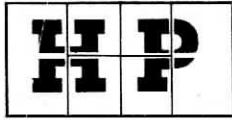


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to thank members for allowing me the opportunity to be President of Hensman Park. With the support of you the members, the Committee and I will endeavour to maintain the high standards of this club and keep it as one of the foremost (if not **THE** foremost) tennis clubs in W.A.

A sincere vote of thanks needs to go to Clem Overheu, who has contributed a great deal to the Club during his four years as President. I'm sure he lost a bit more hair and a lot of sleep over the synthetic grass courts, however they have been a real plus for members and we thank Clem and all those involved in the project.

Margaret Kingsbury has resigned as Co-ordinator of the Provisional Junior group and special thanks go to her for the valuable contribution she has made to younger members tennis during these past years. We have been unable to find a replacement for Margaret so the Committee has decided to have a roster of club members to keep the group going. If you would be prepared to help with this group on a Sunday morning please contact Barbara Whitely on 450.4624 for further information.

Brad Ker decided to retire from the committee due to pressure of work and other activities. Brad carried out the job of Pennant Supervisor last year following on from his time as Captain and his contribution over these years has been quite significant.

Cec Gardiner also decided it was time for a change of face on the Committee and didn't seek re-election. Cec represented the club at the W.A.L.T.A. Council meetings and continues to serve on the Sub-committee negotiating the Lease Contract of our synthetic courts with the club coach. Thank you Cec for the work you have done.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to John Turner and members of the social committee for organizing many "fun" times at the club. John who has been chairman of this committee for the past two years has retired from this position. Randy Raux has agreed to become the new Chairman and I'm sure all club members will give him and his new committee the same level of support that they have given to John.

A great deal of progress has been made recently to get the grounds "ship-shape" for the official start of the season. Several busy bees have resulted in pergolas being erected, grounds being cleared, fences repaired and windows cleaned. **THANK YOU** to ALL those who came along and helped. Provided the Dads get themselves organized a childrens playground, next to the gardeners shed should be ready in a week or two.

The coming season promises to be a busy one. Following the official opening on October 3, a contingent from the **VETERANS ASSOCIATION** will be visiting Hensman on Sunday October 11. If you would like to be in the team of 8 ladies and 8 men, give your name to one of the captains. Some occasional competitions are being planned for Saturday and Sunday social players. Watch for the dates and make sure you join in.

If you have any ideas for special tennis or social events you think members would enjoy, feed them into the Committee so they can be considered and hopefully implemented.

Sincerely,
Margaret Napier

OPENING DAY

Saturday 3rd October - Play commences at 1.30 pm
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TRAVELLERS

Dennis and Coralie Ford have returned from the U.K. and represented Hensman at Wimbledon this year.

- Brett Chisholm indulged himself for two months while overseas. He spent some time in Moscow and had interesting experiences in his time there
- Miriam and Lyndon Morgan-Hobbs are in Europe for twelve months and will be missed at the club this summer.
- Elsie Carroll visited her son in U.S.A. during the winter
- The Inces, Whitelys, Overheus and Rundles are off to Bali in October accompanied by Vern and Jan Brown (prospective new country members of the club !)
- Brad Ker along with Peter and Graeme Rundle are taking in this years VFL grand final.

ENGAGED

Congratulations to Donna Fewster and Greg Cocking who recently announced their engagement.

Best wishes also to Erica Smith and Alan Andersson who are to marry on October 10.

PERSONAL PARS

Congratulations to Peter Custance who has become a father for the first time . * Catriona Parker has given birth to a baby boy recently * Kevin Fitzgerald is our latest new grandfather - son Tony, who was a member of Hensman in earlier times is the proud father * Dot Hickey has had a real time of it with some virus, and we hope she is soon back to the best of health * Harvey Pickup always knows when to take his umbrella these days - wife Kathy is the Channel 2 weather girl on weekends * The Eagles missed out on their first VFL premiership this year, but John Ince didn't miss out on his Eagle at the 350m first hole at Royal Perth recently.... if you've got an hour to spare ask him about it ! * The Royals won the netball premiership this year, with Lori Patterson and Kelly Bevan big contributors in the grand final. * Robin Hickey was featured in the social pages of the "West" following her attendance at the School Ball at the Merlin recently * We hear the good works of Paul Whitely were given honorable mention by Government Minister Keith Wilson at a function the other day * Canavan Crescent hasn't seen the likes of it before - that party hosted by Peter Overheu I mean ! *

John Turners 8 iron ended up in the Collier Lake during a relaxing game of golf ...

