

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INC.)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR SEASON 1959.

To be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in McNess Hall, Pier Street, Perth, on Wednesday March 30th, 1960, at 7-30 P.M.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I present for your approval the Sixty-Third Annual Report of the West Australian Lacrosse Association, Inc., covering the successful 1959 season.

Undoubtedly, the high light was the visit of the Washington-Lee and Virginia University teams from America. The impact from the visit can readily be seen from the fact that three extra teams were fielded, and over 120 new players and registered supporters joined the Lacrosse ranks.

Once again, the Junior grades "C" and "D" showed marked improvement in numerical strength, this is undoubtedly due to the influence of the Referee's and Old Players Association, in supplying top umpires for Junior games where-ever possible.

By eliminating bad play from the Junior ranks, other Juniors will soon flock to become Lacrossiers, and the stronger the Juniors of to-day, the sounder the future will be in the to-morrows, for only through our Juniors will Lacrosse reach the heights that true Lacrossiers dream and work for.

MIDLAND JUNCTION CLUB.

This once famous stronghold of Lacrosse, now only a shadow of its former self, owes its very existence to the outstanding work put forward by B. Vitler, but undoubtedly would thrive once more if more members, old and present, would rally to his aid. The "C" grade acquitted itself with honours, reaching the final four, but being defeated in the 2nd semi-final by one goal.

BAYSWATER CLUB.

Once again this Club proved itself a credit to the Association both through its interest in Association matters and effort to foster junior and senior players into the ranks. To the many officials and workers of this Club, the Association and myself extend sincere thanks for a job well done.

The "A.R." was runner-up for the Minor Premiership and was narrowly defeated by Wembley in the Grand Final.

The "C" grade also finished as runners-up for the Minor Premiership and were narrowly defeated by East Fremantle for the Premiership.

The "D" grade although not reaching the final four, acquitted themselves well, winning six games.

NEDLANDS - SUBIACO CLUB.

This Club through the infused support of several older Members, is still a power in the land of Lacrosse. Keen debaters in Association matters, this Club has been a strong link in all Association interests and proved itself a strength on the playing field.

The "A" grade team were runners-up for the Minor-Premiership but were narrowly beaten by Fremantle in the Finals. The "A.R." team, although reaching the final four, were eliminated in the second semi-final. The "D" grade showed a fine fighting spirit but were only able to notch two wins for the season.

MT. LAWLEY CLUB.

This Club began the 1959 season with three teams, but through unfortunate circumstances late in the year, withdrew the "A.R." team. From all indications, this team will be once more in the competition in 1960.

The "C" grade rose from the bottom of the premiership table in 1958 to third position in 1959, but lost narrowly to Bayswater in the Final.

The "D" grade acquitted itself well although not reaching the final four were able to win seven games.

Strong support is received from old custodians of the Club and with the continuance of this support the club must undoubtedly flourish.

WEMBLEY CLUB.

As in many years past, this club has proven itself once again as the apex club of the W.A.L.A., for its organisation both on the sportsfield and with its interest in Association affairs.

The "A" grade team was undefeated all year and carried off the Minor and Major Premierships.

The "A.R." emulated the feat of the "A" but were defeated three times during the season. The grand final game of this grade proved to be one of the most exciting and well played games in lacrosse for many years.

The "C" grade team were unable to make the final four and finished the season with three wins. The "D" grade team reached the grand final and lost to the powerful East Fremantle side by three goals.

All told, a fine effort from one Club.

EAST FREMANTLE CLUB.

As in the 1958 season, gave proof of its immense junior strength being undefeated in both "C" and "D" grades.

This Club also won the Victory Cup for outstanding assistance to the Association.

With the accent on juniors, this Club should shortly be enjoying the fruits of victory in the higher grades, as many present players show promise of becoming future all Australian stars.

FREMANTLE CLUB.

Once more proved itself a leading club on the field and ably led by stalwarts Moore, Brewer and Lundgren will prove a stumbling block for many clubs on the sports field.

The "A" side once more played off the grand final against Wembley, but were unable to steal the honours.

The "C" grade were unsuccessful but the "D's" reached the final four, only to be eliminated in the first round.

PERTH CLUB.

This Club in the senior grade only gave a glimpse of its ability later in the season, after an earlier brilliant start.

