THE 56th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the 56th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association covering the activities for the year 1944.

Premiership Matches.

Again the competitions were confined to one grade for senior players and a Wednesday afternoon grade for teams drawn from Junior Technical Schools.

The following Clubs entered teams in the senior grade; Brighton, Deaf Adult, East Torrens, Port Adelaide, Sturt, University and West Torrens. In addition University-Sturt nominated a combined team making eight teams in all. Practically all the players in the combined team were eventually supplied by the University Club.

A programme consisting of 56 matches was arranged and not one club failed to meet its engagements during the season.

In the Semi-final games University and East Torrens teams were successful over Sturt and West Torrens respectively. The Final match played on the University Oval was won by University (Minor Premiers) from East Torrens by 28 goals to 13.

Congratulations are extended to the University team on winning the 1944 premiership.

Premiership Table.							
FREEDRY PARTY	Played.	Won.	Lost.		Against.	Points.	
University	16	14	2	299	143	28	
East Torrens	16	10	6	198	161	20	
West Torrens	15	11	4	196	127	22	
Sturt	15	10	5	219	164	20	
Brighton	14	5	9	183	217	10	
Port Adelaide Deaf Adult	14	5	9	154	217	10	
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Four teams from Goodwood, Croydon, Nailsworth and Norwood Junior Technical Schoolscarried on a Wednesday afternoon competition and many keen games were contested. The final match between the Goodwood and Croydon

Schools was won by Goodwood by 3 goals to 1.

Mr.Rule and the Honorary Secretary attended the Annual Speech night of the Goodwood Technical School held at the Australia Hall and extended congratulations to the team on winning the 1944 Schools Premiership.

Premiership Matches (Continued)

The Cup donated by the S.A.L.A. for the Premiers of this grade was presented to the School by Mr.H.Rule (vice-President of the Association).

ASSOCIATION GROUND.

The Association shed on the South Parklands which was taken over by the Civil Defence Authorities in January, 1942 was officially handed back to the Association on the 22nd March, 1945. It is proposed to play matches on the ground this season.

Australian Lacrosse Council.

After consideration the Constitution of the Australian Lacrosse Council, as redrafted, was approved by the Committee of Management.

The vital question of supplies of sticks being available for the post war period is receiving the earnest attention of the Council.

Roll of Honor.

The Honor Roll of the Association now contains the names of 415 members serving with the various branches of the Forces. Navy 60, Army 174, Air Force 181. The number of members who have paid the supreme sacrifice is 42.

Since my last report I regret to have to record the names of the following former players who have died in the service of their Country:

Roberts J. Flying Officer. Brighton Club.
Wickes B.P. Flight Sergeant Sturt Club
Fallon L. " " North Adelaide Club.
Phillips C.A. Flying Officer St.Peters (Glenelg) Club
Selth J.B. Flight Lieutenant East Torrens Club
Ellis E. Sergt.A.I.F. East Torrens Club.
Burnley B. Flight Lieutenant Port Adelaide Club.
Flight Lieutenant Burnley was posthumously awarded

The deepest sympathy of the S.A.L.A. is extended to their relatives.

Remembrance Day.

The Committee of Management unanimously adopted a suggestion made by the Honorary Secretary of the Australian Lacrosse Council that the opening Saturday in each season be dedicated as a Day of Remembrance to the memory of those gallant lacrosseurs who have been killed in the War. Prior to the commencement of matches on the Saturday mentioned teams will be assembled and briefly addressed by some prominent official of the Association followed by two minutes silence.

Finance.

From the Balance Sheet it will be seen that the Bank Balance is 2/4/ 9.8 compared with £113.12.9 last season.

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Honorary Referees.

To those former players who gave their valuable services as Referees during the year we are deeply grateful.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I wish to thank Club Secretaries for the assistance they have given me in carrying out my duties.

Honorary Secretary, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

28th March, 1945.

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