

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

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Mr President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the 57th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association covering the activities of the 1945 Season.

War Record

Since my last report the World War has been brought to a successful conclusion with complete victory for the armed forces of the United Nations. With a state of peace again existing we look forward with confidence to the not far distant future when lacrosse in S. A. will return to its former position among amateur sports in this State. Naturally our thoughts turn to those members of our Association who have given such splendid service with all branches of the fighting services and we acknowledge their services with much gratitude. In 1939 there were 534 registered members in S. A. The Honor Roll discloses the names of 458 players who volunteered for Active Service. 15 members were decorated for gallantry in the field and 2 were mentioned in dispatches. We especially remember the 51 members who made the supreme sacrifice in the defence of their country and to their relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Committee of Management.

For the fourth successive year lacrosse in S. A. was successfully controlled by the Committee of Management appointed in 1942 to manage the affairs of the Association during the War. Special thanks are due to the members of the committee for their effort to keep the game alive, thus ensuring an early revival of the game in this State. The members of the committee are Messrs. F. L. Parsons (Chairman), A. E. Harvey (Deputy Chairman), A. Bartram Cox, T. McCormick, J. L. Parsons, M. A. McLennan, H. Rule, C. H. Schulz, M. B. Seith, and the Hon. Secretary. The Committee feels that the time has arrived for the Association to re-adopt the Constitution and Rules which were abrogated four years ago. Tonight you will be asked to give consideration to this proposal.

Premiership matches.

The following seven clubs entered teams: Brighton, East Torrens, Sturt, West Torrens, Deaf Adult, University and Port Adelaide.

The competition was keen throughout and many close matches were recorded. Of four matches drawn Deaf Adult Club (bottom on the Premiership Table) was associated in three and Port Adelaide (fourth) in three. A pleasing feature of the competition was that all clubs met their engagements. Although only seven teams competed for premiership honors a great improvement was noticeable in the standard of play. This was probably due to a number of ex-servicemen taking their places in the various Club teams. In the challenge final match played on the Kensington Oval the West Torrens and Brighton teams gave excellent exhibitions of the game. The most consistent team during the season was Brighton (Minor Premiers) winning 9, drawing 1, and losing 2, of the 12 matches played. The team to show most improvement was West Torrens. They won only two matches in the first round but were successful in six of the seven matches played in the second half of the programme, and finished third on the premiership table.

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Other Matches.

After a break of six years the Adelaide and Melbourne Universities resumed their annual contests. The match was played on the University Oval and was won by Melbourne by 12 goals to 10.

A S. A. team played a team selected from the combined Universities and were successful by 14 goals to 8. The S. A. players were, J. L. Parsons (Capt.), Haydon (Vice-Capt.), R. Blackmore, L. Hewittson, C. Cooper, A. Vial, C. W. McClure, K. Forrest, R. Mathewman, J. K. Gitsham, F. Williamson and A. Bishop. Reserves, A. Keen and R. Porter.

The Melbourne Deaf Adult Club visited Adelaide and defeated the Adelaide Deaf Adult Club by 10 goals to 6.

A match played between the combined Universities and the combined Adelaide and Melbourne Deaf Adult Clubs resulted in a win for the Universities. The scores were 11 goals to 10.

The contents with the Victorian teams created a great deal of interest and these matches will help in no small way towards reviving the game in S. A. this season. circles throughout Australia in this interest in the Junior players. He donated the "Pearson Cup" School Competition for perpetual competition among D. Grade teams.

Record Three Technical Schools (Compared with four last year) contested a Wednesday afternoon competition. Goodwood, Nailsworth and Croydon Schools entered teams. Norwood School withdrew from the contest but efforts will be made to induce this school to play again this year. Congratulations are extended to the Goodwood School on winning the Premiership for the third successive season. Nailsworth finished second and Croydon third. Mr. F. Lancelot Parsons for a photograph of the S. A. Team to visit N. A. in 1909 and Remembrance Day. The Sturt Lacrosse Club, Premiers in 1920 and 1921, 1913.

The opening matches of the 1945 season were preceded by a simple ceremony in memory of lacrosseurs who lost their lives in the War. In the unavoidable absence of our President (The Hon. C. L. Abbott K. C.) and of our Chairman (Mr. E. Lancelot Parsons), the Deputy Chairman (Mr. A. E. Harvey) addressed five teams at the University Oval and Mr. T. D. McCormick the remaining two teams at the Racecourse. This ceremony will be repeated on the opening day of each season.

Australian Lacrosse Council

will report tonight on the finances of the 1 Lacrosse Sticks. Early action on the part of the Australian Lacrosse Council to ensure an ample supply of sticks being available for the 1946 season resulted in the Commonwealth Government granting a licence to import. An order covering the requirements of all States was placed in Canada late in November of last year and delivery is expected in the near future. Our thanks are due to Senator McLeay and to Mr. J. L. Parsons for making enquiries into the supply of sticks when in America and to Mr. I. J. Taylor, Secretary of the Australian Lacrosse Council for the capable and expeditious manner in which he carried out negotiations in connection with the matter.

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2. Certificates of Service and Merit

Rules have been drawn up by the Council covering the issue of Certificates of Service and Merit to players who have shown conspicuous ability over an extensive period and to officials who have assisted member associations either in an administrative capacity or who have rendered honorary service in the control of games over a considerable period with distinction. A sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. F. L. Parsons, A. Bertram Cox, A. E. Harvey, and the Honorary Secretary was appointed to prepare a list of members for recommendation to the Council.

