

1st Grade Report

Glebe vs Gordon North Sydney

Round 12

21st June

Result 3-2

A new look Glebe side travelled out to Pennant Hills on Saturday evening to play Gordon North Sydney, who were sitting just out of the top four. This was a big match for the side, after coming off a win to Moorebank the week before, they were looking to keep the momentum and retain their second spot on the table for a shot at the Yates Cup a week after. The side was weakened with Dean Benfield being sick, and Peter Wark serving his one game suspension as well as the U21 boys being away, but all players lifted to give us the best shot at the 3 points. The game was a tight contest, with plenty of chances created for both sides. Special mention must go to Stephan Madycki who put in a superb performance to keep Glebe in the match. The first half scoring was opened by Glebe from a penalty corner, and the team created a number of other scoring opportunities but the shots didn't seem to hit their mark like the team needed. This great work was undone late in the first half with a scrappy field goal to GNS.

With the absence of Geoff Paterson, Danny O'Brian stepped up at half time to give some wise words of encouragement about how to attack the second half. The team slowly sipped their Johnny Nilan super juice and soaked it all up. They knew this was going to be a tight game, and it would come down to who wanted it more. The team started to flow better, and the defence were looking a lot tighter in the second half. This translated to some good attacking raids, and a short corner to the Red Men. A clever variation was taken and Glebe was up 2-1 with still 25 to play. Mark Paterson stepped up to the plate only minutes later, with a great dispossession and a then a rocketing back stick from top left of the circle that found the right side net. The word 'calypso' was bantered around after this effort, but it is still debated to this day as to whether this truly was an example of Calypso hockey. The side now 3-1 up, with 20 minutes left, seemed to slip down a notch, as GNS lifted to try and fight their way back into the match, and when they found the goal they were looking for, this lifted their team. Glebe were further tested in their mental discipline as the last 10 minutes saw a spate of calls go against the side, and Andrew Cheong being given an automatic Yellow card for an infringement, after not being given any Green or warning before hand. Gordon tried to steal back a goal in this period but Glebe held strong. More and more calls seemed to go against the side, but the rest of the side held their tongues and their nerves to slowly wind down the clock for a 3-2 victory, and a much needed 3 points.

The game may not have been pretty, but all things considered and with so many players playing new positions, this was a great result for the side and speaks volumes for the passion, mateship and will to win that the Glebe Boys possess and that cannot be found by buying a bunch of players and hoping for a result. Perhaps the money our rivals waste on paying for players and coaches can be invested in the juniors of the sport, and the future of the game instead of being used to steal players from other sides. This hopefully won't be an issue for the Glebe team anymore, because true Glebe Boys are in it for life.

All my life.

By Michael Wark.

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3rd Grade Report

Glebe vs. Gordon-North Sydney

Round 13

21st June 2008

Result: Glebe 4-1

A sweet result. Sweet for several reasons. Sweet, because it was played at night at the remote Pennant Hills venue. Sweet, because we beat a team who have become a bit of a pest, by this I mean that they are always a tough proposition, in recent years. Sweet, because we had more goal opportunities than in any other game to date this season. Sweet, because we played exciting, attacking hockey. Sweet, because our goalkeeper hardly had to touch the ball all game. Sweet, because Alex Manou again showed why he is probably the most improved player in the Glebe Club at the moment. Sweet, because we were able to score 4 terrific goals. Sweet, because Pino scored one of them from less than a yard out. Sweet, because we made most of our traps. Sweet, because we got to sing the team song two weeks in a row for the first time this year. Sweet, because the U/17 boys in the team have really come out of their shell and are now playing terrific hockey. Sweet, because the Glebe defence were able to effectively transfer the ball around the back unopposed. Sweet, because 1sts and 2nd grades toughed out hard fought wins to keep the dream alive. Sweet, because Chris Holmes asked what the word 'flamboyant' means. Sweet, as he honestly didn't know. Sweet, as the club always needs a new 'Battler'. Sweet, because we were able to show some signs of the 'Calypso Hockey' which 1st grade regularly show-off.

Cheers

Adam Campano