



Newsletter 10-06

WELCOME TO GAME 9 2009:

Welcome to game 4 of round 2. Last weekend saw one of the tough weeks of the season when we took on NUTs for the second time, and although Men's and Women's A, Men's B & C all recorded losses, they were significantly closer matches than in the first round and shows we are closing the gap on those ladder leaders. Women's B and C grade teams continued to power on at the top of their respective ladders.

The NT under 15 championships were held last week and Saints combined with Alice in both the boys and girls competitions, with both teams making the finals and the girls winning the overall comp. Congratulations to all involved.

A reminder on the upcoming social events:

The Darwin Hockey Association 60th 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. Dress is Black Tie. See Andrew Hahn for tickets.

Remember also to keep Darwin Cup Weekend Saturday and Sunday free for the

fishing trip at Dundee. The intention is to overnight at Dundee in a rental house and hold the annual card night as well. Back on Sunday evening for the Darwin cup on Monday. See Hahny or Curbs to register interest.

Advance notice of Hahny's 40th which will be held in the evening after the A & B grade games on Saturday 25 July. (Darwin Show weekend). Invites will be coming out at games over the next couple of weekends to most grades.

This weekend, most senior teams take on Tahs who are directly competing for most senior team's finals spots with Saints – all in roughly similar positions on the ladder leading to a fairly intense weekend of hockey. It is effectively a club day with all senior teams playing on the Sunday afternoon / evening on turf 1. There are scheduling clashes between both Men's and Women's C & B grade games this weekend, so we really need maximum player availability. Please let your coaches know if you are unavailable.

Fees are now due. Please pay the first \$200 ASAP – we will have receipts available on Sunday for people wanting to pay them in cash – otherwise Direct Debit is preferred. Second instalment of \$100 will be due in 2 weeks time.

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

A Men- Sat 4.30PM-NUTs v Com - Jarrod

A Wom- Sat 6.00PM-NUTs v Com - Leah

B Men- Sat 4.00PM-Banks v Easts - Gerry

B Wom- Sat 6.00PM- Banks v Easts-

C Men- Sun 12.00PM- Com v NUTs - Hahny

C Wm(1)Sun 4.30PM – Tahs v Saint – Whitey

C-Wm(2)-Sun 7.30PM – NUTs v East - Hahny

Results – Game 8 27-28 June

1. A Men

The men's A grade game this week was a tough and passionate affair with Saints ultimately going down to NUTs 6-1. A key difference between the 2 teams was Travis Carrol from NUTs who put in 3 international quality goals despite the best efforts of Adam in goals to stop them. The game also saw the welcome return of AJ, fresh from his 21st birthday efforts and junior world cup experience. AJ created the only goal for Saints with a vintage tomahawk that the NUTs stand in keeper had no chance of stopping. The match was interrupted by an incident in the Saints goals where the NUTs keeper took offense to Evan's attack on the ball and subsequent goal shot. Despite Evan's efforts to defend himself when grabbed around the neck, both players were red carded and will miss the next week. The final downside to the evening was Dan also being red carded with 2 seconds left in the game for voicing his opinion of the ref on the pitch out loud. BOG cup winner was Adam Luck who never gave up in goals and prevented a score line blowout. **This week's game is on Sunday at 8.00PM versus Tahs.**

2. A Women

This week we went down to Uni Tigers 2 nil who have not yet lost a game this season. Although I thought we were the better team,

again we were not able to put the ball in the back of the net. With 5 U/18 players away the ladies put together a good display and dominated with their passing game. With only 1 on the bench this was our biggest down fall with a number of players just running out of legs. I would like to thank Georgia McNichol for coming up from B grade and helping us to have one reserve, Georgia played like she had never gone from the team. Return of Candice Liddy for the next few weeks will help us out during this tough period. Candy carved through Uni s defence on numerous occasions but we were unable to capitalize on her brilliance. Strong games By Michelle Caden, Kirby Lawler and Simone Liddy went a long way to dominating the only undefeated team in the women's comp. BOG cup went to Jess Maclean who again toughed it out to play a lot of minutes and clock up a lot of miles while still ripping Uni midfield apart at the same time. It is going to be a hard 3 weeks which must see us get results in the coming weeks as we may drop out of the 4 for the first time in many years. Once we start putting scoreboard pressure on teams we will get the points we deserve. **This week's game is on Sunday at 6.30 PM against Tahs.**