3. Pamphlet for beginners.

The issue of a pamphlet on lacrosse principally for the instruction of beginners is under the consideration of the Council.

Honorary Referees

The services as Honorary Referees by Messrs. C. Davis, C. H. Schulz and C. Crawford are gratefully acknowledged. Additional volunteers will be required this season.

Selectors.

Messrs. C. Davis, W. R. Stanfield and D. Haydon were appointed to select players to represent S. A. in the match against the Combined Universities.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that I record the passing of Sir, Angus Parsons and Capt. J. H. Fearon. Both were Vice-Presidents of the S. L. A. and rendered many years service to lacrosse. The late Capt. Fearon was known in lacrosse circles throughout Australia for his interests in the Junior players. He donated the "Fearon Cup" to the Association for perpetual competition among D. Grade teams.

Records.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the following for gifts of old photographs of lacrosse teams thereby adding to the already valuable collection in the possession of the Association. Mr. Arthur H. Hill, who played in 1892 for the presentation of three photographs of the Iroquois Team (Premiers in 1892 and 1893). Mr. F. Lancelot Parsons for a photograph of the S. A. Team to visit W. A. in 1909 and photographs of the Sturt Lacrosse Club, Premiers in 1920 and 1921, and others. Mr. A. E. Harvey for a photograph of the Goodwood Team 1913 and others.

Press

I record hearty appreciation to the Press for the publicity given to the work of the Association during the year and we look forward to the continuation of this support in the future.

Finance

The Honorary Treasurer will report tonight that the finances of the Association are in a satisfactory position.

Conclusion.

There is a big task in front of us to rehabilitate lacrosse to its former place among amateur sports in this State and I urge all past and present players to come forward and assist in this very important work. Efforts are being made to revive those clubs

which were forced to go into recess during the period of the War. Early reports from Clubs indicate that there will be ten Clubs fielding approximately 20 teams in the 1946 competitions which must be regarded as very gratifying.

I desire to thank all who have assisted in the administration of the game in S. A. during 1945.

Chairman J. L. Parsons, Esq.
Attendance As per Roll Book
Apologies A. E. Harvey
Leave of Absence Granted
Minutes Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management held 7th Feb. 1946, read and confirmed.
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PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Asst. Points
West Torrens	15	10	5	5	109	84
Brighton	14	9	4	1	116	95
East Torrens	14	8	6	2	121	107
Port Adelaide	15	6	2	2	84	110

Sturt 12th Nov 4 was 7 records for 61 in 60 the private University 122 Points Excellent 129 Goals 110 Nov 9 rated 12/1/46

Dear Advertiser it is stated that the 75 brethren approve of his appointment as Patron to this Association.

Letters were also received from the following Vice-Presidents accepting that office:- Messrs. J. L. Parsons, Baykett, J. L. Parsons, J. L. Fulton and Senator George O'Leary.

A letter dated 27/1/46 from the Western Australian Lacrosse Association was received setting out that Association's proposals submitted to the A.L.C. for an all State tournament to be staged in Perth during 1947 season.

Resolved that the proposal be supported by this Association subject to the strength of the financial position permitting the Australian participation, and that a sub-committee of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer enquire into the possibility and whether the Association could afford

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SEASON 1945.

To Cash on Hand 1/2/45 - General Fund	103 11 -	By Oval Hire & Ground Fees	21 6 -
Oval Fund	40 18 8	Stamps, Stationery, Telephone etc.	7 3 7
Oval Levies	48 10 6	Honorarius Secretary (1942 & 1944)	10 10 -
Sale of Badges	10 - -	Repairs to Showers Association Ground	4 16 6
Sale of Balls	1 16 -	Insurance of Cups	17 - -
Savings Bank Interest	3 - -	Purchase of Sticks from Canada	380 - -
Advance re purchase of sticks	250 - -	Cash on Hand 31/1/45	23 8 1
	<u>£448 6 2</u>		<u>£448 6 2</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1946.

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
To Hire of Grounds	21 6 -	By Match Fees	48 10 6
Stamps, Stationery, Telephone etc.	7 3 7	Savings Bank Interest	1 19 6
General Expenses	17 - -		
Repairs to Showers Association Ground	4 16 6		
Honorarius Secretary	10 10 -		
Depreciation of Equipment	1 - -		
Lacrosse Balls Used	2 - -		
	<u>47 18 1</u>		
Nett Income for year	2 11 11 -		
	<u>£ 50 10 -</u>		<u>£50 10 -</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1946.

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
LOAN - Parsons & Robertson (for sticks)	250 - -	ADVANCE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL (STICKS)	380 - -
OVAL FUND - Bal. 1/2/45	40 18 8	DRESSING SHED	105 9 9
Add Interest	1 - 6	CASH AT BANK	20 8 1
FUND FOR SCHOOL BOY STICKS	13 5 6	CASH IN HAND	3 - -
<u>EXCESS ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</u>		EQUIPMENT AT VALUATION	
Balance at 1/2/45	217 - 3	Typewriter	- - -
Add Income for Season	2 11 11	Materials & Uniforms	10 - -
	<u>219 12 2</u>	Goal Posts & Supports	10 - -
		LACROSSE BALLS ON HAND	12 4 -
		LACROSSE STICK ON HAND	15 - -
	<u>£524 16 10</u>		<u>£524 16 10</u>