



2019

Yearbook

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PRESIDENT'S *Report*

The end of the season seems to come around quicker and quicker every year. 2019 has been a great year so far and hopefully we can finish it off with some success in the final's series.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Board and the Coordinators of the club, listed on the previous page. Without this group's valuable time the club wouldn't run smoothly and be able to achieve the success that we have on and off the field. Being on the BoM can be quite thankless as people only speak up when there is an issue. I would encourage everyone to say a simple thank you to appreciate the amount of work that goes into running the club.

Performance and Participation

TEAMS THIS YEAR:

Women's – CL1, CL2, SL1x2, SL2, SL3, and SL4

Men's – CL2, SL1, SL2, SL3x2, SL4, and MW

We started the season with strong numbers, which resulted in us nominating an extra men's team just before the start of the season. This team was added into the SL3 competition, pleasingly both the SL3 teams were competitive throughout the year with the final game deciding which of the two UCHC teams would make the finals.

It is a lofty goal of the BoM to have all teams in finals and winning premierships. This year we had six teams in finals – MW, MCL2, MSL2, MSL3b, MSL4 and WSL1b. Out of these we had one team, Midweek, in the Grand Final. They came up an undefeated Wests team who won 5-2, I was extremely

Regardless of your team's results this year I hope everyone had a great season and will be back for a bigger and better 2020!

Stakeholder Engagement

I believe we have an ongoing opportunity to strengthen our relationships with a range of other clubs or organisations,



in particular Uni Juniors, Sport at UC and Hockey ACT.

We have developed some pathways for Uni Juniors players, especially girls. However, I think it is important to keep strengthening these pathways. If we can increase our links to Uni Juniors through coaches and umpires, we can strengthen the engagement between both clubs, especially if the club would like to push for a CL1 men's team. Thank you to those who already put their hand up to coach and/or umpire for

Uni Juniors. I would also encourage people who are interested in coaching, especially juniors, to get involved with Uni Juniors.

Our relationship with Sport at UC has been lessened this year due to them taking a different direction for clubs and encouraging all clubs to play under the 'Star's' banner. We should still engage with them as a sponsor and ensure the linkages for students are strong, especially around Market Days.

Finally, I believe we need to have more of a voice with Hockey ACT and its committees. This comes from having people sitting on these committees and ensuring that we continue to build a positive and collaborative relationship with the Hockey ACT staff members.

Culture

We pride ourselves on being a hockey club that not only plays great hockey but is a place where lifelong friendships are made. We encourage this in a range of ways, including members watching teams other than their own and social events. The draw this year was not as conducive for watching other teams with many games either clashing or in different locations at similar times. We will be recommending that Hockey ACT revisits lining up club games as much as possible to help build club culture.

We have again organised social events for the club – Lawn Bowls Season Launch, Bar Rally, Wine Tasting, Trivia Night and Presentation Night. These events help to get to know your

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teammates and fellow club members and are a way to continue building the culture of the club. We aim to offer events targeted at different audiences throughout the club including the family friendly Lawn Bowls Season Launch and Wine Tasting Evening which we hope appeals to a different UCHC audience.

The club was again involved in the Chris Mackinnon Memorial Weekend, with eleven teams (WCL1, WCL2, MCL2, WLS1b, WSL1r, MSL1, WSL2, MSL2, WSL3MSL3b and MW) wearing pink shirts and/or socks. It was great to see the club involvement in this initiative grow from previous years. The club raised approximately \$730 which will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Finance

During the offseason we undertook a review of our fee structure and the early bird discount. This resulted in the early bird discount reducing to \$50 and fees rising an average of \$10. We aim to keep our fees as low as possible whilst ensuring that we are being financially responsible and ensuring the financial longevity of the club.

We rely on sponsorship and fundraising to keep playing fees down. This year we have had a new approach to sponsorship to engage with different businesses that complement our community. In particular Lycan Hockey Sticks and Evolve have offered deals to UCHC members which have added benefits to the club. We fundraised through a BBQ and parking at Groovin the Moo, our annual Wine Fundraiser through Bill Mason at Regional Wine and Beverage Merchants and in the later part of the season a new initiative has been introduced by Tam and Jimmy to recycle containers through the ACT Container Deposit Scheme. Thank you to everyone who has supported the club through sharing a fundraiser and anyone that volunteered their time to make sure these fundraisers were successful.

I say it every year but if everyone in our club did one thing other than playing each week, whether it be as little as watching another team

play, attending a social function or umpiring for our club, or as big as coaching or being on the BoM the club would be better off for it, and I encourage everyone to do so next year.

It would take too long to thank everyone personally, but a huge thank you goes to every player, coach and umpire who has helped to make the club better in 2019!

This is my final year as President, it has been my goal as President to leave the club in a better place than when I started and I feel like I have achieved this, thank you to everyone who has helped along the way to deliver this. Good luck to Jimmy and the new Board in 2020!

Jolly Moore,
President



THANKS
thank you

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Tessa Bailey

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Mat Evans

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Scott Moore

COACHES

Women

CL1 - Ian Morrow

CL2 - Russ Thompson

SL1 Red - Chantelle Blackwell

SL1 Blue - Mat Evans

SL2 - Kenny Duren & Steven Gee

SL3 - Andy Martin & Dave Nugent

SL4 - Bram De Laat

Men

CL2 - James Robertson

SL1 - Bianca Letki

SL2 - Megan Thomas

SL3 Red - Meaghan Clack

SL3 Blue - Ash Malcolm & Bri O'Keeffe

SL4 - Brett Loiterton & Lincoln Green

Midweek - Morgan O'Sullivan

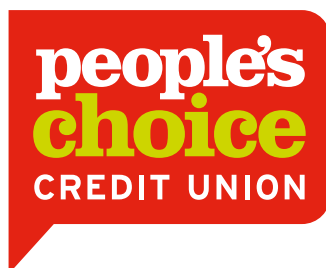


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Club AWARDS

TEAM AWARDS

Women's Teams:

CL1

Player's Player: Meredith Bone

Coach's Award: Olivia Martin

CL2

Player's Player: Lauren Yee

Coach's Award: Zoe Mason

SL1 Red

Player's Player:

Simone McKenzie

Coach's Award:

Rachel McDonald

SL1 Blue

Player's Player: Quinn Reid

Coach's Award: Clare Pyc

SL2

Player's Player: Tracey Duren

Coach's Award: Sarah McLaren

SL3

Player's Player:

Naomi Horobin

Coach's Award: Caitlin Stinson

SL4

Player's Player: Katie Baxter

Coach's Award: Laura Hamel

Men's Teams:

CL2

Player's Player: Pete Carling

Coach's Award:

Daniel Tuddenham

SL1

Player's Player: Shyam Barr

Coach's Award: Stephen Bird

SL2

Player's Player: Zeb Holt

Coach's Award:

Alex McLachlan

SL3 Red

Player's Player: Harry Holyland

Coach's Award: Ian Smith

SL3 Blue

Player's Player:

Alisdair Robertson

Coach's Award: Lachlan Dodd

SL4

Player's Player: Dan Williams

Coach's Award:

Garth O'Connell

Midweek

Player's Player: Alicia Martin

Coach's Award: David Nugent

CLUB AWARDS

Club Person of the Year

Tania Bretton

Coach of the Year – Men

Bianca Letki (SL1)

Coach of Year – Women

Russell Thomson (CL2)

Umpire of the Year – Men

James Roberston

Umpire of the Year – Women

Alyssa Hancock

Brick Shit House

(Men's Goalkeeper of the Year)

Peter Carling

Goalkeeper of the Year – Women

Alex Cornish

Club Most Improved – Men

Aaron Bassaletti

Club Most Improved – Women

Thekla Ganiaris

Rookie of the Year – Men

Shyam Barr

Rookie of the Year – Women

Lexie Feeney

Iron Man

(Most Games in a Season)

David Murray

Iron Woman

(Most Games in a Season)

Morgan O'Sullivan

Shooting Star – Men

(Most Goals in a Season)

Dave McNally

Shooting Star – Women

(Most Goals in a Season)

Emma Prime

Presidents Cup – Men

(Player of the Finals)

Darryl Judd

Presidents Cup – Women

(Player of the Finals)

Angela Schilling



Club AWARDS

LONGEVITY AWARDS

100 GAMES

Ben O'Sullivan
Zarah Mason
Reita Holmes
Amanda Prain
Tayler Green
Emma De Kieffe
Kirrally Talbot
Aidan Smith

150 GAMES

Andrew Smith
Rhian Blackwell
Caittlyn Hall
Sheree Murray
Jessie Thearle
Katie Magee
Zoe Mason

200 GAMES

Tania Bretton
Ian Morrow
Millicent Butt
Dean Stewart

250 GAMES

David Murray
Daryl Judd
Bianca Letki
Morgan Evans
Daniel Williams
Tessa Bailey
Stephen Madden

300 GAMES

Meaghan Clack
Mathew Evans
Jackson Leckie
Peter Carling
Emma Prime

350 GAMES

Simon Gavin
Brett Loiterton

400 GAMES

Brianna O'Keeffe
Naomi Horobin
Tracy Hambridge

450 GAMES

Dave McNally
James Winefield
Tracey Duren

500 GAMES

Cam Esler
Rob Ewens

650 GAMES

Kendrick Duren

700 GAMES

John Blood

750 GAMES

John Lovejoy



Capital League 1 had a familiar season having a strong team on paper, however some travel, representative duties and unwanted injuries got in the way of playing some good, consistent hockey. The talent in this squad is evident and can only hope they stay together for years to come to begin a force to be reckoned with. The team had a range of players from youthful juniors through to experienced masters. We had 9 players who were 22 years of age or younger and 6 more experienced players over the age of 30, with close to 650 CL1 games between them.

We started the season well only registering 1 loss in our first four rounds, however a run of losses through the middle of the season derailed our chances for finals. To the credit of the team we finished the season strong, matching it with the top teams and showing our full potential. We finished the season with 5 wins, 3 draws and 13 losses.

Throughout the season we all witnessed new and interesting skills from vigorous sticks thrown into tackles, to picking up the ball and using the back



of the stick...wait they were all Livi! Whether you drove to Albury with no playing shoes or your mum had to bring your socks to the game, overall it was an enjoyable season to coach and watch you all play.

We had CL2 players regularly filling in to support the team, especially when our players were away competing in representative competitions. With the depth across the two teams, the CL squad is in a strong position for the future. Congratulations to all of our representative players:

- Lauren Yee (ACT Schoolgirls & U15s),
- Skye Sutton (ACT U18s),
- Sarah Haines (ACT U18s),
- Reita Holmes (Australian Masters),
- Lauren Freeman (ACT U21s)
- Bree Runge (ACT U21s)
- Olivia Martin (ACT U18s & U21s, Australian Futures and Canberra Chill Squad)

A big thanks to Biebs for assisting me each week and making sure we had 11 players on at all times, and Brooms for managing and organising the ball girls. Also thanks to Rosco the Russ

Bus for trainings, Evolve Gym for running the fitness sessions and a huge show of appreciation to all the players who filled in.

Our team:

Tessa Bailey

On the field Tessa really grew in confidence this season. Finding new skills to eliminate players, throwing overheads and distributing in the middle really bolstered our halves. Off the field, she still did a lot for the team and club administration, and gave me someone to discuss and vent to while drinking wine at 10pm after trainings. Tessles!

Meredith Bone

A solid, consistent performer every single week, leaves nothing out on the field. Well renowned for advising umpires of their mistakes, runs with skill and purpose and well deserving of our best & fairest. Our top goal scorer as well, Merph's competitive nature and intensity is great to have in the team.

Allie Corripio

Allie is fit, strong and has great team spirit as well. Also playing both CL games most





weeks, Allie puts in 110% covering a lot of distance to stay close and be ready to support. Her persistence and strength with the ball makes her a tough opponent.

Emma De Kieffe

Defensive machine. Started the season away travelling but came back keen and ready. Being the foundation of defense for any team can be daunting and takes the right kind of person. Her understanding of the game, already extensive skill set, and ability to communicate effectively with the team is exactly what was needed.

Lauren Freeman

Excellent from the back. Save, clear, repeat. She turned up most weeks with head knocks and bruises from rugby but always ready for big performances making loads of saves.

Sarah Haines

Great attitude towards hockey and the team. Sarah missed a few weeks due to travel and injury this year. However, when on the field, Sarah can effortlessly stroll through teams with her wide range of ability and coordination. An all-round great young adult on and off the field.



Reita Holmes

Reita's reliable strength and experience at the back assists to control the game. Her tackling skills and pinpoint hard hitting is always an added bonus. Having played a few hockey games over the years, Reita reads the game incredibly well and always remains levelheaded.

Kirsty Martin

Kirsty had an amazing year of hockey. Can run through an entire team if needed with skill and pace. Smiley and quietish off the field, Kirsty is a valuable contributor through the mid line. In my opinion, one of the most improved players, Kirsty proved to be really difficult to tackle and was always in position to intercept any loose passes.

Olivia Martin

Livi is an exceptional player and person in general. For someone that is still young, she exhibits a multitude of personal attributes that make her an integral part of any team. She packs humour, diligence, dedication, skill and overall character into her relatively small frame. Well deserving of her



representative achievements and will only continue to grow as a player.

Zarah Mason

Despite making it very clear she didn't enjoy the pre training runs, Zarah demonstrated her stamina playing both CL games most weeks. Zarah continues to grow as a consistent player who you can rely on around the back. Also, a very funny human and great part of the team.

Jolly Moore

It was great to have Jolly back in CL1 as a permanent player. Her ability to juggle life, parenting, being club president and hockey is a credit to her strong, competitive drive to succeed in everything she does. Back in the forward line this year, Jolly added a wealth of experience to assist some of the younger players around her.

Alisha Nolan

Lish was back in the squad this season albeit it only briefly, unfortunately due to injury that forced a short season. A strong defender who we haven't seen play for a couple of years, but hopefully will be back again next year.



