

# Snorter's Report



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## Welcome

Welcome to the slightly new look issue of SNORTER'S REPORT, the Swinburne University Hockey Newsletter, for 2006/7. Over the next few issues I will be playing with the layout to see about re-vamping the newsletter. Let me know if there's anything that you like or hate by sending me an email at [gossip@swinburnehockey.org](mailto:gossip@swinburnehockey.org).

SNORTER'S REPORT will be as good as you want it to be - feel free to comment on what you want to see in it as well as contribute to it by providing match reports, pictures or even some good old fashioned gossip. Contributions can be sent to [gossip@swinburnehockey.org](mailto:gossip@swinburnehockey.org) or scribbled down on a scrap of paper handed over at matches.

## President's Report

Welcome or Welcome Back for the 2007 Winter Season.

For those of you who have been missing in action over the Summer Season, let me firstly wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a very enjoyable summer season with all teams playing well. The Mixed team finished the season 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Men's and Women's just outside the 4. Well done to all!

As we start the pre season I know there is going to be many of us feeling sore and sorry for ourselves over the next few weeks, and wondering why oh why we do this to ourselves. Well the answer to that is "You are a Hockey Nut" and Swinburne can't do without you. As you can guess pre season training has started and we are at H1 this year, so unfortunately there will

be no eskies at training, however they will still be around for our home days at H2. So make sure you keep a look out for them.

I am hoping that 2007 will be a great season for Swinburne and I know with some hard work on and off the track that we can be as competitive if not more as we were last season.

Looking forward to seeing you all at training

Donna

## Dates to put in your diary!

March 7 – Field pre-season training starts  
March 28 – Club BBQ after training  
April 6 – 9 – Albury tournament  
April 20 – Pub Crawl/Shirt Presentation night  
April 21/22 – Winter Season Starts with a Home day to kick off the season!



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## **Worldwide Sports Insurance Gift**

It pays to wear studded shoes...

Jayne Handasyde and Haydn Bed from Swinburne Hockey Club raced on the weekend in the Worldwide Sports Insurance Gift for the chance of winning \$1000 for the Hockey Club in the Finals next weekend (Sunday, 11th March, 2007).

Well the skies looked cloudy and I was secretly hoping for rain (yucky weather being a great deterrent for the opposition... it worked for the women's heats).

Jayne was scheduled to run first before the Victorian Women's State team took on the NSW in the AHL season. Running at 3.20, just after the field had been drenched with a down pour and the traditional pre-match water pitch drenching, the competition were un-prepared as Jayne rocked up wearing her Swinnie uniform and her sister's soccer boots, cleats and all.

So in front of a crowd of 'ahem' a few Jayne took to the starting line, the standing starting line (stupid dingbats, if you want to run a sprint, you got to let them do a crouching start if they want to!). The announcer proclaimed to the "crowd" the details etc and also "Jayne Handasyde running for Swinburne Hockey Club" (Club mention number 1) and they were ready to race.

The starters "gun" (two sticks bashed together) went off and they took off down the pitch for a 75-yard sprint (complete with winners tape at the finish). Now Jayne, in lane 2 and being severely handicapped with a standing start, managed to get off the line quite well, her opponent in lane 1 looked like she broke at the start (I booed and the girl's adoring father nearly throttled me), the other opponent in lane 3 kind of just did the cartoon standing slippery start where your legs go really fast but you don't go anywhere and ended up sliding down the pitch on her chin (silly git had no grip), I am proud to say she picked herself up with great style and waved to the "crowd" with a huge smile (a good sport with no grip on her shoes). "What about the finish?" you ask. Well I am proud to say that Jayne is through to the final on Sunday, 11th March at the State Hockey Centre and has the chance of winning \$500 for the Hockey Club!

"What about Haydn?" you ask. Well our part ferret, part whippet rocked up to race at 5.20 before the Victorian Men's State team took on NSW in the AHL season. I was much pleased to see after the earlier race that Haydn also thought best to wear the studs on his shoes. The "crowd" by this stage had actually swelled to be a real crowd (not quite standing room only but there were people choosing to sit on the grass on the other side of the field) and it looked like

there were many more competitors (the weather didn't deter these guys).