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3. B Men

Loss 1-2. One of our better efforts and to keep it only to a one goal difference says a lot of how far we have progressed since the beginning of the season when NUTS 'caned' us. Their goalie certainly made a huge difference saving quite a few shots with perhaps Buddy's shot deflecting off the goalie's helmet summing it up for us. The team is improving and working better all the time but we need to make a decision whether we want to seriously contend the grand final or simply have a run on weekends.

Perhaps the biggest difference was the noticeable cohesion in the NUTS team and understanding between players. We struggle at times as players come and go from the side each week and we don't have a solid turn up at training every week. If we want to contend and win the grand final then players need to commit to regular training and game appearances. Goes without saying really but training together is a pretty significant contributor to understanding and well constructed plays on the pitch.

BOG this week went to Craig Rachow for his efforts in the back line, solid defence and backing up made a difference where it counted. Billy at the back with Sam, Steve and Curbs in the halves did a pretty good job of keeping NUTS at bay but the NUTS speed and leading caused us some anxious moments. Effective talking and positioning enhanced the defence but we were caught at times like the proverbial traffic cones and they ran past the first and second defender a few times with ease. Steve, Rainie and Robbie all had a decent run at centre half - the best of them proving that holding the centre and distributing effectively is a key to mid-field play and controlling the game.

In the forward line Buddy, Robbie, Sam L-J, Oatsie and Jamie worked pretty hard in attack but we were a bit light in the 'running back' department. Support up front is great but we need to continue to develop work rates and our defensive and attacking support through the middle. Inners and wingers switched or supported each other in short passing but we need to do it all game not just in five or ten minute blocks. Leading and beating the opposition to the ball are things that the team all needs to build on. **This week's game is on Sunday at 5.00pm versus Tahs.**

4. B Women

Last Saturday saw us kick off the round against 4th placed NUTs. 4.00 PM was still quite humid, but we had 3 subs on the bench. This ended up as a bit of extra luck as there were several "casualties" of AJs 21st the evening before. The hangovers apparent in the team did appear to impact on our normal free running play, however, the ladies held the game together for a comfortable 4-0 win. Welcome to Naomi who made her B grade debut for us, maintain a clean score line in goals. Our short passing game was better this week than the previous one, but still needs to lift a notch for the next couple of matches against Tahs and Banks where we will be tested. The Walton sisters produced all goals for the game with Tracey getting 2 and Tina scoring the other 2. Overall, this was a game where it felt the team didn't extend itself anymore than it absolutely had to. Another excellent game from Cindy at centre Half where I am sure she is accruing plenty of association votes. Also a sterling effort from Sally, who despite suffering the injuries from her "PAFO" the night before (ribs and knee) still managed to show that B grade grit and run out the game. BOG cup went to Sarah, who appeared just as hung over as Sally but had to run all game as an inner instead of half back. This week we take on Tahs who got a 2-0 jump on us in the last round when we only had 8 players before we came home over the top for a very satisfying 3-2 win. The game plan this week will be firstly to make sure we all turn up, secondly, try not to give them a 2 goal head start and let them get their hopes up, and finally, to finish off the game in the same fashion as we did last round. Our match this week will overlap with the c grade green team's match by 30 minutes so it is vital that we get all players there on time. **This week's game is on Sunday at 3.30pm versus Tahs.**



