

Western Australian Lacrosse Association (Inc.)



Annual Report for Season 1957

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Secretary's Report

It is with pleasure that I present for your approval the Sixty-First Annual Report of the West Australian Lacrosse Association, Inc., covering the 1957 season. Mr. President and Gentlemen,

The 1957 Season proved to be a stormy and debatable one heralded by

- (1) The collapse of the Referees and Old Players Association.
- (2) A dispute on the "A" Grade Grand Final.
- (3) A dispute on the "C" Grade Grand Final.
- (4) Poor support of some clubs to the Association.
- (5) Laxity of some delegates attending General Meetings who take no constructive part but turn up only because a certain number are required from that club.
- (6) Cups and Trophies in a deplorable state.

The season, even against these trials and tribulations, proved a successful one.

The Junior ranks "C" and "D" Grades on whom the future of Lacrosse depends, although not making vast progress as regards registered membership, were able to hold their own through the fielding of 12 teams. The programme that is being mapped out for the recruitment of players for the 1958 season leads us to expect a vast improvement of this position during the coming season.

To hold these players, I cannot stress too emphatically, the need for a stronger Umpires' Panel, with strict adherence to rules, and the stopping of indiscriminate and wild slashing with sticks. The best time to teach and thus oblivate the forming of these dangerous and illegal tactics in the game of lacrosse, is while the players are young.

MIDLAND JUNCTION CLUB.

This once famous stronghold of lacrosse is attempting a comeback, especially as for the first time in many years, a junior side of some substance was fielded in the 1957 season.

Full credit for this must go to B. Blight, for his untiring efforts of coaching and stick repairing, and to the other senior club members who from time to time so ably helped out. The financial position of the club has vastly improved over the last two years, and through this medium the club has been able to help the juniors and raise its assets considerably. This club although not winning a great number of matches during the year, were able to make their presence felt on most occasions, being defeated many times by the barest margins.

MT. LAWLEY CLUB.

A club which can certainly look forward to many happy lacrosse days ahead, but only because of the intense interest some of the senior players and club officials are showing towards the fostering of Juniors.

The "A" Reserve team reached the Grand Final, and the "D" Grade the Semi Finals. This is quite an achievement, as the club was on the point of disbanding at the commencement of the 1955 season. Messrs. G. and S. Fist are attempting the organising of several school boy teams this year with the backing of the Association.

WEMBLEY CLUB.

Once again this club was to the fore, both on the field and on the Administrative side of the Association.

The "A" Team captained by R. Turnbull, came from behind Fremantle to take the minor premiership and then to draw with that team in the Grand Final.

The "A" Reserve and "C" Grade teams reached the semi-finals and the "D" Grade, a very young team, 6th place.

Gala Day honours went to this club.

Particular thanks to V. Ellis and W. Brown for their untiring efforts in assisting me through a stormy and debatable first year as Secretary.

FREMANTLE CLUB.

Certainly the surprise club of the year on the lacrosse field, but failed badly in its support of the Association as regards administration. Let us hope this club will obtain greater laurels on the lacrosse field in the coming season and rectify its weakness in the other department.

Captained by R. Woods, the Fremantle "A" Team blasted Wembley teams run of success and were with in an ace of running away with the Premiership. The result being a 15-all draw.

The "C" Grade annexed a good season with the Premiership and "D" Grade made equal 4th place with Mt. Lawley, but were ousted on averages.

SOUTH PERTH CLUB.

The most successful club of the year, winning the minor premiership and premiership in "A" Reserve, and minor premiership in "C" Grade. Also the Victory Cup presented to the club for outstanding administration and full and able support to the Association.

Much praise must go to the club workers. Particularly M. Vinnicombe, who did effective work on various Association committees.

PERTH CLUB.

Perth gave us glimpses of their previous ability on the field in the "A" Grade, defeating the strong Wembley team early in the season 15-12. This and similar performances gave them third place on the premiership table, and carried them through the First Semi Final against Fremantle. Perth led 6-1 at half time in this game, only to go down to a spirited fight-back by Fremantle 12-10.

