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Around the Grounds

With the season rapidly drawing to a close we feature the women's Metro Grass teams in addition to rounding out another successful Minkey program. We also feature one of our junior teams (Team in Focus) and wind the clock bac 50 year to the 1973 1A Grand Final. Firstly, we want to congratulate **Jake Harvie**, **Tom Harvie** and **Alistair Murray** on their selection in the Perth Thundersticks for this years Hockey One competition which kicks off in October and also **Tom Keating** on this years WAIS selection.

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For the senior women both the 1s and 3s have critical games in the final round of the regular season. A win for the 1s against Vic Park will see them into the four while the 3s also need a win to avoid relegation. The return of **Madison Naish, Ruby Bell, Grace Powell and Ava Fraser-Edwards** from the U/16 SSWA Nationals (Bronze medal) will help the cause this weekend. Special mention to **Amy Harken** who made her 1s debut in the second round after **Erin Judd** broke her wrist. **Jess Freedman** also completed her 50th 1s game in recent weeks.

The **Matt Verryn** led Wizards finished the regular season in third place putting them into a semi-final on Sunday at 5.45pm at UWA. Sadly the 1s and 2s missed out on finals this year. Pleasing was **Mitch Hyde's** debut in the 1s since our previous edition. **Patrick Andrew** also completed his 50th 1s game in recent weeks.

Masters and Metro finals kick off this weekend. The Div 1 40s, Div 2 40s, Div s1 50s, Div 3 50s and Mid-Week 40s all made finals in the Masters while the Metro 1 Ladies also play in a minor semi final. Good luck to all this weekend.

Dates for the diary

- Sunday 17th September - Junior Wind-up - Cresswell
- Saturday 14th October - End of Season Cocktail Party
- Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

It was fantastic to see 90 of our 5/6 group supporting the Matilda's world cup semi final which also happened to be their Bingo night. Once again **Glen Evans** cooked a feast with the annual Cray Dog round in recent weeks.



Captain Buckley



Estella Weir 1st 1s goal



5/6 Bingo and Matilda's Semi-Final night



Cray-Dog round - thanks Glen Evans

Milestones

Some significant game milestones amongst our men and women in the past few months.

James Benetti played his 200th game for the club. Jim has been a junior at the club from the start of his playing career played through all senior men's grades on his journey upward. Two great things to know about Jim, he is a known defender but has an uncomfortable habit of finding himself in the attacking circle and being the better looking twin. In true Benetti twin style, his brother has a midweek lifetime milestone and naturally Jim swoops in with a milestone of his own 3 days later. Twinning. During Jim's career at Wolves he has played for a number of WA teams and Junior Australian teams. But we are mostly proud of the bloke Jim is on and off the field.

Will Byas, Izzy Rakich, Alistair Murray and Tom Harvie all reached 100 games of Premier league for the Club.

Izzy "Bullfrog" Rakich has been a junior at the club & played her way up to the Premier League Women's Team. Izzy has been a massive contributor to the club both on and off the field and we are lucky to have her as a member of the Wolf Pack.

Like Izzy, Ali Murray has come through the junior ranks at Wolves. Ali's journey started all the way back at 7/8's level winning flags for Wolves and includes a career with massive achievements such as representing Australia at the Youth Olympic Games and the WA Thundersticks. Ali certainly has celebrity status at the club although the causal onlooker has known to mistake him for AFL player Steele Sidebottom from time to time due to their 'similar playing styles'.



James Bennetti



Izzy Rakich



Alistair Murray

We wish a belated and long overdue congratulations to Will Byas for passing 100 games for the Men's 1st grade during the 2023 season ! Will is currently co-captain and key contributor in the DEF or MID - whilst heading for veteran status within a young group - he remains a classy contributor, up there with the v best in the comp. Since Will's debut in 2016, he has made a significant impact to the Wolf Pack and indeed WA hockey, on and off the field - perhaps best demonstrated by his "adopted son" status [loves a free feed!] with many a stalwart Wolves family.

