



Snorter's Report

Swinburne University Hockey

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Presidents Report

Hi everyone,

With the season now under way, it's important to make sure you keep up to date with what's going on around the club. So if you are still not a member of the Swinburne Hockey Club Yahoo group take the time to join, by simply going to our website and follow the links. That way you can keep up to date with what happening, in and around the club.

Well, two rounds down and a third only a few days away. The women's squad has had a great start to the season. The State League 4 girls' having two convincing wins, are hungry to secure their third. The Women's Metro 4 South has had an injection of new blood and are developing their strengths with each game. The Men's squad has also attracted new players to the club and to the game of hockey. With the appointment of a new senior men's coach, the start to the season has been a different experience for the players. With the enthusiasm and commitment of the squad, coach and club committee this season will see continued progress of the three men's teams as weeks go by.

It has been great to see and hear all the supporters at the games so far, I hope this will continue for all the teams as the season goes on.

The Practice Match Day which was organised on the 15th of April was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people down there on the day supporting the club and

participating in the matches. I would like to thank all those people who help out organising teams, the BBQ, refreshments and umpired games. It was fantastic to see some many people giving their time on the day.

We held our Annual Shirt Presentation Night Friday the 20th of April at the Auburn Bowls club. It was good to see those players who ventured out for the evening. I am sure they all enjoyed themselves. Players received their mini shirt, enjoying a few drinks and a friendly game of pool. Thanks to those people who assisted on the night. If you would like your mini shirt feel free to come to obtain yours.

Good Luck with your games this weekend,

Donna



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.

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 or scribbled down on a scrap of paper handed over at matches.

Apologies on the late issue. But as you can probably see it was a big issue this month!

Dates to remember:

Balance of Fees Due	May 19/20
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Player Profile

Name: Alyson McNess

Alias: Ally, Fingerling (from "The number 23")

Age: 15

Star Sign: Scorpio

How long have you been in the club: On and off for about three years...?

How did you find out about the club: Andy (step-father)

Worst injury: Ball in the face OUCH!

Position (on the field): Wing

Quote: What do you mean I'm not the youngest in the club anymore?!?!

Favourite Colour: Black/Blue

Favourite Food: Ice-cream (specifically the drumsticks with the bits of chocolate, and the raspberry stuff!!)

Favourite TV-show: CSI - Miami (with the sunglasses)

Pets: two sisters and a brother (close enough)

Favourite Music: Metal/House/Bass

Least favourite thing: Wrong clothing coordination



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.

Safety first during games and training

Safety is one of the most important things to think about when on the hockey field. This applies to both on game day and at training. You never know when an accident may occur.

Especially at training it's important to remain vigilant about putting your mouth guard in when attempting any drills that require tackling. A stray ball can pop up without warning and leave you with a fat lip or worse, MUCH worse.

The club does cover you for insurance but it is also advisable to take out your own private health cover and insurance.

Safety Equipment

We always recommend that you wear the appropriate safety equipment whilst training or playing games. For hockey, this constitutes a minimum of a mouth guard and shin guards. Properly design hockey shoes provide an additional layer of protection from ball and stick impacts that no pair of standard Nike runners will ever offer. Dentist fitted and approved mouth guards are a much better choice than your garden variety chemist bought mouth guard.

We understand that you may prefer to play without this equipment but we do **highly recommend** that you wear it as a minimum. Doctor's and/or dentist bills can get quite expensive quite quickly.

Mouth guards can be bought from your local chemist or through your dentist. Make sure that you have moulded it before you get to your game though!

Shin guards can be bought through any hockey retailer. Swinburne Hockey's preferred hockey retailer is Adrenaline Rush (<http://www.adrush.com.au>).

Firm brimmed hats, watches, jewellery, non-prescription sunglasses are not to be worn on the hockey field. The soft foam visors or bucket hats (available to purchase from Donna) are permitted.

What to do if you are injured during training or a game

Firstly, get yourself to a doctor or dentist (whichever is more appropriate).