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5. C Men

Providing NUTs with a 3 goal head start in the first half was never going to result in a positive outcome for us. This was overall, quite a disappointing game where our lack of run and support play really stood out as a point of difference between the 2 teams. The second half was a much more competitive affair where NUTs scored one good deflection goal (from a very dodgy short corner decision!!) and we actually finished off much better with 2 late goals to Gareth (including one that we believe was more self preservation than good management). A key difference when we scored the 2 goals compared to the rest of the game was the run through the wing by Jack on his return to Darwin Hockey – welcome back Jack!! This week we take on Tahs in what is a critical game to stay in second spot. A loss will see us drop to 4th and a game out of the top two. We need numbers at the match as the first part of the match actually overlaps by about 20 minutes with the end of the B grade match on turf 1. **This week's game is on Sunday at 6.00pm versus Tahs.**



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6. C Women – Gold

With Leigh back in the coaching spot we were all keen to show him the technical coaching we had with Brett. Sorry Brett we just couldn't bring ourselves to display the 'Surprise Corner'. Maybe we should have ~ we had so many unconverted corners in this match. Against Raptors we didn't play our team game, carrying the ball too long until under pressure, then bad passing & poor shots on goals, we were creating extra work for ourselves.

Thanks to Kerry for her continual running & holding up of their ball carrier. Kerry was everywhere, which to us who were having a bit of an 'off minute', was inspirational! Kerry's efforts earned her the BOG Cup for this week.

Not to be out done, sister Tiffany stopped what was a certain goal & starred in defense with the support of Selmah who also featured in a goal saving deflection. Colby, Sharon & Gail were again relied on heavily to keep our score line presentable.

Karen had a big job keeping their young running centre under control. Our forwards had a few problems pulling it together! Great running & ball carrying by Molly & Costi. Kaitlyn worked hard on the wing, making good leads. Shannon was very versatile, playing in a number of positions & being a driving force in a number of shots on goal.

First half goal to Sue saw us go to the break 1-0.

Second half saw glimmers of our game, a fantastic off the post goal by Mini gave us a 2-0 lead. Raptors came back with a goal. We hung on for a 2-1 win. **This week's game 2.00pm against Commerce on Sunday. Team talk 1.15pm.**

7. C Women - Green

C WOM –GREEN MACHINE v BM Banks Blue Birds WON 2-1

Goals – Kristy Hayes (2)

Best – Hazel, Robyn, Bronwyn

Bog – Hazel

With about 20 minutes to go before the start of our game, I was starting to fret as I only had 3 players and all I could see coming through the gates was a sea of blue! Thinking that surely I don't need to remind my C grade team to rock up to their game....but yes I had to text and remind them to come as we played at 6pm not 6.30pm! Just as the siren went we managed to throw 11 on the field and 1 sub on the bench.

Considering the lack of training and bye last week we didn't start off too bad. We all held our positions well with the field stretched wide to give our inners and halves plenty of room to move and link up. It took us a while to get used to Bank's quick free hits and we got caught a few times with their speedy high strikers. At half time we talked about switching the play when getting bogged down, keeping the play wide and not rushing our tackles with our forwards focusing on providing options. Lucky time was on our side at the end because I think we were paying more attention to the umpiring than to what the coach had to say at half time. A win none the less - Well done! **This week's game 4.30pm against Tahs Red on Sunday.**

8. Under 15 Girls – NT Champs

SAINTS ALICE U/15 GIRLS TEAM 2009

COURTNEY BLOCKEY

GEORGIA DEMPSEY

GINA ABSALOM

ALLANNA BREEDON

SHAY SANDS

HAYLEY BATHERN

ABBY LEE

ASHA NUR

KELLY GAHAN

NICOLE WHATLEY

ERIN MORIARTY

SAVANNAH ROSSINGH

COACH – MICHELE ROBINSON

COACH - JENNI DEXTER

MANAGER - FAITH WHITE

GAMES:

