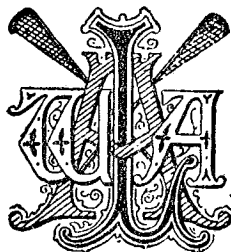


Western Australian Lacrosse Association (Inc.)



Annual Report for Season 1955

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in McNess Hall, Pier Street, Perth, on Wednesday, February 29, 1956, at 7.30 p.m.

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Secretary's Report . . .

I submit the following FIFTY NINTH REPORT on the 1955 season for your approval.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

The position in the Junior ranks, although more encouraging than in the previous season, is still a matter of grave concern. Your attention is drawn to the Annual Report for the 1954 season wherein it was pointed out that that season had been notable for a decline in the Junior ranks of some clubs.

Although the matter is now not so alarming as at that date, it is necessary still for all clubs to appoint progressive sub-committees intent on attracting Junior players to the game.

There is no room for complacency in this matter as witness the fate of Mt. Lawley.

MOUNT LAWLEY

A matter of grave concern to the Association in general was the projected disbanding of the Mt. Lawley Club at the commencement of the 1955 season. Due to financial difficulties and a lack of efficient club officials available to help and guide them, the Junior members were lodging applications for transfer to other clubs or were drifting out of the game.

The game of Lacrosse, due to the expensive gear required, has a relatively small number of registered players and we must always be aware of the danger of a club becoming extinct. The Association is only as strong as its weakest link and it is incumbent upon all members to be alert for signs of lack of club interest. Failure to do so could lead to the disappearance of the game of Lacrosse from Western Australia as has happened in other States.

The implication that interest in the game in this State was fading would have been too readily accepted if Mt. Lawley had disbanded. Recognising this danger, the President of the Association (Mr. J. L. Carden) sought out many of the old Mt. Lawley players.

Encouraged by such old stalwarts as Messrs. E. L. Berry, A. R. Boxhorn and M. Draffen, a Special General Meeting of the Mt. Lawley Club was called. This meeting was attended by each of the aforementioned and other ex-players in addition to a reasonable number of present players. Your Association was represented by your President, Mr. J. L. Carden, the Treasurer, Mr. L. F. Banyard, Mr. C. E. M. Hickey and myself.

It was decided that the Mt. Lawley Club should continue to exist and many of the Junior players immediately withdrew their applications for transfer. Mr. D. Povey was appointed Hon. Secretary and, aided by such men as Messrs. E. L. Berry and E. Wood, he quietly and efficiently re-established the Club.

It was with a feeling of great personal satisfaction that I am able to record at the conclusion of the 1955 season, that the Mt. Lawley Club has lived up to its traditions and made a remarkable recovery. Its financial affairs, under the guidance of its able officials, were quickly set in order and the Club, wisely participating in one grade only, registered a very fine season's performance in the "A" Reserve Grade Competition.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

The once strong district of Midland Junction is now almost dearth of Juniors and a whole-hearted drive is necessary to help this famous Lacrosse stronghold. In particular, all old players and ex-members of the Club are requested to again interest themselves in club matters.

Midland Junction has everything except Juniors. The senior players and officials are working hard but district-wide interest is essential. Messrs. John McLean, Bev Blight and Harold Balinski (to mention but a few) would appreciate such interest.

BAYSWATER

Struggling under adverse conditions, Bayswater was led by a determined band of officials as evidenced by the enjoyable wind-up evening that the club held at the conclusion of the season.

To describe that grand old gentleman and player, Mr. Bill Whiteman, Senr., as merely a veteran would be an understatement. Despite his years, Mr. Whiteman regularly turned out with the Bayswater B Grade team. His knowledge and experience were thus imparted to his players in the atmosphere best suited—that of actual playing conditions.

If determination is anything, the officials of the Bayswater Club are certain to lead that club to successes in the near future.

FREMANTLE

Under the secretaryship of Ray Woods and influenced by such men as Jack Brewer and Alec Moore this club enjoyed a great season in all grades. It is now obvious that the most striking success of the season for Fremantle was in the fostering of its Juniors and it would appear that 1955 could, for this reason, be regarded as the foundation year of a revival period of success for the Club.

It was this outstanding contribution to Junior matters, following on the warning given regarding lack of Juniors, which influenced the final awarding of the Victory Cup to Fremantle.

NEDLANDS-SUBIACO

It is doubtful whether any club has a more efficient administration particularly from the Association viewpoint. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Bob Stratton, is a tireless worker for his club and for the Association. That his duties do not effect his ability as a player is evidenced by his consistently fine performances, which may lead him to State honours in the near future.

