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# **Masters Matters**

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# **President's Report - Welcome Back:**

I would like to welcome everyone back to Wednesday and Saturday hockey. It would appear most of us have survived the lockdown pretty well. The numbers of players in each division clearly shows that everyone was keen to put the boots back on & have a run. The numbers of players in all divisions are looking extremely strong, and some movement of players from C Division to B Division is most likely. Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes is also flourishing, fielding four teams last week.

I should like to thank your Committees for helping us return to hockey as soon as the restrictions allowed. A special thanks to Neil Patterson for his competent handling of the neverending paperwork. A lot of work went on behind the scenes enabling you to return to hockey at the earliest time.

The history of WHM is also taking shape due mainly to the hard work of John Mercer. We now have a time line from our early beginnings in 1991 with just two teams to our current day of twelve teams. Many thanks to everyone who had documents that contributed towards compiling our history. Colin Gee, Bob Bowyer, John Sanders, George Winning, and Col Sanders had many documents that helped John put our history together. As a thanks to John Mercer for all his work we presented him with a dozen "reds". A WHM Honour Board is also being developed. Jason has also given us an area behind the bar for our trophies which are now on display.

Our AGM was due in June, and has now been postponed until September, on a date to be confirmed. Next year's fees will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting and we will endeavour to give all members the best value hockey that our budget allows.

Enjoy your hockey. Simon Thomson - President

<u>Hockey Australia Levy:</u> By now I hope that all Wednesday and Saturday players have paid the \$43 via their club or the WHM link. Unless you have done so, you are not covered by player insurance.

## **Dates For The Diary:**

**2020:** September: WHM AGM - date to be confirmed. October: Saturday Masters AGM - also tentative. **2021:** July 23rd to August 8th. Tokyo Olympics.

<u>Masters World Cups:</u> Australia, Southern Cross and Alliance.

O/35 and O/40 Men and Women - Nottingham, England. August 13th to 22nd.

O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters - Cape Town SA. September 18th to 27th.

O/60, O/65, O70 and O/75 Men; Tournament Trophy - Tokyo, Japan. Date yet to be decided.

# **Mega Interstate Tournament:**

**Women:** Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd. **Men:** Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

**Resumption!** Wednesday and Saturday play has restarted and a very big thank you goes to the WHM Committee and the Saturday Committee for all the preparation and hard work which went into our June games. This included ensuring compliance with all the regulations. From my perspective special mentions should go to Colin Howell, Neil Patterson and Simon Thomson for Wednesdays and Les Waldon, George Bradbury and Jim Wright for Saturdays. Divisional coordinators George Bradbury, Adrian Gabriel and Tony Jones all played important roles too. Thanks are also due to all players for their cooperation in our restart, which was earlier than many other sports. And isn't it terrific to be up and going again.

Our resident limerick writer comments from personal experience:

I hope that it's great to be back

And once again having a whack

Your hockey's so bad

It makes you feel sad?

Perhaps it is fitness you lack.

<u>Department of Corrections</u>: Apologies to Ken Walter for incorrectly spelling the name of his winery. This should have been "Red Gully." The proof reader suggested that such errors would not recur if a sample or two were to come his way. There were other minor errors - the official statement about the clash of tournament dates was on Page 11 rather than 11 <u>and</u> 12. And in the email from John Francks an 'is" mysteriously changed to an 'in."

<u>Security Scare:</u> The last issue caused some alarm as the WA Masters website gave us all some kind of warning. Thanks to Cam Robinson and Peter Connolly who managed to get things back on track. As you might expect our in-house doggerel writer was quick off the mark:

A few of us got quite a fright
When seeking MM on the site
Perhaps it was fact
The web had been hacked
Or was it just faulty eyesight.

The actual message was that the site's security certificate had expired and to proceed would be risky.

