

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Report

Glebe vs. South West Strikers

Round 17

26<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Result 7 - 1

With the Glebe team coming off a strong and determined effort from the previous week against North West Strikers it was time now to focus on a different opponent on the opposite side of the compass in South West Strikers. With key players still missing from the Glebe line-up it was a chance for players to show they belonged in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade line up and to also continue to improve our game against lesser opposition. However the first half saw the Glebe team score only three goals in what was a lacklustre 1<sup>st</sup> half. Poor finishing in the attacking circle and a lack of intensity in our passing and all round game frustrated players and supporters alike I imagine.

With a rev-up from Geoff during the halftime break, this seemed to lift the Glebe team into action in the second half piling on four goals to SWS one. Quicker and sharper ball movement as well as better finishing in the attacking circle were characteristics of the improved performance. The game finished seven to one in Glebe's favour, with five competition games to go; Glebe possibly has one of the hardest runs home into the finals in September with Bankstown, Moorebank, UTS, Ryde and St George still to play.

Glebe currently sits second on the competition table with Moorebank close behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Glebe's next opponent is Bankstown who is currently sitting in fourth position.

Cheers

Mark Paterson

3<sup>rd</sup> grade report

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Result: Easts won 3-0

Not happy Jan. A terrible warm-up to this game resulted in a terribly lethargic start to this game by the Glebe boys despite considerable pre-game talk from the senior players of the team about starting the match with intensity and responding to the anticipated physicality of the Easts boys. I suppose we were disadvantaged from the start by having a particularly young and small team up against a team of whinging poms who were more than willing to do whatever it took to win the game.

I will gladly go on record to say that in my opinion this East's side are the dirtiest hockey team I have ever played against in 22 years of hockey. The amount of professional fouls and cheap shots which this side engage in and seem to get away with defies imagination. The game threatened to degenerate into an all in brawl at any given moment and the allocated umpires seemed to do next to nothing to prevent this from happening. In fact, the first Easts player to get sent off for a bad tackle did not happen until 15 minutes to go in the game. By then the damage had been done after East's had scored 3 unanswered goals in the first 20 minutes of the game.

Glebe dominated the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as East's appeared happy to defend (read hack away at anything in a maroon shirt) and were unlucky not to get back on the scoreboard. Campo and new English guy, Tom Carson, worked hard to try and get Glebe back in the game, but were broken down on each occasion. Benny Gaywood tried his little heart out in his last game before returning to Devon and the boys applauded him after the game, slightly sad that we could not provide a better send off for him.

Briars now retain 4<sup>th</sup> position after another improbable victory against Manly, so Glebe now has a massive task ahead of them to try and win back 4<sup>th</sup> spot heading ever closer to the finals.

Cheers

Adam Campano