

**T.E.M. CAULFIELD
HOCKEY CLUB**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Allow me to begin by thanking you, the members, for your support and involvement during the past year. The Club continues to grow and puts increasing demand on Coaches, Captains and Committee and their efforts have been rewarded by the overall success of TEM Caulfield. The easy work has been done, now the hard work begins with the task to hold our teams in the grades they have achieved and to seek higher promotion wherever possible.

With promotion in five Senior Mens teams in the last two years, this has got us to the positions we last held at the end of 1978 when, with six teams competing we held State League I, Pennant A, Pennant C, South A, South D and E East.

Our coming season is shaping up to be better than the last and will be providing we learn from our past mistakes and give our full support and help to our fellow players regardless of what grade or standard they play.

I shall not provide a resume of the events that have taken place this year as you will find them within the reports of the Coaches and various Committees but may I say there was a further team worthy of a Premiership and that has been the Club Committee for 1983 without whom the Club could not operate.

Ron Penpraze
President.

1983 MEN'S COACH'S REPORT

The 1983 season was the most successful playing year in the TEM Caulfield Hockey Club's history. Highlights of the year included -

- * Winning the Super Six Indoor Premiership for the second successive year after going through the season undefeated.
- * Runners-up in the Westpac Cup
- * Runners-up in the State League I Grand Final
- * Two premierships in South B and South D
- * Pennant A finishing on top of the ladder
- * Pennant A and Pennant C both playing through to the Preliminary Finals.

With five teams playing in the finals TEM Caulfield was the most successful Club in Victoria in 1983. This success can be attributed to the following factors -

- * the depth of playing talent - the Club has been fortunate in attracting many experienced players of ability over the past three years. This has made selection in the top grades a difficult process for both players and selectors - seventeen players were selected to play in the S.L.I team this year.

the support provided by team captains and managers
Administrative Back-up

Club supporters

Players to achieve selection in State teams include: Neil Snowden; without doubt Australia's top goalkeeper; Peter Hough, State centre half, S.L.I Best & Fairest for the sixth year (just); Don Smith, Indoor Captain/Coach; International personified; Alan Stobbie, indoor player of International repute; Tim and James Heath, State U/21 team to Jarvin.

The coaching and leadership abilities of both Alan Stobbie and Gary McClough were reflected in the excellent results of S.L.I and Tennant A. Clive Porteous, Bryan Samuels and Grant McPhie all led their teams to the finals.

The prospects for a successful 1984 season are good. The Club will have to adopt a more positive approach towards developing the talents of our younger players to ensure the continuing success on the field.

Joe Hough

SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS GROUP

The Club, this winter season, launched Stage I of the Sponsorship Scheme. For a nominal amount, Stage I involved displaying a company's name and product or service on the Sponsors' Board in the Clubrooms as well as regular mentions in the Club newsletter "Tempo". In the scheme's inaugural year the club was able to secure sponsorship from nine local businesses, namely -

- R. Penpraze, Plumbing Contractor
- Kelth Needham Pty Ltd, Electrical Contractor
- Golden Glow Lamphades
- Faberge (Australia)
- Douglas Printing
- Yodgess's Sports & Disposals
- Bob Jane T Mart
- Arthur Marks Sport Store
- Helgensen & Ball, Building Contractors

The Club would like to thank the above sponsors for their contribution to TEM Caulfield and hope and trust they found it beneficial. The money raised from sponsorship is being used to expand and develop the facilities and amenities available at TEM Caulfield.

Recently, the Club launched Stage 2 of the scheme which involves a company or business sponsoring a team in one of the following summer competitions -

- * Indoor
- * District Twilight
- * Mixed Eleven
- * Astro

In return, team members would be expected to wear jackets featuring the Sponsor's name and product on the back, to all club matches and official training sessions.

Kevin Ziebell
Vice President - Administration

B SOUTH COACH'S REPORT WOMEN

Season 1983 should be the turning point for the Ladies section and their future should be looked forward to with great optimism in 1984. The team completed the season in 2nd position achieving their highest position ever in competition. The players and team administration (Coach, Manager and Staff) put in a tremendous amount of work, learning new skills and team plays necessary to achieve their position.

