

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INC.)



Annual Report for Season 1958

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Pier Street, Perth, on Tuesday, February 17th, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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Secretary's Report . . .

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I present for your approval the Sixty-Second Annual Report of the West Australian Lacrosse Association, Inc., covering the 1958 season.

For the first time in many years, the W.A.L.A. has made a genuine effort to force the game into a higher category in sport. Starting from the Association itself and from the bottom up, the Clubs strove to gain strength from strength, forgetting past weaknesses, and have now certainly laid the foundation for the furthering of the game. This was particularly noticeable at the meetings, which were presided over with strict discipline, giving the clubs the incentive to do their part; the Umpiring Panel, the strongest for many years; the strong possibility of an American Tour; and a Newsletter bringing happenings of all clubs to one another, and binding them into close relationship.

The Junior grades, "C" and "D" showed a marked improvement in numerical strength, even though only one more team played, the difference being, that twelve players were required to fill a team, a full complement for "C" & "D" grades in the 1957 season being 120 players, and in 1958 season 156 players.

To all clubs may I only reiterate my remark passed consistently over the years, and that is "The Junior of today, is the Senior lacrossier of tomorrow." The future of the game will ultimately be passed onto their shoulders, so give them confidence and a sound knowledge and respect of the game.

NEDLANDS-SUBIACO CLUB.

Undoubtedly this club owes its very existence to members of outstanding calibre, to mention but two, R. Stratton and J. Carden. Over the year, the fortunes of the "A" team fluctuated considerably through not having a sufficient reserve of players to cope with injuries, although several older players returned to the ranks at critical times. This team finished third on the Premiership Table.

The "A.R." & "D" grades were not successful, but more will be heard of these players in a few years, as in both instances the players were of very junior ages. The "D" grade average age was 12 years, and the "A.R." players were mostly eligible to play "C" grade.

BAYSWATER CLUB

This club, a problem child for the Association, acquitted itself with honours later in the year. Financially an embarrassment to the Association in 1957, this club had erased all debts at the close of the 1958 season. A truly fine and remarkable effort.

The "C" & "D" grades, the only sides fielded by this club, both acquitted themselves with honours. The "C" grade won the Minor Premiership trophy, being undefeated all year, and lost the final by one goal in a thrilling game. This was really a meritorious effort, considering two star players were unable to play. The "D" grade came from behind to beat Wembley by one goal for the second Semi-final, but in turn went down to Mt. Lawley in the final.

MT. LAWLEY CLUB

This club, as predicted, is gradually becoming a stronghold in lacrosse. The 1958 season saw this club enter an extra team, fielding sides in the "A.R.", "C" & "D" grades.

The "A.R." won the Minor Premiership, being undefeated all year, and convincingly won the first Semi-final by 8 goals to 6, but were unlucky to lose the Grand Final to South Perth by 11 goals to 8.

The "C" grade finished near the bottom of the Premiership table, but were still able to win four games.

The "D" grade, after being a close second for the Minor Premiership, made amends in the last game to take off the coveted title.

MIDLAND JUNCTION CLUB

This club did not show itself to the best advantage during the season. In "A" grade through lack of solid training, and in "C" grade, earlier in the season, from lack of a full time coach. The importance of training is easily shown by the fact that the "C" grade, in the last six games, won five and drew with the undefeated Bayswater team. Congratulations to W. Whiteman on the results and the effort he put in to obtain them, thus bringing back a spark of hope for the future of lacrosse in this once famous stronghold.

SOUTH PERTH CLUB

This club once again enjoyed a very successful year, carrying off the Premiership honours with both its teams "A.R." and "C".

Throughout the year this "A.R." team closely contested its several encounters with Mt. Lawley, and only on the last occasion, the Grand Final, were they able to take the honours. The "C" grade, as with the "A.R.", were runners up for the Minor Premiership. The "C" grade final round proved to be the hardest fought games of all grades. The greatest winning margin of any game being two goals, this makes the winners' efforts all the more meritorious.

WEMBLEY CLUB

Once again this club showed its sporting and administration abilities, and may most other clubs take a leaf from their book in keenness shown and the organisation that goes into the club. The main thanks for this must go to W. Brown and V. Ellis, who are only two of outstanding calibre from the stalwarts of this club.

The "A." team once more carried off the honours with the Minor and Major Premierships. The "A.R." and "C" teams made the final round, but were eliminated in the second Semi-finals. Even so, this was a fine performance, and leaves us with the assurance that the club will stay to the fore for many years to come.

FREMANTLE CLUB

Fremantle Club could be voted as being the most likely to upset Wembley as the present stronghold of lacrosse.

