for 2A's and the I.V. side.)

Mike Stacey - When Stace gets to bed before 3.00a.m., gets to the game before it starts, doesn't go wine tasting on Saturday morning and isn't working in the country, he plays well. Yes, it did happen - and more than once. Accompanied by his loving wife (if it wasn't raining) who was usually dressed in opposition colours, Stace was a dynamic left inside of the old style. Will play well in the finals if.....

Peter Kazakoff

- Has played well in all games in the second round. It would be remiss not to mention the occasion when Peter got a couple of hits against Bassendean - Morley and eight of them went into the net. Say no more.

Didien Merven

- Yes, he played for us too.

Ron "Later" Hewitt

- Probably not the fastest, fittest, most skilful, calmest or steadiest player in the side - but put all these together and you get a captain.

Jim "Rip" Ashby

- Played some excellent games during the season, especially South Perth in the first round. Jim managed to impress himself on opposition players and his captain with some interesting alterations during the games. Will improve steadily and as a first year player was a real acquisition to the club.

Graeme "Cruise" Wright

- Almost forgot the old man who fronted up early in the season. New breed at right inside - could run - but went on to bigger and brighter things.

We also managed to talk Roger Gray and Graham Spragg into playing a game each and there were a couple of blokes around earlier on who made their presence felt. Who remembers Ross Simons and Paul Hopkins?

As you can see all sides this year have been hit by unavailability of players and the 2A's was no exception. It was heartening and a credit to the players involved that the 2A's finished 2nd at the end of the round, and never had to feel that the side was weakened at all.

No doubt next year all sides will take on fairly new appearances, but the last three years playing with the core of the players mentioned above have been great times and successful ones for the club.

3A

CAPTAIN - TOM GREENWELL
BEST PLAYER - MAL TRAILL
TOP GOAL SCORER - DIDIER MERVEN (14)

This year's 3A side had a moderately successful season gaining 20 points from a possible 32 points. Of the 16 games, we won 8 and drew 4. The standard of the competition was particularly good, especially in the top three sides which included many former grade players. With the threat of relegation for two teams, sides out of the four fought tenaciously for any point and were by no means pushovers.

As far as the Guth Ardagh is concerned we were a clear third. With a regular side we should have finished second, however we were unable to overcome the loss of key players at various times.

The Side abounds in talent with players in each division who, in a weaker club, would make good higher grade players. In goals we have had either Mike Eaton or Richard Nota at various stages of the season. Both have had their moments with Mike improving, and Richard, especially of late, forming a solid last line. Our full backs are Tim Irvine and John Webb. Both have very strong hits and scholars' play has improved in the last bit as he has taken hits early. His aroused ostrich imitation when a forward looks like passing him is very effective in preventing breakaways. Dum Dum would have to be one of our most consistent players, a good short corner hitter and most astute tackler. He would have come close to scoring in every game, either a goal for us or a badly misshapen shin for them. Then comes our most efficient half line, a surprise considering only Mike Jansen and Mal "close to the ground" Traill were the only regulars. At right half we saw a number of players more often than not "Calipers" Rob Kelliher one of the best halves not consistently playing 2A's. A great tackle, excellent stickwork and improved passing, if Rob had played all season we would have had by now an unbeatable defense. When Rob was promoted Neil Brick played a number of games and showed considerable promise. In our last qualifying game we saw the return of a golden oldy in the form of Brindles, who lacked none of his old dash, when he played the position. Mike Jansen, our solid left half who made sure he didn't lack pace with most effective sweep tackles on many right wingers. Which left us with the centre half who plays at ground level with great tenacity, possesses the most sweeping reverse stick tackle ever seen, and compounds with the greatest ease at the sight of open goals. Yes this mild mannered "Sunday Games" reporter, is none other than that demon of deep defence, that darling of the umpires, that early morning visitor and phantom woodduck nominator - MALCOLM TRAILL. Mal proved to be the mainstay of an improving defence. His placid off field manner was cast off revealing a tough and resolute defender. When the defence improved, the forwards seemed to lose form in the second round. It was in this division that most changes were made, and so cohesion suffered and individual efforts were relied on too often. In the first round we scored many field goals, but when Spraggy was injured, then Rogair and Robbie played, 2A's things did not go so well. Till his injury, Spraggy was playing great hockey characterised by his 'lack of control' goals. Completely befudding the opposite team with his apparent lack of control he invariably scored vital goals.