The Nedlands-Subiaco Club showed great interest in the Junior players and it was very difficult to decide as between this club and Fremantle for the awarding of the Victory Cup.

SOUTH PERTH

This is a rapidly growing club with able administrators in Messrs. Frank McKenzie, Max Vinicombe and Graham Piggott. It is an ambitious body and, as it is not daunted by reverses on the field, has promise of a great future.

EAST FREMANTLE

The East Fremantle Club, led by John and Keith Gay, moves along quietly and sedately in its own contented manner. The club wins in generous manner and loses gracefully. Its officials are meticulous in the performance of Association duties.

PERTH

The City club enjoyed its usual moderate season. It is a club a little hard to define as it does not appear to be identifiable with any one suburb. Nevertheless, year after year, it turns out its players regularly and efficiently. A club official reports that an influx of new juniors during the 1955 season augurs well for the club's future. Mr. R. Leever, in his position of Honorary Secretary, is a capable man at the helm for Perth.

WEMBLEY

Numerically, and hence potentially financially strong, Wembley is ably led by Messrs. J. Ferguson, W. Brown, V. Ellis and W. O'Leary.

The club is at the height of its success and other clubs must learn from Wembley's performances both on and off the field if it is desired to excel.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

Appended hereunder are the 1955 Premiership Tables for all grades and comments on the Grand Final matches.

Premiership Tables:

A Grade

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Wembley	16	14	1	1	275	99	29
Midland Junction	15	10	4	1	145	132	21
Fremantle	15	9	5	1	159	145	19
Nedlands-Subiaco	16	7	7	2	163	159	16
East Fremantle	15	7	8	—	142	163	14
Perth	16	4	12	—	138	210	8
South Perth	15	—	14	1	109	223	1

A Reserve Grade

Midland Junction	15	12	3	—	212	104	24
Wembley	15	9	6	—	198	134	18
Mt. Lawley	15	9	6	—	174	124	18
Perth	15	—	15	—	58	269	—

B Grade

Bayswater	15	14	1	—	206	81	28
Fremantle	15	14	1	—	202	64	28
Nedlands-Subiaco	15	10	5	—	115	89	20
East Fremantle	15	9	6	—	147	144	18
Perth	13	5	8	—	100	165	10
South Perth	11	4	6	1	45	91	9
Wembley	14	3	10	1	89	239	7
Midland Junction	3	—	3	—	18	39	—

During the season the following teams forfeited matches:

Midland Junction, 12; South Perth, 4; Perth, 2 and Wembley 1.

D Grade

Wembley	18	15	3	—	306	70	30
Fremantle	18	15	3	—	198	67	30
East Fremantle	18	11	7	—	207	164	22
Nedlands-Subiaco	18	8	10	—	169	263	16
South Perth	15	5	10	—	82	171	10
Perth	15	—	15	—	62	296	—

During the season Perth and South Perth each forfeited 3 matches.

Premiership Matches

A Grade

Wembley once again proved themselves the outstanding side when they annexed their third consecutive Premiership. Success was due to a well balanced team in all sections of the field spearheaded by outstanding centreman, E. Brown and forward, R. Hawkins, who scored 8 goals.

Midland Junction, although a force early in the game, found the task too great with backman Bev. Blight easily their best man afield.

Wembley, 18 goals; Midland Junction, 8 goals.

A Reserve Grade

Midland Junction, the Minor Premiers and hot favourites for the Premiership were unfortunate to meet Wembley in top form. Although superior early Midland faded badly after half time.

Wembley's captain, F. Wales, shone in goals with forward M. Sharman scoring 7 goals to give Wembley the Premiership.

For the losers L. Penn and B. Jaggs gave excellent service.

B Grade

In a phenomenally high scoring game Fremantle defeated Bayswater. These two teams were evenly matched throughout the season and were obviously a class above their grade.

The outstanding player of the match was E. Pumfrey who scored 12 goals for Fremantle.

Fremantle, 30 goals; Bayswater, 20 goals.

D Grade

Once again, the competition in this grade was very keen. Goal Averages decided Wembley as Minor Premiers from Fremantle. In an excellent Grand Final Wembley, inspired by the leadership of T. Tracey as captain, won the Premiership.

For Fremantle P. Benn was outstanding and both teams revealed an encouraging number of talented players.

Wembley, 10 goals; Fremantle, 3 goals.

Scores in Final Games

A Grade

Semi-Finals:

Wembley 22 d. Midland Junction 6

Fremantle 9 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 8

Final:

Midland Junction 10 d. Fremantle 8

Grand Final:

Wembley 18 d. Midland Junction 8.

