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Masters Matters

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Letters To The Editor: I hope that some of you managed to read the last issue, as the feedback has been minimal. Thanks to John Milner and John Burt. One of our senior members has a serious health issue at the moment, and John B has sent us this reminder of happier times:

"I worked in the remote town of Carnarvon in the 1970's. Nearly all sport was played within the town, but occasionally we would compete against Northampton and the remoter town of Exmouth, which was a new town set up as a naval communications centre. In the latter town, I played tennis and cricket. I remember being caught in the slips by a resilient spin bowler named Bob Robinson. I found that this person organised all the sports teams in Exmouth, including tennis, cricket and football, plus being president of the Rotary club and managing the bank. He also kept the autocratic civil commissioner, Colonel K. Murdoch on his toes.

After playing hockey with our Bob Robinson for 14 years, it was only last year that I told him about the Bob Robinson I used to know nearly 50 years ago in Exmouth. With a grin he said "that was me". After he moved to Perth, all the sporting teams collapsed, the bank and the Rotary club were closed and Colonel Murdoch had to leave town.

We all hope that our jovial Bob Robinson will make a speedy recovery."

John Burt

Many thanks John and so say all of us. Ed.

Social Distancing: It is very noticeable that many of us are no longer abiding by the 1.5 metre rule. It has not yet been officially relaxed, and quite a few of us on both Wednesdays and Saturdays are in the most at risk group. WA has got to the enviable position we are in now by following the directives and I suggest that we should continue to do so.

Department of Corrections: It almost appeared that the July edition had been error-free. Then one of the MM staff pointed out that the sections "Well Dones" and "Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players" had been omitted. So there are two months of umpires, cooks, and non-playing attendees included in this issue.

Dates For The Diary:

2020: September: WHM AGM - date to be confirmed.

October 10th: Saturday Masters AGM and end of season dinner - Perry Lakes. Date now confirmed.

2021: July 23rd to August 8th. Tokyo Olympics.

Masters World Cups:

Australia, Southern Cross and Alliance.

O/35 and O/40 Men and Women - Nottingham, England. August 13th to 22nd.

O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters - Cape Town SA. September 18th to 27th.

O/60, O/65, O/70 and O/75 Men; Spirit of Masters - Tokyo, Japan. November 7th to 17th. (*confirmed*)

Mega Interstate Tournament:

Women: Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd.

Men: Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

Umpiring Seminar: It is most pleasing that Steve McEntee has continued regular discussions on how to improve our whistling - many thanks to Steve and 'A' Division coordinator George Bradbury. The most recent took place on July 15th and was attended by Blue (4), Gold (5), Red (4) and White 5. Our President Simon was also there and Red and White each added one late arrival.

Steve covered the following points:

- 1) Umpiring positioning and field coverage. Emphasised was the LW attacking corner when the umpire from the other end should assist the umpire whose half it is.
- 2) Don't be arrogant, and you are much more likely to gain full player cooperation. From the archives of 'Masters Matters' comes this relevant Roger Jewell limerick:

There was an umpiring decision

That led to some raucous derision

When asked to explain

He announced with disdain

I will not accept a revision.

- 3) Don't get personal and don't take back chat personally.
- 4) The importance of the advantage rule was again covered. It must be applied properly. Here is a direct quote from the FIH Rules of Hockey:
12.1: Advantage: a penalty is only awarded when a player or team has been disadvantaged by an opponent breaking the rules.
- 5) Any danger resulting from a free hit is generally to be penalised by a hit where the danger occurred rather than from where the hit was taken.
- 6) Stick checks do not need to be blown every time based on the sound. Umpires need an eagle eye to pick up the relative position of the ball and both sticks.
- 7) A question and answer session followed, including discussion of penalty corners, overheads, obstruction and shielding.

These sessions are proving to be of real benefit in improving the standard of our 'A' Division umpires, but there is still some way to go. Good umpiring is a skill which requires regular practice, like playing hockey itself. If we all remember what was covered in the seminars and do our best to put it into practice (players too) our games will be more enjoyable.