The announcer did his bit again and people applauded when he announced "Haydn Bed running for Swinburne Hockey Club" (Club mention number 2)... actually the Swinburne Hockey Club support crew (Donna, Mario, Jo, Gareth and Sossels) went nuts just to drown out the guys from Southern United (don't get me started on their uniforms!) and the 4 guys lined up at the start line. By this stage the organizers had reconsidered and allowed crouching starts. So, leaning over on one finger Haydn took the start line. Sadly the start was still 2 sticks bashed together which probably wasn't useful with the swelling crowd screaming but the sprinters launched themselves off the line and flew down the 75 yards. One poor soul who looked like he was still carrying around some Christmas Pudding on his short frame ended up doing airplanes down the field and another just couldn't catch Haydn who pulled up in second place, through to the semi final.

As they lined up for the semi final I started seriously thinking of hurling my hotdog at the Southern United supporters (did you know that their uniform is almost exactly the same as ours!). The semi final was announced "and Haydn Bed running for Swinburne Hockey Club" (Club mention number 3), crowd goes wild (Mario, Donna, Sossels, Jo and Gareth can make a lot of noise when they put their minds to it).

The starters gun goes off (sticks get crashed together) and my heart swells with pride as Haydn does what any self respecting Swinnie player does when he knows he is the under dog... he breaks at the start. Not to worry, the starter either didn't notice, doesn't care or is too distracted by his crashing sticks "Yothu Yindi" style as they continue to fly down the field anyway. Now I am submitting a request to HV for a drug test on the Southern United runner.... or requesting some identification on whether he actually plays because I don't think I have ever seen a hockey player move that fast (except for Mitch moving in to steal another goal). Anyway, the Southern runner came in first and some other guys from some other clubs came in 2nd and 3rd and Haydn ran a brilliant fourth in the semi final.

I would like to officially thank Jayne and Haydn for taking the time to represent the club on the weekend and congratulate Jayne on making it through to the final next weekend. Details of the final will be posted on the Swinburne Hockey Yahoo group list when available, please come down and support Jayne in the final and the chance of winning \$500 for the club.

Well-done guys!

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## Winners! 2006 March Past

Yes! That's right Swinburne Hockey were the winners of the 2006 March past! We have a title to defend and it's all about the numbers! The more people we can get there the more chance we have of defending our title! So, what can you do to help? You can join us for a weekend of fun, frivolity, debauchery and a bit of hockey! The details are:

**When:** April 6 – 9 2007 (Easter Long Weekend)

**Cost:** TBA

Speak to Laura to secure your spot and pay \$50 deposit to Dan at training.



## Player Profile

**Name:** Clare Parry

**Alias:** Parry

**Age:** 23

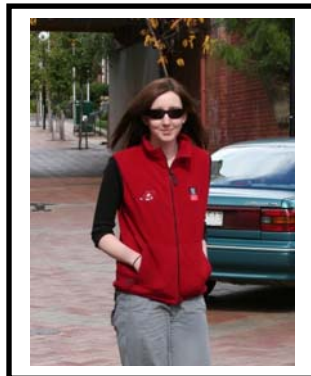
**Star Sign:** Sagittarius

**How long have you been in the club:** 3 years

**How did you find out about the club:** Through uni

**Worst injury:** Losing a few teeth, **AFTER** full-time

**Position (on the field):** It varies between half and inner



**Quote:** Editors Note: Clare just smiled

**Favourite Colour:** probably blue or green

**Favourite Food:** Japanese and Spanish

**Favourite TV-show:** Top Gear

**Pets:** Dan, otherwise none

**Favourite Music:** Muse, Bloc Party

**Least favourite thing:** 6 year degrees (it seemed like a good idea at the time...)

## Moved House?

If you have changed address over the past year can you please let either Terry (Vice-President) or Donna (President) know your new details so that we can keep in contact with you.

