

Annual Report for year ending 31-3-96

Gentlemen,

In presenting to you the report for the season 1895 your Committee cannot but congratulate you upon the apparent advancement of the game in the Colony; as they have no hesitation in pronouncing last season as being the most successful Lacrosse season experienced in Victoria for many years; the increase in the number of competing teams, and the improvement displayed in playing the game being equally gratifying. The financial position of the Association is very satisfactory; commencing the season with several small liabilities, and only a credit balance of £1.3.6 to meet them, it is pleasing to be able to inform you, that your Treasurer, with no liabilities to meet, has a credit balance of £1.13.6 with which to carry on the work for the incoming season.

The University Club occupied the leading position at the end of the season: Out of the 14 games they played, 11 were won, 1 lost and 2 drawn: Considering the large number of new players in their ranks they are to be warmly congratulated upon their success. Essendon once more played consistently well throughout the season and secured a splendid second position, only being defeated by the Premiers by two points; and then they had reason to complain of their misfortunes in being minus some of their best men in the more important engagements at the close of the season. South Melbourne secured third position.

with the unique record of 7 wins, only 2 lost and no less than 5 drawn games; Caulfield, Hawthorn A, Collingwood, Flemington and Hawthorn B. follow in the order mentioned

The complete Premiership record is:-

Club	games played	games won	games lost	games drawn	possible points	points scored
University	14	11	1	2	56	48
Essendon	14	11	2	1	56	46
S. Melbourne	14	7	2	5	56	38
Caulfield	14	7	4	3	56	34
Hawthorn A	14	6	6	2	56	28
Collingwood	14	5	8	1	56	22
Flemington	14	0	12	2	56	4
Hawthorn B.	14	0	12	2	56	4

During the season a very successful tournament extending over two days took place on the Melbourne Cricket ground and was eventually won by the Essendon club who defeated University in the final game by 2 goals to 1.

At the commencement of the season Mr W. J. Mountain declined to accept re-election as President, a position which he had filled for unchallenged for many years, and as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of past services rendered, he was presented with a handsome liquor stand.

Although a matter for regret to lose so enthusiastic a President, the Association are to be congratulated upon their wise selection of Mr Shappere as his successor, a gentleman who supports the game both by his presence at all their meetings and gatherings, and financially if occasion arises.

The prospects for the forthcoming season are very cheerful. Your committee have already been acquainted of the formation of at least two

new clubs, viz. the Brighton, and the Melbourne
Cricketer Club Lacrosse clubs; and have also heard
rumours of two or three more.

The introduction of the game into the Melbourne
Cricketer Club should be hailed with delight, for,
being the father of all sport in Melbourne, that
body should be able to do much to advance the
game in the Colony. The thanks of the
Association are due to your Assistant Honorary
Secretary Mr. A. Graham for his efforts in this
direction; for although he is to be praised for his
enterprising energy in the interest of the game generally,
undoubtedly his greatest hit was the securing of
the Melbourne Cricket Ground for several Lacrosse
games (including the Tournament) during the
season, whereby the Melbourne Cricket Club
Committee had the game brought closely under
their notice, with the ultimate result - the
formation of a Melbourne Cricket Club Lacrosse
team.

Your Committee have also already received promises
from more than a sufficient number of leading players
to constitute a team, to visit Adelaide early in
August next, to try to regain the laurels won by
that Colony three seasons ago; it is therefore strongly
urged upon you to take early steps to complete
arrangements in this direction, as the exchange of
visits between the colonies must do much for the
good of the game. Your committee would
also impress upon as many as possible of you,
who have not already expressed your willingness
to visit Adelaide, to make up your minds to

... of coming out victorious, it will be
... to have as good a collection of players as
... to choose your representatives from;
... nothing adds more to the success of a
... than the encouraging cheers of their own
... and supporters from amongst the
...-lookers.

The election of a President, Vice Presidents
and ~~five~~ ^{three} members of Committee forms portion
of his evening's business. Two members of
Committee are to be elected for a period of
two years vice Messrs ~~Knight~~ ^{Jonathan Heathershaw} and Search whose
terms of office have expired, one for a period of
two years vice Mr. H. Sisdall who has left the
Colony, and one for a period of one year vice
Mr. ~~Fraser~~ who resigned at the early portion
of last season; in the latter case the Committee
elected Mr. J. Heathershaw to fill the vacancy for the
months just completed.

