

## **First Grade Match Report:**

### **Glebe Vs Sydney University**

**Saturday 9th of May 2009 Olympic Field 8:00pm**

**Result: 5-4**

Glebe took on the ever-willing Sydney Uni today in a fierce contest. Sydney Uni has finally recruited some decent foreign players and this is showing in their results, where they have been troubling some of the stronger sides. Best buy was their drag-flicker who scored two goals today.

Their other two goals were scored on fast breaks which Glebe should've done better to close down. The first of these raids was aided by an unfortunately timed hamstring tear for Peter Wark. We all hope this heals quickly and Peter can get back to his bustling best post haste.

Glebe played well in this match, getting to 5-2 ahead with 15 minutes remaining and really should've closed out the match. To Uni's credit they didn't give up as they may've in seasons past and actually gave the Glebe guys a scare with some fast finishing, piling on two goals in the back quarter. Glebe abetted the Sydney Uni cause by trying to transition from defence into attack too quickly. At times the attacking midfield sprinted headlong into the teeth of the SU defence without first considering where their supporting players were. This of course led to many turnovers and gave SU additional chances to claw their way back into the game. At three goals in front with 15 minutes remaining Glebe should've played a calmer, more measured game holding possession – it is very difficult for Sydney Uni to score when Glebe have the ball.

Sydney Uni still play a defensive style, opting to get numbers behind the ball and hope for goals of breakaways and short corners. As they fell further behind they wanted to speed up the play and get more attacking. Toward the bitter end Glebe started to play with a little more nous, practicing stick work in the right hand corner, much to the displeasure of Sydney Uni, who had finally decided that they wanted to attack and possibly grab a draw.

Glebe were able to force a short corner from this exchange and would hold out for victory.

**Players Player:** Matthew Wark had an excellent game, using his speed, reach and aggression to make countless tackles and shut down some dangerous defensive situations. Ball distribution was also good, he gives the side another potent attacking weapon with his huge overhead passes.

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

**Glebe vs. Sydney Uni,**

**9 May 2009**

**Result 2 - 0**

Taking on a new look stronger Sydney Uni today produced a fast pace difficultly contest. As mentioned in the first grade report the new recruits in their club have strengthen their second grade as well, no longer the easy beats Glebe did not treat the this game lightly. The game was one of the fastest second grade games I have ever played in and Sydney Uni put it to us, but the young Glebe team got up to speed quickly and took control of the game creating plenty of chances, but only cashing in once, going to half time up 1-0.

Once again the second half was much like the first with Glebe controlling the game and creating many chances but failing to get clear by two goals. Some good defense and goal keeping kept the one goal advantage. We had to wait to the final minute of the game to seal it where a break away from deep in our own half presented a one on one with the Sydney uni goalie who gave away a penalty stroke. Putting away the stroke Glebe sealed the game and got the points.

Brad Goodridge

## **3rd Grade Match Report**

**Glebe vs. Sydney uni**

**Homebush 9 may 2009**

**Result: draw 3-3**

The books showed in all grades on Saturday past that they have acquired some depth to their playing stocks which they have not enjoyed for some years. All grades were keenly contested and 3rd grade was no exception to this. Sydney Uni seized the initiative after Glebe had dictated terms in the first ten minutes to score a cheeky goal after some very scrappy tackling and marking in the circle by the Glebe defence. For the next 20 minutes, Sydney Uni pressed forward and put Glebe under massive pressure to bring the ball successfully out of lunch. The Fullbacks must learn not to give the left half the ball under pressure (Disclaimer: I was not playing Left Half at this time). This is universally known as the worst pass in hockey. So fully knowing this, Glebe kept throwing the ball down the left anyway. Glebe were lucky to escape to half-time being only one goal down, although there were some good opportunities spurned up front by the attack and some penalty corner opportunities duffed. Glebe started the second half strongly with Alex Sheard showing great initiative and skill up front and linking up well with a flying Scott Bortfield and Corey Morrow. Corey got the first of his two goals after some great lead up play from the other two players and initiated by Adam Howard. Then in quick succession key players, Howie and Paul Jowett succumbed to hamstring injuries, and Glebe were on the back foot once more. Sydney Uni scored a nicely

worked short corner deflection to put them back in the lead. Glebe then equalised again minutes later when Corey Morrow went to trap a long ball pumped to him in the circle which he only succeeded in mistrapping for what ended up being a brilliant deflection goal. The goalkeeper was totally bamboozled. I suppose you should always play for the miss. With four minutes to go, Alex Sheard scored a sensational individual goal to give Glebe what looked like an unassailable lead. However, Uni rallied with one minute to go and won a free hit in Glebe's defensive 25 which was then upgraded to a penalty corner after dissent from a Glebe player (no, it wasn't me). The corner occurred among chaotic scenes after a couple of lucky deflections resulted in a goal mouth scramble and a Uni striker scoring a close flick in over the goal keeper to tie the game for the final time.

A draw was probably a fair result in the end, although the Glebe boys did feel that they had the better of the game and again were left to rue missed opportunities.

Moorebank next week. Always a tussle.

## **4th Grade Match Report**

**Saturday 9 May 2008**

**Glebe vs. Sydney Uni**

**Result 1-1**

Coming from a disappointing previous game the 4's managed to get to the ground in good time to hear some wise words and really focus before facing the league leaders. The first 5 minutes looked promising with Glebe moving the ball effectively and playing with confidence. Against the run of play Uni broke on the right and made the most of half a chance placing the ball in the corner. 1-0 to uni.

