

## TODAY'S MATCHES

1.30 men - Ground 2

Deakin University v Mariners

3.15 men - Ground 2

Technique v Veterans

1.30 women - Ground 3

Deakin University v Mariners

3.15 women - Ground 3

Technique v Sub-Mariners

\*"At the time *the card* went to press, details were unavailable regarding the 'new' format of the junior competition"

### PREVIEW: OPEN MEN

1.30PM: DEAKIN UNIVERSITY V MARINERS

These two teams finished 4th and 2nd respectively last season. However, this should not have any bearing on today's result considering Mariners are only a shadow of their former line-up, and will find it difficult to emulate last season's feats, whereas the Deakin 'Phantoms' should improve on a disappointing '92 season.

Today, the main difference between the two combatants will be goal scoring ability. The Deakin team will rely on Greg Carne, Glenn Rodrigues, Paul Dillon and Cameron Lowen to win the game on the scoreboard for them, whereas Mariners reliance on Darren Hutchesson to score goals may see them undone. However, if Corey and Jason Beveridge can exert a midfield presence, they will help Mariners cause significantly. Unfortunately for Mariners, their youth and relative inexperience will make way for the aggressive style of play that Deakin exhibits. The Deakin backline will be weakened by the loss of valuable full-back Warren 'Bam Bam' McInnes, but his shoes will be filled, and Paul McKenzie in goals will thwart many a Mariner attack.

**The verdict:** The fundamental difference will be Deakin's forwards. If the team plays well and the forwards perform, Deakin shouldn't have much trouble in disposing of Mariners. However, Deakin has been known to have the odd 'disruption' to their game plan, and if they don't play together 'as a team' for the full 70 minutes, the Mariners youthful and exciting juniors may take advantage of Deakin's poor discipline.

*Deakin to win 4-3.*

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## ROUND TWO

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### EDITORIAL

I would like to wish a warm welcome to the first edition of *the card*. My name is Paul Dillon and along with WDHA Public Relations Officer Damian White, we endeavour to produce for you, the hockey player, official, parent or fan, an enjoyable weekly publication. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and hope your preparation for season '93 has been smooth.

We apologise for any mistakes that may occur on the card, and look forward to any feedback, ideas or constructive criticism that you may want to share with us. Finally, it is our aim to be objective throughout, and we aim to produce a balance among the news concerning the Mens, Womens and Junior competitions.

Unfortunately for this edition, we didn't have any women or junior contributions, but we aim to give you more detailed news concerning both. Happy reading...



## Dates to remember

May 11 - WDHA Committee Meeting  
May 23 - WDHA Annual Carnival  
June 12,13,14 - Vic. Country Championships  
July 3,4 - Junior Vic. Country Championships

### PREVIEW: OPEN MEN

3.15PM: TECHNIQUE V VETERANS

Where does one start? This match promises to be a barbaric affair. These two teams blitzed the field in '92 to deservedly meet in the Grand Final. That September day, the Vets, courtesy of divine intervention from above (when Tim Bowser scored a miraculous goal), edged out the talented Technique line-up.

This year the Veterans won't be as formidable an opponent as the last. Meanwhile, Technique should better their form of '92. Today the Veterans should be favoured by their run last weekend against Mariners whereas Technique may take a while to get their game together. The Veterans will rely heavily on Bowser, Nick Smart and Bruce Graham to find the back of the net. This however may not be too difficult. Technique in the past have had a great goalkeeper in Mark Bridge, but notoriously inconsistent defenders. With Bridge gone, the Vets forwards should exploit this advantage while it lasts.

The Technique forward line has lost the talents of '92 guns Segar Rajendram and Jeremy Cowan. However, they have picked up Mark Gladman (ex-Nortec) who should bolster the Technique midfield (if he lines up at inside forward), and must exert a crucial influence upon today's game if the Technique forwards, namely Andrew Bridge, Damian White, Stewart McLean and Erol Chakir are to have a noticeable impact on the scoreboard.

Keeping a close eye on the Technique forwards will be ever-reliable Mike Silva and John Shortal, but without Johnny Marks in keeping goals, the Vets backline will be weakened.

