

Victorian Lacrosse Association.

(FOUNDED 1879)

Annual Report and Balance Sheet

For Season 1935

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held at the Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne, on the 24th day of February, 1936.

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your Committee presents for your approval the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the 1935 season.

The disbandment of North Fitzroy and the relegation of M.H.S.O.B. left only seven clubs competing in A Section, but interest was maintained by the keen struggle for leadership between Malvern, Williamstown, Camberwell and Caulfield, who fielded the strongest team that has yet worn their colours. At the end of the season Malvern predominated, and convincingly won their fifth successive premiership; a record which is a fitting tribute to their captain, Mr. Jack Beattie, who announced his retirement at the end of the season. Williamstown, runners-up in A Section, were consoled by the magnificent efforts of their B, C, E and F teams, who annexed the premierships of their respective sections, and thus created an Association record. Power House won the D Section title, their first premiership, after an epic struggle, all of the final series being won by one goal. A marked improvement in the standard of lacrosse in some of the Junior Sections was evidenced during the season.

Before the commencement of the season, North Fitzroy and R.A.N.R. disbanded, to be followed subsequently by Ivanhoe. Three new clubs, F.T.S.O.B., Preston and Wattle Park, were admitted to the Association. The number of junior teams that gave walk-overs or played short-handed during the latter end of the season is a matter of grave concern. The following table is inserted to assist a stocktaking of our numerical strength over the last ten seasons.

Season	Clubs	Teams	Reg. Members
1925	18	44	705
1926	20	44	708
1927	18	44	770
1928	24	52	900
1929	27	63	1100
1930	30	68	1115
1931	30	64	1053
1932	30	60	982
1933	31	62	1068
1934	28	60	1039
1935	30	61	1004

Eight of the clubs which were playing in our record year, 1930, have since disbanded. It is suggested that the above figures indicate that our strength was maintained during the years of depression, and the time is now appropriate for a sustained membership drive. During last season, the Executive Committee prepared a valuable report directed to the advancement of lacrosse. Publicity and New Teams Committees have been formed and various proposals aiming at the greater cohesion of the component parts of the Association have been inaugurated. All that is needed to make the ensuing season the greatest in our history is the whole-hearted support of every member. The expansion of our fifth annual six-a-side tournament into a lacrosse gymkhana proved a very successful innovation, and our best thanks are due to the organising Committee and Ladies' Committee. The sectional winners were Malvern A, Glen Iris B, Williamstown C, Old Trinity Grammarians D, M.H.S.O. Boys E, and Caulfield F. Mr. J. Merrell (Hawthorn) won the long throw competition with 298 feet, using a Flannery racquet.

After three successive wins, Mr. S. McCorkell (Camberwell) this year shared the Association's best and fairest Senior trophy with Mr. W. McCay (University), and Mr. W. Reid (Glen Iris) won this coveted honour in B Section.

The long awaited tour to Western Australia took place during the season, and our team acquitted themselves well in very close contests in Perth and Adelaide. The Victorian team comprised Messrs. S. McCorkell (Capt.), N. Robson (Vice-Capt.), J. Reid, J. Lake, M. Munt, A. Jenkins, C. Foster, R. Read, J. Murrowood, F. Hogarth, E. Booth, W. Ashby, B. Newgreen, and B. Kerrigan. Mr. A. J. Fowler was manager, and Captain J. H. Fearon, Messrs. K. Sitlington and W. Jenkins journeyed with the team.

Under the management of Mr. H. R. Balmer, the following team played with success at Sydney:—Messrs. K. O'Brien (Capt.), F. Dobbie (Vice-Capt.), J. Buckley, D. Worrall, R. Worrall, W. Reid, C. Jacobs, A. Arthur, C. Martin, M. Heriot, A. Bowker, H. Pollard, K. Crossley, R. Coulton, W. Dennis, E. Nicholls and F. Trantor. Captain J. H. Fearon accompanied the team. The response for players to make the trip at their own expense was most gratifying. The lacrosse activities of our President (Capt. J. H. Fearon) also extended to another State. Sponsored by him, a team from the Williamstown Club had a very enjoyable trip to Launceston. Capt. Fearon also took a junior Williamstown team to Adelaide during Christmas. Malvern again enjoyed what has become their annual visit to Ballarat. Sunshine also visited Ballarat.

