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BENDIGO BANK WESTVIC HOCKEY SENIOR MEN – STATE LEAGUE 4

MATCH REPORT - ROUND 8

<i>Date:</i>	Saturday 13th June, 2008
<i>Venue:</i>	Peninsula Hockey Centre (Frankston)
<i>Opposition:</i>	Mornington Peninsula
<i>Final Score:</i>	WestVic Hockey 5 def. Mornington Peninsula 1
<i>Goalscorers:</i>	Jason Hargreaves, Nic Don, Chris Vaughan, Gavin Mann, Thomas Walton
<i>Best:</i>	Chris Vaughan, Allan Burrows, Nathan Hargreaves, Ben Dainton, Duncan Stephen

The *Bendigo Bank* WestVic Hockey Men have returned to the winners circle with a swashbuckling win over the highly fancied Mornington Peninsula at the Peninsula Hockey Centre.

Mornington Peninsula, who were yet to be beaten on home turf this season, were on the back foot early as WestVic began the match with a high level of urgency, seeing them penetrate the attacking circle numerous times in the first 10 minutes of the match.

The WestVic effort was rewarded in the 12th minute when Jason Hargreaves deflected a hard pass from the right side of the field into the net.

WestVic continued to apply offensive pressure after the opening goal, with Duncan Stephen and Nic Don proving to be more than a handful for the Mornington defence.

The hard work and steady heads of the Mornington defence denied WestVic any further opening half goals, to see their team go into the half time break with their chance of defending their flawless home-ground record intact.

As expected, Mornington came out in the second half with all guns blazing, generating a number of quality scoring opportunities, as they were able to find an avenue through the WestVic press.

With WestVic struggling to recapture its first half form, Mornington continued to apply forward pressure, culminating in an equalising goal with just 13 minutes remaining in the match.

The Mornington goal spurred the WestVic midfield into action with skipper, Chris Vaughan, along with Allan Burrows and Nathan Hargreaves rising to the challenge, as they patrolled the half line and continually pumped the ball into attack.

WestVic regained the lead with just 9 minutes remaining in the match, when Nic Don converted a slick opportunity off the goalkeeper's pads.

When Duncan Stephen and Chris Vaughan teamed up for a succession of passes, as they cut a swathe through the left side Mornington defence, to score WestVic's third goal just two minutes later, the result of the match was put beyond doubt.

The two goal deficit saw Mornington commit their players forward in a last ditch bid to take some points from the match, however, the WestVic rout continued when Gavin Mann converted a Penalty Stroke in the 68th minute.

The victory for the WestVic Men was topped off when Thomas Walton converted WestVic's fifth goal with just seconds remaining in the match, handing Mornington Peninsula their first loss on home soil for the season and giving WestVic a much needed boost to their goal difference.

Round 9 will see the *Bendigo Bank* WestVic Hockey Men host State League 4 cellar-dwellers, Chadstone, at the *Bendigo Bank* Ballarat Hockey Centre at 2pm on Saturday June 20.

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