

1st Grade Report

Glebe vs. Gordon North Sydney

Round 1

28th March 2008

The 2008 Sydney Premier Hockey League Competition kicked off with Glebe playing a highly skilful Gordon North Sydney outfit at the dimly lit Kymeeha hockey field. With the planes flying overhead the first half turned in to a tussle with both teams trying to gain the first elusive goal of the season, GNS had the better of the attacking opportunities with some close shots at goal but none managed to find there mark. But on the other end of the spectrum Mick Wark signalled his return to the Maroon & white with the opening goal of the match to give the Glebe team the lead halfway through the first half. Gordon North Sydney hit back soon after with some slick counter attacking hockey from a defensive short corner which had broken down leaving the Glebe team short of numbers in defence; they were able to capitalise on this and manoeuvre the ball around our stranded goal keeper Dean Benfield. With the first half coming to a close some slick interchange passing down the left hand side saw Mick Wark provide some silky skills along the backline to draw the goalkeeper only to be taken out with an open goal in sight thus earning the Glebe team a penalty stroke which was converted to give the Glebe side the lead going into half time.

The halftime talk stressed the need to maintain what the team had started in the first half with its effective slick passing game and not to give them an inch in our defensive effort.

The Glebe team came out firing in the second half with 3 unanswered goals through slick ball movement catching the GNS defence on the back foot. This was possible through a great defensive effort from the back group lead by Matt Wark which shut down any promising attacking raids the GNS team could muster. Although they did manage to score a late consolation goal late in the second half; but with the game being well and truly controlled by the Glebe team it would ensure a vital Glebe victory in the competitions first round and also set the platform of which the team could build on. Notable performers where Mick Wark with a hat trick, the defensive group Pat & Matt Wark, Adam Howard and Pat Casey as the midfield controlled the ball and was able to create good attacking outcomes to over whelm the GNS team.

Result Glebe 5 – GNS 2

Cheers

Mark Paterson

2nd Grade Report

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The First and second game's of the season landed on a double header weekend, and Kymeeah was that last venue people were hoping to attend on a below average Friday night. Glebe came out slow, letting Gordon North Sydney have the first look at a decent attacking raid, fortunately this was the best opportunity they had all night as the dirty reds fought back to begin a domination in the attacking 50. Through out the game, GNS struggled to produce ball to their inside forwards with Glebes attacking line creating too much pressure, thanks to great calling from Scott Howard and Stef.

Glebe had many chances in the first half with short corner after short corner. A scrappy and surprising goal was finally netted to give the reds a 1-0 lead going into half time.

Glebe again came out firing in the second half, where they continued to dominate the GNS defense in which Glebe used a wide passing game to create many chances in continuous attacking raids. Ross was unlucky with a brilliant shot to only hit the post, and at least two shots, which deceived many as they appeared to go in, only to be knocked out again. With clever lead up play, Glebe managed to find an unmarked Cheonga at the top of the 'D' to nicely slot it into the corner. Trapping and passing were second to none in what was a tidy effort by the men from Glebe. A dominant performance was shown by wing halves, Mouse and Dom, and inners, Cheonga and Pat, as they produced the foundations for many spectacular attacking opportunities.

The solid performance was capped off by a remarkable deflection from a leading Scotty Cleary who managed to slot it into an unthinkable gap. This gave the reds a dominant 3-0 win and the 3 important competition points.

Result: Glebe 3 - GNS 0

Cheers

Sam Noller

3rd Grade report

Glebe vs. East's

Result: Won 4-3

Date: 29 March 2008

Goals: Cristian Campano 3, Corey Morrow 1.

The season opener against the Poms of Bondi Junction, that is East's, promised to be a very tough opening round for a very inexperienced Glebe 3rd grade side and so it eventuated. With only two players from last season's side which made the finals, Glebe combined a mix of young U/17 up and coming stars with some stars of old as well as some new talent from WA and England to produce a gutsy performance to grab a come from behind victory at the death.

Easts were always in front and until evergreen striker, Cristian Campano scored the final goal of his hatrick with about 15 minutes to go to again level scores, Glebe looked like they might let this game get away despite the great efforts made by all players. With about five minutes to go, Aleks 'Mouse' Manou smashed a ball down the centre of the field, which was superbly deflected by Corey Morrow into the left corner of the goal to secure the win.

The most pleasing aspect of this win was the solid contribution of all players. Rob Blamey, an English Goalkeeper acquired from Sydney University, was solid in the goal after a nervy start and produced some fantastic saves near the end of the game to give us a sniff of a win. Braydon Mead, from Bunbury, WA, gave a solid performance at the back with the captain, Adam Campano. Ben Gaywood, another English acquisition, was dynamic and tenacious at right-half and initiated several attacking raids during the game. Aleks Manou, although a bit jaded from playing a huge role in Friday night's 2nd grade victory against GNS, was again inspiring and solid in the middle of the field. Daniel Carey at left-half was at his usual bustling self and brilliant in his holding defensive role of the opposition strikers, deservedly winning the Player's Player award. Imagine if he trained.

Chris Campano obviously showed his value and experience in being in the right place at the right time and his trapping was excellent after a one year spell from hockey. Pete Wark added some starch to the front line, while Wayne 'Whacka' Benfield was excellent, constantly breaking down opposition raids and beginning new ones for us. Oliver Holyoake tried hard at left-wing as did Jake Ribarovski and Corey Morrow. Alex Sheard was a standout of the younger players, particularly when he was required to play left half, and was still able to defend as well as continually begin attacking raid after attacking raid. The understanding which these four boys have with each other from playing with one another in U/17's is phenomenal. I think they will be kept together on one side of the field wherever possible. There is so much improvement to come

in this side it's not funny which will be put surely to the test next week when Glebe takes on last years premiers, Manly.

Cheers

Adam Campano