With the new grading system to be implemented for season 1984 (A1, A2 and A3 only) they had a strong chance to be promoted as the best 2nd team in 'B' grades. This theory proved to be incorrect as only the first placed teams and premier teams were promoted.

Although this is a great disappointment for all those who tried so hard, we have to accept that the WWA have decreed we are not ready for this promotion. Unlike the teams that have been promoted, we do not have consistency of achievement in 'B' grade nor do we have the back up teams to support our No. 1 team. Results over past three years in our B, C & D teams show a very poor supportive group.

The primary cause being lack of correct coaching to players of playing skills and team plays required, along with a total misconception of playing positions and what each player is required to do in the position they play. Correction of these problems must be treated as a matter of extreme urgency for 1984. Each player should be given a complete skills assessment, complete tuition in player positions and their roles. Each team should be given proper tuition in team play requirements and each team should have a qualified coach to give this information. Each coach should complete, as minimum requirement, the Level 1 coaching course. Only after these points have been attempted can we expect 'A' grade status.

But it does not end there - to support the on field efforts an administration that has their job requirements fully understood and a working committee that does the job in a properly organised manner and not one that learns as they go. That type of committee only disrupts everyone. Let's organise now for 1984 by clearly arranging complete job descriptions for all administration positions and appointing people prepared to do that job in a professional manner.

I hope I have given the girls and ladies under my control a better understanding of the game in areas of skills and team play requirements and hope that they have enjoyed 1983 and that they will be better prepared in knowledge to tackle 1984.

I would like to thank Val Heath (Manager) Alan Halbert (Stats), Pam Allan (Captain), Harry Lofthouse (V. Captain), Fiona Norling (Chairman of Selectors) for their support, without which I could not have done my job as the team coach. I wish all players the best of luck for the future and please continue to enjoy your chosen sport. Note enjoyment comes as you acquire knowledge, keep watching and learning - then do it!

The challenge for 1984 is to finish in No. 1 position at completion of home and away fixture matches - this is the only way to be promoted in any grade of women's hockey - we cannot change these rules, so this must be our aim for 1984.

Jim Williams
'B' Coach 1983.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT CARNIVAL

The Annual District Carnival was again hosted by TEM Caulfield on Sunday August 7th. TEMC made the Grand Final only to be defeated by ST. Kilda 1-0 in a tough hard-fought match.

TEMC had four players selected to represent the District side. They were -

Bryan Samuels (Captain - half)
Graham Prosser (Goalkeeper)
Grant McPhie (Forward)
John McPhie (Forward)

In addition, Allan Nogan was invited to join the team after a late withdrawal by a selected player.

The Carnival was voted a great success both on and off the field by all clubs who participated. Thanks to Grant McPhie, Paul Lofthouse and all club members who assisted in making the Carnival such a great day.

Kevin Ziebell
Carnival Organiser.

INVESTIGATION and DISCIPLINARY SUB COMMITTEE

Only a couple of incidents were referred to the sub-committee for investigation. These incidents resulted in a severe reprimand and a warning being issued to the people involved. In addition, it was necessary to remind supporters, in the "tempo" of their conduct and behaviour at the Astro turf Stadium.

Generally speaking, the conduct and behaviour of club members and supporters was good and this helped maintain the high esteem and regard that TEM Caulfield enjoys with V.H.A., M.V.H.A., V.J.H.A. and Umpires Associations respectively.

Kevin Ziebell
V.P. - Administration.

MEN'S REPORT

In last years report I wrote that the aims of the men's section for 1983 were to win the State League flag and to consolidate the position of those three sides which had gained promotion. We had hoped for one flag, we got two - unfortunately neither of them were for S.L.I. - but both were nevertheless very impressive Premiership wins in their own right. We had hoped to consolidate, instead we gained further promotion.

State League I, under the guidance of Joe Hough and Alan Stobbie, had its finest year yet and clearly established itself one of the top sides in Victorian hockey. A creditable performance at our first trip to Albury was followed later in the year by playing in the Grand final of the Westpac Cup. On both occasions, unfortunately, Altona proved to be more determined by a goal.

