

GDHC Men's 6TH GRADE - MATCH REPORT - GAME 5, Glebe vs UTS: 0 – 4

8pm Saturday 18 April 2008

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 were held scoreless for the first time this year and are badly in need of a victory.

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5pm Saturday 25 April 2008 – ANZAC Day 'Lest we forget'

Twilight saw Glebe take to the field in a depleted side, again borrowing heavily from 5th grade to make the numbers. Backing up and contributing greatly were Let Wark, Sam Bagley, Craig Bagley, Tom Flosser and Peter Kelly – which of the above had been to a band night before and was hung over like a bastard? I'll lez you guess that one!

Speed cameras around the ground made a healthy profit as 6th grade arrived an average of 5 minutes late to the ground, huffing and puffing to join the squad. Bernie's night was made more interesting as a GNS youngster dribbled around him like he was a totem pole.

GNS were organised, well drilled and sickeningly polite, using their younger runners cunningly to cut the Glebe defence apart. Their captain was heard to say such requests as "Now guys, I really need someone to mark this player please" and "This is really great work – we should start to see dividends soon" but was soon choking on his platitudes as Glebe challenged the GNS defence 2 minutes prior to the end of the first half. Sam Bagley slotted the resultant short corner following a deflection and with 2 minutes to go and with the score level at 1-1, Glebe were on the war path.

Unfortunately GNS were even more on the war path and kept at the Glebe line with amazingly intense yet incredibly polite ferocity. Two spectacular goals in particular resulted from blazing hits from outside the hotzone, cunningly deflected into the goals by GNS's polite forwards. Glebe's goalie Cameron had an awesome game, keeping the scoreline to a respectably low total and overall it was a good game won by a bunch of nice and (need I say it?) polite blokes.

Following the game, around a quarter of the team headed down to the Annual Glebe Hockey Anzac Day 2 UP extravaganza which was in full swing under the arches. James Casey, who has been absent with leave from 6th grade was in fine form, laying \$200 on the bar which he had won playing 2-UP earlier that day and promising to play again for 6th grade one day in the not

too distant future. Club Captain Adam Campano also put \$100 on the bar once the first shout was over and shennanigans aplenty continued until the early hours.

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