



Juniors – The week that was – Round 8

The round 8 followed the excitement of the Junior State Championships in which 45 of our Southern juniors played for the Southern sharks.

The under 15 boys made up of 10 Southern players won. Congratulations to William Campbell, Max Dalton, Rhy Dyball, Cooper Green-Shiel, Tom Harris, Felix Harvey, Bradley Marais, Sam McLoughney, Josh Mulder, Ben Rogalsky.



The under 17 girls also came away with a medal, bronze with Laura Cox, Roos Hoving, Laura Johnson, Ashleigh Jones, Lucy White from Southern in the team. The under 13 girls, with Warren as coach and a raft of girls from Southern: Dominique Blatherwick, Nicola Brooks, Emily Butler, Olivia Carruthers, Emilia Downes, Isabella Dredge, Hayley Lambert, Amy Lawton, Josie Lawton also made a medal final, but were beaten to fourth place.

Not quite juniors, but Josh Ephraums competed for Victoria in the under 21 Australian championships where Victoria came away with the silver medal. Also in the Victorian team was Edward Arnold, who is an assistant coach to our under 16 shield team, and of course has siblings Alice and Lachlan coaching the under 12 south black team.

The Southern website is always up to date with who has been selected in representative teams <http://suhc.com.au/section-information/juniors/representative-hockey/> and we have updated some photos in that area as well.

Now for the actual junior round. It will be remembered by many as the nightmare round, trying to find players and coaches while so many have been on holidays has been challenging. Great work by Allison, Julian and Tracey for managing to find players for all teams, and thanks to all the players who played in a different team this week.

The season is ½ over and many teams are beginning to play the 2nd round of games. Farm Rd on Friday night had mixed success. The under 14 shield team, one of the teams suffering from school holidays played with Matt Allen, Adam Forbes, Ted Harvey and Oscar Fiorenza from the pennant team, playing top of the ladder Camberwell was always going to be a tough game, and they got beaten 4-2. The rest of the evening was more successful. The under 16 shield girls team played Camberwell with a 4-2 win with goals to Emma Chapman, Charley Malligan, Carlotta Borchering and Georgia Elston, keeping their first place on the ladder safe for the moment. The under 16 mixed shield team followed the girls with a 7-1 win against Essendon with 3 goals to Till Henniges and 2 goals to Nathan Ephraums and Rhy Dyball.

The seemingly unstoppable under 14 pennant team was also struggling with players having “donated” players to the shield team, and adding players from under 14 south and under 12. At

20 minutes in to the game they were 0-3 down, with the hole made by absent players quite clear. Matt then made the dash from Farm Rd, to freezing Frankston to lift the side significantly, resulting in some quick goals and a different feel on the pitch. Matt came away with 2 goals another 2 to Max Hewitt and 1 to Lewis Bailey gave Southern a 5-3 win.

At Dendy St, The under 16 mixed pennant team played top of the ladder Hawthorn, where in round 1 Hawthorn managed to beat the Southern boys 3-2, with a late goal on Friday night the Southern players managed to come away with a 2-2 draw with goals to Bryan D'Souza and Callum McDonald. The under 14 south team played Bayside. Zac Rattray in his first club game of hockey came away with 6 goals in the 10-0 win. While at Mentone the under 16 South team played long time rivals to a 4-0 win. The under 16 girls pennant team, without a goalie had to come up with some inventive method to play. A goalie is mandatory in under 16. The Knox team (top of the ladder) and umpires – thanks Sue Jones and Heather, agreed to let the game go without a goalie, and agreed whenever a penalty corner was given, a goal would automatically be awarded, the corner not played out. Despite this the girls played a huge game to come away with a 6-0 loss. Awesome.

On Saturday morning at Farm Rd, the under 12s had a great start to the day. The under 12 black team played top of the ladder Frankston to a 1-0 win, while the red team defeated Bayside 4-2. Two new players – Alex and Josh will add to the tight numbers of boys in those teams – Welcome.



Christian Van der Merwe in under 12 Shield

12 pennant team played sharing the play, and had an 8-0 win over Mornington with the goals scored by 7 different players.

In under 10s the group who suffered most from missing players were challenged to fill the four teams. The under 10 full field team with Evie Stansby rotation out of the under 12 girls team to the under 10 team, played a strong first half against Essendon to be 1 all at half time. The second half ran away from the young team finishing with a 6-1 loss, with the last goal against them in the final minute.

The under 10 ½ field teams all played at Monash allowing some sharing of players around the teams.

The under 12 girls continued the winning streak with a win over Camberwell, with one loss for the season so far, they are a good 2nd place on the ladder.

The new format shield competition this year, where the two “conferences” play for the first seven rounds and the top four from each conference then play in shield, is now in to the “second half” where the 8 teams are in a competition until the end of the season. The under 12 shield team played a tough match against Essendon where both teams played a quality game, with the men's premier league players watching and impressed while waiting for their games. Essendon came back from 2-0 down in the last 7 minutes to snatch a 2-2 draw.

While at Frankston on a pitch covered in water, the under



Under 12 Pennant team after win