The "D" grade team rose from equal bottom place on the premiership table in 1958 to runner-up for Minor Premiership in 1959. A truly fine performance, due mainly to the interest shown in them by the older club stalwarts, for on these players will rest the future security of the Club.

SOUTH PERTH CLUB.

A disappointment to the Association on the playing field, but well represented in all Association work. It is the fervent wish that this Club will once more muster its strength as a leading club.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES:

Appended hereunder are the 1959 Premiership Tables for all grades and also the results of the Final games.

"A" GRADE:

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
Wembley	16	15	-	1	313	88	31
Nedlands-Subiaco	16	11	3	2	229	116	24
Fremantle	15	10	2	3	190	100	23
Perth	15	5	9	1	176	186	11
East Fremantle	15	4	11	-	107	157	8
Midland Junction	16	2	12	2	87	279	6
South Perth	15	2	12	1	96	272	5

"A" RESERVE GRADE.

Wembley	18	14	3	1	237	132	29
Bayswater	18	13	4	1	180	123	27
Nedlands-Subiaco	18	10	7	1	135	162	21
Mt. Lawley	18	4	14	-	61	132	8
South Perth	18	1	17	-	22	41	2

"C" GRADE

East Fremantle	14	14	-	-	270	20	28
Bayswater	14	11	3	-	176	52	22
Mt. Lawley	15	10	4	1	140	72	21
Midland Junction	15	8	6	1	112	98	17
Wembley	12	3	9	-	53	163	6
Perth	15	2	12	1	74	235	5
Fremantle	14	1	13	-	31	197	2

"D" GRADE:

East Fremantle	17	17	-	-	265	35	34
Perth	17	12	5	-	179	86	24
Wembley	17	11	6	-	204	126	22
Fremantle	16	11	5	-	133	103	22
Mt. Lawley	17	7	10	-	89	152	14
Bayswater	17	6	10	1	122	145	13
Nedlands-Subiaco	17	2	14	1	74	230	5
South Perth	17	1	16	-	36	220	2

SCORES IN FINAL GAMES:

"A" GRADE:

1st Semi-Final: Wembley 18 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 4.
2nd Semi-Final: Fremantle 14 d. Perth 12.
Final: Fremantle 10 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 7.
Grand Final: Wembley 16 d. Fremantle 5.

"A" RESERVE GRADE:

1st Semi-Final: Bayswater 14 d. Wembley 12.
2nd. Semi-Final: Fremantle 8 d. Nedlands-Subiaco 6.
Final: Wembley 21 d. Fremantle 1.
Grand-Final: Wembley 15 d. Bayswater 13.

"C" Grade:

1st Semi-Final: East Fremantle 6 d. Bayswater 1.
2nd Semi-Final: Mt. Lawley 4 d. Midland Junction 3.
Final: Bayswater 5 d. Mt. Lawley 2.
Grand Final: East Fremantle 7 d. Bayswater 3.

"D" Grade:

1st Semi-Final: East Fremantle 14 d. Perth 1.
2nd. Semi-Final: Wembley 5 d. Fremantle 3.
Final: Wembley 18 d. Perth 4.
Grand-Final: East Fremantle 11 d. Wembley 8.

STATE TOURING SIDE.

Manager's Report:-

The 1959 Carnival Team departed from Perth by train on the 25th July at 6.55 p.m. for Melbourne and arrived on the 28th July, to be greeted by overcast skies and steady rain. Owing to a mis-understanding, the Victorian Association were unaware of our arrival, and after much telephoning we were informed that we were not expected until the following day.

As we had arrived unexpectedly, we decided to book in at the Y.M.C.A. for the first night. It must be mentioned that at the Y.M.C.A. every facility was placed at our disposal. Later in the afternoon, the team had a workout in the Y.M.C.A. Gym. Meanwhile the Victorian Officials had arrived and arranged training and billets for the next day, which were later altered, thereby causing quite an amount of confusion amongst the players.

University Oval was made available to us for training on the Wednesday afternoon and, after arranging to meet at a central point in the city for that purpose, the team then disbanded. Later at the M.C.G. while being informed of the itinerary, it was stated that the University Oval was unfit for use and that we were to train in the morning at Malvern. After being informed of the itinerary, I returned to the Y.M.C.A. to find no-one there. I therefore left a message stating the alteration. However, as some of the Members were staying with relations, it was impossible to contact them.