Celina Poon

Cha can and will run all day. Playing up front, she manages to be in the right position at the right times and glides through the air while running with no effort at all. Cha's happy, joyful and upbeat personality is a wonderful personal attribute, but also lifts her teammates' eagerness to play each week.

Bree Runge

Bree's potential is evident on the field. She can play any position, control the ball and has great game awareness. Bree battled on for weeks through games before having to withdraw due to injury. I'm sure with some rest over the off-season, she'll be back at full capacity next year.

Skye Sutton

New to CL1 this year, Skye is a promising young player who has speed and ability, and connects well with the players around her. A really solid tackle and her ability to run the ball greatly assisted the team this year. She is a player to watch in the future.

Lauren Yee

Our youngest player in the team turning 15 through the year, Lauren already has amazing stick skills and can eliminate the most experienced players in the competition. I really enjoyed her passion and dedication for playing hockey. Although still young, a great find for the club and comfortable CL1 player.





The 2019 season was very positive for CL2W. We fought hard every single game and the results showed. The team improved a great deal from last season, only just missing out on a finals spot in one of the closest grades in the competition. The team found a great balance between hard work and simply enjoying the game. When I asked the team to focus, they put their heads down and gave it everything and when we wanted to have a laugh, everyone was included.

The biggest reward I received all year was when multiple players made me aware of how much this team meant to them. As with most teams, we often had a few girls playing a higher grade each week. I think the record was 7 in CL1 for one round. I always told the players that CL1 took priority and if selected, it wasn't expected they played 2 games. On several occasions through, different players told me that they wanted to do everything they could to play CL2 as well. CL2 was their team, their number one priority. Towards the end of the season I spoke to the girls about taking ownership of the team, working hard for each other and putting



their hand up when it mattered. It was great to see the team take this on board and although we just missed out on a finals spot, I feel like we finished the season as a stronger unit and even more determined to crack the top 4 in 2020.

It took a lot of juggling with numbers due to the 7 games rule this season. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone we called upon throughout the season for always being happy to help out when available. I was often asking around a night before our game. I appreciate some selections were difficult this year but thank you to those SL1 girls who still made it to training. I think it's great for the club that we had such competition for selection

every week. In no particular order, thank you: Alisha Nolan, Brittany Webb, Skye Sutton, Nicola Ward, Lauren Freeman, Briana Fritsch, Sarah Haines, Tracy Hambridge, Bianca Letki, Alicia Martin, Kirsty Martin, Rachel McDonald, Liza Michalak, Jolanta Moore, Celia Poon, Breanne Runge, Emma de Kieffe and Angela Schilling.

A personal thank you to Millie for managing the side. You definitely made things easier for me not having to worry about team sheets, scores or players votes. Brooms, a big thank you for being around to help when available. And lastly, Moz I had a lot of fun sharing CL duties with you this year. You took the lead on a majority of the CL squads training this season, so

our success has a lot to do with your coaching. On behalf of the CL2 Women, we all greatly appreciated the work you put in all year. Lastly, a massive thank you to the team. Once again, I had an absolute ball coaching you all. Bring on 2020

Jessie Thearle

Our captain again this year, JT definitely leads this team from the front. The effort she puts in both at training and during the game is unquestionable. Nothing is left out on the field week in week out for JT which is everything you would want from a leader. It's great having a captain I can bounce ideas off and can also contribute when it comes to our team chats. Once again, JT worked hard all year at training and was always looking to improve her skills, putting them into practice on game day. She's adding new dimensions to her game every week which is great to see.

Alex Cornish

Alex was a new addition to UC this year and she made an immediate impact. Her consistency in goals all season was incredible and her temperament in the circle had a very calming effect on our





defence. With her talk from the back everyone knew their role and more often than not got the job done. Alex is an extremely positive influence on the team, some of her saves inspirational and you could also tell she enjoyed every minute of being out there on the field. Her focus at training never diminished. She was always there early, ready and kitted up straight away. Such a positive player.

Millie Butt

Another player who really lifted the team with her talk on the field. Millie reads the game extremely well and whether it be in the halves or at fullback, she makes the middle of the field her own. When the team needed to lift, we could always count on Millie to inject herself into the game. An example of that came in a tight match against NCE. At 3/4 time I asked the team to find another gear and shut NCE out. Mille went out on the field and didn't stop talking for the whole 4th quarter. The opposition could not find a way back into the game and a big part of that was the talk generated by Millie. Another consistent year for Millie.

Patricia Oswald

Trish makes an impact anywhere she plays on the field. Her determination to win the ball makes things very difficult for any opposition player. Another senior member of the team, Trish leads by example by always giving 100%. It was difficult for Trish early in the season as she was graded CL2 but found herself playing CL1

most weeks. Whenever I saw her play CL1, it worried me we wouldn't see her again this year but luckily for me, the numbers worked out in my favour. I said it last year, but it is unfortunate for Trish and great for the team is that she can basically play any position on the park. This year she pretty much did that. Another extremely consistent season for Trish.

Adele Kelly

Del certainly put her body on the line this year. She was inspirational all season in the middle of the pitch and put in some spectacular goal saving tackles in the circle. When I asked the team to make every 50/50 theirs, Del stepped up, lifting the team during crucial moments of play. She finished most games with a new bruise to show off and even picked up a broken thumb. Hopefully she rests up in the off season as the team really missed her when she wasn't there. Her effort at training was key to her success this year. During skills sessions, Del took the time to learn each skill correctly and was always looking to improve.

Zoe Mason

Stepping up from SL1 last year, Zoe looked right at home. Her defensive and offensive skills were crucial to our success this year. It was great to see her confidence grow throughout the season as she became more and more dominant, often shutting her opposition inner out of the game. She had to play out of her preferred position on several occasions but never let

that phase her. Always wanting to do her best for the team, each time she put her head down and got the job done. If I'm honest, she should be pushing for CL1 next year as she showed the class and determination all year proving she's ready for the challenge.

Maddy Novak

Another player to step up to CL2 this year. Maddy is a player every coach loves, you know exactly what you are going to get each game with her. The consistency brought to every single game was very much appreciated by the whole team. Maddy was also a great motivational team member. The enjoyment she gained from learning new skills and improving her hockey was infectious. She happily gave everything us coaches threw at her a red hot crack which was crucial to her development.

Lucy Angel

A new addition to the club this year, Lucy made an impact from the very start. Having been originally left out of the CL squad, Lucy knuckled down and put in some determined performances at training and during the pre-season trial match. Forcing Moz and I to reconsider. The whole team was glad we did, as Lucy became a key member of our defence. I think the biggest compliment for Lucy is that whenever she wasn't available, the whole team wanted to know when she was back. Not having her there was a huge loss. Luckily for the club she's got 3 more years of

university left. Definitely one to watch for CL1 in the future.

Lauren Yee

Lauren plays with the consistency of someone many years her senior. Only playing 15 games, she was by far our highest goal scorer, putting 8 in the back of the net. The next highest was 3. Her consistency also showed in the votes with her taking out the Players Player votes for the season. An outstanding first year of senior hockey for Lauren. It was great to see Laurens confidence in the team grow throughout the season. With silky smooth skills and speed for days, Lauren carved up many defences this year. I'm sure she doesn't go a day without picking up a stick, her love of the game is infectious.

Bec McRae

Preferring to play upfront, Bec dutifully filled our gaps in the midfield for the majority of the season. She made things difficult for me by taking her chances up front with a few goals, but I had to make a judgement call. Although she wouldn't agree I believe her best position is an attacking half. Her marking at the back is second to none and as the year progressed, she learnt to pick and choose the right time to overlap down the right sideline and inject herself into the attack. Bec is a really positive person and she brings that to her hockey. Not just an asset on the field, off the field she brings the team together with her inclusive nature.



Riko Santoso-Miller

Riko was back at the club this year after a few seasons out of town. After being graded SL1, she was determined to fight for a CL2 spot which was great to see. Her ability to play multiple positions was a massive attribution to the team and a key reason why she forced her way into CL2. She improved a great deal at training as the season went on showing she had the skills to be a part of the CL squad. Riko was great at knowing where to be in the circle and picked off a few goals at the end of the season by always staying in the contest. Her composure on the ball was an asset up front and lead to her drawing plenty of shorts. Always happy to play any position which every coach appreciates.

Alyssa Hancock

Alyssa was the surprise find of the year. After a tip off from Mat, Moz and I kept an eye on her during pre-season training and she demanded selection. Although left half may not be the most glamorous position on a hockey field, I believe it to be one of the most important as they are able to read both attack and defence. Having Alyssa play there all year was a huge part of our success. It's

easy to forget how young Alyssa is as she plays with maturity well beyond her years. She also doesn't back down if things get a little niggly out there which was great to watch. Definitely another player to watch. I'm tipping she'll have a lot of success for UC in the years to come.

Allie Corripio

Allie was instrumental in our success this year. The determination for the ball she showed all over the park could lift the team and made us fight harder for those 50/50's. Allie is fearless in the way she tackles, often prioritising the ball over self-preservation. She also never gives up and can always be counted on to turn and back-tackle or be the first back to help the defence after an opposition break away. The speed she has in attack was an asset for us up front and saw her link nicely with halves, inners and forwards as she was always able to stay on the play. A huge effort this year from Allie as she basically played both CL1 and CL2 every weekend.

Elizabeth Mutton

After an operation looked like keeping Lil off the pitch for the whole of 2019, it was great to see her recover fast enough to

get a few games in at the back of the season. Lil was a great addition to the team late in the piece. The enjoyment she got from just being on the park was infectious and was a great boost, not only on game day but at training as well. Although Lil was playing out of position, she has a great ability to read the play from anywhere on the park and made an impact as soon as she came on. Fingers crossed she stays injury free in the offseason and can play a full season next year.

Tessa Baily & Zarah Mason

Our two CL1 imports. These two helped out whenever possible and when we were in contention for finals, they made it their mission to be eligible. Both were a joy to have as a part of the line up most weeks. Tessa could play absolutely any position on the park which I greatly appreciated. Her composure on the ball was a joy to watch and even after playing a CL1 game, her fitness meant she was as strong at the end of the game as she was at the start. Zarah had a ball upfront for us this season. With the vision of a fullback, she was able to expertly thread their defences and finished the season with some goals and a bunch of assists. I speak on behalf of the team and thank both Tess and Zarah for your help this year and the positive attitude you both brought to the playing group.

SL1 Blue

This season was our third year with the same core group taking on the same SL1 competition. We had one person not return from the previous year and three people go up in grades. We also added the wonderful Nikki Ward and Angela Schilling.

This team played some wonderful, fast paced, possession hockey that lead to plenty of goals being scored while the defence remained rock solid. We scored 49 goals this season and only conceded 17—averaging almost 2.5 goals scored per game while conceding on average, less than one goal a game. We managed to Win 15 games, draw 2 games and lose 3—with two of our losses against time travellers. This record allowed us to come 2nd in a 14 team competition and the third year in a row that this team has come 2nd.

For a team to come 2nd in a 14 team competition in any year takes a lot of commitment and dedication to turning up for one another and the desire to do the work. To do it for three years in a row is a huge accomplishment and something that speak volumes to how great these ladies are. Not only do they show these qualities and more, they do it with a smile, constantly having a joke and making it such an enjoyable team to coach and be around.



After having the first weekend off finals, we lost our only game of finals this year against ST pats green. After trailing behind at half time due to a half that was well below our standards, the girls rallied strong and dominated the 2nd half, scoring two wonderful goals to take the lead late. A stroke after the siren to St Pats given from a very questionable short corner meant the game headed to penalties. Our fabulous goal keeper Megan Thomas stood tall and kept us in the game as did Quinn, Paige and Angie (x2) converting their penalties shoot outs. Unfortunately after a dramatic shootout, we lost on the 8th attempt going down 4-5

Regardless of the result, the girls should be proud of their efforts this year. They would have to be the most consistent team at the club in regards to turning up to training, games and social events as well as in their performance over the last few years.

Caitlyn 'Scout' Hall

Scout continued to bring her energy and passion to the team this year, getting under the oppositions skin with her determination and grit. Scout has a great ability of running hard at the ball and miraculously gaining possession to provide us with dangerous counterattack opportunities. Always making strong leads, we could rely on scout to create an overlap in the circle and she even managed to slot away some stunning goals this season, when goalies weren't taking her out.

Quinn Reid

Quinn was awesome this season, and the team definitely benefitted from her strength and confidence on the ball. Quinn always made beating the opposition look effortless. Quinn become the team centre half this year and her distribution and skill became

key to setting up many goals, and even sneaking a few away for herself. I was very proud of her efforts this season. As it turns out, her team mates agree—voting Quinn this year's players player.

Ashlee Malcolm

Ash went from strength to strength this season, becoming somewhat of a utility player. Showing how far she has come over the years, I knew I could chuck Ash into the forwards and halves and she would absolutely give it her all, and she certainly didn't disappoint. Often flustered because I ruined her game routine by starting her on the field, Ash should be proud of her efforts this season, finishing high in the player's player votes and holding her title of queen of the press for at least another year.

Megan Thomas

Megan graciously came back to goal keep for the team this season, and we are all very grateful. Megan's ability to command a team around the park, read the play and play an aggressive goalie style enabled the team to excel again this season, and we wouldn't be able to achieve all that we do without her. Often too hard on herself, Megan is a determined, strong willed goalie who only goes from strength to strength. Megan's effort in our preliminary final was extraordinary and she should



be very proud of what she did this year.

Emma Prime

Top goal scorer for the team, and club and almost in the whole SL1 competition, it is always a pleasure to have Emma leading our forwards around the turf. Never one to admit she needs a break, Emma gives it 110% every time she takes the field. Her guidance is invaluable for her team mates and her smart hockey style secured many goals and wins for the team this season. Emma is a striker and that is all we want her to be!

