



From the President

It's great to see the season into full swing with all grades and ages now started. The Premier League teams are both looking strong with the club having a lot of playing depth. The Aquinas turf is a very busy place all week now, with midweek Vets through to Juniors/Reds Academy sessions as well. And we cannot forget the Minkey kids; it is great to see the energy and excitement of our 150 youngest club members running around on a Saturday morning at Trevor Gribble Reserve, with the most popular sausage sizzle going around.

All of this takes a lot of organising and time so I thank everyone for their efforts and encourage all to assist wherever and however you can. It also takes a fair amount of money as well, so we are always grateful for our valued sponsors. We also need to make sure as club members that we have paid our way; the committee has endorsed a proposal this season of **No pay by May = No play**. Everyone needs to pay their fees to keep the club running. Anyone who has real financial difficulty in making full payment by end of May should urgently contact the club to make arrangements. Fees can be paid via the Reds website or at the bar so there are no excuses.

Jamie Cook

Team Reports

Great to see so many teams performing well. If your team isn't mentioned here there's an easy solution – pick up a pen & start writing.

Premier 1 Men

The Premier Men are well and truly into their season having completed ten rounds with mixed

results. The team sits outright sixth with five wins but only two wins from second place.

Strong performances against South Perth Wasps and Victoria Park of recent weeks have kept the team within reach after some poor performances against Westside Wolves and Hale.

There have been some stand out individual performances from Hayden Walker, Jeremy Hayward and Zander Fraser while the ever reliable Ian Smyth continually impresses.

The competition is well balanced with any of the top seven teams capable of winning the premiership on any given day.

Boring... enough of the season update. It's time to get into the detail; namely an introduction to some of the new players in the Premier Men squad that you may not be familiar with.

Allow me to introduce you to;

Luke Kavenagh AKA "Pockets".





Editor's friend: *Hi Luke or should I say Pockets, how are you?*

Luke: *Hahahahah*

Editor's friend: *What's so funny?*

Luke: *I don't know, can I get a drink?*

Editor's friend: *I'm not your teacher, you don't need to ask*

Luke: *Hahahahaha oh yeah*

**Luke runs off to get a drink*

5 minutes later Luke comes back

Editor's friend: *What took you so long?*

Luke: *I'm sorry I got distracted*

Editor's friend: *Ok, let's move on. So why do the boys call you pockets?*

Luke: *Oh yeah, hahaha, this is really funny.. so I wear these shorts and my pockets fall out*

Editor's friend: *That doesn't sound that funny,*

Luke: *Oh yeah, maybe it's a reference to a TV show character? I don't know but my pockets do fall out a lot.*

Editor's friend: *I think it's a perfect storm Luke, but this Q & A is going nowhere so I'm going to move on.*

Ben Wright AKA "FIG JAM".



Editor's friend: *Hi Ben, welcome to WA and of course Reds, how are you enjoying it so far?*

Pause.....

Ben: *What was that, I'm just getting more hits on tinder than Michael Jackson on the US billboard*

Editor's friend: *Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt*

Pause...

Ben: *Yeah alright, just give me a minute..*

Ben: *Right, I'm done, I'm leaving this bird hanging*

Editor's friend: *Fair enough, so back to my original question, how are you enjoying WA?*

Ben: *It's great, I've got a good job, I'm single and I'm handsome*

Editor's friend: *What do you do for a job?*

Ben: *I coach hockey, golf and tennis*

Editor's friend: *Wow, three sports, are you any good?*

Ben: *Does a bear shit in the woods?*

Editor's friend: *I don't know, you asked the question*

Ben: *Well yeah it does so I'm pretty bloody good at them*

Editor's friend: *You're not short of confidence*

Ben: *Would you be if you looked like me?*

Editor's friend: *Hmm.. pass, I'm not in this game to offend*

Editor's friend: *How would you rate your performance for the reds so far?*

Ben: *Above average. If Des was average, I would be above him.*

Editor's friend: *Interesting, I asked some of the players about your performance and received the following responses "Ben who?" "Do the new VISA rules allow us to send him back early?" "Bloody pom".*

Ben: *Jealousy is a curse, ain't it?!*

Editor's friend: *Do you think its jealousy or the truth?*

Ben: *Yeah alright but you tell the truth Mr Editor..*

Editor's friend: *I'm confused, I just did!*

Pause (Ben back to tinder – Q and A over)

Stand by for the next edition of the reds letter whereby more introductions to the new members of the Premier Men's team will take place with hopefully more insight into the player.

Signed

"Editor's friend"



Quik Kwiz

Name the player who scored 7 goals in one game on 13th May?