Department of Health: Bob Robinson has been through an operation to remove a brain tumour and will be receiving ongoing treatment. The last information we have was that he's recuperating at home, but is not up to receiving visitors yet. Thanks to Bob's family and Ron Venables for keeping us in touch. Harvey Davies chemo-therapy is coming to an end, but while his immune system is below par due to this he has to isolate. The heart irregularity treatment is still pending. In better news the retail therapy happened and a new car is due to arrive some time in August (it's rather special). The home renovations are happening too - it seems that the Australian economy will have a Harvey-led recovery. I understand that Ash Foster has had a couple of strokes but it was difficult to obtain details during the training session on 10th June. We'd like to hear how you are going Ash. Phil Anderson is recovering well from his knee replacement and has now headed off north on his annual follow-the-sun bowls trip. Ian Hill missed the restart due to an unplanned descent from a patio, but has resumed playing again. Ken Walter is still waiting on a knee replacement (or two) which cannot occur until cardiac matters are sorted out; possibly next January. Meantime he's getting mileage (and goals) out of the knees. Mal Horrigan made it back for one game on July 1st. Les Waldon's shoulder problem is ongoing. I heard that Irene Simpson has had a hip replacement - hope all went as it should and we'll see you back in the stand on a Wednesday. Vern Gooch is still at home and missing his hockey (like we all did). Best wishes to all sufferers.

**Quotable Quote One:** "An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday did not happen today." *Laurence J. Peter (1919 - 1988) "The Peter Principle"* 

Letters To The Editor: Thank you to all who let me know about the security problem. I heard from: Neil Patterson, Peter Fogels, George Bradbury, Peter Fogels, Graham Harler, Jim Boyce, Peter Eastlake, John Milner, Mal Jackaman and Peter Hammond. Ken Dyer included a line which is worth quoting: "One can only be amazed at the many wonders of modern technology linked to the malice of the human animal." I also heard from John Burt, responding to the historic photographs in the previous 2 issues who correctly identified Harvey Davies, but not Simon Thomson. Simon Thomson was correctly identified by Mal Jackaman (and the newsletter editor).

<u>Shoulder Replacement:</u> One of our members is faced with the prospect of an operation. Naturally he would like to know whether any of our WHM members has had the operation or knows someone who did, and did they manage to return to play afterwards. Please contact the newsletter editor on johnmercer@iinet.net.au. (I did not know that a shoulder replacement was possible - Ed.)

The Older We Get: Recently Simon instigated an analysis of the ages in each of our Divisions. Broadly speaking 'A' Division is O/70s, 'B' Division is O/60s and 'C' Division is O/50s. The average ages have come out as 'A' Division 75, 'B' Division 69, 'C' Division 58. Recent recruits to 'C' Division are tending towards the lower end of the age range, which in this group still includes several players who are not able to make to PHS by 1:00 pm for a 'B' Division match as they are still working.

It will be interesting to find out what the project team headed by Tony Jones comes up with as recommendations for our future. If we decide to expand the age groups should it be upwards (O/75s or O/80s) and/or down (O/45s or O/40s)? And how could we accommodate more fixtures?

<u>New and Returning Players:</u> Welcome to Simon Williams ('B' Division), Russell Rieck ('C' Division), Stewart McDonald ('C' Division), Keith Harper ('C' Division), Nigel Rayney ('C' Division), Don Sanders ('B' Division) and Rob Ainsworth ('A' Division). Welcome back to Graham Newson who has returned from a stint over east and resumed in 'B' Division.

<u>WHM History:</u> Due to all the excitement of restarting hockey the project made very little progress during June. A few years now exist in draft form but there will be gaps in the story where there are no minutes (1991 to 1997) or newsletters (1991 to 2011). Memories can be an unreliable guide as the years have a tendency to edit them, but they're better than nothing. A quote (erroneously) attributed to Mark Twain is relevant: "I am an old man now, and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened." So if there are any readers who can offer an oral history version of our early years please talk to John Mercer or Colin Gee. We can generally be found in the PHS bar after hockey on Wednesdays or the Perry Lakes rooms on Saturdays.

It also seems clear that there was a newsletter for a period. I have copies from 1998 of a publication entitled "Vintage Voice" for May, June and August. If any of our readers has any other months they could scan and send, copy, or lend to the project they would be invaluable.

We are still missing minutes for:

18th September 2002

29th June 2005 and

16th August 2006. Can anybody help?

<u>A Flashback to 1999:</u> The following quote from the minutes of 11th August 1999 is of some interest: "Umpiring - verbal assistance to umpires must cease. Captains to control and send off to cool down if necessary. A buy for the bar may be necessary." The more things change the more they stay the same. Although a buy for the bar given our 2020 numbers might be expensive.

