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C Gold

C Red

C White

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O/65 Green

O/65 White

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Dates For The Diary:

2019: Early December to late February 2020. Turf One replacement.

2020: February 11th: Umpiring coaching for 'A' Division - PHS at 12:00.

April 4th: Saturday hockey AGM and end of season dinner. After play at Perry Lakes.

Interstate tournament O45s to O75s. Gold Coast June 27th to July 12th.

Interstate tournament O35s to O40s. Gold Coast October 1st to October 10th.

World Cup (s) - See below. } Australia & Southern Cross

O/35 and O/40; Men and Women: Nottingham, England - August 8th to 17th.

O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters: Cape Town, South Africa - September 19th to 29th.

O/60, O/65, O/70, O/75 Men; Tournament Trophy: Tokyo, Japan November 5th to 15th.

Turf One Works: There is a strong possibility that these will finish early. We still might be impacted by the international Pro League matches scheduled for March 6th and 7th and their training times could squeeze us off the PHS turfs. The advice from the last issue applies - read the captains' emails carefully each week, and also check the fixtures for ourselves. Here is the link to do so:

<https://www.wamastershockey.com/index.php/wednesday-hockey-masters-fixtures>.

The Parking Saga: It seems to be impossible to keep this headline out of MM, as issues keep on coming to light. The latest burning question concerns the dashboard cards for 'A' Division players, (not payers as yet) which allow parking for 2019. Will they continue to work in 2020? As we closed off this edition Neil Patterson is still trying to get an answer. In the meantime, as a contingency plan I suggest that we all register with Cello Park. My reason for suggesting pre-registration is that the process does not seem to be straightforward and starting early would enable the glitches to be sorted before it becomes necessary for us all to pay. So here is a link to the web-site which allows you to register, and also will hopefully answer any questions.

<https://properties.curtin.edu.au/transport/payg.cfm>.

Hockey Balls and Uniforms: After deliberation and debate we will supply hockey balls to each of our teams again. Each side will receive two WHM provided balls - once our uniforms officer Robin Bailey is back on deck again after a couple of medical procedures. Robin will also check out floppy hats which are a lot better in a Perth summer than peaked caps. *(Original suggestion from Mal Horrigan)*

Goodbye and Good Fortune: Many of us who struggled to pay the \$42 to Hockey Australia last year will have contacted Amy Austin in the Hockey WA office, who provided us with very welcome help. I was one of them. Amy is moving on to a new role elsewhere and will be departing from Hockey WA on Friday 14th February. Thank you for all you did for us and our very best wishes for the future.

Quotable Quote One: "A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences." Dave Meurer - American writer.

Department of Corrections: With one major exception, only minor errors came to light. Letters to the Editor was shown as being on “Pages 4” & the report on the Saturday Christmas Party was on Page 5, not Page 6. The major exception was the following report from the Christmas party, which I neglected to include. It has been taken from President Simon Thomson’s address, as was the intro.

WHM Christmas Party (Wednesday):

The following are Dudley Evan’s musings on our Club, thanks Dudley.

“Having started over 20 years ago (1991 - Ed.) with just two teams our Western Hockey Masters has evolved into eleven teams, and is still growing. We are now embedded as a permanent fixture in the WA Hockey calendar. I say OUR Western Hockey Masters because we are all part owners of this fantastic Club. As a general observation most guys come into our 50’s or C Division still working, with kids, commitments and a partner. Mostly they gradually progress until they reach our A Division, retired, no kids, no commitments, and those lucky enough still with a partner!! Somewhere in this process, and usually after a period of “quality” home time (mine lasted about 2 weeks) they are actively encouraged to stay out of the house and pursue their sporting dreams!

Our oldest member is John Milner, who at 91 still turns out regularly to play on Saturdays. Recognition should also be given to Bob Robinson and Ash Foster, both 86, and still playing regularly on Wednesdays. Our youngest member at 49 is Carlo Sorci – he’s got a long way to go!

Our Club is very important for member’s wellbeing. Socialising, and contact with other players is equally as important as physical exercise. So, remember after a hard day of Wednesday hockey to be patient when listening to a retired Accountant telling you how exciting his job was. Never underestimate the humour that occurs while playing hockey, and we should never take ourselves too seriously.