Elizabeth Yuen

Another one of our fearless leaders, we do keep waiting for Liz to find her breaking point. Solid in defence and her ability to execute smart hockey perfectly, made Liz a critical part of the teams core again this season. I do think that how well Liz is playing is underestimated. Being full back in a team that pushes high means you are always facing a 2 on 1 coming at you. Liz's ability to read and shut down play is just awesome. I always appreciate being able to bounce ideas of Liz about the team structure and opponents weaknesses, her guidance was invaluable for the team.

Paige Edwards

Still the youngest team member, Paige has grown in

confidence this season. Her ability to out run and out skill the opposition meant no one was getting down the right hand side of the field when Paige was playing that half role. Paige has the ability to win games all by herself when she is playing at her best, including a game where she should have scored a hatrick except for a missed stroke and a bad umpiring decision. Paige is so skilled she makes hockey look easy but she needs to keep improving on when and what skill she uses. If Paige continues to put in the effort at training and learn from some of her wise team mates, she will be a force to be reckoned with very soon.

Clare Pyc

Clare was our little energiser bunny this season. Her effort in the inners, game in, game out proved invaluable. Clare has an uncanny ability to sneak the ball away from the opposition, leaving them confused as she dashed down the field. Perhaps the most underrated player, as she quietly gets on with it, I know I can rely on Clare to give it her all and never let the team down. Always working hard, Clare always gives it her all out there, often making me worry about her when I do give her a rest. Clare has improved out of sight this year and has become a critical part of the team, which is why I have chosen Clare for the coach's award this year.

Imogen Bacon

Ms Bacon continued her lucky streak this season, getting quite sick and missing a few games. However, the difference is certainly felt in the team when Immy turns up to play. Her clever hockey style, ability to make space and her composure in the attacking circle has meant Immy was responsible for some of the best hockey we saw this season. Always positive and keen to play hard, Immy continued to improve this season and hopefully we will see you again next year.

Bianca Letki

I think I played B in every position this year but that speaks volumes about her abilities. I would often place B in positions where I needed energy, because B's energy on the field won us matches, including one match where she scored a diving goal. Her strength on the ball and ability to read play, makes her a formidable force and vital member of the team. B's commitment and drive on the field is to be commended. As always Bianca, it has been a pleasure.

Tracy Hambridge

Tracy is usually in a league of her own, even in this team. Her ability to support her team mates all the way up the field, breaking down run away attacks and clearing the

circle makes her invaluable to the team. Her confidence and strength on the ball and her ability to distribute to her energiser bunny team mates, and then keep up with them is nothing short of impressive. Having Tracy's calming and wise presence in the team to guide some of the more manic players is very much appreciated by this coach. Her short corner goal in the preliminary final is something that I will always remember, one of your best Tracy!

Angela Schilling

Ange was a new recruit to the team, which started out temporary but we sure are glad she stayed. With skills and hockey knowledge that could easily allow her to play much higher hockey, Ange was an asset to the team. Her ability to move the ball around the opposition and set her team mates up for dangerous goal opportunities contributed to the team's success this season. Seamlessly fitting in with this crazy bunch, Ange was a pleasure to have around and we hope she will be around for longer than just this year.

Kirrally Talbot

Kirrally made her return to the team this year to ensure the teams half line remained strong. Flawless in her defence, and composed under pressure, Kirrally has a knack of picking up the slack when the team is



having a particularly flat game. Always reliable, Kirrally even managed to pick up the slack from the forwards this season, taking things into her own hands and slotting her usual goal for the year. Kirrally is a pleasure to coach, a competitor on the field but one of the nicest, happiest people off the field too.

Niki ward

We were blessed to have Niki join the team this year. Another player that is capable of much higher hockey, she proved some much needed strength to both our defence and attack this season. Niki's hockey brain and ability to execute it on field lead to some beautiful hockey this year. Her sheer determination, grit and excellent skills meant she lead the defence from the forwards and was always first to shut down a break away from the opposition. Cheerleader of positive attitude for the team, we will certainly miss Niki next year when she is living it up in England. Good luck!

Zoe Mason

Zoe was a veteran from last year's team, who earned a spot in CL2 this season instead. Always eager to play with her friends, Zoe took the field for us each week, showing exactly why she now plays higher grade hockey. Zoe's composure, strength on the ball and flawless stick skills

were an asset to the team this season, as proved by her killer tomahawk goal versus ANU. I am going to say it in writing, very clearly: Zoe, go and play first grade.

And now for the thank you's. A big thank you to all our fillings: Bec, Alyssa, Morgan, Kat, Meaghan, Tracey, Thekla. Thank you to Russ, Moz and Kenny for helping juggle player gradings and games. Thank you to Chantelle for being a wonderful co sl1 coach. Thank you to Meaghan for helping me wrangle these girls for yet another season.

I don't know what is in stall for this team, as players go up and people leave nor do I know what I will be doing myself as a coach next year. But I am grateful for having another great season with some awesome hockey players, who train and play hard, and continue to improve every game. You guys are honestly the best and, while over three years we haven't won a trophy, we have achieved a lot and you should be very proud of it. Hopefully I will see most of you next year.

Cheers,
Mat Evans



SL1 Red

This year has been an interesting year for me as a coach. I took the biggest plunge in a long time with the club and switched from men's to the Women's SL1 Red girls. My intention for this year was to have a foundation year and set a few things in place, get to know the girls and to look beyond this year and have a focus for the future. The girls, as with any new year of hockey took a few weeks to find their feet and to also gel together, because let's face it, there were a lot of new faces to the club. Towards the end of the season, the girls played some phenomenal hockey and really gave it to some of the teams higher on the ladder. Having such a large number of teams in the competition, the change to the finals format and taking the top 6 teams gave us a new goal to set, unfortunately, we missed out with 3 crucial games being the major difference for the girls. At the end of the season, the girls finished equal 10th with 2 other teams, with a total of 4 wins, 6 draws and 10 losses.

Tania Bretton

Tam came back to the club after a hiatus to the other side of the country, which didn't dampen her ferocity and fighting instincts in goals. Her never die attitude got us out of some tight squeezes and gave us some inspirational moments at half-time to ensure that we kept our intensity up



Aisha Collins

Aisha is one of my quiet achievers, solid and dependable in defence but quiet. Aisha had a formidable season in full back with strong defensive skills and a solid strike on short corners. Aisha walked away with a goal to cap off the season as well.

Tamara Robinson

With the settling of teams, Tam came to us a few weeks in to the season and cemented her place in the defensive line, whether it be in the role of half or fullback. Tam also had a never say die attitude (maybe it is something to do with the name "Tam") which saw her fight tooth and nail to ensure that her opponents never got past her.

Simone McKenzie

Simone had a huge year this year. I gave her the big task of playing centre half and guiding the team in defence. Although,

quiet, Simone took on this challenge and exceeded all of my expectations and then some. She had composure and tenacity that saw her in the top 3 for votes almost every week.

Nikki Armstrong

There are so many things that you could say about Nikki. But what it all comes down to is the love of hockey and just wanting to play. Nikki is a force to be reckoned with this ability to keep fighting and fighting no matter how tired she is, which often in the role of inner is all the time.

Riko Santoso-Miller

Riko is another one of my quiet achievers; she has this amazing ability to just be in the right spot. Taking up a role in inner for most of the season, she also floated in and out of half. Her composure and knowledge of the game saw her stand out against her opponents, and also saw her promoted to CL2 in the second half of the season.

Liza Michalak

Liza has made an impression in her first year at the club. Liza was always hungry for the ball, always looking for opportunities to penetrate the attacking half and constantly fighting to give us an advantage.

Sheridan Hall

The best way to describe Sheridan is passionate. Passionate in wanting the best for the team, passionate in getting the team motivated before and during a game and most of all passionate in wanting to score goals. Sheridan has had a great season in attack and a very fleeting moment in defence, but her intensity in attack saw her have many shots on goals and find the back of the net to be equal highest goal scorer for the team.

Caitlin Waddell

Caitlin was lucky enough to enjoy a summer holiday midway through the season, but her mini holiday allowed her to reinvigorate and come back stronger than ever. Her determination each week saw her dig in and keep fighting until the final whistle.

Rachel McDonald

Rachel is special indeed from a coach's perspective; yes she has incredible skills, and is also a force to be reckoned with. But every week there would be

a check in on injuries, and her long road to recovery. Often told that she shouldn't play hockey that week, almost made Rachel go harder for the short stints on the field. Formidable in attack, and hungry for the ball, Rachel has had an incredible season.

Brittany Webb

Britt has had an amazing season this year. Solidifying herself in attack and having a strong hit ensured that she was given multiple chances up front. Her close stick skills are incredible and meant she was always able to beat most of her opponents. Britt's composure under pressure is incredible to watch, and certainly allowed her multiple entries in to our attacking circle.

Briana Fritsch

Bri has had a brilliant season this year and showed incredible composure in the forward line. Her skills to beat her opponents saw her ensure that we were always on the attacking foot once we took that hit out of defence. A mid-winter holiday also saw Bri come back invigorated and hungry for more goals.

Leah Gerrard

Leah started off the season very strong and some great promise in the role of inner. Her speed and ability to channel was incredible. However half-way through the

season, injury struck, and what started out as sprained ankle resulted in Leah missing out on the rest of the season with ligament and tendon damage and a long road to recovery. Fingers crossed the off season continues to see you recover well for next year.

Georgia Kocanda

It would seem to most that Georgia was this imaginary person that I made up in my head some days. Playing only a handful of games throughout the season due to working back in Sydney for the winter break, Georgia when tasked with a job would do that job so well. Having a direction gave Georgia the purpose she needed and turned on her fighting spirit to succeed in her role for the game.

As with any year of hockey, some weeks we could not field a team without the amazing help of fill-ins. To Maddy Novak, Tracey Duren and Alyssa Hancock who became a huge part of our team throughout the year. These 3 ladies helped out by playing 2 games essentially every week to ensure that we had a team to field. In reality, if I had the eloquence of words to describe what these ladies provided to this team, there would be more words than just "Thank you." Not to be outdone, to Katrina Carling, Sacha Edema, Morgan O'Sullivan, Meaghan Clack, Alex Cornish, Lucy Angel,

Jeoles Gleeson-Richards, Millie Butt, Jess Edington and Zoe Mason thank you also for playing the odd game with us too, you certainly helped us out when we needed it.

For me, personally, there are a few people that I would like to thank... Firstly, to my husband, who would let me have the time needed to coach and train, I appreciate the effort that you have to put in to allow me to have that time away from the kids. A huge thank you to Mat for being my sounding board, my knight in shining armour who would often give me names to think of to help field a team and just check in with me regularly.

My final thanks, is to my girls. I don't think any of you expected to have a coach that came with 2 kids, one of which seemed to need to have the last word for every coach's pre-game chat. Having the level of understanding that you had when the kids had to come with me, and entertained the thought of Ivy's pre game chats, thank you... She loves coming to hockey to be with the girls, so thank you from my mini- coach.

Here's to next year and building on what this year has given you all.

Chantelle

SL2 women

This year the coaching duties were split for SL2, with Goggles doing all the hard work training the girls on the cold winter nights, whilst I took all the glory of coaching the girls on game day. We had a strong start to the season, however, a few very, very unlucky results mid-season resulted in just missing out on a finals berth. I think I can speak for Goggles to say that the girls were a pleasure to coach.

Ange Arblaster

18 games, 1 goal

Ange was centre half for most of the season, her tenacity and playmaking ability making her an obvious choice for such a pivotal position. Ange only went to the wrong venue once this year which is a significant improvement on previous years.

Tania Bretton

20 games

Tam returned to UCHC this year after a few years in Perth, and you definitely couldn't miss that she was back. Her megaphone qualities set the bar high with regards to her on-field talk. Tam is a strong defender, but equally good in attack and her versatility enables her to play any position well.

Kat Carling

19 games, 5 goals

As one of the top goal scorers



for the team, Kat is one of our key forwards and made many a solo run to create opportunities up front. Kat always aims for her best even after a big night at trivia. Her temper did get the better of her once which resulted in a yellow card, but props to her, she followed through with a team shout.

Meaghan Clack

20 games

It would be too hard to count the number of times Meaghan saved the team from some nail-biting situations, she would have to be our most relied on player. Not only is Meaghan rock solid in defence, she is a fierce defender of the team's honour and is not afraid to stand up to umpires and opposition alike.

Tracey Duren

20 games, 1 goal

I'll try to be unbiased when talking about Tracey. She

really has been one of our key players this season. This was acknowledged by the team when they voted for her as best and fairest. I know SL1 expressed an interest in promoting her to their grade, but selfishly I asked if she could stay in our team. It was a great season for Tracey, I think part of the reason was Thea cheering her on.

Morgan O'Sullivan

18 games, 3 goals

Ever the team player, Morgan graciously held her eagerly anticipated wedding on a Wednesday to make sure we were able to field a team (though Goggles was left wondering why there was such a poor turnout at training that week). As our captain, Morgan led by example, if you ignore the yellow card towards the end of the season. Morgan as always had a great season, but should have run more and scored more goals.

Jeoles Richards-Gleeson

16 games, 1 goal

Jeoles is a strong new talent to the club and we were lucky to have her in our team. Always willing to fill in where needed, Jeoles played multiple games pretty much every weekend. She really hit her stride towards the end of the season and proved herself a versatile and skilful player, being comfortable in both defence and attack.

Tegan Kominek

14 games, 4 goals

Tegan is another player we were lucky to have join SL2 this year. Her experience and vision proved invaluable on many occasions, with her combinations and ability to read the play creating opportunities in attack. Tegan was the second leading goalscorer which was evidence of her strength in positional play and ability to finish.

Sarah McLaren

20 games, 1 goal

It probably won't come as a surprise that Sarah picked up our team's most improved this year. Not only did Sarah not miss a game, she was a regular at training and well and truly earned her place in the team. Sarah is a natural half and never gives up, and while

always the bridesmaid for the weekly players player award, she was a strong contender for best and fairest picking up votes consistently throughout the season.

