



# the Junior dribbler

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## Junior-Veteran Tournament

The tournament, initially set for Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, had to be postponed to Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January due to thunderstorms predicted for the day. Monday turned out to be a beautiful day and even though some of the players could not make it due to the abrupt change in the date, the participating teams were geared up for the tournament. After the customary group photo the tournament got under way.

Alex Hunt scored the opening goal of the tournament with an opportunistic deflection in goal. Another 2 goals coming from

Jason Lee Evans increased the tally to 3 for the Sticks after the same player hit the post twice. Kevin Farrugia scored a consolation goal for the Flicks. In the second match Hits defended stubbornly to lose against Scoops with a minimal score of 2-0. In the third match of the morning Jason Evans scored a poker as Sticks eased their way past Hits. It was Scoops' turn to then gain another important win. At this point Scoops and Sticks were leading the table both with 2 wins from 2 games each. So the penultimate match produced a direct encounter for first place. The match started brightly for the Scoops as they opened their account early. However as their play broke down Sticks took advantage by scoring a number of goals in succession to beat Scoops and claim the morning's tournament top spot. In the final match Flicks assured third place by winning against Hits.



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### Editorial Board

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Dear All,

As I ponder on what to write, the first thing that comes to mind is what a wet and cold beginning we had to 2012 compared to recent years! Not being used to such cold and wet conditions, one might expect that our daily plans suffer some way or another; For instance, it is not the first time that one is late with his/ her day's schedule when early morning traffic is even worse than usual due to continuous, heavy, downpours. I do recall that on one such occasion I arrived an hour late for work. I wasn't the only one mind you, in fact the majority turned up late. However, a select few still managed to turn up for work on time. And it struck me how certain people, sun or rain, are always able to be on time for whatever they set their mind to! The secret is very simple - these people are so self-disciplined, organised and enthusiastic about achieving their goals that they plan in advance such that if a hurdle presents itself they allow sufficient time to be able to overcome this it. To some this might be more natural than others, but we all need to get into a habit of time management preferably from

when we are young. Such self-discipline and organisational skills can be learnt by adolescents when they are taught to create a balance between studying and other activities, such as sports. As they grow older they will have to juggle more stuff.

As one of the junior coaches at this club, I was honestly impressed by a select number of junior players during the months of January and February. Although they gave primary importance to their mid-yearly exams or SEC mock-exams (as it was fitting to do) they kept training and playing on a relatively regular basis showing their ability to balance and prioritise, as well as showing enthusiasm for the game. I'm sure that such youngsters plan their studying throughout the year and adhere to a schedule such that when it is time for them to study, they study and when it is time for them to play hockey they can enjoy and concentrate on the game. These are the kind of future players Floriana Young Stars HC yearns to have. As you well know, the club strives to add the educational element for the person behind the player too and not just look at the development of the hockey player alone. This is not only demanded from the players, but it is also something us coaches need to do such that we can balance our personal lives/work, with our coaching and training. Whilst hoping, you all did well in your exams, I sincerely hope that this important balancing act is put into practice by our players - keeping up with their study whilst at the same time enjoy the game hockey. Remember the old but wise Latin saying '*mens sana in corpore sana*', which translates to *a sound mind in a healthy body*.

*Mark Ellul (Juniors Head Coach)*

## Profiles:

Name:

Matthew.

Surname:

Calleja.

Nickname:

I have no nickname.

Date of birth:

14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997.

How would you describe yourself?

Outgoing.

Favourite playing position:

Defence Left/Right.

Likes:

A good challenge, hockey, basketball, handball, video games, Scottish music and culture.

Dislikes:

Football, boasting, over-studying.

Favourite quote:

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new (Albert Einstein).

Favourite meal:

Pasta with Bolognese.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

A web/game-designer working with a steady company.



Name: Mark.

Surname: Ellul.

Nickname: Never had a proper nic, Marcos is the closest it gets.

Date of birth: 27<sup>th</sup> July 1981.

How would you describe yourself?

Extrovert, hard working, responsible, loves a good laugh, sporty, positive, confident.

Favourite playing position: '...where the fighting is fiercest, Aaaarggggh...' ;-)... I find myself to be quite a versatile player but I tend to prefer midfield positions.

Likes: All sports, military history, travelling, art, socialising especially in good company, positivity, down to earth people.

Dislikes: Negativity, selfishness and arrogance; unappreciative people, taking things/ circumstances/people for granted, liars.

Favourite quote: 'The secret of success is to do the common thing, uncommonly well' Henry John Heinz/ J. D. Rockefeller.

Favourite meal: Honestly, I would like to include everything... but being forced to choose I'd say nothing beats a juicy, medium/rare bistecca Fiorentina.. Now look what I've done I got my mouth watery ;p.