A Reserve Grade

Semi-Finals:

Midland Junction 10 d. Wembley 8

Mt. Lawley 7 d. Perth 4

Final:

Wembley 14 d. Mt. Lawley 11

Grand Final:

Wembley 13 d. Midland Junction 8

B Grade

Semi-Finals:

Nedlands-Subiaco 13 d. East Fremantle 0

Fremantle 16 d. Bayswater 11

Final:
Bayswater 36 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 8

Grand Final:
Fremantle 30 d. Bayswater 20

D Grade

Semi-Finals:
Wembley 12 d. Fremantle 7
East Fremantle 21 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 7

Final:
Fremantle 20 d. East Fremantle 5

Grand Final:
Wembley 10 d. Fremantle 3

INTERSTATE COLTS CARNIVAL

Held in Perth from 30th July to 6th August, 1955, inclusive, the Carnival series comprised matches held between Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. It was in the nature of an Inaugural Interstate Colts' Carnival and in the hope that it would become a permanent event a Shield called the C. E. M. Hickey Shield was donated by the Western Australian Association.

This State also fielded a No. 2 Team which did not compete for points but played in order to give our visitors as much match practice as was possible. The Western Australian No. 1 Team was undefeated in the Carnival series.

This success was due to the marked physical superiority held by the local players over the visitors. Under the capable hands of Mr. Eric Biddle, the State squad had been brought over a period of many weeks to a high standard of physical fitness. This fitness, combined with the team's higher average age and more experienced play, gave Western Australia a distinct edge on its opponents.

Victoria fielded a very young side which was not deterred by defeats and its strenuous efforts revealed players of a potential which impressed all observers. The Victorian administration in selecting so young a side had wisely decided that the experience to be gained would be more valuable than any immediate success.

The South Australian side was not quite so young as the Victorian side and had some rather tall timber in its personnel. The team played very well and its defeat was largely due to the previously mentioned superiority in physical fitness enjoyed by the West Australians.

The respective managers of the various teams were Mr. Jack Hodges of Victoria, Mr. Alan Vial of South Australia and Mr. Bob Stratton of Western Australia. Each manager managed his team excellently and their efficiency had much to do with the smooth running of the Carnival week.

The generous service rendered all competitors by the Victorian trainer/masseur, Mr. W. Maddison, was greatly appreciated.

Results of the games held during the series are listed hereunder:

Saturday, 30th July, 1955: W.A. No. 2 6 goals drew with Victoria 6 goals.

W.A. No. 1 20 goals defeated S.A. 11 goals.

Tuesday, 2nd August, 1955: S.A. 25 goals defeated Victoria 9 goals.

Thursday, 4th August, 1955: W.A. No. 1 23 goals defeated Victoria 6 goals.

S.A. 21 goals defeated W.A. No. 2 5 goals.

Trophies donated as between the various teams were:

South Australia to Victoria: Won by D Miller.

South Australia to Western Australia: Won by D. Hosken.

Victoria to South Australia: Won by P. Drew.

Victoria to Western Australia No. 2: Won by L. Penn.

The "Fairest and Best" Trophy for the Carnival awarded by Mr. Murray, then Lord Mayor of Perth, was won by J. Shenstone of Western Australia. An outstanding Victorian player in D. Trainor was the runner-up.

Listed hereunder are the personnel of each of the teams and also an unofficial All-Australian Colts Team which was selected at the conclusion of the Carnival games.

Victoria:

Imlach, G. D. (Capt.)	Norris, T.
Wold, T.	Page, M.
Miller, D.	Lock, J.
Coad, B.	Rodda, L.
Dunn, D.	Jones, F. J.
Knight, P.	Cameron, R.
Millard, I.	Rawady, A. J.
Jones, E.	Hodges, J. (Manager)
Free, R.	Maddison, W. (Trainer/ Masseur).
Trainor, D. (V. Capt.)	
Price, D.	

South Australia:

Bernold, K. (Capt.)	Wakelin, R.
Neill, J. (V. Capt.)	Pallent, R.
Pearce, G.	Coggins, L.
Jeffrey, B.	Winter, J.
White, D.	Dalwood, G.
Phillips, R.	Drew, P.
Strudwick, V.	Hamblyn, G.
Rendell, A.	Vial, A. (Manager)
Bartle, R.	

Western Australia No. 1

Hosken, D. (Capt.)	Paul, A.
McCull, W. (V. Capt.)	Owens, R.
Vinnicombe, M.	Hiron, J.
Stenhouse, K.	Kean, A.
Hawkins, R.	Shenstone, J.
Piggott, G.	Brown, I.
Bridge, B.	Stratton, R. (Manager)
Brown, R.	Biddle, E. (P. T. Ins.)

