

1st Grade

First Grade Match Report:

Glebe Vs UTS Saturday 18th April 2009 Homebush P2 5:00pm.

Result: 6-3

Glebe welcomed back some class players this week with the Brother's Paterson: Ian & Mark as well as Matthew Wark making their season debut after being absent from the first three matches due to NSW representational honours. The Glebe boys did themselves, their families and their club proud, achieving third place and only narrowly missing out on higher placing. Congratulations Ian, Mark and Matthew.

Their addition to the Glebe line-up today was keenly felt. In the opening stages of the match Glebe looked a slick outfit, passing the ball quickly and precisely and holding possession well.

The early ascendancy however did not show on the scoreboard. Glebe were able to shut down UTS' early attacks effectively, but what can only be called a fluke put them 1-0 in front of Glebe early on. A speculative blast from outside the attacking 25 from the UTS left half copped an unfortunate deflection from a Glebe player. The ball then lobbed all the defenders to fall neatly into the circle, and Johnny-on-the-spot from UTS made no mistake in blasting it home from 10 metres out.

Glebe gave this goal not a second thought and were soon attacking down both flanks at will. The side looked most dangerous when they found the wing halves Patrick Wark and Zach Farlow early, who then linked well with short passing to the inside forwards Mark & Ian Paterson, centre half Alistair Cullen and wingers Daniel Cleary and Josh La Spina. First divide then conquer. Attempting to find strikers and high inside forwards directly from 16-yard hits and deep defence with 40 metre passes should be saved for Christmas time and other special occasions rather than being the primary option. However when executed judiciously the fullback to centre forward pass is bliss, as demonstrated when Matthew Wark picked up Cousin Michael with a 65-metre bullet. Michael received in space and was only stopped from scoring by some dubious defensive techniques which were lucky to be only penalised with a short corner.

It was from one such well worked short corner that Ian Paterson got his name on the board. A second short corner was scored after an unintended variation left Peter Wark upright trapping on the top of the circle. He weighed up the options and found Alistair Cullen vacant to his left. Alistair trapped and struck swiftly, catching the UTS keeper with his knees apart, the ball bisecting them.

UTS managed to rally late in the second half, aided as they were by a Glebe defence which were lacking a little lustre, or lacking a little coordination at any rate. Coordination is made much easier with good communication, which still requires work by the Glebe tight-end. Regular subscribers will realise this deficiency is a reoccurring theme. Some individual brilliance kept UTS at bay periodically, with one noteworthy effort from Matthew Wark combining exceptional timing, poise Baryshnikov would be proud of and a good measure of

bravery besides. He managed to come in the wrong side and pluck the ball from an attacker who was in the process of having a full-blooded shot on goal. Not for the feint hearted.

UTS managed to score a soft goal after an extended scramble and the half-time score was 5-2 in Glebe's favour

The team were well aware that the marking and releasing needed improving at the back, as well as the trapping, passing and finishing requiring work in the attack, and this was the gist of the half-time discussion. In soccer commentators talk a lot about a striker's 'first-touch'; plenty of times they will only get one more afterwards. In hockey the first-touch is no less important, as it can be the difference between setting up a well balanced and accurate shot on goal, or miss-trapping and either ruining a promising chance completely or having to shoot from a sub-optimal position. On the weekend there were too many poor first touches.

Whether it was because of the healthy lead Glebe had accumulated or their dominance on the game in the first term the side slackened in the second half, which was disappointing. The improvements asked for at half-time were not achieved and to be frank, the second half performance was inferior to the first. This showed when UTS scored to make it 5-3 and put themselves back in the match. The Glebe side went through disorganised phases where positions and personnel were uncertain, and this certainly interfered with the team's efforts. Glebe managed a sixth goal to put the game beyond doubt when Mark Paterson scored off his second penalty stroke of the game. It's not easy to flick against the same keeper twice in one match as there's a lot more to the guessing game on repeat attempts. Well done Mark.