The lower grades met with mixed success, the "A" Reserve winning only two games, whereas the "D" Grade made 3rd place in the four, won its 1st semi against Mt. Lawley 6-4 to go down to East Fremantle 20-4 in the final.

EAST FREMANTLE CLUB.

Top marks to this club for its support to the Association, and their "D" Grade's great year. This team won 16 of their 17 matches, and won both the Premiership and Minor Premiership. Hugh Rudderham, that old Champion of Easts, deserves great credit for his influence on this team, and if only some other players would rally to his side and give the "A" team similar support, I'm sure much more would be heard of this young team of tryers.

NEDLANDS-SUBIACO CLUB.

This club had mixed luck over the season, its "A" team rising to great heights during the year to finish in 4th place on the table, only to be knocked out of the final four by Perth in a close brilliant game, 18-16. Nedlands-Subiaco is fortunate in having some brilliant players in their lower grades, and can well

look forward to a better run of successes in the following year. A very young "D" Grade team, started half way through the season and I am sure with stalwarts of the calibre of R. Stratton behind them, much more will be heard of this team in future years.

BAYSWATER CLUB.

A vastly improved club performance both on and off the field, full marks to the club members, and those two stalwarts R. Paramor and W. Whiteman.

Their "A" Reserve Grade finished in equal 1st place with South Perth, only to lose the Minor Premiership to South Perth on averages and then go down 22-7 to South Perth in the Final. The "C" Grade did not meet with similar success, but the "D" Grade equalled the "A" Reserve in performance, to have the same disappointing finish.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES.

Appended hereunder are the 1957 Premiership tables for all grades and also the results of the Final games.

A Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Wembley	18	16	2	—	266	100	32
Fremantle	18	14	3	1	198	87	29
Perth	18	10	7	1	206	232	21
Nedlands Subiaco	18	5	11	2	112	185	12
Midland Junction	18	3	13	2	122	199	8
East Fremantle	18	3	15	—	90	191	6

"A" Reserve Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
South Perth	14	11	2	1	197	87	23
Bayswater	13	11	1	1	181	96	23
Mt. Lawley	13	9	2	2	166	75	20
Wembley	14	7	7	—	148	207	14
Nedlands Subiaco	14	6	8	—	129	193	12
Perth	14	2	12	—	76	184	4
East Fremantle	14	—	14	—	29	94	—

"C" Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
South Perth	15	11	3	1	129	60	23
Fremantle	15	10	5	—	116	50	20
Wembley	15	6	8	1	94	149	13
Bayswater	15	2	13	—	60	140	4

"D" Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
East Fremantle	17	16	1	—	189	19	32
Bayswater	17	14	3	—	190	60	28
Perth	17	10	7	—	96	104	20
Mt. Lawley	17	8	9	—	71	86	16
Fremantle	17	8	9	—	56	144	16
Midland Junction	17	6	11	—	90	120	12
Wembley	17	5	11	1	67	114	11
Nedlands Subiaco	17	—	16	1	48	168	1

SCORES IN FINAL GAMES.

"A" Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

Wembley 18 d. Fremantle 10.

2nd Semi-Final:

Perth 18 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 16.

Final:

Fremantle 12 d. Perth 10.

Grand Final:

Wembley 15 drew with Fremantle 15.

"A" Reserve Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

South Perth 22 d. Bayswater 7.

2nd Semi-Final:

Mt. Lawley 13 d. Wembley 3.

Final:

Mt. Lawley 17 d. Bayswater 7.

Grand Final:

South Perth 17 d. Mt. Lawley 12.

"C" Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

South Perth 10 d. Fremantle 9.

2nd Semi-Final:

Wembley 10 d. Bayswater 5.

Final:

Fremantle 11 d. Wembley 6.

Grand Final:

Fremantle 11 d. South Perth 6.

"D" Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

Bayswater 10 d. E. Fremantle 7.

2nd Semi-Final:

Perth 6 d. Mt. Lawley 4.