Much of this credit must go to its secretary, T. Lundgren, and undoubtedly his assistant, Mrs. Lundgren, and with stalwarts J. Brewer and A. Moore, the club seems assured of prosperity if the fine work is continued. Fremantle would, without reservation,

have the largest social following of any club in the Association, and must in the future take off many more Association honours.

The "A" team was runner up for the Minor and Major Premierships. The "A.R." reached the finals, and the "D" were just eliminated from the final four. A good all round club performance.

EAST FREMANTLE CLUB

A club of immense Junior strength, but very lacking in the Senior side. The Association's thanks to A. Paull and F. Poat for their efforts in maintaining the "A" side, and to H. Rudderham for his backing of the juniors.

With a strong possibility of E. Fremantle obtaining their own club rooms in the near future, much more may be expected, as once a headquarters is established the club will assuredly prosper under astute leadership.

The "C" team rose to great heights and had the Premiership snatched from their grasp in the latter stages of the game. The "D" team suffered a similar fate, and also enhanced their reputation with the effort put forward.

This club easily took off Gala Day honours.

PERTH CLUB

As in 1957 this club only gave glimpses of its ability, but with the fostering of junior players, may look forward to a brighter future.

The "A" team fought through to the final, but were eventually eliminated by Fremantle, 11 goals to 4. The "C" and "D" sides, although only winning four games between them, may have comfort in the knowledge that they must average as the smallest and youngest players competing, and to remember that in a few years their turn will come.

Full marks and thanks to E. Biddle for work done during the year to further lacrosse.



PREMIERSHIP TABLES:

Appended hereunder are the 1958 Premiership Tables for all grades and also the results of the Final games.

"A" Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Wembley	19	16	1	2	251	108	34
Fremantle	19	15	3	1	171	110	31
Nedlands-Subiaco	19	7	8	4	137	159	18
Perth	19	6	10	3	206	200	15
Midland Junction	18	4	14	—	121	223	8
East Fremantle	18	2	14	2	99	205	6

"A" Reserve Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Mt. Lawley	15	13	—	2	175	72	28
South Perth	15	9	4	2	189	93	20
Fremantle	16	8	8	—	168	123	16
Wembley	15	6	9	—	201	172	12
Nedlands-Subiaco	15	—	15	—	59	340	—

"C" Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Bayswater	18	17	—	1	254	59	35
South Perth	18	12	4	2	207	87	26
East Fremantle	18	10	8	—	94	80	20
Midland Junction	17	5	11	1	87	148	11
Mt. Lawley	18	4	14	—	54	195	8
Perth	17	3	14	—	62	180	6

"D" Grade:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
East Fremantle	16	11	3	2	199	53	24
Mt. Lawley	15	11	3	1	104	49	23
Bayswater	16	11	5	—	147	83	22
Wembley	15	10	4	1	177	74	21
Fremantle	16	7	9	—	113	100	14
Perth	15	1	14	—	52	227	2
Nedlands-Subiaco	15	1	14	—	56	262	2

SCORES IN FINAL GAMES—

"A" Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

Wembley 20 d. Fremantle 6.

2nd Semi-Final:

Perth 15 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 9.

Final:

Fremantle 11 d. Perth 4.

Grand Final:

Wembley 12 d. Fremantle 9.

"A" Reserve Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

Mt. Lawley 8 d. South Perth 6.

2nd Semi-Final:

Fremantle 14 d. Wembley 9.

Final:

South Perth 9 d. Fremantle 6.

Grand Final:

South Perth 11 d. Mt. Lawley 8.

"C" Grade

1st Semi-Final:

South Perth 11 d. Bayswater 9.

2nd Semi-Final:

East Fremantle 4 d. Midland Junction 3.

Final:

East Fremantle 2 d. Bayswater 1.

Grand Final:

South Perth 6 d. East Fremantle 4.

"D" Grade:

1st Semi-Final:

East Fremantle 4 d. Mt. Lawley 3.

2nd Semi-Final:

Bayswater 10 d. Wembley 9.

Final:

Mt. Lawley 4 d. Bayswater 1.

Grand Final:

Mt. Lawley 4 d. East Fremantle 2.

COLTS TOURING SIDE.

Manager's Report.

The 1958 West Australian Lacrosse Colts Team, departed Perth by train on Tuesday evening, 5th August, and arrived in Adelaide on the 7th, to play two games against the South Australian Colts on Saturday 9th, and Tuesday, 12th August.

The team was welcomed by Secretary, Mr. Mick Moir, and the Committee of the S.A.L.A. at a reception held in the Railway Tea Rooms, and were introduced to their Hosts for the duration of their stay in Adelaide.

On Friday evening the W.A. Colts' Team, together with the visiting Victorian Lacrosse Team, were officially welcomed at the Amateur Sports Club, and were introduced to the South Australian Team.