* Gwyn Thomas has retired from the State Executive of WALTA after many years of excellent service to this body * We hear Charles Pickett isn't the only one who knows a good red wine when he sees one, anyhow he made many people very happy when his not inexpensive bottle was unwittingly shared with the other diners at Freds last month * Talking of good reds we hear there was some jostling for positions around a certain doctors table after another evening of fine food at Freds.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1986/87 SEASON

- * 105 new members were accepted into the Club.
- * Entries for the Club Championship and Handicap tournaments were well up on the previous year.
- * The five new synthetic grass courts were officially opened on 26 November 1986 by Deputy Mayor, Mr. Les Aris.
- * An agreement was entered into with Keith Begley for coaching at the club and for him to operate a pro shop and arrange the court hire during the non-club times.
- * An acoustic ceiling was installed in the hall, making social events much more enjoyable. 60 new plastic chairs were purchased for use in the hall.
- * New Honour Boards were donated to the Club by Clem Overheu and Doug and Margaret Napier.
- * Jan Truscott represented the Club in the Miss Tennis Quest.
- * The Kempe Hutchison Round Robin day was again a sell out.
- * The club entered 15 teams in the weekend pennants, 11 reached the finals and 4 eventually won their shields.
- * Glynis Barber (nee Mitchell), Colin Napier, Pablo Campillos and Karen Bucens were selected to represent W.A. in State teams.
- * Social events conducted by John Turners innovative Social Committee were again highlights of the off court activities of the club.
- * Our juniors again had a busy year - the junior camp was conducted at Aquinas College - the Sunday morning group had an average of 30 players each week - A McDonalds Coaching Day for any juniors in the district was held at the Club & was very successful.



Club -President, Margaret Napier.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1987/88

President:	Margaret Napier
Vice-President:	Alec Whyte
Secretary:	June Rundle
Treasurer:	Bob Howman
Men's Captain:	Garry Napier
Vice-Captain:	Alan Andersson
Ladies Captain:	Anne Hall
Vice-Captain:	Gwyn Thomas
Committee	Doug Webster
Members:	Bill Artingstall
	Graeme Rundle
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CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

The laneway between the synthetic grass and grass courts has been greatly enhanced by the addition of two pergolas and attractive brick paving. The shade generated by the pergolas will be appreciated during the summer months and it will enable matches on the surrounding courts to be viewed from closer range. Many thanks to the club members who constructed the pergolas * the childrens playground area is to be arranged shortly and this will be a boon to the many junior-junior members appearing in our ranks of late * as mentioned earlier the display cabinet for perpetual trophies, with its internal lighting is now installed in the clubhouse * the clubhouse floor has been re-treated in accord with the program suggested at the time of laying it and this has improved its appearance.

CAPTAINS CORNER

Attendances during the winter months have been steady, usually averaging between 40 and 50 people. As more members think of getting back into tennis, attendances will increase further. Therefore it should be remembered that access to the synthetic grass courts is not limited to Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The times available for club members are printed elsewhere in this magazine.

Also keep in mind that even during these times courts are not to be used for singles to the exclusion of other members. People must combine and play doubles where numbers dictate.

Pennant application forms have been sent out and should have been returned by the 18th September. The Selection committee are now in the process of compiling all the teams.

There are many members who have applied to play pennants, but do not have a bumping board ranking.

ALL PLAYERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A RANKING ARE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE CHALLENGE RULES (displayed in the captains room notice board.) ON THE OPENING WEEKEND, AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PLAY CHALLENGE MATCHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RULES. All matches are to be complete by Sunday 25th October. Pennants commence on 31st October.

To assist in the smooth organization of the club members are requested to sign the attendance book on arrival each week. Balls that go over the fence are to be retrieved by the players involved - far too many balls went missing last year for this reason.

THANK YOU

We would like to say how surprised and delighted we were at the Annual Meeting when we were made Life Members of Hensman. Tennis has been a very important part of our lives and hopefully will continue to be for as long as we can run around the court. Thank you to members for this honour.

Doug and Margaret Napier

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to the following new members who have joined us during the winter months.

Colin Sharp	Margaret Smits	Tom Anthony
Brenda Elliott	Anthony Johnstone	Rhonda Carmody
Robert Herzer	Christine Brookes	Tony Kawakami
Joanne Treasure	Charles Brooks	Kevan Hughes
John Spicer	Danny Picket	Kevin Lampard
Robert Burke	Peter Hamilton	
Alan, Marlene and Todd Morcombe		
Joy, Eric and Craig Pearce		

SYNTHETIC COURT TIMES

These courts are available to members at the following times during the ON SEASON (October 1 - May 31)

Monday - Friday	(4 Courts)	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Saturday	(5 Courts)	12 noon - 6.00 pm
Sunday	(3 Courts)	12 noon - 2.00 pm
	(5 Courts)	2 pm - 6.00 pm

SANDOVER MEDAL TO HENSMAN

Wow ! September 14th, 1987 will be remembered for a long time by members of the club who watched this years Sandover Medal count on TV, and were finally rewarded when Mark Watson, the Clubs dedicated groundsman, won this prestigious award for the States fairest and best footballer . Well done, and well deserved, Mark

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COACHING TIPS

We regret that no tips were to hand from coach Keith at the time of going to print. Hopefully there will be some for the next issue.