Next, speak to your team manager or your nearest committee member. They will be able to get an accident report form to you by the next training/game at the latest.

You will need to pay for your treatment up-front and then you will be able to claim your costs on insurance.

Any questions?

Feel free to speak to a committee member and they will be happy to help you out with any questions you have. Or, at the very least, point you in the right direction to have your questions answered.

Winter Fees—2007

Fees have been updated. They are now:

Non-students - \$380

Students (all institutions) - \$280

This is only \$10 more than the fees for last year.

Timelines:

Prior to Round 1 (21/22 April) – You will need to pay \$50 for your insurance prior to taking the field in Round 1.

Prior to Round 5 (19/20 May) – The balance of your fees must be paid.

If your fees have not been paid by Round 8 you will not be eligible for selection in ANY team.

If you feel that you may have difficulty meeting any of these deadlines please speak to Dan Eason (Treasurer) BEFORE the due date to negotiate a payment schedule.



2007 Year Book

Bronwyn Clarke is acting as editor for the Swinburne Hockey Club year book for 2007. She is keen to see any photos of Swinburne Hockey and its members either playing on the field or socially. Bronwyn would also like you all to write down funny stories, match highlights or anything you remember about the Club over the last 12 months, ie Summer Comp, Albury, Winter Season, Training, Parties etc. Or if you happen to be an artist - give Bronwyn your best drawings. It is hoped that we will have the Year Book out for Winter Presentation Night 2007. Everyone please contribute.....

Submissions Close after Round 18 (2/9/06) to allow time for final editing and printing. Submissions can be emailed to gossip@swinburnehockey.org or handed over at training, games or whenever you see me.

On the Reverse Stick

Clad in sunglasses and suffering badly from the effects of the night before, three Swinburne luminaries of the female variety – lets call them B, D & K for the purposes of discussion – arrived at the State Hockey Centre prior to the Round 2 games. While their regaling tales of libations from the night before in mono-syllabic sentences was worthy of note, the real pre-game show stopper was the demonstration of the 8 inch battery operated cylinder, resplendent with flashing lights. Yes children, when it is used correctly it flashes. Better yet was the demonstration of where to “display” said 8 inch battery operated flashing cylinder during popular music recitals. Needless to say, dear reader, I was mortified – especially since I can not seem to be able to purchase the same device for myself! Should I let you of the hook? OK – it was a dance party glow stick you filthy minded beasts...

Quotes

Jo raine - Do I look like a crack whore?

Jo raine - I speak blonde

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Match Reports

Women's State League 4

Round 1 vs Dandenong

Author: Bronwyn Clarke

Round one was an interesting start to the season. We were all very nervous about our first game. It was against Dandenong who had come down from State League 3. We were prepared for a very tough first game.

The game started and I found myself wondering what was wrong. The game was so slow. This was not the Dandenong that we'd played against 2 years ago. It took about 10 minutes for us to push the game up to a speed that we were more comfortable with. At half time we were 5 - 0 up.

With Dicko's half-time talk ringing in our ears about not letting our game drop in the second half and to keep focussed on playing our game we started the second half. Dandenong put up more of a fight in the second half but it didn't stop us putting an additional 9 goals in the back of the net. Bringing total to 14.

The goal scorers for the week were Jo Raine (3), Sara Clohesy (3), Bronwyn Clarke (2), Donna Oram (2), Lauren Deppeler (1), Bridget Naughton (2) & Alyson McNess (1)

Round 3 vs Brunswick

Author: Jayne Handasyde

Women's SL4 team played Brunswick in what proved to be an historic match.

Yes, for the first time ever Swinburne proved victorious (2-1) over the Brunswick black and white.

It was our first true test after a dream start to the season, this week playing a much more experienced, younger and fitter team. We started the match well, scoring twice early on to be 2-0 at half time. All the girls are then to be congratulated for really toughing the match out when they came back at us in the second half. We knew it would be a physical contest and everyone stood up and put themselves on the line when it was required.

