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The fallen dreams edition

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.....the final countdown

I was going to put the lyrics for The Final Countdown here but those lyrics suck without the music, so I decided to go for Eye of the Tiger to pump up all our teams still fighting it out the finals.

Risin' up, back on the street
Did my time, took my chances
Went the distance, now I'm back on my feet
Just a man and his will to survive

So many times, it happens too fast
You change your passion for glory
Don't lose your grip on the dreams of the past
You must fight just to keep them alive

It's the eye of the tiger, it's the cream of the fight
Risin' up to the challenge of our rival
And the last known survivor stalks his prey in the night
And he's watchin' us all in the eye of the tiger

Face to face, out in the heat
Hangin' tough, stayin' hungry
They stack the odds 'til we take to the street
For we kill with the skill to survive

So, as I pull on my Essendon scarf for what will probably be the last time this year, I say good luck to everyone playing this weekend. Make sure you check out page nine to get all the times of the Uni finals and get your butt out to the turf so you can lend your support them.

See you all at the dinner

XX Charlie

These volunteers have been working tirelessly in all year; between turf renovations and a Hockey Tasmania restructure it's been a difficult time for most clubs.

Next time you see one of the following people give them a pat on the back

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| Presidents | |
| Melissa Ford (Mel) | Ben Fowler |
| Vice-Presidents | |
| Katharine Podmore (Pod) | Simon Cocker |
| Treasurers | |
| Bec O'Halloran | Nick Smith |
| Secretaries | |
| Emma Murray (Charlie) | Roger Campbell |
| Social Coordinators | |
| Jane Neasey | Stephen Flynn (Flynn) |
| Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinators | |
| Vacant! | N/A |
| Coaching and Development Coordinator | |
| Anna Bamford (Pebbles) | Ollie Close (Joc) |
| Umpiring Coordinators | |
| Megan Howard | Peter Bolton |
| A-pool Coordinators | |
| Sarah McRobbie | Alistair Brooks |
| B-pool Coordinators | |
| Renee Hill | Richard Rollins |
| Underage Coordinators | |
| Anna Bamford (Pebbles) | Marcus Haward |
| Sports Council Rep | |
| Bec O'Halloran | Ben Fung |



.....play hockey overseas

What do these former University players all have in common...Dan Williams, James Benson, Colin Stewart, Aaron and Sean Clauson? They've all played for the Corinthians Hockey Club in Ireland.

Corinthians is hoping to maintain ties with our club and would like to encourage anyone traveling to Europe, who might be keen to play hockey while they are away, to consider joining Corinthians.

The club has a great history, with 5 men's teams and 6 women's teams, both playing at the highest level. While maintaining a high performance level the club also has a strong family base and active social side, which they like to think is a step ahead of the other clubs in Dublin.

If you'd like some more details, or would like to get in contact with someone at the club, their website is www.chc.ie

.....uniforms



After sorting out some issues with their supplier, the women's club now has a surplus of uniform stock and is encouraging members to think forward and purchase any items they might need for next year.

Perhaps you'd like an extra pair of our spiffy socks for summer hockey, or an extra training top for all that running you'll be doing in the off season? Either way, the club will be taking orders up until the end of senior finals (Friday 18 September) to clear out the masses of uniform items that are currently residing at Jen's place.

Orders will be taken the same way as they have all year – access the uniform order form on the Uni Hockey Club website and send it to tuwhc@unihockeyclub.com.au.

.....subs 2009

All subs are **due now**.

If you haven't paid your subs yet, and you haven't contacted your treasurer to work out a payment plan, you should be aware of the following consequences:

- If you haven't paid your subs by finals you will not be allowed to play
- If you haven't paid your subs by the dinner you will not be allowed to attend
- If you haven't paid your subs by next year you won't be able to play hockey (with any club)

See the University Hockey Club website for more details www.unihockeyclub.com.au

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| Women | Bec O'Halloran | becohalloran@hotmail.com |
| Men | Nick Smith | men@unihockeyclub.com.au |

.....announcements



Congratulations to Lizzie Lovett (pictured left) on finally tying the knot with her long time boyfriend, and good friend of the Uni Hockey Club, Tim Baker. We wish her all the best for her European honeymoon - even though it means leaving her team to play finals without her!

The club is set to welcome two new members in the coming months as two of our favourite couples prepare for the birth of their first children. Peter Boyles and Katharine Podmore are counting the days until the arrival of their Podling, due any day now. Pete, an avid Saints fan, has his fingers crossed the big day comes well before 'that last weekend in September'.

Only weeks later Scott Pestrucci and Sarah Cowling are expecting the arrival of their daughter. If sculling ability is genetic we're sure she'll be a top notch recruit in future competitions.

