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PLAYER'S MEETING



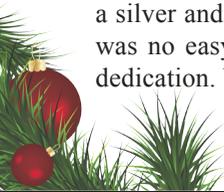
Senior coach Chris Attard held a players meeting for the seniors players and the newly introduced juniors to the senior side. Jean Paul Sapiano, Marvin Grixti and Deemer Rapinett are the ones that made the grade to the first team. The coach outlined his plan for season 2018/2019 and what was expected out of each and every one during this season. Noel Gatt, pointed out the ups and downs of last season. This was followed by a discussion on the way forward, starting with a well needed pre-season to get back on track after a hot summer drinking beer!



At the end of the meeting words of encouragement were addressed to the new seniors giving them a warm welcome into the senior section.

Sam Micallef representing Malta in Special Olympics

Our club is very proud of having trained junior player Sam Micallef who represented Malta in the special Olympics of swimming this summer. Sam outrightly won two races gaining a silver and gold medal for Malta, our country. Of course this was no easy task but the reaping of his hard work and pure dedication. We're proud of you sammy!





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Pre-Season Training

Our junior and senior sections under the guidance of their coaches, started pre-season training to get back to their normal routine and also to get back on track regarding physical fitness and skills. Both sections spent about 2 months of intense pre-season and are looking forward to this season's national league. In preparation both juniors and seniors played a number of friendly matches. The juniors Under 16 and Under 18 teams took part in a friendly tournament organised by Qormi during which they won 2 games and conceded one match. The seniors had a friendly match with Sliema Hot Sticks which they unfortunately lost by tough luck with a score of 2 - 4.



Recruitment



Thanks to the initiative of Nathan Galea, this summer our club got the opportunity to coach and introduce the game of hockey in 30 schools during Summer Schools run by the Foundation for Education Services (FES) under the Directorate of the Ministry for Education and Employment. We took this as an opportunity to recruit children, invite these to take up the game of hockey and subsequently increase our junior membership. Coaches together with some senior players worked hard all summer and attended these coaching sessions in schools aiming to promote hockey while bringing some energetic young blood to the club.

Call for help

I am trying to build up the honours list in our website. As records for some years after season 1999/2000 were either not kept, misplaced or lost I am turning to those who after this season were awarded some honour. Please check your trophies/mementoes and if you did win an honour kindly see whether this honour is included or not on our website in the "Roll of Honours" page. If not please email me on: carmelo.emm.ellul@gmail.com

Thanks. Charlie Ellul

Nathan Galea Abroad



Club's Under 16 and Under 18 coach, Nathan Galea attended an Umpires Course with other Umpires from Europe. Along with this course Nathan, who is currently being mentored by Beland Gomez had the opportunity to umpire in the "Push Trophy" tournament which was held in the same city of Breda in the Netherlands. Besides this tournament Nathan umpired also in the "Irish Intervarsities Tournament" in Dublin. Well done Nathan.



President on TVM2

Our President, James Mizzi was one of the guests on TVM2 Sports programme on the 12th November. James gave an account of the Club's performance during last season including our promotion in the Euro Challenge to the third division. James also talked about the preparation of the Club for season 2018 - 2019.



Updated website

The club's website has been dormant for a couple of years now and was updated recently by a founder in the club, Charlie Ellul who edited most of the pages with the help of Sarah Grech. It is a pity that certain data was either lost or not kept at all and could not be entered in the "Roll of Honours" page. Besides providing information about the club the website's main aim is to promote our club in the hockey world and eventually make contact with foreign teams or clubs for possible friendlies or participation



in tournaments – something our club pioneered in. Players and parents have already made contact with the Club through the site. The site's address is:

<https://florianayoungstars.weebly.com>

Congrats to Nathan

Congratulations to Nathan Zammit who finished 3rd in the Malta Cycling Race Championship (Mosta Cycling Club).



Name: Winston
Surname: Attard
Date of birth:
16th December 1949
Nickname: It-“twila”
How would you describe yourself?
Athletic, artistic and with a sense of humour.

Favourite playing position: Midfielder.
Hockey Career: I was one of the founder members of the club (1973), serving on the committee for a number of years and represented Hockey Malta in the ‘Games of the Mediterranean’ (1979) in Split, Yugoslavia.

Dislikes: Selfishness, Unfairness, Bullies and Vandals

Favourite quote: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Favourite meal: Artichokes - (Stuffat tal-qaqoċċ bil-bakkaljaw)

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time? Playing with my grandchildren and painting my masterpiece.



Name: Redeemer
Surname: Rapinett
Date of birth:
2nd June 2003.
Nickname: Deemer.
How would you describe yourself?
Energetic.

