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Women

CL1 – Jimmy Borrett

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SL1 Red – Ben O'Sullivan

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Men

CL2 – Stirling Sharpe

SL1 – Bianca Letki

SL2 – Chantelle Blackwell

SL3 – Niki Ward & Jess Edington

SL4 – Brett Loiterton & Lincoln Green

Midweek – Meaghan Clack

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From the **PRESIDENT**

As another season comes to an end it is good to look at the highlights of 2018 and make some recommendations for next year.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the Board and the Coordinators of the club. 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. I would encourage everyone between now and Pres Night to appreciate the amount of work that goes into running the club and take the time to thank every board member.

On Field

There were some challenges throughout the season especially with the player numbers in the lower grade women's teams. The 2019 BoM will decide whether we nominate one less team based on this year's numbers. Thank you to everyone who has helped by filling in for teams other than their own throughout the year and especially the coaches who managed to get teams on the field week in week out. Also a big thank you to Meaghan Clack who contacted lots of ex-players who became casual players for the WSL4 team meaning we could field a team each week.

We had five teams successful in making finals – MCL2, MSL2, MSL3, MW and WSL1b. With WSL1b making it through to the Grand Final. Regardless of your team's results this year I hope

everyone had a great season and will be back for a bigger and better 2019!

Off Field

COMMUNICATION

We have again set communication as a goal this year and have used the weekly Devils Digest email and social media accounts to communicate to the club. We have again encouraged teams to post their results and 'Players Player' after each game and this year we asked teams to include photos of the winner in their posts. This was then shared on our website, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

CULTURE AND SOCIAL EVENTS

We pride ourselves on being a hockey club that not only plays great hockey but is a place where lifelong friendships are made.

It's great to see members watching games other than their own and Hockey ACT have again assisted us with this with most UHC teams playing back to back or close to each other to accommodate this.

We have again organised social events for the club – Lawn Bowls Season Launch, Bar Rally, Wine Tasting, Trivia Night and Pres Night (6 October) to come. These events help to get to know your 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 tasteful Wine Tasting Evening.

FINANCE

The start of the year saw Hockey Australia introduce a new Participation Levy of \$25 which was compulsory to pay online. We also began using the new online membership system, Revolutionise.

We were again able to keep fees at the same price as last year and continue to offer a \$100 early bird discount, although we brought forward the end date of the early bird discount by one month. This was again well taken up by members, with over 120 members taking advantage of the discount. Our early bird discount has always been a way to promote people paying their fees early which helps the club with cash flow throughout the season and minimises the efforts of chasing people to pay fees. It is important to note that the discount is not 'cream' on top of our fees but money that the club must recoup via fundraising and sponsorship throughout the year to ensure we can pay our bills. For this reason, it is recommended that the early bird discount be reviewed for 2019 season.

SPONSORSHIP/ FUNDRAISING

As previously mentioned due to the bigger than expected uptake

of the early bird discount we have needed to work hard to gain sponsors and fundraise for the club.

A big thank you to our sponsors; The RUC who we have continued our sponsorship arrangement with, our new sponsor Embassy of Qatar, JT Sports and the University of Canberra.

The club has raised money through a range of fundraising activities and we aim to have varied fundraising activities that can be shared with people from outside the club, so when the opportunity arises please share with any friends, family or colleagues. 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 2018!

Jolly Moore

AWARDS

TEAM AWARDS

Women's Teams:

CL1

Player's Player: Olivia Martin
Coach's Award: Sarah Haines

CL2

Player's Player: Jolly Moore
Coach's Award: Patricia Oswald

SL1 Red

Player's Player: Simone McKenzie
Coach's Award: Sheridan Hall

SL1 Blue

Player's Player: Zoe Mason
Coach's Award: Emma Prime

SL2

Player's Player: Amy Crowe
Coach's Award: Leah Gerrard

SL3

Player's Player: Yleia Mariano
Coach's Award: Sheree Murray

SL4

Player's Player: Rachel Harrigan
Coach's Award: Emma Vines

Men's Teams:

CL2

Player's Player: Jackson Leckie
Coach's Award: Jakob Gisik

SL1

Player's Player: Chris McNally
Coach's Award: David Murray

SL2

Player's Player: Elliott Dodd
Coach's Award: Stephen Madden

SL3

Player's Player: Matt Luff
Coach's Award: Charlie Johnston

SL4

Player's Player: Aidan Smith
Coach's Award: Dan Williams

Midweek

Player's Player: Jack Smart
Coach's Award: Liz De Fegely

CLUB AWARDS

Coach of the Year – Men

Stirling Sharpe (CL2)

Coach of Year – Women

Mat Evans (SL1B)

Umpire of the Year – Men

Bram de Laat

Umpire of the Year – Women

Paige Edwards

Brick Shit House

(Men's Goalkeeper of the Year)
Matt Luff

Goalkeeper of the Year – Women

Megan Thomas

Club Most Improved – Men

Elliott Dodd

Club Most Improved – Women

Olivia Martin

Rookie of the Year – Men

Michael Baillie

Rookie of the Year – Women

Allie Corripio

Iron Man

(Most Games in a Season)
Andrew Martin

Iron Woman

(Most Games in a Season)
Morgan Evans

Shooting Star – Men

(Most Goals in a Season)
Simon Gavin

Shooting Star – Women

(Most Goals in a Season)
Rebecca Neish & Morgan Evans

Presidents Cup – Men

(Player of the Finals)
Elliott Dodd

Presidents Cup – Women

(Player of the Finals)
Megan Thomas

Club Person of the Year

Meaghan Clack

LONGEVITY AWARDS

100 GAMES

Kate Smyth
Ken Pattugalan
James Fergusson
Bram de Laat
Paige Edwards
Zoe Mason
Megan Rodd
Jessica Edington

Sheridan Hall
Caitlyn Hall
Ashlee Malcolm
Andrew Martin
Ryan Dix

150 GAMES

Sean Willis
Ashlee Malcolm
Rebecca Neish
Simone McKenzie

200 GAMES

Meredith Bone
Anna Gabriel
Morgan Evans
Bianca Letki
Katrina Carling
Tessa Bailey
Kellie Stewart

250 GAMES

Megan Thomas
Jolly Moore
Zeb Holt
Meaghan Clack

300 GAMES

Brenden Mand

350 GAMES

Scott Moore

400 GAMES

Chris McNally
Matthew Hewatt

450 GAMES

Lincoln Green

500 GAMES

Steven Gee

CAPITAL LEAGUE 2

Men

The CL2 Men enjoyed a superb season in 2018.

After what can only be described as a slow start to the year, we were able to settle as a team and ended up playing some of the best hockey I've been a part of since joining UCHC. We managed to win 11 games (five more than last year) and earned a spot in the finals in just our second year in the competition.

The CL2 competition is extremely competitive. It takes a fair amount of dedication and commitment just to win one game, let alone be successful, so the boys should be extremely proud of what they achieved. Each week we had to come up against teams stacked with talent, from ACT players, to Australian master's representatives and even former Kookaburra's. While we showed these players the respect they deserved, we didn't shy away from them, taking it to them each and every week. Throughout the year, we were able to beat some of the best teams in the competition. Our 4-2 win over Wests, who have won four of the last five Premierships, was one of the best in the club's history, while



our 5-0 smashing of United, last year's runner-up, ultimately booked our spot in the finals.

The boys' performance throughout the year was even more impressive when you consider the players we lost from the 2017 season. The departure of guys like Dean Stewart, Todd Hennessy and Mitch King meant we lost over 500 games of experience. However, this gave some of the younger players an opportunity to step up and prove themselves at a high level, which they did. It also gave some of our veterans the opportunity to lead and act as role models for the younger guys.

The arrival of new players, like the Shea twins, and the return

of old boys such as Ian Morrow and Jackson Leckie meant we had a pretty balanced side throughout the season. Just like in 2017, we trained as a CL2/SL1 squad, which meant there was a great competition for spots week to week. All the boys that came up from SL1 did a fantastic job, but a special congrats should go to Cam Esler, who filled in as goalkeeper in the last three rounds and managed to snag a player's player award for his clean-sheet performance against United.

On behalf of all the boys, I'd just like to say thank you to a few people. To Tayla and Tessa for running the bench for much of the year; to Glenn, Sophie and Grace for organising and

running our fitness sessions; to Jolly and the board for all their work behind the scenes; to the supporters that cheered us on each week and finally, to Coach Stirlo, whose passion for the game brought out the best in all the boys.

Most importantly though, a special thanks to the players of CL2. We had a great year both on and off the field. From listening to Seshy's horrible pre-game songs and Stirlo's average dad jokes, to watching Moz split his pants, we were always having a laugh and enjoying each other's company. Top season Gents!!

Before we get to the playing group, a huge thank you to all our fill-ins throughout the year; Cam Esler, Scott Moore, Andy Martin, Stephen Bird, Richard Hudson and Michael Baillie! It was a pleasure to play alongside of you and we are grateful for the assistance you provided in our time of need!

The Playing Group

Nathan Cornish

No player worked harder on their fitness this season than Nath, and that led to him being a consistently strong player on the field. His powerful hitting



and ability to throw a bomb got us out of trouble on many occasions. Against United in round 21, Nath was tasked with marking former Kookaburra Aaron Hopkins, whom he completely nullified.

Ryan 'Biebs' Dix

Arguably the best-looking guy on the team, Biebs improved out-of-sight this season. His ability to trap on the run and carry the ball up front was a huge asset to the team. Biebs ended the year with 6 goals, the best of which sealed a stunning upset victory over Wests.

Jakob Gisik

Gis is a top quality work-horse! Often we would find him in the last line of defense and then two seconds later in the attacking circle. Unfortunately, another season has passed without a goal from this much valued mid-fielder.

Tayler Green

Tay finished the year as our second-highest goal scorer, despite missing a record number of games. His skill on the ball and ability to drag opponents is second to none. He also loves a chirp with the opposition, often letting them know how s**t they are after he's beaten them.

Jackson Leckie

Leckie backed up his Best and Fairest-winning 2017 season with another superb year in 2018. His ability to create chances in attack is just as impressive as his ability to defend and make goal saving

tackles. Although he doesn't mind an argument with the refs (or with Stirlo), Leckie is simply the complete player.

Ian 'Moz' Morrow

As captain, Moz led the side superbly in 2018. He often had to juggle his time between playing centre-half and repairing our relationship with the umpires (usually after Stirlo or Leckie had abused them). A great distributor of the ball, it's hard to find a more composed player on the hockey field.

Will Richards

Will became a key member of the backline in 2018, using his absolute cannon of a hit, and his famous 'squeezy' move, to get us out of trouble on more than one occasion. This cannon was a huge asset to us on short corners. If the goalie did manage to save it, they certainly knew about it.

Nik Sharpe:

Nik had another great year between the posts. His talk and leadership from the back meant we were always set up well defensively. While a team joke often revolved around Nik letting the ball through his legs, his crucial saves, particularly in one-on-one situations, kept us in most games. Honorable mention for your yellow card!

Stirling Sharpe:

Stirlo returned as coach this season, leading a relatively young, inexperienced side to the finals. He again ended the year as our leading goal-scorer, with many of his goals coming

from the field rather than short corners. Whether throwing a 70 meter bomb or flinging a powerful drag flick, Stirlo can do things on the field that many players simply can't. He also only got one card this year, much better than the seven from last season.

Gerry and Louis Shea:

Gerry and Louis did everything together, so it's only fitting they appear together in the yearbook. The twins were new additions to the side in 2018 and they're on field performance, combined with their friendly nature meant they were hugely popular amongst the team. Louis' pace and ability to carry the ball up front created huge chances for us throughout the year, while Gerry's sharp tackling and equally as impressive ball carrying allowed us to rebound well from defense. As a side note, all the boys look forward to watching more of Gerry's 'adventures' next season.

Phil 'GOAT' Taylor:

Phil was another new addition to the side in 2018 and was also hugely popular amongst the boys. As the oldest member of the team, the 'GOAT' brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our backline. His finest performance came against Central, where he greatly reduced the impact of former Laker player Andrew Tomadini.

Russell 'Russ Bus' Thompson:

As the team's Vice-Captain,

the Russ Bus took his game to a new level in 2018. He often played as a 5th defender/4th midfielder, who could distribute the ball superbly from anywhere on the field. A truly valuable player, it was evident the team performed better whenever Russ was on the field and the post-game showers weren't as fun when he was away.