We record our sincere thanks for the generous hospitality accorded to our teams by the Lacrosse Associations of Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Ballarat. Our visits undoubtedly stimulate lacrosse in the States we visit, and the incentive and experience are of great benefit to our own players. It is hoped that this season's carnival matches in Adelaide during the South Australian Centenary will afford another opportunity of again cementing the bonds of friendship formed during these tours.

The following players represented the Association in a match played at Melbourne against the Combined Universities:—G. Knowles (Capt.), G. McNeillage, M. Munt, A. Jenkins, R. Hinkley, B. Newgreen, P. Heseltine, H. Edwards, A. Evans, K. Sitlington, W. Reid, F. Hogarth.

All lacrosseurs were very gratified to learn of the honour bestowed on one of our Vice-Presidents (Sir John Latham, G.C.M.G.), and his elevation to the highest position in our Judiciary, and our sincere congratulations were forwarded to him.

It is with considerable regret that we record the deaths of Mr. W. Fawcett, a valued member of the Investigation Committee since its inception, and of Mr. W. Stubbs, who was a prominent official in Victoria and South Australia. The Investigation Committee also lost the services of Messrs. Webb, Dunn and Pearce, to whom we are indebted for many years of valued work. The Committee now comprises Messrs. Gay, Grace, Davis, Davidson, Mace and Stubbings, and our sincere thanks are due to them for the manner in which they performed duties which unfortunately were rather arduous during the season.

The endeavours of the Permit Committee in co-operation with the Referees' Association to place a greatly increased percentage of qualified referees to junior games was appreciated. A meeting of players and referees to discuss rule interpretations was again held, and opportunity is taken to point out that a similar meeting will be held early in the ensuing season to which all players are invited. During last season the Australian Lacrosse Council completed its task of rule revision, and books (3d.) are on sale. The purchase and study of the revised rules of the game are recommended to all players. We quote our last Annual Report and again stress that there are ample opportunities for experienced players to serve as referees on relinquishing the game.

At the commencement of last season a Social Committee was inaugurated, primarily to alleviate the heavy burden of finance thrown on the Association by the expenses of the Perth trip, and it is regretted that the efforts of this Committee, and in particular its Secretary (Mr. K. Sitlington), met with extremely poor support from all except two or three clubs. It has long been felt that the Association should bestir itself in social activities, and to this end an innovation of presenting premiership trophies at an Association Ball was held at the conclusion of the season. The function was very enjoyable but the attendance disappointing. The Committee has also made arrangements to cater for your entertainment to-night.

We thank Mr. J. Davidson and Capt. J. H. Fearon for donations to the funds of the Association.

In connection with the Perth trip the Association for the first time appealed for funds, and we record our grateful thanks to the following donors:—Capt. J. H. Fearon, Sir John Latham, Messrs. R. Moore, Turnbull, Webb, McIndoe, Sitlington, Kerrigan, Balmer, Robertson, Marshall, and Healy. The following also made contributions in connection with various special efforts:—Messrs. Taylor, Beattie, Fowler, Turnbull, Balmer, Mullen, Marshall and Axford. Contributions were also received from North Fitzroy, Malvern, U.H.S.O.B., M.C.C. and the Referees' Association.

Our financial position as disclosed in the Balance Sheet is not satisfactory, and the Committee views with concern the list of amounts owing by clubs, and stresses that unless these amounts are speedily liquidated, the Committee will be seriously embarrassed in its activities at the commencement of the forthcoming season.

Messrs. R. Marshall and A. Hudson have announced that through business reasons, they are unable to submit themselves for re-election. During the past nine years, Mr. R. Marshall held office as Honorary Treasurer, and it is no empty eulogy to say that he was the best man the Association has ever been fortunate enough to have in that position. Mr. A. Hudson during his two years of office as Assistant Honorary Secretary proved a most capable, energetic and zealous official. Your Committee wishes to record its very sincere thanks for the splendid service given by them.

