



Meet the President

Welcome to another hockey season to all for 2017. I am delighted to be president of this great club as it enters its 85th year.

I wish to thank past president, Chris Cooper for his contribution to the club and for his ongoing assistance to both myself and the wider committee. I also wish to acknowledge all members of the committee; lots of time and hard work goes in that is not visible or rewarded, but I cannot stress enough how important and valued your contribution is.

Having been involved with the club across all aspects from juniors to seniors, as a player, coach, friend and now parent, I can see the club has a wonderful base built on the foundations of previous hard work; we have a wide pool of members and are fortunate to have such fantastic sponsors. Last year, the club was very successful on the field. This was recognised by Hockey WA at the end of the 2016 season when OAHC was awarded the Byrne Judge Award; awarded to the best performing Senior Hockey Club of 2016. All should take great pride in the recognition for the success of the club across both Men's and Women's sides. There has been a noticeable increase in the enjoyment and satisfaction in the wider senior membership and I believe the award reflects a thriving club culture which is being translated into successful results.

I would like to recognise the support of Aquinas College as without the fantastic facilities and hard-working staff at Aquinas College, there would not be the opportunity for our members to compete and enjoy their hockey to the fullest.

We are well-placed to have our own home turf and not need to share it with any other competing clubs. However we are also facing

a number of large challenges, both on and off the field. To this end we need the support of all our membership to develop the Reds Hockey club into the best it can be. The committee has endorsed the creation of a Strategic Plan to identify what the members want the Reds Hockey Club to be and to address how to get there. You must contribute if you want to have a say in the direction the club takes from here.

IC Frith has been our major sponsor for over 14 years now and are continuing into 2017, however with a new name as Aviso WA. Richard Thomlinson and his team will continue to provide a great service as insurance brokers under the Aviso Group banner. If you already have insurance policies with Richard then you would be aware of the name change, and if you do not, then why not? Give them a try asap as you will not be disappointed.

Reds players pay less thanks to our sponsors. I want to ask all members to consider sponsoring the club to assist with keeping our fees low and to maintain the turf we have, by contacting the club at sponsors@reds.com.au. If you can't sponsor the club, then support our sponsors. You can find them in this Redletter, you can find them on signs in the club and you can find them at our new website.

Looking forward to a great year at Reds in 2017.

Jamie Cook



Team Reports

Due to a severe bout of ennui we are lacking a few reports this edition. Also the fact that the season hasn't started for most grades may be a contributing factor.

Premier 1 Men (Alpha Males)

In the absence of a report, all I can tell you is we won 4-2 against Curtin Uni in the first fixture of the season. Obviously the Reds were far superior on the day scoring 4 sensational goals. Similarly, due to some outrageous officiating the opposition fluked a couple of very soft goals when the game was well in the keeping. The team is superbly conditioned and look forward to maintaining their unbeaten streak.

The "Mighty Aquinas 8's"

The provisional 2 gold men or mighty Aquinas 8s as they're more fondly known are deep into their 3 week pre season for the 2017 season. The off season has seen a change to the play structure for the team as a compromise for their ageing bodies and low skill levels. This will hopefully result in more finals success after two first round finals knockouts in the last two seasons.

In season 2017 the lads will continue to scrape the bottom of the barrel, and make the competition cringe!

Over 60 Elite

A grueling pre-season campaign has been mapped out for these chronologically challenged warriors. Apparently there is a run scheduled for 1st April. This is obviously an April Fools prank and clashes with Prindy's birthday.

The offseason has been productive on the recruiting front with Peter Jack making a return – subject to the Perth Museum returning his hockey stick.

Jinder has been enticed out of rehab and will be a welcome addition to the forward line (and the red wine aficionados). Most importantly Crowie has been patched up and will make his debut alongside Bangers in a new look forward line. The forwards have been further improved by demoting Cookie to fullback this season.

With all these enhancements we are confident of making the top 8 this season. For anyone suffering insomnia get along to the first game – Home, 3.30, 8th April.

Upcoming Home Games

NOTE: Men & Women Premier 1 =
League Games at the **Reds Club**

Saturday ****

DATES	Game/Function	Time	Event
1 st April – (Sat) ***	V's Melville	2.30pm	Men
6 th April – (Thurs)	V's Wolves	6.30pm	Men
9 th April – (Sun)^^^	V's YMCC	4.00pm	Men
“ “	V's WASPS	1.00pm	Women
25 th April (Anzac Day)	V's Fremantle	4.30pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Fremantle	3.00pm	Women
6 th May – (Sat) ***	V's UWA	4.30pm	Men
“ “	V's UWA	2.30pm	Women



14 th May – (Sun) ^{^^}	V's Vic Park	4.00pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Vic Park	2.30pm	Women
10 th June – (Sat) ***	V's N/C Raiders	4.30pm	Men
“ “ “	V's N/C Raiders	2.30pm	Women
25 th June – (Sun) ^{^^}	V's Curtin University	4.00pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Wolves	2.30pm	Women
23 rd July – (Sun) ^{^^}	V's Fremantle	4.00pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Fremantle	2.30pm	Women
29 th July – (Sat) ***	V's Hale	4.30pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Hale	2.30pm	Women
20 th August – (Sun) ^{^^}	V's WASPS	4.00pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Curtin University	2.30pm	Women
27 th August – (Sun) ^{^^}	V's Old Guildford MHC	4.00pm	Men
“ “ “	V's Melville	2.30pm	Women

Womens Premier 1s

Reds female army have certainly been training like one in preparation for the 2017 season. They started their cadets training in November 2016 with a grueling schedule of guided DIY fitness. Most of them will have completed it purely to not suffer the consequences of the meet up deadline in Jan 2017!

