



Newsletter 10-06

## WELCOME TO GAME 8 2009:

Welcome to game 3 of round 2. Last weekend saw all of our Juniors begin their break for the NT Under 15 championships and school holidays, so we were restricted to only seniors. All senior teams had wins apart from A men who got out of Jail with a draw in the last 2 minutes. Good to see our A Women return to winning form before all our Under 18's head away.

No training on Wednesday night this week due to large numbers of people having other plans with the Second state of Origin on TV, however, regular A grade training will still be on Thursday night as per usual. (7-8 PM)

Team of the week goes to the C Grade ladies Gold team who cemented their top of the ladder position with a good win over the second placed Tahs team. With Leigh returning next weekend, Brett can hand over with an unblemished record.

Saturday also saw a new term enter our vocabulary – Doing a “Gerry” – verb – pronounced “J-e-ry” – description - similar to doing an “airy”. Refer to B Men's report for further details.

Invoices for fees are coming out to all seniors this week. Please pay the first \$200 ASAP – we will have receipts available on the weekend for people wanting to pay then – otherwise Direct Debit is preferred. Second installment of \$100 will be due in 3 weeks time.

The Darwin Hockey Association 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball is on the Friday night of that weekend (ie Friday 31 July). Tickets are \$65 which includes a bottle of wine on each table and all food and entertainment. A lot of past players from over the past 60 years are expected to be there, along with a historical photo collection from the archives. Dress is black tie. Please keep the date free and see Andrew Hahn for tickets.

Remember also to keep Darwin Cup Weekend Saturday and Sunday free for the fishing trip at Dundee.

This weekend, most senior teams take on NUTs who are in top 2 of most grades and always provide a good rivalry with some good competitive hockey. Best of luck to all of our ladies, who have made the Under 18 state team and are heading away this week. Hopefully the snow will stay away from Canberra for the duration or it will be hit by an unseasonal heatwave.

Thank you to all coaches for your match reports. All the best to all players and coaches – see you on Saturday and Sunday.

Andrew Hahn – SMHC President 2009

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## IMPORTANT DATES, TIMES AND INFORMATION

### ✓ Training Times

Juniors: Wednesdays 5.30 to 6.30pm

Seniors - Women: Wed 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Seniors – Men: Wed 7.30pm to 8.30pm

A Grade Men & Women – Thurs 7-8 PM

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## UMPIRING COMMITMENTS

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**A Men-** Sun 8.00PM-Easts v Tahs - Jarrod

**A Wom-** Sun 6.30PM-Easts v Tahs - Gerry

**B Men-** Sat 9.00PM-Tahs v Easts - Hahn

**B Wom-** Sat 7.30PM- Tahs v Easts- Hahn

**C Men-** Sun 7.30PM- Com v Banks - Errol

C Wm(1)Sun 12.00PM – Rapt v Saint – Whitey

C-Wm(2)-Sun 2.00PM – Tahs v Tahs - Whitey

## Results – Game 7 20-21 June

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### 1. A Men

**1-1 draw.** Last week's game was a critical game in the context of the season for the team. Sitting in third position, and given extra space on the ladder due to a fortuitous draw earlier in the evening between Banks and Tahs. The team started very well, completely dominating play, but once again, the goals failed to materialise. Then, against the run of play, Commerce took a free 16 yard hit and the player ran the length of the field to score a goal putting them 1-0 up. Not only did this put them in the lead, but it also significantly raised their tempo. Saints came close to equalising shortly before half time with a diving deflection from Evan Dixon, but unfortunately the ball came off his body during the shot and was disallowed. The second half was extra tight, with once again the majority of attack being with Saints but still being unable to score. Two yellow cards were given out with about 10 minutes to go, leaving Saints scratching their head as to the reason we were playing a man short. Then, finally with less than 3 minutes left on the clock, we were awarded a short corner for a deliberate foul within the 22. The resultant conversion from Reece, saw us at least salvage a draw and one point from the game. BOG cup was awarded to Steve Tonkiss who ran hard for the entire game. **This week's game is on Saturday at 9.00PM versus NUTs.**

### 2. A Women

Finally, we were back into the winning vein after a 3 week gap. Final score was 3-0 in what was actually quite a one sided match with not a lot of action for Corina. BOG cup winner Leah stood up and had her most impressive game for a few weeks. Jess and MC were stand out players with their presence on the field and provided plenty of talking and stability in the team structure. Goal scorers were Elle, Jess & Simone. This week will be a tough measure for the team with a number of our younger key players away with the Under 18 team and taking on NUTs. The task is achievable and Uni showed some gaps last week, only just getting over Easts in the end. **This week's game is on Saturday at 7.30 PM against NUTs.**



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### 3. B Men

**WIN 10- 1.** This week's game was one of our best this season, not only because of the score, but more importantly because of the way we played, with interchange passing and support play a key ingredient of the win. The overall effort of everyone was strong and committed.