Western Australia No. 2

Bradbury, O. (Capt.)	Bailey, F.
Yench, M. (V. Capt.)	Holwell, G.
Fist, G.	Chilman, B.
Pratley, W.	Penn, L.
Woods, K.	Wales, F.
Lamonby, K.	Mitchell, K.
Doyle, P.	Mann, J.

All-Australian Colts Team (Unofficial)

J. Shenhstone (W.A.) Captain. Centre.
W. McColl (W.A.) Cover Point.
K. Stenhouse (W.A.) Second Home.
B. Bridge (W.A.) Right Defence.
A. Kean (W.A.) 3rd Man.
D. Imlach (Vic.) Vice Captain. Left Defence.
D. Trainor (Vic.) Right Attack.
T. Neill (S.A.) Goalkeeper.
R. Bartle (S.A.) Third Home.
K. Bemold (S.A.) Left Attack.
L. Coggins (S.A.) First Home.
P. Drew (S.A.) Point.
Reserves:
R. Brown (W.A.) Attack.
A. Paul (W.A.) Goalkeeper.
R. Free (Vic.) Defence.
B. Jeffrey (S.A.) Defence.

GALA DAY

The Annual Gala Day originally scheduled for the 13th August, 1955, was at the last moment changed to the 6th August, 1955, in order to enable the visiting South Australian and Victorian teams to compete.

The new venue was the Zoological Gardens at South Perth and, despite the hurried notice of the preparations, the day proved to be a great success. From the family viewpoint, the surroundings were ideal as can be imagined and all reports received were very favourable.

The competitions were favoured by ideal weather conditions and the games were played in expeditious fashion. It was pleasing to note the ready assistance given by so many old players as referees, etc.

In particular, I draw your attention to the help so readily given by Messrs. Eric Jewels (Recorder), Russ Page (Announcer) and L. V. Banyard (Timekeeper) without whose aid the afternoon could easily have become chaotic.

The title of Gala Champion was won by Fremantle and the Efficiency Parade Pennant was awarded to Nedlands-Subiaco. A trophy awarded by Mr. C. E. M. Hickey for the day's most outstanding performer was won by D. Miller of Victoria.

SOCIAL

The social activities of the Association were mainly during the Interstate Colts' Carnival week.

The visitors were motored through the hills on Sunday afternoon, the 31st July, 1955. On Wednesday 3rd August, the visiting teams were taken on a river trip by launch from Perth to Fremantle and then on to the Kwinana Oil Refinery. At the Refinery, due to the efforts of Mr. J. L. Martin of C.O.R., the visitors were led on an inspection of the plant and entertained at afternoon tea.

The Nedlands-Subiaco Club welcomed the visiting managers and captains at a well-organised club evening on Tuesday, 2nd August. It was a gesture very much appreciated.

The Association conducted a Cabaret Ball at the Y.A.L. Ballroom on Thursday, 4th August, 1955. The visitors found this evening very much to their liking as did all present. Although not a success financially, the function was a great social success. Western Australian players and supporters who were absent on this

occasion should take note and not miss any opportunity of attending any similar function which may be held during the 1956 Carnival week.

The Association's Annual Wind-Up Ball was held at the Pagoda Ballroom on the evening of the 14th October. This function was again an outstanding success both financially and socially. Happily, the support is increasing each year.

Trophies won during the season by clubs and individual players were presented at this function and the presentations were well received. An appropriate floor show of the "Can-Can" added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The Junior Wind-Up was again held at the Social Rooms of the Rural and Industries Bank. The series of films that were exhibited were again a source of enjoyment and there seems little doubt that the younger members do appreciate this form of entertainment. Nor is there any reason for doubt as to their appreciation of the supper provided.

Trophies won in the D Grade competition were presented by Mr. Reg Elliott. The occasion was of special significance to Mr. Elliott as it was the first presentation of the R. W. Elliott Shield awarded to the club which annually registers the most new Juniors.

This Shield is named in honour of Mr. Elliott and is a timely reminder of the Association's debt to such men.

SEASON'S TROPHIES

Following is the list of trophies won by clubs and individuals during the season.

- (1) I. J. Taylor Shield and Pennant to Wembley—Premiers A Grade.
- (2) Jubilee Cup to Wembley—Minor Premiers A Grade.
- (3) Lapsley Cup and Pennant to Wembley—Premiers A Reserve Grade.
- (4) Association Cup to Midland Junction—Minor Premiers A Reserve Grade.
- (5) Clark Cup and Pennant to Fremantle—Premiers B Grade.
- (6) Clark Cup to Bayswater—Minor Premiers B Grade.
- (7) Fearon Cup and Pennant to Wembley—Premiers D Grade.
- (8) Carmody Cup to Wembley—Minor Premiers D Grade.
- (9) The Victory Cup to Fremantle.

