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IDENT'S REPORT

A lot has happened since the last edition of the Herald, with 1993 getting off to a very busy start.

The champagne breakfast on 27 December was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Wendy Ellis and her team for organising this event. Following the breakfast all hands were on deck to prepare the club for the staging of the inaugural Junior Hopman Cup. This event was a great success and thanks to all who gave up their time to help, particularly the organising committee.

On 17 January we had Charles Picchetti's Canvass Fine Art Mixed Classic. This was the first year we held this during the January holidays (the February date has been taken up with pennants) and even though we had ten certain starters on interstate tennis commitments and less than half the field entered 2 days before entries closed, we eventually ended up with a full field of 128. It was another great day and my thanks, and I'm sure yours, go to Charles for his sponsorship of this event.

It was pleasing to see the new bay of courts being used for Charlie's Day. It was disappointing after such a promising start that these courts took so long however the grounds committee has been working very diligently to get them up and as any farmer will tell you *it's been a late season.*

The next few months promise to be non-stop with the last round of pennants and finals, closely followed by the club championships and then the Ian Hutchison Real Estate Round Robin on April 25.

With school holidays over and a full complement of courts now available I look forward to seeing you at the club in the near future.

Garry Napier

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

At 72 years of age, current Membership Chairperson and Flagmaster FRANK THOMAS has lost none of the zest and enthusiasm which have been a feature of his 30 years with the club.

During this time he has served on a number of committees - 4 times as treasurer, gained fame as quiz master extraordinaire, captured numerous club handicap tournament titles as well as 3 veteran's doubles championships, been a regular pennant player and a member of several winning veteran's teams, played in every "special" club event and in the process has picked up 4 trophies in the prestigious "Ian Hutchinson Round Robin".

On the rare occasions Frank is absent from Hensman, it is likely that he is competing in a country tournament somewhere. In recent years he has met with success at such venues as Albany (1988 Masters), Katanning, Narrogin, Wickepin, Dongara and Geraldton.

Frank attributes his secret of "eternal youth" to his early upbringing in Kalgoorlie, a heritage he shares with quite a few Hensman colleagues, and where he obviously learned the virtues of *clean living*.

After leaving Eastern Goldfields High School at 15, he joined the Union Bank of Australia (later to become the ANZ) and continued with this organisation until retirement, except for service in Britain as a commissioned RAAF pilot during World War 2.

Frank and wife Gwyn - a co-worker at the Union Bank - have 2 sons and a daughter. Eldest son Geof and daughter Jill have had a strong association with the club, both featuring on the Brian Flynn Memorial Trophy Board and on a number of winning pennant shields whilst other son Max is a golfer playing off a single figure handicap.

All of the indications to date suggest that Frank could well be leading the celebrations at Hensman Park's centenary celebrations in 2025!



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SHIELD MATCH TEAMS

At the time of going to press we have three undefeated teams, namely our Ladies Sat Div 5, Mens Sat Div 14 and Mens Sun Div 10. Our Mens Vets Div 2 has lost one match and we have a number of other teams who will play off in the finals. We wish all teams success in the finals and hope that further shields will be adorning the walls of the clubhouse shortly. The finals will be played over the weekends of March 6/7 and 13/14.

MAZDA CITY STATE LEAGUE

Our Mens team staged a grand fightback to defeat South Perth last weekend. Keith Begley has been standing in to replace Mark Hlawaty, who is under suspension until February 28.

WHAT TYPE OF CLUB DO WE WANT ?

It is with great disappointment that I advise having received reports of "un-Hensman-like behaviour" from some of our members in recent times. This involves thoughtless remarks to visitors and potential members, and criticism of and general unfriendliness to some juniors and newer members of our club.

This sort of behaviour simply cannot be tolerated - I would urge anyone who has been subjected to this sort of treatment to let me know personally so action can be taken accordingly. If you are one of the offenders I would ask you to have a long hard look in the mirror and change your ways.

Hensman has a proud tradition earned over the past sixty odd years, and I assure you that I will do everything that it takes to ensure that this great club is not destroyed by a few selfish individuals.

I trust you feel the same.

