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JUNIOR TEAMS' MEETING

The club organised a set of meetings between the coaches, players and parents of our junior squads, namely Under 12, Under 16 and Under 18 sections. The coaches aired out the club's aims for the rest of the season and what commitment they, as coaches, were expecting from both players and parents. Furthermore they outlined the season's plan for each section. Players and parents were given the chance to voice their opinions, suggestions and queries.

Under 16 clinch second place

Thanks to coach Nathan Galea and a total commitment by one and all an excellent performance by our Under 16 was put up during the season. This section won numerous games and finished second after losing the final against Qormi H.C.



Our squad gave their hearts out in every game playing with passion and determination winning most of the games. Well done squad. We are proud of you. Keep on improving and fighting for what we deserve!





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HAM Veterans

Chris Attard and Charles Micallef formed part of the HAM Veterans team when they offered opposition to a veteran touring side Avivos HC München, losing 0 - 3. We as a club went up to Kordin to support and encourage them. It's great that players from our club played for the HAM veteran side. Although they are getting older, surely their passion towards hockey keeps getting greater never growing old! Well done Chris and Charlie.

Socializing

12th February 2019



We have a very close relationship at our club and this is built by spending small moments together after each and every training session besides meeting during other activities.

After each training session we



always join each other at the bar to watch whatever sports is aired at that moment on tv - which is mainly football.



Juniors' Christmas Party

16th December 2018

We closed the club's year with a successful event for the juniors and seniors. This event was the best one yet as it was organised by the Junior Coach and the juniors' parents themselves! A lot of time and dedication was put into this event and the results proved fruitful as we reached a good goal of €400 for the juniors money fund. We couldn't have done this without the help of all the parents especially Deemer Rapinett's mother who offered us the facilities and the venue of Palazzo Abela for the event. We also have to thank Rena Grixti which helped us with the bar. Huge thanks goes to them and to all the parents! We couldn't have done it without you! Till the next one.



The Editorial Board
wishes all Club members and their dear ones
a happy Easter



Name: Vincent Vella a.k.a. Censu
Date of birth: 1st June 1950
Nickname: During my playing years, I got called many names, some of them not very complimentary,

especially by players from other teams but, somehow, none of them stuck - at least as far as I know.

How would you describe yourself?

When I set my mind on something, I give it my all and will not rest till I bring it off. However, knowing that life is absurd, I try to keep a sense of proportion. I find that irony and humour are a great help.

Favourite playing position: I spent most of my playing life on the left wing, which I liked. But, every now and then I found myself playing centre-forward which went well with my temperament.

Likes: Reading, theatre, writing, music and being with friends - and grandchildren.

Dislikes: Politics and people with big egos, although they are an never-ending source of amusement.

Favourite quote: "A life that partakes even a little of friendship, love, irony, humor, parenthood, literature, and music, and the chance to take part in battles for the liberation of others cannot be called 'meaningless'..." - Christopher Hitchens

Favourite meal: Fish, anyway it's cooked.

Your career with Young Stars and HAM:

I was one of the founder members of the club (1973), serving on the committee for a number of years. I formed part of the initial Young Stars squad and played with the first team for many years. I also played for Grejmpads 77. I was also club president for a number of years and formed part of the Malta squad at the Split 'Mediterranean Games' in 1979.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

My grandchildren will be 16 (the boy) and 12 (the twins, girls), so I can imagine them running rings around me. I also hope I will still be writing.

Name: Justin
Surname: Farrugia
Date of birth: 9th October 2001
Nickname: Just
How would you describe yourself? Patient.

Favourite playing position:

ST, left wing.

Likes: Manchester United.

Dislikes: Mushrooms.

Favourite quote:

"It's not about how hard you hit but it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward, thats how winning is done" Sylvester Stalone

Favourite meal: Chinese.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Working in the construction industry.



Name: Nathan
Surname: Zammit
Date of birth: 20th October 2004.
Nickname: Noss.

How would you describe yourself?

Outgoing and bubbly.

Favourite playing

position: Centre back or wing back.