Final:

East Fremantle 20 d. Perth 4.

Grand Final:

East Fremantle 9 d. Bayswater 8.

COLTS TOURING SIDE

Manager's Report.

The team departed from Perth on July 20th, 1957, and detrained at Adelaide to play a game against the S.A. Colts.

This game was won convincingly by the home team, by 16 goals to 9. Many golden opportunities were lost by the W.A. side, through infringements of the regulations, the most notable being that of an attacking player leading through the goal crease.

This regulation seemed to be something completely new to our players, but actually, it can be put down to the slackness of the umpiring in this State, as against the Eastern States.

The outstanding feature in W.A.'s playing was the brilliant goal keeping by A. Paull and the fine forward play by D. Hosken. The remainder of the team played extremely well but seemed still rather unsettled from their long journey.

It is a suggestion for other touring sides, that a greater time lapse be allowed from arriving and playing a game.

After the game W.A. presented a trophy to the most outstanding S.A. player. This was won by L. Coggins. S.A. turned up with a similar idea, and the trophy for W.A. was won by A. Paull.

No effort was spared by the S.A.L.A. in entertain-

ing and looking after our complete team. Also they have expressed the desire that a Colts team will visit there again next year, and if so, Victoria will send a team as well.

The team then proceeded to Melbourne and were met and right royally entertained by Mr. Jack Hodges and company.

The first game against Victoria was used as a curtain raiser for the "Symonds Cup" match.

In this game every member of the W.A. Team played of his best and the standard of lacrosse was naturally of the highest order. W.A. won this game 12 goals to 7.

The two most outstanding players were again A. Paull and D. Hosken, but the rest were within an ace of claiming the same honour.

For this game, the team was presented with a handsome cup, donated by Phillip Shappere Esq.

In the return game, W.A. soundly thrashed the Victorian side, and this game is all the more credit to the W.A. side, as almost all the team were suffering with the 'flu; and some were got out of bed to play. Our hosts, as in S.A., left nothing to be desired.

The behaviour of the team throughout the trip was of the highest order, and a credit to this State.

On the day of their trip over, K. Lammonby suffered concussion in a lacrosse game, prior to leaving, but was able to join the party in Adelaide.

In the S.A. game, J. Keen received a lacerated head and K. Woods pulled leg muscles. In Victoria, injuries were negligible, but the 'flu bottled up the team somewhat, G. Fist being unable, through doctor's orders, to return with the team.

To the members of the team themselves, I would like to express my personal thanks for the way they did all that was asked of them.

Colts Side:

D. Hosken (Captain), Wembley.
A. Paull (Vice-Captain), E. Fremantle.
G. Fist, Mt. Lawley.
S. Lauder, Mt. Lawley.
F. Bailey, Midland Junction.
K. Lammonby, Midland Junction.
A. Mitchell, Fremantle.
W. Pratley, Wembley.
K. Woods, E. Fremantle.
J. Stammers, E. Fremantle.
J. Keen, Nedlands-Subiaco.
E. Prowt, Nedlands-Subiaco.
D. Scott, Perth.
A. Murray, Bayswater.
D. Kellow (Manager).

SOCIAL.

Three socials were held during the year, namely the Colts send-off evening and the Annual Wind-Up evening and presentation of trophies for "C" and "D", and a similar event for "A" and "A" Reserve.

The send-off evening proved a great success, mainly through the organising of the send-off committee, also special thanks to Mr. D. Povey for the arrangements made for the film showing, which was enjoyed

by all. The manager presented each player individually, to the people present.

The total profits of the evening were given to the touring side and Mr. C. E. M. Hickey made a donation of a State tie to each member of the touring side.

The Annual Wind-up for the "C" and "D" grades was held at the Forresters Hall, Perth, and took the form of a film evening, followed by the presentation of Premiership and Fairest and Best trophies, for the respective grades. After the presentation of trophies, a first class supper and ginger beer was supplied to all junior members.

