



# the Junior dribbler

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## Christmas Junior-Veteran Tournament

For the second year running the Club is organising its Juniors - Veterans Christmas Tournament. The event will push off at 09:00 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Each match will be of 25 minutes in length. The following are the teams and fixtures:



### Flicks

Julian Portelli  
Matthew Xuereb  
Karl Chircop  
Kevin Farrugia  
Nathan Xuereb  
Matthew Calleja  
Nathan Sant

### Scoops

Leon Gatt  
Ryan Seychell  
Elton Cutajar  
Jamie Mifsud  
Aidan Somers  
Karl Borg  
Matthew Aquilina

### Goalkeepers

David Mizzi  
Chris Delia

### Fixtures

09:15 Flicks vs Sticks  
09:45 Scoops vs Hits  
10:15 Sticks vs Hits  
10:45 Flicks vs Scoops  
11:15 Scoops vs Sticks  
11:45 Hits vs Flicks

### Hits

Alexander Hunt  
Maria Cutajar  
Thomas Floyd  
Jason Lee Evans  
Jake Vella  
Owen Gatt  
Andre Grixti  
Glenn Mula

### Sticks

Charlie Micallef  
Dione Cassar  
Saver Chircop  
Frankie Bugeja  
Noel Gatt  
Rudolph Camilleri  
Michael Grima  
Charlie Ellul



Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year  
to All Our Readers



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Christmas and the New Year are round the corner, however it is not only the time of the year where we enjoy meals, exchange presents and so on and so forth. Whilst looking forward to such activities it is also that time of the year where one takes stock of what has been done in the past twelve months: being proud of any achievements, whilst learning from mistakes to improve. Believe it or not three months have already passed since we issued the first newsletter. New players joined our ranks this season while others have been training and playing with the club for 2 years or slightly more! What really makes it worthwhile and rewarding for us coaches is that all the club's junior players show enthusiasm at each and every training session and game, irrelevant of how long they have been playing field hockey and their skill level. This is something we should be proud of and should keep on doing as we continue to improve to achieve goals we set for ourselves, and this not only in hockey. I fondly remember last season, taking the runner-up spot in the U/14 league in our

first competitive season and our first U/16 league match victory.

This season, in the U/16's first league match, it was a joy to watch our team play against opposition who, just over a year ago, were considered to be far superior in terms of possession. Unfortunately, we did not manage to keep that level of play throughout the whole match and eventually we went on to lose that match by a high margin of goals. However, we must not lose heart, as I am sure that if we keep on working on our skills, improve our physical fitness and learn to remain concentrated until the end of the match we can win against any opposition on the day in any category. I believe we are on the right track. Players and coaches are motivated and each training session is planned out to improve these aspects of the game.

Social activities are never missing. At this time of the year in fact apart from the Christmas dinner we also have a Christmas tournament for the juniors with the participation of the club's veterans team amongst others. On a personal note I wish to thank Andrew Camilleri, Chris Bonello and Edward Hughes for their contribution to the training sessions especially for the past three months. Also a big well done is in order to Edward Hughes who has set up the club website: <http://www.florianayoungstarshc.webs.com/>. I suggest you register as a member (free of charge) so that you are kept up to date

Finally Floriana Young Stars hockey club wishes you all God's blessings for the festive season and a great start to the New Year. Till the next :)

Mark Ellul

## Profiles:

Name: Elton.

Surname: Cutajar.

Nickname: Mastru.

Date of birth: 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1996

How would you describe yourself?

Responsible and mature.

Favourite playing position:

Central midfielder.

Likes:

Reading and hanging out with friends.

Dislikes:

Arriving late somewhere and doing badly in exams.

Favourite quote:

Friends are like stars, they do not always shine, but you know that they are always there.

Favourite meal:

Lasagne.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Being married with children and having steady career.



Name: Edward Hughes.

Nickname:

Xwardos or

Milky.

Date of birth:

3<sup>rd</sup> October

1982.

How would you describe yourself?

I consider myself very active and take what I do seriously. I love playing field hockey and coaching kids. It's fulfilling and gives me great satisfaction.

Favourite playing position: My favourite position is in mid-field because I love playing hard and that position lets me do so, plus I don't like the wings as I feel restricted because of the side line.