Department of Health: Bob Robinson's treatment is ongoing and he is not receiving visitors at home yet. Harvey Davies chemo-therapy has succeeded, to the point where his oncologist has suggested another 9 weeks overlapping the cardiac treatment. The new car is currently en route on the ocean. Mal Horrigan has had ongoing injury issues since his game on July 1st and may be out for some time. Ian Hill has had a hernia operation, but umpired at Perry Lakes on the 25th and should be back soon. August surgery includes: Les Waldon (shoulder replacement), John Halley (full knee replacement), John Sanders (stents) and Rudy Keswick (hip replacement). I'm sure the Hips will be hoping Rudy is back to hockey in time for the Orthopaedic Challenge match. There are several players recovering after a variety of surgical replacements, including Peter Stevens (ankle), John Pierce (hip in January) and Peter Eastlake who is rapidly regaining form and mobility from a knee replacement. Rod Bickers has had some issues with a facial skin cancer. Radiotherapy starts in August - prognosis is good. Best wishes from us to all current sufferers.

New Players: Welcome to Tony Davey ('B' Division) and Chris Kennedy ('C' Division). Tony hails from Raiders and Chris from Hale. Best wishes for your time with WHM, which could last quite a while given that there are several octogenarians in our ranks.

Quotable Quote One: "The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been kindness, beauty and truth. The trite subjects of human efforts, possessions, outward success, luxury, have always seemed to me to be contemptible" *Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)*

WHM History: The project has made some progress and drafts are now in place for 1991/1997 and each individual year from 1998 to 2008 inclusive, as well as 2011, 2012 and 2013. There are still a lot of unanswered questions which are listed here.

1. Inaugural 1991 team lists. Still incomplete and probably inaccurate.
2. Team captains 1991 to 1997. We have included best estimates. Can anybody remember?
3. Actual entry dates for Red and Gold O/50s during the 1990s.
4. Who was the captain of the O/50 Red team during 2002. Ross Lonnie?
5. We are still missing minutes for: 18th September 2002, 29th June 2005 & 16th August 2006.
6. The O/50s captains in 2006 were Rob Fawkes, Jeff Kozak, Geoff Hudson and Matt Knowles. We would like to know which team they each ran.
7. The same applies to 2007. The minutes show many names but no indication of who were the actual team captains. The attendees list: Rob Fawkes, Jeff Kozak, Geoff Hudson, Les Waldon, Stewart Calder, Mal Skinner, Cameron Fairbrother and David Mellor.
8. 2008 falls into the same category. The meeting attendees were Jeff Kozak, Mal Skinner, Dave Mellor and Les Hayter. Who captained which team?
9. In 2008 a captains' guide was prepared. Does anybody still have a copy?
10. If anybody has team lists for any year from 2006 to 2012 inclusive they would be very useful.

It is hoped to have drafts for the time span from 1991 to 2019 completed before the end of August. Following that extensive proof reading will be necessary before publication. Then we will be aiming at the completion of an online archive of all the reference documents.

Please contact John Mercer or Colin Gee if you can assist at all.

Hockey Australia Life Member: Congratulations to Bob Claxton who has recently been awarded this honour. My apologies for not including the story in the July edition; I failed to pick up that it was a recent award. Below is the link to the complete story and profile on the Hockey Australia website.

<https://www.hockey.org.au/news/life-member-bob-claxton/>

Happy Birthday: It seems to be difficult for Bob to stay out of the news this issue. Our sausage sizzle on 29th July featured birthday wishes for two of our 'A' Division players who were both celebrating on the day. Bob Claxton was 75 and Jim Balding 74. Not only did the singing of Happy Birthday feature, but cakes did also! Congratulations to Bob and Jim - at our age one can celebrate both well and wisely. Thanks are also due to the providers of the cakes.

Pertinent Question: Ken Dyer sent me this just before my prostate biopsy last year and it missed out on MM due to all the turmoil at the time. The problem Ken mentions appears to be Australia wide.

"... May I ask why we never broach any current topics and concerns in our hockey world in the newsletter ...? For instance - PUBLICITY. Why is it impossible to find ANY hockey news in the Sydney papers? (And the Perth papers - Ed.) (Who have now printed hockey stories - see below)

Our hockey administrators should be presented with the facts. Ask them why they are not presenting hockey news and stories to the media? Women's rugby, AFL, netball and swimming seem to have no difficulty getting newspaper/ TV coverage.

Hockey seems to have disappeared from the Australian sporting scene.

Kind regards - Ken Dyer"

Thanks Ken - readers' views are welcome. Ed. The West actually included a story on Murray McIntyre and Tyler Lovell on 01/08 and the Sunday Times covered Keith Smith's 1,000th game for Fremantle on 02/08. First a famine, then a feast. By the way, has nobody ever invited Keith to play on Wednesdays? I met him again during his time running the Scarborough Sportsmens' Club.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Abundance of knowledge does not teach men to be wise." Heraclitus (540 BC - 480 BC).

