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Welcoming Message from the President



Phil Humphreys,
President, Australian Lacrosse Council
President, Victoria Amateur Lacrosse Association

Victoria again has the honour to welcome Lacrosse players from South Australia and Western Australia to the 23rd Australian Championship

It is my pleasure as President of the Australian Lacrosse Council and on behalf of the host state in this its 100th year of lacrosse to extend to all visiting players, officials and supporters a very warm welcome to Melbourne.

With the 1978 World Series only just behind us, I am sure that we can look forward to a week of exciting and very competitive Lacrosse and I take this opportunity to wish all competitors good luck.

Welcoming Message from Minister Youth, Sport and Recreation



It is appropriate that the Australian Championships are being held in Victoria this year as it is exactly 100 years since the Victorian Amateur Lacrosse Association was officially formed.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation views Lacrosse in its various forms as the type of Sport that will encourage a great deal of participation in the true "Life. Be in it" spirit and "Sport for All" philosophy.

Support from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has enabled the appointment of Don Miller to the position of Promotions and Development Officer. The opening of "The Lacrosse Shop" together with the advent of Soft Lacrosse being promoted in schools for boys and girls of all ages ensures a bright future for Lacrosse.

Brian Dixon,
Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation

Sponsors Message



The Commonwealth Banking Corporation is pleased to be associated with the development of the fast and skilful sport of Lacrosse.

On behalf of the Bank may I welcome all players and officials participating in this the 1979 National Championships and wish them well in their endeavours to win the coveted Garland McHarg Cup.

G. S. Lawry
Chief Manager, Victoria

LACROSSE — the Versatile International Sport

Lacrosse, which was first played by the North American Indians, is said to be the oldest sport in America. Indeed, it may be the oldest form of organised team game known to mankind.

Today lacrosse continues to hold an honoured place in the North American continent, being the national sport of Canada and enjoying a strong, rapidly growing following in both Canada and USA.

Lacrosse was first introduced into Australia when a Canadian arrived in Melbourne with some equipment in 1874. The game quickly established itself and then spread to other states. In 1931 the Australian Lacrosse Council was formed to co-ordinate interstate competition and administer playing rules, etc. Now interstate tournaments are played on a regular basis at Senior, Colts (Under 19) and Junior (Under 16) levels.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The major event on the international scene is the World Championships which are held every four years. Australia, Canada, England and the United States take part at present, and the event is held in each of those countries on a rotating basis.

Melbourne hosted the Championship in 1974, Manchester, England in July 1978 and Baltimore, USA is scheduled for 1982. Australia has always performed well in international competition, being second ranked nation prior to the surprise result at the Manchester Championship when Canada improved to edge out Australia and topple USA to become the new World Champions.

ALTERNATIVE GAMES

Field Lacrosse is the standard game for international competitions but various other forms of lacrosse allow opportunity for both men and women.

Box Lacrosse, the national sport of Canada is played in an enclosed court. Because the ball is seldom out of play, this game is lightning fast and very skilful. Australia in 1978 was represented at the Edmonton Commonwealth Games in Box Lacrosse.

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TUESDAY, JULY 10

GAME 1 — 11.15 am

VICTORIA vs. PRESIDENTS

Scores —

GAME 2 — 2.00 pm

SOUTH AUSTRALIA vs. WEST
AUSTRALIA

Scores —

THURSDAY, JULY 12

GAME 3 — 11.15 am

PRESIDENTS vs. WINNER OF
GAME 2

Scores —

GAME 4 — 2.00 pm

VICTORIA vs. LOSERS GAME 2

Scores —

SATURDAY, JULY 14

GAME 5 — 11.15 am

PRESIDENTS vs. LOSERS GAME 2

Scores —

GAME 6 — 2.00 pm

VICTORIA vs. WINNERS GAME 2

Scores —

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

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VICTORIA

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- 4 O. MIDDELHUIS (Vice Capt)
- 5 B. SMITH
- 7 G. SPICER
- 10 J. BUTKIEWIEZ
- 12 W. STAHER
- 14 G. FOX
- 15 G. TILLOTSON
- 17 T. HARDY
- 18 R. WALTON
- 20 G. GARNSWORTHY (Capt)
- 21 S. ELLIS
- 23 B. FREEMAN
- 24 R. FREEMAN
- 25 A. BOWER
- 29 K. NICHOLLS
- 32 C. BIRD

Coach: D. TRAINOR

Asst Coach: A. DATSON

Trainer: J. CLAYFIELD (Mrs)

Manager: R. STAHER

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Colours: RED & YELLOW

- 1 G. HOBBS
- 2 B. THOMPSON
- 3 A. SALMON
- 4 W. HOBBS
- 5 M. MUSSE
- 6 G. SCARVELIS
- 7 C. JOHNSON
- 8 R. DUTHY (Co-Capt)
- 9 R. FLETT
- 10 T. DENTON
- 11 T. STEVENS
- 12 N. SPECK
- 13 P. VICKERY
- 14 M. RAGGATT
- 15 E. GRANGER
- 16 P. LYNCH
- 17 J. CARTER (Co-Capt)
- 18 W. SUTTON
- 19 J. TOMLIN