But where are we heading, what is our vision for the future, where do we want to be in 5 or 10 years? Just to be here is a good start, but what do we want to leave for future players, and just as important for them, what do they want. We currently have a small Committee headed up by Tony Jones who is looking at this very question with a view to formalizing a forward looking plan.

One suggestion is that the current over 40’s Mid Week Masters be played at the Stadium on a Wednesday evening. This could lead to a whole day of Master’s hockey, and better integration of players from the 40’s into our Western Hockey Masters. Obviously such ideas need to be agreed upon as part of the overall plan.

Hockey WA is keen to embrace such ideas especially when they see a financial benefit. We are strong, and getting stronger. This puts us in a very good bargaining position to pursue our preferred direction. So if you have ideas or suggestions, no matter how far outside the box they may be, by all means send them in. The more the merrier, they will all be considered. This is part of being a healthy evolving Club.

So, it’s worth remembering that when it’s pouring with rain, or scorching hot, and you’re running around on the hockey field, there should be satisfaction in knowing you’re out there and others your age aren’t. If you’re out there it means your body is going OK, so be happy in your mind and spirit, have a wonderful break over Christmas, raise a glass, and we will see you all, refreshed, and ready for more in the New Year.”

This piece should have been in the January issue but was overlooked by a convalescent Editor. But it’s far too good not to print - thanks very much Dudley. As suggested above, any ideas and suggestions should be sent in to the review Committee, or to “Masters Matters.” Ed.

Terse Verse on the above: MM’s limerick writer seems to like things as they are:

Our future is under review

Perhaps we could try something new

Good hockey, good bar

Have brought us quite far

So maybe we don’t change the brew (*at least not too much*)

Department of Health: Many of you may remember Wayne Pendergrast, from Harlies (and originally from Scarborough) who played with us on Wednesdays for a short time. He had an operation for a brain tumour in December. Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey is out of action temporarily while he has a couple of medical procedures. Peter Willett was due for a radical prostatectomy via robotic surgery on January 21st - and I hope has ended up in better condition than me. John Pierce from Saturday had a hip replacement scheduled for January 20th. John Milner had an eye operation, but wanted the Saturday goalkeepers to know that he will be back. Peter Fogels had a half knee replacement back in October. All is going OK, and he hopes to be back playing some time in April. Peter Dennis has suffered a knee meniscus injury - not sure how long he will be missing. George Bradbury's anatomy has been repaired (hospital operation) but he hopes to be back again in a month or two. Peter Livingstone is recovering from a broken rib - is our Saturday hockey getting too rough? Bob Bowyer has discovered that the ball which hit his replaced knee shattered the metal sufficiently to leave some fragments - and now needs a replacement of the replacement. He's had a very hard time lately, just one thing after another. Hope this one is the last. And finally, Vern Gooch has had surgery for bowel cancer. Unfortunately, he has suffered a stroke in the aftermath and the prognosis is uncertain. Son Mike Gottschalk tells us that he's not too sick to complain - good news. Both from "Masters Matters" and us all our best wishes go to our sufferers for a speedy & complete recovery.

Letters To The Editor: January's MM produced so little reaction that I was unsure that everybody received their copy. I heard from Eric Alcock about the December edition, and then this arrived:

"John, I suggest to help with distribution of Masters Matters you should xerox off copies, hire secretaries to place them in envelopes, get the secretaries to address and stamp them and then post them out by Australia Post. In that way you will boost Australia Post employment, employ some full time staff thus helping reduce the unemployment figures, so reducing the National Deficit because of all the tax those employees pay, and give yourself a meaningful career (you could become a manager of consequence) which has chances of future expansion. So you see what a little problem can do for your wellbeing if you are prepared to think laterally. It is like Compound Interest as what you put in grows and grows until you are a millionaire.

I feel uplifted as I have been able to lighten your load.

Dick Osborne."