'A' Division Blog: Thanks to Ricky Watts and Jason de Wynd for initiating the usage of the PHS1 score board. The accurate timing is one less thing for the umpires to worry about. I suggest that at least one player from each team becomes conversant with using it, so that there is somebody available to start timing and keep the score, no matter who's playing.

July 1st: This was definitely a day for comebacks. Mal Horrigan returned for just one game, Peter Willett had his first run since the operation and Dave Evans and John Ree also had their first outing post Covid-19. I neglected to mention Peter Eastlake last issue, who resumed during June following his knee replacement and has been working his way back to fitness and form. Gold managed to lose their first two games despite dominating against both Red and White. Poor finishing and some great defensive saves are not helpful in winning games. Special mention goes to Jim Wright (Red) for a save on the line and to John Burt who won the game for White by being impassable. I believe that our umpires are making a real effort to improve - please keep it going. Goal of the day went to Peter Eastlake for a fine corner conversion. The results were:

Red 1 Gold 0; White 0 Blue 1; White 2 Gold 0; Blue 1 Red 1; White 1 Red 0 Blue 0 Gold 1.

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake, John Ree. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf. **Red:** Ray Domingo (2). **White:** Hector D'Rozario (2), Peter Wallis. Team numbers: Red (10), Gold (12), White (15) Blue (12). 8 goals.

July 8th: With last week's scorer Hector looking on from the stands (a wrist injury) White failed to score and despite reaching the circle quite a few times gave the opposing goalkeepers very little to do. Ray Domingo had another field day for Red and put four past the White defence; which was missing Len Blyth and George Bradbury. Numbers were well down on the previous week, maybe due to the possibility of rain. Perhaps the large numbers White have had lately destroyed their team work due to unfamiliarity with the player next to them. The last game of the day saw the undefeated Red and Blue sides depart for the showers and an early celebratory drink while the scoreless Gold and White sides competed for the day's wooden spoon. Goal of the day has to go to Ray Domingo, who managed 50% of the day's total. The results were:

Blue 1 White 0; Red 2 Gold 0; Red 4 White 0; Gold 0 Blue 0; Red 1 Blue 1; Gold 1 White 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown, Neil Patterson. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf. **Red:** Ray Domingo, Bob Maley, Ron Venables. Approximate team numbers were: White (12), Blue (11), Red (9) Gold (7). 10 goals.

July 15th: Red and Blue were undefeated, while White and Gold mostly struggled. All teams had some trouble in scoring but several goals resulted from scrambles. There were also some excellent finishes. Red dominated all their games with their midfield, led by Bob Claxton, providing their forwards with plenty of opportunities, but only won two with Blue's defence holding firm except for an early scrambler. Their equaliser came from a rocket-like corner after the final whistle which gave goal of the day to Ricky Watts. The fastest goal of the day was scored by Phil Metcalf within 20 seconds of the start of the Gold versus White match. Four goalkeepers meant that our custodians had the luxury of only playing three games. The results were:

Gold 0 Red 2; Blue 0 White 0; Blue 1 Red 1; White 1 Gold 1; Blue 2 Gold 0; White 1 Red 2.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown, John Ree, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf. **Red:** Ken Beer (2), Bob Maley, Ron Venables (2). **White:** Steve McEntee, Peter Wallis. The approximate team numbers were: Gold (6), Red (9), Blue (10), and White (13). 11 goals were scored.

July 22nd: Despite the sunny weather good passing and goals were both scarce, though all teams got to their attacking circle a few times with most attacks ending at the keepers' pads. Red went goalless (for once) and lost all games 1-0 while White defended very well and had three wins. GKs Barry, Tony and John performed admirably in goal and all blocked shots at close range. The goal of the day was unquestionably Nev Brown's late deflection to secure Blue's win over Red, despite earlier fine finishes by Ham D'Souza and Ken Walter. Ken Beer has transferred to the Red team, while due to the numbers Peter Blockley played with Gold. The results:

White 1 Blue 0; Gold 1 Red 0; Gold 0 Blue 0; Red 0 White 1; Gold 0 White 1; Red 0 Blue 1.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown. **Gold:** Ken Walter. **White:** Ham D'Souza, Brian Soares, Peter Wallis. The approximate team numbers were: White (12), Blue (10), Gold (9) and Red (10). 5 goals were scored.