<u>Grumpy Old Men and Women One:</u> "Politeness (noun). The most acceptable hypocrisy." This is a quote from 'The Devil's Dictionary' by Ambrose Bierce (1842 - 1914).

<u>'A' Division Blog:</u> The issue of the moment seems to be whether the 25 minute games are too long. They were initiated to make sure everybody got a run when all teams had good numbers. And in very late news the July 1st numbers were Blue (12), Gold (12), Red (10) and White (15).

<u>June 3rd:</u> A few players may have joined 'B' Division, who appeared to have large numbers down on Turf Two. This left just 9 of us to have a hit (and a mishit or two) on Turf One. We lacked the stamina to last the full 2 hours and we lacked the hearing ability to comprehend all the drills properly. Many thanks to Ham D'Souza, who conducted an excellent training session.

June 10th: It was a strange day. Players on the White team list scored 6 goals and players on the Blue team list scored 1 goal. Blue won 3 matches and White lost 3 matches. The reason was that the White side supplied the fill-ins and was top-heavy with forwards. Blue had a stable defence but were short of forwards with Gold being the other way around. Some of us seemed to have remained fit. Blue had the only defence capable of blunting the Red juggernaut and held them scoreless. Gold and White did not. Goalkeepers Barry, Colin and John all played very well but the play was so uneven that weight of numbers told in the end. The judges decided that goal of the day should be shared by Brian Soares deflection and Ian Purdie's well placed hit - for Gold. The results are very indicative:

## Gold 1 Red 5; Blue 1 White 0; Blue 1 Red 0; White 0 Gold 2; Blue 2 Gold 1; White 1 Red 4.

Scorers: Blue: Ham D'Souza, Steve McEntee, Neil Miller, Hector D'Rozario. Gold: Peter Wallis, Phil Metcalf, Brian Soares, Ian Purdie. Red: Ray Domingo (4), Colin Murray-Smith (4), Terry Gaston. White: Ham D'Souza. Team numbers at maximum: Blue (8), Gold (7), Red (10), White (13). 18 goals. June 17th: Despite the rather dire weather forecast play got underway on time and numbers were very reasonable. The heavens opened for games 2 & 3 which were both watched by the White team safely under cover. This may have given them an advantage for the next two games, which was the first time since resumption that they had not lost. Red and Blue (who were the non-playing sides) disappeared during the second last match (except for umpires Bob Maley and Jim Wright) and the last game of the day was not played. Gold welcomed back midfield dynamo Angelo Strano, Blue welcomed back speedster Peter Dennis (until injured) and White welcomed back Australian defender Len Blyth and Robin Bailey. On the other hand Red were brought back to the field by the absence of several players from the previous week, including Ray Domingo, Mark Faithfull, and John Jeffreys. The results were mainly close with the only exception being the Gold versus Red match where Gold ran to an early three goal lead before Red found their team work, but their recovery only produced one goal. The day's results:

White 1 Blue 2; Gold 3 Red 1; Gold 1 Blue 1; Red 0 White 1: Gold 0 White 0; Red/Blue not played.

<u>Scorers:</u> **Blue:** Nevelle Brown (3). **Gold:** Scott Blackwell, Phil Metcalf, Ken Walter. **Red:** Bob Maley. **White:** Roy Grant, Peter Wallis. These include several guesses as there were some scrambles. Players came and went but approximate team numbers were: White (13), not including non-playing captain Dave Horsley, Blue (9), Gold (8), Red (8). 10 goals were scored.

June 24th: The tally of goals scored would seem to indicate that the goalkeepers had a bad day. But all of them (Ian, Barry, Colin and John) made some excellent saves and in my opinion it was the defences who had the bad day. The passing was frequently (but not always) not great again but that did not bother some forwards who had field days on the scoreboard. I noted 12 individual umpires which means that nobody had to do more than one game - well done to coordinator and captains. White had so many players that when Robin Bailey arrived from distributing uniforms on Turf 2 he was unable to get a game. Se he went back to work distributing uniforms. Ken Beer played with Red and Gold added Rob Ainsworth. The day's blowout was Blue's 2-0 win over Red, who have trouble scoring against Blue's full backs. White and Blue played out a 5 goal thriller with the winner coming inside the last 20 seconds and all the other games were draws. The results were:

Red 1 Gold 1; White 3 Blue 2; White 1 Gold 1; Blue 2 Red 0; White 2 Red 2; Blue 0 Gold 0.

