

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

Glebe vs. Sutherland

Round 6

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008

Result 4 – 1

After a week off from hockey due to the ANZAC day long weekend the Glebe team came together for Saturdays match against arch rivals Sutherland rejuvenated and ready to play. With two players back from injury the team was close to full strength with only Aaron Oman to come back into the side. The Pre – match talk stressed the need to start the game with intensity and to control the game through quick ball movement.

The game couldn't have started off any better for Glebe, as with only minutes into the game Glebe was 1 – 0 up after some fine attacking work down the right hand side which allowed the ball to be threaded through the circle to a waiting Glebe player who had the simplest of tap ins to give Glebe the early ascendancy in the match. Glebe continued its attacking style of hockey often penetrating the Sutherland circle at will, but to Sutherland's credit they held firm. The Glebe defence stood out in the first half repelling all Sutherland's advances into the Glebe defensive half, this allowed them to provide the team with quick counter attacking hockey up the other end. The game grew tight within the closing minutes of the first half with Mark Paterson being sent off after a dubious umpiring decision, this left the Glebe team short one player for 10 minutes. The first half came to a close with the score still 1 – 0 in Glebe's favour.

The halftime talk stressed the need for the team to take its opportunities' in the attacking circle and really drive home the advantage of all the possession the team was enjoying in the Sutherland half.

The second half started well with the team playing a man down everyone lifted another 10 percent to which multiple short corners were won but none converted. Glebe was enjoying a wealth of possession with the team continually attacking down the right and left hand flanks, Patrick Wark was continually causing trouble down the right as he was able to receive the ball on the advantage line and attack the second line of defence. Quick ball movement between Matt Wark and Alister Cullen allowed early ball to the strikers who able to receive in space and continually pressure the Sutherland defence. Ian Paterson was enjoying his first game back from injury with a Man of the match performance, while Michael Wark soon added his name to the scorer's sheet with a deft push into the back of the net to give the Glebe team a much needed two goal buffer. Sutherland soon hit back after being awarded short corner after short corner and finally converted one through a straight hit which cut the deficit back to one goal. This only spurred the Glebe team on which lifted another level in its intensity; with a quick transfer on top of the circle Mark Paterson received the ball unmarked to slot a back stick into the net and restore the two goal lead. The Glebe team was coming home strong in the dying stages of the game with relentless pressure being applied to the

Sutherland defence, this proved too much and with Daniel Clearly going on one of his trademark runs dribbled through the heart of the Sutherland defence to provide Michael Wark with his second for the match.

The final siren sounded and the Glebe team had returned to the winners circle with a hard fought win. The dressing room after the match was emotional, euphoric yet measured as the team realises there is still a long way to go in the 2008 premierships season. The players now learn what they can from the game and reapply themselves to training this week. A great effort from everyone who took the field on Saturday during trying circumstances and external factors which was out of the team's control.

Cheers

Mark Paterson

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report

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Result: 1-4

What looked to be Glebes toughest game so far this season, the intense battle between arch rivals Sutherland on Saturday night, did not go in Glebes favor, despite scoring first off a broken down short corner. Sutherland had the majority of possession with momentum behind them as they sustained a vast amount of pressure on the Glebe midfielders. With a couple of U/17's out and Chonga playing in first grade, mustering any sort of attacking raids would be a great challenge. However the Simon and Ando managed to produce great leads, which set the basis for a couple of dangerous short corners through out the game. Although the lack of support provided Sutherland to continue to return to the attacking end of the field with dangerous plays. This provided the opposition with their first goal, after a series of short corners, a drag flick managed to find the net. Sutherland's second goal came from a defensive mistake when trapping an overhead, leading to a three on one with the remaining defender.

This gave Sutherland the leading edge going into half time 2-1 up. Being one goal down, and not playing their best hockey, the reds needed to come into the second half with a better game plan to create a more dominant presence in attack.

Despite more short corners and better attacking opportunities than the first half, Glebe failed to find the back of the net, as Sutho took advantage of Glebes lack of depth within the forwards, using quick ball movement to create many opportunities down their right side of the field. This opened the door to their third goal, which came from a break away winger who managed to slice a tomahawk off Steff's pads and into the net. This did not deter the mighty Reds from a comeback, nor did the dubious decision to award a stroke to Sutherland, after a short corner hit going wide struck Scott Howard on the foot. Steff took a stand, with a great save to keep Glebe in the match, and that it did. Although being one man down, Glebe had two great chances straight off the back of the stroke, both of which Brad unluckily put wide by an inch. Glebe failed to take advantage of the turning point, while letting Sutherland run away with it scoring another goal just before the buzzer.

Glebe had many points to take away from their first loss of the season. A new structure was heavily talked about after the game, and weather it suited our style of play. Glebe will hope to get back to their winning streak this Saturday at Olympic, taking on last years minor premiers, with a full strength team.

Players Player: Adam Campano

Sam Noller

### 3rd Grade Report

Glebe vs. Sutherland

Round 6

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008

Result: 1-3

Frustrating. The first word that comes to mind. A senior player made the comment at the end of the game, "That's another one that got away from us". My thoughts were more along the line of, "How the \$%& did we lose that". Our first half was probably our best half of the season. The defence was super solid led by Pete Busch and Daniel Carey and Sutherland rarely seriously threatened our goal. Glebe was able to construct some super attacking movements in particular through the initiative of Wayne Benfield and Ben Gaywood. However, it was Sutherland who opened the scoring when a simple right sided attack saw a number of defenders get caught out of position and some slack marking resulted in a trademark Sutherland goal working the ball around our stand-in keeper, Terren Manou. Glebe fought back soon after however when Simon Wark made a run down the right side and passed the ball back on the angle to super sub, Ross 'Ranga' Tapsell who smashed the ball into the goal past the hapless keeper. Glebe went into half-time extremely confident in the way that they were playing and that opportunities would present themselves and hopefully be taken.

However, the second half proved to be a contrast to the first as Glebe's application of the basics of hockey, that is trapping and passing went out the window. Continued lost possession in attack resulted in numerous counterattacks by Sutherland which the Glebe defence were able to repel for a period. Eventually, however, the inevitable breaking goal came and Sutherland seemed to step it up a notch from their. Coming from behind does not appear to be this Glebe team's forte unfortunately. Sutherland scored again late to put the result beyond doubt.

It must be said that the commitment of this Glebe side is not under question, however, the critical decision making at the conclusion of many of our attacking movements borders on diabolical, with a number of ill thought passes, mistraps and balls being sent or lost over the backline all contributing to the malaise. The team has won only 2 games and lost 4 to date and are sitting near to the bottom of the table with only 8 goals scored in 6 games. We clearly lack the ability at the moment to score more than one goal per game and it's pretty rare in hockey these days to win by scoring only one goal. We hope to remedy our goal drought next week against Briars.

Players Player: Congrats to Benny Gaywood, our friend from Devon.

Cheers

Adam Campano