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The latest news and updates from the Wolf Pack



Premier 1 debutants - Greta Hayes,, Grace Powell and Ruby Bell with Super Coach Jayde Taylor

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Welcome to Season 2023

The President

Firstly welcome to the 2023 winter hockey season. To our returning members welcome back and to our new members welcome to the Pack! The men and women's senior seasons are now in full swing with the juniors set to start after the Easter school holidays. As always we acknowledge our volunteers and sponsors, two groups that are an integral part of the club.

Congratulations to those already selected in various representative teams in 2023. Fletcher Netherway, Tom Keating, Zac Boglio were selected in the HWA U21 side that went back to back bringing home a



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Gold Medal from the national championship in Sydney in April. Also selected were Eliza Murray, Ella Du Preez and Jessica Freedman in the HWA women's U21 team that won a Bronze Medal. A special mention to both Tom Keating and Jess Freedman on their selection in the respective Australian Squads.

Our U15's girls and boys recently went to Darwin to compete in the U15 national championships. - Amelia Sargent, Tilly O'Connell, Kate Schipper, Asha Steinkrug, Lucy Bannerman, Saskia Lehmann, Kiera Vaskas in the girls and Josh King, Eli Zuvela, Arjun Brian & Daniel Needham in the boys team.

Our Hockeyroos (Bec Greiner and Greta Hayes) and Kookaburras (Jake Harvey, Daniel Beale and Joel Rintala) are in New Zealand for the next round of the FIH Pro-League. Both Greta and Joel made their debuts for Wolves this year.

Reid Smith

Our Premier League teams both wore rainbow socks against Hale in honour of Perth Pythons Hockey Club President & Wolves Provisional player, Reid Smith.

For those who don't know, Reid has been a long time member of Wolves & has been a part of our community for longer than from when some of us were born. The teams wore rainbow socks, as Reid recently suffered a serious accident on the farm resulting in hospitalisation.

It's so beautiful to see Pythons, Wolves & our community show support for Reid .

We're all so glad you're doing better & back to your terrible self making jokes. We have all made terrible excuses to miss a game from time to time but Reid has taken it to a new level.

CBH Player of the Week

Back for 2023, our friends from the Cottesloe Beach Hotel will once again donate 2 x \$50 vouchers for two players of the week. Get your nominations in via Instagram DM or email president@wolves.org.au



SENIORS

MEN: The 1s mens team opened their 2023 campaign this season against Guildford at home. Getting things off to a winning start was key for Ed Welch and his men. In typical fashion we didn't put the weaker Guildford side to the sword till late in the match providing unneeded stress to those supporters who were out to see the season opener. We saw goals from both Harvie boys, 2 from Simon Benetti and a goal from debutant Joel Rintala as they grabbed the 3 points in a 5-2 victory.

The 2s side also took down Mods in a performance fitting of a team coming off premiership success last year. 3-1 was an encouraging result with leadership figures such as Nic Moran and Nick Woodford still to be added to the line-up as the boys look to defend their title.

The 3s had a tough opening round fixture facing bitter rivals UWA. The Wizards went up 2-0 with help from their new short corner variation "Magambos" which proved to be too much for the UWA defensive corner team. The game ended 2-1 after a big defensive effort in the second half. 9 points from 9, a perfect start to the season for the top 3 men's teams at the club.

The less said about the 3rd weekend of fixtures the better for the group. The 1s and 2s both played Hale whilst the 3s took on Kalamunda. The only real highlight of the 1s game was a debut performance from Hywel Jones, capped off by his green card in the opening minutes. Oscar Charlesworth and Elliot Barton looked nervous post game as they realised there may be a 3rd contender for most cards this season.



Debutant and Kookaburra Joel Rintala



The 2s game was a much tighter affair. Our boys went down 1 in the opening quarter but fought back with a brilliant team goal finished by Will Andrew. In the final quarter whilst pushing for the deciding goal there was a flurry of corners and shots at both ends and with a few seconds left on the clock Hale won themselves a corner. The Hale flicker seized the chance and slotted away a game deciding goal. A huge effort from the 2s and will be a great rematch later in the season when we have the home field advantage & the 12th man in the stands.