A response seemed to be mandatory:

"Thanks Dick, unfortunately the Editor has completely drained the MM budget by spending it all on silly personal indulgences like incontinence underwear. Pity; we could have had an economic recovery otherwise. John Mercer"

Seriously, thank you very much Speedie. Maybe we could achieve an economic recovery if all senior hockey players received a once-off payment from Canberra. MM's limericist says:

MM had a budget so great
More than a small nation state
Until spendthrift Ed
Blew all of the bread
On personal underwear freight.

New Players: A warm welcome to Steve Steicke, who has joined 'C' Division, Sean Bartlett and Len Walker who will be in 'B' Division. Bob Payne is also joining. Best wishes for a long stay with us. Also, a couple of former players have rejoined in Simon Walsh and Stephen Powles and also are likely to line up in the 'B' Division. Maybe this influx will lead to another side - it will certainly offer a challenge to the coordinator Adrian. Also involved could be Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey & Fixtures Secretary Harvey Davies. In addition the cover page for "Masters Matters" will require an update.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Life is one long process of getting tired." *Samuel Butler (1835 - 1902). English composer, novelist, and satiric author.*

'A' Division Blog: Old habits die hard. So here is the story from the 'A' Division in its customary format. I gather there is not a lot of interest in this segment, and I may cancel it. So if you read this page and would like to see it continue in its current format please let me know - verbally will do.

January 7th: The start of the 2020 year saw two teams lacking for numbers and the other two with at least one spare. In the first game it appeared that the White team had given their good passes away as Christmas presents as they repeatedly gave the ball straight back to the opposition. Red thus dominated territory and possession but only converted one of their many opportunities. White then won their next two games against the run of play and Red contrived to lose both theirs. The first four games all produced 1-0 results and it seemed that the Christmas break had an impact on the scoring ability of our usual sharp-shooters. Then in the 5th game Steve McEntee (two fine corner conversions) and Roy Grant (deflection at full stretch - that's a long way) shared the goals of the day. After that the last game petered out to a 0-0 draw. Thanks to the three goalkeepers (Barry, Colin and John) for turning out on a sunny summer day. Thanks also to the non-playing umpires Neil Scaddan and Ken Walter. The day's results in summary: **White** (W2, L1, D0 F3, A2), **Blue** (W1, L1, D1, F1, A1), **Gold** (W1, L1, D1, F2, A2), **Red** (W1, L2, D0, F1, A2). The scorers were **Blue:** John Ree; **Gold:** John Ree, Roy Grant (filling in); **Red:** Ron Venables; **White:** Steve McEntee (2), Brian Soares. Team numbers on the day: White (12), Red (7), Blue (11) and Gold (7).

January 14th: Thanks to George Bradbury for the scores and umpires, and thanks also to the players who exercised their memories on the 21st and provided the (alleged) goal scorers. If anybody has a correction to that list please let me know.

The results were: **Red** (0) - **Blue** (0): **Gold** (2) - **Red** (0): **White** (0) - **Blue** (0): **Gold v Blue** (cancelled): **White** (1) - **Red** (2): **Gold** (3) - **White** (1). *At a guess team numbers in Blue and Gold were well down.* Scorers were **Gold:** Gaston (2), Metcalf (2), McEntee **Red:** Pandher, Venables **White:** McEntee (2).

January 21st: Only the Red team had a full quota (1 extra) with all other sides being 2 or 3 short - even after Bob Bowyer made a long-awaited re-appearance and was drafted to Gold. Welcome back Bob. As a consequence it was noticeable that the standard of play fell away as players drained their reserve of energy filling in. Red took full toll of this, winning the last two games of the day decisively (both 2-0). Matches had been fairly evenly contested up until then, with the quality of the fill-ins being decisive. Angelo Strano was much in demand here and seemed to be on the field all day. It was good to see four goalkeepers again (Barry, John, Tony and Ian) who each played behind the same defence all day. A few non-players dropped by in Peter Eastlake (recovering from knee replacement) and Jim Balding (Achilles trouble and off on holiday soon). The goals included two good strikes from both Mal Horrigan and Steve McEntee, a team effort to Gold (buildup by Angelo, pass to Bob Bowyer on one post who passed it across to Ian Purdie on the other who tapped it in. But the goal of the day has to go to Red captain Jim Wright, who playing right wing finished off a good build-up by slamming one in. The 'A' Division archives go back to its inception in the fourth quarter of 2013, and do not show any other Wright goals. Jim showed such form at right wing that the next goal will surely arrive after a much shorter interval than seven years. The day's results in summary: **Red** (W2, L0, D1, F5, A1), **White** (W1, L1, D1, F2, A3), **Gold** (W1, L1, D1, F1, A2), **Blue** (W0, L2, D1, F1, A4). The scorers were: **Blue:** Ron Venables; **Gold:** Mal Horrigan, Ian Purdie; **Red:** John Jeffreys (Penalty Flick), Mal Horrigan, Bob Maley (2), Jim Wright; **White:** Steve McEntee (2). My counts of the team numbers came out as: Blue (8), Gold (7), White (8) and Red (11).