The workout at Malvern was unsatisfactory as the team did not train together. On Friday 31st July, the team did train at the University Oval and good solid training was done by all.

On thursday 30th July, Western Australia played Victoria at Albert Cricket Ground. The final score resulted in a win for Victoria 15 goals to 3. As this was the second match of the day, the ground condition was very poor and the W.A. team found the greasy conditions very hard to combat. Our backline must be commended on a very fine effort. Outstanding for W.A. were H. Balinski, B. Bridge and C. Liddelow. Goal scorers for W.A. were Scott 2 and Griffin 1.

In the second match of the Carnival, W.A. played S.A. at the Olympic Park. Once again the ground was in poor shape and W.A. found it very hard to play good lacrosse and it was necessary to play a defensive game, owing to the high class forwards of W.A. As in the first game, our backline acquitted themselves creditably as they were under constant pressure most of the game. The final score was S.A. 21 and W.A. 1. Best for W.A. were Bridge, Balinski, Marshall and Murphy. W.A.'s only goal was thrown by Stenhouse.

We must appreciate the colossal job confronting the Victorian Association in arranging suitable entertainment for their visitors and in doing so they had to cater not only for fellow Australians but also for the visiting American Lacrosse Teams. Numerous social events took place, including various dinners and a barbecue at the home of Mr. Robert Coldstream and two car trips showing us the Victorian countryside. Also a trip to the Australian Paper Mills at Yallourne which was most interesting. The final evening for the Presentation of Trophies was at the M.C.G., which took the form of a Dinner. It must be mentioned that numerous private parties took place on free nights. We were also entertained by the Victorian Association at the Tivoli Theatre, which was appreciated by all concerned.

The Grand Finale to the Carnival was the All Australia versus America at the M.C.G. Although W.A. was not fortunate enough to have any players selected in this team, we were happy to see Australia defeat America 8 goals to 5.

As a guide for future Carnivals, I would like to make the following suggestions:-

- (a) That the team be selected earlier to allow them to acquaint themselves with each other's style of play and to get used to playing with each other and not against one another.
- (b) To train on grounds of similar condition to those in other States.
- (c) That the team should arrive in the Host's State one week before the first match to accustom themselves to adverse conditions.
- (d) For all players to be accommodated in the one building, e.g. the Y.M.C.A. until after all matches have been played, as a check can then be kept on all players. Facilities are on hand for P.T. etc. Also, if any alterations are made to arrangements, all players are easily contacted.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Members of the team for being so co-operative and all those who helped make my job a very pleasant one.

STATE TEAM.

V. Ellis	(Capt.)	(Wembley)
H. Balinski	(V. Capt.)	(Midland Junction)
R. Marshall		(East Fremantle)
J. Murphy		(Wembley.)
J. Keen		(Nedlands-Subiaco)
M. Fleeson		(Perth.)
R. Ramsay		(Wembley.)
C. Liddelow		(Perth.)
R. Hawkins		(Wembley.)
J. Cowling		(Nedlands-Subiaco)
R. Turnbull		(Wembley)
B. Griffin		(Perth)
K. Stenhouse		(Fremantle.)
D. Scott		(Perth)
A. Forsyth		(Fremantle)
B. Bridge		(Wembley)

MANAGER F. POAT.

THE SEASON'S TROPHIES:

Following are the details of the various trophies won during the year:

- (1) I.J. Taylor Shield and Pennant to Wembley - Premiers "A" Grade.
- (2) Lapsley Cup to Wembley - Minor Premiers "A" Grade.
- (3) Jubilee Cup to Wembley - Premiers "A.R." Grade.
- (4) Clark Cup to Wembley - Minor Premiers "A.R." Grade.
- (5) Liddell Cup to East Fremantle - Premiers "C" Grade.
- (6) Bolton Cup to East Fremantle - Minor Premiers "C" Grade
- (7) Fearon Cup to East Fremantle - Premiers "D" Grade.
- (8) Carmody Cup to East Fremantle - Minor Premiers "D" Grade.
- (9) Victory Cup to East Fremantle.
- (10) Reg. Elliott Shield to Wembley.

SOCIAL.