Garry Napier
President

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 20 Feb. BBQ following tennis.
\$9

Saturday 27 March Roast Beef Dinner
\$11

Tuesday 20 April - QUIZ NIGHT

Friday May 14 - Annual Dinner

BY-LAWS

After extensive research and discussion by the Board of Management a set of By-Laws have been established, setting out policy decisions of previous Committees/Boards, and these will remain in place until changed or rescinded by subsequent duly elected Boards of Management. A master copy is available for perusal by anyone interested.

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GROUNDS REPORT

Great relief all round as courts 9 - 12 have come back into play, and the work that has gone into patching and levelling on these courts has really paid dividends. We will be nurturing these courts in the coming weeks while they become properly stabilised.

Courts 13-17 have now recovered from the debilitating effects of the Spring Root Rot disease, and spraying in accord with the recommendations of a leading Turf Consultant have commenced in the hope of preventing or at least minimising the effects of future outbreaks. A managed fertilizing program to assist in combating the disease will commence in March and continue through to June. Vertecutting of the 13-17 bay will be carried out at the end of the month and these five courts will not be used over the long week-end. There have been a number of problems with the mower and adjustments are being made to enable the courts to be cut at a lower level.

Craig Ellis has settled into the job well and is being contracted for the coming year.

The gate at the north eastern end of the courts is being locked to prevent unlawful use of the courts by non-members.

CANVASS FINE ART MIXED CLASSIC

It was Sunday 17th January, the sun was shining and the 128 player full house sign was once again up for Charlie Picchetti's annual mixed doubles event at the club. What a day it was ! Our new bay of grass courts were brought into play for the first time and stood up to it well, and generally the club and the surrounds were a picture.

There was a good sprinkling of visitors for the event, including Polly Farmer who has donned sandshoes since putting his footy boots away. Our State League players (those that weren't managing or playing in State teams) also took part and there were no complaints from the girls chosen to partner Mark or Ashley. Close contests resulted in most of the divisions.

Charles was in his usual good form at the presentation ceremony and overcame his usual shyness to offer the appropriate rewards to the fairer sex, in fact he expanded the winners list to increase his exposure to the competitors. At the end of the day there were few who did not go away with a prize, and for those who did they had the enjoyment of an excellent afternoon's tennis.

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This excellent full day event is coming up on Sunday April 25 and you should be planning your teams of four now. Two men and two women comprise a team, the morning consists of three sets of mens or ladies doubles and the afternoon concludes with three sets each of mixed doubles.

There will be good prizes and good food again - it is an excellent opportunity to invite friends from the country or another metro club to make up your team.



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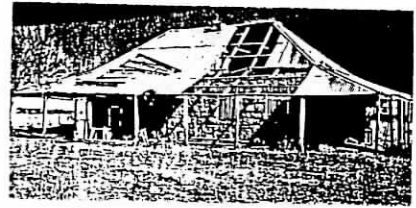
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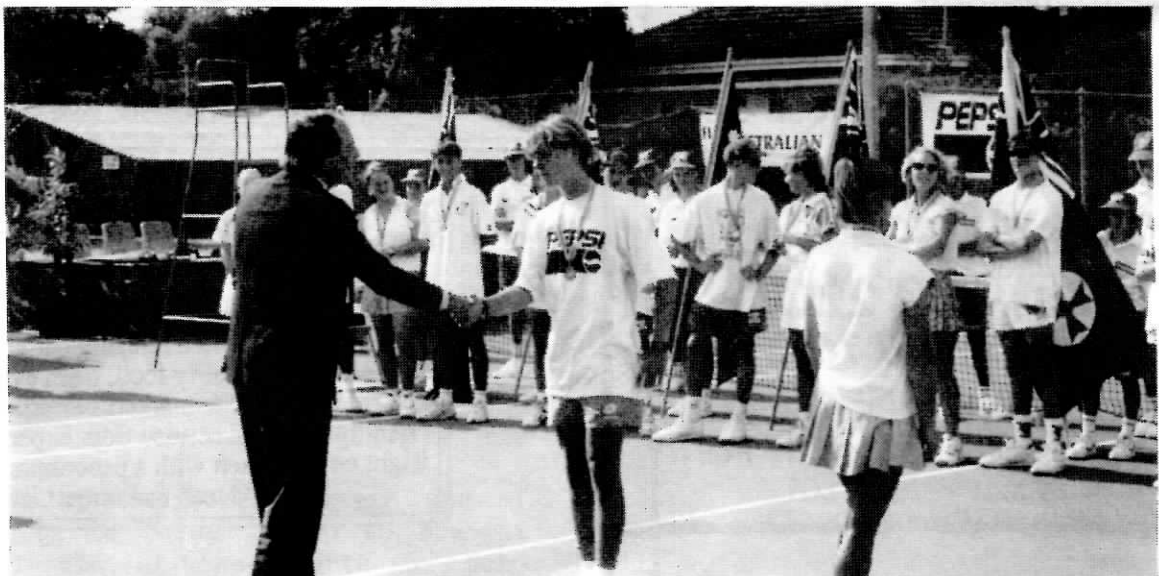
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W.A.'s victorious Junior Hopman Cup team of James Sekulov and
Siobhan Drake-Brockman with Lucy Hopman and Mr Jeff Pollard,
President of Tennis Australia