Bri O’Keeffe

14 games

Bri was our goalkeeper this year and in many a game she made a huge difference in defence, keeping us within sight of the win. Sadly, she missed a few games due to injury, but would often cheer us on regardless of whether she was on or off the field. Her cheerful disposition is a strong addition to any team, but an added bonus for us was her cupcakes.

Chloe Thomas

17 games, 1 goal

Chloe is a promising young talent who improved throughout the season, but truly came into her own towards the end of the season. Another top contender for best and fairest, her dedication, tenacity and skill will see her progress even further in the future. Chloe would have been even better with two hands on her stick.

Sacha Edema

11 games

Sacha sadly missed games due to work and travel commitments, and her absence was felt. A strong defender and vocal on the field, Sacha

is a great asset and a much appreciated addition to SL2 this year.

Bianca Letki

12 games, 2 goals

Bianca filled in on many occasions for SL2 this year, always willing to help us out. B is determined, skilful and a great playmaker.

Tamara Robinson

8 games

Tamara returned to the club this year and started the season in SL2, but it wasn’t long before she was snapped up by SL1 and transitioned to the higher grade. Tamara was always willing to come back and help us out when we needed fill-ins, her versatility and experience making her a valuable addition whenever we were fortunate enough to have her play.

Ashlee Malcolm

8 games, 3 goals

Another player who was always willing to play an extra game to help us out, her hunger for the ball proved valuable up front and shows in her goal tally. Ash has a knack of knowing how to read the play and where to be on the field, which also translates to off the field, having the foresight to know when I had been slack and not organised fill-ins.

Thank you to all the other fill-ins who have helped us

out throughout the season, including Nikki Armstrong, Jess Edington, Lexi Feeney, Brianna Fritsch, Thekla Ganiaris, Leah Gerrard, Scout Hall, Sheridan Hall, Naomi Horobin, Katie Magee, Yleia Mariano, Simone McKenzie, Quinn Reid, Megan Thomas, Jess Thorncraft, Ainsleigh Whipp and Caitlin Stinson. A huge thank you also to the numerous babysitters who helped watch Thea while my attention was drawn elsewhere, and the family and friends who came to support the team throughout the year.

SL3 women

I suppose this is intended to be a historical document of sorts. Proof we existed. Something we can use to romanticise our younger selves. To be fair SL3 Women 2019 were pretty great. Saying the team put in a fantastic effort this season sounds like a lame cliché, everyone is trying their best in this fucked up world, but sometimes the obvious is worth stating. We finished 5th just missing out on finals, lost games we could have won, and Dave is still single. However I think these things are ultimately inconsequential (sorry Dave).

What I think was consequential is the amazing kindness and support the team showed each other. I will miss the team's comradery, positivity, and humour. I will remember the stress, the cold, the jubilation, the flowers, the pumpkin scones, the team's unwillingness to do a proper warmup, the fun, and the friends.

Thank you to Goggs and Bram for running trainings and to Mat for encouraging us boneheads to coach.

Andy

Ainsleigh Whipp

Dave says:

A power forward with scintillating speed, Ainsleigh was probably the quickest player in the entire division. Ainsleigh improved her skills throughout the season and was unstoppable in open space.



She also contributed strongly in defence and did a great job disrupting short corners. Ainsleigh finished with some pretty impressive stats: 2 x player's player, 4 x runner up, 1 x third place along with two tidy goals.

Andy says:

Radiates youth, potential, and hope which is a bit crass if you ask me.

Alexandra Feeney "Lexie"

Dave says:

A tenacious attacking player, Lexi was never one to shy away from a contest and did a fantastic job at wing and inner. Lexie opened the scoring with a goal in the team's round 1 win over Tuggeranong, her positive and enthusiastic attitude and team spirit was an integral part of the team dynamic. Lexie was a consistent and reliable player who was always keen to develop herself and learn more about the game.

Andy says:

lovely but I was terrified she was going to keel over on several occasions.

Amanda Prain

Dave says:

A veteran defensive player, Amanda had a strong season as fullback and did a great job at breaking up the opposition's attacking plays. Amanda always worked hard and was a vital part of the team's starting line-up. Amanda had an outstanding game in the team's round fourteen win against Valley's (1-0) and won a well-deserved player's player for her sterling efforts.

Andy says:

A bit too chatty at times.

Anna Gabriel

Dave says:

Anna is a versatile player that did an excellent job wherever she was placed. Strong on the left side, Anna's speed and ability to play different positions was crucial to the team's

success. Anna could always be relied upon when help and experience were needed and was one of the top goal scorers (3) for the team. Anna had a cracking game against St. Pats late in the season which saw her voted player's player.

Andy says:

Very hard to tell how old she is.

Beth Logan

Dave says:

Moving up a grade this year, Beth did some wonderful work on the wing. Beth trained hard and it showed as her performances continued to improve throughout the year. Beth made good leads and became an important part of the team's short corner routine. She delivered strong, accurate pushes to the top of the D allowing the girls plenty of time to set up which resulted in a number of goals. Beth's best game was against Valley's in week fourteen which saw her voted third in the player's player. An outstanding achievement.

Andy says:

I wish she wouldn't always fetch the ball for the other team.

Brianna O'Keefe "Bri"

Dave says:

Another familiar face in the SL3 line-up was Bri O'Keefe! Battling hard all season against injury, nothing could stop this lady from taking the field and supporting her

team. Playing mainly at half with a few cameos at wing, Bri completed a formidable defensive line across the halves. Bri's perseverance, "never-say-die" attitude, and defensive experience made her invaluable to the team and the embodiment of team spirit. Bri was also crucial in one of the team's early wins against NCE making multiple saves throughout the game.

Andy says:

Doesn't wear a mouthguard.

Caitlin Stinson

Dave says:

A very quiet over-achiever and (almost) unsung hero, Caitlin is this year's winner of the Coach's award. Caitlin was impenetrable in the backline and her tireless work and fearless defence of short corners is something to be praised. Caitlin showed incredible skill and determination and her efforts at training never went unnoticed. Caitlin's on field performances almost always influenced the team's success and secured a number of victories.

Andy says:

I tried to rig players' player so you would win but Dave wouldn't let me.

Courtney Jamieson "Court"

Dave says:

An SL3 veteran, Courtney was solid all year round and played as both a forward and a half. Nevertheless, it was in the forward line that Courtney really shone with a streak of three goals in four games including a player's player award for a standout performance against ANU White. Courtney's late season brilliance placed the team in a great position to compete for a top four spot and a finals birth



and shows just how valuable experience like this can be.

Andy says:

Often late.

Grace De Morgan

Dave says:

New to UC this year, Grace had no problem finding her feet and had a strong start to the season at inner. Unfortunately, Grace suffered a broken toe about a third of the way into the season and was unable to play a number of games. Nevertheless, Grace could often be seen supporting the team from the sideline and recovered just in time to show off her unique skills in the back end of the season. Grace is a talented player and we look forward to having her back next year.

Andy says:

Wonderfully silly and once suggested I had a 'spiritual vagina' which I really liked.

Jeoloes "Pronounced Jules"

Dave says:

Literally "dangerous" in all aspects of the game, Jeoloes was a very welcome addition to the team. Jeoloes was adept at playing half and fullback and brought with her a suite of hockey skills and knowledge. With her "signature hit" that went like a rocket, Jeoloes could always be found firing straight shots at goal or hitting penetrating balls through a defensive press. Jeoloes was



generous with her time off the field and helped to develop a number of other girls when she had the time. Jeoloes scored an incredible goal against ANU White to help the team to a 2-1 win.

Andy says:

Are her and Dave a thing?

Jessica Thorncraft "Jess"

Dave says:

Jess was one of the best, most experienced and strongest players on the team. Jess played fullback and half and was always be relied upon to save the day in defence. Jess formed a great partnership with the other defensive backs, and through their combined efforts, ensured that the team had a total of ten games where they completely shut out the opposition. Jess's efforts were rewarded with four player's player awards throughout the season (and LOTS of flowers).

Andy says:

Never confirmed if she likes me back.

Meaghan Clack "Meags"

Dave says:

An experienced centre forward and fullback, Meaghan always made her presence known. Unyielding in defence and an excellent distributor of the ball up front, Meaghan played a pivotal role in games no matter where she was placed. Whilst Meaghan's on field exploits



are obvious, it's worth noting the effort she put behind the scenes. Meaghan always made herself available to play, accepted last minute call-ups, took setbacks in stride, and was a great team player. We always knew we were stronger when Meagan was around!

Andy says:

One of my favourites but has questionable taste in men.

Morgan O'Sullivan "Morgs"

Dave says:

Morgan absolutely dominated the forward line this year, having a massive impact on every game! A brilliant leader, communicator, team player, and human being, Morgan is the personification of "unbelievable." Morgan, like others, often had to back up after playing in the higher grades, but was always full of encouragement for others, led by example, and put in 100% every game. I'm sure nobody will forget Morgan's spectacular goal in the final "do or die" match against ANU Blue! On a breakaway, Morgan ran half the field, evading two defenders and beating the goalie to score. It was a goal that not only drew cheers and admiration from the sideline, but lifted the performance on the entire team. Morgan is an absolute rockstar!

Andy says:

Lactose intolerant, doesn't like bananas, has strange ideas



about how cutlery should be stored, and never comes to social events.

Naomi Horbian “Nai”

Dave says:

This year’s recipient of the overall player’s player award for the year, Naomi had an outstanding season and managed to finish either first, second or third in the votes on eleven occasions (over half the season!). Nai was always dependable at centre half, difficult to beat, and together with Cailin and Jess, the three formed a formidable defensive trio. Nai always had the girl’s best interests at heart both on and off the field and even managed to sneak in two goals to top off her season.

Andy says:

Low-key scary, I wouldn’t mess with her.

Thekla Ganiaris “Thek”

Dave says:

Thekla comes from the ancient Greek “Theokleia” meaning Glory of God.” In English it just means “Phenomenal!” An outstanding goalie and an inspiration to all women in Hockey, Thekla’s performances were consistently “next-level” great! Thek always displayed a positive attitude, encouraged others to be their best, and her competitive spirit, drive and determination were the backbone of the team. Thek always sought opportunities to better herself and despite

backing up game after game. Some of Thek’s saves in goal were truly breathtaking!

Andy says:

Alright for a goalkeeper I suppose.

Yleia Mariano

Dave says:

Yleia was unstoppable in the midfield where her speed and skill made life visibly difficult for opponents. Yleia weaved her way in and out of two/three defenders at a time and her skills at inner provided and easy transition between the offense and the defence. Yleia scored a goal in the team’s 2-0 win against central (arguably the team’s best game of the season) and her consistent hard work through the middle saw her voted player’s player on four occasions (also received lots of flowers!).

Andy says:

Very enthusiastic, no sense of direction though.

Fill-ins

Dave says:

Andy and I would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the following people who filled in WSL3, often at short notice, over the course of the season. Your assistance and dedication to your teammates and the game was amazing and without you we would not have been able to field a competitive team each week. Your willingness to battle through back to back games and give your all (with

some outstanding individual efforts) was truly something to be admired and was reflected in the team’s success.

Fill-ins:

Tracey Duren, Tania Bretton, Helen Arnold, Laura Hamel, Sheree Murray, Caitlin Baxter, Linda Kirk, Caroline O’Driscoll, Helen Ward, Gemma Myers, Harriett Horsfall, Ashleigh Malcolm, and Megan Thomas.

SL4 women

This was my fourth season coaching Women's SL4. It was another fun season. It was a lot more relaxed than last year as we had a larger core of players, so getting a team together wasn't the stress it was last year.

This year started off dealing with a couple of rule changes by Hockey ACT, which meant the club couldn't rely on players playing up as much as usual. Because of this we couldn't grade more players in SL4 as that could leave higher teams short for the year. It looked to become another season like previous years, where getting a full team together would be a lot of work. In the end we picked up a couple more players and had subs for most games, which was considered a luxury by the players who played SL4 last year. The most difficult part of the season was keeping everyone's name straight. There were multiple Katies/Caitlins, Helens and Harriets this year, which led to people often not knowing who was being addressed on and off the field.

This year started off with a couple of losses and a win. The first two weeks we were short on players, but we managed to still play good hockey. We lost through a last-minute goal against Tuggeranong. We played a great game against Checks with 9 players, keeping a 1-0 lead for 45 minutes, but going



down 3-1 in the end. We picked up our first win against ANU in a dominant 3-0 win.

We continued playing nice hockey through the next couple of games, but luck was never on our side this season. All games were pretty close, but we never seemed to be on the right side of the score. We had losses against Central and St Pats and we drew our second game against ANU 1-1.

After the next few games the ladder was starting to show a clear split. There were three teams at the top and four teams fighting for the last finals spot. We won our game against Wests and had two close losses against Tuggeranong and Checks. The game against Checks was especially unlucky as we managed to hit the post twice, but couldn't get the ball into the goal. We were now in fifth place, a couple of points behind St Pats.

At this point of the season we had picked up a couple of extra players, so we weren't as reliant

on fill-ins anymore. There were even a couple of games we played without fill-ins, which is somewhat unprecedented for SL4 since I've started coaching. We kept playing good hockey throughout the season. We just had some trouble scoring goals. We stayed in the race for fourth place with a draw against St. Pats and 2 losses.

In the last few weeks we did need a bit of luck to still make finals. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on our side the whole season. We did manage to score a couple more goals in the next few games, but still only picked up one draw in four games. We finished the season in style though, picking up a draw and a win in the last two games. This put us in sixth place at the end of the season.

Overall, we played good hockey the whole season. It just didn't always lead to the results we deserved. It was at least a fun season. Hopefully everyone will be back for another season next year.