Special mentions need to go to Jo Raine and Sarah who scored the two goals – one off a perfectly executed short corner and the second an impeccably timed and placed hit. Congratulations also must go to our amazing new goal keeper Mel – who still has not had a goal scored against her in regular play, the only goal to the opposition this week coming from a controversial penalty stroke.

Thanks to all those who turned up or stayed around after the men's match to support, the cheer squad is always much appreciated! Well done again to all the girls, lets keep this run up into the upcoming weeks.



Women's Metro 4 South

Round 2 vs Eastern

Author: Honor Murdoch

Round two for the season was played against Eastern at Knox College on Sunday 22nd April at 3:30pm. The result was unfortunately dismal for Swinburne with a six nil loss. However, we played well with short numbers and put to practice many of our new skills from training.

We struggled with numbers but managed to pull together a team of ten. Not a bad effort thanks to Theresa's daughter, Jemima who filled in for part of the game as right wing and Michelle who played her first match with us. Claire Cameron and Laura Petrucelli made a flying entrance coming late to the match. Good work getting there girls, best late than never!

Everyone put in a great effort for the tough match with lots of fantastic running and some really good passing. Natasha did well in defence and despite her claim of having no hope as she is an 'old mum' managed to clear the ball with force and determination! Sze did a great job in goal, stopping a few difficult ones, preventing the score from mounting even further!

Our team showed dedication, continuing to play as balls and sticks flew at some stages. Laura copped a fast ball to the foot and after some very colorful and heartfelt yelling she continued to play a good game. Clare Parry got a stick to the knee, Katherine got one to the hand and Claire Cameron took a spectacular tumble!

Good work guys!

Match Reports (cont'd)

Men's Metro 2 East

Round 1 vs MHSOB

Author: Matt Wright

The 1's team came into this match against MHSOB feeling reasonably confident after easily defeating MHSOB in a practice game the previous week. The team we played against in Rd 1 was not however the scratch team that we had pounded in the practice game. They came out firing from the start - we had a game on our hands. A number of defensive errors led to team being down 2-0 partway through the first half. Steve however scored a textbook undercut goal over a sliding keeper that kept us in the hunt at half time.

For whatever reason the team just was not firing on all cylinders, and during the second half the opposition scored a third goal. Despite some hard work by individual team members, we were unfortunately unable to find our way up forward, and we ended up losing the game 3-1.

Round 2 vs ECHO

Author: Matt Wright

Coming off a loss we were keen to make amends playing an ECHO team that we have not always performed as well as we might have against - this game proved to be no exception.

Injuries and a lack of personnel put us behind the eight ball from the start. We started play with only 10 men as double up rules meant that 2 of our 12 players had to spend the first 15 off. An injured Smarty came on the field at this stage to at least make an opposition defender accountable despite having a badly damaged finger.

ECHO were harder at the ball than us during the initial stages of the game and were rewarded partway through the first half with a goal off a short. During the half time break we remained confident that we could come through for a win.

ECHO scored again early in the second half however, before Matt Eason put us back in the game with a blistering short corner strike that found the back of the net. Against the run



of play ECHO were able to get themselves a stroke that Craig was unlucky not to save. Despite pressing hard and playing some good hockey in the last section of the match, we were unable to score and disappointingly ended up losing 3-1.

Round 3 vs Old Melburnians

Author: Andy McNess

What a bloody hot day! Not ideal conditions for hockey being sunny & all. After watching the Metro 3 boys knock off the beloved SNP it was our turn to play another rival close to all our hearts. Yes, we were playing Benny Nicholls team (Old Melburnians...I think).

The first half was mostly a barrage of attack from Benny's team. Fortunately Benny seemed to be their only option up forward. This worked well for us as there seemed to be about 4 of our guys tagging him. Were it not for a couple of great saves by Craig in goals they may have pinched a lead. We had some very promising movement going forward but nothing that looked hugely convincing. Nil all at half time.