From Saturday Masters: Thanks to all players on their cooperation in post-game drinks and helping to clean up before going home. We have our own bar on several Saturdays for the remainder of the season due to the number of days when YM have no home fixtures.

Also notable is the number of social members who attend. Not all the deckchairs behind the goals are occupied by resting players and it is not uncommon for social members to volunteer as umpires.

The venue booking for our AGM and end of season dinner has been confirmed for Saturday 10th October at the YMCA rooms. Firm bookings for attendance will be taken a little closer to the event, as another outbreak of Covid-19 in WA could derail everything.

Congratulations to all the selectors who have chosen teams using our new new method. From my vantage point behind the goals the sides appear to have been very even throughout.

It's been good to see John Milner back on the field again. He's still a little rusty, but now that the cobwebs have been brushed away I'm sure the goals will start flowing again.

Thanks are also due to the YMCC Hockey Club for the great cooperation and assistance we receive. Not all of you may know that when we arrive during the winter season that our chairs and tables are already set up for us. Thanks to Di and Lisa.

Environmentally friendly?

Picture from John Sanders



Balinese Bulletin No 53:

Erin & I up here in Bali Lockdown have not been outside our front gate for almost 6 months now & only have our Putu visit us weekly to take care of most of our shopping needs. In addition to Putu's weekly visits we have lovely local people who are kind enough to deliver to our doorstepdrinking water, Bintang, Vodka & Whisky, mixed cans, dog food, fresh seafood, cooked meals (when required) ...so you can see .."who needs to go out"! When I speak of Vodka & Whisky, I should point out that imported spirits here in Bali are way beyond our financial limits ...fortunately there are local Vodka & Whisky alternatives that set us back around AU\$15.00 per bottle ...better than some AU\$80.00 per bottle.

Things down there on the East coast are not looking particularly good at the moment but it's good to see WA seems to be handling the BVT (Bastard Virus Thing) pretty well.

Will this New Normal ever return to the Old NormalI don't really know ...nobody does right now ...perhaps not!!

I wish I had more to offer from here but then as you can see our life is less than exciting right now. But having said that, can I add ...Life is good!

Peter Hammond

Thanks Peter. I would expect the Balinese are behaving better than some Australians are at the moment. It's tempting to suggest that these are the same Australians who can often be found up in Bali at this time of the year - misbehaving there too.

Shakespeare Said It: "What, sovereign sir, I did not well, I meant well." 'The Winter's Tale Act V, Scene III. 'A' Division player apologises to his captain after a misdirected pass. 'B' and 'C' Division players never need to?

"Dost thou think I care for a satire or an epigram?" Much Ado About Nothing Act V, Scene IV. *Reader of "Masters Matters" taking exception to some of the contents.*

"The truth you speak doth lack some gentleness, and time to speak it in; you rub the sore when you should bring the plaster." The Tempest Act II, Scene I. *Sound advice for those who point out errors to either team mates or umpires.*

'A' Division Blog: (continued)

July 29th: Gold welcomed the return of a fit looking Gordon Jeffery and defended well enough against the star studded Red team to have a win in the day's opener. They remained undefeated despite drawing their last two. Red bounced back to win their next two while Blue had a bad day with one draw the best result and lost heavily to Red. White started well with some opportunistic work in the circle from Peter Blockley but fell away as the day progressed. It was good to have four goalkeepers and Barry, Tony, Ian and Colin all played pretty well. Gold were the only side who were short of numbers so they added Esperance visitor Julian Gardner and once things had settled also included Jim Malcolm from Blue and Brian Soares from White. Red's penalty corner battery worked nicely against Blue with both John Jeffreys and new full back Col Murray-Smith scoring. Goal of the day is shared between Terry Gaston's deflection against Red and Ray Domingo's scoop for the Red's third against Blue. The results:

Red 0 Gold 1; White 2 Blue 1; White 1 Gold 1; Blue 0 Red 3; White 0 Red 1; Blue 0 Gold 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree. **Gold:** Ken Beer, Terry Gaston. **Red:** Ray Domingo, John Jeffreys, Colin Murray-Smith, Ron Venables. **White:** Peter Blockley (2), Peter Wallis. Approximate team numbers were: Red (11), Gold (7), White (11), and Blue (11). The day's goal tally was 10.