Daniel 'Tuddy' Tuddenham:

Another huge improver, Tuddy went from fringe player to full-time CL2 member in 2018. His pace, coupled with his ability to lead, meant he was always a good target up front. Tuddy also possesses one of the best, and most dangerous (made Bieber duck a few times!), back stick shots in the game, as ANU found out in round eight.

James 'Seshy' Watson:

One of the veterans of the team now, Seshy showed just how versatile a player he is in 2018. He started the season in the midfield but moved to the backline, with his pace and reading of the game helping to sure up our defense. Despite his continual lateness to games, Seshy is a great role model for all the young players at the club.

Mathew Wilson:

Matt was a welcome addition to the team in 2018, playing both up front and in the midfield. He was a huge threat in the circle and seemingly created a number of opportunities each week. Unfortunately for Central, they saw first-hand just how big of a threat he is, when he put 5 past them in what was a great individual performance.

Written by our budding sport journo and co-stats man, Gis.



STATE LEAGUE 1

Men

This year's SL1 team was a great mix of SL1 veterans, UC rookies, and SL2 players stepping up. The guys started the season strong with a draw and a win against top teams, pulled off a solid run midseason with 3 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss but fell short at the end of the season.

This group of guys gave it their all on the field, improving constantly. They played smart hockey, holding possession and supporting play, and created as many, if not more opportunities, than the opposition in most games. Fortunately the guys also enjoyed each other's company off the field and appreciated the commitment and effort each member of the team put into the game. The guys should be commended for their efforts and attitudes this season and hopefully we can see that continue into next year with more results going our way.

Cam Esler

Cam had a brilliant season in goals. We often invited the opposition to take as many shots as possible at him, just to make sure he wasn't bored. I'm sure Cam appreciated this, as he stepped up to the job making some stellar saves



and single-handedly kept us in many games during the season. It's a tough job, but Cam made it look easy. Well done on an awesome season.

Matt Williamson

Seedy provided strength in the backline, with a great ability to break down play. He was quite good at causally taking the ball from attackers outside the circle and eventually introduced a cricket swing to his defensive tactics. Seedy also spent some time upfront and got his maiden goal for UC. We hope to see Seedy back in fine form next season.

James Winefield

Jim provided the much-needed comic relief on and off the field... oh and plenty of beers,

thanks to a few yellow cards. In between all of that, he also made a solid fullback, influencing the game with his talk, ability to get the ball out of the oppositions attacking zone under pressure and to hold up the ball outside the circle, even if it was with his feet.

Steven Gee

Goggs made the step up from SL2 this year and didn't miss a beat. He was a strong, versatile addition, putting in tremendous effort anywhere I put him. After a few weeks, Goggs found his home in the back and half line where his speed and body on the line attitude made for some great defensive efforts and awesome hockey throughout the season.

David Murray

Muz also made the step up from SL2 this year and provided great game awareness in the half line. Muz was often the quiet achiever of the team, marking out his player extremely well, completely shutting down the oppositions attack on that side. Muz 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.

Chris McNally

Chris had an outstanding season, which did not go unnoticed by the team, earning him multiple RUC bucks and best and fairest for the season. Chris' control of the ball and patience in distribution created many attacking opportunities and helped make his fellow team mates look good. Another larrikin of the team, Chris' contribution is invaluable, as he continued to go from strength to strength. Well done on a great season Chris!

Scott Moore

Skip was one of our SL1 veterans this season, helping guide the fresh faces around





the turf. Bringing a smarter style of play to the team, Skip alternated between the midfield and forwards and was instrumental in some truly awesome hockey this season. Skip's great one-on-one skills and great passes to open up our attack provided a lot of memorable shots on goal.

Ben O'Sullivan

Ben was a great asset to the team due to his versatility, seeing him play all over the field this year. Ben's overhead ability created many attacking opportunities for the team and his speed, agility and ball strength in the circle saw Ben convert his efforts on multiple occasions this year.

Richard Hudson

Richard had a stand out season... when he wasn't missing and enjoying the English heatwave. Richard excelled in the inner role, using his speed and determination to make sure he was always first to the ball.

Michael Baillie

Baillie was a new addition to the club this year and what a cracking first year he has had. After not playing hockey for a few years, Baillie fit in perfectly with the club and the team. With Baillie's

speed, endurance, skills and strength on the ball he found himself playing inner for the season. All of which didn't go unappreciated, as he finished off the season as runners up in the best and fairest votes.

Andy Martin

Andy was a selfless forward and another quiet achiever of the team. Andy did the most unrewarded running on the team making leads and creating space for other forwards. He also provided 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. Improving constantly, we will be lucky to keep him in our SL1 squad for much longer. Awesome work this season Andy!

Callum Doherty

Cal started the season as the quietest on the team, however became vocal towards the season demanding the ball from other players. Cal often injected himself into the game, leaving the opposition in his wake. Cal 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.

Rob Ewens

Rob was another player making the jump from SL2 this year, and he did not disappoint. Rob spent most of his time in the forward line this season, strengthening our attack and providing much needed patience on the field. Regardless of the score, we could always rely on Rob to see the positives in the game and encourage his team mates. Rob's hunger for the ball and hunting upfront paid off with Rob being our highest goal scorer for the year.

Stephen Bird

Birdy was a great utility player this season, providing structure and talk to the forward line and cover in the defence. Birdy consistently did some great work in the oppositions circle, adding to the goal tally later in the season when he opened the 'flood gates' with a hat-trick.

Simon Gavin

A special mention to Simon for stepping up when we need him, playing just under half the season for us. We loved having Simon on the turf with us, his patience in the circle and ability to work for a short corner was very appreciated, as were his cracker shots on goal, often finding the back of the net. We know he prefers SL2 hockey, but Simon is more than capable of playing higher and is welcome any time.

Tuddy

A special mention to Tuddy who started the first two rounds with us before he was quickly

moved up to CL2. Despite this Tuddy doubled up for a few rounds, creating many scoring opportunities for his team mates and himself.

I have to say a couple of thank yous:

To our super subs: a huge thanks to Phil Taylor, Ryan Dix, Leckie, Joe Gard, Matt Hewatt, Daryl Judd, Russel Thomson, Mitch Searle, Zeb Holt, Matt Wilson, Aaron Bassaletti, Lachlan Dodd, Brendan Mand, Dave McNally, Nik Sharpe, Louis Shea and Jack Smart for all your efforts when you filled in throughout the season.

Thank you to Chantelle for all your help at the start of the season; Stirlo and the other CL2 guys who ran training when I wasn't able to and to Morgan, for stepping when I needed her and brilliantly coaching and organising the team to a few weeks midseason. For those that came and supported us on the sideline, we thank you for all your support throughout the season.

To the guys, thank you for always putting in 100% on game day, the laughs and the good times. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of a team that has made coaching fun, enjoyable and memorable. I hope to see you all back next year.

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STATE LEAGUE 2

Men

This year has probably been seen as a year full of surprises for SL2. From a coaching perspective it has felt like a year of development and opportunity for growth within the team and for the club overall... What this has meant is that we have had a year of combining youth and experience and bumbling our way through the season to somehow end up finishing 3rd. We have had certainly had moments of pure genius and moments where we have looked at each other and thought, how did that work...

As with every year we are a team that ensures that there is a good social atmosphere to our team, and this year was no exception, with the camaraderie going up an extra notch to include the swapping of shorts, the jokes that only the team knows about, (and would rather forget... Sean...) and the ability to ensure that no matter what happened that there would always be a cold beer waiting... Lollipop, lollipop...

As is now starting to become tradition for the SL2 facebook posts, we upped the ante this year by not only having hash tags, but also adding celebrity appearances- a stroke of pure genius by Matt for suggesting this, and then of course coming up with interesting photos to mark the celebrity and also the puns that went along with the situation. This certainly provided some extra thinking of



how to adapt the theme for the week to the game, and I cannot thank Rhian for assisting in coming up with some of the clever puns and for the photo-shopping.

From a coaching perspective, I certainly faced some new challenges with trying to instigate training that would be effective and useful for all of the players and their different skill sets. We also faced the change of having an overall quietly spoken team, particularly in defence that often saw our pregame chats cover the need to really listen for the talk. Overall I think that the team has bonded well and really started to gel together to provide strength and stability in the latter part of the season.



The Team:

Joe Gard:

Joe joined the ranks in SL2 as the last line of defence. He certainly showed promise this year, with everything starting to come together after a midweek ADFA game where he pulled out all the stops and played some incredible keeping. Joe has been instrumental in our defensive line, and has certainly ensured that we stayed in games with fighting chances

Bill Douglas:

Billy joined the ranks with us after having a year off with archrivals ANU. Billy certainly assisted our defensive line significantly with his communication. Billy also



provided experience to assist the development of our newer players embarking on the SL2 journey. Billy certainly also provided commitment and dedication to the team driving up from the coast week in week out. We hope to see you still in yellow next year Billy

Darryl Judd:

Daz returned to the club after enduring the humidity of India for a couple of seasons, and provided some experience to the defensive line. After adjusting back to the cooler climate of Canberra hockey, Daz cemented his spot in the fullback position, delivering some solid defence. One of my quiet achievers, Daz also delivered some great one liners in our post match chats, and just might be the instigator for one of the lollipop stories...

Mick Collins:

Mick is my other very dedicated player who travels up from Bega every weekend to play with the SL2 team. Mick happens to be a jack-of-all-trades who is instrumental in any position I have put him this year. Mick provides a calming presence on the field, which has been beneficial when we have



come up against some feisty opposition. After having a brief break mid-year for masters in Spain, Mick came back with a youthful and spritely spring in his step, as I normally say about Mick, he keeps getting better and better with age...

Alisdair Robertson:

Alisdair joined the ranks of SL2 after having a year off from hockey altogether. After finding his feet and getting back in to the swing of hockey, Alisdair worked incredibly hard to improve his game throughout the year and that perseverance has started to pay off in the second half of the season. Alisdair will prove to be a wall of the defence over the coming seasons...

Stephen Madden:

One of my quiet achievers, Steve has just gone from strength to strength this year. He has provided formidable defence in the half line, as well as starting to creep in to attack when the situation arises. Steve for the earlier part of the season did provide me with some memories of my childhood, with his heart monitor mimicking the sounds of the tamigotchi, and me

constantly telling him that he needed to feed them at training.

Matt Hewatt:

My quietest achiever in the team. Matt is always quietly spoken and never lets the situation get to him. He also provides a calming presence on the field and is solid within the half and midfield positions. He is the jack-of-all-trades who applies himself with everything that he has. Matt provided his experience to the team to solidify our attacking and defensive efforts this year.

Zeb Holt:

The captain at the helm this year, Zeb provided the leadership to all members of the team, particularly taking an interest in the newer members to the team. Zeb as always was pivotal in defence, and also in our attacking short corners, slotting away a couple of goals this year. With the addition of close friends, bromances blossomed even further with the intriguing information of Zeb's hairy chest still not tasting all that great even with beer...

Simon Gavin:

Simon has been a longstanding

member of the SL2 squad in the forward line, and quietly told me how much he enjoyed the change pace when he filled in for SL3. I think that I had the last laugh, when he had more time in the midfield, and the outcome for him was more goals... Simon as usual provided us with many laughs, particularly in the form of the need for new shorts, fantastic one-liners and post game banter.

Dave McNally:

A longstanding member of SL2, Dave over the last few years has just wanted to play hockey, and enjoy the thrill of scoring goals. Dave also provides us with many moments of entertainment, particularly when the Dave special is what scores the winning goal. Dave also provides good banter in the change room prior to the game, and also post game.

Sean Willis:

Sean has had another interesting season in SL2 as only Seany could. Yes, he provided support for attack and scored some cracking goals, but in true Sean style, it is his antics and anecdotes that always provide the most

interesting pieces of confused humour. This all stems from whether Sean is the most appropriate person to tell a long-winded joke, particularly just before the pre-match chat... I think the final consensus is that Sean is not that great at telling jokes, maybe you can work on your material over the summer...

Rhian Blackwell:

Rhian joined SL2 officially after many years of being a super fill-in. He took a few weeks to find his feet with the adjustment to the pace of SL2 week in, week out, but cemented his spot at forward and midfield. With a great run to break down the free hits in defence he provided some pace to the forward line and an attitude of keep running until you can't breathe any more. Rhian along with Zeb are the instigators of the other lollipop story... Hmm, maybe there are more bromances in this team then we realise...

Owen Hammerton:

Owen joined the ranks of SL2 this year as one of the many strikers for the team. Owen showed commitment to the team ensuring that he was available for training and only



missing 1 game throughout the year. Owen snagged a couple of cracker goals this year and we look forward to seeing what next year might bring for him.