Club Secretaries are again reminded how essential it is that all data for the fixture book be lodged as early as possible. We conclude with the earnest hope that this season will prove a most enjoyable and successful one, and are confident that with your co-operation our wish will be fulfilled.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. E. G. WEBB, Chairman of Executive Committee.
A. J. FOWLER, Hon. Secretary.
J. H. FEARON, President.

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

Revenue Account for Eleven Months ended 31st January, 1936

EXPENDITURE		INCOME
By Amounts Owing Written Off—		To Registration Fees
Old Caulfield Gram-		„ Affiliation Fees
marlans	£4 2 10	„ Fixtures
Sth Melb. Tech. School	9 3 0	„ Final and Semi-Finals (Net Profit)
Brighton	3 0 0	„ Donations
	£16 5 10	„ Laws of Lacrosse (Sales)
„ Jerseys	6 19 3	„ King's Birthday (Net Profit)
„ Loss on Sale of Box Lacrosse Nets	4 17 6	„ Fines
„ General Expenses	63 0 4	„ Deficit for Year
„ Referees	0 17 0	
„ Petty Cash	17 3 1	
„ Printing	24 9 10	
„ Loss on Dance	8 6 4	
„ Donation of Sticks	32 14 0	
„ Western Australian Trip—		
Expenses	£231 15 8	
Donation from		
W.A.L.A. £50; Dona-		
tions, £35/5/3; Spec-		
ial Contributions and		
Balance from 1934,		
£35/14/7	120 19 10	
	110 15 10	
„ Donation to Hospital	1 14 0	
„ N.S.W. Trip	8 4 10	
	£295 7 10	
		£295 7 10

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1936.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS
Insurance Fund	£15 0 0	Cash at E. S. & A. Bank Ltd.
Sundry Creditors	31 1 6	Cash at State Savings Bank
Clubs in Credit—		Badges
Old Trinity Gram-		Typewriter
marlans	£0 0 6	Jerseys
Wattle Park	0 10 0	Sundry Debtors
	0 10 6	Clubs in Debt—
General Balance at		Caulfield Tech. School
28/2/35	106 0 6	Richmond Tech. School
Less Deficit for 1935		Power House
Season	19 7 0	Ivanhoe
	86 13 6	Caulfield
		Artillery
		Glen Iris
		Brighton
		Box Hill
		Coburg
		Teacher's College
		R.A.N.R.
		Sunshine
		Adult Deaf
		Brunswick
		Essendon
		Footscray
		Hawthorn
		Hartwell
		Legacy
		M.H.S.O.B.
		M.C.C.
		Preston
		St. Kilda
		St. Kilda Deaf Boys
		U.H.S.O.B.
		University
		Melb. Tech. S. O. Boys
		100 13 4
	£133 5 6	£133 5 6

Melbourne, 10th February, 1936.

Audited and found correct—

A. H. CHARLES, A.C.P.A., Auditor.

The following Clubs have since paid their accounts in full:—Caulfield, Artillery, Glen Iris, Box Hill, Hawthorn, M.H.S.O.B., M.C.C., Preston and St. Kilda Deaf Boys. Brighton now owes £2/7/1. and Coburg £2/0/6.

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

1935 SEASON'S RESULTS.

"A" SECTION (Joel Fox Cup)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Malvern	19	17	1	1	256	120	70
2. Williamstown	19	12	5	1	169	123	50
3. Caulfield	18	13	4	1	215	158	54
4. Camberwell	18	11	6	1	148	136	46
5. M.C.C.	17	8	9	—	114	158	32
6. Coburg	17	5	12	—	84	163	20
7. University	17	3	14	—	89	217	12

N.B.—Malvern became permanent holders of the Joel Fox Cup.