The nominations for the four vacancies on the
Committee are: Messrs Doney, Danafeld, Shattershaw
Moulton ~~Knight~~ Search Strickland and
Wingrove.

Your Committee desire to record
a hearty vote of thanks to the press for prominence
given to the game, and also to the individuals who
gratuitously furnished information to the press; and
in conclusion have pleasure in expressing entire satisfaction
at the manner in which the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and
Honorary Assistant Secretary have performed their duties during the
past season, and have directed that a hearty vote of thanks
be recorded on the minutes of their last Committee meeting.

Balance Sheet
for season ending 31st March 1896.

Expenditure

	<i>To</i>							<i>By</i>
	Postage				17	6		Balance from
	Stationery				2	-		Club Subscriptions
	Advertising:-							
	"Herald"		3					
	"Age"		6					
	"Argus"		6		15	-		
	Band for Tournament				1	10		
	Printing:-							
	150 Circulars		8					
	150 "List of matches"		1	7	6			Collection at
	600 Cards, Invitation & Tournament		15	6				Donation from
	1000 Programmes - Tournament		10	-	3	1		Sale of two
	A. Brady's % from previous season:-							
	Printing		7	6				
	Part sub-paid on % U.L.C.		7	6		15		Audited and found
	Sumaries					3	6	
	Balance					1	13	6
	Total					8	17	6

Lacrosse Association
 Balance Sheet
 on ending 31st March 1896.

Receipts

	17 6	By	Balance from 1895						1 3 6
	2 -	"	Club Subscriptions:-						
			Caulfield			17 -			
			Collingwood			15 -			
3			Essendon			15 -			
6			Flemington			15 -			
6	15 -		Hawthorn			1 5 -			
	1 10 -		South Melbourne			18 -			
			University			1 4 -		6 9 -	
8			Collection at Annual meeting					12 6	
1 7 6			Donation from Mr. Edwards					11 6	
15 6			sale of two books of Rules					1 -	
10 -	3 1 -								
7 6									
7 6	15 -								
	3 6								
	1 13 6								

Audited and found correct
 W. R. [Signature]
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 Audited
 31 March 1896

Premiership Record Season 1896

Date	Opposing Clubs		Result		
	Name of Club and Goal Throwers	No. of Goals			
2nd May	University, L Bevan (2) Wingrove, House & D Bevan	5	Collingwood	-	won by University
	South Melbourne, Moss (2) House (2) Ebbs & McDonnell	6	Auburn	-	" S. Melbourne
	Caulfield, B Murray (6) & Maero	7	Brighton	-	" Caulfield
	Hawthorn, J Richards (3) H Richards (2) Pope (1)	6	Flemington Radford (1)	1	" Hawthorn
	Essendon, F McCall	1	M.C.C. & Murray	1	Drawn
9th May	University, L Bevan (3) D Bevan (2) Ellington (2) Rudd (2)	9	Auburn	-	won by University
	South Melbourne Ebbs (4) W House (2)	6	Brighton (Smith (2))	2	" S. Melbourne
	M.C.C. Murray 5 E Eccles 2 Handfield 2	9	Flemington Hooper 1	1	" M.C.C.
	Essendon, E Scott (4) Moulton (2) J McCall (2)	8	Caulfield J White (2)	2	" Essendon
	Collingwood, Smith 3 Allanson 3 Devine 1 Cottach 1	8	Moonee Ponds	-	" Collingwood
16th May	University, L Bevan 5 Rudd 2 D Bevan 1	8	Brighton	-	" University
	Essendon Moulton 2	2	South Melbourne	-	" Essendon
	M.C.C. Murray 1 Thomas 1	2	Hawthorn Gordon 1	1	" M.C.C.
	Caulfield, Kitchen 4, White 1, B Murray 2, Furneaux 1 W Murray 1	9	Flemington	-	" Caulfield
	Auburn B Mervilles 1	1	Moonee Ponds	-	" Auburn
23rd May	Essendon Moulton 3 A Scott 1 E Scott 1 F McCall 1	6	University	-	" Essendon
	Collingwood, Smith 5 D Devine 3 G Batchelor 1 N Batchelor 1	10	Auburn	-	" Collingwood
	South Melbourne, Walsh 3	5	Flemington	-	" S. Melbourne
	W House 1 Moss 1 Brighton Newing 2 Bennet 2	4	Moonee Ponds	-	" Brighton
	Hawthorn/Richards 4 W Gordon 1 H Bairbridge 1	6	Caulfield J White 3 H Murray 1 W Murray 1	5	" Hawthorn
30th May	Essendon Search 2 B McCall 2 J McCall, W McCall & McCall Moulton	8	Moonee Ponds	-	" Essendon
	M.C.C. Murray 3	6	Caulfield	-	" M.C.C.
	Thomas & Eccles Wilmoth	8	Flemington	-	" University
	University, L Bevan 3 Rudd 3 Wingrove 3 Ellington 1	3	Brighton Bennett 1	1	" Collingwood
	Collingwood E. Batchelor (3)	2	Hawthorn Gosse (2)	2	Drawn