We hope to see him fit, at least as a reserve for the finals. Xmas replaced the injured player and immediately showed a fighting spirit that boosted the forward line. In recent weeks he has been our most consistent forward with his complete demise of the Trinity woodduck being a highlight. At Left Inside we have "Didier the Mauritian" (as in Redbeard the Pirate) whose major pastime is collecting the ball at the top of the circle and seeing if the goalkeeper can get his legs together before the ball gets through and hits the back board. His partner in crime at the top of the circle, is the right inner Rogair Gray (Jenny's spelling). Easily the best inner in our grade, Roger has the dubious honour of being marked closely by the top sides. Rog still hasn't mastered the rattling the backboard art, hence his trick or treat games during long corners. If the other teams ran out and marked Didi they would be better off than tackling Rog - or would they? These two are our key forwards in the finals. At right extreme we have footballer cum hockey stick holder (nearly player) "Lethal Leigh". He has convincingly crushed every half back this season with his pace and control, or his vicious back tackling. Over the top you say, not only that but around the ankles, shoulders, in the back etc. For his first season he has not only picked up the skills but also most of the tattics which is a tremendous effort. Eric Silver and Ian Redmond played games during the season and both acquitted themselves well in their appearances. The other forward who could be described as an (by Fremantle), the bulk of forward line or the lumberer (by friends), the third umpire (by umpires,) team badget (by Dino) - or more honestly the thoughtful, skilful, and pacy sharpshooter of the circle (in his own opinion) is the famed Greenman. Having now purchased a green (Ex Mauritian) car to go with his vivid green running shoes its go Green machine go. Having established his authority early, (no elections) he continued as Captain for the year, and although his goal scoring has met a slump considerable damage is being done to goalkeepers.

We have had many highlights to the season with the magnificent Challenge Cup fight back to win 3-2 versus YMCA being the most memorable. Slightly behind this was the draw with Subs with 8 or was it 9? or was it 10 even?. The side certainly has the ability to win the Grand Final and if the forwards can get it all together, spectators will be in for a great series of games.

Tom Greenwell

4A

CAPTAIN - DAVE MILLER
BEST PLAYER - BRIAN CHAPMAN
TOP GOALSCORER - BRIAN CHAPMAN (15)

This year has been quite a successful one for the 4A's who have not been out of the top four for the whole of the year.

At the end of the first round we were lying second after winning 6 games, losing 1 and drawing 1. This qualified us to play in the Challenge Cup against Fremantle, who, unfortunately, we went down to 2-0. The game being a very hard, even contest in which we had more than our share of the play, with the opposition making better use of their short-corner opportunities.

In the second round we had a mild slump to finish 3rd overall. We suffered badly during the holiday period. However, at the end of the second round recovery was in sight just in time for the finals.

Our regular players were:

Eric Silver: A first year player that has shown good form and interest in the club. Seems to be a natural left winger possessing pace and good control of the ball. Has gradually been coached into crossing the ball early and looks like being good value for the finals.

Kevin Ho: Played some excellent games as an inner at the start of the season. Seemingly lacking confidence in his play at times but always an enjoyable person to have in the team. Is a fierce backtackler.

Brian Chapman: Chappy never seems to stop running and doesn't know when to give up. At centre-forward he seems to enjoy the occupation of top goalscorer, but is less happier when faced with fullbacks bent on remodelling his limbs. Has been advised to straighten the scoop in his stick to eliminate the occasional high-ball.

Neil Brick: A talented right half come right inner as the situation demands. As a first year player he has been at home in both the 3A and 4A sides, showing determination and good stick work. Good value to the club on and off the field.

Neil Bradley: Has played the majority of the season in the 4A's. At the right wing position he has played consistently well, though sometimes being short of play.

David Miller: As captain of the side he has played well both at left inner and left half. Often known to substitute "vigorous" play for pace. Has earned the sides respect for the work he has put into the 4A's.

Steve Wood: At centre-half has turned in some good games, though being another player to loose form in the middle of the season. Likes to play the role of an attacking centre-half.

John White: Came into the side late in the season to play right-half back and immediately established his worth. Said to have an awkward playing action, something akin to a modified rush tackle but much more effective.