How do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

With a family, Healthy, fulfilling job, hopefully still practising sports and possibly still contributing to Young Stars in the way Young Stars and its previous coaches and administrators contributed to me... I hope that's

not expecting too much ;-).

Your Senior Young Stars debut:

Way back in in 1997 I had my debut with Grejmpads 77 and a year after with Young Stars.



## Happy Birthday to...

Ryan Seychell (7<sup>th</sup> January), Matthew Calleja (14<sup>th</sup> January), Julian Portelli (4<sup>th</sup> February), David Mizzi (7<sup>th</sup> February), Matthew Aquilina (20<sup>th</sup> February), Maria Cutajar (23<sup>rd</sup> February), Leon Gatt (6<sup>th</sup> March) and Matthew Xuereb (24<sup>th</sup> March) whose birthday fell between January and March. We hope your all had a wonderful time on your special day.

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The tournament came to a close with a short speech by Dione Cassar, one of the founder members, who fittingly presented a memento of the tournament to the only female player Maria Cutajar. The veterans team then treated the junior players and their parents to lunch at our clubhouse, thus starting the New Year with a highly entertaining and enjoyable activity.



tournament statistics

### Match Results

- Flicks vs Sticks** 1 - 3 K. Farrugia - A. Hunt, J. Evans (2)
- Scoops vs Hits** 2 - 0 J. Mifsud, R. Seychell
- Hits vs Sticks** 0 - 4 J. Evans (4)
- Flicks vs Scoops** 1 - 6 K. Farrugia - E. Cutajar, R. Seychell, J. Mifsud (4)
- Scoops vs Sticks** 3 - 13 J. Mifsud (2), R. Seychell - R. Camilleri, C. Attard, W. Attard (5), S. Cassar (6)
- Flicks vs Hits** 4 - 0 N. Xuereb, K. Farrugia (3)

### Final

### Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sticks	3	3	0	0	20	4	6
Scoops	3	2	0	1	11	14	4
Flicks	3	1	0	2	6	9	2
Hits	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

### Scorers List

- 7 - J. Mifsud
- 6 - D. Cassar, J. Evans
- 5 - W. Attard, K. Farrugia
- 3 - R. Seychell
- 1 - A. Hunt, E. Cutajar, C. Attard, R. Camilleri, N. Xuereb



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# National League Results

## Seniors

Rabat Depiro vs Floriana YS	4 - 1	(Edward Hughes)
White Hart vs Floriana YS	1 - 1	(Sandro Bartolo)
Floriana YS vs Sliema H	3 - 0	(Mark Camilleri, Luke Borg Costanzi, Jonathan Ellul)
Qormi vs Floriana YS	2 - 1	(Edward Hughes)
Floriana YS vs Rabat Depiro	2 - 1	(Joseph Dalli, Edward Hughes)
Floriana YS vs White Hart	5 - 2	(Mark Camilleri [4], Edward Hughes)
Sliema H vs Floriana YS	1 - 3	(Mark Camilleri, Joseph Dalli, Edward Hughes)

## Under16s

Floriana YS vs Sliema H	2 - 10	(Nathan Sant, Ryan Seychell)
White Hart vs Floriana YS	5 - 2	(Kevin Farrugia[2])
Floriana YS vs Qormi	0 - 9	
Floriana YS vs White Hart	2 - 2	(Ryan Seychell [2])

## Under14s

Sliema H vs Floriana YS	1 - 1	(Leon Gatt)
Stelmar H vs Floriana YS	5 - 0	
Floriana YS vs Qormi	0 - 7	
Floriana YS vs Sliema HS	0 - 1	
Floriana YS vs Qormi	1 - 6	(Leon Gatt)

## Standings

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Seniors</b>	Qormi	8	6	1	1	25	10	13
	Rabat D	8	5	2	1	19	11	12
	Floriana YS	8	4	1	3	17	14	9
	White Hart	8	1	2	5	10	23	4
	Sliema H	8	1	0	7	8	21	2
<b>Under 16</b>		P <th>W</th> <th>D</th> <th>L</th> <th>F</th> <th>A</th> <th>Pts</th>	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	Qormi	8	6	2	0	63	9	14
	Sliema H	8	5	2	1	43	17	12
	White Hart	8	2	1	5	22	50	5
Floriana YS	8	0	1	7	6	58	1	
<b>Under 14</b>		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	Qomi	6	6	0	0	30	3	12
	Stelmar H	5	3	0	2	16	8	6
	Sliema H	5	1	1	3	2	14	3
Floriana YS	6	0	1	5	2	25	1	

## Competition

Unfortunately no one guessed the correct answer for the competition. The answer to the question posed is:

### East Grinstead HC

This is issue 3 competition question. Which two teams played the final in the **2012 Women's Hockey Champions Trophy** held on the 5<sup>th</sup> february? Who won and by which score. 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> April, 2012 and will receive a rainjacket.