Several socials were held during the year, mainly for the visiting American players, and concluding with two wind-up socials.

The Junior Wind-up was in the form of a film evening, followed by an elaborate supper and cool drinks, with the presentation of trophies, these being presented by our President Mr. H. Rudderham.

The senior wind-up was held at the Pagoda Ballroom, Como, and proved successful, both financially and in entertainment, the trophies being presented by our President, Mr. H. Rudderham.

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYERS:

Winners of the awards in each grade were as follows:-

"A" Grade

W.-Whiteman (Midland Junction) 13 pts.

Then: B. Groves (Nedlands-Subiaco) 12; B. Griffen (Nedlands-Subiaco) 12; K. Stenhouse (Fremantle) 11; A. Paull (East Fremantle) 10; J. Taylor (South Perth) 10; R. Hawkins (Wembley) 10; T. Powell (Wembley) 10; R. Marshall (East Fremantle) 9.

FAIREST & BEST PLAYERS (Con'td.)

"A Reserve" Grade:

A. Richards (Mt. Lawley) 13 pts.
Then: G. Waddell (Fremantle) 12; W. Andrews (Fremantle) 10;
K. Ellis (Wembley) 9; G. Newman (Nedlands-Subiaco) 7;
K. Sugars (Bayswater) 7; B. Wheatley (Bayswater) 6.

"C" Grade:

J. Berry (Mt. Lawley) 21 pts.
Then: G. Bennett (Fremantle) 16; I. Scott (East Fremantle) 11;
D. Kitson (Midland Junction) 9; K. Morris (Perth) 8.

"D" Grade:

R. Scott (East Fremantle) and M. Hickey (Perth) each 18 pts.
Then: G. Blackman (Mt. Lawley) 14; J. Whisson (Mt. Lawley) 14;
G., Henry (Wembley) 14; J. Woods (Perth) 13.

GALA DAY.

This spectacular event was not held this year, owing to the American Visit and Carnival team training requiring precedent in organising.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Clubs were well represented by their delegates at all monthly meetings, but not so at the Tuesday mid-day meetings. This could give us food for thought as to whether a short evening meeting would be more successful.

To the Chairman of Committees, my personal thanks, for the help extended to me throughout the year.

AMERICAN VISIT REPORT.

Members of the Committee were --- Messrs. J.L. Carden (Chairman) P.R. Stratton (Secretary) F. Poat (Treasurer) W. Brown (Publicity Officer) A. Weaver (Billeting) and Association Secretary D. Kellow. Co-opted members were Messrs. L. Turnbull, J. Cowling, A. Swan, E. Prout, A. Mackintosh, E. Dixon. Mr. Howard Knight was elected Liaison Officer.

The tour of the University teams Washington and Lee and Virginia was not the overwhelming success financially, that the Members of the American Visit Committee had hoped for, in as much as the general public did not support the games other than the Match on Tuesday 7th July at Perth Esplanade.

Even so, this tour proved a complete success, and I don't think too much praise can be given to the members of the Committee who worked tirelessly to make it successful and a tour that will long be remembered.

Twenty meetings were held by this Committee and no matter, however small, was left to chance, as every point was gone over thoroughly to ensure that this tour ran smoothly.

To make it possible for us to have the visitors here in the first place, circular letters were sent to over 1,200 past and present lacrossiers. To those who responded to this scheme so generously, we say 'Thank you'.

When our finance was more or less assured, through the circular letter and raffle, enabling us to invite the Americans to tour our State, billets had to be found and the response was excellent.

BILLETS -

The success of the visit of the American Lacrosse Teams to Western Australia was undoubtedly due, to a large degree to those generous persons who acted as hosts. Great credit must go to them for the manner in which they threw open their homes and the expense and trouble they underwent to ensure the visitors had a memorable stay.

We wish, therefore, on behalf of the American Visit Committee to convey to the twentyfive hosts, sincere thanks for a job very well done.

PUBLICITY -

One of the most pleasing features of the American visit, was the wholehearted manner in which both the Press and Radio supported us with top note publicity. The West Australian Newspaper, the Daily News and the Sunday Times, all gave excellent coverage both in pictorial form and articles whilst on the radio, stations 6WF (Ron Halcombe) 6IX (Monty Menhennett) 6PR (Oliver Drake-Brockman) and 6PM (Graham Gooden) all continuously plugged the visit, along with the Clifton Advertising Agency, who sponsored our programmes cost free. They all assured the success of our first International visit in over 50 years and our Committee, to them one and all, says 'thank you'.