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYERS

Major scorers for the Fairest and Best Trophies in each grade were as follows:

A Grade

Winner with 23 points was R. Jackson of the South Perth club who has now won this trophy on three occasions during a very long career.

Others:

- 2nd: K. McCoy (Fremantle) 15 points.
3rd: D. King (Perth) 11 points.
4th: R. Brown (East Fremantle) 9 points.
5th: B. Stevens (Nedlands-Subiaco) 8 points; and
E. Brown (Wembley) 8 points.

A Reserve Grade

A tie for first place occurred between D Killick of Wembley and R. McLean of Perth who each scored 13 points.

Others:

- 2nd: G. Fist (Mount Lawley) 10 points.
- 3rd: S. Fist (Mount Lawley) and M. Cheeseman (Perth) each with 9 points.
- 4th: L. Penn (Midland Junction) 7 points.

B Grade

The award was won by the South Perth player R. Refeld who, in 1954, won the D Grade award. His points totalled 21.

Others:

- 2nd: K. Suggers (Bayswater) 16 points.
- 3rd: B. Stanley (East Fremantle) 11 points.
- 4th: B. Noone (Fremantle) 10 points.
- 5th: M. Yench (Fremantle) 7 points.
- 6th: K. Ellis (Wembley) 6 points.

D Grade

This trophy was awarded to J. Taylor of South Perth with 19 points.

Others:

- 2nd: R. Malone (Perth) 17 points.
- 3rd: M. Ladham (Nedlands-Subiaco) 16 points.
- 4th: T. Pimblet (East Fremantle) 8 points; and J. Brewer (Fremantle) 8 points.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The General Committee held nine meetings during the 1955 season.

These meetings were well attended by club delegates and their co-operation was appreciated.

FINANCIAL

Our Treasurer, Mr. L. F. Banyard, performed his duties ever with a wary eye to preventing undue expenditure. Mr. Banyard has advised that he is unable to continue due to private circumstances and it will be extremely difficult to adequately replace him. We are very grateful for the fine service he has rendered. Herewith is his report for the year.

Financial

A net profit of £47 was made after making grants of £72/10/0 to the Carnival Fund and £60 to the Stick Fund. Your confirmation will be sought to the making of the latter grant which is £20 more than the amounts granted in the previous years. Rising costs forced the Association to raise the weekly levies on senior teams during the year.

Colts Carnival

The Colts Carnival was not a financial success due mainly to the poor attendance at the Carnival Ball. A loss of £60 was made on this function; the matter of attendance of members at any similar function to be held for the forthcoming Carnival will require close attention. The loss of £81 made on the Carnival was transferred to the Interstate Visit Fund.

Sticks

The Brady sticks are proving to be a very satisfactory substitute for the unprocurable Canadian product. Sticks ordered for the 1955 season were disposed of at a profit of £7. A quantity of the sticks ordered for the 1956 season are on hand. Possible Carnival players of 1956 who require new sticks should obtain them early in the season before stocks are exhausted. It is not the intention of the Association to provide, as has been the previous practice, sticks for Carnival players.

Of the sticks bought for the 1953 Carnival all but two have now been disposed of. Owing to damages to three sticks, loss of one and the necessity of selling the sticks at less than cost, a loss of £41 was made and charged to the Carnival Fund.

Lacrosse Balls 1953 Season

The accounts for the 1953 season have been amended to include a loss made that season in respect of lacrosse balls. 40 of the stock of balls were unaccounted for and subsequent enquiries have not disclosed the fate of the balls. It appears that details of some sales to clubs were lost between the secretary and the two treasurers of that season. It is hoped all clubs benefited.

L. F. Banyard,
Hon. Treasurer.

LACROSSE AMATEUR REFEREES AND OLD PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

This association requires more members urgently. Lack of numbers throws a heavy burden on the Secretary, Mr. Frank McKenzie, who has the onerous job of providing referees each Saturday.

The Wind-Up Dinner held at the Marelle was again very well attended and the organiser was gratified by its success.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

A meeting of this council will be held in Perth during the 1956 Carnival series. The Council was most encouraging in its advice and surveillance of the 1955 Interstate Colts' series played in Perth and which has been commented upon elsewhere in this report.

ROUGH PLAY AND DISPUTES BOARD

For the first time in some seasons this Board was called upon to meet and adjudicate on reported offences.