Finishing second after the home and away matches guaranteed the team of having the double chance which we almost didn't need taking Waverley to 2-2 at full time in the first semi, but then losing 5-2 after extra time. The preliminary final against Camberwell was a heart stopping affair, 3-3 at full time and still 3-3 after extra time. Being the higher team, however, we progressed to the grand final. The grand final sadly, went to Waverley 4-2 after they scored the early goal making it very difficult for us to get on top of them. Despite that loss it is a tremendous performance on the part of any team to reach the grand final of S.L.I hockey and congratulations must go to every member of the side for a great year.

The S.L.I Best & Fairest award went to Peter Hough for the sixth year in succession (that's almost as long as I've been at University!) beating Don Smith by a solitary vote. Skafron award for more than the sixth year in succession went to team manager Fred Ball, as always a great and much appreciated effort.

Pennant A, having finished on top of Pennant B in 1982 and gained promotion, again finished clearly on top - and would have gained promotion (demotion?) to S.L.I if they were not the Club's second side. With Gary McCloud proving a great asset as Captain/Coach the side had an excellent year and provided good support for S.L.I. The greatest disappointment is that we could not provide Gary with his first ever flag in return for all his work, but we intend to remedy that next year. Best and Fairest award went to Trevor Ziebell with Mark Hastings runner-up. (I hear Geoff Pilley didn't poll a vote) Team Manager Ron Penpraze also polled votes for tolerance and cordial-ity (that's a pun).

Pennant C, a team also promoted from last year, did better than consolidate its position by finishing third in a very tight competition. An excellent performance from a team virtually unchanged from last year and hampered by injuries this year. Thanks to Clive Porteous as Captain and wife Faye as team manager for a job well done. Darryl Penpraze took out Best and Fairest from Warren Penpraze runner-up.

South B achieved what is very rare, in winding back to back promotion having been promoted from South C last year. I don't know if a team has ever won back to back to back (1) flags but as South A next year this team is sure to give it a share. A great performance once again by Captain of Captains Bryan Samuels and all his weekly Captains with many thanks going to Michele Guillarme and Denise (Prossor) - team managers. Julian Briere, a new member this year, took out Best and Fairest from Graham Prossor (a new member about 20 years ago).

South B was a team which did not exist last year. When we entered them just before the season commenced this year we did so to help balance the District sides and to accommodate increased membership. So what do they go and do? Win a flag and got promoted to South C - ingrats! A tremendous performance from Grant McPhie and his bunch of new, used and young players. Best and Fairest for the year was Gordon Gordon with another newcomer, Phil Burchardt runner-up.

South C, captained/managed by Paul Loftthouse, while not having the same success as other teams, performed relatively well considering the difficult conditions of losing at least one player a week to higher grades because of injury and unavailability. There is little doubt that with a full strength side each week this team would also finish well in the four. Best and Fairest for the year, Barry Graham (B.J.) followed by

In summary, the Men's section has had a very good year. In nearly every grade the team spirit has been tremendous and for maintaining this team spirit a great deal of thanks must go to the individual team captains and managers. In Penant A and S.L.T. in particular; Gary McCloud, Alan Stobbie and Joe Hough have given a tremendous amount to bring us to first and second spot respectively in those grades - something which few Clubs could ever hope to boast of. My thanks and the Club's go to them for the success they have helped us achieve.

Finally, congratulations and thanks to every playing member, whatever their grade, for the part they played in making 1983 the enjoyable and successful year that it was. Next year we will go one step further.

Dick Tierney
V.P. - Mens Hockey.

REFRESHMENTS REPORT

This year we have had possibly our best season ever. The quantities of food, drink and sweets consumed were staggering with the juniors playing a big part in the quantities consumed. The purchase of a new freezer made sure we did not lose any stock. After the break-in early in the year, security was tightened and no further problems arose.

Cleaning up after each Saturday was always a hassle, but this year I am pleased to say the co-operation was excellent. The kitchen and social rooms were cleaned every week, my thanks to those who did it.

The success of the refreshment section is due to many people and these I thank, with a special mention to Wendy Penpraze and Janet McPhie for looking after the morning session and in the afternoon while I was playing. If the co-operation I had this year continues next year we can look forward to another prosperous year.