January 28th: Before play started Coordinator George Bradbury circulated revised fixtures indicating that Blue and Gold would play as a combined side, with only 5 matches scheduled. What ensued was a goal fest as Red and Blue/Gold scored in each match they played, and White only missed out once. Several players scored three times, with so many contenders for goal of the day that the judges gave up. The day's results in summary were: Red (W2, L1, D0, F7, A3), Blue/Gold (W1, L2, D1, F6, A7) and White (W1, L1, D1, F4, A7). Goalkeepers Barry and Colin quit after the fourth game (understandably). Scorers: Red: Mal Horrigan, Col Murray-Smith (3), John Ree (3); Gold/Blue: Terry Gaston (3), Ian Purdie, Angelo Strano (2); White: Steve McEntee (2), Brian Soares, Peter Wallis. Numbers based on original teams: Blue (6), Gold (5), Red (7), White (11). Plus Julian Gardner up from Esperance.

From Saturday Masters: Our end of season dinner is coming up. Not on the Royal Yacht though.



The afternoon continues to provide good hockey for those who play, and a shady vantage point for those don't. The grandstand consists of portable chairs and some really like to do it in style, with drink cup holders in their seats. No wonder that the attendance by our non-players is so good. *(The drinks are not alcoholic, and the bar does not provide waiter service to the ground)*

It appears that we have so many players that it's a long time between being rostered as the duty selector. That's the only reason I can think of for players consistently arriving late. The selection task is difficult enough without having to revamp all your draft sides for latecomers. Could all of us do our best to arrive at Perry Lakes by 1:30 pm. This will make it much easier to start the games on time.

The Committee has considered the possibility of having to run 4 teams and done some planning. Using 2 fields would entail some extra costs for ground marking, require 4 goalkeepers and 4 umpires and play would finish earlier than it does now. We get by with one playing surface on Tuesday/Wednesdays and with this arrangement would have to play shorter games.

This summer the shirts on the field have displayed quite a variety of non-standard blues, greens and whites. If you are a regular player and you don't have all the WHM shirts then please contact Jim Wright who has some stock. I have also noticed that the old maroon shirts still appear off the field at times - perhaps these could come in handy if a fourth team becomes necessary.

Perhaps it's time to clarify our policy on casual players. The basic principle is that players can have up to three weeks play for a casual payment of \$50, or one week for \$20. Further play requires that the balance be paid. The Committee reserves the right to apply discretion and will generally allow an overseas or interstate visitor to play once as a guest. The same applies to potential new players, who want to try before they buy.

The fee structure for Saturdays differs from Wednesdays in that we have two distinct and separate seasons. Quite a few of our summer players are still having a run with the Hockey WA O60s in winter and it would not be fair to charge them for a whole year. So that's why we ask you to pay twice during a calendar year and your \$100 entitles you to plenty of hockey in both summer and winter.

In recent weeks apparently successful comebacks have been made by Eric Alcock and John Milner; well done to you both. The John Mercer comeback is still very much a work in progress, and the skill levels being displayed on the field might frighten him off too.

There have been suggestions that we should introduce a local unofficial rule that any forwards who miss a shot at goal (particularly at the northern end) should travel the distance and retrieve the ball themselves. It happened on January 18th - well done Don Sanders.

To close, a quick reminder of our AGM and end of season dinner after hockey on April 4th.

