

Avoca Hockey Club AGM 2014-2015
Ladies Section Report

Preseason training for the Avoca Ladies began in the 1st week of August and continued throughout August and September. The Ladies league competitions kicked off on Saturday the 27th of September with the 1sts playing their last league game on the 28th of February and the other ladies teams finishing on March 8th.

Like last year we had a number of players leave the club but we were fortunate to have a large group of the Avoca under 16s girls moving up to the ladies section. At the end of the season we had a total of 97 members playing with the senior ladies.

Ladies 1sts – Division 2

Coach- Jonathan Cole

Assistant Coach- Stephen Brownlow

Captain- Kate Cullen

Vice- Captain- Shelley Richardson

League Statistics- Played 18 games, Won 9, Lost 6, Drew 3, League Goals Scored 39

Finished in 5th place in Division 2, will compete in Division 1 next season

Competed in both the Jacqui Potter Cup and the Irish Hockey Trophy

Ladies 2nds – Division 6

Coach- Ronan Hickey

Captain- Nina Doyle

Vice- Captain- Hilary Long

League Statistics- Played 18 games, Won 13, Lost 3, Drew 2, Goals Scored 58

Finished in 2nd place, securing promotion to Division 5

Reached the 3rd round of Division 5/6 cup

Ladies 3rds – Division 8

Coach- Cara Kelehan

Assistant Coach- Richard Couse

Captain- Sinead Gorman

Vice- Captain- Sinead Hingston & Zoe Walsh

League Statistics- Played 18 games, Won 11, Lost 3, Drew 4, Goals Scored 46

Finished in 2nd place, securing promotion to Division 7

Knocked out in the 2nd round of the Division 7/8 cup

Ladies 4ths – Division 11

Coach- Emma Meir

Assistant Coach- Herbie Fowler

Captain- Siobhan Browne

Vice- Captain- Simone Hickey

League Statistics- Played 18 games, Won 16, Lost 2, Drew 0, Goals Scored 69

Secured the top spot in Division 11 and along with it promotion to Division 10

Knocked out in the 2nd round of the Division 11/12 cup

Ladies 5ths – Division 11

Coach- Declan Ryan

Captain- Claire French

Vice- Captain- Linda Hughes

League Statistics- Played 18 games, Won 5, Lost 7, Drew 6, Goals Scored 20

Finished mid table in Division 11

Knocked out in the 2nd round of the Division 11/12 cup

Ladies Vet's

Captain- Emma Meir

The Ladies Vet's had a successful season finishing in 3rd place behind Loreto and Pembroke. 12 teams compete in the league with game taking place on Friday nights.

Provincial Honours

This season 3 of our members were selected to train with the Leinster Under 18 training panel; congratulations to Amber Barnwell, Ellen Curran and Hannah Mc Loughlin.

International Honours

Congratulations to Ellen Curran who was selected to represent Ireland with the Under 18's at the Euro Hockey Championship in July and also to Hannah Mc Loughlin who has been selected to represent Ireland with the Under 16's squad at the 6 Nations Tournament in July.

This season has again seen 4 Avoca Ladies teams securing promotion; this would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. As always a massive thank you to the captains and vice captains of each of the ladies teams, it is not an easy job so thank you for your commitment and support. A huge thank you of course goes to all of the coaches involved in the ladies section; their hard work is clearly reflected in the results over the season.

Thank you to Kate Rushe and Sinead Hingston who looked after the ladies registrations and to Cara Kelehan the club fixtures secretary. You both make doing my job so much easier. Hopefully next year we will have enough ladies members next year to enter a 6th team in the Leinster leagues.

After 3 years as Ladies Captain I am stepping down and I would like to say thank you for giving me the honour. It has been a pleasure to serve on the committee of a club that is so vibrant and clearly has a very exciting few years ahead of it.

Best of luck to all teams for next season.

Caroline Daly

Ladies Club Captain 2014-2015