Paul Loftthouse

COMMUNICATIONS

First of all, I would like to thank Brian and Douglas Printing for their help and co-operation during the year. Brian has been very helpful and patient with many 'rush' jobs being done happily with no complaints. Thanks very much Brian.

There have been 8 editions of Tempo this year circulated to all Club Members either through the post or personally delivered on a Saturday.

I would also like to thank Ron Penpraze, Dick Tierney, Julie Rundle, Grant McPhie and Martin Guillarme for their regular contributions throughout the year.

Mary Loftthouse

SOCIAL REPORT

A total of 7 social functions were organised by the Social Secretary this year. These functions were -

President's Welcome	27/3/1983
Italian Night	16/4/1983
Team Fancy Dress Ball	4/6/83
Observation Trial Treasure Hunt	17/7/83
Mexican Night	28/8/83
VLF Grand Final Barbeque	
Annual Presentation Dinner	Dance 1/10/83

These 7 functions realised a total profit to the Club of \$717.69.

A lot of the functions previously organised by the social committee for this year were changed due to personal commitments by the social secretary.

A pleasing turn-out about this year was that a profit was realised from our annual presentation dinner dance which was \$426.69.

A different social event was organised this year in a team fancy dress ball and turned out to be an extremely successful evening, with participation of club members being of a high standard.

Being my first time on any club committee, I was somewhat disappointed by the support given by club members in general.

A suggestion to improve this would be that each mens and womens team is to organise a function during the season.

In closing I would like to thank Clare and Keith Needham, Marg McPhie, Janet and Grant McPhie for their help throughout the season.

I would also like to thank Peter Sheehan for his efforts in arranging the observation course.

Martin Guilliamse
Social Secretary

WOMEN'S REPORT

The close of the winter season saw, unfortunately, no change in the status of our teams with only two of our teams making the four without achieving a win, however well gone girls on making these finals. With two other teams marginally missing out, the lessons of team work and hard yakka of practice and skill development may be remembered and applied just a little more seriously to achieve the hoped for success next year.

Thank you to all those people who helped so much throughout the season - Pat Boxshall, Maxine Law, Toni Durham, the captains Pam Allan, Wendy Harbeck, Mandy Carlson, Kim Tinkler, Rosalfe Taylor and Team Manager Val Heath, Many thanks to the coaches Jim Williams, Mark Sutherland, Trevor Ziebell, Tim Heath and Mark Hastings who gave up lots of their time to teach us all a little more of the aspects of the game - hockey.

The good news is Mark Sutherland will share the Marjory Irvine Award for the equal best Umpire's Theory Examination result (89%). Congratulations Mark. This award will be presented at the AGM of the M.W.H.A. on 1st February 1984. All welcome.

Congratulations to Pat Boxshall being awarded the Denise Rees Perpetual Trophy, also to Judy Coombs winning the Mike Taylor Most Improved Player - well done Judy.

Julie Rundie
V.P. - Womens Hockey.

WOMENS B GRADE REPORT

With the guidance of our Coach Jim Williams, the assistance and encouragement of stats man Alan, and manager Val Heath, the team developed game by game and enjoyed a successful season. With practices held indoors at the Malvern ECA Centre and an enthusiastic informative coach, we were able to complete the season convincingly with only two losses, thus resulting in the team finishing 2nd on the ladder. Unfortunately this did not continue in the finals. Even though it was close in the preliminary finals we were unable to continue the form we had during the season. Special thanks goes to all supporters during the finals.

Although the season was a team effort with many younger players given a chance, we were unsuccessful in gaining our major aim - promotion. However, we did win the Queen's Birthday Carnival and of course the TEMC social event!

Best and Fairest was won by Mary Lofthouse, our Vice Captain.

Pam Allan
Captain

WOMENS D SOUTH REPORT

During the season 1983 our teams, which faced a few upsets in the first half of the year, managed to produce a 'winning team'. This was due to the perseverance of all members within the team and especially the girls who managed to train each week come hail or shine.

The latter half of the year saw our team defeat the top 5 teams and unfortunately due to our slow beginning we missed out on the finals by one point. The girls all put in a tremendous effort and would not have reached the team spirit and understanding they did without their optimal co-operation. The most important part of playing hockey is meeting and making friends. This season we're sure all the girls involved with D South enjoyed playing for this team and we really did have a lot of fun.