With a bit of a rev at half time and some positional tweaking we came out strong. They seemed tired. The first 15 minutes included some positive play with little result. Then a stroke was called for us. Matt Eason beat off about 3 of our guys to ensure he got to take it. Bang! Top left corner. About a minute later scores were level as Benny's team put away a sharp deflection off a short corner. Game on! From there we pretty much had most of the play. Terry received the ball on the base line in our attacking D and (WITH NO OTHER OPTION) flicked at goal. 2-1 up (Where was the keeper?). Within another 5 minutes Steve put away our third. Smarty was the first to let Benny know about it. The final 5 minutes petered out for a 3-1 victory to Swinburne, our first of the year. Let the Juggernaut awaken!!



Contributions welcome!

I will be trying to ask a difference person each week from each of the teams to put together a match report. If you would like to freely volunteer a match report that would be fantastic! All you need to do is email it to me at:

gossip@swinburnehockey.org

This also goes for any gossip or stories you feel like sending through!

Match Reports (cont'd)

Men's Metro 3 South

Round 2 vs OHA (Haileybury)

Author: Phil Le Hunt & Mitch Dovey

After losing regular M3S team members (Cupcake, Sos, Donna Oram & Alyson Mcness) because of SL4 playing commitments, the M3S team (in obvious desperation) called on the services of Braden "Bubbles" Betley to join the M3 team - as well as dragging out of retirement two legends of the Swinburne Hockey Club - Ed Corsar & Glenn "Chippy" Beaumont. Both former players made an impact on the game, Chippy's speed & skill was put to good use on the half line - his mid field play lead directly to the first Swinburne goal. And as always, Ed was as solid as a rock in defence in the last minutes of the game.

This week saw the M3S team take better control of the mid-field, enabling better link up between defence and attack. Credit goes to the work done by Vu Long Tran and Stuart McGoldrick playing at inner as well as the solid performances put in by our team captain Mitch "Dodgy" Dovey at centre half.

In fact the work done by all players in the half line are worth a mention, including Glenn Beaumont, Will Law and Robert (matt) Lloyd - well done guys this work was instrumental to our win.

Swinburne had the opportunity to pull further away from OHA, earning a stroke during the middle of the first half. Bubbles stepped up to the mark to take the stroke, and sent wide of the goalie - AND THE GOAL AS WELL...

High degree of player rotation near the end of the first half unsettled the Swinnie team - OHA capitalising with a goal by sending all players forward.

Early in the second half, a Short corner flick into the back of the net by OHA was disallowed. This would have evened up the score, but the umpire was obviously shocked by how close it came to ruining Phil 'Poleaxe' LeHunt's dashing good looks.

The second half had some moments of real inspiration, with Swinburne linking up some very nice running-short passing plays through the mid-field.

When OHA really started to "wall-up" in the second half, this made passing out of defence difficult on free hits. There is a real opportunity for the team to improve by looking at making gaps & players looking to get in front / square to create some more short passing game opportunities.

The tense last few minutes of the game saw OHA pressing into attack. With nothing left to lose, they sent all players forward, forcing Swinburne to play a defensive game as the clock counted down. The Swinburne full backs & mid field had to dig deep to find that little bit extra to slow the determined OHA attack.



Wild tackles, sliding side line tap outs and desperate clearing hits out of defence were performed by the stalwart Swinburne back line, with Ed, Will and Phil showing us all how it should be done.

Nicholas Corrie made some great goal line saves including a full stretch diving glove tap out over the side line. OHA had a last ditch chance to tie up the match with an after the whistle short corner. The Swinburne defense held strong & Swinburne ran out 2-1 winners.

Big thanks to Bronwyn & Mario for umpiring and to our "bleary-eyed supporters" from the SL4 team suffering badly from a night on the town.

Round 3 Swinburne vs SNP at Hawthorn

Author: Phil Le Hunt

The Metro 3 South team welcomed back Mario (cutting short his year break) as well as a few new players to their ranks (Josh, Rohan & Mark) for the Round 3 game against SNP. Fluid passing in the opening minutes of the game caught SNP flat-footed, enabling some strong build up into attack, principally through Vu, Rohan, Mitch "Dodgy" Dovey and Braden "Bubbles" Betley. It did not take long for a Alex to capitalise, knocking in Swinburne's first goal.