The final Wind-up of the season was held at the Pagoda Ballroom, Como, but due to unforeseen circumstances in having to hold it on a mid-week night, the attendance was not up to expectation, although producing ample profit. The appropriate trophies were presented by our President, Mr. J. L. Carden.

THE SEASON'S TROPHIES.

Following are the details of the various trophies won during the year:

- (1) L. J. Taylor Shield and Pennant — undecided Premiership. "A" grade.
- (2) Jubilee Cup to Wembley, Minor Premiers, "A" Grade.
- (3) Lapsly Cup and Pennant to South Perth — Premiers "A" Reserve Grade.
- (4) Association Cup and Pennant to South Perth — Minor Premiers "A" Reserve Grade.
- (5) "C" Grade, Fremantle, Premiers.
- (6) "C" Grade, South Perth, Minor Premiers.
- (7) Fearon Cup and Pennant to East Fremantle — Premiers, "D" Grade.
- (8) Carmody Cup to East Fremantle — Minor Premiers, "D" Grade.
- (9) Victory Cup to South Perth.
- (10) Reg Elliot Shield to Bayswater.

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYERS.

Winners of the awards in each grade were as follows:

"A" Grade:

E. Bolton (Perth) 11 points.

Then: C. Mounsey (Perth) 8; V. Ellis (Wembley) 7; W. Whiteman (Midland) 7; R. Woods (Fremantle) 6; R. Dale (Nedlands-Subiaco) 6.

"A" Reserve Grade:

S. Lauder (Mt. Lawley) 13 points.

Then: N. Ladhams (Nedlands-Subiaco) 6; R. Reid (South Perth) 6; M. Vinnicombe (South Perth) 6; G. Rose (Wembley) 4; L. Gillespie (Bayswater) 4; G. Piggott (South Perth) 4; F. Radford (Mt. Lawley) 4.

"C" Grade:

J. Waddell (Fremantle) 8 points.

Then: J. Tallor (South Perth) 7; M. Dalton (South Perth) 6; B. Stubbs (South Perth) 5.

"D" Grade:

R. Warner (Nedlands-Subiaco) 11 points.

Then: N. Whitburn (Bayswater) 10; R. Griffin (Perth) 8; J. Brewer (Fremantle) 8; J. Berry (Mt. Lawley) 8; E. Biddle (Perth) 6; C. Cook (Wembley) 6; D. Kidson (Midland) 6.

GALA DAY.

Wembley, by winning the last match of the day 7 goals to 5 against Fremantle in the A Grade six-a-side grand final became the 1957 Lacrosse Gala Day Champions.

There were plenty of thrills; as anticipated the top teams Wembley and Fremantle met in the A Grade Major Grand Final. Fremantle settled down first in this match and at half-time held a lead of 1 goal to nil.

After half-time Wembley turned on a brilliant burst to take the lead when their Captain, R. Turnbull, scored three quick goals. Fremantle fought back well but could not overhaul them.

In the "A" Grade Minor Grand Final Midland Junction and Perth met in what was probably the best match of the day. Extra time was played and Midland eventually ran out winners by the odd goal.

Club Points: Wembley 94; Perth 88; Fremantle 68; East Fremantle 57; South Perth 55; Midland Junction 49; Mt. Lawley 48; Bayswater 34; Nedlands-Subiaco 14.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Most clubs were well represented at the various meetings held during the year, but in many instances it was felt more out of obligation than to further Association interests generally.

LACROSSE AMATEUR REFEREES AND OLD PLAYERS ASSOCIATION.

After the resignation of Mr. F. McKenzie, the backbone of this Association for many years, it virtually ceased to exist. The work normally carried out by this Association, fell onto myself as Secretary, and this being my first year as such, I found it impossible to cope with. An effort is being made to rectify this position for the coming season, and completely overhaul and reorganise this group.

ROUGH PLAYERS AND DISPUTES BOARD.

The sportsmanship displayed during the season may well be reflected, by the above board not being called to meet.