<u>Scorers:</u> **Blue:** Nevelle Brown, Ian Hill, Neil Miller, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Ian Purdie, Ken Walter. **Red:** Ray Domingo (3). **White:** Ham D'Souza (3), Peter Wallis (3). Some of these are guesses again. My best estimates of the team numbers: Red (9), Gold (9), White (14), and Blue (9). 17 goals were scored, but the judges were unable to select a goal of the day from so many.

<u>From Saturday Masters:</u> Well done to committee and players for being so quick off the mark that we were able to resume on the first Saturday after the restrictions were lifted.

# Numbers have been excellent throughout June, even running to four teams and four goalkeepers on the 20th. The three teams on the 27th played on through the rain and the newly purchased club tarpaulins (thanks to Jim Wright) kept the hockey bags dry.

# The new method of selection appears to be working very well. It certainly must be better than the unfortunate duty selector having to redo all his teams due to some late arrivals. If all of us make sure that we respond to Jim's email we are more likely to play in well-balanced teams.

# Thank you to all of you who have paid your fees already. We have 41 people who have paid a full season \$80, including a couple of casual players who paid the full amount and one who paid \$100. There were 14 social and casual payments (including a goalkeeper) as well as 2 goalkeepers.

# The AGM has been deferred to October. We intend to combine it with the end of season dinner and it will be easier to reserve the YMCA clubrooms after the Hockey WA winter season is over.

# Marty Greay has retired as a player, but will continue as a social member. The way I feel I might be doing the same very soon. Look forward to catching up at Perry Lakes.



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#### Balinese Bulletin No 52: BALI JUNE 2020 .. THE YEAR OF COVID19.

6.15 am & the sun slips quietly into the eastern sky & slowly rises over the Island of Bali ... not the same Bali but a very different Bali. For all those with fond memories of having visited Bali in the past imagine waking up on this morning & making your way through the empty lobby of your hotel ...no hotel employee to be seen, not a taxi in sight at the entrance. You walk out into the street ...empty, all the shops & cafes closed, the streets virtually empty of all traffic & people ....nothing!!

Not a pleasant sight, but the way life is here at the moment. I should point out that this image relates to the "Tourist Bali". For those of us here that live away from the popular areas of Kuta, Legian & Seminyak life is a little different. We too live in lockdown but around us here we have local Balinese who actually live here with their Families & just trying to carry on with their lives. Wearing of masks & practising social distancing is the new & accepted new normal.

The sad reality of this period in time in Bali is that there are hundreds of thousands of Balinese who have been forced to return to their villages without jobs & without money & for how long ...no one knows. Another sad fact is that there are a number of both small & large hotels listed for sale at heavily discounted prices. This would also apply to a large number of cafes & restaurants. It would be a very brave & optimistic person to believe this will turn around quickly ... it won't!

I truly believe these lovely Balinese people will see this through because of their deep Karma based Hindu faith. It is lovely to see the warm Bali smile is still ever present on the faces of these warm & engaging people.

I am sure that at this stage you will have gathered we have a strong sense of attachment to this very special place.

Keep safe.

Peter Hammond

Thanks again Peter. Any of you who are envious of the Bali weather could drop Peter an email on <a href="mailto:phammon1941@hotmail.com">phammon1941@hotmail.com</a>. The Denpasar temperature at the time of writing was 28°.

<u>Shakespeare Said It:</u> "Then let me go, and hinder not my course." 'Two Gentlemen of Verona Act II, Scene VII. Scott Blackwell, Peter Dennis, Ray Domingo, Ham D'Souza, Phil Metcalf, Angelo Strano, or Ron Venables taking off with the ball in 'A' Division.

"... he rages; none dare come about him." Cymbeline Act III, Scene V. Describing a goalkeeper who has some issues with his defence.

"This news, which is called true, is so like an old tale that the verity of it is in strong suspicion." The Winter's Tale Act V, Scene II. Not a bad description of fake news.