Likes: Field Hockey, Coaching, Umpiring, Computers & Gaming. I also love public holidays and weekends as I don't have to go to work :)

Dislikes:

I dislike dirty styles of play, failing in what I have to do, losing and not being able to do my best.

Favourite meal: Any type of pasta.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

Hopefully still playing hockey and coaching, maybe in a better work position, with a family and kids.

Your Senior Young Stars debut:

Playing for Young Stars is the joy of my life! I can't imagine my life not with the club. I have a second home and family which I wouldn't give up for anything!

National level: When I was still U/16 I was called to play for the national team against a foreign team. I also was called to play for the senior national team in Ireland during the European qualifiers.



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## Happy Birthday to...

**K**arl Chircop (19<sup>th</sup> Nov)· Jamie Mifsud (24<sup>th</sup> Nov), Glenn Mula (14<sup>th</sup> Dec) and Jake Vella (16<sup>th</sup> Dec) who have celebrated their birthday during the last two months. We hope you all had a wonderful time on your special day.

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# BBQ @ ZIBGI'S

Spectacular views, large variety of appetizers, fresh air, good companionship. I think that these aspects sum up the BBQ at Chris Bonello's (Zibgi) place. Being at the limits of Siggiewi, in a remote area surrounded by nature, the view of Filfla was a capturing scene. The weather was beautiful and Chris made us all feel very welcome. There was a large basin full of ice and drinks, alcohol for adults and soft drinks for kids. The whole senior team came to celebrate and some of the juniors came as well.



*All hands on deck*

The Juniors had some fun playing in a small field near by and rolling themselves in a giant reservoir made out of fibre glass. One could imagine how they arrived home. While the juniors kept having the time of their life frolicking in the reservoir, Chris and some of the seniors started cooking different pizzas like Tuna, Pepperoni, Four Cheeses and popular Margherita for the Juniors. There were many more different toppings. After a wonderful, filling meal we lazed around in the sun. After clearing things up, we made our way back home with the memory of an enjoyable and relaxing day out with the hockey mates.

Jamie Mifsud

## Christmas Dinner

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December the club organised its annual Christmas dinner at the Bella Vista Hotel in Qawra. There was a great festive atmosphere and it was encouraging to see an increase in the number of junior players attending. It was nice to see all present lost in conversation and enjoying each others' company. After a delicious buffet dinner the event came to a close with a lottery. The first prize consisted of 2 bottles of wine and a box of chocolates while the other prize was a gâteau which was kindly donated by the same Bella Vista Hotel. We congratulate the winners of the prizes and hope to see you all at our next event ;)

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Savoy Arcade, Republic Street, Valletta

# Competitions' Results

## Challenge Cup

Group A

**Floriana Young Stars** vs Rabat Depiro 3-1  
*Scorers: Marvin Vella, Chris Bonello, Chris Attard*

Rabat Depiro vs **Floriana Young Stars** 1-3  
*YS Scorers: Chris Bonello, Marvin Vella (2)*

Semi-final

**Floriana Young Stars** vs Sliema Hotsticks 1-2  
*Scorer: Chris Bonello*

3rd/ 4th Place

Qormi HC vs **Floriana Young Stars** 2-2  
(Qormi won 3-2 on penalties)  
*Scorers: Luke Borg Costanzi, Mark Camilleri*

## National League

**Floriana Young Stars** vs Qormi HC 1-3  
*Scorer: Ivan Magro Dingli*

## U/16s (8-a-side)

Qormi HC vs **Floriana Young Stars** 13-0

**Floriana Young Stars** vs Sliema Hotsticks 0-6

**Floriana Young Stars** vs White Hart 0-6

Qormi vs **Floriana Young Stars** 7-0



## U/14s

Qormi HC vs **Floriana Young Stars** 5-0

## Competition

The winner of the competition in issue 1 of *The Junior Dribbler* is **Kevin Farrugia** who gave correct answers below:

**Finalists:** HGC (The Netherlands), Club de Campo (Spain).

**Final score:** HGC 1 - 0 Club de Campo.

**Scorer:** Timmo Kranstauber (27).

**Stadium:** ABN Amro.

This is this issue's competition question. Which English hockey club has qualified in this season's (2011/2012) Euro Hockey League quarter finals? Send your reply to

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The winner will be drawn by lot from those sending the correct reply by the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012.