Steve Gray: A steady and useful half back that played with the side in the second round. Always put in a good effort on the field and at the Chelsea afterwards.

Geoff Harwood: Definitely a useful find for the club as a full back. Impressed early in the season with his sure tackling and good close-in play. Unfortunately he suffered a slight loss of form in the middle of the season, but is now looking more confident for the finals.

Laurie Adams: Is now firmly entrenched at the end of the season at the right full back position. Plays consistently good hockey with a flair for cover defence. Though a hard player he could be seen as the gentleman of the side.

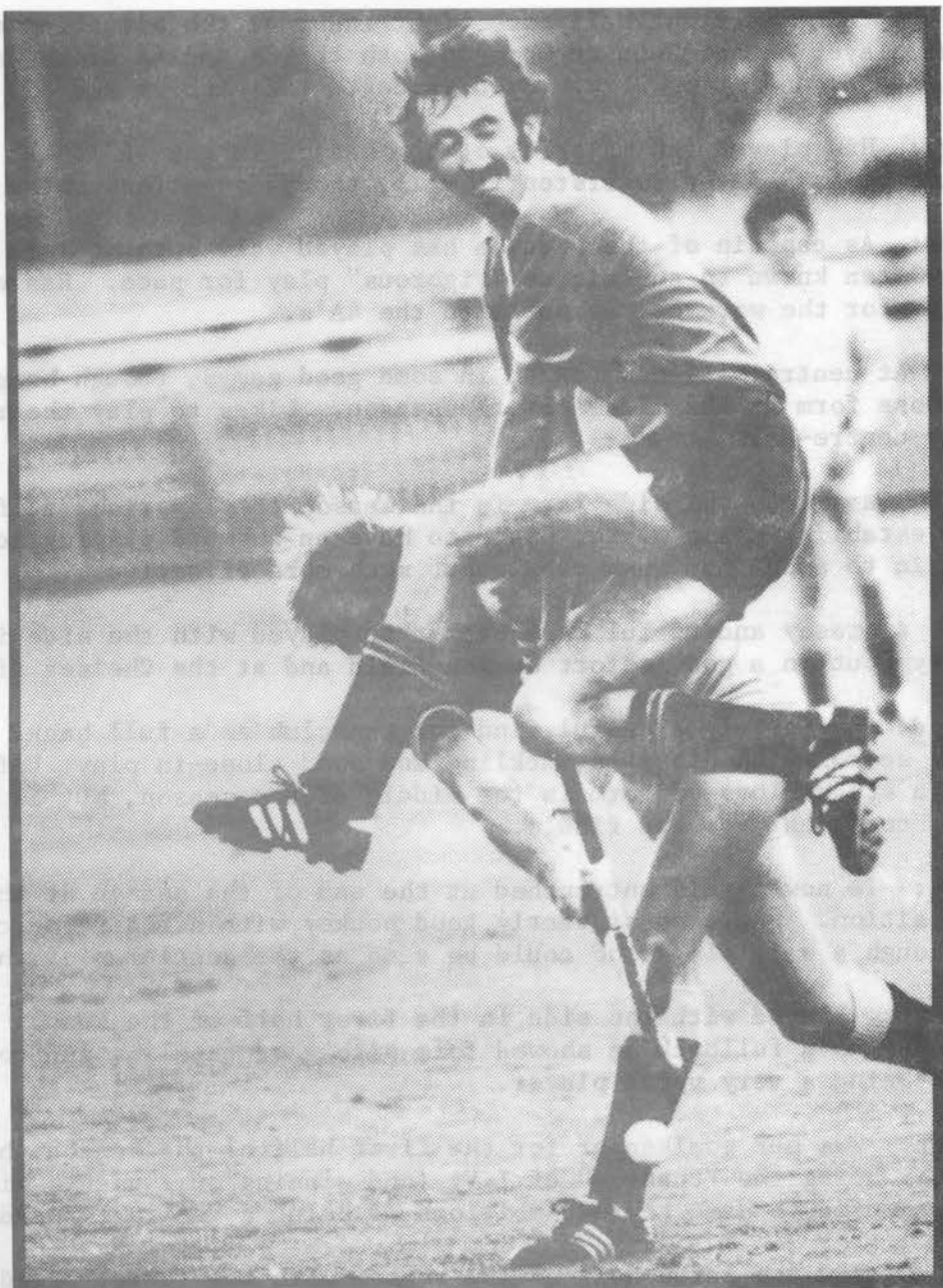
Peter Randolph: Played with the side in the first half of the season before leaving Perth. As a fullback he showed form with good tackling and control. Renowned for being a very vocal player.