Lastly, Dribble would like to congratulate Dave Hughes and Anna Selby on their recent engagement. All I can say is it's about time!

.....state team selections

With the advantage of a tournament at home, Tasmania will field 4 teams in the Women's Veterans National Championships for the first time in 2009.



Our chances look strong in all 4 divisions, however special mention goes to the over 35s who will be going for a hat trick of national titles this year, captained by our very own Sarah Pugsley. Former TUWHC stalwarts Sarah Park and Shani Sailer will also be vying for the title as part of the Victorian team.

The standard of this division is easily as good as the local A grade competition so hockey fans would be well served to catch the women in action. From this tournament the Australian Veterans teams will be selected to play a test series against New Zealand in Newcastle next May.

Pictured left: vets weapon Mel Ford in the local A Grade competition

Congratulations to these University players for their selection in the following state teams:

Women over 35

Sarah Pugsley (Captain)
Pip Cooper
Assistant Manager: Melissa Ford

Women over 45

Ruth Matters
Jencie Harrington
Coach: Scott Pestrucchi

Women over 40

Melissa Ford (Co-captain, pictured above)
Rebecca Clifford
Harriet Paterson (shadow player)

Women over 50

Gillian Tomes (train on)

On the men's side we'd like to congratulate Alistair Brooks and Peter Gaggin for their selection in the over 40's team that will be traveling to Melbourne to play in the Men's Veterans National Championships starting Monday 28 September.

.....finals results



While the senior finals are only just beginning, the young stars of our club have already finished their season. The women's club did especially well this year, winning the U16 Division 2 Premiership – woot!

Women's President Mel Ford was spotted several times supporting our juniors and was able to provide the low-down on how the teams went.

Pictured left: winners are grinners - our victorious U16 team with coach Lauren Wise

U12s Div 2 semi final – Canterbury Red defeated University 4-1. A rather convincing win to Canterbury.

U14s Div 1 semi final – Prince of Wales Wellington drew with University 2-2. The score was tied after extra time so Wales proceeded to the final as they were higher on ladder.

U16s Div 2 grand final – University drew with North West Graduates 1-1. The score was tied after extra time but University won as they were higher on ladder

U18s Div 1 semi final – North West Graduates defeated University 1-0. University peppered the goals solidly for the last 10 minutes with a number of shots just missing their target.

.....uni uni uni, oi oi oi

This year the seniors have seven teams still in the race for a premiership, and I'm sure they'd really appreciate a rowdy crowd to cheer them on. All the times and dates are listed below so you don't have to miss a second.

Women

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| Second grade women semi final vs OHA | Sunday 6 September | 5.00 pm | THC1 |
| Third grade women semi final vs POWW | Monday 7 September | 8.15 pm | THC1 |

Men

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|------|
| A Grade men preliminary final vs OHA | Sunday 6 September | 3.00 pm | THC1 |
| A Reserve men semi final vs OHA | Saturday 5 September | 1.00 pm | THC1 |
| Second grade men semi final vs CAN | Sunday 6 September | 2.00 pm | THC2 |
| Third grade men (1) semi final vs NWG | Sunday 6 September | 5.00 pm | THC2 |
| Fifth grade men semi final vs CAN | Saturday 5 September | 1.00 pm | THC3 |



From all accounts the pub crawl was a hit with everyone who attended. Congratulations to the combined men's and women's fourth grade teams who were the only entry on the night – we've heard you did well making up for the rest of the club!

Rumour has it there were some interesting developments after the 'hand holding' round, with several couples deciding to extend this round for the rest of the night. Watch this space...

The next big night is 19 September, when we will hopefully be celebrating several premierships and looking back on a great season. If you haven't been to an event this year make sure you get your team along because it's going to be a cracker.

.....social calendar

| Date | Function | Venue |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 18 th April | Pub Night | The Bay Hotel |
| 30 th May | Quiz Night - team theme | The Bay Hotel |
| 27 th June | Pub Night | The Bay Hotel |
| 18 th July | Pub Night | The Bay Hotel |
| 1 st August | Pub crawl | The Bay Hotel (start) |
| 29 th August | Pub Night (end of roster games) | The Bay Hotel |
| 19 th September | Pub Night/Cocktail party (Grand Final Night) | The Bay Hotel |
| 3 rd October | Dinner | The UniBar |

Do you have an idea or suggestion for future social functions?

Contact Flynny & Miss Jane: social@unihockeyclub.com.au

.....the final hurrah

Well I think I've gotten through the year without offending too many people: I cut down the rumours and reduced the alcohol percentage but coming into the silly season a little scandal couldn't hurt.

This photo was taken during one of the A Reserve men's matches on a video camera that was filming the game.

From a quick first glance the picture looks totally normal, but on closer inspection it seems much more interesting...I wonder if you can guess who it is?