Mr Alan Hicks, President of Tennis West, presents a medallion
to the WA team at the Opening Ceremony of the Junior Hopman Cup
at Hensman Park.

JUNIOR HOPMAN CUP

Australia's top juniors aged 16 & under, gathered at Hensman on Monday 27 December for this inaugural event, and what a thrill it was to be involved. The tennis over the three days was a delight, and hopefully in a few years we will see some of these players representing Australia in international competition.

Our bay of five *Chevron* courts were dressed up for the occasion with Sponsors boxes, grandstand, pot plants and signs acknowledging the sponsorship of Australian Airlines, Pepsi, Burswood Resort, Tennis West and Community Newspapers. The opening ceremony was a very colorful affair, with the ballboys and girls dressed neatly in blue and white, and the teams accompanied by the flags representing the six states and two territories of Australia. Mr Alan Hicks, President of Tennis West opened the event and presented each of the participants with a commemorative medallion.

Mondays matches started at 8.30am and the final match finished under lights at 10.30pm, so it was a hectic opening day both for the players and the organising committee. The final qualifying rounds were played on Tuesday at Hensman before an excellent crowd of spectators, who were particularly enthralled by the match between WA & ACT. Hensman's Siobhan Drake-Brockman got WA off to an excellent start with her first ever win over Canberra's Annabelle Elwood, and then James Sekulov (brother of Hensman member, Monika) won a great three set singles against Ben Elwood.

At the conclusion of the matches "operation clean-up" began, and grateful thanks go to the thirty or so members of the club who stayed and helped remove and dismantle the sponsors boxes, remove the grandstand, the signs and the potplants etc. It was all completed in a little over an hour, but would have taken half a day if left to the organising committee.

It was a great event and one in which Hensman received considerable publicity both in the lead-up and the actual playing of the matches. Our "chevron" bay of courts provided an ideal setting

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for such an important national event. Glynis Barber and Dene Rundle have already had discussions with Charlie Fancutt (senior Hopman Cup) and Brian Beers (Tennis West) re the format for next years event in which it is hoped to introduce at least one overseas team.

Thanks go to all who assisted in any way with the running of the Junior Hopman Cup, some of whom are listed below:

Catering: Jan Hart, Ken McIntosh, Elsie Carroll, June Rundle, Fay Totterdell, Lois Ker

Grounds: Craig Ellis, Mark Barber, James Williams, John Carroll

Match Box and Player liaison: Phil Searle, Keith Begley, Garry Napier

Linespersons: Margaret Napier, Sharon Thomson, Karen Rundle, Julie Bell, James Williams, Dick Ker, Alan Morcombe, Charles Picchetti and Ross Totterdell

Transport: Warren Jones

SOCIAL SETS

Ken Houston advises having greatly expanded his team rostered to arrange social sets. With a full complement of grass courts now available the task is made considerably easier, and we appreciate the co-operation of those who have joined this group. A color coding system is being used to assist in the rotation of members matches between the grass and chevron courts.