Andrew Alston: Was our goalkeeper for the first half of the season, but is most noted for being the "Phantom" of I.V. (and winning quiz nights with casual ease). Is rumoured to have secret ambitions of being a centre-forward.

Mike Eaton: Played the later half of the season with the fours. Find himself quite at home in pads especially with any opposition players foolish enough to try and score field goals.

Thanks also go to the following people who have played with the 4A's various times during the year:

Rick Dunn, Greg Blight, Ian Redmond, Colin Cooper.



No wonder the 1A's won the "Fun day Pentathlon" with team practices during matches. Note also the famous "Led'en" Expression.

CAPTAIN - PETER JOHNSTON
BEST PLAYER - GEOFF HALL

We opened the season well, if not spectacularly. South Perth did an excellent job in losing to us in the first game. They scored once, we scored thrice, not to mention a certain "Big Match" type soccer goal netted by a certain nameless, stickless player who shall remain nameless, if not stickless.

Some noteworthy experienced players, and Neil Bradley, helped make up the strong side we fielded. Unfortunately several were soon lost to higher grades, as were those talented newcomers who performed really terribly in their 5A debut. Take Squawker, for example. We were that desperate for a goalie that even he was offered the position: "How'd you like this nice pair of pads, Squawker? Just think, you could be a star!" "Oh, all right then" he casually replied, and one gold logie winning performance later was selected for a co-starring role in the second side.

In spite of this tragic loss, Captain Peter Johnston was able to mould the side into an effective combination which steadily made up for early season lost ground.

The fives played the game strongly and were a definite challenge to top sides but in several important games just failed to gain the result: winning goals were hard to come by. One such occasion saw us fighting all the way to gain an advantage against Applecross YM but had to be content with a 3-3 draw. Several corners were forced in this game and throughout the season but our goal average was not impressive. I feel our match winning potential would be greatly enhanced by the holding of short corner practice, for both attack and defence combinations, at times other than 1.30 on Saturday afternoons.

As the season progressed convincing victories were recorded against Trinity and Cricketers, plus a 5-1 result against South Perth in the second round. This left us with a chance to appear in the finals; 3 points outside the four and five games to play.

Unfortunately the vacation drawin left us with six fresh players (and three from earlier games) to play top side Old Wesley. They were confident, but they panicked and we scored no less than twice. (but no more than, either). Strong pressure from Wesley (and the umpires) proved too great, and we were eventually "beaten". The final score was irreverant, so don't ask.

Two more wins were recorded to the end of the season, which saw us finish outside the four but not disgraced. Prospects for next season are high.

A few notes on players who featured during the season follow, with apologies to them and those who have been unintentionally overlooked:

Dave Herridge: Captained the team for part of the season, controlled the pattern of play from position at centre-half.

Andrew Alston: Giant goalkeeper, kept the defence tight, cleared effectively with a quiet kick over the half lines.

Geoff Hall: Trained regularly, possibly why he performed so consistently well at fullback.

Slide Naughton: An inspiration with his aggressive forward moves and determination to win at all costs.

Steve Grey: - worked tirelessly at left half; delivered the ball superbly, was never beaten.

Greg Blight: Played both wings, but showed latent tendencies towards right innter where he gave his best displays.

Gary Brennan: maintained a solid defense approximately in the vicinity of left full back position.

Kevin Mead: Lightning forward, showed much aggression in circle.

Ian Redmond: Versatile forward, played with high degree of skill.

John (Deep Throat) Tregonning: Played several games at centre table, Chelsea Tavern, not to mention occasional hockey.

Several other club members took the field for us during the 1976 season. Once again apologies to those not mentioned especially the new members who we hope to see more of in the winter of '77.

Next year I'm sure the club would like to see more than just a couple of three players representing us at the Chelsea and other events. Next year the 5A's should also be a force to be reckoned with on the hockey field and be in a position to take on any side in the competition and win.