Likes: Hockey, Formula 1, Karting, Psg, travel vlogging on YouTube (NathanOutAndAbout), Call of Duty.

Dislikes: Waking up early and hw.

Favourite quote: Do. Or do not. There is no try.

Favourite meal: Sushi.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I would like to In 10 yrs time have a successful YouTube channel, with a University degree and still playing hockey.

Club Juniors excel in other sports too



Nathan Zammit, Junior and Under 18 player successfully took part in this year's Malta Cycling Racing Championship lifting the 3rd place trophy. He represented his club; Mosta Cycling Club. Well done Nathan. We are very Proud of you!

Sam Micallef, who plays in the under 16 section, is another Junior who has also made the club proud by representing Malta in the Swimming Olympics and winning the bronze medal! This is not the first time Sam has distinguished himself in this discipline. You have made us proud again sammy!



Name: Miguel
Surname: Tabone
Date of birth:
25th April 2009.
Nickname: None.
How would you describe yourself?
Bubbly

Favourite playing position:

Defence.

Likes:

Hockey, playstation, drawing and swimming.

Dislikes:

Bullying.

Favourite quote:

"Never give up."

Favourite meal:

Pizza, pasta

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Still playing hockey and working as a mechanical engineer.



Name: Neil
Surname: Oliva
Date of birth:
28th October 2007.
Nickname: None.
How would you describe yourself?
Always busy on the computer.

Favourite playing position:

Striker.

Likes:

Fortnite, You Tube, playing on the computer/play station.

Dislikes:

Taikwando.

Favourite quote:

"Kliem ix-xiħ zomm fiħ."

Favourite meal:

Pizza

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

At M University studying geography.

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European Hockey Female Leadership Forum

Brussels: 26th- 27th March 2019

One of our players and committee member, Sarah Grech together with another Maltese player, Bernice Calleja were chosen to represent female hockey in Malta during an EHF European Hockey Female Leadership Forum in Brussels. Sarah met other female representatives from another 21 countries and shared ideas and experiences on how to improve female hockey in Malta and all over Europe. Currently together with HAM and other female hockey players, she's working on female hockey movement in order to give a solid-grounding to female hockey in Malta.



EHF Tournament in Spain

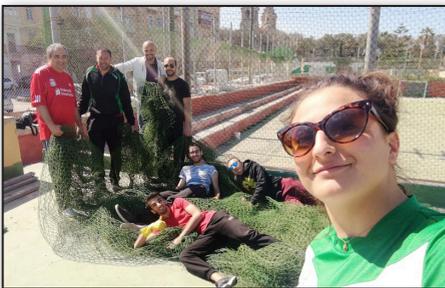
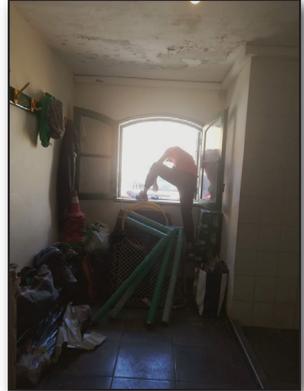
Under 18 coach, Nathan Galea, took part in umpiring in an EHF Tournament in Spain. He made a good name for our country and made our club proud once again. Nathan has been successfully taking part as umpire in several international tournaments.



Maintenance Day

30th March 2019

A group of young stars joined forces on a Saturday morning to clear up the club's roof from excess stuff and cleared up broken areas to be fixed. The committee room too was given an upheaval and cleared of its broken furniture to be replaced with new one. This will help us store our Trophies and club's paperwork and records in an organised and secure way.



Friendly for the local Ladies

13th April 2019

Ever since her return from the Female Leadership Forum in Brussels, our committee member Sarah Grech has dedicated herself to establish a female hockey movement in order to provide our local girls with opportunities to play hockey. One such initiative was that of grouping the local ladies in a side to play against the local Veterans. Our Club was represented by Maria Cutajar on the ladies' side with Charlie Micallef on the Veterans side.



