

Albury Men's Report

Easter Long Weekend

GLEBE, GLEBE, GLEBE! Men's A Division Champions at the Albury Easter Carnival three years in a row (2006, 2007, and 2008). The Glebe Bay Dynamite Crew consisting of Adam Campano (Gramps), Christian Campano (Pino), Aaron Oman (Junior), Geoff Hammett (Hammo), Scott Howard (The Battler), Matthew Wark (Matty), Michael Wark (Micky Fresh), Pat Wark (Puds/MCPC), Zach Farlow (Smooth) Andrew Cheong (Chonga), Anthony Wark (Batman), Yaz Thorne (Sorry) and Tim Windsor (The Hitman) looked ominously brilliant towards the end of the tournament after a slow start which included a draw against Sydney Uni and an unlucky loss to the Albury Spitfires who have recently been promoted to the Preimer league division in Victoria. The team improved as the tournament progressed with old combinations springing back to life. However, the team lost Scotty and Aza when they were required to be called up to the Glebe Street Elite after injuries to key players Adam Howard and Alistair Cullen. So, in the end it was the Glebe Street Elite consisting of Tom Holyoake (Holysmoke/Headbutt), Oliver Holyoake (Olly), Josh La Spina (Joshy – Happy 18th!), Martin Fong (Party), Ian Paterson (Quags), Mark Paterson (Pato), Peter Wark (Angry Man/To the stick), Al Cullen (Eggs), Brett Morrison (Morro), Dave Matta (D.M.B.), Adam Howard (Howie), Simon Wark (Simey), Dylan Bradley (Creep), James Hurrell (Jimmy) and Brayden Mead (Lovechild), who took home the bacon in a thrilling and see-sawing grand final 4-3. Who would have thought Peter Wark would have been the hero, breaking the deadlock with a drag flick off a penalty corner which hit the roof of the net with only 38 seconds left on the clock. It's what dreams are made of.

Congratulations must go to all the boys involved, for their efforts both on and off the field, for their creative input into the nightly judiciaries and into cementing old traditions as well as creating new ones. All the new guys (small boys) were terrific and added value to the experience in their own unique ways.

What else happened?

- We celebrated Josh's 18th birthday with a traditional men's rite of passage.
- We farewelled Party Marty, Glebe's only ever Fijian national hockey team representative.
- We 'Ran the Gauntlet' F.H.R. style.
- We had a 'Dummy Spit' and 'Doritos' Award which found deserved winners.
- We won for the very first time ever a Boat Race against Sydney University.
- We duly and loudly celebrated this victory.
- Scott saved a direct shot at goal in the Grand Final with his head making the ball dangerous and saving the game for Glebe in the process.
- Matthew ran back 80 metres to make a tackle after a failed attacking short corner and then ran the ball 80 metres back up the field to set up a goal – this was the play of the weekend.
- Morro convincingly sang the lyrics to the Glebe Team Song as if he called them his own.

- Pete Wark made a very humble victory speech after winning the Grand Final, closing with the comment “The game could have gone either way, but it was decided in the end by a stroke – which we deserved”.
- Yaz was a most entertaining ‘Court Jester’.
- The addition of a new female mascot ‘Sexy Lexy’ to keep ‘Kane the Lion’ and ‘Max the Axe’ company.
- Cheonga actually played hockey.
- The inaugural ‘Broken Back Mountain’ award.
- Pato’s stirring rendition of the Club’s history and subsequent quiz of the small boys (excluding Olly & Joshy).

Ode to Albury 2008

Oh Albury 2008
 Geez it was great
 Well worth the wait

The girls were a punted
 The boys were a munted
 We all were head hunted

With some razzle dazzle
 And not too much spazzle
 The Boat Race we snazzled

With a penalty stroke
 A drag flick no joke
 The trophy we toke

28 Glebe Boys were we
 Best buddies we be
 Premiership number three

With Patty a rhyming
 Glebe winning and styling
 Al’s eggs sub-dividing

Plus the boy’s entertained with some calypso hockey the likes of which Albury has never seen!!

BRING ON 2009!

Cheers

Adam Campano