

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1951, presented at the Annual Meeting held at the Commercial Travellers Club, Melbourne, on Friday 8th June, 1951.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Twentieth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council, covering the operations for the year 1950, for your consideration and approval. The eleventh Australian Lacrosse Carnival which was played in Melbourne and the visit of a Victorian under 16 side to Adelaide were the highlights of the season. Against this however we have to record that over two hundred less players were registered as compared with the previous season. This is a serious state of affairs and must have the close attention of all concerned.

REGISTERED PLAYERS The following table sets out the number of registered players and teams in each state compared with the previous season and the pre-war year of 1939. These figures include schoolboys and country teams.

	<u>1950</u>		<u>1949</u>		<u>1939</u>	
	Teams	Players	Teams	Players	Teams	Players
VICTORIA	44	660	47	770	68	1139
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	32	478	39	560	55	809
WEST AUSTRALIA	30	460	30	467	24	417
QUEENSLAND	4	63	5	66	12	186
NEW SOUTH WALES	4	45	4	50	4	63
C'WEALTH	114	1706	125	1913	163	2614

FINANCIAL When submitting the financial statement the Treasurer will be able to report a credit balance of £26. 16. 6 at the Commonwealth Bank.

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CARNIVAL The eleventh Australian Lacrosse Carnival, which was held in Melbourne during July was the outstanding event of the year. Four State Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland competed. Unfortunately the game has not recovered sufficiently in New South Wales to enable the Mother State to be represented, which is regretted by all.

The thanks of the Council and all participating Associations are due to the Victorian Amateur Lacrosse Association for the excellent arrangements made for the staging of the Carnival, while on the social side visitors were simply overwhelmed with hospitality.

Most of the games were of a very high standard and the result of the Carnival was in doubt until the final game, when Victoria in a memorable contest defeated South Australia 9 goals to 7.

The games resulted as follows:-

July 22nd	Victoria	17 goals	V	Western Australia	7 goals.
	South Australia	40 "	V	Queensland	2 "
July 26th	Victoria	38 "	V	Queensland	6 "
	South Australia	10 "	V	Western Australia	6 "
July 29th	Western Australia	33 "	V	Queensland	9 "
	Victoria	9 "	V	South Australia	7 "

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Point</u>
VICTORIA	3	3	-	64	20	6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	3	3 ²	1	57	17	4
WEST AUSTRALIA	3	1	2	46	36	2
QUEENSLAND	3	-	3	17	111	-

The Council extends its congratulations to the Victorian Association on winning the Garland, McHarg Cup for the seventh time since the inception of the Carnivals.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM At the conclusion of the Carnival the following were selected to represent Australia:-

Goal, H.J.Hanfords (S.A.) Point, G. Hewit (V) Capt.
Cover; A.J.Vial(SS.A.) 3rd Man, A. Swan (.W.A.) Defences,
R.Schmidt (V) D.G.Polgase(S.A) Centre, H. Williams (V)
Attacks, G. Downe (V) R.F.Mathewman (S.A.)
3rd Home, D. Bowman(Q) 2nd Home J.D.Gitsham (S.A.)
Home D. Lee (Vic.) Reserves, D.E.Woods (S.A.) and
R. Ramsay(W.A.)

The Council congratulates these players on their selection.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE VISIT Congratulations are extended to the South Australian and Victorian Association on the inauguration of junior Interstate visits between these State. The match which was restricted to players under 16 years of age, was won by Victoria and should do much to foster the game among the juniors .

STICKS The stick position is still very acute. Your Council was again refused an import licence for Canadian sticks, which was very disheartening. However a new source of supply from Pakistan is being explored by South Australia and when these have been fully tested under match conditions a report will be submitted.

OBITUARY We regret to record the passing of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey who as a young man played lacrosse both in Victoria and Western Australia and on behalf of the Council a letter of condolence has been sent to Lady Blamey.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT The Certificate of Merit has been printed and will be issued to those to whom it has been awarded in the next few weeks.

STATE OF GAME That lacrosse is not progressing as it should must be obvious to all. The loss of over two hundred players mentioned earlier in this report is a serious matter, and whether this can be attributed entirely to the paucity of equipment is open for debate. Personally I think there are other reasons. Taking advantage of the Carnival to be held in Adelaide in August, I have called a meeting of the Council to be held in Adelaide during the currency of the Carnival, when this and other matters for the improvement of the game will be placed on the agenda for discussion.

CONCLUSION I desire to thank the secretaries of Member Associations for the help they have afforded me during the past year.

Yours faithfully,

I. J. TAYLOR
HON. SECRETARY A.L.C.