On the two occasions that the Board met summary justice was dealt the offenders and a stern warning issued to Clubs in general. Apparently the warning was needed because no further reportable infringements occurred.

OUR PRESIDENT

Mr. J. L. Carden in serving his second year of office proved as energetic and capable as in the previous season. Mr. Carden's interest in Lacrosse is such as to exclude from his mind almost all other sports. His assistance and guidance has been of the greatest value.

Typical of his thoughtfulness was his sponsoring of the R. Elliott Shield which, although presented by the W.A. Amateur Referees and Old Players' Association, was of his inspiration. In the same manner he was instrumental in the Association's presenting the Clive Hickey Shield for permanent Interstate Colts' Carnival competitions.

A similar Shield to be named the W. Whiteman Shield is being sponsored by him for the 1956 season.

PUBLICITY

This difficult and arduous task was again undertaken by Mr. W. Brown of the Wembley Club. Bill, as he is so well known to us, has brought to his job unbounded enthusiasm combined with an efficient and practical approach. He has consolidated his previous effort and has now firmly established himself with the Press and Radio.

Few will doubt that much of the continued success of the game in this State is due to the sustained publicity effort accomplished by our Public Relations Officer.

APPRECIATIONS

The appreciation of our Public Relations Officer is best expressed by his own words.

"During the past season Lacrosse advanced a stage further in its drive for more publicity. Players and officials alike rendered the game valuable service by readily co-operating in advancing public appeal publicity for use.

Many thanks are due to the Sporting staffs of the Press and A.B.C. who made my job much easier by offering suggestions and giving our game excellent coverage."

W. Brown.
Hon. Public Relations Officer.

Our thanks are due to Mr. I. J. Taylor who again represented Western Australia as delegate to the Australian Lacrosse Council. In his position of Secretary to the Council, Mr. Taylor keeps a watchful eye on all State affairs and his efforts on behalf of this State are greatly appreciated.

We are indebted to Mr. J. Martin of the C.O.R. for his help in entertaining our visitors at the Kwinana Refinery and also to Messrs Lakey Bros., licensees of the Rosemount Hotel who so kindly lent the Association their launch for the transport of our visitors the same day.

To the National Fitness Council we are grateful for the Council's permission for us to use the Board room for our monthly meetings.

The Association is very grateful also to the W.A. Sportsmen's Council for Patriotic Funds which body again generously allowed us the use of a meeting room each Tuesday lunch-hour.

OBITUARY

It is with deepest sympathy and appreciation that I record the sad loss of our late Life Member, Harold Carmichael, whose activities within this association will be long remembered.

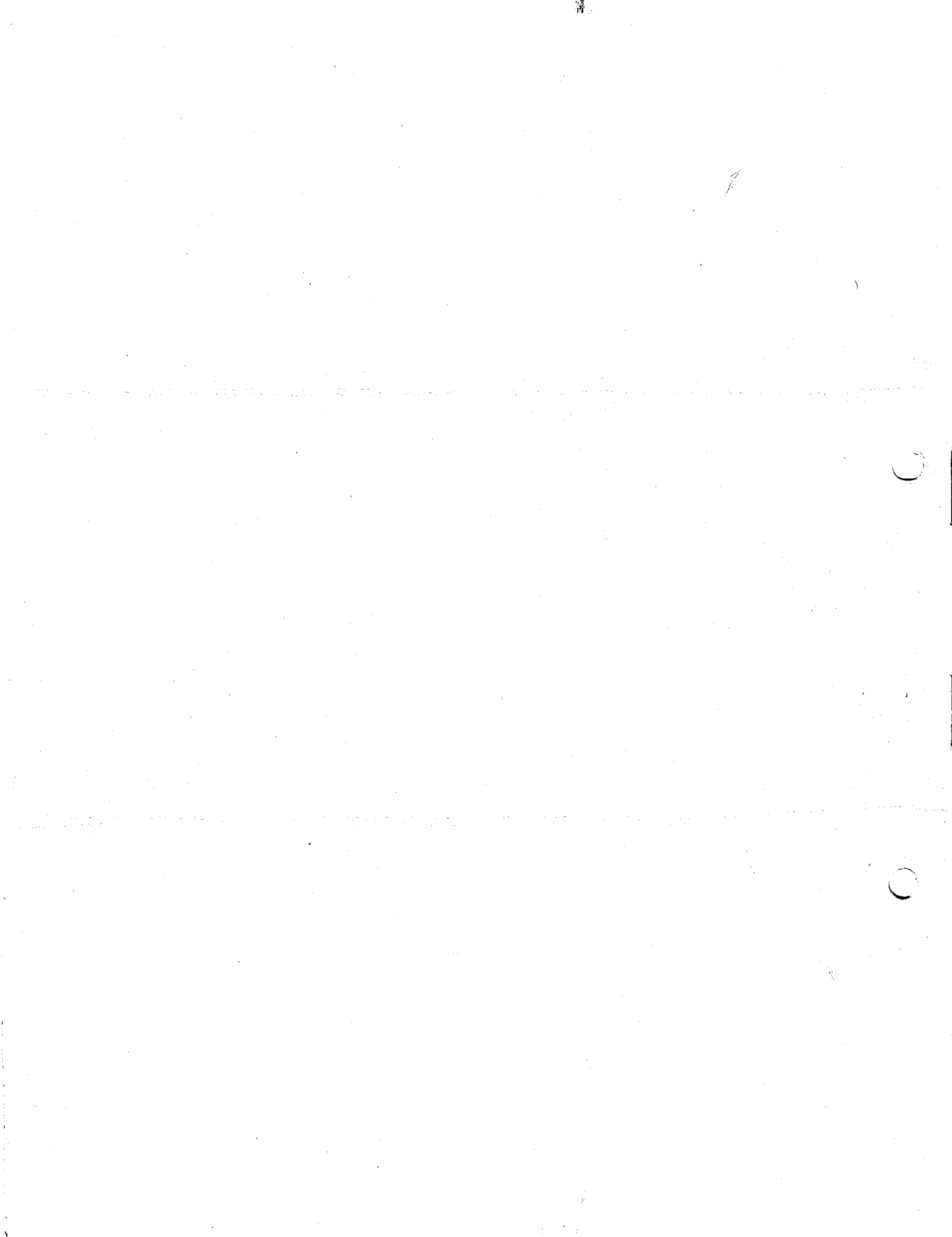
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT—

