After celebrating those children that made the Sharks team last week, let's celebrate the wonderful coaches we have at the club this week. A special thanks to the coaches that are giving back to the club after having progressed through the junior ranks: there are some that progressed through the junior ranks many years ago, and others who recently left juniors or are still playing juniors.

We have Olivia Carruthers who while playing in under 14 girls team, who helps every week with the hook in 2 hockey program. In under 10s Bryce Marquardt coaches the under 10 black team, while playing in our under 16 mixed team, and Adam Davey who only left juniors a couple of years ago and plays with our premier league reserves. In under 12 there is a plethora of recent juniors coaching. Jo Campbell coaching our under 12 pennant, Chris Silvers under 12 South red and Lachlan Arnold Under 12 South Black. And of course Alice Arnold while playing under 16s – or trying to despite her injuries, helping Lachlan. In under 16s Liam Schinina has taken on coaching the under 16 South team. A special mention also to Ash Bingle who helps not only with the hook in 2 hockey program, but also the goal keeper coaching.

But the silver medalist hockeyroos seem to drive the Southern United women and girls to a successful weekend. On Friday night, the under 16 Girls A team played top of the ladder and undefeated Altona, so the game was always going to be tough. The power of the Southern girls paid off with a 2-1 win with a goal each to Charley Malligan and Emma Riley Not to be out down

For the Southern United Juniors on Friday night. At Farm Rd on Friday night, it was a big night with all teams playing Camberwell. The undefeated under 14 pennant team played undefeated Camberwell in a tight match coming away with a 2 all draw, with Nathan Andrew and Lewis Bailey both scoring one, giving them both a significant 7 and 8 goals for the season so far. The under 14 pennant match was followed by the two under 16 pennant teams, girls and then mixed.

The under 16 pennant girls team now has gained a better understanding of their team and the game and the team work paid off with their fist win of the season with a 4-0 win over Camberwell. Nicola Briggs scored two goals and with great positioning Tayla Brown scored 1 and a first goal for Zara Sangoor. The under 16 pennant boys played a quality game of hockey to come away with a 1-0 with Riley Sawyer scoring. A great double win for the hardest working coach in the business – Warren.

The two undefeated teams in Under 16 shield played the big match, Southern vs Camberwell.. The Camberwell team includes Max Hendry, member of the Australian Youth hockey team. The under 16 team played a huge game to come away with a 3-5 loss. While the under 16 south team played the tough Dandenong for a 2-3 loss.

In the land of under 14 players, under 14 south east team trekked to the Peninsula Hockey Centre to play Frankston. With 2 goals from Hayden Smith, and 1 from Liam Lewis and Mees Van Lammeren they came away with a 4-0 win. The under 14 girls and under 14 shield team had a tougher time with the under 14 shield team defeated by Waverley and the under 14 girls down to Box Hill.

Farm Rd on Saturday morning was busy as usual. The morning started with the under 12 girls showing the Camberwell girls how to play with a 4-0 win, solidifying their number position on the ladder., with 2 great goals from Mairead Clarke, and 1 for Evie Stansby and Molly



Mairead Clarke and Ilè DeVos

O'Neill. Lucky Anita looked up from the hard work on the BBQ just in time to see that goal of Mairead's.

Next at Farm Rd was the under 12 pennant team who have had some significant success in some games, but struggled in others, facing 2nd on the ladder Doncaster. Despite holding most of the play for the 1st half, they did not get to score, In the 2nd half Doncaster held the ball in their attack most of the half without scoring. Three penalty corners played beautifully by Dom Eddy did not succeed, with one disallowed with a break from a Doncaster player. The game finished with a very hard fought 0-0 draw.

The under 10 full field team played a very strong game against Dandenong at Farm Rd, as the game progressed the team played better hockey, only to be beaten 3-2.

The under 12 south red team played a tough game at Frankston under the watchful eye of lain Fitzgerald.

The under 10 half field teams also played at Frankston with the black team with Mike Stansby taking the reins for the day from Bryce running away with a 9-0 win, and the under 10 red team



Hannah Cote scoring a goal in under 10

On Saturday morning the under 12 south game at Casey showed the true sportsmanship which takes place in the hockey world. The Southern Black team were playing very well against Casey, with the ball rarely going in to the Casey attacking zone, with great work from Lucas Pithie on the wing, and team work Zach Affleck had the score line strongly Southern United with Callum Webster scoring five. When the Casey goalie was injured after half time and could not continue, Josh Osadchiy the Southern goalie was loaned to the Casey team to provide support to Casey in defence, where he continued to play with great gusto stopping Southern shots at goal. Well done to Lachie and Alice coaching and the players being prepared to make the game work for all.

What's on next week.

The ultimate games day on Saturday 21st June. The morning is full of under 12 matches at Farm Rd, with the Men's firsts and seconds playing in the afternoon. Followed by the excitement of the Ultimate games day, please come and join the fun.