Balinese Bulletin No 48: Our long time Indonesian correspondent is nearing the half century.

The Bali Wet???

Last month I reported that the Bali Wet had shown its face at last. This was mid Decemberwell, it did & then almost nothing to report since. Maybe it has just taken a break & will come back to bite us again. We can only hope

Accentuate The Positive

Whilst progress is taking place it is at a slow pace. The 2-3 "lurching" steps I spoke of in my last report have progressed to around 10-12 metresstill an "ugly lurch" ..not pretty!!

A small "milestone" up 'ereErin sets up the plastic chair in the outdoor shower area & then leaves me to it. I then make my way to the chair, sit myself down & commence my shower all by myself ...finish off, make my way over to the towel, dry myself, slip my boxer shorts on & make my way out to the living area. What do you think of that!

As I write this the sky has darkened & I suspect another shower is imminent so I will take cover. There is a lot more I should report on from here but It will have to wait until my "Hemingway" mode returns to my literary self.

Take care.

Peter Hammond

Thanks Peter. Good to hear that things are improving, may it continue. Ed.

'B' Division December 2019: *From Dudley Evans*

A new year and a new keenness for the contest has seen good numbers turn up on a Wednesday afternoon. Or was it just after being at home over the Xmas/New Year that saw guys itching to get out and about for a game of hockey and a beer! Whatever the reason, the verve and vibe has been there with a number of old, new faces on the scene as well as some new, old faces if you know what I mean!

With new players and new talents allocated to teams the standard of hockey has improved which has made the games more competitive and enjoyable thus enhancing the Wednesday afternoon experience! Typically each team is running with 2 or 3 on the bench so there is even talk of making a fourth side! The repercussions of this are endless with more socialising in the bar but less chance of winning a bottle of wine in the raffle!

This month's featured player is Arch currently running as a winger for the White side as well as running the side.

Peter Andrews Hockey Journey:

1958, Grade 7 at a new school with a new name, red head Peter Andrews joins the comics and becomes Arch(ie). Also at 12, the beginning of my hockey journey. 2020 and I'm still trying to better understand the game. In between there's been a lot of hockey.

1962-3. I played 1st XI at school, 2 years at fullback. We weren't very good. Probably why the mighty Whites go pale if I lob down there. Cricketers in Under 15s & 18s with Ken Walter (I next played with Ken at Wolves). After school, a couple of years playing crap hockey for Uni in Z grade, but no progress. Then back to the Christ Church Old Boys in its A3 (top) side as a winger. Few skills but I could run. Al Ledger and I are the only players from this team still playing.

Early 1970s, my hockey was hindered by work in the bush as a geologist. I gave that up and went back to Uni to study law for another four years; I qualified but never practised as a lawyer. Looking back I seem to have spent well over 30 years, mainly creating, funding and managing junior exploration companies from start-ups to ASX-listed.

A few years as Club President and Selector for Christ Church. Played down the grades in 2B & 4B. 1978, a mug for most goals scored. 1984-5, I was playing in the first 'Masters' named competition, over 35s. 1984, Christ Church joined old foes Scotch to become Collegians, then in 1987 Cricketers joined and we became Westside Wolves. /8

1986, turning 40 I'm into then called Veterans, where I became a player and manager of our 40s Div 1 team. 2019 and I'm still the Manager of my Wolves 60s Masters' team. At least mobile phone and internet have improved player chasing half an hour before a game. The years go on and Wolves 55-60s have won 9 premierships in 11 years. Plenty of talent with ex State and A grade players, but we have faded (quite) a bit in the last few years. Last year we won the 60s Div 2 flag, the 7th best 60s side. The team has got older. Nice to see several of the Wolves 60s are playing Wednesdays in B Div. Chris, Morgs, Ledg, Speedie, Ross, Arch, BT & Heath.

For the record, I'm married to Kelly, with 4 adult children/step children and 10 grandchildren between us, mostly teenagers. My son, a son-in-law and 2 grandchildren play hockey. Christmas Eve just gone was a full house of 20 for dinner as the family united from WA, Victoria and California. Pretty much a riot for a few weeks. Escape to hockey!

I have played some night hockey seasons at Hale and PHS2. Can't remember when.