- (1) Each club endeavour to hold its annual general meeting before that of the Association. By so doing, it may be possible for the club delegates to advise at the Association General Meeting the number of teams each club intends fielding in 1956 and in what grades it intends to compete. Urgent attention to this matter would make possible the early arrangement of fixtures and grounds and a printing of the season's fixtures.
- (2) All clubs bear in mind the matter of pennants and flags to be carried during the Efficiency Parade on the occasion of Gala Day.
- (3) The Association fix the dates of its social events particularly that of the Wind-Up at a date early enough to allow the clubs to make their own arrangements.
- (4) Club delegates attend the Annual General Meeting instructed in the voting on such matters as election of State Selectors, etc.
- (5) Club officials to continue to exercise caution in the transferring of players from one club to another. It is not good policy to encourage players to transfer unduly because it must not be overlooked that in strengthening one club another may be weakened. It is of no use indulging in a war of attrition if eventually only a few clubs remain with very little to compete against.
- (6) All clubs ensure that inscriptions on Association Trophies be completed urgently.

CONCLUSION

I desire to thank all those who have helped me during the past season. For divers reasons many people do not find their names included in these annual reports, but their sincerity and assistance are not unappreciated and I am extremely grateful for the many instances of their support.

R. HART,
Hon. Secretary.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 16/2/56.

LIABILITIES

SUNDRY CREDITORS :

Medlands Subiaco L.C.	£ - . -. 11.
Wembley L.C.	<u>15. 0.</u>
General	

£. s. d.

-. 15. 11.
-. 12. 6.

ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT :

Balance as at 28/2/55	441. 4. 3
Plus excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>48. 10. 10</u>

489. 15. 1.

SPECIAL FUNDS :

Stick Fund	76. 7. 3
Carnival Fund	143. 19. 7
Interstate Visit Fund	<u>40. 17. 10</u>

261. 4. 8.

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£752. 8. 2.

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ASSETS

£. s. d.
17. 15. 6.

National Bank

SUNDRY DEBTORS :

Bayswater L.C.	£ 2. 2. -.
Midland Junction L.C.	4. 12. -.
Perth L.C.	18. 8. 7.
South Perth L.C.	<u>43. 14. 9.</u>
General	

68. 17. 4.

10. 3. 3.

24. -. -.

25. 12. -.

11. 15. -.

3. -. -.

Lacrosse Balls (80)

Jerseys - State

Trophies

Typewriter

Goal Equipment

8. 18. 8.

Less Depreciation

1. 15. 8.

Blazer Pocket

7. 3. -.

Rule Books

- 15. -.

Lacrosse Sticks :

20. 7. 6.

Carnival (2)

7. -. -.

Bradys (25)

89. 3. -.

Commonwealth Savings Bank Accounts

Stick Fund (Includes £158/9/- from

General Account £234. 16. 3.