<u>News From WAC:</u> WA Country are holding their AGM as a general catch-up and family day at the Bunbury Hockey Centre on Sunday 2nd August. There will be games at differing age levels followed by the AGM and then a barbecue. Unfortunately for me I will be in the last stage of preparing the August edition of 'Masters Matters' then, but it's a great idea to give everybody a chance to renew acquaintances and have a day out.

In other news a possible regional O/60 competition is under investigation. The games would be played on a Sunday. And maybe a WAC side could enter the Hockey WA Saturday O/60s.

<u>Grumpy Old Men Two:</u> "I believe that every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercise" *Buzz Aldrin* (1930 - ). *Astronaut*.

#### 'B' Division June 2020:

Out of lockdown and into hockey (at last! Ed) At first with a few restrictions but as the month progressed the restrictions were eased. The fourth team has blended seamlessly into the competition and by the end of the month all teams had built up numbers to near full capacity. The only downside to this is the 1 hour pauses for some teams each week between games. But don't fret, "Senior Management" are currently working on this problem to minimise the "seize up" period and to maximise the "social interaction" time. Different draws will be trialled and I'm sure the best and most popular will be settled on for the foreseeable future.

Another huge innovation during the month is the use of the scoreboard timeclock!! It works a treat and allows umpires to concentrate solely on umpiring!! Probably a good thing!

We continue our regular section featuring a Wednesday Hockey member. This month's featured player is Keith Platel currently running up and down the wing for the Blue team.

## **Keith Platel - Hockey history (or lack thereof!)**

I am somewhat embarrassed to have been asked to pen these few words. After reading other players' detailed achievements over a lifetime of hockey at the highest grades, I really think there is little of interest that I can write!

My earliest recollections of hockey are when my elder brother started at Wesley in 1959 and I would go and watch the games on a Saturday morning. So it was a natural progression when I started at Applecross High 2 years later that I chose hockey as the winter sport. I never played club hockey on the weekends and by the time I left school was totally taken with spearfishing all over the state so stopped playing. My midweek sport was recreational squash.

In 1982 my squash partner was transferred to the country so I looked around for another sport and decided a team sport was more attractive and the only team sport I knew anything about (or so I thought) was hockey. So I went down one night to Willetton training, discovered that there were no tramlines, no roll-ins from the side line but unfortunately still that horrible often misinterpreted rule of offside!

I played grade 6B - I don't think there was any lower grade – then, as time went by, 40s and 50s. The players I recall from the time I played at Willetton include Robin Bailey, Bill Campbell, John Chapman and Heath Tyrrell. Around 2003, Willetton struggled with numbers for its 50's team so I rang around the clubs and found places for all our players so they could continue playing. The logical choice was Melville where I and 5 others ended up.

I joined WHM about 12 years ago and it has been the best hockey decision I have made. I was immediately made welcome, despite my obvious lack of hockey skills (I can't imagine what Michael Nobbs thought when I was put in his team)! I recall starting after Christmas on a 40 degree day, not having touched a stick since the end of the season. The encouragement over the years and the times that people have taken me aside and actually shown me what I should be doing on the field have been greatly appreciated.

There are many people from WHM whom I owe a lot to, but perhaps none more than Jimmy Banks. 4 years ago on the day after my wife's funeral Jim asked me to play in the State 65's in Adelaide. That commitment really helped me through a very difficult time and was the start of me taking my hockey to a different level. We won gold that year, were decimated by injury in Ballina and then won gold again last year in Bunbury. It also gave me the confidence to nominate for Southern Cross where I have totally enjoyed playing in Japan and Belgium.

Hockey is now a very significant part of my life. It gives me the commitment to keep up a level of fitness, it surrounds me with wonderful people from all walks of life and it gives me a reason to get up in the morning.

Thank you all for the opportunity.

Keith sells himself short because he also runs and swims and generally keeps himself in superb physical shape. An asset for any Masters team!

Dudley Evans - Thank you Dudley and Keith. Ed.

<u>Team Photographs:</u> At Simon's suggestion an archive photograph will be taken of all our Wednesday sides. The process has already begun and the 'C' Division sides are featured in this issue as they are the only age group to have sent me all their teams.