PROVISIONAL JUNIORS OPENING DAY

Yes on Sunday 18th October ----- 9.30 am. - 11.30 am
A big welcome is extended to all juniors in the 9 to 16 years age group to become part of our very popular Provisional Junior Club. There is lots of tennis planned throughout the summer season, plus several social events - Be there on the 18th.

JUNIOR PENNANT TEAMS


By now those interested in playing in this years pennants would have lodged their application with Captains Ann and Garry. On Sunday 25th October there will be a special practice session at 9.30 am at the Club for all those registered for pennants, and selection of the teams will take place during the morning.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Doug and Margaret Napier were honoured with life membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Their involvement with the club goes back for more years than maybe they even care to remember, and they have maintained their enthusiasm throughout. Barbara Whitely and Cec Gardiner summarised their contribution to the life and well being of Hensman Park Tennis Club and the meeting endorsed with acclamation the proposals.

CLUB SOCIALIZER AWARD

It has been rumoured that a late arrival for the AGM could be an early nominee for the above, however as the editor of this magazine cannot verify this story it is, in the interests of responsible journalism, not being published !

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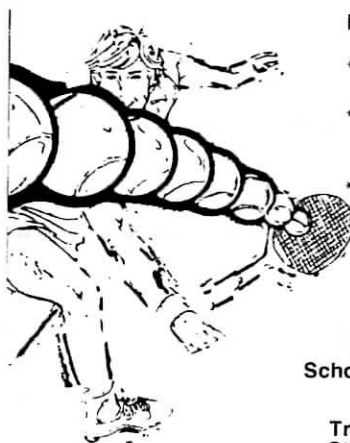
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FINANCE REPORT - 1986/87 SEASON

Bob Howman was all smiles as he presented his report at the AGM, and well he might be as this was undoubtedly the best financial result enjoyed by our club since it was formed 62 years ago. The operating profit of \$25068 compared to \$15684 the previous year. There was capital expenditure of \$52051 during the year (45225 for our share of the synthetic courts, the balance being other costs associated with the hall and furniture). The prepaid Memberships of \$11835 and Interest Bearing Debentures of \$8700 are virtually covered by Invested club funds.

Some of the highlights from his report were:

* Subs and Nomination fees \$3609 (up \$5,500)

* Bar and Kitchen profit \$5324 [up \$1,900]

* Greenkeepers Fees and Court Maintenance \$12218 down \$4300)

The books were again audited by Harvey Pickup, for which the club is very grateful. Congratulations to Bob Howman on another year of careful and efficient handling of the Clubs finances. *

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JOHN MILLER

The club are grateful to life member John, who has donated the beautiful new display cabinet for perpetual club trophies. It will be officially dedicated after Johns return from his current overseas trip.

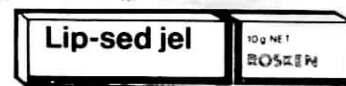
The cabinet was made at the Canning Vale prison workshop, and the workmanship is excellent. John may not be known as well by many of the newer members, however he served the club over many years as Secretary and Treasurer, then later as Captain. He was on the committee for 32 years.

John left in July stopping at Kuala Lumpur where he will be meeting up with Joe Doraismy (KL Tennis Club) who visited Perth in 1985. From there he goes onto Singapore, Bangkok, Rome, Geneva and in London he attends a Scout Reunion at Lord Baden Powell House, renewing friendships from fifty years ago. John is an Australian delegate attending the Grand Lodge International Council at Portland, Oregon, USA. He will also attend Grand Lodge events at Copenhagen and New Zealand. He is having a short holiday on the beach at Honolulu, and is making a two week tour of both islands of NZ before returning home in October. We look forward to hearing details of what sounds a very exciting trip

CITY OF PERTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 26 - 30th DECEMBER, 1987

Arrangements are well in hand for the staging of this event under Tournament chairman Clem Overheu. National Mutual are to sponsor the event with the Supergrasse people coming in as Associate sponsors. There will be a Sponsors day on Thursday 17th December to promote the tournament and the profits of that day will go to two charities - the W.A. Institute of the Blind and the Disabled Sportspeople's Association. The event incorporates the W.A. State Open Womens Singles Title and there is a chance the Mens Open Singles will also be for the State Title. Member Ray Laurie has been instrumental in arranging the sponsorship and the club is appreciative of his efforts in this regard. We hope all members will support this tournament as there will be events to suit all.

