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6 and 8 side Results

Primary competition winners and runners up;

6 aside;

A grade;1st East Coast Tui's, 2nd St Pats Shamrocks.

B grade;1st Gladstone 6's, 2nd Opaki.

C grade;1st St Mary's Hurricanes, 2nd Hadlow Green Stars.

D grade;1st Hadlow White Sticks, 2nd St Pat's Emeralds.

8 aside;

A grade;1st Kahutara, 2nd Solway Blacksticks

B grade; 1st Kia Kaha Fireballs, 2nd Opaki Hurricanes.

Senior Semi's & Finals;

Boys College 2 final between Kuranui Jnrs and Wai Coll Jnrs to be played on Tuesday 8th Sept.

Boys College 1 semi's on Wednesday 2nd and Monday 7th Sept.

Girls College final to be played on Thursday 3rd.

Women's 2B final between SMS Jnr Gold and Gladstone Demoted on Tuesday 1st September.

Women's 3 final between Carterton Masters and Wai Coll 3rd XI on Wednesday 2nd.

Women's 2A semi's Thursday 3rd Sept MBA Black / SMS 2nd XI and Sat. 5th Carterton Ladies / Wai Coll 2nd XI. Mens 2 semi's on Weds. 9th September.

Semi's to be played Sat 5th Men's 1;Harlequins / Redstar , Workshop / Featherston, Sunday 6th

Women's 1 Dalefield Black / Cossie Redstar & Dalefield Gold / Featherston.

Strikers and defenders clinics

The last two Friday evenings have seen large groups of enthusiastic children at the Clareville Hockey Complex participating in specialist clinics. On Friday the 14th there was a striker's clinic for any junior player wanting to learn some of the skills needed to become a quality striker or forward and last Friday (the 21st) there was a defenders clinic for juniors wanting to improve their tackling, channeling, and passing among other things. Both clinics went well and due to high demand, there will be more of them run within the next month. A U-11 defenders clinic is being run on Tuesday the 25th too.



The first group to go through the defenders clinic



Local man to receive prestigious award

Local Wairarapa Hockey legend Bill Peters has been awarded the Hockey NZ Gold Service Award for his commitment to NZ Hockey over the years. The award will be presented to Bill at the Hockey NZ AGM being held in Wellington on the evening of Saturday 5 September.

Bill has had a long and successful involvement with Hockey in the Wairarapa, which goes back for over 45 years. Highlights include a coaching partnership with Mrs Glad Cole which began in 1971 and saw the Collier Girls win their National Tournaments in 1978, 1981 & 1985.

Bill has been ever present at Secondary School Tournaments held at Clareville since 1998 where he perfected the role of Tournament Controller, he has also continued to coach primary hockey at St Patricks School. Well done Bill, the Wairarapa owes you a big thank you!!

Blacksticks update

The Blacksticks men have recently completed a five match series with Malaysia. They won the series 3-0. The pick of the performances was the first game which was held in Palmerston North in front of a good crowd including a good sprinkling of the Wairarapa Hockey community.

The men have remained together in camp and are now building for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Invercargill at the end of the month. The 20 man squad includes youngsters Joel Baker and Arun Panchia who have pushed out the more experienced Dave Kosoof and Casey Henwood. The Blacksticks women will be competing at the tournament also, Australia and Samoa and both the men's and women's opponents. Only the winning teams will gain direct entrance to the next Olympic Games. The games will be screened on Cue TV which is channel 23 on Freeview and 110 on sky digital.



Alex Hare shows a ton of courage while defending for the Wairarapa u-11 boy's team in a warm up game against the Wairarapa u-13 girl's development team

UMPIRE'S NIGHT

On Thursday the 13th a thank you night was held for the junior umpires in the mentoring programme. Former international umpire Clare Crawford gave the group an inspirational speech about what it takes to get to the top and the benefits and perks of umpiring. Lyall Hicks and Pete Sigvesten were also there helping the umpires and answering their questions and have been instrumental in developing this batch of up and comers. Nic Towns, Regan Fricker, Bevan Brown, Claudia Wildman and Daniel Warren were all awarded their Local umpiring badges.

The intermediate A2 grade had its semi final, **Hadlow** playing **Kia Kaha** and **Dalefield** squaring off against **Gladstone**. Hadlow won their game and progressed to the final without too much hassle disposing of Kia Kaha 4-0. The other semi however was a very close affair, at the end of regular time it was two all after **Ruby Birchall** scored a brace for Dalefield and **Hannah Lange** for Gladstone. A winner had to be found so the game went into golden goal –drop off. After 6.5 minutes of extra time and with the teams down to 7 aside, Dalefields **Latesha Smith** scored the winning goal.

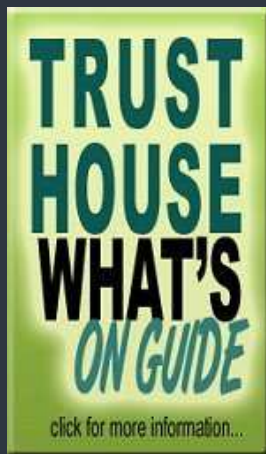
The final between Hadlow and Dalefield Gold on Monday 24th produced another very tight game and saw Hadlow as victors with a slender 1 – 0 win. A1 semi's saw MIS Red defeat Country by 2 goals to 1 and MIS Gold turn on a great second half performance to put out the White Team 6 – 2.

MIS Gold narrowly defeated the Red team in last night's final, a very high standard of hockey on display for the large number of people who turned out to support.

All the junior representative teams are looking strong this year, which bodes well for future of Hockey Wairarapa.

Upcoming Events

- Hockey Wairarapa are holding an **Awards evening** in October to recognise the achievements of Hockey players, teams, officials and coaches. There will be a guest speaker, MC, and supper provided, nominations for the various awards will be called for soon.
- **NHL** – September 12 & 13 in various locations including Palmerston North, and 19th-27th in Christchurch. There will be a sprinkling of past and present Wairarapa players involved in this competition, which is the best level of Hockey that is played in New Zealand apart from international.
- The **Olympic stick boy's college tournament** is being held in Wairarapa from August 31 until September 4. Local teams Kuranui college and Chanel will be representing the region and we wish them the best of luck
- The Wairarapa Collier Team is holding a **quiz night** on September 5 to raise funds towards their national tournament. M.C Chris Cogdale is sure to provide a few laughs and guest speaker Brian Lochore will be sharing his sporting experiences.
- For more information on these articles and more please see our website



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