Mandy Carlson
Captain

CARNIVALS REPORT

Albury - The Club entered the Albury Easter Carnival this year with two mens and two womens teams. Although we didn't win any flags we acquitted ourselves well. S.L.I finished 3rd, 2nds played in the semi's and won, but lost on protest. A grade women finished 4th and B grade women finished 5th.

The Carnival was very well organised and we look forward to participating next year.

Queen's Birthday - we again held the Queen's Birthday Carnival 10 Clubs/12 teams participated with our B Grade women winning their second flag in 4 years. The competition produced some good hockey and saw the emergence of several players of the future.

South Districts - Fourteen teams competed in the Carnival organised by Kevin Ziebell. TEM Caulfield did not lose a match out of the five played, although they drew some, but were still able to finish on top of their pool. They won their Semi, but lost to St. Kilda in the final 1-0.

The representative side was chosen with four TEM Caulfield players being selected - Bryan Samuels, Graham Prosser, John and Grant McPhie. This is Bryan's and Graham's second appearance. Congratulations and good luck in the competition later in the year.

Paul Lofthouse
Carnivals.

WOMENS C SOUTH REPORT

After looking quite promising and winning a few games earlier on, C South could only manage fifth on the ladder at the end of the season.

Thank you to all the girls who played in the team throughout the year and to Fiona Norling for her help in organising the teams. Also a special thank you to Mark Sutherland for his time and help towards the end of the season. Congratulations to Libby Friedeman on winning the Best and Fairest award and to Debra Osborne, Ros Glossop as runners-up. Hopefully C Grade can improve and make the finals next year.

Wendy Harbeck
Captain

WOMENS D EAST REPORT

On the field, D East didn't have a terribly successful year, managing only three wins and four draws. We did however, get our act together in time to finish the season on a high note, scoring two of our wins and two draws (against the top two sides) in the last six weeks. Thanks to Mark and Tim for their help. Best and Fairest award went to Cara Riach, congratulations.

Socially the season was much better with more of the team going to FOTOS and Topelz than ever went to training. So, despite a lack of points, we enjoyed the season - both on and off the field!

Kim Tinkler
Captain.

WOMENS E SOUTH REPORT

A very pleasing effort for season '83 in reaching the semi-finals, to be beaten 2-1. Thank you to all girls for their support. Hopefully season '84 will be more successful. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year. See you all again at the start of the season. Congratulations to Elizabeth Bloomfield for winning Best and Fairest.

Rosalie Taylor
Captain.

JUNIOR REPORT

My thanks go to those senior members of the club, the parents of juniors and those people who were prepared to spend some of their time in helping with the running of the Junior competition this year. My special thanks to the coaches and team managers - U/9 Keith Needham and Lance Forkgen, U/11 A Gordon Seddon and John Chilianis, U/11 South, Noel Johnstone and Lois Tines, U/13 A John MacPhie and Barry Penpraze, U/13 South Ian McPhee, U/15 Ron Sharp, U/16 Schoolgirls Fiona Norling, Ron Penpraze and Cara Norling.

Although as results show, we did not have an outstandingly successful year in relation to finals I feel that the basis for top junior teams have been consolidated for next year.

Congratulations to the winners of each under age trophy -

Under 9 - Best and Fairest Andrew Neerham
Team Player Cameron Fincher
Coach's Award Richard Robinson

Under 11S - Best and Fairest Jamie McPhie
Team Player Tracey Needham
Coach's Award Julie Ann Pereira

Under 11A - Best and Fairest Lachlan Galbraith
Team Player George Chilianis
Coach's Award Cameron McPhie

Under 13A - Best and Fairest Willie Guthrie
Team Player Jason Penpraze
Coach's Award Lucas Taylor

Under 15S - Best and Fairest Robert McPhie
Team Player Stephen Sharp
Coach's Award Richard Cohen

Under 16 - Best and Fairest Sandra Penpraze
Schoolgirls Team Player Michelle Zappa
Coach's Award Sally Humphris

and these Juniors that were noted to be most outstanding and winning the Perpetual Trophies -

Girls Sharon Hooking
Boys Robert McPhie

From all reports, all juniors did a good job this year and it was difficult to separate them when it came to the awarding of trophies which is a good sign for the future.