#### 'C' Division Blue

**Back:** Ian Kealley, Steve Steicke, Tony Jones (c), Gurmeet Singh, Dave Elliott, Shaun Bunn, Rob Tincey. **Front (L to R):** Kalwant Singh, Tony Watkins, Marcus Frayne (GK), Glenn Christensen, Gurdeep Singh. **Absent:** Allan Chellew, Paul Mason, Steve Needham, Adrian Rutter.

## **Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:**

<u>June's</u> question was: The fourth edition of the World Cup was held at the Polo Grounds in Buenos Aires in 1978. Australia won 6 out of 8 games. Australia's highest scorer with 12 goals was:

- a) Terry Walsh.
- b) Richard Charlesworth.
- c) David Bell.
- d) Ian Cooke.

The correct answer is d) - fullback Ian Cooke (NSW) scored 12 goals.

<u>July's</u> question is: In an International tournament 18 of the 20 goals were scored for Australia by the WA born players, Davies, Walsh, Haselhurst and Charlesworth. Was it the:

- a) Champion's Trophy 3 in Karachi in 1981
- b) 4th World Cup in Bombay in 1982
- c) The 1st Azlan Shah Tournament in KL in 1983
- d) Champion's Trophy 5 in Karachi in 1983

Answer next issue.

**Quotable Quote Two:** "Experience is not what happens to a man; it's what a man does with what happens to him." Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963) from 'Texts and Pretexts', 1932.





**Back (L to R):** Peter Bewick, Peter Westlund, Geoff Robinson, John McGuckin, Jeremy Walsh, Carlo Sorci, Tim Reynolds, Leo Welten.

**Front (L to R):** Jim Moncrieff, David Lockett, Andrew Robertson (GK), Keith Harper, Mike Sputore(c), Chris Kennedy, Bob Behets.

Absent: Martin Hickey. Inset: Mike Starling.

**No Longer A Young Master:** This piece was included in 'Masters Matters' some time ago before the O/75s was initiated. Now that the first O/80s tournament has been held perhaps O/85s will be next.

Many years ago to hockey vets I came A callow youth who'd just turned forty two I wondered at the end of my first game On just how long this hockey could I do.

I met very many men of senior years And all of us showed no desire to quit We talked a lot at all those post-match beers The verdict was, keep at it while you're fit.

There are scores of us who all continue play We'll enjoy ourselves wherever we may be Form new grades as we need along the way Our own land and the world we'll go and see.

And carry on with our Masters Hockey lives A fine time we will have in Eighty Fives.





**Back (L to R):** John Nettleton, George Naylor, Peter Dawkins, Stewart Burnfield, Kevin Burton (c), Mark Bingley, Steve Pestana, Nigel Rayney.

Front (L to R): Peter Kontor, Sean Pereira, Marcus Frayne (GK).

**Absent:** Stuart Amphlett, David Graham, Martin Ferrari (GK), Lyle Kenny, John Pestana, Greg Ryan-Gadsen, Brian Saxby, Russell Scanlon.





John claimed that this is a birthday cake for his Ikea store manager.

**Punology One:** What is the definition of fearsome? It's really a phobia about addition.



'C' Division White

**Back (L to R):** Steve Farrar, Eddy Biggs, Murray West, Phil Wilson (GK), Colin Howell, Nick Hyde, Russell Wood.

**Front (L to R):** Mike Hallam, Nick Pereira, Russell Rieck, Wayne Cutler(c), Anton Brown, Brian Robinson.

Absent: Craig Burgess, Ian Simes, Minder Singh.

Young Blokes Are Much Quicker: The 'C' Division photographs arrived very rapidly after the project was launched. Many thanks are due to Colin Howell and (photographer?) David Lockett. The 'B' teams have sent me the Red and White sides (Blue and Gold are still on the way) and the 'A' Division were done on July 1st and are yet to arrive. Multiple photos cause a size issue on the website, but we hope to bring you the 'B' and 'A' Divisions in future editions of MM. Our limerick writer says:

MM is to feature us all
Who weekly pursue the white ball
There has been some talk
'A's now only walk
At least it is not yet a crawl.

<u>Punology Two:</u> Thanks to Ken Watt for this one: "There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033 we shall see the rise of the quaranteens.

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