Brenden Mand:

Brendo is the ultimate nice bloke on the pitch, particularly to support his own teammates and to ensure that the talk is always positive. Brendo is also known as a larrikin and certainly developed rapport quickly with the newer members of the team due to being able to have the joke and laugh... Brendo also has a very special position in our team, he is known as the new Robbie- due to arriving in his own time to games, but more importantly as Oprah. Brendo gets the moniker of Oprah, as his mentality is that every player gets a best and fairest point, no matter the circumstances (and even if they were there or not). This became quite evident how pivotal this role is, when every player would get votes even if Brendo weren't there to quality control the vote count.

Alex McLachlan:

Alex joined SL2 with a little shyness, but soon found his feet, providing grunt and determination to the midfield that saw him improve as each week passed by. Alex provided some great banter between him and Brendo, that left us all in stitches as the apprentice took on the master, or is it the other way around...

Elliott Dodd:

Elliott joined SL2 with eyes wide open to all the possibilities that hockey can give him. A quiet achiever, who would always give 100% week in week out, Elliott proved himself as a solid midfielder who provided

support, and I think more than anything running legs for the team. Elliott has a never say die attitude that became more and more fortuitous in games where we needed to see a result.

Pete Hudson:

Pete gets a special mention this year as our 17th player to the team. New to the club, Pete unfortunately succumbed to injury that required more time off the field than on. We hope that with the time off we will see Pete back to full strength next year!

As with all coaches, there are a couple of thank you's that need to be given. The first is to all of our fill-ins this year. We could not have played our games without you. A special mention

to Emma who filled in as our special guest for the Chris MacKinnon round, where we were able to show our support for both her and Matt as a united team for both of them. To everyone that came down and supported us, we thank you so much. It is always nice to have people cheering for us, particularly in the cold that we experienced with all of our later games in the depths of winter.

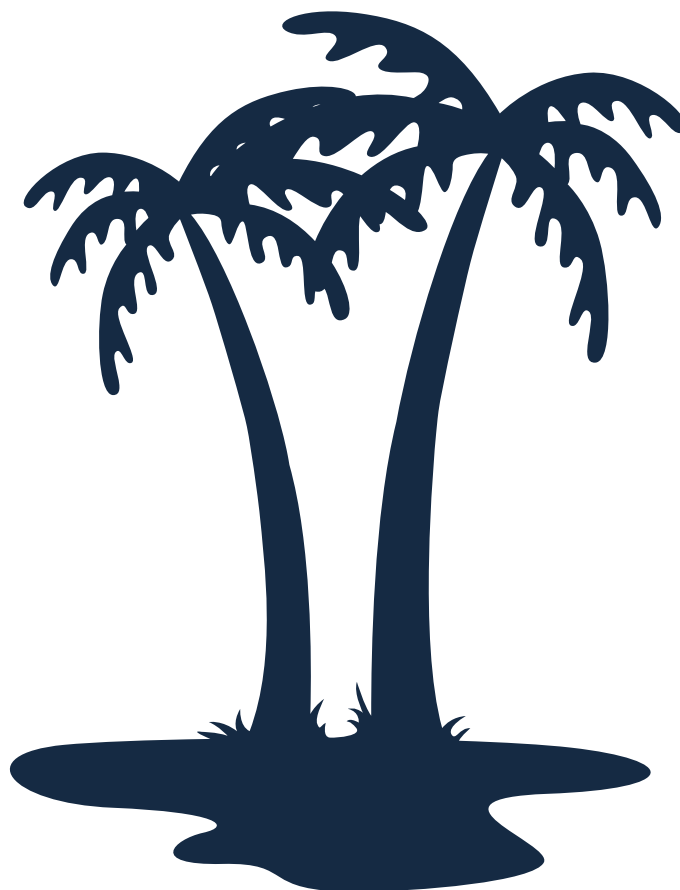
I normally take the time here to thank my husband for allowing me to coach and looking after the kids, but he played this year. So, to the most amazing Hockey Wife (as she is better known), Kirsty Holt, there is no way I could have handled this year without on the sidelines, looking after

my cheeky monkeys. Part of our success is a testament to you!! A huge shout-out to Paige, Brayden and Decklan who were awesome in looking after the kids too, keeping them entertained and walking with them, playing Ipad's and causing mischief, I am truly grateful, and so appreciative!!!

To my boys, what a fantastic season we have had. You have all done an amazing job, and should be immensely proud of all of your efforts this year. Thank you for the privilege of being able to coach you and guide you this year

Cheers

Chantelle



STATE LEAGUE 3

Men

As defending champions, Men's SL3 had a lot to prove coming into the season. It was with pride that we said "cheerio" to teammates from last season who moved up to SL2 or moved on from Canberra, and with excitement, welcomed six new players to the team (four brand new to the club)!! From day one, the boys/men* focused on the right things: possession, trust and leaving nothing in the tank!

Under the watchful eye of Gumby, the team didn't take long to gel. The old-timers held down the fort while newcomers found their feet. The team embraced a new structure and a new coach, and it wasn't long until we were looking forward to the tough games of the season. Each game saw new stars taking their chance to shine with weekly votes often going to every player on the team.

With 17 on the team list, we were spoilt for choice from players with years of experience to our new additions, keen to learn the game and give it their best go. A big thank you also goes to all our fill-ins throughout the season!

As coaches we couldn't have



asked for a better team! We have loved getting to know you and we can't wait to see what your hockey future holds!

*Boys refers to those still on p-plates. Men is everyone else.

Matt Luff

Matt 'body on the line' Luff decided to use his skill of putting his body in the firing line and taking up goal keeper for the team this year. To say Luffy kept us in the season would be an understatement and, as demonstrated through the number of weeks he received player's player, he sure did have a cracker of a season. His dedication and commitment secured us a spot in finals and we're stoked to have discovered his talent!

Kieran MacGillicuddy

Kieran returned for his second hockey season, going from keen rookie to solid half. A pre-season injury saw Kieran as our best cheerleader for the first few weeks of the season, hungry to get back on the field. On return to the field, Kieran's tackles were stronger than ever and we saw him shut down a number of plays.

Richard Johnston

One thing we can say about Richard is that he is very consistent. He is consistently our tallest player, consistently a solid full back, consistent in his support play, and consistently absent for about half a season. Though we missed Richard on his weeks away (learning to

save lives with Lifeline training), he made up for it in the games he was there with awesome dedication to the game.

Josh Gould

Tall Josh had another consistently good season as one of our resident inners, and even tested out centre half towards the end of the season. Josh's game matured a lot this season; he withheld many rants at umpires and his support of his team also grew both on field and off. We couldn't have asked anything more of Josh!

Ken Pattugalan

Forever our greatest cheerleader both on the field and off, Ken always brings a lot of energy to our games. Ken's strength is in making leads up the field and asking where he can go next as soon as he is subbed off. Though, we finally may have tired Ken out as he actually asked for a sub once or twice this season!

Bram De Laat

We put Bram to the test as a utility player again this season, though he did spend most of the season in the forward line, we knew we could rely on Bram to pick up any position we threw





him into! Unfortunately due to a floorball accident and another torn ACL, Bram could not continue the last few weeks of season but continued to come to every game to cheer us on.

Mark McElligot

Mark brings a lot of hockey wisdom to our team and never afraid to speak to umpires when they may have misinterpreted the rules. Despite his wisdom, Mark still holds his own with the best of them and this saw Mark become one of our back up inners this season, running circles around some of the younger players.

Josh Eysers

Josh moved into our forward line this season. We don't know if he thought this would mean less running for Josh, but he proved he was dedicated and got fitter throughout the season. He became a key part of our attacking shorts and assisting goals, and we saw Josh improve throughout the season.

Gumby

The team nominated Gumby as Captain again this season, and our fearless leader gave us another season of consistent defence and support for the team both off and on field. He approached the season with

his cool, calm and collected manner, and although he still managed to receive a number of injuries this season, never lost his composure and dedication to the game.

Lachlan Dodd

Though he was practically a member of the team last season, Lachy became a permanent member of the team this year. Lachy thought he was finally getting a break as inner, starting the season as a centre half... until the last few weeks of season when we needed more legs back in the inners. Lachy had a great season and took on all positions we threw at him.

Will Redmond

Will took a brave step this season, playing in a different team to Aidan and forcing them to spend a few hours apart each week – a big step for the dream team. Nevertheless, Will managed to keep it together in the halves and we could always rely on will to leg it back down the field to defend. A further big achievement for Will was only receiving one green card for the whole season!

Jason Bird

Jason replaced Kieran as a rookie to hockey and made a code switch, he is too nice

for rugby. We were a little unsure this was because he thought hockey was less rough as a "non-contact" sport, but nevertheless he brought some rugby skills with him and can run onto the ball, appearing out of nowhere like magic and running around his opponents!

Dave Nugent

Dave moved from being our number one fill in last season to permanent team member this season. Although only his third hockey season, we saw Dave hone in a lot of his skills and get even better. In particular, Dave learned to channel!

Guri Saina

Guri is another of our speed demons and can run the whole field, moving the ball around the opposition. Guri also has an amazing hit – when he makes contact with his stick to the ball. Though we were happy when Guri made contact with more than 30% his shots on goal and Luffy requested at training "I'll take shots, but not from Guri... they hurt".

Charlie Johnston

Charlie joined our team after a few years break from hockey. Though he started the season a bit rusty with a stick, his fitness saw him take up a spot as a resident inner. Charlie continually improved throughout the season and became a crucial part of moving the ball up the field. This also saw Charlie get thrown through centre half and full back with his

great distribution and good defensive skills.

Tun Phazil

Another new addition to the team, Tun joined the team as a third full back giving us immense strength in our back line. His read of the game and supportive play meant our distributions and back passes were on point this season when we eventually starting using this option. We also found out Tun has a mean drag flick, and by the end of the season he had even managed to pull one off from inside the circle!

Aaron Bassaletti

Aaron 'the legs' Bassaletti, our youngest and newest edition to the team. While he joined us a little way into the season, he took no time to fit in. As our fastest runner on the team, we saw Aaron speed down the field, often unstopped. Aaron also discovered he could score...a fortnight out from finals. We look forward to having him back next season with his new found passion of getting goals!

STATE LEAGUE 4

Men

'THE BEERSHIP'

Season Record

After last year's success of making finals it was with some disappointment that we again slid to 5th in 2018. We found a new way to miss out on Finals though - this time on goal difference. So near but so far. It was still a good year for the Beership though - we played some pretty good hockey and shared some great moments on and off the field.

We started the season well - three straight wins had us at the top of the ladder. It was then our real challenge commenced with the higher ranked teams and we just couldn't get that win we needed. Our results against the other top four teams were telling. We played 9 games for 3 draws and 6 losses. Just needed to get over the line in a couple of those games and our season could have been very different. We played well in patches and had some stoic defensive efforts against the top teams. Highlights were our close battles with the undefeated Wests throughout the year and an epic 0-1 loss to Queanbeyan in Rd 12. Obviously we need to find a way to score more goals - was a bad sign that our leading scorer for the year was Lincoln. That should fire the forwards up.

Our only loss to the teams below us was against a fired up ADFA midweek. So we learnt how to put those games away which was very pleasing.

I seem to write this every year - but we had more than our usual share of player movement during the year - injuries and lifestyle absences took a few of our experienced players away but thankfully with the help of a few ringins we managed to get a full team on the park every week (thanks Linc!). We had around 30 players with game time in the end and I'd like to thank all of them for their efforts. I'm handing our 'handbag' award to Ian this year for being one of our hospital attendees for the year - at least if you are going to get injured make it a big one. Nice work on trying to get a consult from Surge whilst on the field.

Discipline was again a highlight of 2018. My favourite card was when mild mannered Andy got a card for umpire abuse. It really didn't help that it was our own umpire and that about five minutes later he apologised as he thinks he had made the wrong call to



begin with. Linc maintained the rage for the season and ended up as our most prolific card recipient. I will admit he was on the wrong side of a few rank decisions and how the other bloke stayed on the field despite coming at him with a blindsided push in the back is beyond me.

I hope all the lads had as much fun playing this year as I did. The last few weeks where we needed a positive result to make finals was pretty

challenging and hopefully we can use that pain to spur us back into finals contention in 2019.

A summary of the 2018 season:

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

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 2018:

- 1 – Aidan Smith (126) – Consistent vote getter and another well-deserved B&F for a guy that doesn't stop running.
- 2 – Brett Loiterton (110) – a far more consistent year from this elder statesman (although still one of the younger ones in the team).
- 3 – Dan Williams (105) – brought back his A-game for 2018 and early season form had him challenging throughout.