I had heard about Wednesday hockey, so about 2009 and slacking off from work to a home office with more free time, I joined the winning Electric Blues. Since the WHM structure changed I've been B White Captain for a few years.

2012 I filled in for WA 65s in Hobart, a 'contract player' for 5 games and a Silver Medal. More State hockey and a 70s Gold Medal last year. 5 times a Southern Cross player for a gold and a silver. I was an Australian touring player in 2017 from Copenhagen to Swansea; a great experience. I was selected for last year, but did not tour. At 70, I finally surpassed my Dad who was a WA State player before and after the War and Captain in 1948. Later as an Australian Umpire, Dad used to umpire Vern.

Since joining WHM I've learned more about the game than any time before. I reckon I have a 'few' more skills, proving that you can improve with a bit of effort. I seem to have about 3 or 4 coaches whenever I play. This must help? Seriously though, personal coaching from Jim Banks has worked for me. Thanks Jim.

I am currently Secretary of the WA Masters Hockey Committee and will also look after the Men's Masters Local Competition matters for the Committee this year. We exist mainly to promote WA Masters Hockey and to assist and recommend matters to HWA. We organise and select Masters State Teams, both Men and Women.

Hockey is a non-contact sport. Over 60 years of fractured toes, split shins, a couple of hammys, a calf, broken fingers and thumb, 2 lots of fractured ribs, 2 broken collar bones and 1 dislocated, expensive front teeth (before mouthguards), blood and bruises. An emergency lady doctor stitching my head one evening said to me: "why you play this silly game?" Good question? But we all know why. We can and we love it (on a good day)!

Arch

Thanks very much to both Dudley and Arch for the stories. Four teams is a proposition we are now considering for Saturday hockey too. A common problem? Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "There is between my will and all offences a guard of patience." Troilus and Cressida Act V Scene II. *Sound advice for grumpy old men - both mid-week and Saturdays.*

"Why, this is very midsummer madness." Twelfth Night; Or, What You Will Act III Scene IV. *If any of us had a run in the 42.7° on 4th February, this quote applies to you all.*

"If this were played upon the stage now, I could condemn it as an improbable fiction." Also from Twelfth Night, Act III, Scene IV. *The Bard anticipates the current state of the world where improbable fictions are routine utterances for politicians of all stripes everywhere. Perusing a daily paper requires the reader to follow Lewis Carroll's edict to believe 6 impossible things before breakfast.*

Punology One: A couple of clams were munching chocolate bars, with two hungry fish looking on. When there was nothing left one fish said to the other, "Did you see that - they didn't even offer us a single bite?" Said the other, "Well what would you expect, they're two shellfish."

Who Does What In WHM: Simon's Christmas Party address also included a complete list of how and who is responsible for running our various competitions. Here is the list.

Committee Members:

Simon Thomson	President
Tony Jones	Vice President
Neil Patterson	Secretary
Steve Farrar	Treasurer
Bob Bowyer	Assistant Secretary
George Bradbury	A Division Coordinator
Adrian Gabriel	B Division Coordinator
Colin Howell	C Division Coordinator
Les Waldon	Saturday Hockey Club Captain

Other workers:

John Mercer	Editor of Masters Matters
Colin Gee	Member Register Manager
Robin Bailey	Uniforms Officer
Harvey Davies	Fixtures Secretary
Peter Jones	Catering Manager
Ivan Wilson	Head Chef of the Sausage Sizzle

Captains for 2020: The elections have now been held, and our leaders will be:

'A' Division:	Blue: Neil Scaddan C.	Ivan Wilson VC.
	Gold: Col Gee C.	Mal Jackaman VC.
	Red: Jim Wright C.	Les Waldon VC.
	White: Dave Horsley C.	Peter Evans VC.
'B' Division:	Blue: Dudley Evans C.	Graeme Nicholls and Ian Pestana VCs.
	Gold: Bill Campbell C.	Bob Lemerle VC.
	White: Peter Andrews C.	Jim Campbell VC.
'C' Division:	Blue: Tony Jones C.	
	Gold: Mike Sputore C.	
	Red: Kev Burton C.	
	White: Wayne Cutler C.	