6As

CAPTAIN - KEVIN FITZPATRICK

BEST PLAYER - FRED DESSAUVAGIE

TOP GOAL SCORER - JOHN NAUGHTON (5 goals)

The 6A's this year did not have as successful a season as some of the other grades. We finished in seventh position after being ninth for the greater part of the season. The regular members of the team were Kevin Fitzpatrick, Tim Rigden, Craig Turner, Fred Dessauvagie, Andrew (Bill) Bailey, Michael Mills, John Brookes, Greg Forbes, John Tregonning, Peter Bligh and Jeff Babb. At various stages of the year several other people played for the team. They included Gary Brennan, Bob Brindley, Laurie Adams, Tim Casey, Brian Kelly, Bob Griffiths and John Naughton.

Bob Griffiths played almost the whole second round for our team, teaming with Fred Dessauvagie at fullback in most games. Laurie Adams returned from retirement (following captaining the 5A's to the Grand Final last year) to play a couple of games for the 6A's before moving up to the 4A's where he is playing magnificently.

Also coming out of retirement late in the season was Bob Brindley, Bob, the stalwart of the 1A's for many years made hockey in the 6A's a pleasant game. His level headed trapping and passing lifted the game of the other players remarkably.

John (Slide) Naughton joined our team late in the first round but his aggressive play in the forward line led us to many goals. He was top goalscorer with 5 goals.

The 6A's started the season slowly and it was six games before we scored our first point. Two games later we scored our first win. That game was the testimonial match for two club stalwarts Rick (Dylan) Dunn, and Mike (String) Merven. Being their last game for Uni for a while, both players scored one goal each, along with a goal for a 6A regular and we recorded our first win 3-0.

Our fight to list ourselves off the bottom of the table involved many players. Due to Uni vacations, many of the regular players were promoted up the grades, and we were left with a new team.

A lack of good team training was told in our performance over the season. The lack of an aggressive hard hitting forward was the reason why many of our forward thrusts were foiled in the last line of defense. The half back line of Mike Mills, Craig Turner and John Brookes was the most successful combination, with Craig Turner playing well all season. The fullback line of Fred and Peter Bligh and later Fred and Bob Griffiths played well halting many forward moves. Andrew (Bill) Bailey had a magnificent year in goals, he will no doubt go further up the grades next year. Conscripted into pads at the first game, he was immediately at home. My thanks to all players in the team and lets have a better season next year.

Kevin Fitzpatrick

7A's

CAPTAIN - PINO MONACO
BEST PLAYER - PINO MONACO
TOP GOAL SCORER - PINO MONACO (18)

THE SERIOUS, SOBER, SOCIAL SIDE

The S.O.C.I.A.L. (Skilful Opportunists Combining Intelligently and Lethally) Team commenced the 1976 season after only one training night at Monaco's. An overwhelming number of players applied for the team, however the selectors gave priority to the team required for Montreal and selected a squad of 15 players.

Jim McGinty travelled overseas during the season, this had a marked effect on his goal scoring, but his hockey boots continued to gallop down the right wing with Peter McGinty inside them.

The team played without a goalkeeper through all the qualifying games except for one when Bob "Who" Binks obliged and the team conceded its first goal. The fullbacks, "Mouse" Knuiman, "Legs" McCann, "Jeffers" Gray and Lionel Christensen found little opposition from attacking forwards and occasionally they would pretend to fall asleep and allow an opposing player to run by in order that they could surround him in the corner of the field, far from his comrades and in unknown territory. The rest I leave to you imagination, but that player never ventured so far again, without another ten players and the goalies' pads.

Any opposing player who found himself in his own attacking half also found Kieran Woods, and wished he had taken out personal insurance against natural disasters.

Jim Maher keeps his hair neat and tidy but don't be fooled it is not a wig, just ask the centre forward from O-Wesley. Lionel Christensen made an early prediction when he announced that Speed Jordan was the next President of the West Australian Happy to Be Wearing A Wig Association. Speed also has time to play hockey and to remind us of the principle to stand up for one's rights, and not to flee at the sight of a savage stick-wielding wharfie as Monaco was observed to be doing.

The 1976 conditions were relished by "The Foz" Foss and his hat, both combined well throughout the season, except for one very wet Saturday afternoon when he and/or his hats were needed, however his back played up, the team played short and lost. The two racehorses GUMMERY and HOWARD found the 7A standard a little difficult, but after five minutes into their respective first game adjusted well and thereafter "went to water" in the circle.