Coach: R. ATTENBOROUGH

Manager: G. GATELY

WEST AUSTRALIA

Colours: GOLD & BLACK

- 1 I. MISICH
- 2 D. BANYARD ✓
- 3 G. DELFS
- 4 K. COOPER
- 5 L. MORLEY
- 6 C. FAULLS ✓
- 7 D. RUDDERHAM
- 8 P. CANN
- 9 I. TOY
- 10 P. SALMON
- 11 G. KENNEDY (Co-Capt) ✓
- 12 J. DENNIC
- 13 R. TURNBULL
- 14 J. KENNEDY (Co-Capt)
- 15 R. GRIMLEY ✓
- 16 T. MAGEE
- 17 J. BALLARINE ✓
- 18 R. ROBINSON ✓
- 19 T. AMBLER

Coach: B. GRIFFIN

Asst Coaches: M. HICKEY ✓

R. TAYLOR

Manager: C. GATES

PRESIDENTS

Colours: WHITE & NAVY BLUE

- 1 C. SMITHWICK (Capt)
- 2 M. HADDAD (Vice Capt)
- 3 A. FIDA
- 4 W. KENT
- 5 C. JENNINGS
- 6 C. RODRIGUES
- 7 R. ANSELL
- 8 T. PRIDHAM
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- 10 W. EDWARDS
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- 13 A. FEVOLA
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- 15 R. BAKES
- 16 K. WIGHT
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- 18 C. BARNARD
- 19 M. JENNINGS

Coach: A. INGLIS

Trainer: S. STEWART

Manager: M. GARNSWORTHY

WHY WE WILL WIN

VICTORIA

This carnival looks like being the most evenly contested for many years. To combat the strengths of the other states, Victoria has selected fast and vigorous midfielders, a very aggressive defence, and forwards who can retain the ball under constant pressure. The team that has the fiercest desire to get first use of the ball can then control the game and this is where Victoria will be successful.

D. Trainor
Victorian Coach 1979

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia will win this year's lacrosse championship because I am confident we have the best team. We have selected a team based on individual talent and the ability to use that talent as a team combination. Almost every player can perform in several different positions giving us the versatility to cope with every situation. I think that the biggest factor will be our ability in attack where we have both the teamwork and individual brilliance to throw the necessary hard goals.

Whilst emphasizing our ability in attack, our midfield and defensive players will be more than equal to the task confronting them.

Roger Attenborough
South Australian Coach

WEST AUSTRALIA

With the change in administrative structure of W.A. lacrosse, a new attitude has certainly developed, not only from the point of view of administration, but certainly amongst clubs on the playing field. This refreshing change in attitude has certainly assisted my job as coach in preparing this year's state side.

As a result of this, I believe we will win. A large squad has been training since January, and the team was selected as early as the end of April. Our problems have been in the past, that we have lacked depth of players and experienced players at interstate levels. This year, I can see a depth of players in all positions backed up by a blend of youth and experience. The attitude and discipline of the players selected towards preparation of this carnival has been of an extremely high standard and if attitude's related to ability, then I consider this state side to be of a very high standard and will certainly have the attitude of 'We Will Win'.

Brian Griffin
West Australian Coach

THE GARLAND McHARG CUP

After the visit of the Canadian Lacrosse Team in 1907, a cup was presented by Mr. Garland (a Canadian) and Mr. A. McHarg (a Victorian) for competition between the States.

YEAR	PLAYED AT	WON BY	YEAR	PLAYED AT	WON BY
1910	Adelaide	Victoria	1956	Perth	Victoria
1912	Melbourne	Victoria	1959	Melbourne	South Australia
1920	Sydney	South Australia	1962	Adelaide	South Australia
1923	Brisbane	South Australia	1965	Perth	Victoria
1926	Adelaide	South Australia	1968	Melbourne	Victoria
1929	Perth	Victoria	1970	Adelaide	Victoria
1932	Melbourne	Victoria	1972	Perth	West Australia
1936	Adelaide	Victoria	1974	Melbourne	Victoria
1939	Brisbane	Victoria	1976	Adelaide	South Australia
1947	Perth	West Australia	1977	Perth	South Australia
1950	Melbourne	Victoria	1979	Melbourne	
1953	Adelaide	Victoria			

CHAMPIONSHIP BEST AND FAIREST

1962	A. JENNINGS	South Australia
1965	G. REDDAWAY	Victoria
1968	L. VAN DER PEER	South Australia
1970	D. FOX	Victoria
1972	I. TOY	Western Australia
1974	R. REIGER	Western Australia
1976	R. DUTHY	South Australia
1977	E. JONES	South Australia

SYMONDS CUP

Since 1939 the two States have competed for possession of the Symonds Cup, a trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Symonds, of Adelaide, to perpetuate the memory of the late "Bob" Symonds who was killed in an air crash at Dromana in 1938.