Birthday drink at the Club

21st February 2019

After the Thursday training session, on 21st February, we stayed at the club's bar for a drink in order to celebrate with Chris Attard's 46th birthday. Of course we had a laugh together and sang along, as expected the Happy Birthday song! Although still injured even Chris iż-Żibgi joined the group!



3 vs 3 Ladies' Hockey Festival

20th April 2019



On Easter Saturday the local hockey ladies organised a 3 × 3 festival. They divided themselves into three teams playing against each other on a round robin league. It was a fruitful day, once again giving our girls an opportunity to play hockey and at the same time discuss, during a meeting held prior to the festival, the way forward for female hockey in Malta.



EUROHOCKEY CLUB CHALLENGE IV, MEN

(KORDIN HOCKEY COMPLEX: 6 - 9 JUNE 2019)

POOL A

Qormi HC (MLT)
 Épitök HC (HUN)
 Floriana Young Stars HC (MLT)
 HC Luxembourg (LUX)

POOL B

Seinäjäki United (FIN)
 HC Kilppari (FIN)
 Kringsjå SK (NOR)
 Eagles HC (GIB)

THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE

11:00 Pool B	Seinäjäki United	vs	Kringsjå SK
13:15 Pool B	HC Kilppari	vs	Eagles HC
15:30 Pool A	Épitök HC	vs	HC Luxembourg
17:45 Pool A	Qormi HC	vs	Floriana Young Stars HC

FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE

10:00 Pool B	Kringsjå SK	vs	Eagles HC
12:15 Pool B	HC Kilppari	vs	Seinäjäki United
14:30 Pool A	Floriana Young Stars HC	vs	HC Luxembourg
16:45 Pool A	Épitök HC	vs	Qormi HC

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE

10:00 Pool B	Seinäjäki United	vs	Eagles HC
12:15 Pool B	Kringsjå SK	vs	HC Kilppari
14:30 Pool A	Floriana Young Stars HC	vs	Épitök HC
16:45 Pool A	Qormi HC	vs	HC Luxembourg

SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE

08:30 3rd Pool B vs 4th Pool A
 10:45 3rd Pool A vs 4th Pool B
 13:00 1st Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
 15:15 1st Pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 17:00 **Prize Giving Ceremony**

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- Rena Grixti and Janet Azzopardi Farrugia for designing of kits for training sessions and games together with the help of head coach and Under 16/18 coach, Nathan Galea.
- Dione Cassar Stivala for helping out Sarah with the Club's history.

Rekindling Old Times

Season 1978/79



This was the year Young Stars' lifted it's first double. The league started late in the season (14th January) to make way for the national side to train and prepare itself for the Association's first participation in the Mediterranean games which were held in Split, Yugoslavia - Young Stars was represented by 50% of the squad. This year was the start of a 5-year span of Young Stars dominion in the local hockey scene, winning the league title 5 years in a row, 4 K.O. Competitions and 3 International Tournaments.

In Easter Young Stars took part for the second time in the CUS Catania Tournament. The touring side was not as strong as that of the previous year and during the tournament CUS Catania managed to overcome Young Stars for the first time. This was to be the



CUS Catania's second Easter Tournament - a group of the touring side at Piazza Elefante.

only time CUS Catania ever won a match against Young Stars out of the 8 encounters over the years.

After the success of the first International Tournament in 1977, Young Stars once again managed to emerge winners of the 1979 Tournament with maximum points, conceding only one goal against the 11 scored. Steglitz Berlin, CUS Catania and Blau Weiss Speyer were the foreign sides taking part.

statistics

Competitive matches played	22
Won	15
Drew	2
Lost	5
Goals for	53
Goals against	17
Season's Performance	72.72%

Honours

League Champions
K.O. Winners
Young Stars International Tournament Winners

in-club honours

Most Dedicated Member:
Vincent Vella

highlights

- 1979**
- Feb 25** Friendly vs Marathon Belgrade (0 - 3).
 - Mar** Club letterhead designed and by C. Ellul printed.
 - Apr 11** Club's 2nd participation in CUS Catania Tournament
 - May 9** First K.O. winners honour beating White Hart (3 - 0).
 - Jun 34** Young Stars hold and win their second International Tournament with maximum points.