The devastating De Souza put together another good season and to prove that it is still physically possible, described a perfect circle dribbling the ball whilst being tackled. Molinari donated an esky to the team and gave his assistance

to make its load lighter. His repeated requests to come off at half time were a mystery in view of the training he did on Fridays.

The team won the Challenge Cup, with a lot of help a pennant at Bunbury, the Guth Ardah and a Grand Final pennant is expected.

Pino Monaco.

Reserve Whites

This season has seen varying fortunes for the Reserve white team.

The season started with a good win which started the team in the right direction. A notable feature of every game was the uncertainty with which the players, as they arrived, awaited the result of the final head count. The final figure was usually not quite enough to fill all positions on the field, but those who did come could not complain that they did not receive enough play. Considering this, and the fact that a number of games were forfeited due to lack of players during first term vacation, it was encouraging to see the team in fourth place halfway through the season. Although performing well in the later stages of the season it did not manage to hold this position and finished the season in sixth place.

Team Members (Played a few games at least)

Frank Mohan	John Paxton	John Staude
Tim Casey	John Slarion	Jeff Babb
Simon Withers	Frank Welton	Peter Cole
Kim Rosenthal	John Quinlivan	Brett Hawker
Gavin Kelly	Ned Crossley	Kevin Pettingle

Reserve Reds

CAPTAIN - DICK STUART
BEST PLAYER - BEN KNOTT
TOP GOALSCORER - CLIVE DAVIS (3)

Lincoln "Chook" Fowler: As the name implies was ideally suited to a right wing. Tended to flap wings so fast that with the "hummingbird effect" it was impossible to see him. Consequently, most passes directed at him missed. Occasionally one would be picked up and Chook, with the ball, now invisible to the opposition for reasons stated earlier would last be seen? disappearing down the side lines, where upon he would magically reappear in the D.
(keen, reliable, fast on his feet, could improve trapping skills and drive in D)

Gerry "brothers" Crothers: A late starter in the team. A brother of the captains girlfriend discovered and recruited after an invitation to dine at the family hacienda.

(L.I. good ball control, could improve fitness)

Clive "bob" Davies: Starring centre forward and top goal scorer (3). Preferred to be passed the ball in the centre of the circle with an open goal. Enjoyed minor battles with large opposing full backs and goalies and once used his nose as a back stop for an opposing players stick. Also disdained the use of two hands (on his stick). The other being generally used for first waving at umpires and opposing players. Adamantly refused to wear the green shirt in order to foil the opposition. (good ball control, could use a little more weight in attack)

Brett "legs" Handcock: Not related to the notorious "legs" diamond. Suited to front line work, usually minefield clearance using his well developed "flail system". In defence was frequently used for trench excavation work and specialized in diversionary moves to confuse the opposition - who usually had the ball! (left wing, enthusiastic and reliable player)

Joe "the ferret" Knott: Bulwark of the rear positions. Unnervingly would anticipate any flank attack, pinpoint the break in the lines and would then drive the enemy back to their "25". Extremely proficient in Anti-Aircraft, bringing down high flying wingers from 29,000 feet and very often their supporting inners. (right Half, dependable, unerving eye for the ball)

Ben "how's that again?" Knott: Reared on a steady diet of razor blades, which were then brought up in front of attacking forwards, causing sudden blowouts, loss of steering with resultant veering to the right with an inevitable collision with the goal post. Sported 2" armour plated shins. (Left F.B., reliable, dependable and deaf.)

Andrew "what day is it?" Graham: Guaranteed not to show up, with monotonous regularity attended at all matches where we already had 12 men, and never when we had 7, five minutes after starting time. Known to the troops as Graham, or Andrew or-----??, sported a salvaged WW2 service periscope through which he peered at players and opposition alike - unable to distinguish any difference. (half back, periods of brilliant play interspersed with periods of unbrilliant play interspersed with periods of no play.)

Mark ("Ginger") Annett-Stuart: Initiated in the rear defences by the "Knott brothers". After 2 rounds (not of mortar fire!) decided things were a bit hot there so he made a request via Sgt. B. Knott to be moved to a more forward position. The transfer quickly effected, - "Ginger" put his 105mm armour piercing stick to good work mowing down hordes of slant eyed opposition forwards. Became a battle casualty late in the season when he received a knee injury caused by an opposition sniper concealed behind a clump of Guildford grass on the centre line.