Coaches Votes

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

- 1 – Dan Williams – always thinking how to get the team moving in the right direction – including after the games with some solid beverage purchasing

Player Profiles

Lincoln "Sneaky Balls" Green

Position: Centre Half
Goals: 7
B&F: 96

Each year Lincoln is scoring more and more goals. His sneakiness levels are growing as well. One particular highlight was when he copped a ball to the shin and he went down like a pack of cards. Umpire kindly enquired as to his health and Linc shows him a bruise on his knee. Umpire kindly reverses the free hit to Linc as he hobbles up. Linc tells us afterwards it was on his shin but he'd copped one on the knee earlier. Never let it be said that Lincoln forgets anything.

John "...the Reverend" Lovejoy

Position: Fullback
B&F : 6

Had another solid year. Continued to wield his axe down back to cut off attacks and blast his way through the forward press. His ability to read the play and time his cut outs was always scary but when it came off it looked spectacular.

Dan "the Man with the plan"

Position: Forward / Midfield
Goals: 3
B&F: 105

What a consistent year from Dan – polled almost exactly the same B&F votes as last year. Managed to get himself into good positions and as always his partnerships with other forwards was the key to us keeping the ball in the attacking half. A deserved recipient for the coaches' award as he talks as good a game as he plays.

Mat "Big Boy" Evans

Position: Goalie
Goals Saved: 475
B&F: 77

Bigboy managed to keep his high standards and kept us in a bunch of games. His talk from the back always keeps us honest and I always enjoy his refreshing honesty at half time and during the games. Happily subbed himself off when we needed goals but sadly they didn't come. Next year maybe.

Brett "Chunkers" Loiterton (Player Coach)

Position: The lazy back
Goals: 5
B&F : 110

Struggled with more foot issues in the latter half of the year but part of a solid back five that managed to keep the opposition quiet most of the time. Scarily the second top scorer for the team with

Lincoln. Maybe we should swap the backs and forwards next year.

Garth "Y-E-L-L-O-W" O'Connell

Position: Wing/Inner
Goals: 3
B&F: 60

For the second year running Garth missed our final game and was probably one of the reasons we couldn't get over the line. This is a reflection on how important his run was to the team and how much fun we had watching him terrorising those slower wing half's. Always great for a yarn after the game and his efforts to disrupt St pats with a helium led verbal assault towards the end of the year will be fondly remembered.

Ian "Black Balls" McHenry

Position: Midfield
B&F: 18

Ian had an injury interrupted year but when he was on the park he always managed to make some brilliantly timed tackles. Was fun watching Ian mosey up into the forward line and wondering when he might come back to help us in defence but his efforts were always appreciated.

Will "the Iceman" Redmond

Position: Inner / Midfield
Goals: 2
B&F: 50

Will didn't manage as many games for us this year but bagged a couple of goals. I think his personal highlight though was when providing a bag of ice for Lincoln's 'knee' injury towards the end of the ADFA game. Somehow the ice managed to escape his grasp and end up all over the field. Just what you need at a late night tuggers game. The

iceman was born.

John "JB" Blood

Position: Wing / Midfield
Goals: 2
B&F: 35

Over the last few years JB has turned back the clock. Doubled his goal tally from last year and was always a willing contributor when on or off the field. Always providing advice for his teammates (some of it even good) and a willingness to do whatever it takes.

Ali "the student"

Position: Inner/ Midfield
Goals: 1
B&F: 62

Every uni club needs at least one student and with Ali we fulfilled our quota for the first time in a few years. Ali learnt a lot playing with SL4 this year. Lesson 1. We taught him which way was left and which was right.

Lesson 2. Forwards should stand facing the goal when trying to score.

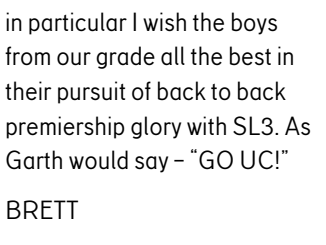
Lesson 3. Sarcasm – after borrowing Brett W's shirt for the first half of the season he returned it with a smile and said "Hope I didn't stretch it".

For next year – Lesson 4. FLAT STICK in front of goal.

Andrew "Smithy" Smith

Position: Left half
B&F : 42

This year saw the return of Andy's dark side with a withering torrent of abuse directed at the umpire for a blatantly wrong decision. Actually it was more a polite enquiry but I thought torrent of abuse sounded better. Ed to keep the left side of the field locked up more often than not. Another great year.



in particular I wish the boys from our grade all the best in their pursuit of back to back premiership glory with SL3. As Garth would say – “GO UC!”

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Kendrick “the Dad” Duren

Position: Wing/Inner
B&F: 78

Playing the year with Kenny by your side is always a highlight. He can do some remarkable things on the hockey field. Not as prolific off the field in 2018 where his parental responsibilities kept him in check more often than he would have liked. Kenny growing up – never thought I would see that.

Brett “not the big one” Waldock

Position: Forward
Goals: 4
B&F: 42

Brett managed to provide some consistency up forward in 2018. He was always presenting with some thoughtful runs for his defenders to hit to. Managed to snag a few goals and set his team mates up for opportunities as well.

Joe “where’s the dive” Gard

Position: Inner / Midfield
B&F: 20

A goalie playing a forward can go one of two ways. As a goalie Joe had no hesitation diving all over the place but as our leading forward he just wouldn’t put his body on the line despite

us encouraging him every time the ball was even in the forward half. He took our criticism well though and had a great year creating defensive pressure in the forward line and setting up as much defensive pressure as he could.

Lachlan Dodd

Position: Inner / Midfield
B&F: 40

Promoted to SL3 after his great season last year we still had Lachie play on a regular basis and he always brought his best efforts to help our team. One of our midfielders who can actually run was always leading and trying to create as many opportunities as possible. Didn’t get on the scoresheet for us this year so I suspect he might owe Will a beer or two.

James “Surge” Fergusson

Position: Inner/ Midfield
Goals: 2
B&F: 35

After seeing more games from Surge last year this year we didn’t seem him as much. The snow and overseas trips (let alone work) cost us big time as we missed his presence in the middle of the park. Hopefully more game times next year will make our midfield much stronger.

Aidan “Dos” Smith:

Position: Inner/ Midfield
Goals: 2
B&F: 126

Seeing Aidan run through the opposition is always a season highlight. Seeing him do it repeatedly against ANU even better. 5 best on ground performances this year summed up why Aidan is so important to our team. He can run. I have worked out why he sticks with SL4 though. He is one of the few that ever use the drink rewards from the RUC so he knows he can pretty much drink for free during hockey season. Hope he makes pres night for a returned shout or two.

My thanks to all those who played minutes for us and helped keep us in games. Tun, Pete, Josh, Guri, Dave, Gumby, Aaron and Ken P all earnt votes for their efforts this year. Thanks also to Kade for running the bench for a number of games for us throughout 2018. Was always nice to know there was some control there including the game where he benched Lincoln before he was able to convince the umpire that red was truly his colour.

Finally – it was fantastic to see some more continuing success for the club across both men’s and women’s grades and

MIDWEEK

The midweek team is always one of the best teams to be involved in. There are players from all over the club, and even some fresh legs from people who can't play weekends. It could have been a dangerous mix of people, skills and expectations but the team was an awesome, supportive group as usual.

We started our season with very little notice to put together a team. Our expectations were low, but with a quick, brutal 0-7 loss to Wests, we were off and hobbling. By the time we wrapped up the season, we had several wins and a draw against ANU under our belts and had pulled off a win against Belconnen and Wests.

While the comp only has 4 teams, so finals is a given, we could at least say we had beaten all the teams going in. With a completely different ANU team on the turf and a lot of creative umpiring, we ended our season in the first week of finals.

A disappointing end, but there is a lot of promise for next year.

Mitch Searle

Mitch, protector of goalies, was our phenomenal full back for the back end of the season, shutting the opposition out of the circle and leading the attack. His ability to apply pressure in the attack and still be the first person back defending the breakaway ensured we were a force to be reckoned with. His ability to stay calm under pressure, and not lose it when



the opposition were more than rough, provided much needed zen for the team. His banter was also, always appreciated.

Liz de Fegley

No one has a bad word to say about Liz. Except she also has a life and went on a midseason vacation. Liz provided a huge amount of strength to our half line this season. Always playing well, and giving it her all, Liz's positional play and agility saw her playing much classier hockey than the competition new what to do with. Her ability to ensure we were always ready to counter attack made us a very dangerous team in many games. Liz's attitude on and off the turf earned her the other team award this year – the 'Coaches Award'. Well done Liz! Never leave us!

Sally Masters

Sally was one of our quiet achievers this season, doing what most of us struggled with: just getting on with it. Sally was a rock in the half, often

creating trouble for the much larger, quicker forwards who dared to underestimate her. Unfortunately, Sally has a life so missed part of the season this year, including our last few games and the finals. Fortunately for the club, she often picked up an extra game on Sunday. We hope to see her back next season.

Andy Martin

Andy was the only fill in that kept trying to pay fees all season, even though we basically weren't giving him a choice to play. In the words of his team mates, Andy is the nicest, angry guy on the field. Whether we needed an inner, half, full back or forward, we could count on Andy to take the field and make the rest of us look bad. He made finding subs so easy all season, and for that we will always love you Andy. Also, it is a real concern that CL2 might pick him up in years to come, and we will have to find someone else to bully into playing for us/do all the running all the time.

Ben O'Sullivan

Ben was the ultimate utility player this season, playing wherever the sub was required. The definition of positive, Ben was committed to encouraging his team mates to both actually get on the turf and preferably play well. So encouraging was Ben, he often extended the courtesy to the umpires and taking a 2 minute breather because being encouraging is exhausting. All jest aside, Ben's distribution skills and game awareness ensured the team had plenty of break aways and goal opportunities. His ability to read the play ensured the team lifted to the challenge in tough games and never said die in the tougher ones.

Paul Sureda

Paul took on a leadership role this season, helping his team mates learn new skills and positioning throughout the season. Inspirational half time speeches and strength in the mid field saw Paul steer the team around the turf. With fresh faces on the team, Paul quickly adapted to the new season, and didn't disappoint with his suite of over heads and cracking long balls. Thanks for all the help this season Paul!

Jack Smart

Jack is a formidable opponent on the turf, with the opposition unable to stop or catch him. I guess Jack was an inner, but the team often required him to

be anywhere and everywhere - a task he took on with a smile. This attitude, and his patience with his team mates earned Jack Players Player this season. While he might not have made a lot of RUC buck appearances on Facebook, his effort was always appreciated in every game.

Gurpreet 'Guri' Saini

Guri was one of our super speedy forwards this season. His speed and agility made him a great asset to the team. He was able to play off the smarter, slower players, creating leads and holding up the opposition. Guri should have had a lot more goals to his name this season, but he had Morgan poaching them on the post instead. Guri doesn't know it yet, but he is actually an inner in training, with his defensive runs back getting the team out of many tough situations and his ability to set up the attack. Unfortunately, Guri's alarm saw him miss several games this season. We all have to have something to work on in the off season I guess.

Dave Nugent

Dave was nominated for a team award this season for 'running like crazy every game'. Which is the most appropriate description for Dave's season. A strong forward, turned utility player, we knew we could put Dave on the turf and he could be everywhere. His can do attitude often meant we had an extra defender, as Dave fought for the ball anywhere on the field. Despite doing all the running, Dave always made time to say something positive to his team mates, no matter how small the achievement was or how badly our 'good try' inconvenienced him. Always eager to learn, Dave should be hugely commended for how much he has improved this season. His

post-game chats with Paul clearly paid off and it is exciting to see what he has for us next season. Good work Dave.

Meaghan Clack

Meaghan was a new player to the team this season, providing a much needed addition to the forward line which I am sure Paul appreciated - finally someone who can trap his overheads! She proved her worth each week scoring goals and setting up even more. Meaghan's ability to calmly receive the 'miracle' balls sent up the field and then put them into a goal scoring position was worth its weight in RUC Bucks. The whole team appreciated her super organised attitude and management. Thanks Meags!

Mat Evans

The original Mevans was another one of our fearless defenders throughout the season. His patience, control and talk on the field provided many counter attacking opportunities and a smarter style of hockey. Also having several runs in the forward line, I believe Mevans still owes the team a drink for missing an open goal. It is undecided whether him setting up many goals for our lazier forwards gets him forgiven this time. Unfortunately, his coaching commitments often had him missing the game or arriving late this season but he made sure to make an impact when he made it onto the field.

