

SECOND GRADE REPORT

21st march 2009

Result 0 – 1 Glebe vs. Sutherland

Players Player – Nathan Dart

This week's match against Sutherland was always going to be a good test for a young second grade side. Sutherland started the match full of running and put plenty of pressure on the defence but we responded with plenty of pressure of our own. The defence held strong through the first half forcing shots on goal from wide angles, which were easily dealt with by Stefan. The game moved ahead and both sides had chances to go ahead but the half time score remained nil all.

The second half started out much the same as the first with Sutherland slightly on top. Until about 15 mins from the end Sutherland forced a corner and from the resulting corner managed to get a contentious stroke. Accepting the umpire's decision Glebe hoped Stefan could pull off a save but Sutherland went 1-nil up. Glebe managed to put more pressure on the Sutherland's defence in the remaining minutes searching for an equalising goal but we were unable to equalise.

In the end a very engorging effort from the team and with a bit more luck we could have equalised or even won.

Thanks to Brad Goodridge for that report

THIRD GRADE REPORT-

MARCH 21ST

RESULT: Glebe 1-0

Glebe's game against arch rivals Sutho was rough and tough and everything else you would expect from such a match up. The match was extremely even and see-sawed back and forth with both sides having good chances saved by the respective goal keepers or cleared by the talented defences from each team. The only goal of the game came as the result of the tried and true old school penalty corner combination of Jowett-Campano-Busch: GOAL! Chris Holmes was man of the match in his return game to 3rd grade getting through a mountain of defence along with Tom Holyoake and Brayden Mead, while young guns Will Noller, Dom Tintner and Corey Morrow all had terrific games up front. The team took the lesson from last week's loss well and defended much better as a unit continually putting pressure on Sutherland and forcing them to receive the ball in a contest on several occasions. Smart play boys. Very smart. This was a great result considering Glebe has not beaten Sutho in this grade for at least a couple of years to the best of my memory.

FIFTH GRADE REPORT

21st MARCH 2009

Glebe 3 def. Sutherland 0

After a late scheduling change of time and venue - due to a full capacity Homebush, the Glebe 5th grade side found themselves running on to the pitch at Sylvania Heights to tackle Sutherland on their home ground.

In what was a scorcher of a day some reserves were pinched from 6th grade to help the squad handle the conditions a bit better.

In what was a dominant start to the match Glebe maintained possession well in the early interchanges and controlled the tempo of the match with some well structured play down our right hand flanks. After some quick interchanges between centre-half Ken Wark Jr. and new right half specialist Chris Farrugia, the ball flowed freely up the line to our strikers who had no trouble leading deep and collecting.

After 10 minutes all attacking raids failed to yield any results however and around the 15 minute mark our old enemies from the Shire started to gain more breakaways to apply pressure to our backs. One such attacking raid was thwarted and a quick ball from Craig Bagley released Kenny on the counter who in turn launched a long ball to centre-forward Narlie Dias who managed to beat his defender on the turn and thread a pass to Tom Schlosser cutting in from the wing who showed great control and awareness to drag inside the advancing keeper and slot the ball in to the open goal off his backstick to give Glebe the 1 goal ascendancy.

The scoreboard would remain the same to half-time but the intensity of the match certainly lifted with some Sutherland players taking a disliking to Kenny's commitment to win a ball. The half time talk spoke of the need for the forward line to drop back during the opposing 16 yard hits to better cut off the lines that they were finding when clearing out from the back.

As we took the field for the second half we knew we had played the better hockey in the first half but needed to put some more goals away to ensure the points would be safe.

Sutherland however, came out stronger in the second and managed to hold the ball well in the middle of the field but although their forward line had youth and speed our defensive line had the experience. The backs maintained pressure on the ball well and even though the ball was deep within our own territory keeper Teren Manou had very little work to do.

As the heat took a toll tempers began to flare in Kenny's direction again and as our opposition lost it's cool we found our strides again with our 3 strikers Gareth, Narlie and Tom working cohesively up front to pressure the Sutherland defence and finally cracked them 15 minutes in to the second when Narlie managed to get the final touch on what was an almost comical scramble in front of an open goal.

As Kenny continued to attract attention Les Wark seemed to be the forgotten man at Inside Left and 10 minutes later wound back the years as he collected the ball a few metres outside the 23 yard line and after beating one defender and receiving a friendly deflection from a second continued on at full speed into the circle sending the ball screaming into the inside of the right side board, to which he coolly turned afterwards, exclaimed 'i'm rooted' and went for a well deserved breather.

As the game ground down we held the ball well deep into the corners and eventually walked away 3 - 0 victors on the day.

Our thanks goes to the 6th grade players who backed up in the heat after their win in the game before.

Jason McDonald

6TH GRADE

MATCH REPORT

21ST MARCH 2009

Result: Glebe - 2 defeated Sutherland - 0 (Arun Aggarwal - 2)

Playing on their home turf, Sutherland had the early momentum in sweltering conditions. The score does not reflect the intensity of the repeated Sutho raids down the left and right flanks, all of which were beaten back by solid defensive efforts from Glebe's fullbacks and goalie Cameron.

James Allan took his life into his hands with a spectacular sliding tackle followed by an even more spectacular dive over the side fence and Arun Aggarwal scored late in the first half following a deflection into the D from James Casey.

It became obvious after the half time break that Glebe's overall fitness level in the mid-field and forwards was superior to the Sutherland side. As Glebe's attacks became more frequent and focussed, Arun Aggarwal scored again, slamming home a short corner.

The opposition's players became increasingly frustrated by their supreme inability to score and a yellow card was issued to one Sutho player after he accused the umpires of bias. The new rule changes were in use by players of both sides during the game and the directive that umpires clamp down on talking back was also a noticeable element of the game.

Despite approaches on goal by both teams in the dying minutes, Glebe closed down the game and chalked up a well-deserved win.

Adrian McKeown