Oatsie and Buddy started the match with a 'Lightning Strike', the hit off from Buddy (Centre) to Oatsie (Right Inner) and quick passing between the two saw Buddy score the opening goal within 15 seconds of the starting whistle. Their start set the tone for the game and encouraged continued passing and leading that saw us stack on a 7 - 0 half time lead. Goals in the first half went to Buddy (2) Oatsie (2) Gareth (1) Brett (1) and Mick (1). All goals except Brett's (short corner shot) were scored after good passing up field and great support running. Well timed and weighted crosses and passes into and within the circle proved to be the undoing of

Commerce and rather than 'belt' the ball at well defended goals we moved around the defence, drew players and slotted home some superb finishes, even when we did shoot from the top, it was well justified as the goalie was caught out of position or off balance.

The second half saw us continue our efforts and our defensive effort improved as wing halves and full backs marked up tighter on the Commerce attackers. Craig, Gerry, Rainie, Brett and Billy had solid runs in the half and back line. Unfortunately, a few lapses in our defense saw us fall off attackers and give them a little too much space to run into the circle or stand free for vital seconds. Eventually Commerce did slot one home. It highlighted again the need to stay switched on for the full 70 minutes and for inners to support the defence and for lots of talk and positioning of each other.

Four goals were scored in the second half; two more to Gareth and one to Buddy. We could have scored a few more but, damned if you do and damned if you don't, we passed the ball a bit too much trying to finesse what should have been first time shots at goal. Everyone did a great job but we just need to work on the judgment call in the circle when opportunities arise. A challenge I know, as you spend most of your time telling forwards to get in there and score goals but on the other hand you want them to think as well!

Special mention must go to Gerry who on one occasion did a superb job of running the ball slightly right of centre and entering the circle free with ball on stick. We all held our breath as he wound up for a shot, his back swing was something to behold ... yes you guessed it, his down swing and follow through missed the ball entirely. Gerry though is made of stern stuff so he stopped himself from falling and took another almighty back swing - the

ball was going to go through the back of the net... no wait it dribbled straight ahead as Gerry's swing again made contact with NOTHING, the ball continued its 'stroll' toward the back line and over for a sixteen yard hit to the opposition defence. Hmmmm Gerry back to the half line thanks! (*New phrase - Doing a "Gerry" - Ed*)

A special plea in conclusion - **B Grade Men if you can't get to the game please let the coach know before game day - Errol 0401712838**. No advice to me means I assume you will be there on the day. **This week's game is on Saturday at 6.00pm versus NUTs.**

#### 4. B Women

**6-0 Win.** Our match against Commerce shaped up in the first half as yet another of those matches where top plays bottom and we end up grinding out a narrow win. Coming into the game we were feeling relaxed expecting 4 on the bench, but by match time our bench had evaporated and we were back to just the starting 11. The first half saw a lot of long hitting and we really didn't run the ball at anywhere near our capabilities resulting in a narrow 1-0 lead at the long break. Obviously the lollies worked at half time as the second half was a completely different affair. There was good use of both our half backs and our inners, resulting in a lot of penetrations into the circle. Kristy, for the second week in a row had another flawless game and is looking into having a banana lounge installed in the goals. A very strong game to Cindy saw here awarded the BOG for the second game this year. Chris had a cameo five minute run up forward on the left wing for the last 5 minutes and was rewarded with a goal for her efforts, proving all full back's claims that goal scoring isn't that hard!! This week, actually, our full back contingent scored 5 of the 6 goals for the

game, including 2 field goals (Chris and a great deflection from Lou – both of whom I suppose were technically playing at Left wing at the time.) Tracey left an impact with 3 goals as the game's top scorer, all from quality short corner wallops. Overall, the second half resulted in one of our best games against Commerce in quite a while. This week we take on NUTs before the 2 big matches of the round with Waratahs and Banks (Banks beat Tahs 2-1 on the weekend). **This week's game is on Saturday at 4.00pm versus NUTs.**