(See over 60's report for a clue)

Womens Provisional1s

Davo's Queens

The Women's Provisional 1s (commonly known as Davo's Queens) have got a new look team this year, the wrinkles have been replaced by school uniforms and Uni chat.

The enthusiasm of the youth has resulted in record turn outs to training which has made Davo a happy man and with energy to run all day manager Lindz is relaxing on the sidelines because he is having to do less subs.

The Queens have got off to an even start to the season, having played five games and winning one, losing one and drawing three we are sitting tight at 6th on the ladder.

The sidelines have been packed with supporters coming out to enjoy the hot sunshine and watch us in action, after last week's game the number 1 supporter asked 'Why do Davo's Queens never sweat?' Of course, it's because we've got too many fans!

Davo has been in fine form, with some inspirational pre game chats.

The problem seems to be getting the ball in the net, Kerri is our top goal scorer with three goals!

The good news is that only five points separate the first six teams and given that we are more than just chicks with sticks, we've balls too, it is promising to be an exciting season.

Hands in
Queens

Prov 2 Gold

The Prov 2 Gold girls (and AJ – he doesn't have a choice) are back baby! With some new additions to the team, everyone was all too eager to get the season started. The girls were keen to get into some preseason fitness before trainings started.

This proved to be a great success with a total of 1 session – although attendance was great!

We started off the season strong having 5 wins in 5 games. Sal was super keen to show off her killer skills in her new team, so much that she denied a Claire a goal, missed a high five and hit Jess in the eye and not to forget that she ran onto the field with someone else's stick. Welcome to the team Sal!

It was a satisfying day down in bogan bingo territory with a successful 6-0 win against the reigning grand final champs. We discovered that Rockingham have 2 interesting defensive techniques. 1. Apparently it is acceptable to get so flustered in a contest that you can pick up the ball with your hands and simply throw it to the sideline. The second, justifying events with the old 'I can and I will.'

Sedge is all too keen for hockey trainings lately, turning up in full uniform (twice). We have also learned that she loves a good shaft guard and is becoming a bit of an expert in the area. We tackle our nemesis Melville this weekend in which we hope to seek some healthy revenge. This would help with a goalie but due to limited ball touches, Riina needed a bit more stimulation so decided to play Quidditch which resulted in an ankle injury. FYI – we need a fill in goalie!

We still have the same drive and determination as always to get out there and play well but making sure we have several laughs in the process.

If you are keen to know more about our fabulous team you can follow us on Instagram as [ajs_team_reds](#)

Over 60 Elite

(Aka "The Crowe Show")

To set the scene this team had meandered through two games for a 1 win 1 loss record, having scored a whopping total of 2 goals. Up against easybeats (& perennial whingers) Melville the halftime scoreline was an unfavourable 0-2. Pulling on his cape & emerging from a phone booth was Peter Crowe. The game turned and a humiliating loss became an honourable 2-2 draw.



May 13th arrived and the formidable Vic Park loomed. Normally the 3 goals they scored would win the game – however step up Crowie. In an awesome display he mesmerized the Vic Park defence and hammered home 7 goals and set up the other 1: Final score 8-3.

To prove it was no fluke Crowie notched a lazy hat-trick against Kalamunda the following week in a 7-0 drubbing. The team now finds itself in uncharted territory, sitting second on the ladder. Travel plans for September are being hastily rescheduled.

Some stern tests to come but it is quite an achievement in scoring more goals in 2 games than were scored in the entire season last year. Team scribe: R. Soulle

Defibrillator Request

Earlier this year, one of our members suffered a serious heart failure onfield (Under 30 years old). Luckily the home club owned a defibrillator and it contributed to saving his life.

The units are self-running and assist by giving CPR advice during an event as well.

As a committee, we have agreed a defibrillator should be available and are seeking donations to assist with raising the \$3000 required to locate one at the turf.

Even small donations would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help with this project, please contact David Shine - men@reds.com.au privately with your interest.

Letter to Editor

Dear Fellow Reds Players,

The head coach from Leeds University Hockey Club is coming to Reds for 8 weeks to be involved in our elite coaching and all the way down to our

juniors to bring new programs and ideas for club development.

He name is Oliver Lumley and is a 30 year full time hockey coach in the UK. He is also looking to start an exchange program for our youth to look at scholarships for our players and scholarships. As you can appreciate this is a fantastic opportunity for our clubs and he is coming as a volunteer together with paying for his travel. I have arranged a vehicle for him but would like to ask you to please consider the option of providing billet accommodation for either some or even all of his 8 week stay. He will arrive in early June and return in late July.

Please give this your consideration as I do need your help to make this a great experience for the club. Let me know.

Regards

Chris Cooper

Coming Events

- Don't miss the Reds Indigenous Hockey Round - 2pm Saturday 10th June at the Club
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