Bram de Laat

Bram provided the team with a strong defensive player this season, killing it in full back and half. His cracker hits and patience under pressure saw Bram consistently out play the opposition. Often popping up in our offensive circle, you could always count on Bram to give it his all. Unfortunately,

Bram struggled with injuries this season, which saw him having surgery instead of playing finals. It also meant he was in a constant battle of the coaches with Morgan this season. Who was Coach of the year? That is still up for debate. See you for the 2020 season rematch Bram!

Morgan Evans

The other Mevans definitely provided comedic relief this season. Whether she was claiming coach of the year, or other people's goals, you couldn't fault Morgan's passion for the game and will to win. One of our more experienced forwards, Morgan was instrumental in shutting the opposition in their defensive zone, outsmarting players quite frequently. Her patience in the press, determination to get the ball and her selfless style of play saw her set up several goals and even getting a few legitimate goals herself. Accused of having them most overly dramatic injury ever, Morgan is another player that can say she bled for the team (not yellow though-- you call yourself a UC Devil?).

Pete Carling

Pete was a late addition to the team, but a very welcome one at that. His determination and clever hockey style made him a great asset to our defence and crucial to several of our more successful games this season. Pete also frequently kitted up for the team when we were all out of bribes for our fill in keepers, a move no one was sad about it since he is equally as formidable in goals as he was on the field. Unfortunately, Pete also had one of the better injuries this season, with a ball to the face ending his on-field antics.

Bianca Letki

B was another one of our

unofficial players this year that we made do a lot of running in positions most people didn't want to play. Don't worry, she made it look easy. The bonus is that B is probably all set to play rugby union or even seek a professional wrestling career, after a whole season worth of middle aged men trying to shove her over. You're welcome B and thanks for all the entertainment.

A big shout out to our other keepers - Jessica Edington and Matthew Luff. You guys are legends and absolutely killed it for us. Thanks for taking the stress out of finding a goalie each week, and bringing so much to the team when you joined us.

The season would have been much more painful if we didn't have a fantastic club behind us, with basically every team (that was allowed) lending us a player or two or in one case, their whole training team that week (except Andy, sorry bud). There are too many of you to thank, but hopefully you had fun and will consider joining us again next year, either permanently or on call.

To the co-manager Morgan, thanks for all the support this season when I needed palm off some duties, for messaging me constantly for 5 days about finals plans/team line up and for annoying everyone to fill in for a solid 20 weeks. If Jack wasn't so good, you would be the real MVP.

To the team, thanks for the patience this season as we muddled our way through. Hopefully you have had fun among the chaos and learned a few things, even if it was that no rain is too much rain. Looking forward to next season already.

Cheers!
Meaghan and Morgan

STATE LEAGUE 4

Women

Another year of coaching Women's SL4 in the books.

The year got off to a pretty rocky start for Women's SL4 as we were looking a bit short on players. We lost a few players from previous years to other teams, injuries and other commitments. A last minute recruitment round helped secure a number of players who would be able to play regularly and others who were able to fill in on occasion. This wasn't ideal, but at least it looked like we would be able to field a team each week.

The start of the season went pretty well this year. We had a couple of players new to hockey who fitted in really well. Even though the team was still getting used to each other, we played some good hockey. We opened the season with a win and a draw. After that we had a really exciting game against ANU, which ended in a 3-4 loss. Another win and a draw put us nicely in third place after 5 games.

Because we were relying a bit more on fill-ins this season, we had to play a couple of games short. It also meant we were still getting to know each other as some players hadn't played in the same games yet. It wasn't always a hindrance as we managed to beat a 10 player NC Eagles 6-0 with only 8 players - but we struggled with player shortages against some of the better teams in the grade. We picked up 3



wins and 2 losses in the next 2 games, dropping a place in the rankings because most teams were closely ranked.

The next few games gave us a bit more trouble getting good results. We played a couple of close games, but the result didn't fall our way in any of them. This resulted in a nil all draw against ANU where we hit the post a couple of times and a 0-1 loss to Wests. The only other win we picked up was a solid 2-0 win over Tuggeranong. We played good hockey through all these games, but sometimes we just needed a bit of luck to win. We dropped to fifth place after these games, making our chances for finals look very slim. We were 5 points behind fourth place with only 5 games left.

The last 5 games of the season turned out to be a very exciting race for finals - and we played some really nice hockey. We picked up a 4-0 win against NC Eagles, a 2-1 win against second place ANU and a 3-0 win against first place Central.

Some other results also fell in our favour. We moved up to fourth place, 2 points behind second place and 2 points ahead of sixth place with 2 games to go. In the penultimate game we drew against Wests and saw St. Pats jump ahead of us on the ladder. The last game of the season was all or nothing. If we won we would make finals as any result between St. Pats and ANU would be in our favour. Unfortunately the 2018 season wasn't a movie and luck wasn't on our side the last game. We lost 3-0 to Old Canberrans, finishing the season in 5th place with 9 wins, 4 draws and 7 losses. On a high note, we scored 38 goals this season, the most for any team in our grade.

I had another fun season coaching Women's SL4. The team played some great hockey this season, and even when playing short and without subs they always gave it their all. I hoped everyone enjoyed playing this year. I apologise for

having to play short at times, but I tried my best to get as many players as possible for each game. I hope the lollies made up for it though. Hopefully see you back again next year.

Cadie Artuso

Cadie played another season as our fearless right half. She really made it her home in the last few years, and is always where she needs to be to help out in defence. This season she also got to play in a couple of other positions on the field and picked up her first ever goal.

Bec Cole

This was Bec's first season playing hockey. Most people would be surprised to hear it, though. She was comfortable with the ball on her stick and learned some tactics during the season. She always gave it her all - even if sometimes it was a bit too much and led to some unfortunate collisions (but coming from roller derby that wasn't too surprising). She played the whole season in the forward line, picking up 3 goals in the process.

Amy Coleman

Amy was the most skilled player on our team. Whenever she was on the ball our team looked more threatening. She often helped set up our attack with good stick skills and a nice pass. This helped our newer players as well as they would always be able to rely on her to get the ball to them.

Susan Cuddy

Sue was unfortunately not able to play many games this season as her work duties got in the way. In the games she was there, she continued to be a consistently great player and picked up players' player in her first game. Playing usually in the half line, she helped in both defence and attack.

Thekla Ganiaris

Thekla joined the club at the end of the season. This helped our team out a lot as without her we might have been short more often. Thekla turned out to be a threat up front, picking up 2 goals in 5 games. Sometimes she was a bit too aggressive for the other team's liking, with one player walking off the field in frustration.

Rachel Harrigan

Rachel returned for another season and, as with last year, was a reliable player. She played the whole season in centre half and fulfilled her role both in defence and attack admirably. She was often there for a good tackle or a good pass to set up goals for other players. In the process she also picked up 3 goals this season, realising she doesn't need to reserve those for milestone games.

Beth Logan

Beth is one of our regulars in SL4. In previous seasons she played mostly on the forward line, but this season she also played a considerable number of games in inner. She did as good a job in inner as she has done in forward over the last few years. She always managed to find herself in space to receive a ball and had the view to find another player to get the ball to. She also scored 5 goals this season.

Paula Ludvigson

Paula also only played a couple of games this season. An injury in the first half of the year kept her out for most of the season. She was willing to play wherever she was needed. She did a good job both as a fullback and a forward in the games she played this year.

Katie Magee

Katie was a good addition to our team this year. She was a real utility player this season. She played as fullback, half, inner and forward this season. She's calm on the ball, always able to create some space for herself. She did her best work in the inners helping build our attack. She also scored 1 goal this season.

Linda Mendham

Linda played her first season of hockey this year. She's familiar with a stick though, having played ice hockey for years. This was clear from the start. After a short stint in the forward line, she quickly moved to inner. She had a great running ability, covering a lot of the field every game. The one thing she had to get used to was the amount of rules in hockey. She always provided good support in both defence and attack, including 2 goals.

Rebecca Neish

Rebecca was our top scorer this season with 11 goals. She always proved to be a danger up front when she was on the ball. She consistently managed to have dangerous runs through the middle of the opponent's defence. With a rocket of a shot she managed to finish off these chances on a regular basis.

Leanne Turton

Leanne returned as our goalkeeper this year. She has

continued to improve over the season, just like last year. She might have gotten a little bit overconfident, with a beautiful split save in one game against Central. Unfortunately she also injured herself doing that missing a few games. She also played two games on the field this year and even scored a goal.

Emma Vines

Emma had a great season this year. She transitioned from the forward line to fullback almost by accident. An injury midgame led to her dropping to defence to take it easy, and she did such a good job there we put her back there next game. She turned out to be great at fullback - she always knew where to be and was often able to make the tackle just in time. She also has a solid hit to get the ball out of defence.

Harriet Williams

Hattie returned again to hockey this season and had a solid season at fullback, always ready to make a tackle at the edge of the circle or clear a rebound away from the goal. The one thing she needs to remember is to always bring her shoes to the game.

Fill-ins

Tracey Duren

Halfway through the season Tracey returned to hockey after her pregnancy. She filled in for SL4 for a total of 8 games. Tracey showed how good a player she is in the games she played for us, playing mostly on the half line. She helped us out a lot through the second half of the season.

Jessica Edington

Jess started as our goalkeeper this season. After getting back our goalkeeper, she helped out in a couple more games when

we were out a goalkeeper or just very short. She did a great job in goal and regularly saved us in defence.

Courtney Jamieson

Courtney was always happy to fill in down from SL3. She played both in half and in the forward line. She's a good player to have on the team as she always gives her all, even if it's her second game in a row. She also helped our team with 3 goals this season.

Sheree Murray

Sheree moved up to SL3 this season, but was always happy to fill in for us when she was available. She played mostly in half, but also a couple on the forward line. She plays well in defence and attack and always manages to contribute something important to the team. She scored 2 goals for SL4.

Caitlin Stinson

Caitlin was our third regular fill in from SL3. She's a good player, who played most games in inner for us. She's fast, solid on the ball and has a good view of the game which helped all over the field. She picked up 1 goal for SL4 this season.

Also thanks to our other fill-ins Chantelle Blackwell, Charlotte Wilkinson, Anna Gabriel, Sally Masters, Paige Edwards, Brianna O'Keefe, Kellie Stewart, Megan Thomas, Anneke Rebel, Danielle Burns and Danielle Curnow.

Special thanks to Meaghan Clack for helping recruit many of our players at the start of this season. Also thanks to Kenny Duren for running training again this year. And thanks to the supporters and to everyone else who helps with playing hockey at UCHC every year.

STATE LEAGUE 3

Women

This year's SL3 ladies were looking to improve on their last season performance. Although it wouldn't be considered a terrible year, the lack of victories was something that we were looking to change. With a new looking line-up (two very fast inside forwards) goals were flowing early on (another improvement for the team) and we bettered the season, as far as wins were concerned, within the first few rounds. Unfortunately, with twelve teams in the competition, it was always going to be a tough ask to maintain that high level of intensity to compete with the bigger teams. We showed a lot of heart during the middle stages of the season but unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, we fell away at the crucial stages. While we didn't end up qualifying for finals, just the fact that disappointment comes as a result of that shows how much we have improved. Once again, team morale was great and it was a pleasure to coach the team once again.

Players

Paige Edwards

Paige once again volunteered



to help the team out in goals whenever the game didn't clash with her team or umpiring commitments. Although her future is as a running player, being a goalkeeper is another path she could take, if she wanted to.

Thekla Gianaris

A late inclusion to the team, Thekla proved to be just as good on the field as she was in goals. Her aggression both as a player and goalkeeper was a big positive for the team, as it gave the rest of the girls the confidence to compete.

Megan Thomas

Megan's experience in the backline was vital to a number of our successes. With a good amount of talking and

positional play, she helped some of the newer players improve on their skills and knowledge of the game.

Caitlin Stinson

Caitlin is definitely a big improver and I won't be surprised to see her in higher grades next year. Starting as a half, Caitlin made the change to inside forward and really came out of her shell and showed everybody what she was truly capable of. With very good basic skills and speed to match, she was definitely among the higher ranking players for the year.

Tracey Hasler

After a while out of the game for obvious reasons, Tracey's inclusion was a big one.

Although she was lacking the match fitness, she made up for it with her strong positional play and fantastic skills. Some would say she likes to show off, but having a brother that is much better than her, she needs to try and show something that comes to his level.

Yleia Mariano

One of the new faces to the team, Yleia's blistering speed embarrassed a lot of opposition defensive lines. Her skills matching her speed is what made her a handful and is no doubt a future higher grade player.