The side warmed down and stretched in anticipation of the catch-up game against Briars to be played the following afternoon. Briars are a much stronger opponent than UTS so an improved performance was hoped for.

Players Player: Matthew Wark.

Regards,

Patrick Wark.

Glebe vs. Briars

Sunday 19th April 2009 at Cintra 3.30pm

Result: Glebe 4 – Briars 3

You have to play for 70 minutes

As the Glebe 1st grade contingent fronted up for its second game in as many days the theme for the team was to improve on Saturday's performance against UTS. With the blustery conditions sweeping over the concord complex both teams took to the field in what is always a tough encounter against the cross town rivals Burwood Briars. However the Glebe team took the early initiative in the first half moving the ball around the field well and producing good attacking movements earning multiple short corners and shots on goal.

The first goal came about through a sweeping passage of play which lead to Michael Wark receiving the ball along the baseline to manoeuvre the ball past the Briars defence and into the goals. Shortly afterwards, Glebe would soon find itself on the board again after a short corner rebound fell to Ian Paterson who pounced on the loose ball to calmly slot the ball over the advancing Briars goal keeper. Glebe continued to attack but a lack of attention to detail both in attack and in defence would see Briars peg one goal back going into half time leaving the game locked at 2 – 1.

Geoff stressed the importance for the team to hang onto the ball in the second half and to keep transferring the ball at the back and in the mid – field as to stretch the Briars defence and to then play to the width of the field. The team also needed to get back to feeding passes into midfield as to shorten up the game and cut the long passes out of its game.

What was mostly said at half time must have fallen on deaf ears as an error riddled second was produced by both teams with Briars making the most of the opportunities in the second half. Briars levelled the scores at 2 – 2 after Glebe had absorbed a lot of pressure and persistent attacking from the rejuvenated Briars team. It took the Glebe captain Patrick Wark to score Glebe's 3rd goal when after receiving a ball on the top right edge of the circle fired a push pass across the face of goal and in a bizarre turn of events a Briars players swept the ball into his own goal.

This however didn't deter the Briars team and they soon levelled the scores again after a short corner rebound was pounced on and flicked into the net. This would ensure a frantic final 5 minutes of hockey; ironically this is when at times Glebe produced its best hockey transferring the ball and simply giving the early ball. With the clock winding down and the scores locked at 3 – 3 the game was headed for a draw but in the dying stages the ball was fed quickly from the back to the midfield and then to the forward line where Michael Wark found himself one on one with the goal keeper for the second time in the match however this time he made no mistake after wrong footing the goal keeper to back stick the ball into the back of the net. No sooner had the ball ricocheted off the backboard did the full time siren sound. Glebe had well and truly escaped from gaol.

Although the team did not put together a solid 70 minutes of Hockey over the weekend it sometimes shows that you don't always need to be the best team or the best team of

individuals, but the best team at turning up for each other and I think that this is one thing that this current crop of players does for each other extremely well.

Glebe's next opponent is Bankstown at Bankstown at the time of 2.30pm 25th April.

Players Player: Alister Cullen

Cheers

Mark Paterson

Points Table - Premier League 1st Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sutherland	5	4	0	1	24	7	17	12
Moorebank	5	4	0	1	24	11	13	12
Sydney Uni	5	3	1	1	20	8	12	10
NWSrikers	5	3	1	1	16	6	10	10
Glebe	5	3	1	1	16	15	1	10
GNS	5	2	3	0	12	10	2	9
Ryde HH	5	3	0	2	10	11	-1	9
Bankstown	5	2	0	3	27	12	15	6
Briars	5	1	0	4	12	15	-3	3
UTS	5	1	0	4	9	28	-19	3
SWStrikers	5	1	0	4	7	32	-25	3
St G-Randwick	5	0	0	5	6	28	-22	0

2nd Grade

Glebe vs. UTS

Result: 2 – 5

Saturday, 18 Apr - 1530 at Pitch 2

The long weekend did glebe no favours. The first game back after the break was described as extremely poor hockey that was embarrassing to watch. The game started off poorly with the glebe side lacking basic fundamentals and skills of hockey. The half time score did not portray this with glebe going into half time locked at 1 all with UTS. The second half was an absolute disgrace with glebe conceding 4 goals in a ten minute period .which completely dropped the moral of the team. It was a poor performance and glebe side need to learn from it.