Since Will's first season - where he was treated as a bonus playing arrival to his more illustrious GF of the time [despite being a junior England international himself] - Will's achievements and Wolf Pack contributions, on top of this milestone, have included; Perth Thunderstick rep, Premiership women's coach, Minkey co-ordinator, most hours on the physio table with his shirt off & the coveted 2022 coaches award. We thank and congratulate Will for his on-going contribution to the Wolf Pack and look forward to his many more 1st grade games to come.



Will Byas



Tom Harvie

Congrats to **Tom Harvie** who plays his 100th game for the Wolves 1st grade vs VPX on Sunday. Tom grew up in the SW and played his junior hockey for Boyanup HC. Since joining Wolves in 2018, Tom has been a pivotal player. Despite numerous injury setbacks, Tom has represented WA at all junior age groups and more recently the men's Perth Thundersticks. He continues to push hard for further honours as a member of the Aus devt squad after representing Australia at junior level.

Tom is an uncompromising central defender and leader whose high standards constantly drive the group forward ... he is an on-field general who puts his body on the line and an elite passer, not to mention, a clutch drag flicker. Tom's baseline to baseline aerial pass is a potent weapon !

We can congratulate TH for reaching 100 games for The Wolf Pack and look forward to watching him in action for the club and elite teams for years to come ! 🐾

Metro Women

Metro 1 - Manager Julia Mansfield

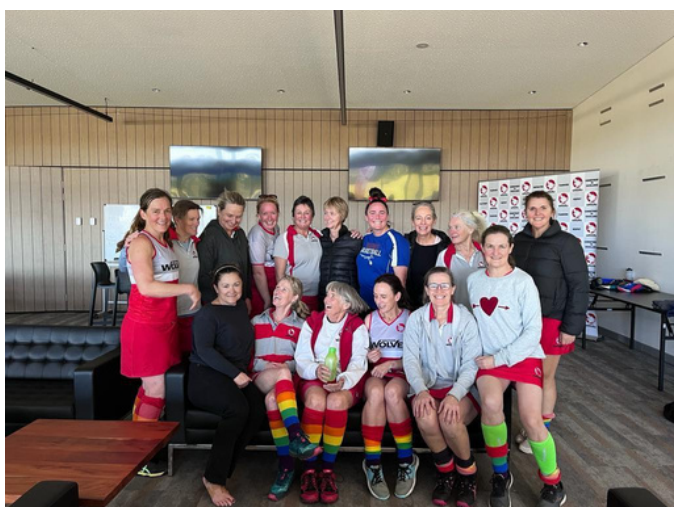
A team that has often delivered in September and this year they have to do it the hard way having finished 4th on the ladder. They go around in the First Semi-Final against against Reds this Saturday.

Metro 2. Team Manager Emma Eggleston

Grandmas, mums, daughters and sisters all play in this team. They began playing together in 2009. The youngest player is 37 & Anne Andrews is the oldest current player in the club at 72

Metro 4's - Team Manager Amanda Touhill

The Metro 4 Women's team brings together a great group of ladies. We had some players join us this year who were new to hockey and they were fully embraced by the team. The team are very supportive and encouraging of each other. We had another great season and even though we didn't make the finals, we were very competitive and most importantly, we had a lot of fun.



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Metro Women

A selection of photos



Minkey 2023 Wrap

College Park Minkey this year had a wonderful atmosphere and was a pleasure to be a part of. We had 34 teams participating across 11 rounds. It was great to see so many kids out there on the grass enjoying their hockey. This year saw the introduction of short corners into the Year 4 competition, to provide a steppingstone towards their junior hockey next year. Both the excitement on the attackers faces, and the fact that the entire team wanted to be in the goal defending the short corner at times, suggests to me that the teams enjoyed them!



As well as the regular fixtures, we had a Kindy/Pre-primary skills session running each week. A big thank you to Ava Fraser-Edwards and Madi Naish for their wonderful efforts teaching these juniors skills and getting them to enjoy the game. And thanks also to Arielle Vaskas and Estella Weir for stepping in when Ava and Madi went to compete for WA in the U16s championships.

There was a huge amount of interest in the Minkey umpiring program for 2023, with about 12 returning umpires and 20 new umpires which was great to see. A big thanks to Emma Wilson who had the canteen running like a well-oiled machine, with the BBQ sizzling away thanks to our senior club players for coming to volunteer.