Helen Arnold

Helen returned to hockey this year after an ACL injury kept her out last season. Helen's been a rock in defence for years, but is capable playing anywhere on the field. She played a couple of games in centre half and the forward line as well. She can be her own worst critic but will always be happy to tell you about her runs up the field.

Cadie Artuso

Cadie played another good season in half back this season. She's been improving over the years and is getting more comfortable with the ball, making regular runs up the field. Her flat stick tackles can keep any player out the circle.

Caitlin Baxter

Katie returned to hockey this year. She played most the season in full back, although she also played a little bit in the forward line. Her cracking hit got a lot of our attacks going. Her hit was also a danger in our short corners. She scored one goal this season. Technically there were three, but two of them went in our own goal.

Susan Cuddy

Sue's always one of the best players on the field when she's there. Unfortunately work keeps her busy a lot during the season. When she's there she helps build up our attack a lot. She usually played in centre half or half back this season.

She also picked up a goal this season.

Laura Hamel

Laura's a great half. She always giving 100%, usually even more than that. She claims it's just stubbornness but I would call it drive. She also played in other positions, somewhat reluctantly, and would always show her best there too. She played as wing in a couple of game and scored a goal doing so. She was also our short corner hitter on occasion, scoring one goal from a short corner.

Harriet Horsfall

Harriet joined the team halfway through the season. She played most games in the forward line. She consistently managed to find the right position in the circle. She was always enthusiastic to play, although could put a bit too much enthusiasm into her tackles.

Linda Kirk

Linda's improved a lot this season. She's transferring her ice hockey skills more to the hockey field this year. A bit less stick hacking this season and a lot more overview of the play leads to her being a dangerous inner. She's also become more dangerous in front of goal picking up two goals this season.

Katie Magee

Katie is always a reliable player wherever she plays. Most games this year she played in the inners. She's calm on the ball and always able to find her teammates. She helped set up a lot of chances this year.

Sheree Murray

Sheree's capable of playing any position on the field. This means that she plays in a different position most games.

She played in half, inner and the forward line this season. She always gives her all and her contribution is always noted.

Gemma Myers

Gemma was new to hockey this season. She improved a lot over the season. Every game she worked on a different aspect of the game. She played the whole season in the forward line. She got close to scoring a goal a couple of times, but unfortunately couldn't find a goal this season. She's moving away before the next season, but hopefully she sticks with hockey. She's always welcome back for a future season.

Caroline O'Driscoll

Caroline's new to the club this season. She started in the forward line and moved to the inners for the second half of the season. She was a good connection between the different lines and knows how to find dangerous positions in the circle. She scored one goal for SL4 this season. She also filled in for SL3 this year and scored a goal for them, as is tradition for SL4 players filling in for SL3.

Emma Vines

Emma's a silent achiever on the field every season. She's usually a bit quiet but always gives her all. She played the season both in full back and in the forward line. She has a great tackle and hit and good control of the ball making her a danger for the opposition in both the defending and attacking circle.

Megan Thomas

Megan was a utility player this season, playing wherever needed this season. She's a smart player and knows where to be in both attack and

defence. Unfortunately clashes with her SL1 games meant she couldn't play that often this season.

Leanne Turton

Leanne returned for another season as goalkeeper. She's a reliable backstop and enthusiastic kicker of the ball. She also played a single game in the forward line, when we were short on players. She got close to getting a goal that game.

Helen Ward

Helen joined the team later in the season. She played most games in halfback, centre half and wing. She has great ball control and is able to get around players with ease. Her runs down the side line were always a dangerous moment for any defence.

Hattie Williams

Hattie is a reliable fullback for SL4. She will always find a way to get the ball of an attacker at the edge of the circle. She's her own harshest critic, but never really has a bad game. Even when she wins player's player, she can't really believe it.

Fill-ins

Thekla Ganiaris

Thekla is always up for a game in centre forward. Whenever I needed an extra fill-in she would be up for it, unless it clashed with her other games. Although towards the end of the season she started demanding to fill in to make a bid for Iron Woman this year. She always has dangerous runs down the middle of the field. She scored three goals this season, making her the SL4 top scorer.

Caitlin Stinson

Caitlin's always enthusiastic to fill in for any team that asked.

She regularly played three games each weekend, filling in for both SL2 and SL4. She's a great player in the centre of the field, playing most games in centre half and inner. Her skilful play and speed were always a welcome addition to our team.

Alexandra Feeney

Lexie was happy to fill in when needed. This was especially in the first half of the season, when we were still a bit short on players. She usually played on the wing and her speed was always a danger to our opponents. She scored one goal for SL4 this year.

Also thanks to all our other fill-ins: Anna Gabriel, Ainsleigh Whipp, Beth Logan, Amanda Prain, Chantelle Blackwell, Yleia Mariano, Courtney Jamieson and Grace De Morgan. Also a special thanks to our three fill-in goalkeepers this season: Paige Edwards, Morgan Evans and Niki Ward.

Thanks

Thanks to Steven Gee for running training most weeks for the SL2, SL3 and SL4 teams. Thanks to the board for all the work in front of and behind the scenes. And finally thanks to all supporters that came to watch and cheered us on during the season.

See you all next year for another fun season.

MIDWEEK *midweek*

The Mighty Midweek Warriors began the 2019 season with a delightful group of players, made up of a 50/50 mix of new and old hands. Having 8 returning players gave the team a solid base with our 8 new recruits slotting in perfectly to complete our well-rounded team – with perhaps the best half and back line we have seen in years!

As with every season, the midweek team is one of the most interesting and enjoyable teams to be a part of. There are players from all over the club, and some fresh faces that we do not get to see during the weekend competition. It is also a testament to the team that it was never an issue to find a fill-in if required, as there were always players willing to join in for the fun. Despite our long list of fill-ins the team maintained our positive and enjoyable atmosphere week to week and (as always) kept Pick Up Stix and OCI in business with some after game socialising. I couldn't have asked for a lovelier bunch of players to spend my Wednesday and Friday nights having a run around with.

This year we started the season on a high with a 2-0 win over ANU, the team that had knocked us out of finals for the last 2 years running. For the veteran players especially a highlight this year was being able to complete the season undefeated against Belconnen, who managed to injure half



of our team last year. As we continued to gel as a team we played through the rest of the season with only 4 losses in total – a great effort for a newly formed team. This set us up well, going in to finals second on the ladder.

As I write this we are going in to the first round of finals up against the undefeated Wests. Hopefully the team will pull off a win, taking us straight to the Grand Final and a medal!

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who supported us throughout the season, it was always amusing to play on a Wednesday and hear a random call of encouragement coming from one of the other fields during training (Tam). Thank you to our celebrity coach Jimmy who helped us during the season and for our finals run! It was great to have your expertise on the sideline. Finally, a huge thank you to the Board, who every year work so hard to support all the coaches, players

and supporters. Aside from the late night messages you got from me trying to clarify the rules or to organise something, the general effort you all put in to keeping this club one of the most enjoyable communities to be a part of is remarkable.

Thekla Ganiaris

What can we say about our hero goal keeper that hasn't already been said... Thekla was a new addition to the team this year and we are eternally grateful she chose to grace us with her skill! Thek slipped right into the comp being the vocal, instructive keeper that our new team needed. She saved some killer shots, regularly getting accolades from our team and whoever we were playing.

James (Jimmy) Winefield

Alarming Jimmy was one of our calmest players on the field, sometimes having to give another player a big 'hug' to stop shoves being thrown or riots breaking out. Jimmy was

another new addition to the Midweek Warriors this year, and dominated the defence with his talk, ability to hold the ball up under pressure and get it out of our defensive zone.

Nicola (Niki) Ward

I have been told she hates this term, but Niki is the ultimate utility player. Her determined and skilful hockey shines anywhere on the field. Niki started the season in the half and back line, even running through centre half when needed. By the end of the season Niki was anywhere and everywhere, scoring our most exciting goal of the season as a striker against Masters. Her strength on the ball and vocal play was definitely missed during the weeks we lost her to work commitments.

Daryl (Daz) Judd

Despite being called Darren numerous times at the beginning of the season, Daz stuck with us – and we are so thankful he did! Daz was a powerhouse in the half and back line, and often stepped in to control the game at centre half. Unfortunately Daz was hit with an injury late in the season which meant he missed a few games, and didn't we notice! Thankfully he was back before finals to get us out of some very sticky situations.

Mitch Searle

Mitch was a slightly late addition to the team, initially missing out

on a few early season games. Nevertheless when he re-joined the team he did not miss a beat, strengthening the half and back line. Mitch could always be relied upon to make heroic saves, well executed tackles and stopping an onslaught of attack while the rest of us were trying to catch up.

David (Muz) Murray

I know parents shouldn't have favourite children, but as mum of the team I have to say Muz is one of my favourite players to play with. Muz brought a level of patience and calm to our half and back line and was always solid on the ball. Constantly coming out with pearls of wisdom, Muz played smart, skilful and supportive hockey all season and helped the team to do the same.

Kieran MacGillicuddy

Kieran returned to the midweek team after a year off, obviously realising we are the best team to be a part of. Once again he was strong and tenacious on the ball and was fantastic to have in our half line. As always, he seemed to spend more time off the field due to injury than on it however he was there most weeks running the bench and calling plays which we are very thankful for!

Alicia Martin

After Jack did not return to UCHC this year I had a hole in my heart that needed to be filled with a new hockey crush – Alicia was that person. She joined the group this year and quickly became a shining star of the team, demonstrated by winning Players Player for the year. Alicia was the perfect player, always smiling off the field but fierce on the field in our half line. Alicia could be relied upon to get to any ball first, darting around the

opposition and playing a great distribution game.

Chris McNally

Chris was our fearless centre half this year, setting up countless scoring opportunities and shutting down our oppositions attack. He also played inner when needed and was another great source of speed and skill in the group. Controlling play on the field, and comedic relief off the field made Chris another invaluable new addition to the team, when he actually showed up for the games...

David Nugent

Dave realised he would be committing a crime by not returning to midweek, this year making the transition from striker to inner. Dave's fitness shone though as week after week he ran tirelessly to bust-up the play, but we did give him arrest in between halves. He policed the field and made sure no balls got away, even if it meant a high-speed chase. Sometimes his tackles were illegal which caused some frustration between him and the umpires, but he just had to cop it. The team loved Dave's enthusiasm while wearing blue (and yellow) which is why he stole the Coaches Award this year.

Ben O'Sullivan

Some people accused Ben of hooking up with the coach to get in the starting line-up, but hey, I'm not complaining. Ben was another one of the returning members to the midweek team and this year spent his time as an inner. This year Ben was the teams' equal highest goal scorer thanks to his quick, smart play and awesome drag flick. He was also the teams' equal highest yellow card recipient, but who's counting...

Alexandra (Lexi) Feeney

Lexi was part of the new guard joining the midweek team and spent her time in the inner and striker positions. Lexi's determination to get to the ball first, her ability to make smart, quick leads, and her attitude in general made her a valuable addition up front. Throughout the season Lexi improved tremendously and set up some fantastic plays – proving she can hold her own against some very aggressive teams (cough, Belconnen).

Scott (Skip) Moore

Skip was another new addition to the Midweek Warriors this year and cemented his place as the quiet yet wise hockey Yoda. Playing striker for most of the season Skip was the equal highest goal scorer for the team, and set up many more opportunities. Skip also played centre half when we pleaded with him (although he did need to take a few weeks off afterwards to recover). The team enjoyed having his enthusiasm and support on the field and there is certainly no greater feeling in hockey, nay sport, than getting a head-nod and a reserved 'good job' from Skip.

Meaghan Clack

Meaghan came back to play with us again this year as striker, and scored several goals while she was at it. She is one of the people Paul would trust with the long, bobbly ball and never let us down, trapping it every. single. time. Meags is the only player in the team to have played every game this year and that commitment is demonstrated on and off the field. Thank you Meaghan for helping with the team when I was away, for being a sounding board when I wanted to talk

strategy and for listening to my increasingly panicked rants about finals.

Morgan O'Sullivan

Morgan returned again this year and played as a striker. Chief lolly bringer, Facebook poster and vote counter – always more comfortable screaming from the sideline than actually playing.

Paul Sureda

Despite Paul insisting that he hated it, he played the season excellently as a striker – being the teams equal highest goal scorer. He regularly caused the opposition to turn over the ball and either created a scoring opportunity or got one in the net himself. Sometimes Paul would sneak back into the half line and successfully take on 2 or 3 players himself just to show us he still could. Paul brought a wealth of skill and knowledge to the team and regularly provided great insight at halftime.

Steven (Goggs) Gee

If you are reading this, ask Goggs how he got his nickname. In all seriousness, thank you Goggs for being our #1 fill-in this year! It was great to have you join the team as another fast, persistent player that is just as skilful in the inner position as the back line.

This season was so enjoyable due to the amazing club we play for. Thank you to all the amazing fill-ins that we had throughout the season! Baillie, Aaron, Birdy, Tam, Elliot, Rob, Zeb, B, Andy, Zoe, Bri, Quinn, Jimmy and Aidan played 31 games between them and scored 11 goals.

To the team, thanks for the sticking with me and putting up with my half-time chats for 16 games. Hopefully you had as much fun as I did and are looking forward to next season!

Cheers! Morgs

CL2 men

As poet Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson wrote, 'you're hot then you're cold, you're yes then you're no, you're in then you're out, you're up then you're down'. Some smashing wins and finishing in second place after the regular season, CL2 Men displayed their ability to play great hockey and score goals. Unfortunately, we weren't able to keep our focus during the finals. Going out in straight sets was a disappointing way to finish, especially after the improvement the boys demonstrated throughout the season.