Jemma Cavanagh

Jemma was another new inclusion to the team and was looking very good in the early stages of the season. Unfortunately for us, she left Australia to spend time in Hong Kong, but with her return next year the club can expect big things from her.

Kellie Stewart

Kellie was our leading goal scorer this year. Her power hitting was not only something we used to get out of our own defensive half, but it also proved to be a big asset in our



attacking short corners. Having strength in the backline is very handy and Kellie once again proved that her hitting power is second to none (she is also handy with her skills)

Courtney Jamieson

Beaten by only one goal, last season's leading goal scorer Courtney was again a consistent performer up front. Her control and passing is improving with each match, which is good to see. Her easy going attitude makes her an easy player to coach and an easier player to get along with for her team mates.

Brianna O'Keefe

Another seasoned player, Bri demonstrated her ability to read the game and help the less experienced players. She played more than one position throughout the year, which shows her versatility.

Sheree Murray

Another big improver for 2018, Sheree made the jump from SL4 to SL3 fulltime and didn't let anybody down. Her attention to marking her opposing player made life easier for the defence and she even included some blistering

runs down the sideline, which caused more than a few headaches for those who tried to stop her.

Anna Gabriel

Anna's speed on the wing was a huge asset to the team. Her aggression and desire for possession lead to a few goals and man-of-the-match performances.

Laura Hamel

Laura is definitely the most unlucky player for 2018, as she had a blinding start to the season, only to fracture her hand (or wrist, i can't remember) and miss the remaining matches. If luck favoured her, we may have had a real chance at qualifying for finals, but unfortunately that's hockey.

Fill ins

Ange Arblaster, Helen Arnold, Meaghan Clack, Amy Coleman, Amy Crowe, Liz de Fegley, Morgan Evans, Rachel Harrigan, Beth Logan, Paula Ludvigson, Rebecca Neish, Megan Rodd, Chloe Thomas, Natasha Thomas, Leanne Turton, Emma Vines and Harriet Williams.

We had a truckload of fill ins for

us this season and i can't thank them enough for taking the time to come and help us. Being a club is all about helping each other out and the sheer number of fill ins indicates that the club's morale is high. You all put in 100% and as a result some great performances were on show.

Thank you once again for the season ladies. We didn't make the business end but it was a vast improvement on last year. Next year will be ours!

Adam

STATE LEAGUE 2

Women

With mostly a new team this year State League 2 Women's team came together we won our first game. However like many teams in the club this year the SL2 Women's didn't quite have a full roster and so we couldn't really find our stride. People been away or injured meant we normally had a different team from week to week. We had lots of volunteers to make up our numbers and generally were able to field a very competitive team and were very unlucky not to win more games than we did.

This year also saw the arrival of a new supporter for the club, Thea my baby daughter. Who came to quite a few games to cheer the team on. This was sometimes problematic as girls were subbing themselves off the field to see the baby.

I would like to thank Meaghan Clack and Mat Evans for all the support assistance they gave both me and the team throughout the season. I would like to thank everyone who filled in for the side. But most importantly I would like to thank the girls in the team. It was pleasure to coach you.

The Team

Ange Arblaster

19 Games 5 Goals

Ange really developed as player this year becoming one of the dominate players on the field. Playing most of time as



centre half Ange occasional went into the forwards were she was very successful scoring a number of goals (normally I was away).

Katrina Carling

15 Games 5 Goals

Kat was one of our star forwards she really put her body on the line to score goals. Unfortunately this resulted in an injury that saw her on the sideline for the end of the season. Kat was missed, I hope to see her healed up and good to play next year.

Emily Churchill

6 Games

Emily was new to the team and was a great new addition. Unfortunately Emily missed a lot of the season travelling overseas. Hopefully next year Emily will be able to make more games as she was a real asset on the field. Emily played in halves or the backs and was very strong in defence.

Meaghan Clack

19 Games 1 Goal

Meaghan has been the backbone of the team.

Helping recruit players when we short and assist with the administration when I was a way or just hassle me to send out the team email. She was also solid in both defence and attack. Showing her class when in the forwards setting up goals and scoring or shutting down the attack when in defence.

Amy Crowe

18 Games

Amy Crowe was our superstar new recruit who added extra speed and aggression in halves. Amy won quite a few players player of the game during the season and ended up with the most votes for Best and Fairest.

Amanda Dennett

14 Games 1 Goal

Amanda returned to the club after a few years down south of

the border. She brought some experience and maturity to the team. Amanda mostly played in the inners or centre half. Illness and work commitments meant Amanda missed a few games.

Morgan Evans

19 Games 3 Goals

Our Centre Forward and backup centre half Morgan managed to pull off a tomahawk goal. After a thousand attempts one actually went in. I was hoping once she got one she would stop attempting tomahawks alas its only spurred her to keep trying.

Leah Gerrard

18 Games 1 goal

Leah was the person I feel improved the most during the season her skills and understanding of the game made great leaps and bounds. One of the few players to make most trainings Leah is a well deserving receipt ant of the coaches award.

Brianna O'Keeffe

16 Games

Bri agreed to don on the Keepers Pads and Goal Keep for the team. She did an outstanding job and was in strong contention for the Best and Fairest. Bri was also able to play on the field for a couple the games.

Megan Rodd

17 Games

Megan played a lot of games of hockey this year helping the SL3 team and also occasionally filling in for SL1 a couple times that meant she had nothing in the tank by the time it came to our game. But she also had some outstanding games and it was pleasure to have her in the team.

Chloe Thomas

13 Games

The youngest player in the team Chloe brought youthful legs and energy into the team. For such a young player Chloe plays with maturity that belied her age. I think Chloe has a great future as Hockey player.

Jessica Thorncraft

14 Games

Jess had an outstanding season one of our main defenders Jess was a great voice on the field positioning our player up the field. Jess discovered that it was easier to play hockey when she could see the ball. So struggled in the cold nights when her glasses fogged up.

Kellie Stewart

12 Games

Although nominally in SL3 Kellie was willing to fill in whenever we needed her, which was pretty much every week. She was a stonewall in defence. Though she probably didn't need to save a goal with her head. I felt Kellie came out of her shell this year and she was

a much valued member of the team.

Ashlee Malcolm

13 Games 2 Goals

Ashlee Malcolm was another player who was technically in another team but volunteered to fill in whenever we needed her. She played wherever we needed her, well so long as it wasn't in the inners.

This year we had a lot fill ins and I would like to thank all of them for playing with the team

Fill Ins

Jemma Cavanagh

2 Games 1 goal

Jemma had a couple games in SL2 and even scored a goal it was a pity she was overseas and missed out playing more games.

Kathleen Churchill

4 Games

Whenever Kathleen came to support her sister we con ned her into playing for the team. A great forward she added to our attack.

Jessica Edington

3 Games

Jess played both in goals and on the field and was a great addition to the team especially when called up at late notice.

Paige Edwards

3 Games 1 Goal

Paige also played in goals and

on the field again sometimes with little notice. One time donning the pads so we could field a full squad

Anna Gabriel

7 games

Another player that was always willing to play for our team. Anna really improved her hockey this year.

Thekla Ganiaris

1 game

Yet another player who donned on the pads for our team and from what was told she did an outstanding job.

Caitlyn Hall

3 Games

Scout stuck around and played an extra game a couple times when we were short and was a welcomed addition to the team.

Sheridan Hall

1 game

Showing great clubman ship Sheridan filled in when we were short players giving us a sub when we desperately needed one.

Bianca Letki

6 games 2 goals

Bianca is another player willing to fill in whenever asked playing whatever position as we had vacant.

Zoe Mason

2 Games

Whenever I knew we were

going to be short an inner or two I would check to see if Zoe was available.

Simone McKenzie

2 Games

Simone is another player that played both on the field and in goals – roped into playing in goal at the last moment for our last game she did an outstanding job.

Rebecca Neish

1 Game

Playing up from SL4 Bec showed the depth of players we have in this club slotting into the team like she belonged there.

Caitlin Stinson

4 Games

Caitlin was another player that started playing a lot games with the squad and showed she has the talent not only to play the grade but to dominate the grade.

Megan Thomas

3 games

Megan is the final player to play both in goals and on the field she was a great addition to the team in both those roles.

Elizabeth Yuen

1 Game

Another player who helped fill in when we had a few players out.

SL1 RED Women

Our season started in fairly frustrating fashion, losing several games by only one or two goals. Despite some disappointing results the team continued to work hard, stay positive and put together some excellent performances. We were always competitive and made games tough for all our opponents.

As the season progressed we had a number of gutsy performances, beating some of the top teams and making life very difficult for the others. Our hard work and determination was very much rewarded in the last game of the season where we smashed Tuggeranong 5 – 1 (arguably 5 – 0). Our last game and many others illustrated what our talented players are capable of.

Several of our players improved dramatically throughout the season and it was great to see them grow in confidence as they realised they could dominate SL1. A big thank you to the core of our team who regularly attended training and to the whole team for always being positive and friendly regardless of the result.

Kate Smyth

Kate is a highly skilled player whose assertiveness and confidence comes to the fore when she is challenged on the field. This year Kate got to have a couple of games in the forward line which was a nice change from playing half



most of the time. Kate scored some great goals this season and formed a lot of the core strength that got the ball into the attacking corner. Kate made a great contribution to the team through providing a solid and reliable base.

Maddy Novak

Maddy is the terrier of the team, she's funny, she's fast and she's relentless. Of everyone on the team Maddy probably did the most amount of running. She also had some great tackles, especially when she tackled like she was playing indoor and the opposition got confused and didn't know how to get past her. Her personal skills benefited this year from her having more connections with the ball (rather than air hits), the team certainly reaped the benefits.

Simone McKenzie

Simone was the most consistent person on the team, not having missed one of the games. It's always fun to watch

her play hockey as her skills and her ability to save goals from going in is awesome and it's entertaining to watch unsuspecting people barrel straight into her and then inevitably fall on the ground. It's amazing to watch Simone's capacity to move with the game no matter where the ball is it seems as if Simone is not far behind. Her speed and her intuitiveness kept us and our opposition on our toes.

Lauren Sewell

As the most optimistic person on the team and potentially in existence, Loz definitely knows how to keep the teams spirits lifted but unfortunately hasn't yet figured out how to convince the team to do extra fitness with her. She had a lot of great games this year and benefited the team through her skills and reliability. She managed to buoy us with her good spirits and eternal optimism in our ability to improve ourselves and our skills.

Sacha Edema

Sacha is always there when you need her, doing some amazing tackles and stopping attackers from getting inside the circle even when it's 3 on 1. This trait has proven so beneficial to so many teams over the years but often to her own detriment. However the most impressive thing this year was that she didn't get so injured that she couldn't play. A full year of Sacha on the field made a big difference for the whole team.

Nikki Armstrong

Nikki was dominate in the midfield throughout the start and middle of the season. Nikki's speed and strength allowed her win a lot of 50/50 balls and run past her opponents. She was sorely missed towards the end of the season and we look forward to seeing Nikki run past more opponents next year.

Anne Esler

Anne started the season as a strong and controlling presence in our half line. Unfortunately, Anne injured her back a few games into the season. She had several weeks off recovering, but was always on the bench supporting. Anne returned in the middle of the season as a welcome addition to our forward line. Anne napped two excellent goals and gave us an extra option up front.

Sheridan Hall

Sheri has been a great asset



to the team on and off the field. Sheri counted the votes and did the player's player votes all year as well as helping write our yearbook. She has the meanest hit in SL1 and was able to hit through every opposition press. She was also an asset up front, taking the ball around opponents with ease and leading our goal scoring tally all season.

Taylor Matheson-Gee

Taylor's athleticism and ability to shutdown dangerous attacks has made her one of the competition's best goal keepers. Taylor is very committed to improving her goal keeping skills and her training with Nik Sharpe has really helped her develop throughout the year. Taylor has developed a love of sliding and now slides out several times a game taking the ball from our opponents and consistently winning one-on-one situations.

Hillary Salmon Krone

Hilly was always a positive and uplifting influence on the field. Hilly was a strong presence in defence, regularly

shutting down our opponents dangerous attacks and setting up dangerous attacks for our team. Hilly's vision and strong and accurate hits made her an invaluable part of our defence.

Caitlin Waddell

Caitlin's deceptive speed allowed her dominate many of her opponents. She would often go round one player with her skill and then sprint past several more, before finding one of our strikers with an accurate pass. Caitlin was a regular at training and kept the team well energised throughout the season with her lolly tub.