Grumpy Old Men Two: "Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain" *Lily Tomlin (1939 -). For those readers old enough to remember Laugh-In.*

Quotable Quote Two: "They have been at a great feast of languages and stolen the scraps." *From 'Love's Labours Lost' by William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616) anticipating the Trump regime.*

'B' Division July 2020:

Four teams, no worries except with the start of the Saturday season and the easing of virus restrictions came a spate of injuries and illnesses and people wanting to get out of town for a break. By the middle of the month numbers were down and so plan B was implemented. Recruitment! Half a dozen players have been brought in to add class and skill to the competition. Tony Davey (NCR), Peter Self (VP), Royden (Mods) and Kevin from Kalamunda are some of those players and let's hope they become regulars along with Alan Ledger back for a run after his hip replacement.

In line with the AFL most of those injured have either calf or hamstring problems. Maybe it's something to do with sitting on the couch for 3-4 months in lockdown then putting on too much activity load too soon. The AFL have commissioned a \$1M enquiry into this phenomenon. Wednesday Masters has commissioned a \$5 enquiry (1 beer) and will probably come up with the same results!!

At this stage August is looking good as all teams will regain players off the injured list. The standard has lifted, the timeclock is working, some of the umpiring is improving and the competition is moving forward. Good news for us all!

Unfortunately we do not have a featured player this month but hopefully next issue we will continue this popular piece.

Dudley Evans - *Thanks Dudley, and I hope the featured player series will resume. I am continually amazed at the interesting hockey careers many WHM players have experienced. Ed.*

Whistle While You Work: Recently some frustration has been caused by umpires failing to apply the advantage rule correctly. It might be of assistance to quote from the Rule Book:

Rule 12.1: Advantage: A penalty is awarded only when a player or team has been disadvantaged by an opponent breaking the rules. *All of us should be able to think of many cases where this applies. Every slight contact of the ball with the foot will not necessarily advantage either team.*

And here is the relevant section in the guide to umpires from the Rule Book:

2. Applying the Rules: 2.2 Advantage:

- a) It is not necessary for every offence to be penalized when no benefit is gained by the offender; unnecessary interruptions to the flow of the match cause undue delay and irritation.
- b) When the Rules have been broken, an umpire must apply advantage if this is the most severe penalty. *(If the ball is in the back of the net, having been kicked there by a defender after being touched by an attacker in the circle, it should be a goal, not a penalty corner)*
- c) Possession of the ball does not automatically mean there is an advantage; for advantage to apply, the player/team with the ball must be able to develop their play.
- d) Having decided to play advantage, a second opportunity must not be given by reverting to the original penalty.
- e) It is important to anticipate the flow of the match, to look beyond the action of the moment and to be aware of potential developments in the match.

My method for avoiding premature whistling was to keep the arm holding the whistle low. Often, by the time you are ready to blow the whistle it will no longer be necessary. Verbal indications that you are paying advantage can also be very helpful to the players. Ed.

Ken Walter has raised the question of multiple defenders crossing the backline too early at a penalty corner and asks can more than one player be sent beyond the centre line. After a good read of the relevant rule (13.6) it does seem to be allowable - is there an umpiring guru who can enlighten us?

Punology One: What is the definition of spoilsport? The harbour where booty is shipped in.

Team Photographs: The series continues with the 'A' Division sides, as I am still waiting on some of the 'B' Division teams. Red and White have sent me their photos.

'A' Division Blue



Back (L to R): Neil Scaddan(c), Ian Hill, Peter Eastlake, John Ree, Peter Jones, Ric Watts, Peter Trend, Neil Patterson.

Front (L to R): Ivan Wilson, Nevelle Brown, Colin Benporath, Jim Malcolm, Neil Miller.

Absent: Jim Banks, Harvey Davies, Peter Dennis, Colin Sanders, Ken Watt.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

July's question was: In an International tournament 18 of the 20 goals were scored for Australia by the WA born players, Davies, Walsh, Haselhurst and Charlesworth. Was it the:

- Champion's Trophy 3 in Karachi in 1981
- 4th World Cup in Bombay in 1982
- The 1st Azlan Shah Tournament in KL in 1983
- Champion's Trophy 5 in Karachi in 1983

Nobody attempted to answer the question. The correct option is b) - the Bombay World Cup. The goal tally for the WA players was Davies (6), Walsh (6), Haselhurst (4) & Charlesworth (2). The remaining goals were put in by Colin Batch and Jim Irvine.