Glebe picked themselves up, regained their composure and played out the rest of the half soaking up attacks and starting to apply some pressure. A couple of short corners and attacks at pace built confidence with the attack maximising from a solid mid-field and inside forward performance. Coming out from the break provided Glebe with a number of quick breaks - one leading to a shortly. The keeper saved the first drag but was followed and pushed past the keeper. 1-1. The remaining 20 minutes was evidence that you need 13 good players to stay in the game.

Substitutes worked effectively and made sure the legs stayed fresh. Commitment from the Glebe defence ensured the score remained 1-1. A solid performance and lots of positive performances to take to the next game.

## **Fifth Grade Match Report**

**Saturday May 9th 2009**

**Glebe vs. UNSW**

**Result 3 – 0**

The men of fifth grade arrived at Olympic field on the back of some results that didn't favour the dirty reds nor the skill level at which they had been playing. Against other 5th grade teams Glebe was 3 wins from 3 but against 3rd grade teams we were a frustrating 0 wins from 4 matches - always on the wrong end of a 2 -1 score line.

Going up against the 3rd grade squad from the lads from UNSW the boys were ready to really step out and finally break the duck against a 3rd grade line-up. Glebe certainly started the game out as the aggressors of the match pressing hard early and often with many attacking raids leading down the right hand line we were always undone by our last pass options up front. It was a reflection of how the season had been so far with plenty of opportunities created by using solid width through the midfield but a lack of concentration up front always seeing the ball cross the backline harmlessly.

Even after 20 minutes of sustained pressure the men from Glebe had failed to force the UNSW keeper into a single save. Glebe was lucky that the backs were playing with a bit more composure as Alan Doughty, Rowan Kelly and Teren Manou in goals managed to deal very easily with the few counter attacking options that UNSW managed to get by displaying great read for the game as it came down on them.

The game finally turned in favour of Glebe with 12 minutes left before the break when Glebe was awarded a stroke after the UNSW keeper was judged to have illegally taken out centre forward Donald Ball after he collected the rebound from Ken Wark's first up short corner shot. The stroke was handed to Chris Loukakis who stepped up to the spot and coolly placed the ball past the keeper's left hip into the back of the net to open the scoring. Even though glebe continued to press and got great opportunities through the speed of the Hurrell brothers (James & Tom) we still lacked that composed last pass option inside the circle and the sides retired the half with the score still sitting at 1 - 0.

The half time talk spoke of just relaxing a little bit and working to have a bit more control inside the circle to try and put some goals away up front. The forward line needed less than a minute inside the 2nd half to put the words into action by producing the first of the team's best 2 goals of the season. After a quick penalty for an early foot the ball rolled from just inside half way back to Kenny in the middle who played a short ball to Arvin Hughes at inside-left who rolled the ball immediately on to his left wing Tom Hurrell who had made a quick lead back towards Arv and showed amazing vision to look up and threw a one time pass from the left sideline directly across field where the ball found Jason McDonald on the right wing. The pass which perfectly split through three defenders was collected at full stride at the top of the circle but an initial miss-trap saw Jason chasing the ball towards the backline forcing him to crack the ball on the run at an angle of less than 45 degrees that beat the keeper's right pad into far corner of the backboard. Less than 5 minutes later another attacking raid down the left saw Arv draw a penalty corner that would lead to our 3rd goal of the game.

After an initial misdirected push out Rowan collected the ball on the right side of the circle beyond the 23 yard line and managed to find Donald open on the right hand side who without hesitation found James Hurell unmarked on penalty spot and he made no mistake slotting the ball home between the keeper and post man. The 3 goal lead seemed to shift the focus of the Glebe team though as the mistakes in the circle of the first half came back to haunt us with miss-traps and wasted final passes again stalling our attacks. As Glebe continued to press and push higher though it left the men in red exposed at the back and allowed UNSW a number of counter-attacking opportunities even at one stage leaving Alan at fullback on the wrong end of a 3 on 1 attack. But experience shined through against the young Uni forward line as Alan forced the attackers into a bad pass that Teren was able to clear without pressure. So the game concluded at 3 - 0 and the boys retired for another week happy with the victory but hungry for so much more.

Jason McDonald.

**GDHC Men's 6TH GRADE  
MATCH REPORT GAME 8  
Glebe vs. UNSW:  
Result 2 -1  
12.30pm Saturday 9 May 2008**

This was always going to be an interesting match, with UNSW taking to the field with some really hard and fast players .... and more than a couple of slow and soft ones. Glebe on the other hand started in a flurry, pushing ahead with several close shots in the opening minutes. Eoghan pushed out a short corner early in the first half and Tom Pacey made it stick with a quality goal for Glebe. UNSW on the other hand, sprayed 7 short corners in the first half, converting none of them. Glebe hit the break feeling lucky to be one ahead. Positional changes were made within the Glebe team at the half time in order to capitalise on some of the players' strengths and to minimise some of the defensive errors which were occurring in the first half. The results were immediate with UNSW all but shut down. The forwards were able to move on with a better level of support in the backs and halves and Aaron Argawal got a great goal in open play with 6 minutes left in the game. Googa, meanwhile, was denied a cracker at knee height by the UNSW fullback, who played a perfect cover drive to clear the ball from the goal line.

Glebe also cleared two certain goals in the second half – Narlaka and yours truly making sure that Glebe maintained the 2 – nil lead for the bulk of the second half. UNSW returned for one final goal with 2 minutes to go however were not able to regroup before the final whistle. A well earned win for 6th grade sets up the team for the much anticipated showdown with

Moorebank next week.

Adrian McKeown