Favourite playing position: Right wing.
Likes: Playing hockey and drawing.
Dislikes: Doing homework and studying.
Favourite quote: Any quote - no particular one.

Favourite meal: Lasagna.
How do you see yourself in 10 years' time? I would like to see myself playing playing high level hockey and taking up the profession of a welder.



Name: Verner
Surname: Cachia
Date of birth:
26th July 1985
Nickname: V
How would you describe yourself?
Easy going, quite relaxed and focused. Patient, determined but sometimes too stubborn.

Favourite playing position: Right wing.

Likes: People who mean what they say and who find the positive in everything.

Dislikes: Excuses, apathy and too much passivness.

Favourite quote:
“What is popular is not always right, what is right is not always popular.”

Favourite meal: Fish and chips.
How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

With a cigar surrounded by lots of beautiful badass ladies.



Name: Liam
Surname: Carabott
Date of birth:
25th April 2009.
How would you describe yourself?
I think I am super funny.

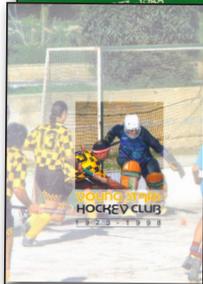
Favourite playing position: Striker, defender.
Likes: Computer Games, Football and obviously Hockey.

Dislikes: Bullying, Social Studies and studying Religion .

Favourite meal: Quarter Pounder from McDonalds.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time? In University studying on computers.

Young Stars Souvenir Books



Recently posted on our facebook page are the two editions of our Club's souvenir books; "Young Stars - The first 15 years 1973 - 1988" and "Young Stars Hockey Club 1973 - 1998". These two Club memorabilia have been patiently scanned, page by page by member Sarah Grech. Hopefully these will be converted into a flipbook and posted also on our website.

Club Results

The following are the results so obtained by our Club so far. We are supposed to play in the Challenge Cup semi-final against White Hart. Following that we will be putting up our sleeves to challenge for the National League Cup.

Super Cup:

October 21 FYSHC vs Qormi 2 - 4

Challenge Cup:

October 14 WH vs FYSHC 0 - 1

October 28 FYSHC vs WH 4 - 1

Semi Final

November 18 FYSHC vs Qormi 1 - 5

Juniors

U/16 FYSHC vs Sliema Hs 4 - 3

U16/U18 Friendly Tournament

(FYSHC won the Tournament)

U/16 FYSHC vs Qormi HC 2 - 2

U/18 FYSHC vs Qormi HC 4 - 2

HAM Seminar



The Hockey Association of Malta has organised a seminar for all local clubs to share their ideas and opinions on how hockey in Malta can improve, better skills and promote the game both locally and abroad to attract teams to the island and also get invitations to participate in friendlies or tournaments abroad. Our club attended the seminar, shared ideas and gave its fair share in setting aims to promote female hockey, a section represented by our club member Sarah Grech. Sarah is currently working on the setting of a female team together with HAM, however it is still an ongoing and long process due to lack of female hockey players in Malta. All the same the will power is there.



Presentation Dinner 2017 - 2018



On the 5th October 2018, the presentation dinner for season 2017 – 2018 was held in a popular hotel at Qawra. Trophies and mementoes were awarded to those club members who excelled in their field. A good number of members attended and as a gesture a cake was given as a present to those whose birthday fell during this month.



Sarah Grech



Julian Farrugia



Karl Chircop



Jamie Mifsud



Waylin Abdilla



Jean Paul Sapiano



Deemer Rapinet



Sam Micallef

Roll of Honours

Senior Squad Awards:

Most Dedicated Member:

- **Sarah Grech**

Most Promising Player:

- **Karl Chircop**

Best Player:

- **Waylin Abdilla**

Most improved Player:

- **Julian Farrugia**

Most Dedicated Player:

- **Jamie Mifsud**

Junior Squads Awards:

U18 Best Player:

- **Jean Paul Sapiano**

U18 Most Improved Player:

- **Deemer Rapinett**

U18 Most Dedicated Player:

- **Marvin Grixti**

U18 Most Promising Player:

- **Nathan Zammit**

U11 Best Player:

- **Philippa Farrugia**

U11 Most Improved Player:

- **Sam Micallef**

U11 Most Promising Player:

- **Neil Oliva**

A day at Comino

16th September 2018

To close a busy and eventful hot summer the committee planned a day at Comino for club members and their partners or families, where the everyone gathered to have a nice cold beer together to reunite and bond again before the start of the season. It was a great day indeed in which everyone enjoyed the day and had the best time, children playing and laughing all day while adults gladly spent the time chatting between themselves over some beer. Another great event to add to the book of the club's events!