Player's player: was a tie between Leichhardt's number one baddies Nathan dart and Scott Howard.

Your man on the inside Scott Howard

Points Table - Premier League 2nd Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Moorebank	5	5	0	0	20	3	17	15
Sutherland	5	5	0	0	21	5	16	15
UTS	5	4	0	1	14	7	7	12
Sydney Uni	5	4	0	1	16	10	6	12
NWStrikers	5	3	0	2	19	12	7	9
Glebe	5	3	0	2	12	9	3	9
Briars	5	2	1	2	16	12	4	7
Ryde HH	5	1	1	3	12	13	-1	4
SWStrikers	5	1	0	4	6	18	-12	3
Bankstown	5	0	1	4	6	14	-8	1
St George-Randwick	5	0	1	4	5	25	-20	1
GNS	5	0	0	5	6	25	-19	0

3rd Grade

Glebe vs Manly

18 April 2009 at Ryde

Result: Manly won 4-0

On a cold and windy Saturday night, Glebe 3rds ventured to the patchwork quilt that is the Ryde Turf (at least they have a turf!) and played against P1 hopefuls, Manly. Basically, despite our best efforts with a depleted team and little striker power up front, we were 'wiped out' by a far superior team. Bigger, fitter, stronger, better basics, more urgency to get to the ball, more skill, brilliant finishing – Manly deserved their win. This club has come along way in a few short years and SHA should support what will be their third consecutive application after this season to be promoted to the top flight competition. The infrastructure and depth is there so 2010 should be Manly's year of reckoning. I think I would also appreciate this to happen also for purely selfish reasons in that we avoid getting whitewashed again by this side as we have done consistently in the past two and a bit seasons. Then they can play 1st grade and learn the hard way as other newly promoted clubs have done before them.

There were no stand outs for Glebe. Every one tried hard but in truth the end result was in keeping the final score relatively respectable. Scott Bortfield and Brayden Mead were probably two of the better players in my opinion but it was all much of a muchness. I have a nice bruise on my right bicep which is just starting to turn yellow as a result of wearing a drag flick on a penalty corner from Manly's talented centre striker. The ensuing penalty

stroke was converted with minimum fuss. A couple of nice individual goals to Manly sealed the win which was never in doubt. I hate writing such hopeless reports but no matter, our time will come. The team makeup should improve next match with the return of Buschy, Alex Sheard, Corey Morrow and Dom Tintner. Scoring goals is what we need at the moment.

Adam Campano

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Manly	5	5	0	0	23	4	19	15
Easts	5	4	1	0	12	4	8	13
Ryde HH	3	3	0	0	13	2	11	9
Sutherland	5	2	0	3	11	11	0	6
Briars	5	2	0	3	9	9	0	6
Glebe	5	2	0	3	4	10	-6	6
Sydney Uni	3	1	1	1	4	7	-3	4
Moorebank	4	1	1	2	7	11	-4	4
GNS	5	0	2	3	5	10	-5	2
NWStrikers	4	0	2	2	4	11	-7	2
UNSW	4	0	1	3	2	15	-13	1

Points Table - Division 1 1st Grade

4th Grade

Points Table - Division 2 1st Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
St George-Randwick	5	5	0	0	27	5	22	15
UTS	5	4	1	0	13	3	10	13
SWStrikers	5	4	1	0	12	6	6	13
Ryde HH	5	3	1	1	15	5	10	10
Manly	5	3	0	2	13	10	3	9
Glebe	5	2	0	3	11	7	4	6
Mac Uni	4	2	0	2	11	9	2	6
NWS-GNS	5	1	2	2	8	10	-2	5
UNSW	5	1	1	3	5	14	-9	4
Briars	5	1	0	4	7	22	-15	3
Sutherland	4	0	0	4	4	15	-11	0
Moorebank	5	0	0	5	5	25	-20	0