## Transfers

If you have come from another club or have **ever** played for another club you need to get a transfer! If you're not 100% sure then let Donna or Terry know and they can chase it up and find out for you.

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## Summer Hockey

### Results

#### Round 8 – 29/30/31 January 2007

Mon Mixed – 0 – 0 draw vs La Trobe Vets  
Tues Mens – 3 – 2 win vs Old East Malvern  
Wed Womens – Bye

#### Round 9 – 5/6/7 February 2007

Mon Mixed – 1 – 5 loss vs La Trobe Uni  
Tues Mens – 2 – 1 win vs Ajax Maccabi  
Wed Womens – 1 – 2 loss vs Carey's Angels

#### Round 10 – 12/13/14 February 2007

Mon Mixed – 1 – 0 win vs MUHC Black  
Tues Mens – 1 – 2 loss vs Old Xavierians Blacks  
Wed Womens – 0 – 3 loss vs Nuggets

#### Semi-Final

Mon Mixed – 0 – 0 draw vs RMIT

#### Consolation Final

Mon Mixed – 3 – 3 draw vs MUHC Blue

### Summer Wrap-Up

A fun season was had by all but here are the individual team wrap-ups

#### Monday Mixed

It's amazing how much of a difference 12 months can make. The Monday night Mixed team was so much stronger than the past few years. We ended up out at Yarra in the University competition comprising of 2x Melbourne Uni teams, 2 x La Trobe Uni teams, 1 x RMIT team and us. We finally managed to win a few games for the season and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> for the conclusion of the season.



We had a lot of fun and played some good solid hockey throughout the entire Summer Season. Thanks for a great season and thanks to Donna and Sos who kept us going with a full team every week and making sure we all paid up.

#### Tuesday Mens

The team did not have the best of seasons. From what I can gather it started out with too many players, and ended up with too few. In between results were mixed, but against some reasonably good opposition the team held itself up well. We needed to win the last three games of the season against some pretty good teams to make it to the finals, and we almost pulled it off. In the first week after Christmas we had a solid win against OEM. 3-0 was the final score.



In the second week we came up trumps against a fired up Ajax side. Dodgy umpiring was prevalent throughout the game, but this was something that we are used to putting up with. Ajax obviously weren't and lost the plot to our advantage! 1-0 down deep into the second half, two late goals put us in front for an unexpected win. In the last game we started the game against a Xavier team that had only eight starters. Although we took the lead, we paid the price later on

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in the game for not capitalising on our earlier advantage when they put three goals past us in quick succession during the second half. Our star players over these three weeks were Craig in goal who stopped two strokes and was dead unlucky not to stop another (ball span off his glove into goal) and Alyson, who scored goals in each of the first two games after Christmas, and I think (if I misremember correctly) had one stolen off her by Nick in the third. In the end we finished only 2 points out of the finals which against some fair opposition is not a complete disaster. I sure everyone on the team believed that we could play better than we did however, and would be looking forward to making amends in winter season.

## Wednesday Womens

The Wednesday Night Womens team had an amazing season. Each and every member playing with everything they had. A number of players trying out new playing positions and some returning from a long break finding their feet again. Unfortunately the girls weren't successful on the scoreboard only winning one game for the season. With strong competition we came in fifth. Narrowly missing out on finals by only 2 points with the better goal difference. I look forward to playing the Winter Season with all of these players both new and old. Thank you to Bridget N for organising the team and sorting out the administrivia.

## Feel like you're missing out?

Feel like you're missing out on all the goss? Want to be one of the first to hear about anything new? Why not join the Swinburne Hockey eGroup! Simply send an email to [SwinburneHockeyClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SwinburneHockeyClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to subscribe and receive updates to your email account!

Another good place to find out what's going on is the Whiteboard at training! Details of fees, social events, etc will be posted on the Whiteboard each week.

Your Team Manager will also be able to provide you with any information you require.