The final result aside, CL2 showed excellent development and the season was an important step in the club developing the depth required to realise a men's CL1 team with the playing group featuring 20 regular players – Taylor 'Tay-Tay' Green,



Ryan 'Biebs' Dix, Ian 'Moz' Morrow, Stirling 'Stirlo' Sharpe, Jared 'Jared' Fleming, Mathew 'Mat' Wilson, Louis 'Louy' Shea, Russell 'Rus-Bus' Thompson, Jackson 'Leckie' Leckie, Sam 'Sammy' Donovan, James 'Seshy' Watson, Nathan 'Nath' Cornish, Gerry 'Gerry' Shea, Peter 'Pete' Carling, Daniel 'Tuddy' Tuddenham, Stephen 'Birdie' Bird, Andrew 'Andy' Martin, Shyam 'Shags' Barr, Michael 'Bails' Baillie, and Philip 'Goat' Taylor (with cameo appearances from Xavier 'Zave' Smith, Scott 'Skip' Moore, and Richard 'Rich' Hudson).

We were all indebted to Jo-Ann 'Jo' Stephens-Carlos for keeping the admin sorted and lolly tub stocked. A huge thanks to all those who came and supported us, hopefully we can go that little bit further next year.



SL1 men

The 2019 season saw a new look SL1 team, with a combination of last year's SL1 players, returning players, newbies and some fresh SL2 players coming together to be very competitive in the SL1 competition. 20 rounds of hockey led to 6 wins, 6 draws and 8 very close loses. However, you cannot quantify the improvement (individually and as a team), the sportsmanship and the great team culture these guys achieved throughout the season.

There were so many positives to take out of the season and I hope to see the guys back in 2020. I have no doubt we will be top 4 next year.

Zavier

Zavier was a newbie to the club this year. Once Xavier came out of this shell, he had no trouble setting up the defence in the circle, making some stellar saves and often taking home the RUC bucks. Xavier also continually put in the effort to improve his skills, with these efforts on paying off in our final game against checks, with some amazing air saves on show. Well done on an awesome season!



Dean

When I heard Dean wanted to make a return to SL1, I was stoked. Dean not only brought some amazing defensive and distribution skills to the field but his enthusiastic and positive approach brought out the best in others players. A great season Dean and we hope to see you back next year!

Daz

What a dazzling season Daz had!! This season as fullback, Daz influenced the game with his talk, demonstrated his amazing ability to get the ball out of the oppositions attacking zone under pressure and committed to hold up the ball outside the circle, even if it was with his feet.

Rob

Rob was an integral of the very strong defensive line this season, always making sure that the opposition had to struggle to get past—perhaps it was his pregame banana? Rob has a great knack for creating space, always making great leads to get the ball out of the defensive zone and consistently setting up attacking opportunities for the forward line.

Phil

Phil was another member of the integral defence line, providing strength in the halves and backline, with a great ability to break down play. Phil was the quiet achiever of the team, marking out his player

extremely well, completely shutting down the oppositions attack on that side.

Shags

Shags was a newbie to the club and what a cracking first year he has had, taking out the SL1 mens players player! Shags fit in perfectly with the club and the team. With outstanding stick skills, speed and stamina, he was an absolute asset to the team this year, and a pleasure to coach.

Skip

After ignoring Skip's hints he was keen to retire as captain, he 'agreed' to continue to skipper the SL1 side which I am super grateful for. Skip dominated the game from centre half with his intelligent field positioning, inspired passes and strong communication, which created many scoring opportunities.

Andy

Andy was a great asset to the team due to his versatility, seeing him play all over the field this year. Every year Andy continues to improve, where ever he plays on the field. He created some great leads to get the ball out of the defensive



zone as well as some great attacking opportunities for the forward line.

Frankie

Frankie was 'the not so quiet' quiet achiever of the team. Frankie did the most unrewarded running on the team, making leads and creating space for other forwards. He could also be relied upon to provide an outlet to get the ball out of the defensive zone and would use his speed and skills to win a free hit or lead the attack into the oppositions circle.

Bailey

Bailey was a handful for the opposition this year with his speed to burn them, brilliant skills and great vision on the field. Bailey made tackling and gaining huge metres down the field and the ability to link with other players look easy. Well done on a great season.

Richard

Rich often injected himself into the game, leaving the opposition in his wake. Rich was another unrewarded runner in the team, creating space in the circle for the other forwards to receive the ball



and always supporting his team mates, making every effort to get to the post.

Simon

After being stellar fill in in 2018, Simon made the permanent step into SL1 without missing a beat. Another one of our quiet achievers, Simon strengthened our attack, remaining calm under pressure and providing much needed patience on the field which lead to results in the circle. Congrats on a great season Simon!

Tuddy

Another star forward of the team, Tuddy brought determination, strength, and a brutal backstick shot to the forward line. Tuddy's ability to control the ball with such ease, created many attacking opportunities leading to points on the board. Often backing up from another game, Tuddy always put in 100%.

Birdy

The flood gates opened round 1 for Birdy this year with a hat-trick and continued for the whole season. He managed to finish the year as the highest goal scorer for the team and second for the SL1 comp. Birdy



surprised everyone this year, with many moments of 'did Birdy just do that?'. Birdy also stepped it up in a leadership role this year, taking a lead with the forwards to work on their structure, continually encouraging the team to achieve goals and organising pre-training jogs. An excellent season that earnt Bindy the coaches award this year.

Leckie

Leckily for us, Leckie was always keen for a game which meant he joined us for most of the season. Leckie not only brought some decent stick skills and ball control (except for when he shanked a goal) but he provided invaluable communication and encouragement to his other team members. Thanks for all your efforts!

To our super subs: a huge thanks to Tun, Elliot, Gerry, Louis, Moz, Alex, Aaron, Tay, Ben, Matt.H, Muz, Nath, Jimmy and Gis for all your efforts when you filled in throughout the season. For those that came and supported us on the sideline, we thank you for all your support throughout the season. Thanks to Jimmy and the CL2 guys for letting

us train with you and Megan and Meaghan for last minute coaching.

It was an absolute joy to be part of the team this year. A huge thank you to the guys for making coaching a joy. Congrats to all the guys on the effort you have put in this year. I am very proud of your achievements, and you should be too!

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SL2 men

It was a real honour to coach SL2 men this year. I didn't quite know what I was getting myself in to and having never coached by myself before, I was super nervous about letting the team down. I also had big shoes to fill taking over from Chantelle – and the boys let me know it!

Initial team selections were a bit tumultuous. We ended up with a mixture of youth and experience in the team, with most of the experience falling in the defence category.

Together we have experienced the highs and the lows of the season surrounded by the strong scent of dencorub, on point banter, disgraceful haircuts, snail-paced attempts to grow facial hair, and terrible music from Gogg's speaker.

Getting a full 70 minutes of good, sexy hockey from the team proved to be a challenge. The boys could come out firing and dominate the tops teams, and then turn around a week later and almost draw against a team that hadn't won a game all season. We were all frustrated when this happened but normally got across the line, occasionally spurred on by a terse half time chat. Despite a couple of disappointing draws, they only narrowly lost two games all season, conceded the lowest number of goals in the grade, and qualified for finals with four weeks remaining in the season. This is a great effort and a result of the grit and determination



they put in to their game every week.

Regardless of what happens in the finals, the team should be proud of what they have achieved so far. They never gave up - often sealing wins in the dying minutes of the game, and the great team dynamic and consumption of large amounts of beer made sure it was always worthwhile to get out to hockey on a Saturday.

But we all know what everyone's really here for, so on to the team report card:

Aaron Bassaletti

Aaron made the jump to SL2 this year and brought youthful enthusiasm and a lot of pace to the forward line. Feared by opposing teams for his sheer speed, his best skill is the ability to pop up from seemingly nowhere and trap an almost impossible ball, surprising pretty much everyone on the field. Aaron worked out how to score goals in the second half

of the season and has been almost unstoppable since.

Elliott Dodd

An absolute cracker of a season from Elliott, who played his best games when he was sober and managed to remember his shoes/stick/socks/shirt. Elliott is a delight to have on the team – he listens, never stops working and has continued to improve all season, with his game becoming smarter and stronger. Elliott prefers to score goals for SL1 than his own team, and I expect he will be going on to bigger and better things next year.

Callum Doherty

Cal had a great season – creating loads of opportunities in the forward line with strong leads and a lot of speed, the team could always rely on Cal to be in the right spot at the right time. His patience and control of the game developed throughout the season and he was strong contender for

players' player every week. One time Cal even said something on the field and it was the best hockey day ever.

Cam Esler

I guess coaches always say this about their goalies but Cam really, really, really saved our butts so many times this season. Cam conceded the least amount of goals in the SL2 comp and in the men's side of the club. His experience showed through his talk and control of the defensive half in games. As an extra talent, Cam is very skilled at drinking post game beers, but never seems to buy a round.

Steven Gee

The ultimate utility player, Goggs agreed to go for a short run at inner in Round 6 and we forgot to take him out again. Goggs would always do what was needed to stop a breakaway, and it seems what was always needed was to get on the ground and make a dramatic acrobatic diving tackle – or just take them out at the ankles. His Lleyton Hewitt inspired post-goal celebration has haunted nightmares for most of the season.

Matt Hewatt

The quiet achiever, a nagging hamstring injury left Matt's season a little 'hamstrung'. While I'm not sure Matt ever spoke on the field, the team certainly noticed his absence when he wasn't there. A great

strategic player, it was a pleasure to watch Matt control the centre of the field, beat about a bazillion players and make even the most difficult of situations seem effortless. Matt has a lot to teach developing players coming through SL2, if only we could get him to talk more!

Zeb Holt

Our fearless leader, Zeb basically coached the team for the first quarter of the season (ok, the whole season) while I was still working out what I was doing. Zeb is relentless in defence, dangerous in attacking shorts, and also proved to be a solid centre half, except for that time he broke his own nose. Every week he put his all in to his game and the team, and he is the very well-deserved winner of this year's players player.

Brenden Mand

Notable moments from Brenden's season include holding the team record for the quickest card, copping a green after only 30 seconds on the field while defending Macca's honour. He took things to the next level earning a yellow with 3 seconds remaining in a game for dropping a teenager. But all that really shows is Brendo's commitment to the game, his



teammates and to winning – when he eventually shows up to the game, of course. He pushed the team to work hard and play their best each week.

Alex McLachlan

Winner if the inaugural 'worst haircut of the season' award, Alex improved out of sight this year, creating many opportunities with his vision, a great turn and strength on the ball. He is not afraid to take on anyone on or off the field, was frequently tasked with the important job of pissing off the opposition, and enjoys having little rests lying on top of the goalie. Despite receiving multiple green cards (completely undeserved of course), he always avoided buying beer because it apparently meant he would have no money for food. #studentlife

Dave McNally

I was a little alarmed when I first saw Macca having his special pre-game warm up juice, but after I realised that it was required to score goals, I strongly encouraged it. The man does know how to score a goal or three, and it is quite fun to see goalies quiver when Macca lines up. If the opposition were smart, they would try harder to mark him out, but they aren't, so he won us lots of games.

David Murray

In amongst falling off his bike, randomly falling over on the field and also having a nap in the dugout mid-game one time, Muz had a pretty good season. Great in defence as always, it was good to see Muz also push to support in attack this season. His guest appearances in the attacking circle paid off - Muz's crowning moment this season was firing an absolute rocket of

a goal after the siren on a short corner to win the game, and he is clearly making the move to striker next season.

Ben O'Sullivan

Another handy utility player, Ben had a great season and excelled in whatever position he played. With the longest arms in the competition and a (usually) on target overhead, Ben could always be relied on to get the team out a tight situation. Ben shows great leadership on the field and as a mentor to the younger players, but does need to toughen up and suck the outside off his own half-time jellybeans in the future.

Tun Phazil

Tun was a late addition to the team and missed a lot of the season, but always gave the game his all when he was able to play. Unfortunately his handy drag flick didn't pay off for us this season, but his strength in defence meant you could always rely on Tun to break up a quick turnaround and counter attack just as quickly.

James Robertson

Was Headband Jim even in SL2? Who knows, not me! But when he did play, he always made quite an impact on the field and didn't even argue with the refs that much. Jimmy controls the game wherever plays and the boys could learn a lot from his excellent positioning and patience. I hope to see him show up for finals!

Jim Winefield

The team's biggest Anthony Callea fan, Jim was sacked more times than I can count, but kept turning up to games. Skilled at pulling off knee-height overheads and scoring for the opposition, Jim was pretty reliable in the back line, made great tackles when they

were needed, and was always good for post-game laughs. His other important contribution to the team was indicating which change room the guys were in – I just had to follow the scent of deep heat and the sound of his voice...

Special mention goes to Simon Gavin for filling in for most games in the season, eating all the lollies, complaining a lot and only scoring one goal.

Thanks to all our fill-ins throughout the season, we couldn't have done it without you: Stephen Madden, David Nugent, Aidan Whitehouse, Harry Holyland, Daryl Judd, Robbie Ewens, Charlie Johnston, Andy Martin, Josh Gould, Shyam Barr, Mitch Searle, Chris McNally and Xavier Smith.

A few additional notes from me:

A huge thanks to the wonderful Morgan O'Sullivan for remembering the lollies, running the bench, chasing up fill ins, massaging Matt's hamstrings, not letting me put Jim W in the forward line "just for fun", and coaching when I was extra hungover (much better than I do!)

Thanks to Ben/Tun/Goggs for always reminding me that I need to tell everyone their positions before taking the field.

Apologies to Alex, Cal and Elliott for calling you all Alex for the first four weeks of the season. Anyone under 25 looks the same to me.

Finally, to the team – Could I have asked for a better group of guys? Probably. But would I? Nah. Coaching you this season meant more to me than you will ever know, and I hope you had as much fun as I did. Thanks for putting up with me, Team.

Megan

SL3 Red

What a bunch of legends I had the pleasure of coaching this season. SL3 red was a mix of players that on paper looked quite odd. Some had a lifetime of experience, some had clearly played higher hockey, others hadn't played in a while and a lot of the team was new to the club and/or new to playing with each. While we took a little bit of time to come together, and with myself being a late coaching appointment, the guys certainly achieved a lot this season.