Team Building: Young Stars night out

9th November 2018

Just a casual night out, started from the clubhouse, moved on to roaming and bar hopping in Valletta.



Clean up days

2nd and 6th October 2018

For the second time the Club took part in the Floriana Cleaning Day on the 2nd October after an invitation for the Floriana Local Council. Four days later it was the members' turn to help in a Clean up Day at the Club house.





Christmas Dinner

Come and join in our last social activity of the year.

Venue: “Ta’ Susina Farmhouse” in Qormi

Date: Saturday, 15th December

Time: 20:30

Menu: A la Carte (menu is on the Club’s Facebook page)

Booking: Sarah Grech on 99928840



Juniors’ Christmas Party

Come and support *Floriana Young Stars* against Qormi in their first league match and afterwards we go to the Juniors’ Christmas Party organised by their parents and their coach.

Venue: “Palazzo Abela” in Tarxien

Date: Sunday, 16th December

Time: 15:00

Prices: Under 10 - €5, Others - €15

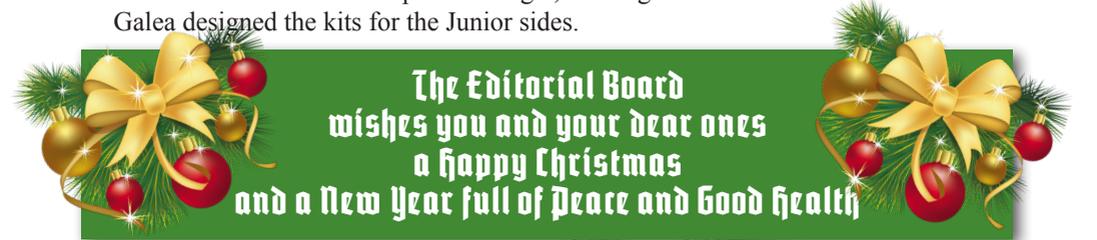
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THANKS

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- Rena Grixti, Marlene Farrugia, Janet Azzopardi Farrugia, Natasha Micallef, Elizabeth Tabone, Simone Sapiano helping for the organisation of this year’s Junior Christmas Party.
- Stefan Aguis, Andrea Curmi for taking photos during games and Janet Azzopardi Farrugia for taking photos during events
- Rena Grixti and Janet Azzopardi Farrugia, who together with Juniors’ coach Nathan Galea designed the kits for the Junior sides.



The Editorial Board
wishes you and your dear ones
a happy Christmas
and a New Year full of Peace and Good Health

Rekindling Old Times

Season 1977/78



In March 1978 Young Stars wrote another page in their history by venturing abroad for the first time since their formation. A group of 17 member players headed for Sicily to take part in CUS Catania's first Easter Tournament. Then, in August of the same year the group took part in another Tournament, this time in the picturesque village of San Vito Ramano on the outskirts of Rome.

Locally our first team Young Stars finished third in the league table after a controversial league decider against Valliere where we went down 1 - 3. As in the previous year Young Stars manage to arrive to the final of the Knock Out Cup and again as in the previous year lost on penalties after a replay. This time their opponents were our second



Emanuel Curmi tackling a CUS Catania attacker with Dione Cassar on check during one of the matches in CUS Catania's first Easter Tournament
team Grejmpads 77 who proudly lifted their first major title.

At the end of the season Young Stars manage to win HAM's first tournament with indoor rules. Our Junior team Hotsicks manages to win the newly U/14 League competition and finished second in the U/16's. Hotsticks player David Xuereb won the HAM Most Promising Junior Player while David DeMarco was to be the second Young Stars senior player to lift the HAM Best Player honour.

statistics

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Competitive matches played | 24 |
| Won | 10 |
| Drew | 6 |
| Lost | 8 |
| Goals for | 25 |
| Goals against | 16 |
| Season's Performance | 54.16% |

Honours

K.O. Runners up
Winners of Olymoic Day Indoor Rules Tournament
David DeMarco: HAM Player of the Year

in-club honours

Most Dedicated Member:
Dione Cassar

highlights

1977

- Sep 9 Friendly vs Hambur Rahlstedt (1 - 2)
- Nov 20 Winston Attard scores Young Stars 100th vs Alpine (3 - 0)

1978

- Mar 22 Young Stars' first overseas tour: 1^o Torneo di Catania
- Apr 30 U/14 League won for Young Stars team Hotsticks.
- Aug 20 Young Stars participate in 1^o Torneo di San Vito Romano in Rome .