5th Grade

Points Table - Division 2 2nd Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Manly	5	4	1	0	20	3	17	13
St George-Randwick	5	4	0	1	26	5	21	12
Ryde HH	5	4	0	1	14	3	11	12
SWStrikers	5	4	0	1	16	11	5	12
Mac Uni	5	2	3	0	13	4	9	9
UTS	5	2	2	1	15	9	6	8
UNSW	5	2	0	3	5	10	-5	6
Glebe	5	2	0	3	7	18	-11	6
Sutherland	5	1	1	3	5	15	-10	4
Moorebank	5	1	1	3	8	27	-19	4
Briars	5	0	0	5	5	12	-7	0
NWS-GNS	5	0	0	5	4	21	-17	0

6th Grade

GDHC Men's 6TH GRADE

Match Report Game 4

Glebe vs Manly: 1 – 4

Homebush 2, 12.30pm

Perhaps it was the cooler weather or the promise of a week off and kilos of chocolate at Easter. Perhaps it was several players being away or the lack of reserves at the start of the game. Whatever it was, Glebe's 6th grade side was downbeat -communication was lacking and clearances were hard to find. Manly took advantage to move the ball around cleanly with penetrating attack meaning a busy week for Glebe's fullbacks and goalie. Glebe got one back through Bernard Adcock and had chances in the form of short corners however ran out second to a solid team from the peninsula.

Adrian McKeown

6th Grade

Homebush 8pm 18th April, Vs UTS

Score 4-0 to them.

Sadly this was another 6th grade game where a full complement of 11 guys could not be found prior to the start of the game. Big ups to the legendary Amrit who had been watching the other grades all afternoon and stepped in to play. Now, Amrit aint Dutch, he sure had a lot of courage but more on this later.

The game started at a frenetic pace with UTS grinding Glebe back to their goal line repeatedly with stabbing runs by their whippet-like runners. Defence held strong until a darting skirmish from UTS produced a goal shortly before the end of the first half.

Glebe really looked good from this point, lifting their intensity and making the UTS guys go back to their textbooks to see what real hockey is all about. The hooter saved their reputations but not before Amrit, harnessing the courage of the Dutch and more than a couple of Toohey's, slammed one at high speed just above the UTS goalie's face. The goalie managed to deflect the ball matrix-style up and over his face, the goal and the safety fencing but had it landed, it would have been goal of the week.

Half time was accompanied by fireworks which were either provided for the 6th grade half time or less likely for the Easter show. The fireworks seemed to have a mesmerising effect on the Glebe players who were distracted by the noisy, shiny movement in the air and conceded 2 soft goals within 2 minutes at the start of the second half.

The momentum was now well and truly with UTS who were rarely troubled in their attacking quarter. Glebe was held scoreless for the first time this year and are badly in need of a victory.

Adrian McKeown

Points Table - Division 4 1st Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sutherland	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
Bentstix	2	1	1	0	8	6	2	4
Glebe	2	1	1	0	7	5	2	4
GNS	2	1	0	1	8	5	3	3
Mac Uni	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
Wests	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Easts	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Glenorie	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
Briars	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0
Ryde HH	2	0	0	2	4	11	-7	0

7th Grade

Points Table - Division 4 2nd Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sydney Uni	2	2	0	0	7	0	7	6
Glebe	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
Manly	2	1	0	1	8	6	2	3
NWStrikers	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	3
Briars	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
GNS	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
Bankstown	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
Ryde	2	1	0	1	4	10	-6	3
Bentstix	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0
St George-Randwick	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0