Since January, over 60 athletes have graced our turf competing for a place in a Red shirt, within the top 3 ranks. With a Saturday grading day in 35 degree heat, to sort out the cream of the crop, squads were decided & a few cold beverages consumed off the turf, including but not limited to some Zooper Doopers!

The testing preseason schedule then came to fruition, with some of our top athletes currently training up to 5 times a week.

These hockey players are really putting in the work, day by day, showing commitment & loyalty in red to do their utmost to compete for our club, through blood sweat & the occasional tear!

New Australian National Team draft selections for Reds include: Hockeyroos Brooke Peris & Kate Hanna.

Brooke a somewhat young veteran of the Hockeyroos now, comes with a hug history including the 2016 Olympic games. As a fierce striker, I'm sure the spectators won't be disappointed this season as she slices through defenses with her impeccable speed & buries balls with a forces to be reckoned with!

The Reds hockey family are hoping, especially with our huge contingent of NT players & supporters, she will feel right at home in our Red ranks!

Kate Hanna, who is currently away competing for the Hockeyroos in Hawkes Bay, NZ is a fantastic addition to our midfield, with a wealth of skill & speed, we are definitely looking forward to her



ripping open the hearts of the opposition this season!

The one Hockeyroo the whole Reds family is always glad to see amongst our ranks is Mad-dog Fitzpatrick!

Loyal as ever, Maddy when asked if she wanted to play in the Red shirt this season, she 100% wanted to be retained by the club & *By George!*, are we happy about it!

As still a young international player, but one who's wingspan & reach looks like Stretch Armstrong to other players on the field, she will provide a major backbone in our defensive line this season. The crowd won't just enjoy her slaps & sliders that have pinpoint accuracy, but her penalty corner specialty seems to always get the energy buzzing around the field. I wonder what sneaky surprises they will be treated to this season...You'll have to watch to find out!

Reds returners include the hard working, talented young star, Zoe Hopkinson, who is currently training to represent WA at U18s during April in Hobart!

The only other junior player in the group is Pippa Bairstow, our Narrogin resident player, bringing with her again this season, impressive speed & impressive commitment!

Plus returning young spritely players, include:
Young gun hockey addict; Taylor Collard
Student & midfielder Hayley Surgeson
Student & defender; Lucy Barrett,
Student & striker; Mik-dawg Balloch
Student & striker; Ciara Quirk (aka Quirky!)

More experienced returners, in the years on earth department, include:

Teacher & midfielder; Sarah Ditchburn
Student & midfielder Kim Eun Young (aka Yuni)
Legal administrator & midfielder; Kylie Hall
Specialist Tax investigator & defender; Holly Cardwell

Senior art marketing director & GK; Taige Grebe

New players to the club are defender Bree Johnston who sneaked over from UWA, and her cousin; bulldozer striker, Symone Bell (aka Bella), both reaping the NT colours & ready to do big things in Red this season!

In-coming import players this season are varied across the whole globe, just to keep things balanced!

Emma Bozek, USA: Represented USA at various levels including the Junior World cup 2013, she was a stand-out player in the USA with the awards to show for it! She's got off the boat in Perth a few weeks ago & has been pushing the team training mentality since that day coming off a full time division one training program me, she's definitely ready to throw herself right in! Emma will bring tenacity & resilience in our attacking circle this season, with a killer secret skill...can you figure out what it is? Watch this space!

Steph Elliott, GB: Represented Great Britain & England at senior level as a defender & captaining Holcolmbe ladies premier league side, who are currently in the Investec Hockey league finals taking place at Olympic park, London over the next few weeks! She will certainly bring even more strength into our back line, playing alongside hockeyroo Madison Fitzpatrick. Steph is a northern English girl & certainly plays like one! With her grit & physicality, we can't wait for her to get here to dominate all over the field in that Red shirt!

Kim Jongeun, Korea: Captained the Korean national side in 2016 Olympics along with playing in London 2012 & Beijing 2008. Kim is a striker with no mercy, silky skills & specialties to be envied! We are exceptionally excited about her joining our Red army, with the addition of Yuni already on the team, who will provide the other half of a perfect Korean duo out on the turf! How lucky are we?!



Another newbie on the team this year is, Physio Darren Hickey! He comes to join our Red army from East Park Physiotherapy, with a sports physio masters from Curtin university, but getting off the boat from the Emerald Isle! A native of County Cork, Ireland, graduating with his undergrad in physio from University of Limerick. He is a valuable member of the staff managing every training day/week in load & stress on the athletes to keep them at their peak!

Head Coach Kaye Goulding, will also be assisted by Dean Nieves & Rechelle Hawkes (OAM).

Rechelle, AUS 3x olympic gold medalist (& many many more added to the collection) needs little introduction to our Australia hockey fans! As one of the world's best players she will be around to pass on some key knowledge & experience to our athletes to push them to perform at their best!

Dean Nieves, represented Trinidad & Tobago on international stage including the commonwealth games (against a few of our Aussie favorites!). He is also definitely a veteran player of the top level, in different spectrums of the globe! He will add a touch of magic into our attacking minded players in 2017, to really ensure we are getting on that scoreboard all season & pushing our defense to be ready for anything! Ps. he takes no prisoners!

All in all, we are very excited for this 2017 season to get started!

To the whole Reds hockey family;

We are looking forward to seeing you around the club! When you see the girls at games or even coaching at junior training don't forget to go up & say hi!

We think, the more noise you make at games, the more we will succeed!

GO REDS!!

Coach K

Life Members' Birthdays

Peter Prindiville 1st April – 64

Peter Kennedy 1st April - 97

Further Reports

This space is reserved for your contributions – team reports, social activity, misdemeanors, etc. Send any articles to the editor.

Item to note

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