S.A. has won the Cup 19 times and Victoria 12 times with 3 Draws.

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Lacrosse S.A.

The change of name from S.A. Lacrosse Association to Lacrosse S.A. is one which has heralded our advancement toward the 80's and how our administration sees the future promotion of the game in South Australia.

The new administrative structure sees a Board of Directors controlling this future. Each member of the Board is appointed by the respective clubs with senior teams in the competition, but those members are not obligated to refer to their clubs for direction on any matter they vote on. This means that the club must have the utmost confidence in the person they appoint. To enable the clubs the opportunity to appoint the best possible person for the job, the Board is structured to be purely a policy making body. As a consequence, people with a lot to offer who have been unwilling to assist in the past because of the increased work-load required by Association management committees, are now making themselves available. The committee meets every six weeks.

All of the administrative tasks and performance of duties as directed by the Board are carried out by a full-time Executive Officer. This officer carries out all normal administrative tasks such as correspondence, minutes, finance control and keeping of records.

As well, he instigates junior coaching programs, introducing lacrosse into schools for club follow-up and teachers courses at Colleges of Advanced Education for physical education students.

The promotion of the game through all forms of the media is co-ordinated through his office in conjunction with a Publicity Officer. As well, sponsorships are pursued for special events (e.g. Australian Box Lacrosse Championships), and possibilities of long term sponsorships are investigated.

At this stage, we are to have three field matches televised this season and the possibilities of televising box lacrosse are being investigated.

The Board have accepted a principle that a permanent home for lacrosse with good facilities for spectators and players is a priority and a proposal is being drafted to combine with the S.A. Rugby League in such a home. This would be funded by the two Associations, the State Government and the body controlling the area we are looking at.

On the matter of funding, the position obviously offers a good salary which is funded by the clubs in the Association. The creation of the position has enabled far more properly organized events to be held where people pay to watch lacrosse and this has been a major source of income. As well, the possibilities of government assistance in our programs have greatly increased which has also been of major importance.

The area of box lacrosse is one which has now been opened up by centralizing our organization, and this game has immense promotional possibilities which can only assist all forms of lacrosse.

Probably, the most important aspect of the position is that of communication. There is a person who can be rung up when a problem arises, and most of these problems are now easily solved. Also the clubs receive a regular flow of information as to what is happening and everyone is more aware of the Association. Of the problems created by the establishment of this system of administration, only one is of any significance.

The necessity to support the programs set up, such as primary school competition, is now greater than ever. People tend to think that with a paid officer, their work-load is going to be less at club level. I'm afraid it is greater, as it becomes possible to establish programs never before possible, but the work required to support this, by the clubs, becomes greater. The club with the drive and initiative now continues to go ahead whilst those lacking these qualities fall further behind.

The major part of the Executive Officer's tasks therefore, in my opinion, is one to work with those clubs unable or unwilling to help themselves and help them to a position of strength where they can compete on an even basis with all other clubs in the Association. This is a job which will never be completed.

Eric Granger,
Executive Officer, Lacrosse S.A.

Lacrosse Victoria

In March of this year "Lacrosse Victoria" became a reality not just a dream following the appointment of a full time officer. This officer is responsible for the promotion and development of lacrosse in Victoria and is answerable to the Directorate for this work. The Directorate was formed to set guidelines and act as a steering committee for this officer. The Directorate is composed of 2 officials from both the Mens' Association and the Womens' Association who meet on a regular basis.

The general guidelines which have been adopted by the Directorate are as follows:

- 1 Promotion of Lacrosse in schools through —
 - a Introduction of lacrosse into physical education and sports programs.
 - b Development of school rosters.
 - c Assistance to clubs to develop links with schools for recruiting and coaching.
- 2 Development and promotional and coaching material.
- 3 Development and Co-ordination of coaching clinics and coaches' training programs.
- 4 Liaison with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in the development of community recreational programs.

As can be seen by the scope of the above guidelines the job presented many areas in which work was required to be carried out. Since taking office, programs of soft lacrosse have been introduced at many primary schools, with some schools participating in programs lasting up to 6 weeks. Further work on training programs initiated at State Colleges have continued with renewed enthusiasm, whilst at secondary school level, the main achievement has been the participation of 10 schools in a midweek roster.

With some of the main objectives well underway, the future will see more attention given to the development of promotional and coaching literature and the making and use of video tape films to introduce the game to new areas.

Many will not know that Lacrosse Victoria now has an office, storage room and retail outlet situated at 21 Waverley Road, East Malvern. This development was achieved as part of the ongoing progress which lacrosse, in this state, can look forward to in the future.

Don Miller
Promotion and Development Director
Lacrosse Victoria

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