

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

Glebe vs St George

Round 19

9<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Result 15 - 2

Glebe yesterday took on the once formidable St George hockey club at Kyeemagh under the wing span of numerous aircraft taking off and landing at Kingsford Smith airport. St George currently sitting second last on the table would offer very little resistance if any if the Glebe team were to play there usual free flowing and uncompromising style of hockey. The pre match discussion specifically talked about improving our ability to start games with increased intensity and ball movement around all corners of the park.

The first half saw multiple scoring opportunities created time and time again with some being converted through prompt and quick decision making within side the circle and the attacking 25, but some were squandered through poor skill execution. Ian Paterson signaled his long awaited return in the maroon and white with a well taken shot from the left hand side of the circle after a well forced turnover. Daniel Cleary also continued his good run of form with a goal of his own, the team was inflexible in its resolve tackling hard and putting pressure on the St George players when making and receiving passes. Michael Wark was soon on the scores sheet when Aaron Oman pounced on a loose ball and slotted a well calculated pass across the face of the St George goal mouth leaving Michael with a simple tap in. Glebe would go into the half time break with a 5 goals to nil advantage over the opposition.

The half time break stressed the need to maintain our intensity during the second half and continue to work on the aspects which will put us in good stead for future games.

The talk was well received by all players as the team managed to pile on ten goals in the second half to St Georges two. Glebe's play was characterised by quick and early balls to the forwards who attacked the St George circle with numbers allowing the ball to be maneuvered around the defenders and Goal keeper. Scores for the day included Aaron Oman who showed he has lost none of his inside forward goal scoring ability playing centre half, Daniel Cleary who happened to be Jonny on the spot ghosting away with 4 goals for the afternoon, Mick Wark who used his usual circle craft to both score and create goals and Josh La Spina who came on as super sub to score two goals of his own.

Glebe next week takes on the students from UTS who always play a tough style of hockey which will ensure a good solid hit out for the team.

Yours in Hockey  
Mark Paterson

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report

Glebe vs Manly

Round 19

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Result: Lost 3-1

A heart breaking result for the boys who gave it everything on the night. Unfortunately the finishing was not quite there. Manly are a very good side who play fast physical hockey and can score from anywhere. They also have a terrific centre forward who will make you pay on penalty corner flicks if you give away too many. However, Glebe got off to a cracker of a start when after repelling several Manly attacks went on the counterattack and scored a well worked goal. Manly responded soon after when they were gifted a penalty corner for a minor infringement outside the circle. There was no mistake with the Manly drag flick to middle right of the goal sending Mick flying in the other direction. Glebe were then unlucky not to go back in front when on three separate occasions three different forwards missed golden opportunities with the keeper all but beaten.

The second half was even more physical and as fast as the first with chances from both sides going begging. Eventually a right cross from the Manly winger found the opposite winger who kicked the ball before flicking it over the goalie after he had picked up the ensuing rebound. Very, very unlucky. Manly sealed the game shortly after when again a Manly foot in the circle was overlooked and the resulting Glebe error ended in a penalty corner awarded to Manly. The drag push to the bottom right corner was saved by both goalie and the right postie but neither could get to the rebound before one of their strikers pushed the ball in at short range for the winner. The guys tried hard to the end but literally did not get the rub of the green let alone the bounce of the ball all night. Once again, the poor lighting at Kyeemagh would not have helped the umpires in their efforts to make the right call at the right time.

In the event Briars beat GNS on the weekend and then in effect go 2 points in front of us, the team will do well to pip them at the post considering we have a bye next week which we will get no points for. In spite of this dire situation, the boys tried extremely hard and really deserved a win in this instance but it was not to be.

Cheers

Adam Campano