Aisha Collins

Sickness, injuries and competing priorities meant that we didn't see Aisha on the field as much as we would have liked and although she ditched us for most of the season, she definitely had a lot of team spirit by contributing her photo to every facebook post. Her presence was definitely noticed in the games that she did play as she is strong, skilled and every hit of the ball made an impact.

Kathleen Churchill

Kathleen was great option up front, regularly setting up and scoring goals. After several weeks at home during the middle of the season Kathleen returned as an even stronger forward. I certainly had forgotten what we were missing, until Kathleen returned. She was dominate in the last games of the season regularly taking the ball past opponents and then either setting up a goal for her teammates or effortlessly slotting the ball past the keeper.

Tasha Nerrie

Tasha's speed and skill made her a valuable inner during the first half of the season. Unfortunately, a broken wrist put Tasha out of action for the second half of the season. Hopefully Tasha will be back stronger than ever next year!

Leah Gerrard

Leah's speed and fitness have made her an excellent addition to the team this year. While technically a fill-in, Leah played 14 games and is considered very much part of the team by

all of us. Playing SL2 and SL1 each week has really helped Leah build her hockey skills and become a formidable midfielder and forward.

Morgan Evans and Louise Kempson

Morgan and Lou both played around half our games for the season. Lou gave us a lot of strength in the midfield and defence. Morgan was a dangerous addition to our forward line, setting up and scoring a number of goals. Thank you both for filling-in so much, we would have struggled without you.

A big thank you to our other fill-ins:

Niki Ward, Megan Rodd, Sally Masters, Amanda Dennett, Meaghan Clack, Ange Arblaster, Emma Bowbrick, Rebecca McRae, Liz de Fegely, Millie Butt, Alanah Jansen, Amy Crowe and Brittany Webb.

Cheers Ben.

SL1 BLUE Women

What a team this is. After a disappointing ending to their season last year, 12 out of 15 players returned for another campaign. This bunch of girls came back swinging this season, managing to beat every team in a 12-team competition. Whether they joined at grading day, came half way through the season or technically belonged to another team, the effort and commitment they put in week after week, was enormous.

I am privileged to have coached a team who wanted to play good hockey and knew it required the silly times AND hard work. And trust me, there was plenty of both this season.

The girls had so many highlights through the year, it is difficult to pick just one. Not all of them were classy—whether it was scout taking 10 minutes to realise she was playing with Alyssa's stick or Imogen thinking her name was Quinn so we only had 10 players on the field for 5 minutes. Most of the time, the moments were a bit more impressive—like the girls last game against central where the girls were 2 goals down with ten minutes to go and goals being disallowed all



over the shop. All it took were the Central players singing and dancing about their win (a win was the only way Central would make finals) for our girls in yellow to kick into gear, scoring 2 goals and getting the draw and wiping the smile off Centrals faces as they were knocked out of contention for finals.

Over the season, we pulled off 14 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses. The fun fact being, each team we drew against was in contention for a finals spot, we had 1 loss to the number one team, and a loss against the 2 bottom teams in the comp. So anyone that says these girls had it easy, wasn't paying attention.

But through some beautiful

hockey, the girls managed to finish in second place, earning a game against Time Travellers in the Major Semi Final for a guaranteed spot in the 2018 Grand Final. To put it in perspective, since dropping from C12, Time travellers had only lost one game in two years and had beat us 4-0 during the season. The girls rose to the challenge, played out of their skins and showed terrific fight and composure—beating them 3-2 and booking themselves a spot in the Grand Final. An accomplishment in its self.

I know we aren't done yet and we will continue to work hard to achieve a premiership. But whatever happens from here I am so proud of the girls this season.

Imogen Bacon

Once again, Imogen improved out of sight this year. Her ability to shoot and beat goal keepers meant she wasn't only in danger from the opposition taking her out, but had Emma considering it too. Imogen's ability to pick up a drill at training and execute it in the game never ceases to amaze me, and her determined attitude and the fight she shows in every game, makes for some awesome hockey. I am sure she will be playing in higher grades soon, as long as her band doesn't make it to the top first.

Jessica 'she kicked my vagina' Edington

Don't think just because you are moving to Singapore, you are getting a nice write up. From holidaying, to spilling soup and burning her entire lower body, Jess went missing a fair few times this season. She always faced her punishment head on, stepping up to the challenge and showing exactly why she has a spot in SL1. Jess' ability to chase down the ball and fight even the most physical of oppositions (it might be the rolled-up sleeves? I don't know!), provided much



needed grit to our team. And while we joke, she will be sorely missed while she is being a lady of leisure overseas next season. I hope to see her back soon, she will be leaving a huge hole in the team.

Paige Edwards

Paige continues to go from strength to strength. Without her in our half line, we would definitely struggle, as Paige's ability to lock down that right half and spring quickly into a counter attack is unrivalled. Paige has all the skill and talent required to go a long way with hockey if she chooses to. Paige stepped up and became a major factor in our short corners this season, which was a crucial element to our success in many games this season including scoring a few match winners. Paige has developed the awareness needed in her game and continuously executes everything I ask of her.

Caitlyn 'Scout' Hall

Scout probably had the most disallowed goals this season, but it never dulled her passion. Her speed and aggression on the field often saw scout unexpectedly set up counter attacks and many goal opportunities for her team mates. Scout continuously used her speed and determination to beat multiple players on the field to get one on one's with the goalkeeper, where she executed perfectly, pulling off some truly memorable goals—her equaliser against checks

and her semi-final ripper against time travellers.

Tracy Hambridge

Tracey is 'THE' quiet achiever of the team. Her ability to read the game, and in particular her team mates leads is phenomenal (because have you met her team mates?). She is the start of our attack and excels at putting other teams under pressure in their defensive zone. An awesome hit and an even better tackle, Tracey demonstrates week in and week out her immense skill and hockey knowledge as a strong centre half. One day Tracey, I promise I will give you a sub. Maybe.

Alyssa Hancock

Alyssa was a fresh face to the team this year, joining us half way through the season. A pleasant surprise, Alyssa provided some much-needed depth to our defence. While Alyssa's defensive game is outstanding, her distribution skills meant we were able to unlock other players further up the field, leading to numerous goals. Alyssa's technique and strength meant she blended seamlessly into the team, becoming a valued addition. I hope to see you again next year.

Bianca Letki

Bianca is great! I feel like I have been writing these for B for so long, I don't even know what I can say that hasn't already been said. Bianca would always be the first person I picked in my team. She will fill any role that is required and will do it

to 100 per cent of her ability. B played a lot of defence this season. This was a newer role for her and as always, she did a fantastic job stopping many 2 or 3 on 1's and keeping us in the game. I couldn't be prouder of how far B has come since I first start coaching her, she is the definition of an all-round, versatile hockey player.

Ashlee Malcolm

Ash says she is retiring now, after an awesome goal assist in the last game of the season. Developing in to quite a utility player, she is finally realising that she makes a really good half. Ash did play predominantly in the forwards for us this season, but she gave just as much in defence as she did attack. It is a great strength to the team that we have a forward who is as determined as what Ash is to win the ball back for her team. I am impressed with Ash's improved ability to read the play and back herself on the ball this season, both of which lead to her scoring some of the best goals this season.

Zoe Mason

Zoe was the bridesmaid of the team this year, frequently coming in second in the players player votes. However, at the end of the day, her ability to consistency gain appreciation from her team members meant Zoe is once again the teams 'Player's player', for the second year in a row. It isn't hard to see why either, you could guarantee that Zoe was there in supporting her team mates with every run

they made, anywhere on the field. Zoe's casual confidence on the ball and possession style of hockey meant she dominated in inners this year. Her distribution skills and strategic play will see her play higher hockey in years to come. I hope to see her and sister playing together very soon!

Emma Prime

Emma has given it all this year. Even when she couldn't be on the turf with the girls early in the season, Emma made a point of being there to yell at them with (and at me) and provide advice. Emma is a natural striker and has the ability to score a goal out of nothing. This has led to her finishing the regular season as top goal scorer in the team, proving she hasn't lost that magic touch. A crucial member of the leadership team, her game awareness, smart distribution and excellent strength made all the difference to the team. Once Emma returned to the field, we only lost one game, a testament to the impact she has. Emma receives this year's Coaches Award. I am truly impressed with the bravery and determination Emma showed throughout the year and her commitment and dedication to the team never wavered. One of my favourite lines this season was you don't get to whinge unless you are going through chemo. It always helped put everything in perspective.

Clare Pyc

Clare makes it hard to remember she is a new face





to the team and club this year. We hit a bump with Clare at the start of the season, as the girls kept calling her blonde Zoe. Clare played so well we had no choice but to realise that she is much more than that. Clare has one of the best chase back in the club, frequently stopping break aways and initiating counter attacks. She has the skills to beat players one on one and if she loses the ball, she is always determined to get it back. Another person who only needs to be shown a trick once before acing it on the field, Clare only got better as the season went on and was a terrific addition to the clubs social scene this year.

'Mediocre' Quinn Reid

What to say about Quinn. She will be forever known as the girl that brings herself a seat to the half time chat or the one who is sleeping in the changing room before the game. However, once we do wake her up, Quinn plays so well that I honestly would not change a thing. Stepping into a different role this season, Quinn took advantage of being unleashed in the teams attack. Her excellent distribution skills consistently made an impact where it mattered the most this season. Capable of trapping the impossible, Quinn also has an uncanny ability to control a bouncing ball and pulling off some truly awesome passes. Another player who is capable of much higher hockey, but who would photo bomb all the photos if we lost her?

Kirrally Talbot

Kirrally returned to the club this year after a hiatus and came highly recommended this season. It didn't take us long to figure out why. A strong solution to our lack of halves, Kirrally didn't skip a beat when joining the team. Her game awareness and willingness to give 100% meant that the team had constant support in the mid field. Kirrally even managed to pluck herself two goals this season, showing just how classy of a player she truly is. Coincidentally, both these goals came against the other UC team in the big clash, showing how well she handles pressure. An absolutely pleasure to coach, even though I am not sure there is much I could teach her.

Megan Thomas

Not a bad season for someone who didn't want to put the pads on, this was her first season back at the club after living the dream in Germany. Megan crushed it this year, going from 0 to 100% committed in a week. Every week she improved, which is saying something since she didn't look like she had taken any time off at all. Her reflexes and determination to shut down an attack kept us in many games this season and her talk from the goals to her team mates ensured she always had things under control. Always committed to doing better, and often too harsh on herself, we couldn't have asked for a better keeper. Thank you Megan for joining us this season—I did

say I had a good bunch of girls who wouldn't make you work too hard, except against Time Travellers. I may have lied a little, you needed to do a lot more work than that. I truly believe you have a lot to teach the others at the club and hopefully Brendan isn't too mad, and we will see you around in some capacity next year. You definitely showed us how much we missed having you around.

Elizabeth Yuen

Elizabeth continues to be the guiding force in this team. Her hockey knowledge, skills and game awareness is often unrivalled, as well as her ability to communicate. Liz's ability to be so angry yet so calm is actually terrifying, but the bonus is when you get a complement from Liz, you know you have earned it. For 20 weeks, Liz has completely shut down the oppositions attacks and her razor accurate distribution guaranteed attack after attack. She even ran the baseline this year. Always willing to help the less experienced girls, Liz is a huge asset to this team. Liz is always quick to give attitude when she is subbed—which is usually only when the game is no longer in doubt. However, there was always a stern 'why did you sub me off' usually followed by 'I hate it when you did that'. Elizabeth's passion and commitment is amazing, I am so lucky to have her around.

Jolanta Moore

It just wouldn't be right to not have a write up for Jolly. 12 games, 9 goals. Jolly was

definitely a valued member of our team. Jolly returned to hockey this year and did not miss a beat, playing two games most week and destroying the opposition every time she took the field. Of all the people to fill in, Jolly matched the girls game style and fighting spirit perfectly, with the bonus that CL1 weren't quick enough to pick her up. Jolly's encouragement for the team—and often umpires—is to be commended. Jolly is a smart and skilled hockey player, who could easily play first grade again but I'm glad she's chosen to bunker in with us for now. She made a huge impact to the team and was instrumental to getting us to a grand final. Now I am hoping for a typical Jolly match winning goal in the dying minutes, circa 7 years-ish ago.

A big thank you to our fill ins—Amy, Chloe, Meaghan, Nikki, Millie. But in particular, Bri. Thanks for continuing to train with us in case someone broke Megan and we had to sub you in. You are a legend.

Thanks to all the supporters who came out throughout the season to cheer us on. It is truly one strength we have over most clubs, so we might as well use it even if the other clubs hate us for it. You guys are one of the big reasons we were able to beat time travellers. Thank you for Meaghan for once again, organising the girls and myself week in and out and doing the things I like to avoid.