V BANKS –WON 3-0

V COMMERCE – DREW 0-0

V EASTS WON 4-0

V NIGHTCLIFF LOST 1-3

V TAHS LOST 0-1

After the round robin games we ended up in 4th position and had to play 1st place TAHS to make the Grand Final. After scoring early in the first half, and many close calls we were able to stick to our game strategy. With coaches and parents picking up many grey hairs we secured our spot in the GF. We had the hard task ahead of playing NUT's who we went down 3-1 in our first encounter. Our game plan, teamwork and sheer determination was more important than ever. We scored early in the first half and were under a lot of pressure for the rest of the game. Our defenders kept us in the game and we won the well deserved title of CHAMPIONS! Throughout the whole tournament the Alice & Saints girls worked really well together as a team. They were all very mature in knowing what they needed to improve on for their next game, and also how they needed to play against each team to win. They debriefed together as a team at the end

of every game and they listened well to directions from both coaches. The team work and enthusiasm that they showed every day was very pleasing. Everyone seemed to have a great time and every individual really shined at one stage or another throughout the tournament. Congratulations to SAINTS players: Asha, Savannah, Erin and ALICE GIRLS: Georgia & Hayley who made the Possible's and Probable's. Special mention to young Abby, Nic & Kelly for successfully stepping up to the challenge of playing at the higher level. Many thanks to all the Alice girls and the support team they brought up with them and also the billets!

No other Junior matches until Friday 17 July

Umpire Positioning – Short Corners

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stroke if the above infringements occur (it's only a stroke if it would have been a goal if it didn't hit the defender's foot, or the defender used their foot intentionally). The second purpose of the disengaged umpire is to be able to cover all of the umpiring requirements for any breakout play that may occur if the defence gains possession of the ball and moves it rapidly into their attacking half, usually leaving the engaged umpire behind the run of play. In addition to these, the disengaged umpire can assist the engaged umpire in identifying any other breaches that occur in the circle – eg hitting the first runners foot or identifying who's stick the ball last hit prior to going over the backline. These infringements are communicated to the other umpire using hand signals, but it is the responsibility of the circle umpire to blow the free hit or new short corner.

The engaged umpire needs to position themselves so that they can firstly have a good view of the ball being pushed out, the trapping position at the top of the circle where the shot at goal is likely to come from, and the goal keeper, including the gap behind the goal keeper to the goal line. They also need to keep in mind attackers running in from the wing opposite the push out towards the goal post looking for a deflection. It is important to make sure that the defence is ready before the push out is taken, and in the case of a break to ensure they are set again before the push out occurs. During the short corner process, things to watch are: Push out taken correctly – ie one foot wholly outside the field of play, no double action (2 touches on the ball – short corner push out is one of the only places on the field where you can't self play and ball must go at least 1 meter before any other attacker touches it), defenders don't run out until the ball has left the push out player's stick, ball exits the circle completely, ball re-enters the circle before leaving the shooter's stick (ie shot is taken inside the circle or on the line), shot at goal is not dangerous and it crosses the goal line below the height of the backboard, and finally and most importantly,

that the ball actually crosses the goal line in its entirety. Throughout the process, for any uncertain situations, the engaged umpire should also look to the disengaged umpire to see if they have clearly identified any infringements. It is then up to the circle umpire to use this information to make a decision and award a new free hit, goal or short corner appropriately. It is also worth noting that where the defending team creates an infringement (eg ball may hit the first runners foot), but the ball then falls to the advantage of the attacking team, then advantage should be played provided it is likely the attackers will get a good goal shot chance (ie good probability of scoring). Once the shot at goal has been taken, advantage is over, regardless of if the striker misses the goal

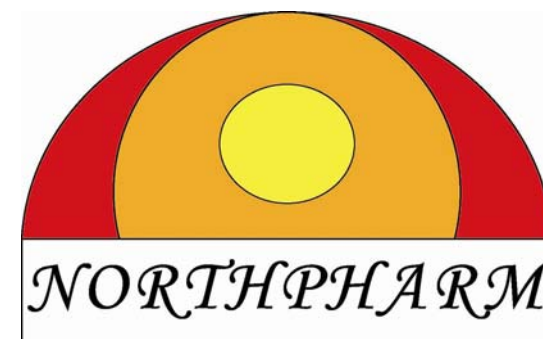
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