If you have a problem with your sets during the course of the afternoon, please have a quiet word with those on roster who would probably be unaware of your situation, and would be glad to rectify it where possible. On the other hand if you have enjoyed your afternoons tennis it gives encouragement to those on roster, so don't be afraid to let them know.

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Club member Steve Flanagan is to conduct Aerobics classes at the clubhouse in the week commencing 2nd March. This is a fun way to get and keep fit as well as trim some unwanted inches off the waistline - see Steve for further details.

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On arrival at the courts and BEFORE commencing play, you must write in the visitors book (next to the afternoon tea servery) the name of your visitor, the date and your name. The appropriate visitors fee should be placed in the envelope provided and then dropped in the box.

There is growing annoyance within the club at members who flout this most basic of club rules and offenders can expect to be approached any time they are on the court without the notation in the Visitors Book. Repeat offenders will have their names published in the Herald.

SANTA VISITS HENSMAN

Looking quite young this year, Santa visited the club prior to Xmas and as usual he had a captive audience. The grandparents seemed to be having as much fun as all the youngsters, and there were many new faces this year. Nibblies were served at the conclusion and Marg Napier had prepared a Xmas cake for the occasion.

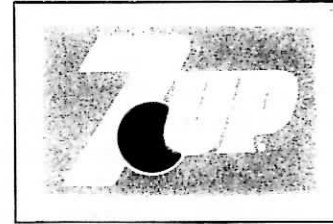
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Barry Daniel has spent a rewarding time in the Philippines in January, involved in a humanitarian project on Cebu Island * Chris Kennedy is to marry on 20 February - congratulations * Mark Hlawaty and Jeremy Muir were sighted in Albany over the long weekend, and not playing tennis either * Vicki Houston, did play tennis over the long weekend in Victoria with her sister and came home with a prize * Kathy Beeson is the proud mother of a baby boy * Peter Overheu is making a good recovery from his recent eye surgery * Geoff Groves wasn't too impressed to see wife Jacki's car removed from the premises, fortunately it was recovered the following day * Natasha Brinsden enjoyed Christmas in Darwin with her sister * the Morcombes are nearly ready to move into their new home in Kardinya * Karen Rundle and cousin Brad won the Mixed Doubles at Katanning's club championships * Tasmania was the venue for this years Vets carnival and Hensman was represented by the Greens, Napiers, Gardiners, Ethel Priestley and Gwyn Thomas * Kalgoorlie is celebrating its centenary this year and a special Easter tournament is planned. Former goldfields residents who will be returning for this event are the Inces, Gardiners and Rundles * to his everlasting regret Charlie Picchetti took his eye off the ball to look at a line during his recent experience as a Junior Hopman Cup linesman - the bruising has subsided and he's making a good recovery * Mark Tory and Ashley Burton won the Mens Doubles at the Bunbury tournament.

JUNIOR TENNIS REPORT

Colin Napier reports that attendances have been good at the Prov Junior club and Keith Begley has conducted four coaching clinics. A further squad is being established shortly covering a five week program and Keith will be leading this also. The club's sponsorship program is to subsidise part of the cost for the participants. State League players have been hitting with Tim Hammond, Nathan Dalton, Ben McArthur and Lloyd D'Orsogna also. The Sunday morning pennant teams are now playing back at Hensman with the return to play of the remaining four courts.

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Congratulations to Hensman's Siobhan Drake-Brockman and the other members of the WA team who won the Girls 18s ultimate team trophy for only the second time in the history of WA tennis. Siobhan went through the series un-defeated, in what has been an incredible year for her.

Although our other state representatives were not members of winning teams, they all performed creditably and would have gained much experience from the recent interstate series.

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Congratulations to Peter Clemens who won a singles event at the Coca Cola tournament. Good to see some of our players practising at the club over the holidays, notably Kendal Hammond. John and Douglas Bell and Morgan Clark

The twilight tennis and BBQ before Christmas was a lot of fun with over 30 members attending and everyone pleased to see Barb Whitely who was able to get along for the night and as usual provide some assistance in the smooth running of the function. Warwick Dibb and Ryan McCrow have been seen playing tennis in Norfolk Street, and should exercise care when they see a red RED car approaching!

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