FINANCIAL

Early in the season Mr. W. O'Leary advised of his inability to carry on further with his position of Treasurer, due to pressure of work and it was felt with great regret, that his resignation be accepted. It was not till some time later that Mr. L. Boyce voluntarily came forward to extricate the Association from an unfortunate predicament.

A complete Balance sheet will be forwarded with the Annual Report, setting out the financial position of this Association.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL.

A meeting was held in Melbourne during the "Symonds Cup" series, and visit by the W.A. Colts. The council comprised Mr. H. R. Balmar, Vice-President; Mr. I. J. Taylor, Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. M. P. Moir (South Australia); Mr. J. M. Dobie (Victoria); Mr. D. Kellow, (Western Australia).

After keen discussion, several alterations to rules, submitted by the Rules Sub-Committee, were carried. These are to take effect as from January 1st, 1958. All clubs will be circularised well before the commencement of the season.

The proposed visit by an American team is still very much in the air, mainly due to estimate costs, which each member Association would be required to bear.

The first A.L.C. sanctioned Colts' Carnival was set for Perth in 1960, this to become a triannual event. Melbourne 1959 was the venue for the next senior A.L.C. Carnival.

Mr. J. L. Carden was re-elected President of the A.L.C. for the ensuing twelve months.

PUBLICITY.

To Mr. W. (Bill) Brown, the Association extends their sincere gratitude for another of his many years in the unenviable task of battling for newspaper space and radio coverage. Mainly through the personal effort of this exployer, has the game been kept before the public's eye.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

The A.L.C. granted three West Australians Certificates of Merit for outstanding contributions towards the game of lacrosse. The recipients were Mr. E. Biddle (Perth Club), Mr. W. Brown (Wembley Club), and Mr. K. Forsyth (Referees and Old Players Association). The Association extends to these recipients, our congratulations for the fine job all are doing to keep this sport alive.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Mr. J. L. Carden, who is serving his fourth consecutive year of office, was also elected for the second year in succession as president of the A.L.C. To have spent as much time as he has over the last 12 months on lacrosse matters when his business commitments were at a premium, shows how he has the game of lacrosse at heart, and sets a fitting example for all to follow.