August's question is: In 1988 Jacqui Pereira scored in each game of which of these tournaments:

- Bicentennial Tournament, Commonwealth Hockey Stadium, Perth
- Four Nation Tournament, Hockey Centre, Essen
- XXIV Olympic Games, Song Nam Olympic Stadium, Seoul
- Champions' Trophy II, Hockey Centre, Frankfurt

Answer next issue.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June: On Wednesdays the MM notebook picked up Robin Bailey and George Winning. Perhaps due to the traffic or the location Saturdays were a lot busier and we saw Eric Alcock, John Halley, Ian Hill, David Lester, John Mercer, John Milner, John Pierce, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Ken Walter and Ken Watt.

'A' Division Gold

Back (L to R): Gordon Jeffery, John Burt, Rob Ainsworth, Ken Walter, Ian Purdue, Mal Jackaman, Peter Willett, Phil Metcalf.

Front (L to R): David Evans, Jim Balding, Ian Spence (GK), Colin Gee (c), Angelo Strano, Terry Gaston.

Absent: Graham Harler, Bob Robinson.

Well Dones June: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Peter Evans, Col Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, Gordon Jeffery, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Peter Murray, Col Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Peter Trend, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ric Watts, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. Saturday's whistlers included Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ivan Wilson. Sausage sizzle cooks were Simon Thomson, Ian Pestana and Peter Blockley, with Ivan Wilson doing the preparation and cleaning up.

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Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players July: The Wednesday list this month includes Robin Bailey, George Bradbury, Stuart Calder, Hector D'Rozario, Gordon Jeffery, Peter Stevens, John Sanders, Angelo Strano, Peter Willett and George Winning. Saturdays see plenty of social attendees and this month included: Eric Alcock, Ian Hill, David Lester, Tony Marshall, John Mercer, John Milner, John Pierce, Paul Robinson, John Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Peter Stevens and Les Waldon.

'A' Division Red



Back (L to R): Ray Domingo, Bob Claxton, John Jeffreys, Colin Murray-Smith, Keith Kessell.

Front (L to R): Ron Venables, Jim Wright (c), Howie Herbert, Bob Maley.

Goalkeeper: Barry Rutter.

Absent: Bob Bowyer, Mark Faithfull, Mal Horrigan, Peter Murray, David Pandher, Les Waldon.

This is the second attempt at a Red team photo. No information has reached 'Masters Matters' on the cause of the rejection of Take 1 but our writer of limericks has a comment anyway:

This month all the As, Bs and Cs

Heard "Look at the camera, say cheese"

It needs to be said

That Divvy A Red

Went back the next week to reprise.

It's rumoured that they were told to look their best - this time.

Vale 'George' Mullins: It was with much regret that I read of his death in the West Australian. Garry (universally known as George in hockey circles) did quite a lot of umpiring for us on Wednesdays in addition to his many other commitments. Saturday players will remember the excellent session on practical umpiring he and Shane Knapp put on for us by showing us all during a match how it should be done. A tribute appears on the Hockey WA website and can be accessed via this link:

<https://hockeywa.org.au/vale-garry-george-mullins-1955-2020/>

Southern Cross players will remember him well, and should have received the SX Newsflash which included a comprehensive tribute. The funeral will be held in the Norfolk Chapel, Karrakatta at 3:30 pm on Thursday 6th August and will be live streamed.

'A' Division White



Back (L to R): Steve McEntee, Hector D’Rozario, Peter Blockley, Roy Grant, Scott Blackwell, Peter Wallis, Len Blyth, Ham D’Souza.

Front (L to R): Greg Street, George Bradbury, David Horsley(c), Peter Evans, Brian Soares.

Absent: Robin Bailey, Ken Beer, Ash Foster, John Mercer.

(The photo had been taken before I finished putting the next match on the scoreboard. At least this is in keeping with the general ban on editorial selfies. Ed.)

Japan Dates Now Confirmed: The Tokyo venues for the 2021 World Cup are now confirmed and the organisers have scheduled the event from 7th November to the 17th. But the best laid plans

Assuming there’s no travel ban

We now have firm dates for Japan

This damn virus thing (*)

Might still have a sting

And mess up another Cup plan.

() Thanks to Peter Hammond for the basis of this description*

Charity Donations: Simon and I thought that it would interesting to see exactly how much we have given to charity and junior hockey since the raffles began in 2005. Many thanks to Bob Bowyer for a search of his records which revealed that the total is approximately \$53,600 up to the end of 2019. This is a credit to Bob, his helpers over the years, and to all the buyers of the tickets.

Punology Two: Thanks again to Ken Watt: “Finland has just closed their borders. No one will be crossing the finish line.’

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