**The Verdict:** Difficult match to predict. It will be a match up in which the Veterans forwards should take honours over the Technique defenders, whereas the Technique forwards will have difficulty penetrating the experienced Vet defence. *Veterans to win this one 4-2.*

**PREVIEW: OPEN  
WOMEN \***

**1.30PM: DEAKIN UNIVERSITY V  
MARINERS**

These two teams should be relatively evenly matched. Deakin remains a bit of a mystery. After a very disappointing 1992 for them (including an 18-0 loss), it's hard to see Deakin improving enough to beat Mariners who have the advantage of being an experienced unit with a forward set up that should exploit the Deakin defenders. Deakin have picked up a few handy players however, but whether it is enough to give them a winning edge remains to be seen. To Deakin's credit, they do have a good midfield unit, but will not be able to match the Mariners at both ends of the ground. Mariners will also be keen to avenge their 4-8 loss at the hands of Sub-Mariners last Saturday.

**The verdict:** Mariners established line-up should capitalise on an inconsistent Deakin team. *Mariners to ease past Deakin 5-2.*

**PREVIEW: OPEN  
WOMEN \***

**3.15PM: TECHNIQUE V  
SUB-MARINERS**

This would have to take 'match of the day' billing. Reigning premier Sub-Mariners have started the season impressively (8-4 over Mariners last week) and a line-up every bit capable of making it 'back-to-back' flags. However, Technique are not a spent force. Despite coming 3rd last year and very nearly overhauling Mariners in the dying stages of that final's encounter, Technique deserve the plaudits Sub-Mariners and Mariners currently receive. The key for Technique will be whether gun midfielder Kyme O'Flaherty will put in a big performance today. Whereas 'Subbies' do not rely solely on one player. Nikki Maher, Gail Lowen and Carolyn Smart will all trouble the Tech defenders, and it is this fundamental difference that will settle the result.

**The verdict:** Sub-Mariners have too many troublesome players that will cause headaches for Technique. Technique will need a team performance to stand a chance. *Sub-Mariners to win 6-3.*

\* NOTE: The editors apologise for shorter womens previews. This is because we're both guys and would appreciate the help of any women who would like to aid this section.

**...Association News...Association News...**

...can all Clubs please contact the Association with a list of office bearers and the name and number of a Club contact person...

...The Victorian Country Hockey Championships (Country Week) are approaching rapidly. They are on in about six (6) weeks. Let's get the ball rolling and get the squads together and training...

...WANTED: Contributors to *the card*. This is your weekly (we hope) newsletter, and without your support *the card* will be short of news. So Clubs, any Club news or events that need publicising, put it on *the card*. As you may have noticed, the previews and reviews on the womens matches are a bit bland. That is because we haven't got a woman to write up the articles. If interested, contact either Damian White or Paul Dillon on match day.

...All Clubs must be in full uniform by Round Four or else wear a fine...Don't forget to get player registrations and fees paid immediately (it's a hell of a way to lose a match).

**"What will the ladders look like at the end of the '93 season (not inc. finals)?"**

**John Shortall - Veterans**

| Men          | Women        |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Technique  | Sub-Mariners |
| 2 Veterans   | Mariners     |
| 3 Mariners   | Technique    |
| 4 Deakin Uni | Deakin Uni   |
| 5 Combine    | Combine      |

**Corey Beveridge-Mariners**

| Men          | Women        |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Deakin Uni | Sub-Mariners |
| 2 Technique  | Technique    |
| 3 Veterans   | Deakin Uni   |
| 4 Mariners   | Mariners     |
| 5 Combine    | Combine      |

**Paul Dillon - Deakin University**

| Men          | Women        |
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| 1 Technique  | Sub-Mariners |
| 2 Veterans   | Technique    |
| 3 Deakin Uni | Mariners     |
| 4 Mariners   | Deakin       |
| 5 Combine    | Combine      |

**Damian White - Technique**

| Men          | Women        |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Technique  | Sub-Mariners |
| 2 Veterans   | Mariners     |
| 3 Deakin Uni | Technique    |
| 4 Mariners   | Deakin Uni   |
| 5 Combine    | Combine      |