6th June
13th June
20th June
27th June
4th July

Name of Club and Goal Throwers	No of Goals	Name of Club and Goal Throwers	No of Goals	Result
Essendon, J McCall 2 Potts, Francis, George, Search	6	Brighton, Bennet	1	won by Essendon
M.C.C. Thomas (2)	7	Moonee Ponds Philpott (2)	2	" M.C.C.
Collingwood Smith & Devine	2	Hawthorn Gosse	1	" Collingwood
Caulfield B. Murray (2) White, Caprin	4	University, Rudd 2 Wingrove 1	3	" Caulfield
Hemington Radford & Richards & Francis	9	Auburn	-	" Hemington
Essendon, J McCall (2) A Scott - Fison	4	Hemington, Nelson 1	1	" Essendon
M.C.C. Thomas 2 Willmott 2	4	Auburn	-	" M.C.C.
S. Melb Close 5	8	Moonee Ponds	-	" S. Melb
Moss 2, Doney 1 Hawthorn Gosse 8	11	Brighton Bennet (2) Newing	3	" Hawthorn
Richardson (2) & Bambridge Caulfield B Murray	1	Collingwood	-	" Caulfield
M.C.C. Murray 5, Edles C Thomas (2) Philpott	9	Collingwood	-	" M.C.C.
S. Melb Close 2 House, Doney	4	University, Rudd	1	" S. Melbourne
Hawthorn Gosse 3	6	Auburn	-	" Hawthorn
Bambridge 2, Richardson Caulfield, B Murray	9	Moonee Ponds W Williams	1	" Caulfield
White Kitchen (2) Hemington Rudd Radford & Richards	4	Brighton Bennet Campbell Jack	3	" Hemington
Essendon J McCall's J McCall 1, B McCall 1	5	Collingwood	-	" Essendon
South Melbourne House 5, Walsh 1, Close 1	7	M.C.C. Murray (1)	1	" S. Melb
Hawthorn Gosse 3	3	University Wingrove	1	" Hawthorn
Hemington Rudd & Radford	2	Moonee Ponds	-	" Hemington
Auburn Richardson, B. Meredith	2	Brighton	-	" Auburn
Essendon J McCall 3 J McCall	4	Hawthorn (Gosse 2)	2	" Essendon
S. Melbourne Close 2, Walsh	3	Collingwood Smith	1	" S. Melb
M.C.C. Murray 6 Thomas 3, Edles C & Simson	11	Brighton Bennet	1	" M.C.C.
Caulfield B Murray 3	8	Auburn	-	" Caulfield
White 3, Wilton 2 University, Rudd 4 Wingrove 3, O'Brien 2 Lisdale 1	10	Moonee Ponds Batten	1	" University