We did field an Under 17 side at the start of the season but unfortunately they had to be withdrawn almost half way into the season when we became the Victims of the Public School 'BUGBEAR' and at times were unable to field even half a side. My thanks to Joe Hough for coaching this side for the time and also for umpiring my Under 15 side when the Under 17's were withdrawn.

Congratulations go to the U/16 Schoolgirls side for their great win in the Grand Final. All the girls were recipients of gold medallions and the Cup will be presented to the Club on Melbourne Cup Day at the Penpraze's.

TEM Caulfield entered several Carnivals this year and the Under 13's won a flag at Dandenong and Lachlan Galbraith was awarded Best Player at the Springvale Carnival where our lads also acquitted themselves well although they missed the flag.

We entered several boys in State Trials this year and although none made the training squad, Willie Guthrie, Jason Penpraze and Robert McPhie almost made it to the last week. Thanks go to my wife Janet for her assistance with secretarial duties this year and in the canteen along with the keen band of junior Mums who looked after the coaches and kids with eats and hot drinks on those early cold mornings.

We had a new innovation this year for presenting our awards and instead of having mid-season pic nights we spent our money on a hot dog, soup, drinks and ice-cream family get together Presentation Night. The evening was very well attended by parents and Juniors making the night very pleasant. Thanks go to Marg McPhie, Ron & Lavina Penpraze, Janet McPhie, Barry and Wendy Penpraze and Clare Needham for their assistance.

We will be commencing 'Minkey Hockey' during the winter season of '84 and will not be entering VJ's in V.J.H.A. competition. I had doubts about the concepts of its introduction but after attending the AGM of the V.J.H.A. where a guest speaker Trevor Van Der Put from A.C.T. spoke on its value. I am convinced that it will be the best thing introduced into junior hockey for umpteenth years. Our Junior ranks should swell ten fold over the following years and should find that parental attendances will be much more encouraging. I will not go into the how's and why's of Minkey in this report, as things will develop closer to the start of the season when more printed explanatory information will be handed out.

I would now close with further thanks to Ron & Lavina Penpraze, Mike Taylor and John & Marg McPhie for their assistance during the year in my year as Vice President of Juniors.

I apologise if I have omitted to name any other helpers during the year but to those parents and Juniors go my thanks.

I must repeat words that have been spoken in last years Junior report in that the Junior Section is most vital to the ongoing strength of every club and must remain a top priority that these boys and girls are given the best in opportunity and coaching skills, not just to develop to their full potential but to teach them to play our Great Game correctly.

Grant McPhie
V.P. - Junior Hockey.

MENS E GRADE REPORT

It was a little disappointing to finish so low on the ladder after such a good start to the season. I must thank our Junior players who filled the vacancies when seniors weren't available, there certainly are some good up and coming players. Congratulations to R.J., Peter Varcoe (Jnr.) and Ray Holicar for finishing first, second and third respectively in the Best and Fairest voting.

I look forward to seeing those who played this year again next season, along with a few of the old stragglers who are coming back.

Paul Loftthouse
Captain.

MENS D SOUTH REPORT

Alex Andonopolous, Phillip Burchardt, Greg Boxshall, Tim Conway, Karl Fritziarf, Grant McPhie, John McPhie, Robert McPhie, Keith Needham, Carl Nolle, Mark Sutherland, Basil Taranto, Noel Johnstone and occasionally Cameron McKaige, Peter Varcoe, Alan Skelton, Barry Graham, David Ziebell and Wayne Hodgeson. These are the names that made up the 1983 D South side during the season which, when finally consolidated, came down to 13 players who went into the finals finishing in 3rd place then to go on and win the Grand Final flag for TEM Caulfield. All the players throughout the year played an important part when we suffered our defeats and relished in our victories. I would like to thank them all for being available.

Well now, I would like to tell you about the side that went into the Finals. Alex, who has the potential of a great player decided he was getting a better deal with South D would have rather stayed in bed than play in any other team this year. I'm glad he was with us and showed that not only could he talk hockey he could also play hockey. His ball control and skills in the finals were a great asset to the side even though he was playing out of his usual position, playing left half he cut the opposition wingers out of the game. Well done Alex.

