

18/57

REPORT ON STATE OF THE GAME

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

In my last Annual Report to the Council I called attention to the serious falling off in the number of players as compared with previous years, stressing the fact that the game had lost over two hundred players for the season 1950.

I have just compiled a table showing the number of players as at July 1st this year and I regret to report that a further loss of 23 teams and 300 players is revealed.

From what I can gather New South Wales have ceased playing while the Queensland Association is struggling along with a handful of players to keep the game alive.

The serious loss of players in Western Australia reported this year is most alarming, as no Association can suffer such a loss and remain an effective body unless steps are immediately taken to stop the drift.

The losses reported from Victoria and South Australia are not so serious, but nevertheless are such as to cause grave anxiety as to the future. The reported loss of the Port Peri Association to the game is deeply regretted.

I submit the following suggestions as a means of helping restore the game to its former prestige.

- (1) Carnivals. Should these be suspended or reviewed?
- (2) Interstate visits to Sydney, Brisbane and Perth in 1952.
- (3) Alteration to Laws to provide 10 players and smaller ground

The following table shows the number of players in the various States.

	<u>1951</u>		<u>1950</u>		<u>1949</u>		<u>1939</u>	
	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>
Vic.	39	642	44	660	47	770	68	1,139
S.A.	30	408	32	478	39	560	55	809
W.A.	22	317	30	460	30	467	24	417
Q.		28	4	63	5	66	12	186
N.S.W.			4	45	4	50	4	63
C'wlth	91	1,395	114	1,706	125	1,913	163	2,614

Yours faithfully,

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

Statement Receipts and Expenditure
For Year Ending 31st May 1951

Receipts

Balance from 1950	£	38	10	8
Bank Interest	£	15	10	
Subscription, West Australia	£	2	2	
South	£	2	2	
Victoria	£	2	2	0
Queensland	£	2	2	0
	£	47	14	6

1950

Expenditure

Printing Certificate of Merit	£	14	3	
Honorarium Typiste	£	5	5	
Postage & Stationery	£	1	10	
Bal at Bank	£	26	16	6
	£	47	14	6

Balance Sheet

31st May 1951

Liabilities:

Nil	£	.	.	.
Balance of assets over liabilities	£	31	.	6
	£	31	.	6

Assets

Cash at Commonwealth Bank	£	26	16	6
Outstanding Fees N.S.W	£	4	4	
	£	31	.	6

Audited & Found Correct.

K.H. Boyer
30th May 1951
A.I.C.A.