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HENSMAN HERALD COMMITTEE

We are delighted to welcome new member Ian Knox to the "committee" that puts out our club magazine. Ian is a Chartered Accountant, but has been tinkering with a new computer software package on "Desk Top Publishing", which will be of great assistance to us in the times ahead. We do require an additional 'contributor' or two to write articles and gather up information on members. If you would like to help please contact Dene Rundle (364.4297), and of course any gossip please pass on to Dene so that those gems do not escape the printed page!

We are delighted to welcome our Advertisers back again, and thank them sincerely for their continued support of the magazine and the Club.

Fairley Watson continues to provide cheery service in the Bank on the corner and we notice Ross Pennington from the South Perth Supermarket slipped away for a winter holiday this year. Alan Bruce together with Angela and youngsters have been holidaying on the Gold Coast, no doubt making good use of their Rosken and Rid products. Ian Hutchison is now running his own Real Estate business. Charlie Pickett, Fred Food Affair, John Turner and Bill Artingstall are hopefully being run off their feet attending to the needs of our members, and of course when you think its time to get back to the basics with your game of tennis Keith Begley is there waiting with open arms! Please give them your support as they make this form of communication possible.

AFTERNOON TEAS

Noreen Ince is in charge of afternoon teas this season and listed hereunder is the roster up until Christmas. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day would you please arrange your own replacement.

SATURDAYS

October	3	N. Ince	M. Howman	B. Whitely
	10	Joan Campbell	Pam Gardiner	
	17	M. Artingstall	C. Ford	
	24	J. Haley	J. Field	
	31	D. Hickey	L. Bremner	
November:	7	S. S. Davies	S. Taylor	
	14	P. Smith	M. Clark	
	21	F. Totterdell	G. Willday	
	28	L. Goetze	S. Fielding	
December	5	M. Preston	S. Boyes	
	12	J. Richman	Z. Hall	
	19	Jan Campbell	J. Rossi	

SUNDAYS

October	4	B. Hutchison	M. King
	11	R. Neill	J. Kitching
	18	P. Norcott	B. Elliott
	25	J. Hatton	W. Ellis
November	1	A. Heary	L. Hackett
	8	F. Williamson	M. Salter
	15	L. Willis	V. Correll
	22	M. Butler	E. Carroll
	29	D. Bilney	M. Randell
December	6	J. Bogaards	S. Harwood
	13	L. DeJosselyn	J. Butcher
	20	S. Churcher	J. McCormack

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YOU'RE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR SECOND SERVE

BY TONY ROCHE

THE title to this article is one of the game's truisms. Some other-wise very good players are limited by the weakness of their second serve. Conversely, a strong second serve may be the ingredient that turns a good player into a champion.

Take note of the second serve of players such as Ivan Lendl, Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker and John McEnroe. You will realise how important a weapon it is in their armory.

In view of all this, it's surprising that players - ranging from the average club player to the well-seasoned circuit pro - do not practise the second serve enough. The fact is, this shot is not only of great value in singles but in doubles as well. In doubles, once you do develop a good kick serve, you can use it very effectively on occasions as your *first* serve.

What do we try to achieve with a second serve?

Basically, control - plus the capacity to put our opponent in as much difficulty as possible in returning the ball.

If you simply hit a flat second serve, your opponent is presented with an easy-pace ball bouncing just about waist-high. The ball will come through nicely and he can attack it. Also, since a flat second serve must be hit fairly low over the net, the more you add pace to the ball, the more you risk serving a double-fault.

With a good kick serve, you gain control and consistency. You're able to hit the ball higher over the net, and because of the spin which you impart, it will drop much more sharply.

Since the ball isn't coming through flat, it will be harder to return and will place your opponent under greater pressure. A kicker to a right-hander's backhand - especially in the backhand court - is a particularly well-proved tactic. A player has less reach on the backhand side, so that a ball kicking wide may move him out of court. Even if he makes a return, you have opened up the court.

Before I deal with the detail of serving a kicker, try to get an image in your mind of what you are attempting. You are attempting to hit under-and-over the ball to impart topspin and sidespin. It's a very physical shot. You must bend the knees, arch the back and launch yourself into the ball - up...up...off the ground with your feet... and under-and-over the ball. After striking the ball, you land in the court, with enough momentum to play a positive next shot, either from the back court or on your way to the net.

This is all tough on your body. But tennis - like life - wasn't meant to be easy!

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