



Port Adelaide District Hockey Club Inc.

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MEDIA RELEASE

PORT ADELAIDE WIN HOCKEY SA PREMIER LEAGUE DOUBLE AND 7th CONSECUTIVE WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Port Adelaide achieved the Premier League double with the men defeating Adelaide 2-1 in the second period of extra time with a penalty corner conversion by Cameron Joyce and the women defeating Adelaide 3-1 with a powerful 3 goal display in the second half, with goals from Brooke Appleyard, competition leading goal-scorer Courtney Rudd and Carly Simms.

The Women's Premier League team secured their seventh consecutive Premiership as the unstoppable juggernaut continued. This team has competed in the past 18 consecutive Grand Finals, winning 14 premierships. Team captain Sarah (Harry) Harrison has played in all 18 Grand Finals.

Both teams finished undefeated Minor Premiers. This is the 8th time the Club has achieved the Hockey SA Premier League double since the amalgamation of men's and women's clubs in the 80's. Only one other Club, Grange Royals, has achieved the elusive double back in 1999.

The Club men's and women's Metro 1 teams also participated in the Grand Finals, with the women coming from 4th position at the end of the minor round to defeat minor premiers Adelaide Uni 2-1 in extra time and the men finishing runners-up with a 3-1 defeat by Seacliff. It is only the second time that a Club has had all 4 Premier League and Metro 1 teams participating in the finals – the last time being in 2012 when the Club won all 4 premierships.

Club President, Dennis Meredith said: *"The results of the weekend have been the icing on the cake in what has been an outstanding year both on and off the field for the Club. The women's record is awe-inspiring and the men have come from 5th position in 2017 to claim the ultimate prize in 2018. Paul Finnie (women's Head Coach) and Mark Victory (men's Head Coach) are to be congratulated on what is a magnificent achievement for the Club."*



Women's Premier League



Men's Premier League

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