We managed to take points from more than half of our games, ending the season with 6 wins, 5 draws and 9 losses. This was good enough to put us into 4th and for us to hold onto it for a surprise, well deserved finals appearance. Unfortunately, St Pats got the best of us in the semi but the guys should be proud of their efforts and of smashing expectations this season.

The spirit this group of guys had should be commended, supporting each other and learning from each other all season. The fantastic team culture they created showed throughout the season when we had people consistently turning up, recruited more players to the team. We had people wanting to play for us and cheering us and the wins started to come in. I am so proud of this bunch with every single one of them improving



so much throughout the season.

Jason Bird

We could always rely on Jason to turn up... usually right as the starting whistle went. But what he lacked in warm up time he more than made up for on the field. While his main role was part of our flawless half line, Jason also became one of my much loved utility players this season, going for some stunning runs in the inners and forward line. Jason's confidence seemed to really build this season which proved he should definitely back himself more, with his no fear attitude against some aggressive teams and an impressive composure on the ball.

Rhian Blackwell

Rhian made the mistake of running too much this season, which saw him break up his beautiful forward work with some time in inner. Without complaint, I could always rely

on Rhian to get the job done on the field and play his guts out. Fearless in our press, Rhian set up some beautiful attacking opportunities, bringing up the teams level of energy every time he took the field.

Thekla Ganiaris

We sure are lucky Thekla was keen to join us this season. One of the most committed team members, Thekla's grit and determination and excellent goalie skills kept us in a lot of games this season...a lot. With a different goalie, I am positive many of our draws would have been losses, and some of those wins, draws. She was a massive point of difference for us in this competitive grade, whether she wants to admit it or not. Growing in confidence throughout the season, Thekla received compliments from other teams, on her work between the posts. She is another player that I am immensely proud of this season.

Andrew 'Flash' Gordon

What a very different season it would have been without Flash in our team. Bringing the energy both on and off the field, Flash took on a social chair of the team. He could always be seen or heard supporting his team mates, both on the field, at the bar or on his sideline seat. One of my utility players, I am not sure there was a position I didn't make Flash play 'for just a few minutes' this season. I could always rely on Flash to work his butt off and shut down any problems on the field. His ability to get under the oppositions skin and appear out of nowhere for an awesome tackle or goal assist were crucial to the team's success this season, even bagging himself a few goals. Thanks for a wonderful season.

Harry Holyland

Harry was another fresh face this season and such a great pick up for the club. Harry could comfortably play every position in the team and never let us down. But mostly, we played him as inner because of his crazy skills and ability to run all day. Our quiet achiever, Harry improved this season both in his game play and confidence. I still don't understand how Harry would be unmarked and given the time to run into the circle, but we never got sick of seeing it and the impressive

goals. Capable of playing much higher hockey, I can't imagine I will be seeing Harry in SL3 for very long either. Harry received players player so many times this season, and was always in the top 5 so it is no surprise, he is this year's players player. Congrats Harry!

Kieran MacGillicuddy

Kieran was one of the familiar faces this season and really stepped up into a leadership role, becoming a valuable source of counsel for this rookie coach. Always revving the team up, I could rely on Kieran to be there on the weekend, injured or not, making sure our halves rotation was working effectively and the boys were playing as a unit. Definitely underestimated in his skills, Kieran took on some tough opponents this season and came out on top. I may have joked a lot about how soft Kieran was this season and that he would be playing inner, but in the end, I genuinely valued him in our team and it is a massive loss to have him jetting off to England for the foreseeable future. Good luck buddy!

Nathan McDowell

Nath was another new face to the club this season and after a quiet start, he really came into his own. Nath's ability to get into the right attacking positions led to some excellent goal assists this season. His

ability to calmly out skill the opposition worked perfectly with the team's smart hockey style this season. But most of all, he has to be the calmest person I have ever seen after getting hit in the face. I could always rely on Nath to throw some sass or witty comment my way, so he is perfect fit for this club and hopefully will stick around.

Zan Tha Kyaw Nyun

Zan was a newbie to the club this season, coming over from the dark side 'Central'. But their loss was our gain, as Zan quickly showed he wasn't to be underestimated on the Field. Part of our fearless half rotation, we could always rely on Zan to get the job done and lock down our defence. Sleep over or no sleep over, Zan always gave it his all and his development and attitude should be commended. With his improvement throughout the season and positive attitude, I hope to see Zan back next season.

Ken Pattugalan

Ken is easily the team energiser bunny. I could never get him to take a seat. Always begging to get back on the field, Ken quickly became our main utility player – playing striker, inner, half and full back this season. His passion and determination showed on and off the field. Often too hard on himself, Ken should be proud of his efforts

this season, as he continues to improve year after year.

James Robertson

James was a late addition to the SL3 red team this season, coming down from higher grades to play with mates (and Tam), but also probably out of pity, sensing my pure desperation. While his umpiring and coaching commitments meant we missed him for a few games, James certainly strengthened up our core, playing mostly inner and centre half. Obviously capable of playing much higher hockey, James brought with him a level of composure and commitment to the smart hockey style the team played. His guidance for his team mates and ability to out skill the opposition gained James a bunch of players player points, and huge appreciation this season. Thanks Jimmy!

Gurpreet 'Guri' singh Saini

Guri was another returning SL3 player this season. One of our quiet achievers, we could always rely on Guri to use his skill and speed to put the opposition in their place. Guri's ability to win the 50/50 contests and work with his team mates up the field gained us many attacking opportunities and short corners this season—a lot of which Guri then proceeded to convert with that cracking hit of his. His strength on the ball and can do attitude

saw him dominate the centre of the field this year, often coming back to help defend and lead the attack forward. Well done on an awesome season.

Ian Smith

Ian brought with him a huge amount of knowledge of the game and ideas, jumping straight into a leadership role this season. We could always rely on Ian to lock down our defence (particularly when the opposition were making a break away), set up our attack and settle the team at half time. Ian's skills and gamesmanship were unrivalled in the team this season, and his willingness to help his team mates learn new skills, positions and rules was invaluable. I can't imagine we will be seeing Ian in SL3 for much longer. It is for his positive and humble attitude, his ability to keep us in many games, and his guidance and patience with his team mates this season that I gave Ian the Coach's award. Thanks for everything Ian.

Lachlan Hewatt

Lachie was a junior recruit to the team this season, after we somehow convinced his mum we were all trust worthy. His young legs helped us fill some gaps in the team and his fiery spirit made him the perfect fit with the team. Strong in defence and smart in attack, Lachlan was invaluable in our halves and inners this season. Always willing to play wherever



I needed him, and putting some grown men in their place, Lachlan didn't miss a beat making the jump from juniors. We definitely would love to have him back next season. Well done Lachie.

Mat Evans

In a typical MEvans move, he didn't want to play SL3 this year. But being the lovely human he is, and probably driven by the need to make me stop whining about not having players, he always begrudgingly turned up ready to play each time the game didn't clash with SL4. Mat added some smarts to the team, both in defence and in the forward line, and often became my Hail Mary sub. He was always willing to put his body on the line, whether it be copping a high ball, diving saves or walrossing for a goal. Thanks babe. Hopefully you'll make the permanent jump back in this season.

David 'Muz' Murray

Muz was our number one fill in, always answering my desperate pleas for help, and slotting in fantastically. Helping us sure up our defence and proving why he definitely is not an SL3 player, Muz's support for the boys this season was invaluable and we can't thank him enough.

Bianca 'B' Letki

Early in the season, B offered to fill in for SL3 men. Big mistake. After dominating her first game with us, she was locked in. Her



fitness, skill and smart hockey play enabled our halves and forwards to play a structured game. Always working hard and shaking off the aggressive opposition, she was one of my utility players this season.

Caitlyn 'Scout' Hall

Scout was the other person who was silly enough to offer to play early on in the season. Her dogged determination and strength on the ball meant she didn't miss a beat slotting into the team and the competition. Quickly becoming an integral part to our attack and a much-needed extra fill in, Scout was unlucky to not get herself her men's comp goal. Next year Scouty, next year.

A massive shout out to all our fill ins – we love you. Ben, Tun, Matt H, Aaron, Shaunik, Pete, Sheridan, Niki, Dan, Garth. All of you were life savers this year.

I must thank the coaches around me this season. Megan Thomas was a legend and so generous with her players with all the other teams throughout the season and always helping with my guys



development and if I needed help with training; Bianca Letki for being so easy to juggle who she was playing up and who I needed to play down; Lincoln for always offering to help me rally a beership member or two to play; and Ash and Bri for running trainings for the squad most weeks.

A shout out to my partner in crime, Mat for trying to guide me in my coaching duties, even if I didn't always listen, and for always jumping on the field when we needed him to.

But most of all, to the SL3 red guys, thank you for a wonderful season. I hope you got something out of it and I hope to see you all next year. Until then gentlemen.

Cheers,
Meaghan

SL3 Blue

MSL3 Blue had more Band-Aids, icepacks, physio appointments and hospital visits than games this season, so much so we should probably re-name ourselves MSL3 injury prone. The boys didn't let this stop them and we went at the season full steam ahead.

This year saw only six returning MSL3 players, we lost some to SL2, some to the other SL3 team and some to injury, but never fear as eight newbies and two new coaches were added into the mix to shake things up. From day one the guys (and one girl) put all their efforts into the game and showed where their strength lied; in their support, possession and their never give up attitude.

Our first game down in Tuggeranong (little did we know this would become our home for the next 7 weeks) was one to remember. With more than half the team not having played together before, stepped onto the pitch and played like they had been playing together for years. Everyone gelled so naturally into their positions, and before half time we were already looking forward to the rest of the season.

It was no surprise that our defence is the second best in the competition. Each week the team took position and like trumps wall, no one was getting through. It is here we should add that very quickly we caught on that if you wanted to see



an exciting game with loads of goals – our games were not it with just under half our games ending in draws. Although we weren't the best at scoring, we were up there with the best in defence and the entire team should be proud of their defensive efforts. We will get all the goals next year.

Although we didn't win as many games as we had of liked, the team never once gave up! Their positive attitude and hunger shone through each and every game. With some of our best hockey coming from our second half, the guys never put their heads down and kept strong until the full time whistle.

Each game saw improvement, not only as a team but individually as well, this made voting for players player hard and almost always saw everyone on the team get points each week. We cannot stress enough how well each of you played each week, you guys made us a very proud pair of coaches.

As coaches we could not have asked for a better team! We have had a multitude of highs, lows, laughs and tears. At times the season was hard, but it was made so much easier by having you guys around. We have loved getting to know you guys, and seeing your individual skills grow and develop. A huge thank you to you guys for giving it your all and never giving up, it has been such a rewarding season as coaches and look forward to what the future seasons bring.

Aidan Whitehouse (20 Games):

Always on hand to lend coaching advice, help with drills and constantly re-assure us that Canberra is effin cold was our captain Aidan. Making the trek from sunny Queensland he brought with him a plethora of hockey knowledge, strong distribution skills and a mean drag flick personally handed down from Hockeyroo Rosie Malone. We were very pleased to be able to have Aidan on

our team, his contribution to the game meant that he very rarely got a sub, only given a break when he got injured (which started to happen more often as the season went on – a coincidence maybe). He showed his strength and skills when dominating play up the field, and his defensive efforts contributed heavily to our overall super defence. Aidan is a player that definitely can be playing in the higher grades and look forward to seeing where his skills take him in future seasons with the club.

Al Robertson (20 Games):

Walking into the hockey centre with his shin pads on and mouth guard in, Al always came prepared to play. Al brought his can do attitude to every game, he also brought with him the biggest wind up we have ever seen, usually resulting in a big hit to follow. Al was another one who consistently improved each week and was always happy to run around in every position we asked. An injury forced Al to stop running near the end of the season, and he made the huge leap from the forward line to the back line, where in true Al form, he killed it each week. Our only regret this season; not putting him in the back line earlier.

Sean Willis (18 Games):

Sean was our top goal scorer this year, and since we didn't



score many goals this season it is an achievement worth celebrating! Sean really proved himself as one of the more senior players in the team this year providing guidance and advice to the newer members. When Sean wasn't arguing with the umpires he was busy being the loudest member on our team, he worked really hard this year to be positive on the field and his encouragement for the team could be heard fields away. His attitude to the game and team really helped keep the morale high, even when the score didn't go our way. He was always there at the end of the game, going around the team with high 5's and listing all the things we had done well.

Charlie Johnston (18 Games):

Another player who has shown continual improvement this year is Charlie. Charlie showed his strength predominately in the centre, his skill in moving the ball up the field, gave us the idea to move him up the field and he went from centre-half to centre-forward. That decision did not disappoint with Charlie creating many opportunities in the D and proving that he makes a great utility player. Charlie perfected his drag flick this season, his determination and never give up attitude he applied to every training session he showed us that practice always makes perfect.

Lachie Dodd (17 Games):

The man of many injuries, Lachie contributed his fair



share to our team injury tally. However no niggling injury could stop him from showing up to play each week proving that he is the definition of a dedicated player. Lachie is another player to watch, as his skills and confidence as a player has really grown, in particular his baseline runs into the circle. He has proven himself a great half- back, and although it is not his favourite position on the field he consistently puts the effort in and proves to us why we play him there each week.

Jacob Thomas (17 Games):

Thank the hockey gods (and Leah) for getting Jacob to swap his skates for shin-pads and get off the ice and onto the frost covered hockey pitch. Jacob was one of our newbies to hockey this year, and if you watch him play you would not be able to tell. Watching Jacob incorporate his ice hockey skills to the field was a delight to watch, his quick stick skills proved many tackles won and his speed was beneficial in working the ball up the field. Jacob's commitment to training saw his skills on the ball and game knowledge improve each week, he has become a great field hockey player and we look forward to seeing what he has in store for future seasons.