Rob (the Turk) Turner: Obtained much of his defensive experience at Gallipoli. Obtained all of his defensive hockey at McGillivray. Conned by the captain into playing goalie and soon after he donned the pads he wished he hadn't. But a good eye and good stick work kept out many opposing strikes. Probably had about two seasons worth of play in the first round. (Goalie, probably stopped two or three times the number of goals actually scored against us, which, considering that number, must be some sort of record)

Rob (the butcher) Butcher: For a long time was held in awe as top goal scorer (a goal in the first match of the season) - not until Lincoln scores two months later was the drought broken. (left wing, left inner, and left half and goalie once - reliable and dependable - appears most suited to wing.)

Graham "Army Shirt" Taylor: Another recruit by the captain. Probably better suited to the trenches since when his secret weapon (bare hairy armpits) were revealed at full strength the opposition laid down their sticks and waved white jocks in surrender. He moved down the battlefield from inner to F.B. as the war took toll of his fitness. (keen determined veritable player.)

Other Players:

- J. Saliarian - G.F. early in season promoted
- K. Pettingay - R.I. middle season - good ball control
- R. Doulton - Ring-in for goalie - two matches - recruited from Mayfair Tavern on a Friday night. Extremely good in goals.
- D. Raphael - Played a couple of matches, then disappeared on the Canning Stock route.
- P. Clarkson - As above or see missing persons bureau for further details.
- Greg Forbes - More than once played a second game for us, much appreciated.

GENERAL

Although we only scored one draw and had some pretty horrific losses in the earlier part of the season, the last month we got some drive in the forwards and ended a two month drought on goals, these late games were quite enjoyable. Worst feature was irregularity of available players but this is always the case in this grade.

Best feature was the regulars playing with no real success but never complaining and always showing up for the next game.

A very enjoyable season.

Dick Stuart

AWARD WINNERS

FULL BLUES - SINCE 1946

D. Dunn	1946	?	Strickland	1952	T. Crossen	1963
E. England	1946	?	Kennedy	1954	P. Martin	1964
J. Lynn	1946	?	McKenzie	1954	H.F. Pow	1965
K. Noel	1947	?	Singh	1954	B. Lawrence	1965
J. Lonergan	1947	?	Singh	1954	B. Palmer	1966
R. George	1948	?	Bolton	1957	R. Field	1967
C. Pearce	1949	?	Bullock	1957	F. Murray	1971
R. Strauss	1949	?	Myssonski	1957	D. Reynolds	1973
? Mallzer	1949	?	Holben	1958	L. Edmonds	1974
J. Oldham	1950	R.	Williams	1959		
A. Barblett	1952	R.	Tenseldon	1961		

HALF BLUES - SINCE 1960

R. Brindley	1960	I. Marshall	1964	B. Buirchell	1970
D. Watson	1961	R. Field	1965	L. Edmonds	1970
K. Barrett	1961	A. Eddis	1966	M. Griffiths	1971
N. Calder	1961	T. Hulcup	1966	J. Ovens	1971
B. Martin	1962	R. Lonnie	1966	K. Holmes	1971
P. Martin	1962	I. Hodge	1966	D. Minchin	1971
C. Thorpe	1962	D. Pritchard	1967	D. Reynolds	1972
P. Murray	1963	J. Finlay	1967	C. Jones	1972
T. Safield	1963	L. Christenson	1969	R. Hewitt	1973
D. Williams	1963	B. Carvass	1969	G. Davies	1974
H.F. Pow	1964				

ROSS FIELD AWARD

(FOR BEST PLAYER AT INTER VARSITY)

1975	-	Chris Jones
1976	-	Terry Green

J.S. LYNN AWARD

(SERVICE TO, AND BRINGING CREDIT TO THE CLUB)

Bob Brindley	1964	Roger Gray	1968	Frank Murray	1972
Ian Hume	1965	Ross Field	1969	Mal Traill	1973
Ian Hume/Trevor Hulcup	1966	Frank Murray	1970	Frank Murray	1974
Ross Field	1967	Bob Brindley	1971	Bob Brindley	1975

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