Phil Burchardt who came to us from Cricketers, W.A. with a ton of guts and ability kept the side going even when the odds were against us. I don't think there was a game that Phil didn't give his all and would finish with a hoarse voice from yelling encouragement for the team to rally.

Unfortunately Phil missed two games this year through injury which cost him vital votes for the Best and Fairest trophy. I must admit that when the Chairman of Selectors asked me how Phil was playing, I denied that he was a good player (How else was I going to keep such a good player).

I congratulate Robert McPhie and Greg Boxshall for the Great job they did during the year. Both Juniors, they did a Great job and wound up being in the Grand Final to win their first Senior Flag. They gave us youth and I'm sure we gave them experience which will show in years to come.

Timmy Conway would have to be our most consistently inconsistent player for the year (if you can understand that). When Tim was on his game he couldn't do a thing wrong and would put goals away with ease, reverse sticks, in the air, angle shots you name it he would pull shots out of his er... hat. On other days because of lack of confidence or concentration he was the opposite.

Karl Fritziarf our musical Left Back played a consistently good year and was an asset to the side, even though he did manage to make a few mistakes in the finals to put our goalie under pressure. Karl injured his wrist late in the year but with the help of plastic tape and plenty of guts managed to see the season right through. Well done Karl.

John McPhie who played for many years as a State League Goalie showed us all how to put in 70 minutes of hockey each week and when it came to the finals his experience and strength were invaluable. He also showed us how to discourage the opposition from rough tactics and looked after the younger members in our side when needed. Playing on the half line he added the necessary strength, match skill and experience that was needed to win Grand Finals. John was also a member of C South, Grand Final winners last year.

Keith Neesham, the most senior member of the team who came to us late in the season was also a great asset. Playing mostly as Centre Forward and occasionally on the right wing he showed that he has still got it. His strong style of play put the opposition backs in dire straits who would crack under the constant attacking pressure. I kept asking Keith for Goals and he would deliver. He was a bit crook on me in the Grand Final though when he had set up an easy field goal and someone who will remain nameless at this time casually put it away. Keith and Gordon Sedon combined together terrifically on the forward line creating a lot of the attacking play which resulted in us winning the Grand Final by three goals to nil.

Gordon also known as 'Bomba' played really well throughout the season and was rewarded by being voted our Best and Fairest player. He was also our highest goal scorer for the year. He has aspirations of getting really fit next year and playing back in high grade hockey. I wish him the best of luck but wouldn't mind at all if he made himself available for C South next year and gave us a 1984 season similar to this year. Congratulations to Gordon on winning the Best and Fairest for D South it was well deserved. I must say though that Bomba took the first semi final off, to go hunting which I suppose only goes to show what confidence he had in the rest of the team.

Carl Nolle who interchanged most of the season with the wing position played some very strong games and did very well in the Grand Final. He is a fiery player and does not like anyone to get the better of him. I'm sure that if he got himself really fit he is capable of playing higher grade hockey.

Mark Sutherland our newly arrived banana bender came to us from Queensland and has made his (mark?) this year. He rarely put in a bad game and played a great right back for the season. Mark could hit the ball out of defence like a shot out of a gun and rarely was the ball stopped by the opposition. Unfortunately though one of our players namely Phil Burchardt occasionally got in the way of his hits and suffered from some very painful bruising to his knee and thighs. I was starting to wonder if there might have been a private feud between V.A. and Qld.

Now to our last line of defence, Basil Taranto who deserves a lot of credit for our great season. We had a couple of bad losses during the year which resulted in Basil being a little despondent and his confidence being shaken but he soon rallied again and on most days played very well. Basil always put his all into the matches and even though he had his bad days like the rest of us, to be the goalie in a side that won the Grand Final 3-0 speaks for itself.

Well, here's to having the same group of players in C South next year. I and the Club can only hope that we do team together as I'm sure we can bring home another flag for TEM Caulfield. I would like to close by thanking all those players throughout the year for their individual efforts and say how glad I was to be with them and share in the glory and celebration of a Grand Final Win.

Grant McPhie
Captain.