And finally, a massive thank you to Peter Moran who assisted me greatly throughout the year and was there to oversee things each Saturday. Well done to all the managers, coaches, school co-ordinators, players, umpires and volunteers for a successful 2023 Minkey season.



Team in Focus - 11/12 Div 4 Girls

The second team of Year 11/12 girls started off the 2023 season with a bang, being defeated by 11-0 on our first game against Kalamunda. This really boosted our confidence, yet nonetheless we continued and carried on trying our best in each game for the rest of the season. Halfway through, we dropped to Division 4 Girls so we could stop having to chase young state players around and have truly created an amazing and fun team this season. What we lacked in skill and goals, we made up for in our charisma and friendship at each training and game.



This 2023 team has been such a special one, with our short corners that we could never quite figure out, and the laughs and fun we had at every game, no matter the score. Having Will Andrew as our coach, we were also able to experience the whole Andrews family roster, each of us guessing which Andrew: Simon, Tom, Will, or Pat, we were going to get for training today. Will, our coach, was certainly interesting, turning up to training with a new injury each week, such as the 15 stitches on his forehead, and always asking what the weekend plans were when we were playing in Southern River at 7 pm.

Simon, President of Wolves, certainly became a team favourite in the Andrew family coach rotation, willingly eating the worst lollies such as the black cats and bananas and entertaining us with his stories of what seemed seven lives; his chemistry Honours, commuting to Singapore for a year, no sons who drive, biosecurity conferences in Kansas,



....We have had loads of fun and memorable moments including Eirwyn KO-ing people in our defensive short corners, her filthy wipe-outs helped save many goals being scored against us even if it meant that someone from the other team would go home bruised. Mary yelling at us from the last defensive line, telling us to get "angry and hungry" no matter the score, whether we're nil all or losing 13-0.



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Anna, though having never played before, showing up to every game and trying her best to understand and play with all of us who had been playing for years. Georgie sitting on the sidelines because she split her foot open in Thailand, and Ruby gunning it all the way up the field from Centre Forward. We always made do having never had a proper D with a goal and being stuck in the middle quarters at Lemnos training each week. We are certainly becoming the obvious favourites of President Simon, even making the Wolf Pack Instagram one week, we've had an amazing, memorable and laughter-filled season and will definitely miss it, especially our 12's next year!



11/12 Div 4 2023

Anna Clayton
Mia Disley
Josie Eggleston
Margot Eggleston
Sophia Jones
Georgie Kay
Emilia Male
Tasmin Noble
Abigail O'Sullivan
Ruby Phillips
Lucinda Pollard
India Row
Eirwyn Siford
Adeline Smith
Mary Sounness

Coaches: Will Andrew
Simon Andrew
Tom Andrew
Manager: Emma Eggleston



1973 Grand Final

In this edition we go back 50 years to 1973. Thanks again to Glenn Carlson for the images. The 1973 1A (now Premier One) Grand Final was played between Cricketers (now Wolves) and Old Modernians. In a tight affair Cricketers came out on top 2-1 in a game played at Nash Field in Mosman Park. Laurie Bedford (RIP) scored 2 for Cricketers with Chris Jones scoring for Old Modernians. Plenty of talent on show that day with the Cricketers team featuring Bob Andrew (Olympian and former club President), Ric Charlesworth (Life Member and Olympian) Ross Edwards (test cricketer), John Davidson, Kim Harrison, Richard Osbourne, Murray Sharp, Alan Osbourne, Laurie Bedford and Graeme Walter (Life Member and Australian rep).



Modernians Fullback Max Currell Hits The Ball Upfield With Ian Biddle Keeper Warwick Gorman And Graeme Walter Looking On



Ric Charlesworth Gets Around The Fall Modernians Player With Ian Biddle Looking On



Max Currell Keeping The Ball Out In Front Of Him With Ric Charlesworth Coming In From The Side To Tackle. Bob Andrew And John Davidson Looking On



Kim Harrison Puts A Great Tackle On Steve Smith To Prevent Him From Entering The Circle

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