Carnival Fund (Includes £41/1/1 from

General Account £185. 0. 8.

Interstate Visit Fund (includes

£6/1/10) from General Account

£ 46. 19. 8

466. 16. 7.

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£752. 8. 2.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

(SEASON 1955)

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Balance as at 28/2/55	95.	13.	3.	By Ground Fees	75.	9.	—.	
" Club Dues etc.	429.	8.	—.	" Honorariums	76.	1.	—.	
" Balls	12.	8.	—.	" Referees Association	44.	—.	—.	
" Badges	16.	—.	—.	" Carnival Account	122.	10.	—.	
" Windup	128.	15.	—.	" Stick Fund Account	150.	—.	—.	
" Colts Carnival	232.	15.	5.	" Stamps, Stationery & Petty Cash	47.	18.	10.	
" Gala Day	24.	18.	6.	" General Expenses	36.	—.	10.	
" Grand Final	5.	14.	7.	" Subscriptions	2.	2.	9.	
" Donations	6.	5.	—.	" Telephone	31.	12.	4.	
" Telephone				" Pennants	15.	16.	—.	
" Sticks	349.	19.	—.	" Windup	77.	14.	3.	
" Carnival Fund Account	50.	—.	—.	" Junior Windup	14.	1.	—.	
" Interstate Visit Fund Account	75.	—.	—.	" Gala Day	12.	2.	—.	
" Fixture Books	5.	—.	—.	" Colts Carnival	311.	15.	3.	
				" Sticks	349.	8.	11.	
				" Esplanade Training Rooms	14.	6.	—.	
				" Fixture Books	5.	—.	—.	
				" Balls	28.	3.	1.	
				" Balance as at 16/2/56	17.	15.	6.	
	<u>£1431.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>9.</u>			<u>£1431.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>9.</u>

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(1955 SEASON)

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				<u>INCOME</u>			
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>		<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Ground Fees	87.	9.	-	By Weekly Series	412.	-	-
" Esplanade Training Rooms	14.	6.	-	" Registrations	36.	15.	6.
" <u>Grants</u> :				" Fines	4.	15.	-
Stick Fund	260.	-	-	" Windup:			
Carnival Account	72.	10.	0.	Profit Senior Windup	251.	-	9.
Referees Association	35.	-	-	Less cost of Junior			
" <u>Honorariums</u> :	167.	10.	-	Windup	14.	1.	-
Secretary	45.	-	-	" Grand Final	5.	14.	7.
Asst. Secretary	10.	-	-	" Gala Day	12.	16.	6.
Records Secretary	10.	-	-	" Profit on Badges	5.	6.	8.
Treasurer	10.	-	-	" Profit on Balls	1.	7.	2.
Typist	1.	1.	-	" Profit on Sticks	7.	3.	1.
" Telephone	31.	12.	4.	" Donations	6.	5.	-
" Stamps, Stationery & Petty Cash	47.	18.	10.				
" General Expenses	36.	-	10.				
" Pennants	15.	16.	-				
" Subscription A.L.C.	2.	2.	9.				
" Depreciation on Goal Equipment	1.	15.	8.				
" Excess of Income over expenditure	48.	10.	10.				
	<u>£529.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>3.</u>		<u>£529.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>3.</u>

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

1955 - COLTS CARNIVAL

<u>DR.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>		<u>CR.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Loss Ball	60.	-	6.		By Profit on Matches	44.	7.	4.
" Reception Costs	14.	2.	6.		" Reception Donations	3.	6.	-
" Trophies	5.	-	-		" Loss on Carnival to Interstate Visit Fund	81.	1.	10.
" Training Costs		£12.12.	-					
Less payment by players	12.	0.	6.					
" Visiting Managers Accomodation Costs	39.	-	8.					
" Managers Allowance	10.	-	-					
	<u>£128.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>2.</u>			<u>£128.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>2.</u>
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CARNIVAL MATCHES

To Hire of Leederville Oval	25.	14.	4.		By Admission Charges, programmes & Donations - 1.st day	101.	2.	-
" Programmes	7.	16.	1.		" Collection - 2.nd day	7.	11.	3.
" Players Uniforms	24.	3.	-		" " - 3.rd day	16.	11.	-
" Balls	2.	2.	-					
" Amplifiers	3.	3.	-					
" Barriers at Esplanade	5.	5.	-					
" Gatekeeper & Caretaker Leederville Oval	2.	11.	-					
" Admission Tickets	3.	14.	-					
" Handbills	3.	10.	6.					
" Sundry	2.	18.	-					
" Profit	44.	7.	4.					
	<u>£125.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>3.</u>			<u>£125.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>3.</u>
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