11th July	Essendon, J McCall 4 E Scott 2 A Scott Moulton 1 George MCC, C Murray 4 E Ecks + William Thomas Hawthorn, Goss (9)	10	Auburn	-	won by	Essendon
	Rickardas + Jait Collingwood Bachelor 2 H Devine South Melbourne	6	University	-	"	MCC
		11	Moonee Ponds W Williams + Batten	2	"	Hawthorn
		3	Herrington	-	"	Collingwood
		-	Caulfield	-	Drawn	
18 July	Essendon, (7 McCall 4 J McCall 2 Moulton) S Melbourne moss Wilson Hawthorn Goss 3 W Gordon J Rickardas	7	University (Rudd)	1	won by	Essendon
		2	MCC	-	"	S Melbourne
		5	Collingwood Bachelor	1	"	Hawthorn
25 July	Essendon (Moulton 3) S. Melbourne, Walsh House, Close, Hambleton Tallock Caulfield, White 3 B Murray 2	2	MCC	-	"	Essendon
		5	Collingwood	-	"	S Melbourne
		5	University	-	"	Caulfield
Aug 22	S Melbourne Wilson House MCC White 3 Murray Thomas Hawthorn Goss 7 Pope Hoskyns	2	Caulfield B Murray	1	"	S Melbourne
		4	Collingwood Bachelor 2	2	"	MCC
		9	University	-	"	Hawthorn
29th Aug	S Melbourne Close 4, Wilson 2 House Doney MCC Thomas Essendon	8	University, Rudd	1	"	S Melbourne
		1	Hawthorn	-	"	MCC
		W.O	Caulfield	-	"	Essendon
Sept 5th	Essendon (7 McCall 4 A Scott 2) E Scott 1 B McCall 1) MCC, Murray 2 Thomas 2 Simson 2 White 2 Handfield 1 Caulfield B Murray	8	Hawthorn Goss 1	1	"	Essendon
		9	University	-	"	MCC
		1	Collingwood Bachelor	1	Drawn	
Sept 12	Essendon Moulton 2 7 McCall 1 A Scott 1 MCC Murray 2 Handfield 1 Hawthorn Goss 1 Hoskyns 1	4	Collingwood Smith	1	won by	Essendon
		3	Caulfield B Murray 2	2	"	MCC
		2	S Melbourne	-	"	Hawthorn
		2	S Melbourne	-	"	Essendon
Sept 15	Essendon 7 McCall 7 McCall Hawthorn Goss 1 Hoskyns H. Bambridge University Rudd 2 Weyron	2	Caulfield B Murray, Batten 2	2	"	Hawthorn
		3	Collingwood Bachelor 2 O Salomon	2	"	University

Season 1896.
B Division Trophy

Date	Name of club and goal throwers	no Goals	Name of club + goal throwers	no Goals	Result
July 18	Albert Park	7	Glenferrie	nil	won by Albert Park
	Hay & Douglas 3 Hemington	5	Brighton Jack & Hobson	2	" Hemington
	Rasthorpe Francis Auburn Brain Lilly & Merrilea	3	Moonee Ponds	-	" Auburn
July 25	Hemington Francis 5 Rudd 3 Radford 3	11	Moonee Ponds	-	" Hemington
	Brighton Perriman 3 Berndt 2 Richmond 2	7	Albert Park Douglas & Haigh	3	" Brighton
	Auburn Barbour & Merrilleas	2	Glenferrie Brandt	1	" Auburn
August 1	Brighton	2	Auburn	1	" Brighton
	Richmond Bennett Hemington Francis 5	12	& Merrilleas Albert Park (Douglas)	1	" Hemington
	Rasthorpe & Macchear 2 Moonee Ponds	W.O.	Glenferrie	-	" Moonee Ponds
Aug 27	Hemington	8	Auburn	1	" Hemington
	Francis 5 Radford 3	8	& Merrilleas Moonee Ponds	2	" Albert Park
	Albert Park Close 5 McDonald 1 Douglas Merrill 1 Brighton	-	Glenferrie	-	Drawn
Sep 5	Brighton	1	Moonee Ponds	1	Drawn
	Bennett	8	Watson 1 Glenferrie	1	won by Hemington
	Hemington Francis 3 Radford 2 Pyle 1 Macchear 2	6	Roberts Auburn	1	" Albert Park
Sep 12	Albert Park Moss 2 Close 2 Douglas 2	9	A. Dakin	-	" Albert Park
	Hemington Rudd 5 Radford 2 Francis 2	W.O.	Brighton	-	" Hemington
	Auburn	W.O.	Albert Park	-	" Auburn
Sep 19	Hemington	W.O.	Albert Park	-	" Hemington
	Auburn Lilly 2 Richards	3	Brighton Bennett Jack	2	" Auburn
Sep 26	Hem	W.O.	Auburn	-	" Hem
	Bri	"	A.P.	-	" Bri