FINANCIAL.

A complete financial report cannot be given until we have the A.L.C. final report, however, as far as this State is concerned the tour was a success financially.

SOCIAL:

We dont think the Americans at anytime were lacking for entertainment, as they had quite a full programme arranged for them. The way they were entertained in this State, will I'm sure, be long remembered by them, one and all.

APPRECIATION:

We wish to record the sincere thanks of this Committee to all those too numerous to name, who did their part to make the tour the complete Lacrosse success it was. Particular thanks are extended to Perth City Council and Fremantle City Council for Civic Receptions and Ovals, and Subiaco City Council, Western Australian National Football League, West Perth Football Club, Subiaco Football Club, East Perth Football Club, and South Fremantle Football Club, for the use of their Ovals and facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:-

1. That a Committee be appointed each year to raise funds for Carnivals and Interstate Visits etc.
2. In all fund raising schemes that all participating Clubs receive 50% of the profit.
3. To ensure that future visits both International and Inter-state are successful, more help must be given by all Clubs to the Association, and Committees.

CHAIRMAN --- J.L. GARDEN

P.R. STRATTON
HON. SECRETARY.

LACROSSE AMATEUR REFEREES AND OLD PLAYERS
ASSOCIATION.

This body once more gave outstanding service to the W.A.L.A. and to its Secretary Mr. A. Weaver, my personal thanks for a job exceedingly well performed.

I cannot too strongly recommend to our stalwarts of to-day and yester-year to join this body.

ROUGH PLAY AND DISPUTES BOARD.

This Board was called upon to meet only once during the year to deal with a minor incident and this may well reflect on the sportsmanship displayed by all clubs.

FINANCIAL

A financial statement duly audited should be presented if possible at the Annual General Meeting.

PUBLICITY.

To Mr. Alex Moore and Mr. Bill Brown, the Association once again extends to you their sincere gratitude and thanks for a job exceedingly well done.

OBITUARY:

Once again it is my sad duty to report the loss of a great and promising player.

Early this year from injuries received in a motor accident lacrosse ranks lost a true sportsman and player in Dave Scott.

In 1957 he was a Member of the victorious touring Colts side. Captained the 1958 touring Colts side and gained mention for brilliant play.

In 1959 was selected to play in the W.A.L.A. senior Carnival side.

"Scotty" as he was affectionately known to team mates and opponents alike, has made such a mark in lacrosse history as to make it difficult for any other great sportsman to emulate

Sadly Missed.

CONCLUSION:

To all clubs, Secretaries, Office-bearers and Members, I once more extend my deepest gratitude for the way all gave unstintingly to assist me through the year as Secretary. Especial thanks to Mr. H. Rudderham for his many offers of Assistance during this past year. To any others whom should I have inadvertently omitted by name, I extend to them also my appreciation for their help. I regret that, through pressure of business, this must be my last year as Secretary.

D. KELLOW.

(HON. SECRETARY.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY WEMBLEY CLUB:

Additional Rule 29e. - All second round fixtures shall be played on neutral grounds, except with the express permission of the opposing captains.

SUBMITTED BY A.A. SWAN :

Constitution Clause 5. - Delete sub-section "D" and insert after "B" - "President, who shall be chairman of Committees." Delete the word "Honorary" in sub-sections "E" "F" "G" "H" and "I" and insert after the words "Elected annually", the words "All acting in an Honorary Capacity."

Add Clause 5c. - The management committee shall elect two Vice-Presidents from the twelve appointed, to serve on the management committee.

Clause 6. - Delete "A" "B" "C" and "F".

Insert "A" - Life Members, President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Vice-Presidents, Publicity Officer, Records Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Insert "B" - One delegate from each affiliated club or his proxy.

Clause 6g. Insert after the word "Boards" in lines one, three and five, the words "And Sub-Committees."

Reclassify clauses "A" "B" "D" "E" and "G" to read "A" "B" "C" "D" and "E" .

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Submitted by B.F. Blight:

"That "A" grade games be played on Sundays for the 1960 Season."