But mostly, thank you to my team. What a great bunch of people we had again this year. Thank you for working hard and playing harder, on and off the field. It has been a fun season and I truly hope you get the gold coloured medal that you all truly deserve.

Cheers,
Mat

CAPITAL LEAGUE 2

Women

This year there were a lot of new faces in the CL2 side, the coach included. After a very successful year last year it's no wonder that several players made the step up to CL1 for the 2018 season. It took us a few weeks to all get to know each other and for everyone to know the names of their teammates. However, once we had strung together a few weeks with a full team we quickly became a very close group. The support for each other both on and off the field was great to watch, the hockey was always played competitively and in the spirit of the game. On one occasion, after a hard-fought draw, an opposition team member even remarked how much she enjoyed playing us as the style we played always encouraged good positive hockey.

A huge thanks to all the players from SL1 and CL1 that helped our team out this year. If I name you all it would take half a page as we had about two teams worth of fill-ins. Much appreciated. Also, a huge effort by all the CL2 team who put their hands up to fill in for other teams (almost on a weekly basis). Was great to see everyone putting in a little extra



for the club when it was needed.

Personally, I'd like to thank Jimi for all his help at training. It was my first year coaching so having Jimi there to offer assistance anytime I asked was incredibly helpful. Also, a massive thankyou to Broom's, the spiritual leader of CL2 Womens, who helped me out a lot. Especially at the start of the season when I had no idea who anyone was. I understand how frustrating watching must have been for Broom's who has a long-term injury which put her out all season. To her credit she still came to almost every game and took on coaching duties if I was playing or away. A big thankyou also to Jolly and Mille who, along with Broom's basically managed the team

this year which meant I could focus more on coaching.

It was really nice to hear the team already talking about next season and how much they are looking forward to it. Thank-you ladies for a great season and I can't wait to see you all next year.

Sarah Apps

Sarah came out firing at the start of the year, taking home the Ruc bucks on a few occasions. She saw a rotating door of inner partners next to her all season but always put her head down and got the job done. A player like Sarah is always an asset to a coach as she never had a bad game and when in the mood could run all game. Not once though could

I get in a complement on her game without the obligatory eye-roll (I can picture the eye-roll now as she reads this).

Hayley Apps

This was Hayley's first year at the club and first season back to hockey after a few years off. An out and out winger she showed great determination to get into that circle and didn't mind putting the shoulder in on a few occasions. It was great to see her regain her skills and confidence as the season progressed. You could often hear her on the field 'helping' her sister Sarah with some not so subtle words of encouragement. I'm still unsure if it was best to have those two on the same or opposite sides of the field.

Millie Butt

Always reliable anywhere she was required. After stepping down from Vice President last year it was good to see Millie enjoying the chance to focus more on her game. Millie really thinks about the game and is great at reading the play. Always looking to learn she would often be asking me for tips and advice as to how to improve. Millie was one of our players who could play multiple





positions so was moved around a lot. She was consistent in every position and never had a bad game. Trained hard and was a real leader in the team.

Patricia Oswald

Trish's family never went hungry this year with a steady supply of Players Player RUC bucks. She was an absolute machine in CL2 all season and was rewarded with the opportunity to play a few CL1 games along the way. Always a delight to train, took on any advice given and continually looked to improve. She has the unfortunate ability of being able to play just about every position on the field so was moved around a lot. Only found out the CL squad did fitness training with three weeks of the season to go.

Jolanta Moore

Another one of our players who was useful in just about any position needed. This meant she moved around a bit but was always happy to do so. I worked out early on that as long as Jolly was somewhere in the centre of the field, weather up or back, the team would go well. Up front was where she was most devastating and you noticed the whole forward line lift with her presence.

Jesse Thearle

JT did a great job bringing together a relatively new group as our captain this year. She was a great leader on and off the field, always bringing a positive attitude to training and games. It was great to see JT



taking on things we did during training and applying them to her game. Earlier I spoke about the great culture the team had and how much fun everyone had this year, JT was instrumental in achieving this.

Brittany Webb

Brittany was a great addition to the club this year. As her confidence in the team built she showed everyone why she had earned a spot in second grade with some fantastic field goals. A bit of a quiet achiever that let her on field consistency do the talking. She was also kind enough to indulge her coach, someone who has played fullback all his life, in pretending to listen while I waffled on about how forwards should play (I don't think I was fooling anyone).

Ellie (the unicorn) Connell

Another great addition to the club this year. Ellie seamlessly fit straight into the CL squad with a great attitude and willingness to put in on the field. I knew if it was needed she could stay on for a whole half and would still be running just as hard at the end of the half than she did at the start. Great in attack but would quite often have to fill a gap for us at inner. She gave us plenty of laughs throughout the season with some uniform mishaps and issues with reading the calendar.

Louise Kempson

After a couple of years away from weekend hockey Lou



made a return this year.

Always reliable at the back or in the halves. She continually improved all season and by the end of the year was absolutely unbeatable at the back. Lou reads the game really well and would often make some huge plays, coming out of the line to intercept an opposition long ball. Another player who I could count on to play a whole half if need be.

Adele Kelly

Our ever-reliable centre half. Another player that often filled in for CL1 and could have easily played there all season. Luckily for us we had her most weeks and when we did, she gave us great attacking options into the circle from the centre. She let her on-field performance do her talking and really lifted the team with her determined attitude. Every 50-50 ball was heavily contested, sometimes it was even legal. Possible sponsorship with Stihl chainsaws next season, great a chopping down on a stick.

Nicola Ward

Niki was one of our most consistent performers all year. The team definitely appreciated the effort she put in, either at half or in the backs as she was consistently up there in the players player votes. A great tackler but her best asset is her vision on the field. Under pressure she would regularly slot the ball through the opposing press finding one of our sticks. I'm still amazed she went through the season with no cards... slide tackles in the circle.

Alanah Jansen

Our awesome goalkeeper and youngest player this year. Alanah played a lot of hockey in 2018 with juniors and representative duties but managed to miss just one of our games all season. That sort of commitment is a huge asset, especially from the keeper. Knowing she was always going to be there gave us great consistency at the back. Her keeping skills are great but what was even better to see was her confidence grow through the season. I'm expecting her to be yelling so much next year our fullbacks won't be able to get a word in.

Emma Bowbrick

If every player back tackled the way Em does, the opposition would never reach the circle. When Em is dispossessed she turns and chases with such determination that would make any coach smile. Even though she was one of our youngest players she never let the opposition intimidate her and attacked the ball with no fear. Unfortunately, she had a rough trot with injuries this season but was great to see her still at the games supporting the team.

Bec McRae

Another new face to the club. Started the year on the wing but was later promoted to the back line, cementing a role in the halves. Bec could mark an opposition winger right out of the game. She had a calmness on the field which was appreciated when things were getting a little chaotic out there. Bec continually improved throughout the season and was always keen to learn more about the game. Bec was a great asset off the field, after a well-timed and very kind message on the group chat, the team became very close. Also loves a Gif.

CAPITAL LEAGUE 1

Women

Well another season done and dusted. 2018 was an interesting year for the CL1 squad, we had 3 players elevated to the CL1 team full time from CL2 and 1 player new to the club and our Round 1 match in Albury so the start of the season was quite hectic from the get go.

Again, it took us till round 6 before we worked out the best way to play this silly game which makes it tough to push for a top 4 spot in the later parts of the season. Then the mid season travel kicks in and makes getting a consistent team on the field difficult resulting in some losses which otherwise would have been wins.

We finished the season playing some strong, consistent hockey but the damage was done in the middle of the season and our top 4 finish was a fairy tale to be chased in 2019.



We finished the season with 6 Wins, 3 draws and 12 losses. 31 Goals for and 61 goals against.

We had 11 different players player winners throughout the season and 11 different goal scorers.

Whilst the season as a whole had more negative results than positive ones, I cannot fault the effort and dedication that each and every player put in this season. It started with pre-season fitness and

each of you paying for it yourselves. Then continuing this throughout the season you could certainly see the benefits of the hard work you were all doing.

Id like to thank all of the players for the season and have seen heaps of personal growth in all of you. I'm looking forward to working with you all again in 2019 to help achieve both the team goals and your individual ones.

Thanks to all the CL2 players

who helped out during the season, some of you are certainly pushing for CL1 spots in 2019.

Massive thanks to Tessa for looking after the managerial side of things this season.

Thanks to Russell for your support and assistance throughout the season; me always taking your players makes it tougher for you but you did a great job with the ladies. And thanks to Moz for stepping in as care taker whilst I was away on rep duties.

Thanks again to Suzie for arranging ball kids for most games, and to Moz, Cesar, James, Harry, Mark, Shane and anyone else I've missed that helped out with ball person duties when needed.

Thanks once again to the BOM, the work you guys do behind the scenes is fantastic and often unacknowledged.





Player Stats:

Meredith: 1026.4 minutes at an average of 57.6 per game. 7 Goals and 2 players player.

Emma: 1331.6 minutes at an average of 66.5 per game. 1 goal and 4 players player.

Lauren: 1330 minutes at an average of 70 per game. 4 Players player.

Reita: 978.1 minutes at an average of 65.2 per game.

Lil: 1006.1 minutes at an average of 59.5 per game. 1 goal and 1 players player.

Zarah: 967.7 minutes at an average of 51.2 per game. 1 players player.

Alicia: 847.2 minutes at an average of 52.9 per game.

Olivia: 1001.7 minutes at an average of 62.6 per game. 3 goals and 4 players player.

Bree: 947.6 minutes at an average of 55.7 per game. 3 goals.

Sarah: 849 Minutes at an average of 47.2 per game. 2 goals and 2 Players Player.

Kirsty: 812.2 minutes at an average of 45.2 per game. 2 goals and 1 players player.

Cha: 752.2 minutes at an average of 42.7 per game. 4 goals.

Tania: 807.6 minutes at an average of 40.4 per game. 3 goals and 1 players player.

Allie: 795.8 minutes at an average of 42.8 per game. 4 goals and 1 players player.

Tessa: 745.4 minutes at an average of 41.2 per game. 1 goal and 2 players player.

CL2 Players

Dell: 208 minutes at an average of 52.1 per game.

Trish: 196 minutes at an average of 49.2 per game.

Jessie: 100 minutes at an average of 33.5 per game

Ellie: 152 minutes at an average of 38.2 per game

Sarah Apps: 139 minutes at an average of 34.8 per game

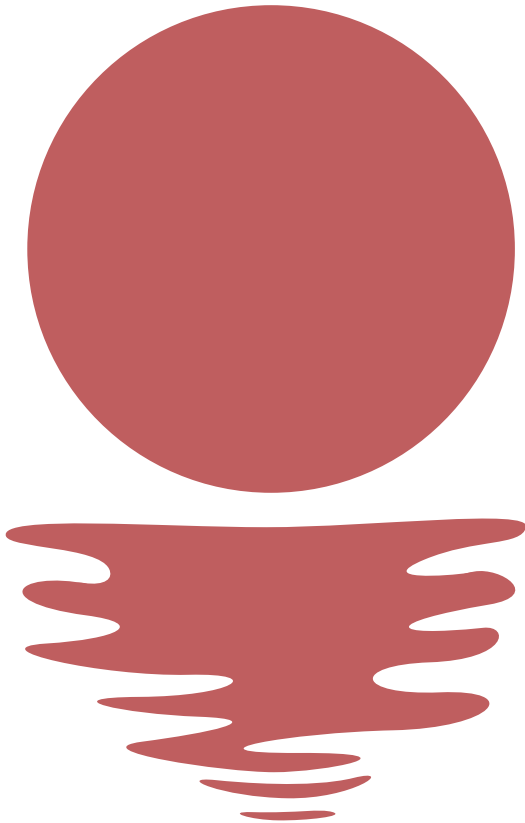
Millie: 86 minutes at an average of 43.2 per game

Nicky: 39.8 minutes

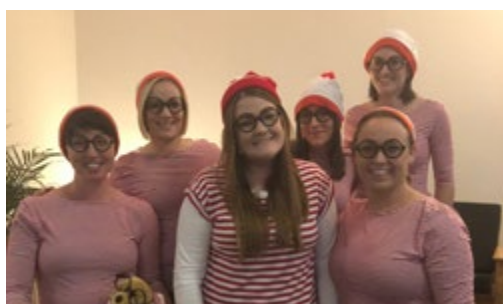
Alanah: 70 minutes

Jolly: 54.05 minutes

Hayley: 23.4 minutes



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