

Campbelltown City Women's Hockey Association

CCWHA Newsletter

June Long Weekend 2006



Canberra Carnival 2006 – Our Junior Stars Shine!

The June Long Weekend saw our U/11—U/17 Rep teams travel to sunny Canberra for a fun weekend of hockey, hot chocolate, wearing hundreds of layers of clothing, fun, games, pizza parties and more fun. This tournament attracts over 70 teams from 18 associations and is always a success for Campbelltown teams.

Our two U/11 teams, headed to Canberra, some braving the cold conditions for the first time and other building on their experiences from last year. Under 11 Black team impressed their coaches with their 'commitment and improvement throughout the week-end'. They were rewarded with their **first goal of the rep season!** Congratulations girls! Next on the agenda for the team is the Goulburn Carnival (why is it always the cold places????) in July – hopefully we will see more goals, and more importantly, more smiles from the girls and their coaches.

The U/11 Blue team also played well. The highlight of their week-end was winning their match against North Shore – a team that beat them at the CCWHA Carnival a month earlier. The team ended the week-end playing off for 5th with huge smiles

from all the girls, which hopefully means they are all keen to brave the cold against next year.

Both our U/13a and U/13b teams performed strongly on the week-end but our most successful team was the 13As who went through the rounds undefeated and after a tight semi-final that came down to strokes progressed through to the final thanks to Goalkeeper Savannah Wray's ability to keep hold the other team, and striker Allix Peters slotting away the winner. The Final, played against Lithgow ended in a draw which gave Campbelltown victory on a count back. The girls were coached by Greg Loudon and assisted by Milan, who both took over the reigns for the weekend in the absence of state league player and state league umpire Pip Sanders and Kylie Seymour (they will be back coaching the girls for Half State – pressures on for the same result girls!).

Our Under 13B's gave a spirited performance throughout the week-end, scoring goals, winning some games, and coming close to others. The girls gained experience from a thoroughly enjoyable week-end and we hope to see them all returning next year. Thanks to Trevor

Seymour for coaching the team in the absence of coach Vanessa Garrick also attending State League. We wish both these teams luck for their half state championships coming up in Parkes.

Our U/15 team also performed well on the weekend and whilst results didn't go their way, the girls showed outstanding spirit and courage and were always competitive, giving themselves chances to win in every game'. After improving solidly throughout the week-end, the team have traveled to Orange this week-end for the U/15 Southern Half State championships. We wish the girls and coach Wayne McParland the best of luck!

Finally, the 'old girls' of the Canberra week-end at only U/17 years young. This team was the hard luck story as they made the final against the ACT "State" Team- led 2 – 0 but it ended as a 2 – 2 draw– with ACT winning on a count back. A good effort from all of the girls which, is to be congratulated. The 13s, 15s and 17s Division 1 competitions make up the prestigious Mike McDermitt Shield. Out of the 18 Associations **Campbelltown came 2nd** to the very strong ACT Association.

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State League and Opens 2006

While the younger half of our Association was freezing across the border in ACT, the old-ER part of the Association was off doing the same in Bathurst at the State League Finals, and Opens State Championship.

Our **State League** Team was in search of their sixth title on the trot after a dominant five years. Alas, the team was unable to win the Championship but displayed skills and ability beyond their years. This team had some new players that were debuting at this level – Amanda Hese and Emily Hurtz, as well as a vast proportion that are still Under 18.

Whilst there is a strong future for our State League Team we relinquished the title (for at least this year). The team finished 5th overall, outside a very close top four with one or two games the difference.

Well done to the team on their improvement over the two week-end series, under the instruction of Coach Lisa Ellick. The girls played in conditions that saw their final game vs South Coast cancelled due to a frozen turf!!!