This galvanised the SNP team into action. Vu and SOS playing out of the inners contributed in the attacking mid-field to hold the ball in attack, but weight of numbers let SNP push into attack and force many short corners for the game. I (Phil LeHunt - ed) had to dig more than a couple of balls out from the goal line during these short corners and Nick once again showed great athleticism to make diving saves & tap-outs. SNP were awarded a Penalty Stroke after one of these short corner shots on goal was kicked out of goal by a nameless Full Back on the post (I keep on telling you they are not in until they are in!) SNP failed to convert the stroke, with the striker (a) taking his shot before the whistle and (b) sending the ball well wide of the goal.

Towards the end of the first half, Swinburne was given a warning by the umpire due to the behaviour of our spectators. True, they were responding to some questionable umpiring decisions - but Swinburne played out the rest of the match under threat of having a player sent off for spectator behaviour.

Swinburne's second goal once again came from Alex, this time with the aid of the SNP goal keeper tapping the ball in off his stick.

During the second half, SNP kept the game alive with a loose player on top of the circle sending a chip-shot home. They equalised shortly afterwards with a short corner shot screaming past SOS's knees.

Against the flow of play, Swinburne scored it's third goal for the game. A 16 yard hits out of defence found Braden out wide. Carrying the ball toward goal, Bubbles drew out the SNP defence, leaving Alex with only the SNP keeper between him and goal. Briefly loosing his feet and at full stretch, Alex tapped in the third goal for his hat-trick and winning goal for Swinburne.



Match Reports (cont'd)

Men's Metro 3 South (cont'd)

With momentum behind SNP, they really stepped up a gear. Credit need to be given to the Swinburne defence for holding out the determined SNP attack in these last few minutes of the game. Hard running, determined tackles (especially by Mario) and tight man to man marking in the goal circle by AD, Lloyd and Josh helped prevented SNP from scoring again. Communication, command and onfield leadership helped the Swinburne Metro 3 South team win 3-2 and continue to remain undefeated.



Upcoming Matches

Round 4 – 12/13 May

WSL4 – Sat 12th 3:30pm MBN vs Collegians-X (Shirt Clash)

WM4S – Sun 13th 3:30pm H2 vs MHSOB/Caulfield

M2E – Sat 12th 6:30pm MBN vs Collegians-X (Shirt Clash)

M2N – Sat 12th 2pm TRI vs Trinity

M3S – Sat 6:30pm MNT vs Collegians-X (Shirt Clash)

Round 5 – 19/20 May – Home Day

WSL4 – Sun 20th 3:30pm H2 vs Baw Baw

WM4S – To be fixtured

M2E – Sun 20th 2pm H2 vs MCC (Sock Clash)

M2N – Sun 20th 5pm H2 vs Marcellin

M3S – Sun 20th 12:30pm H2 vs Frankston

Round 6 – 26/27 May

WSL4 – Sat 26th 2pm H2 vs Parkville

WM4S – To be fixtured

M2E – Sat 12:30pm H2 vs Mornington Peninsula

M2N – Sat 26th 3:30pm vs La Trobe Uni (Sock Clash)

M3S – Sun 27th 11am WAV vs Maccabi

Round 7 – 2/3 June

WSL4 – Sun 3rd 2pm BTN vs Sandringham Women

WM4S – To be fixtured

M2E – Sat 2nd 3:30pm WAV vs Chadstone

M2N – Sun 3rd 11am DON vs Doncaster

M3S – Sat 2nd 5pm WAV vs Chadstone

Please notify your team manager if you are unavailable for any matches. The sooner the better. If you don't know who your team manager is then here they are:

WSL4 – Sara Clohesy
WM4S – Honor Murdoch
M2E – Jessie McCartney

M2N – Dieter Burkhardt
M3S – Alex Wong

Please show them your support and help them out if they ask.