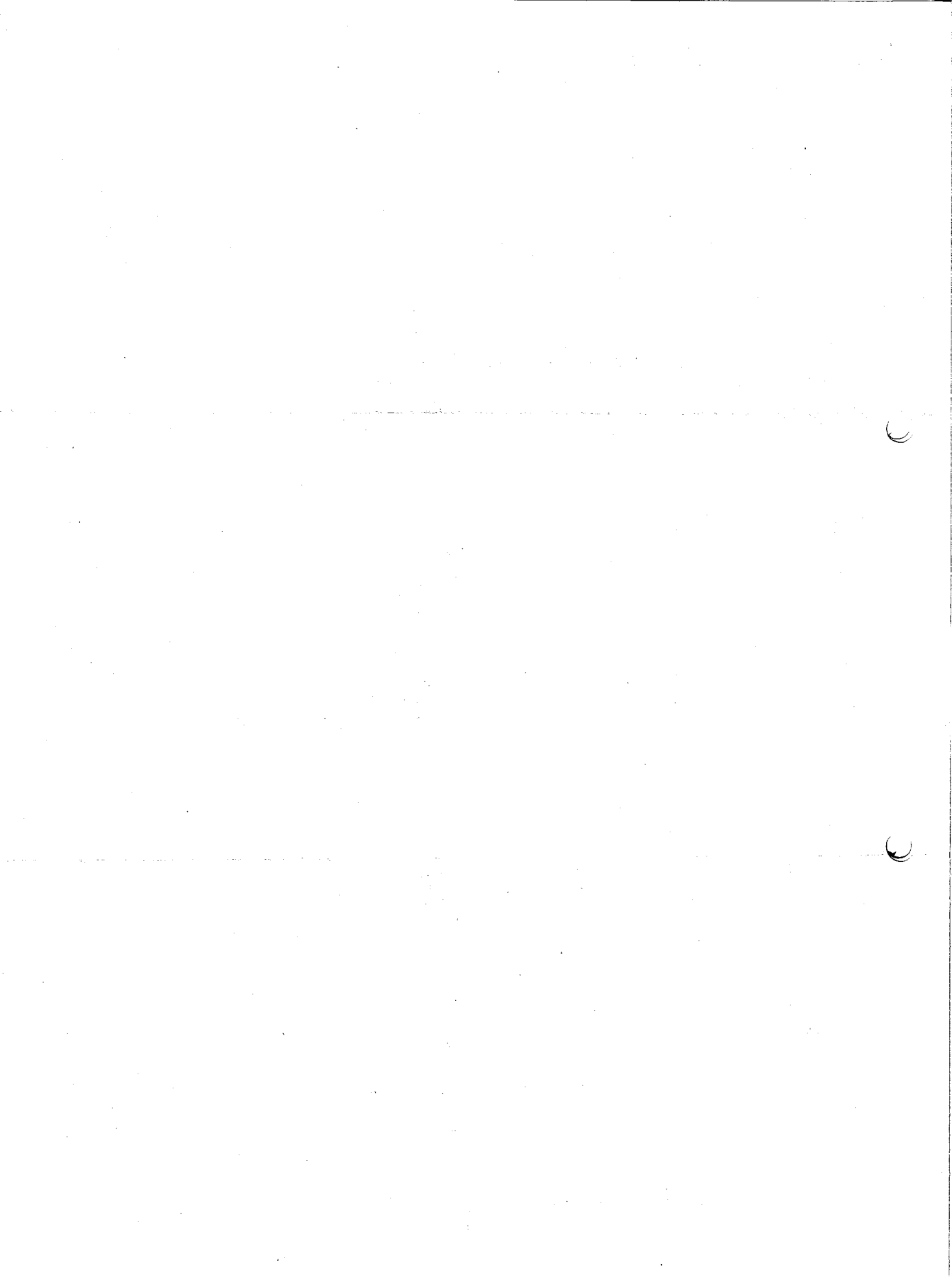
May I add this little adage — "Success comes before work, only in the dictionary."

CONCLUSION.

To all clubs, secretaries, office bearers and members I would like to express my appreciation for the way in which all gave unstintingly to assist in my first year as Secretary. Should I have inadvertently omitted the name of any person from this report, I extend to them also, my appreciation for their help.

D. KELLOW,

Hon. Secretary.



Recommendations and Motions

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCOMING COMMITTEE

- (1) That a ruling be passed that all underage players produce Birth Certificates.
- (2) That the constitution as made up by the Secretary be confirmed. It was then moved that the constitution, after being confirmed, be registered.
- (3) That "A" Grade matches commence at 2.45 p.m.
- (4) That something concrete be done as regards the trophies for the 1958 season.
- (5) (a) That each club endeavour to hold its Annual General Meeting before that of the Association.
(b) That each club instruct its delegates at the Association Annual General Meeting of its intentions to field teams in the respective grades.
- (6) That as soon as fixtures are set up, a Hall be hired immediately, for the date of the Wind-up.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Wembley Club — That the Grade immediately below "A" Grade (either "A" Reserve or "B") shall consist of 12 players to a team.

Midland Junction Club — 45 (a) Telephone results. Delete the whole of 45 (a) and insert the following: "The home team shall, each Saturday before 5.20 p.m., telephone to the Publicity Officer, the result of the day's match."

35 (b) Add Clause 4 —

"That each Club be held responsible for Junior players' age, in restricted grades. That each Club must ask Juniors to produce a birth certificate."

10. Add —

"The chairman shall nominate three (3) members to act as scrutineers."

Nedlands-Subiaco Club — Delete 6 (c) and substitute the following:

"Each club be entitled to (provided they field two (2) teams) one other member, such member to have full power to act for his club in all matters. Such member who cannot attend can be represented by proxy, only with the written authority to act, signed by the representative member whose place he fills, or by the Secretary of his Club."

-: NOTES :-