Away in Bathurst our opens team was competing. This team has been in the competition for three years now and has finished in the top 2 EVERY YEAR! This is a fantastic achievement and one that was maintained this year, with the team narrowly going down in the final to Macarthur. Runners-up in Division 2 is a fantastic achievement and shows that a Division 1 birth is not far away. Congratulations goes to all the girls led by Captain Rachel Cramp. **Congratulations Opens!!**

A huge thank-you is also extended from all of the girls to super coach



KAREN SOUTHWELL and Manager Judy Cramp (you would think by the time they reach Opens they can wash their own shirts... Judy you are TOO NICE!!!!). Teams are nothing without their off field support so thank-you ladies.

Goodluck to...

Our U/15's Rep team who are competing in Orange in the Half State Competition this weekend. The team has been training hard and we wish them all the best. We know that no matter what the results on the weekend, they will make our association proud both on and off the field. And also to Kylie Seymour who has been asked to attend as an umpire coach.

Best of luck to all of you!



A Class Umpire

Finally, in some exciting news from the week-end, **Kylie Seymour** was awarded her **NSW A Badge in Umpiring** whilst umpiring at State League in Bathurst and Wollongong.

An A Badge is not easy to gain and has only ever been received by one other person in the Association – that being our fearless (and extra skilful) President – Julia.

Well done to Kylie, who was 'very excited' after hearing the great result. Kylie now looks forward to heading away with the Under 15s New South Wales Team to the Australian Championship to cement her name on the **National** stage. **GOODLUCK KY-LIE!!!**



**U/13's & U/15's
Indoor 2006**

**U/13's - Maitland
27/29 October
U/15's - Port
Macquarie 25/27
November**

**If you are interested in playing please write your name on the notice board outside the canteen.
See Margaret Sanders for further details.**

CCWHA - Australian Reps Head Abroad

As of yesterday three of our CCWHA Representatives will be heading overseas to represent their country, state and Association. Danielle Hemingway and Emily Hurtz will head to South Africa with the Under 16 Australian All Schools Team, whilst Rebecca Sanders will head to England and The Netherlands with the Hockeyroos Champions Trophy Team.

For Danielle and Emily it will be their first time representing their country, and for Danielle, her first time overseas. The girls will leave Sydney and head to Johannesburg before moving onto Durban and Pietermaritzburg, where they will be based at

Wykeham Colligate - an upper class girls school.

In total, they play 5 games while they are there. Two practice matches on June 25/26 against Midlands U18A Team and KZN Southern Coastal's U18A Team before their three test matches against South Africa on June 28, 30 and July 1. They then finish off the tour with an official reception thrown by the South African team, a trip to a National Park including a Game Drive which will include seeing the Big 4, and a visit to Sun City. Following this, the girls will head home for some much needed rest after all of the excitement.

Both girls are looking forward to the trip and excited about meeting new people. Emily is also confident that the team will gel together despite not training together.

The team is 50% NSW, with a quarter of those players from CCWHA. It is an exciting opportunity for both girls to see a different part of the world, make new friends, as well as gain some valuable experience to add to their hockey knowledge and skills. CCWHA wishes the girls goodluck and safe travelling for their first Australian Representative trip, and we are sure that it won't be their last. Goodluck girls!



Thank-You

*Success and enjoyment of week-ends such as the one in Bathurst and Canberra can only be made possible through the volunteering of Coaches, Umpires and Managers. There are so many that put in hours of work to add to the enjoyment and success of the long week-end and to these volunteers CCWHA says a huge **THANK-YOU!!!!** Without you... the Association wouldn't be where we are today.
Also needing a big thank-you is the parents that take the time to take their young superstars to the various places around the state... **THANK-YOU...** from your kids, their team mates and the Association!!!*

Our Hockeyroo - Beck Sanders

Whilst Emily and Danielle head to South Africa, Beck Sanders will head to England and The Netherlands to play for the Hockeyroos at the 2006 Champions Trophy.



Around a week will be spent preparing just outside of London where matches will be played against England and Argentina before heading to Amsterdam where the tournament will run from July 8th – July 17th. Matches can be watched on Fox sports for those that have access, with the match schedule available through the Hockey Australia Website.

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