The first match, played on Saturday, 10th August, as a 'curtain-raiser' to the Symonds Cup Match between S.A. and Victoria, resulted in a win for South Australia, 18 goals to 5. The West Australian team found it very hard going in the muddy conditions of Kensington Oval, and although they managed to keep with S.A. for the first quarter, they were no match for the very strong home team.

W.A. Captain Dave Scott, was outstanding in this match, getting 3 of the 5 goals scored for the game, but was closely followed by Goal-Keeper, Jock Powell, who gave W.A. excellent service.

In the return match, played on Tuesday 12th, at Adelaide Oval No. 2., South Australia again won convincingly 17 goals to 8. Conditions for this game were very good, the ground being hard and dry, and Western Australia performed much more creditably than in the previous match. Our Backmen played strongly and turned many S.A. attacks, and in the third quarter our Forwards played well and scored 3 quick goals, to come within 2 goals of South Australia, but mainly due to the efforts of Van-Tenac, the opposing Centreman, S.A. were able to go further ahead and take the final scores on to 17 goals to 8.

After this match a trophy was presented on behalf of the South Australian Manager, Mr. Ralph Anderson to Murray Dalton, he being judged the Fairest and Best for our team for the two games. W.A. in turn presented a trophy to the S.A. Captain and Jointman B. Jeffrey.

Particular mention must be made of the umpiring, which was of a very high standard throughout.

Although members of the W.A. team were very disappointed at not winning a game, it must be remembered that only four of our team had previously played in an Inter-state match, and it is felt that the experience and confidence gained by our young side whilst in Adelaide, will stand them in good stead for future games.

Too much cannot be said for the excellent hospitality extended to us by our South Australian Hosts. Nothing was too much trouble for them, and we are indebted to them for their many kindnesses.

A dance was arranged for the Colts after the Saturday game, and a car trip through the Hills and a barbecue at Williamstown Oval, 50 miles from Adelaide, was held on Sunday, 10th August, which was also attended by the visiting Victorians. Both these functions were much appreciated by our boys.

Other items of interest arranged for us, were visits to Phillips Electrical Industries, Seppeltsfield and Brady's Factory, where we saw Lacrosse Sticks in the course of manufacture.

In conclusion I wish to thank all members of the team for the splendid way in which they conducted themselves whilst on the tour, and also the way in which they co-operated and carried out everything asked of them.

Colts Team:

1. Scott D. (Capt.), Perth.
2. Prout E. (V. Capt.), Nedlands-Subiaco.
3. Whisson D., Mt. Lawley.
4. Eaton J., Perth.
5. Woods K., East Fremantle.
6. Spiers I., Perth.
7. Powell J., Perth.
8. Keen J., Nedlands-Subiaco.
9. Griffin B., Nedlands-Subiaco.
10. Power D., Fremantle.
11. Dalton M., South Perth.
12. Fist S., Mt. Lawley.
13. Northrop M., Midland Junction.
14. Rose G., Wembley.
Property Man, R. Glanville.
Manager, A. Keen.

THE SEASON'S TROPHIES.

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

- (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 South Perth—Premiers "A.R." grade.
- (4) Association Cup and Pennant to Mt. Lawley—Minor Premiers "A.R." grade.
- (5) "C" grade South Perth Premiers.
- (6) "C" grade Bayswater Minor Premiers.
- (7) Fearon Cup and Pennant to Mt. Lawley—Premiers "D" grade.
- (8) Carmody Cup to East Fremantle—Minor Premiers "D" grade.
- (9) Victory Cup to South Perth.

SOCIAL

Two Wind-up Socials were held during the year. The Junior Wind-up at Forresters Hall was in the form of a film evening, following by an elaborate supper and cool drinks with the presentation of trophies. The trophies were presented by senior Association members present.

The Final Wind-up of the season was held at the Pagoda Ballroom, Como, and proved an immense success both financially and in entertainment. The trophies were presented by Mr. P. Byers in the absence of our President through unforeseen circumstances.

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYERS.

Winners of the awards in each grade were as follows:

"A" Grade:

H. Balinski (Midland Junction) 17 points.
Then: D. Hosken (Wembley) 16; J. Stammers (E. Fremantle) 14; C. Mounsey (Perth) 11; R. Wood (Fremantle) 10½.

"A.R." Grade:

G. Fist (Mt. Lawley) 14 points.
Then: C. Johnson (Wembley) 12; G. Piggott (South Perth) 10; Robertson (Wembley) 10; J. Woodall (Fremantle) 10; S. Lauder (Mt. Lawley) 10.

"C" Grade:

B. Stubbs (South Perth) 21 points.
Then: K. Fleming (Bayswater) 19; E. Biddle (Perth) 16; T. Stammers (E. Fremantle) 9; D. Kitson (Midland Junction) 13.