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## 5. C Men

Round 1 saw us post a 7-1 win against Commerce, and this week, we went 1 better with an 8-1 win. The scoring of 8 goals was all the more impressive since we probably only had less than a 25% conversion rate for shots on goal with 4 shots hitting the post (including 3 within a single 10 second phase of play followed by a short corner.) The first half saw a lot of effort expended for little reward with only a 2-1 lead at half time (thanks to Curb's penalty stroke on the siren at half time), but the second half saw much more open play and some excellent passing around the field for some good goal scoring opportunities. Deano seems to be confusing the larger sized soccer ball with the hockey ball at this stage of the season, and also struggling with the fact that the goals are a bit narrower in the bat and ball game, however, we are sure that the radar will return when it is needed most. We had multiple goal scorers for the match with a nice forward slide at the left post from Mick Cardile being one of the highlights. Clarky had his radar on – direct at the goalie who probably went home to an ice bath and was head and shoulders above all others for Best on Ground. Steve Humphrey won and made the most of the BOG this week and did we mention Johnny's leg - no not the crook one – the other one has now gone out in sympathy!! After last week's

disappointment, it's good to get back into the winning swing again, but a tough task this week with NUTs (who lost their first game in a couple of years to Easts 4-1 on the weekend). This result has really tightened up the ladder and we will need to switch on and win to remain in the top 2 on the ladder. **This week's game is on Sunday at 4.30pm versus NUTs.**



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## 6. C Women – Gold

Top of the ladder match. We took on 2nd place Waratahs Red. A warm one at 1.30pm & a number of players unavailable, not to mention a time mix-up ~ yes texts have now become mandatory! We had a steady start to the game with back passing, using the width & supporting each other. Our strikers were unlucky not to find the backboards on several occasions. Once again our defense was inspiring. An outstanding performance by Emma (Colby), with solid tackling & marking

& her clearing passes were faultless ~ earning her BOG. Fantastic game Colby! Gail was again rock solid in goals with some 'on the line' saves. A 'spot on' pass to Molly & a well placed pass past Tahs goalie saw us 1 up at the break. A selection of 'energy boosters' & encouraging words from Brett saw us lift the tempo in the second half. A number of unconverted corners were not enough to discourage us. Finally after umteen dozen attempts Sharon slotted one in. Tahs fought back & we were 2-1. Our strikers kept the pressure on, but the score remained 2-1. A good team game with a positive contribution from everyone.

Thanks a million to Brett for imparting his skills & knowledge whilst Leigh was jet setting! Congratulations again Colby! NO TRAINING THIS WEEK ~ BUT RUN, RUN, RUN and RUN some more. **This week's game 12.00pm against BM Banks Raptors on Sunday. (Please be there by 11.15am)**

#### 7. C Women - Green

No match last week, but back into it this weekend. **This week's game 6.00pm against BM Banks BlueBirds on Sunday.**

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**No Junior matches until Friday 17 July**

#### Rules – Incidental Foot contact

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In past years, whenever the ball hit a player's foot, a free hit was automatically awarded to the opposition. In recent years, this rule has been modified so that in certain situations, no free or other penalty is awarded. The situation where play is allowed to continue is when the ball touches the player's foot with 2 criteria

being observed. Firstly, there are no opposition players in the immediate vicinity – eg in a position to put direct pressure on the player who allowed the ball to hit their foot, and secondly, the contact with the foot provided no advantage to the player and wasn't intentional – ie foot contact is a deflection that doesn't assist the player in gaining control of the ball or stopping it going out over the side line. Incidental foot contact can occur inside the defensive circle, usually from a back pass as the defence work the ball around the back line and shouldn't result in a short corner if the above criteria are observed. Where incidental foot contact does occur, and the ball goes out over the back or side line, then the free hit is awarded to the opposing team in the same manner as if the ball had come off of the players stick. This rule is interpreted in different ways (eg ignored) by different umpires, however, its intent is to speed up the game and avoid stoppages for free hits based on incidents that had no effect on game play.

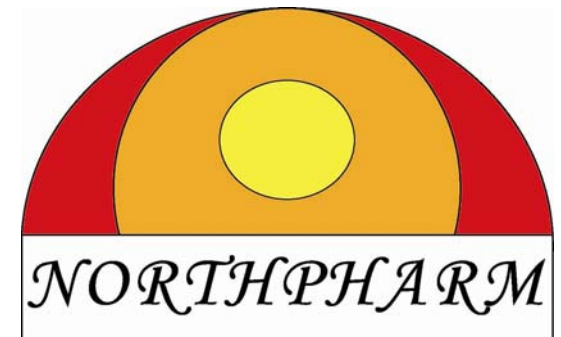
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