The Wizards travelled to Guildford to play Kalamunda in what was to be a very forgettable game for the team. The boys went down 2-0 in a strong performance from their 1s side... The only real positive was the missing members of the team who will hopefully be back to contribute and make a big difference in upcoming fixtures.

Results just in from the most recent round of matches saw the 1s get home comfortably against Whitfords 4-2, the 2s went down 2-1 against Raiders 1s and the 2s got up 3-2 against WASPS. Great effort from the entire squad given all three teams were fixtured to play at the same time.

WOMEN

Led again by Jemma Buckley, the 1s women were given a tough first up assignment away against reigning premiers Hale.

Down 4-0 at just after half time the team lifted through goals from Candyce Peacock (fantastic double including bringing back the hit on a corner) and Bec Greiner saw the pack get back to 4-3 with five to play. Several opportunities to draw level but alas it was not to be. Special mention to the three debutants Greta Hayes (Hockeyroo), Grace Powell and Ruby Bell. The 2s and 3s both managed wins in week 1 with the 2 beating Hale 4-3 and the 3s beating YM 4-2.



Week 2 and roles were reversed. The 1s put 7 past Whitfords including a hat-trick from Elly Buckley which earned her a CBH Player of the Week award. The 2s went down 2-1 to the Melville 1s and the 3s 3-1 to Whitfords 2s. This year we welcome back Rob Lavis to the club. Rob has returned as the coach of the 3s.

A special shout out to our coaching group who have done a great job preparing the senior squad- Jayde Taylor, Lauren Austin, Ash Fey, Mindy Simpson, Rob Lavis and Phil Curtis. Testament to this has been the fantastic numbers we have had at training.

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It all kicks off this weekend – 29 junior teams hit the field. for 2023. A mountain of work has been done by our Junior Coordinator **Ainslie Cornelius** and her team on the Junior Committee together with all the volunteers that assisted with grading. A big thanks to all our coaches and managers for putting your hand up to help.

BUNBURY CARNIVAL

The eagerly awaited Bunbury Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held over the long weekend in June, Saturday 3rd of June to Monday 5th of June. It is recommended arriving in Bunbury on Friday 2nd to get settle and ready for a possible early game. Its two big days of carnival feel hockey. 3-4 games a day depending on how many teams in the comp of course. We have our own tent giving us a home for the weekend. Each team gets rostered on for a healthy snacks contribution, so the kids always have a healthy snack to keep them energised when they come back to the tent for a rest between games. All years 5-10 are welcome to register. Teams will be allocated based on registration. Anyone who would like to join in the fun please register here: <https://www.wolves.org.au/events/185793/>

ACCOMMODATION FOR BUNBURY

Accommodation for the Bunbury Carnival always sells out very quickly. We have a few accommodation options still available on our website on the Events tab. If you miss out please give the Bunbury Visitors Centre a call asap and they will advise of any other options available in town. Our suggestions would be to get onto this ASAP.

YM JUNIOR CARNIVAL

The YM Junior Carnival was a great success for the 7/8 Girls Div 1 team on Sunday 24th of April. Being the only team Wolves could muster this year, they did our club proud! Unbeaten all day and no goals scored against them, they played the final against YMCC Red. The final score was 0-0 however they took the flag on the 3 short corners they claimed during the game. Well done girls! An amazing season ahead for this team and their coach Pat Andrew!



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JUNIOR UMPIRES

Welcome to the new Junior umpires for 2023. We have 13 new umpires coming through this season, plus 16 returning from our 2022 season. Our new umpires are being mentored by Senior Elite players from within the Club each week and our more experienced umpires are continuing to learn their craft with the help of their Mentor Sarah Allanson. Please keep an eye out at junior games for all our umpires - remember, we can't play our great game without them.



INTRODUCTION OF BUCKET HATS FOR JUNIORS

Due to overwhelming requests we have introduced the Wolves Bucket hat for our Junior players. A very handy item when the winter sun is beating down on our players little noses. They are available for sale at the Cresswell canteen at a cost of \$15.00.



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