"B" SECTION (Hugh Woods Cup)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	19	17	2	—	211	81	68
2. Glen Iris	18	13	6	—	161	118	52
3. Malvern	18	14	3	1	184	96	58
4. Essendon	18	10	6	2	135	139	44
5. Legacy	17	9	8	—	140	127	36
6. M.H.S.O.B.	17	8	9	—	100	127	32
7. Hawthorn	17	7	10	—	108	145	28
8. Artillery	17	4	11	2	89	161	20
9. Caulfield	17	3	13	1	101	237	14

"C" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	20	16	4	—	176	116	61
2. U.H.S.O.B.	19	15	3	1	156	89	62
3. Box Hill	19	14	5	—	157	133	56
4. Malvern	18	14	4	—	151	92	56
5. Brighton	17	11	5	1	118	85	46
6. Teachers' College	17	8	9	—	98	103	32
7. Coburg	17	8	9	—	105	135	32
8. Camberwell	17	8	9	—	89	134	32
9. University	17	3	14	—	50	161	12
10. Brunswick	14	4	9	1	60	83	18
11. Ivanhoe	5	1	3	1	14	43	6

N.B.—Brunswick withdraw. — Ivanhoe Club disbanded this section.

"D" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Power House	20	17	3	—	272	135	68
2. Old Trinity Gram.	19	16	3	—	274	101	64
3. St. Kilda	19	12	5	2	149	90	52
4. Hartwell	18	12	6	—	177	84	48
5. U.H.S.O.B.	17	11	5	1	222	143	46
6. Hawthorn	17	11	5	1	150	102	45
7. Sunshine	17	10	6	1	181	116	42
8. Adult Deaf	17	10	6	1	147	99	42
9. Preston	17	6	10	1	97	159	26
10. Essendon	17	5	11	1	108	218	22
11. Melb. Tech. College	17	4	13	—	87	153	16
12. Camberwell	17	3	14	—	83	288	12
13. M.H.S.O.B.	17	2	15	—	70	316	8

"E" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	19	17	2	—	349	73	68
2. Wattle Park	19	14	4	1	271	96	58
3. M.H.S.O.B.	18	13	5	—	208	85	52
4. Caulfield	18	12	5	1	230	131	50
5. Coburg	17	12	5	—	242	89	48
6. Brunswick	17	12	5	—	139	61	48
7. Malvern	17	7	10	—	173	152	28
8. Melb. Tech. College	17	6	11	—	64	211	21
9. Footscray Tech.	17	5	12	—	48	352	20
10. U.H.S.O.B.	17	3	14	—	70	294	12
11. Glen Iris	17	3	14	—	41	294	12

"F" SECTION (Fearon Colts Cup)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	19	18	1	—	358	29	72
2. Deaf Boys	18	14	4	—	322	78	56
3. M.H.S.O.B.	18	14	4	—	249	79	56
4. Caulfield	18	11	7	—	188	125	44
5. Essendon	17	10	6	1	208	127	42
6. Legacy	17	5	10	1	92	229	26
7. Trinity Grammar	16	5	11	—	72	322	20
8. Coburg	17	4	12	1	68	282	18
9. U.H.S.O.B.	17	3	13	1	34	253	14
10. Ivanhoe	4	—	4	—	15	82	0

N.B.—Ivanhoe Club disbanded.

SENIOR INTERSTATE

Victoria (11 goals) v. West Australia (8 goals) at Perth, 20th July, 1935.
 West Australia (8 goals) v. Victoria (5 goals) at Perth, 23rd July, 1935.
 Victoria (14 goals) v. South Australia (13 goals) at Adelaide, 27th July, 1935.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE

Victoria (9 goals) v. New South Wales (7 goals) at Sydney, 24th August, 1935.
 Victoria (13 goals) v. New South Wales (7 goals) at Sydney, 26th August, 1935.
 Victoria (Williamstown) (16 goals) v. North Tasmania (14 goals) at Launceston, 5th October, 1935.

INTERVARSITY

Adelaide (20 goals) v. Melbourne (4 goals) at Melbourne, 21st August, 1935.

COMBINED VARSITIES v. VICTORIA

Victoria (25 goals) v. Combined Varsities (7 goals) at Melbourne, 22nd August, 1935.

MID-WEEK COMPETITIONS

HIGH SCHOOLS (Fearon Cup)

Premiers.—M.H.S.O.B.
 Runners-up.—U.H.S.O.B.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS (R. O Moore Shield)

Premiers.—Swinburne.
 Runners-Up.—Melbourne Technical College.
 Third.—Caulfield.