"D" Grade:

J. Woods (Perth) 23 points.
Then: R. Scott (E. Fremantle) 17; J. Berry (Mt. Lawley) 15; R. McNabb (Wembley) 14; J. Brewer (Fremantle) 13.



GALA DAY

Although held under adverse circumstances, Gala Day was an undoubted success. The honours of the day, went to East Fremantle Club.

Club Points: E. Fremantle, 124; Wembley, 88; Fremantle, 87; Bayswater, 78; Mt. Lawley, 76; South Perth, 64; Perth, 56; Midland Junction, 44; Nedlands-Subiaco, 42.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Most clubs were well represented at the various meetings held during the year. To the Chairman of Committees, Mr. E. Jewells, my personal thanks for the discipline installed into the meetings and the results obtained, although many contentious matters were brought up during the year.

AMERICAN VISIT COMMITTEE

This Committee has been meeting regularly to try to raise finance for the American Visit, which is all but certain to take place in July or August, of 1959. Circular letters pre-selling tickets to the proposed series have gone out to 800 Old and Present Senior players. The results so far have been disappointing to the committee, as better results were expected. If you had in mind to send your money, please do so as soon as possible, so that this State will not be scratching for finance when the Americans arrive.

Correspondence from the A.L.C., so far makes it fairly certain that the Americans will be with us this season.

LACROSSE AMATEUR REFEREES AND OLD PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

After a lapse, this body has been reborn, and now, under the astute leadership of its office bearers, has proven itself a boon to the W.A.L.A.

Too much praise cannot be conferred on the secretary, Mr. A. Weaver, for a job well done.

This body, an umpiring panel of approximately 20 members, generally acquitted themselves well, although at times it was felt that a stricter observance of the rules could be made.

ROUGH PLAY AND DISPUTES BOARD.

This board was called upon to meet only once during the year, and this may well reflect on the sportsmanship displayed throughout all the clubs.

FINANCIAL.

During the early part of the season, the treasurer, Mr. L. Boyce found he was unable to continue, through pressure of work. Mr. R. Marshall, when approached, readily took over the position, to the relief of Association members.

A complete balance sheet will be handed out at the Annual General Meeting, setting out the financial position of this Association.

PUBLICITY.

To Mr. W. (Bill) Brown and Mr. Alex Moore the Association extends their sincere gratitude for the outstanding work put forward by these two members, in their unenviable task of obtaining newspaper space and radio coverage to keep lacrosse before the public's eyes.

A job exceedingly well done.

OBITUARY.

During 1958, the ranks of the W.A.L.A. and the A.L.C. lost one of the keenest and greatest lacrossiers of all time. The late Mr. I. J. Taylor.

In his earlier days, he shone on the lacrosse field representing this state, and also as secretary of the W.A.L.A. Later again, he was for many years secretary of the A.L.C. until his retirement just before his death.

So now rests a true sportsman and a lover of lacrosse, and he shall ever be remembered as such, as long as the game of lacrosse is played in this great country of ours.

A further sad loss occurred when our Hon. Solicitor, for a great many years, passed on. The late Mr. W. M. Nairn.

Although a lot of work did not fall his way, he was ever ready to help whenever required, and proved a good backstop for Association difficulties.

Another of our members sadly missed.

BRADY TROPHY.

This trophy for competition between all "A" grade players in Australia, was presented for the second time. It was inaugurated in 1957, and W.A. players were a long way down the winning list, but this year, R. (Hassett) Woods was placed third, being beaten by R. Wakelin (S.A.) 1st, and R. Sloggett (Vic.) 2nd.

Our congratulations to Mr. R. Woods on his fine effort over the year.

CONCLUSION.

To all clubs, secretaries, office-bearers and members, I would once more like to express my appreciation for the way all gave unstintingly, to assist me through the 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 to Incoming Committee . . .

- (1) That all clubs meet before the Annual General Meeting and discuss any recommendations to be brought forward.
- (2) That all clubs instruct its delegates at the Annual General Meeting, of its intentions to field teams in the respective grades.
- (3) That a report on trophies be made from a committee, and something concrete passed as regards the antiquity of some of the trophies. (Trophies will be passed out to the last year's winners at the Annual Meeting.)
- (4) Victory Cup—A set of rules concerning how to judge, and system of awarding same.
- (5) **Australian Lacrosse Council:** Australian Guernsey and socks will be required for the International match. Suggestions have been requested for a design.
- (6) Suggestions concerning method of selection of a referee for the International Match.
- (7) S.A.L.A. has suggested that other States consider the possibility of goal circle in lieu of the normal goal square, the suggested diameter of circle is 18 ft. and the centre to be the centre of the line between the two goal uprights.

Notes . . .