Congratulation to all those above. Best wishes for the 2020 year.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: January's question was:

What did these hockey players, who all made their debut for Australia during the 1960 Olympic Games, have in common?

Malcolm Barry, Pritchard Phillip, Spackman Des, Wood Graham.

- They played for the same State
- They all played one game
- They all played the same position
- They all played in the last match against New Zealand


In conversation with Rusty Phillips he was able to eliminate (a) and (c). The correct answer is (b).

February's question is: In which Olympics did Australia's Women's team finish fourth after a 5-10 loss on penalty strokes to the USA. Was it?

- Olympic Games Moscow 1980.
- Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984.
- Olympic Games Seoul 1988.
- Olympic Games Barcelona 1992.

Answer next issue.

Coming Attraction: We generally do not include advertisements. This is a rare exception.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY MUSEUM OF WA *Presents*

SUNSET MILITARY SPECTACULAR

8th March 2020, Sunday, 5.20pm
Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle

Featuring

- Australian Army Band Perth
- Royal Australian Navy Band WA
- Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Guard, HMAS Stirling
- The Massed Pipes & Drums from:
 - Australian Army Band Perth
 - 51 ACU Swan Regiment Drums & Pipes

Tickets available through www.trybooking.com

Adults	\$40.00
Family (2+2)	\$85.00
Concession	\$35.00
Children under 18	\$20.00
<i>Price per seat</i>	

- This price includes free museum visit prior to the concert
- Seating provided
- BYO alcohol and food
- Plastic drinking glasses ONLY
- Sausage sizzle, hamburgers, soft drinks, ice creams and coffee available for purchase

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A feature of this, the 3rd annual military concert held at the Artillery Barracks, will be for the first time, the inclusion of the Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Guard, HMAS Stirling. As in the past, the Australian Army Band Perth and Royal Australian Navy Band WA will perform supported by the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Australian Army Band Perth and 51 ACU Swan Regiment Drums and Pipes.

Once-Off: The WHM policy is that the mailing list will not be available to members to promote any personal causes. The exception is that the MM editor may include items at his discretion, and as I included notification of this event last year I'm happy to do so again. Thanks to Peter Dennis, who is the source of the information, and also the treasurer of the organisation. I also have heard that quite a few of our members are interested in attending - so now you all know when and where it is.

Quotable Quote Two: "The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." *Isaac Asimov (1920 - 1992) US author and biochemistry professor.*

A Very Different Match Report: *Thanks to Stan Salazaar for this account of a rather different hockey match to the Hips/Knees. The report is headed; "Games to Remember."*

The Manager of the Biblical XI, Herod, had been heard to say before the game that if his side lost then "Heads would roll" and one of his star players "Doubting Thomas" had stated to all who cared to listen that there was "no way I can see us winning and I won't believe it unless I see the result in black and white." These were understandable comments coming from a member of a team that had previously lost all its league games, besides which they had not even registered a goal.

Adding to their troubles at this moment was the fact that left winger Judas had been suspended for accepting a bribe prior to a previous game, and compounding all this was a rumour that all was not well in the boardroom because there had been a split among the directors and three of them, the Wisemen brothers, were threatening to defect to the east in search of a star.

When the game eventually started it ran true to form, and was completely dominated by the opposition. However this failed to produce a goal, mainly due to that pillar of the biblical defence, Lot, and the goalkeeper, Jesus, who made many fine saves.

In the dying moments of the half, Lazarus, the Biblical centre forward, suffered a crushing tackle from Nicholas and seemed to be out of the game. However, after a few moments treatment from John, the sponge man, nicknamed the Baptist by his team-mates, he miraculously recovered. So half-time came with the score 0-0.

The second half was a completely different story and Moses, the Biblical centre link parted the home defence on many occasions with superb passes to his forwards. It was only a matter of time before they scored and eventually Pilate set Barabbas free in the circle, easily beating the goal keeper. This opened the flood-gates and Noah took advantage of this by personally scoring 2 goals.

Towards the end of the game the Biblical boys should have scored two more but in fact only managed one through that giant of a defender, Goliath, from a penalty corner. Thomas should have scored the other but hesitated whether to shoot or go round the goalie. Unfortunately for him he chose the long way home and ran the ball out of play. A satisfying 4-0 first league victory for the Biblical lot.