Josh Tucker (16 Games):

After a few years taking a break from hockey, Tucker returned to the club and found himself stuck with us. After a

few weeks running him through the backs (sorry), he kindly informed us that he was in fact a forward and from that day he took a permanent spot up front. Another victim to the 'one handed hockey bug', and while he showed real talent with his one handed tackles, it only took a few weeks of us threatening to duct tape his hands to his stick, for him to come back to two handed health. Tucker is always in the right position at the right time, with all his goals coming from some great positional play. His improved skill and strength on the ball means he will be one to watch in the coming seasons.

Dave "Cop Dave" Nugent (16 Games):

Dave's commitment and attitude to his development thoroughly impressed us this year, always on the hunt to find new tips and tricks to improve his game. It may have been his persistence at training that paid off, or maybe it was getting rid of the pre-game sausage roll, as Dave's skills on the ball improved 10 fold this season. Dave brings a bouquet of enthusiasm to each and every game he plays. Even after just finishing a 12 hour criminal catching spree, he would run up and down the field trying everything to get the win, even a cheeky tomahawk that he pulled from thin air. He has been an absolute pleasure to coach and look forward to seeing his skills blossom and bloom in the seasons to come.



Richard Johnston (15 Games):

For a moment there, we thought we had lost Richard after a run in with a crazy person on a bus ride in the southern highlands, but Richard proved that nothing could scare him away from hockey, if anything I think it made him want to play more. Richard really stepped up this year in defence, as there was a Gumby sized hole that needed filling, and fill it he did. His skill on the ball and support play was consistently strong, and his confidence in his chat from behind developed more each week. Richard went from being one of quieter guys on the field to one of the loudest, providing direction, encouragement and support to the team.

Quinn Reid (15 Games):

Quinn charmed us with her strength, patience and good ball skills and went from a fill in to a permanent part of the team after only two games. She quickly solidified herself in our half line and played a key role in the team's defence. Quinn really stepped out of her comfort zone this year, and found herself as an integral part of our defensive shorts, possibly by choice, but probably because Luffy made her stay. Quinn really developed as a player this year in MSL3 Blue, she took what she learnt from our games and applied it to her women's team, demonstrating that she is a capable of playing much higher hockey.



Dave “Rugs” Smith (14 Games):

After having a few years off enjoying fatherhood, Rugs returned to the club. We initially ran him through the forward line, where he went in to every game with hunger and determination for the ball. However, he happily volunteered to play inner one week, and after showing us that he has no problem running around we left him there to sweat for a bit. At the beginning of the season Rugs got bit by the ‘one handed hockey bug’ that was making its way through the club, by the end he really had a grip on the whole two hands thing, not just with the stick but with two new babies.

Stephen Madden (14 Games):

When Madden wasn’t off practicing his camouflaging skills in the bush, he was busy putting them into action on the hockey pitch. Madden would come out of nowhere, running onto stray balls we thought were lost and popping up to surprise the opposition with his strong tackles. One of the quiet achievers of the team Madden took up residency as one of our half-backs. His strength on the ball, great positioning and constant running meant that no wing would get through him without a fight.

Matthew “Luffy” Luff (12 Games):

Luffy went from our goal keeper to team mascot after a little scuffle with the curb. Before he ended up in a boot he proved

himself a great goal keeper. Only conceding 18 goals this year, he was the cherry on top of our superstar defence. When Luffy wasn’t on the field you could find him at the hockey centre, beer in hand, watching hockey. And we’re not talking one or two games, we’re talking nearly every game, every club and every grade that was playing that weekend. It worked in our favour though, as “Matts Stats” was up and running, if you wanted to know how many goals the opposition scored, who their key players were or their go to on a short, Matt’s your man. Luffy has become a very competent goalie, who is capable of playing much higher hockey. He worked hard developing his positioning and flexibility in goals, and how to slide not like a soccer player. The two biggest improvements though this year for Luffy was his chat from behind, which got better each week and (the biggest one) remembering the short corner masks. We look forward to seeing where goal keeping will take Luffy in the coming seasons.

Joshua “Tall Josh” Gould (7 Games):

We thought this year would be the year Tall Josh would just be Josh, but alas Josh is just a too popular name and so he remains Tall Josh. When he wasn’t plagued by injury, Josh was an integral part of our inner channel, running rings around the opposition. His skill and speed on the ball was always a delight to watch. Unfortunately his season was cut short due

to a few broken fingers but we look forward to seeing Josh back on the field next season.

Cam Esler (6 Games):

A special mention for Cam who came to our aid when Luffy went lame. Cam really helped us out at the back end of the season and we would like to say a huge thank you to him. His aggression and skills in goals are a pleasure to watch, and his chat on the field and at half time was a great help to the team. Again thank you so much!

Running with a team of only 13 this year meant we relied heavily on fill-ins each week. A big thank you to every one of our wonderful fill-ins, you were all superstars and really helped make up our squad. A big thank you to Zeb Holt (10), Kenny Duren (8), Ben O’Sullivan (5), Duncan McConchie (4), Linc Green (4), Imogen Bacon (3), Pete Carling (3), Alex McLachlan (3), Elliot Dodd (2), Liza Michalak (2), Goggs (2), Simone McKenzie (2), Clare Pyc (1), Ben Jones (1), Aidan Smith (1), James Winefield (1), Ali Al-Ameri (1), Aaron Bassaletti (1), Tam Bretton (1), Paige Edwards (1), David Murray (1) and Dave McNally (1).



'The Beership'.

Season Record

Back into the finals after the disappointment of missing out on goal difference last year. This time we made it without even playing in the last round. A very satisfying season so far.

Our season started well enough with a couple of good wins but a run of losses in the middle of the year had us on shaky ground in 5th place. We needed to get results against our fellow top 4 teams and that we did with back to back wins over St Pats and North Canberra cementing our place in the finals. Finishing with four straight wins was a great way to end the regular season on a high.

Compared to last year where we struggled against our fellow top 4 contenders this time we managed to share the results with two wins, two draws and three losses. Our unbeaten record against teams ranked below us was very pleasing and we managed to find a number of ways to put goals away against the weaker teams in our comp. Was nice to have our strikers put some cracking goals away this year and seeing Dan and Surge lead our goal scorers for the year was a really good sign. Putting six away against ANU was one of the season highlights.

Our team list was relatively stable this year and we had some consistent ring ins which aided us in playing a good brand of hockey. It was fantastic to have Tam and Jimmy back to help us out most weeks. It was also a year with a number of games played milestones for us to celebrate. Congrats to the lads who have managed to play so many games for the club. Particularly Lovejoy (750) and JB (700) which makes the rest of us look like spring chickens.

In a year where we didn't have too many injuries I am sad to say that Ian still managed to get our 'handbag' award. He had already missed a lot of games but one of the few he was able to attend he suffered yet another blow to his nuts. Talk about being the ball magnet.

Hopefully we can continue our good form and march through the final series playing our brand of sexy hockey. It has been a great year for the team and hopefully better things are to come.

A summary of the 2019 season:

Round	Team	Result	For	Against
1	TVHC	W	6	3
2	NCE	D	1	1
3	ADFA	W	2	0
4	Wests	L	1	3
5	Central	W	4	0
7	ANU	W	6	0
8	TVHC	W	4	0
9	Quean	L	1	3
10	St Pats	D	1	1
11	ADFA	D	1	1
12	Central	D	2	2
14	Quean	L	1	2
15	TVHC	W	3	0
16	Wests	L	0	3
17	ANU	W	1	0
18	NCE	W	2	1
19	St Pats	W	3	2
20	Central	W	4	0

Best and Fairest

Voted on by team members after each game. Each player gives six votes (in three, two and one format) for best on ground performance. Top three for the season 2019:

- 1 - Dan Williams (105) - same votes as last year but this time he took home the award after scoring some fantastic goals and being a great target up forward.
- 2 - Aidan Smith (78) - Consistent vote getter who missed a number of games for the year but still polled well thanks to his efforts in the midfield.
- 3 - Ali (73) - Stepped up this year with a couple of impressive games particularly when we told him to blanket the opposition. Still needs to fix that hole in the end of his stick though.



Coaches Votes

Voted on by the leadership team after each game (we forget about 'training'). This is a reward for herculean effort and for working to help your team mates.

1 – Garth – always thinking how to get the team moving in the right direction – whether it being with his enthusiastic leading and tackling or his rather boisterous sideline support.

Player Profiles

Lincoln “Sneaky Balls” Green

Position: Centre Half
Goals: 3
B&F: 48

Linc managed to stay on the field more in 2019. Is this a sign of his mellowing or simply a reflection that we had a lot better umpiring in 2019. Perhaps it was more that the umpires singled him out pre-match that he knew he was on borrowed time. Kept our focus with some stirring pre-game speeches and forceful half time reflections.

John “...the Reverend” Lovejoy

Position: Fullback
B&F : 5

Managed to rack up game number 750 in the last round of the year. Legend. Continued to wield his axe down back to cut off attacks and was always looking for creative ways to get the ball up the field. Managed to have his opponents sent off more often than he was. Increasingly sneaky in the last line of defence.

Dan “the Man with the plan” Williams

Position: Forward / Midfield
Goals: 8
B&F: 105



Another consistent year from Dan – polled almost exactly the same B&F votes as last two years and this year took home the Best and Fairest. Scored some cracking goals and made some brilliant runs forward in 2019. Part of the dynamic Shake & Bake that presented some very sexy hockey in 2019.

Mat “Big Boy” Evans

Position: Goalie
Goals Saved: 315
B&F : 70

Bigboy managed to keep his high standards and kept us in a bunch of games against the tougher teams. A number of games against easier opposition allowed us to have a very pleasant chat where we discussed the failings of the forwards at great length.

Brett “Chunkers” Loiterton (Player Coach)

Position: The lazy back
Goals: 4
B&F : 39

Enjoyed some time up forward as we were blessed with a strong backline at times.



Always managed to take his opponents on and found the forwards free with some good free hits. Added the aerial element to his game after Lincoln lost his aerial stick. Hitting at about 35% success rate at last count.

Garth “Y-E-L-L-O-W” O’Connell

Position: Wing/Inner
Goals: 2
B&F : 65

Garth will never die wondering. His support for his teammates on the field and off is fantastic. His cheering reverberates round the hockey centre and he always wears his heart on his sleeve. A deserved recipient of the coaches award for 2019. Hopefully his partnership as part of Shake & Bake will lead us to some finals wins.

Ian “Black Balls” McHenry

Position: Midfield
B&F : 5

Ian had an injury interrupted year but when he was on the park he always managed to make some brilliantly timed

tackles. Managed to sneak up forward and keep the ball in our forward half and was always happy to support his team mates when taking his turn on the bench.

Tam Bretton

Position: Midfield
B&F: 37

Tam returned to the Beership and provided us with some great stability in the midfield. Always kept her opponent under control and was a calm influence in our backline. Also blessed with the gift of being able to cook up a storm when milestone matches were to be celebrated.

John “JB” Blood

Position: Wing / Midfield
Goals: 1
B&F : 35

JB racked up his 700th game in 2019 and turned back the clock with a best on ground performance. Managed to keep himself in a number of contests and set up some fantastic forward play with his wily knowledge of his opponents gameplan.

Ali “the student” Al-Ameri

Position: Inner/ Midfield
Goals: 2
B&F: 73

Ali had a mission in 2019 and that was to make sure he had a flat stick in front of goal. Whilst it didn't happen every game he managed to slot a couple of goals. He was tasked with some defensive assignments on rampaging inners and managed to make a good fist of keeping his opponents under control.

Andrew “Smithy” Smith

Position: Left half
B&F : 40



Mr Consistent on the left hand side of our defence. As always he managed to quell his opponent and more often than not found himself in a great position in which to mop up after opponents tried to attack through him.

Kendrick “the Dad” Duren

Position: Wing/Inner
B&F: 63

Kendrick played with an increasing level of angriness in 2019. The placid man from 2018 obviously became fed up with his teammates not working hard enough and he certainly let the umpires know his thoughts on some borderline decisions. As the quickest of our back three Kenny made some fantastic tackles in 2019.

James “Jimmy” Robertson

Position: Midfield/Inner
Goals: 3
B&F : 68

Jimmy was a welcome return to our team for a number of games in 2019. He provided great run and leadership through the middle. Scored a couple of cracking goals and consistently set his team mates up with his excellent passing game.

Duncan McConchie

Position: Forward
Goals: 2
B&F : 39

Fresh blood for the beership and Duncan didn't miss a beat as he cruised down the wings. Made some great runs up forward and improved throughout the year. Scored



some great goals and provided assists for his fellow forwards.

Pete Carling

Position: Inner / Midfield
Goals: 1
B&F : 35

Pete was a welcome addition to our midfield. Managed to provide some solid defence and was also capable of setting up his team mates with his great passing game. Scored a clutch goal in the dying stages of a game v Central to provide a come from behind draw.

James “Surge” Fergusson

Position: Forward
Goals: 6
B&F: 57

Surge started the season on fire and scored goals at will. Sadly he meant missing in the colder months and we could only dream of what a what a forward line with him and Dan up forward would look like. Managed to play our last game and slot another couple of goals to make us dream of what of what he could do for us in the finals.

Aidan “Dos” Smith

Position: Inner
Goals: 3
B&F: 78

As always Dos was the running man of our team. Always happy to show off his one and one skills – Dos managed to string together some fine team performances this year. His passing game after beating two or three opponents was always a joy to watch.

Harry Holyland

Position: Inner
Goals: 4
B&F: 40

Harry played a number of games for us in 2019 and showed what can be achieved if you can run in the midfield. He stopped attacks and was able to create opportunities up forward. Managed to score some cracking goals as well.

My thanks to all those who played minutes for us and helped keep us in games. Richard, Bram, Dave Lachie, Kat and Morgan all earnt votes for their efforts this year.

Finally – it was fantastic to see some more continuing success for the club across both men's and women's grades. As Garth would say – “GO UC!”

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