There was just one comment from Jesus, who you will remember was captain & goalkeeper. He was quoted as saying "I think we've seen the Light now, and after this excellent display I'm sure we have converted a lot of heathens to our style of play. We can only get better."

All in all it must be considered a good performance. One hopes that the "Boss" was looking.

Well Dones: Thank you to George Bradbury for the A' division umpire information for January 14 th, when my health did not allow me to attend PHS. Thank you to January 'A' Division umpires Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Mal Horrigan, Mal Jackaman, John Jeffreys, John Lindsay, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. As can be seen there are plenty of volunteers or maybe the umpire recruiter will not take no for an answer. I have not visited the PHS bar, as I've been unable to have a drink, so I cannot say whether George Winning has been dropping in as usual. At Perry Lakes the umpires noted include Peter Brien, Mike Gottschalk, Marty Greay, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter and Ken Watt. Thanks all.

Past Players, Non-Players, Injured Players: Perry Lakes offers an attractive spot for watching a little hockey, then having a drink. During January we saw Peter Livingstone, John Mercer, John Milner, Paul Robinson, John Sanders, and Rod Spencer. The umpire's list in the previous paragraph includes quite a lot of players in this category too.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "I read no newspaper now but Ritchie's, and in that chiefly the advertisements, for they contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper." *Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826). The third President of the United States. Not much seems to have changed since then, with the exception of "Masters Matters" of course.*

Whistle While You Work: Goalkeeper Colin Benporath has requested coverage of the obstruction rule. Goalkeepers can be obstructed too, and often are. So hereunder are Rules 9.12 and 9.13.

Rule 9.12: Players must not obstruct an opponent who is attempting to play the ball.

Players obstruct if they:

- *Back into an opponent*
- *Physically interfere with the stick or body of an opponent*
- *Shield the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or any part of their body.*

A stationary player receiving the ball is permitted to face in any direction.

A player with the ball is permitted to move off with it in any direction except bodily into an opponent or into a position between the ball and an opponent who is within playing distance of the ball and attempting to play it.

A player who runs in front of or blocks an opponent to stop them legitimately playing or attempting to play the ball is obstructing (this is third party or shadow obstruction). This also applies if an attacker runs across or blocks defenders (including the goalkeeper) when a penalty corner is being taken.

[I find the words used in the rule are quite clear. Especially the one about players who shield the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or any part of their body.]

Rule 9.13: Players must not tackle unless in a position to play the ball without body contact.

Reckless play, such as sliding tackles and other overly physical challenges by field players, which take an opponent to ground and which have the potential to cause injury should attract appropriate match and personal penalties.

[This one also seems to be fairly frequently breached in our hockey. The rule makes it abundantly clear that any body contact while attempting a tackle is a breach and must be penalised according to where it occurs on the field, and whether it is considered intentional by the umpire.]

Punology Two: Baby puns are childish but great puns are full groan.

Stop Press: It appears that the 'B' Division teams are having a surge in numbers and at the moment serious investigations are in progress to consider the addition of a fourth side. For this to happen the fixtures would require expansion, and at the time of closing this edition off, one way to achieve this would be to move the times for 'C' Division to 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A long time ago, I suppose,

We read of the hockey that grows (*Fred Browne in the Hockey Bulletin*)

Two PHS teams

Have grown, so it seems

Will twelve be the end? No one knows.

Umpiring Seminar for 'A' Division: Many thanks are due to Steve McEntee, who will be running this event before 'A' Division hockey on February 11th. The venue is PHS in the room just to the south of the bar and proceedings are due to commence at 12:00 sharp. Thanks also to George Bradbury who has done the preliminary organization. In years long gone I organised a few of these events for my Scarborough Hockey Club, with a representative from WAHA. They were good and worthwhile nights, as well as very well attended.

Change of Details: Could all members of WHM, past and present, remember that in the event of any change to your email address you should notify Colin Gee. Colin is our data base administrator and his email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

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(The reason for dropping the 'A' Division White is that I'm not named in the team any more)