

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Gentlemen,

November, 1975,

1975 has undoubtedly been an interesting year for Victorian lacrosseurs. Six innovations come readily to my mind.

Firstly the new system of grading our open-age teams as recommended by our Committee of Advice in December, 1974. As stated by that Committee "the intention and effect of this system is to produce an undivided multiple club format for A section and B section with "second" teams not permitted from any club." This system I suggest worked sufficiently well in 1975 to warrant its continuance in 1976.

Secondly we saw the adoption of the international rules of lacrosse, with a couple of minor alterations to suit local conditions. This is a major achievement if international games are to become a regular feature of lacrosse competition.

Two further recommendations of the Committee of Advice which were put into practice this year were the elimination of a final series of games in E, F. and G. sections and the introduction of an Under 19 section.

A most important venture was the production of "Lacrosse" a news letter, that by disseminating not only Association, A.L.C. and club news, but by also including numerous items of interest to followers of lacrosse, hopes to gain and retain the interest and support of all interested in our game. Terry Allington who undertook the task of editing this paper deserves our sincere congratulations for an excellent production. Its future depends on the support it receives from the clubs - several of whom have made little effort to contribute articles or news items this year.

My sixth point concerns the gradual introduction of appointing two referees to take control of senior section and home and home games. While this ideally most desirable, I doubt its wisdom while we have such a small pool of referees to draw on. Surely our other open-age sections, and particularly our Under 19 section, not only deserve, but need the services of experienced referees in as many of their games as possible. This is something I suggest the clubs through their representatives on the Management Committee, should lay down firm guide lines for the 1976 season.

Preparations for the 1976 tour of the U.S.A., Canada and England are well advanced. Congratulations to the nine Victorians who "made" the team and to Ron Toomey on his appointment as co-captain. Our congratulations too, to Ted and Joy Clayfield, the husband and wife combination who have been selected as Tour Director and Trainer/Physiotherapist respectively, also to our publicity officer, Alan Chiron who has been appointed manager of the team. I know I speak for all Victorians when I wish them an enjoyable and successful tour.

Our secretary Steve Jacobs through pressure of work and the undertaking of further study has not re-nominated. Thank you Steve for the work you have done for the Association during the last two years. Although there was no nomination lodged for the position I am delighted to be able to report we have secured an eminently suitable replacement who only needs your endorsement this evening to become our secretary. I refer to Bill Taylor.

Premiership pennants were again widely distributed this year and it was very pleasing to see some new names included in the list of successful clubs. Our hearty congratulations to all concerned, both

# Victorian Amateur Lacrosse Association

(FOUNDED 1879)

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## ANNUAL REPORT

INCLUDING—

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

BALANCE SHEET AND

RECORDS REPORT

1975

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THE VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

(Founded 1879)

Amateur Sports Club, 14 McKillop Street, Melbourne 3000 Vic.

Annual Report and Records Statement for  
Season 1975

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Amateur Sports Club on Wednesday, 26th November, 1975

OFFICE BEARERS

Patron - The Hon. John F. Rossiter (1970)

President - Mr. H. Volk (1968)

Life Members (10)

Mr. G.J. Flood (1948)  
Mr. E. L. McIntyre (1951)  
Mr. C. F. Lansbury (1961)  
Mr. N. R. Jeffrey (1963)  
Mr. C. G. Middleton (1964)  
Mr. B. Newgreen (1965)  
Mr. R. N. Ponton Snr. (1966)  
Mr. F. D. Hogarth (1967)  
Mr. H. Volk (1968)  
Mr. M. Taylor (1971)

Vice Presidents (12)

Mr. K. Speakman (1971)  
Mr. K. R. Waite (1971)  
Mr. W. L. Gray (1966)  
Mr. G. F. Tillotson (1967)  
Mr. R. G. Holden (1968)  
Mr. T. C. Campbell (1975)  
Mr. C. G. Gregory (1966)  
Mr. D. Trainor (1975)  
Mr. E. F. Spreadborough (1966)  
Mr. A. Pearson (1967)  
Mr. L. A. Parker (1972)  
Mr. T. B. Taylor (1975)

General Secretary - Mr. S. Jacobs (1974)  
Treasurer - Mr. R. P. Trevaskis (1972)  
Records Secretary (Seniors) - Mr. B. Moore (1975)  
Records Secretary (Juniors) - Mr. C. F. Lansbury (1968)  
Minutes Secretary - Mr. D. Harris (1974)  
Assistant Secretary - Mr. S. Spreadborough (1974)  
Insurance Officer - Mr. R. Trevaskis (1972)  
Assistant Treasurer - Mr. O. Middlehuis (1975)  
Property Officer - Mr. C.G. Middleton (1968)  
Publicity Officer - Mr. A. Chiron (1971)  
Returning Officer - Mr. E. L. McIntyre (1963)  
Scrutineers - Mr. S. Spreadborough (1970)  
Mr. R. Ponton Jnr. (1974)  
Magazine Editor - Mr. T. Allington (1975)

Delegates: Australian Lacrosse Council - Mr. G. Tillotson (1973)  
Amateur Sports Club - Mr. T. Corrigan (1964)  
Sports Council of Victoria - Vacant

Liaison Officers - High Schools - vacant  
Technical Schools - vacant

Auditor - Mr. O. G. Urkenstein (1946)

Tribunal - Messrs. M. Taylor, F. Spiers, E. Spreadborough

Permit Committee - Messrs. G. Tillotson, J. McNeilage, H. Miller.

Visits Committee - Mr. G. Tillotson

Weather Committee - Messrs. E. Rolley, R. Stahmer, V. Bullock,

Match Committee - Messrs. K. Read, F. Stewart, E. Nicholls, E. Toomey.

Sub-Committees - Gymkhana - Convenor, Mr. B. Freeman  
Finals Series - Convenor, Mr. R. Freeman.

State Team Officials

Seniors Manager - Mr. E. Clayfield  
Coach - Mr. P. Humphreys  
Selectors - Messrs. D. Trainor, C. Gregory,  
D. Pearson

Colts Manager - Mr. R. Jackson  
Coach - Mr. D. Miller  
Selectors - F. Spiers, V. Bullock, D. Miller

Juniors Manager - Mr. R. Nicholls  
Coach - Mr. J. W. Daw  
Selectors - Messrs. R. Freeman, D. Imlach,  
R. Holden

Gentlemen,

Your Committee presents for your consideration and approval the 97th Annual Report and the Records for season 1975.

Season 1975 has seen many changes in various administrative areas and attitudes and most of these are covered in the President's address, most notable of these perhaps, being the successful introduction of a lacrosse news magazine and the alteration to the grading system. Both of these changes, and many others resulted from the meeting of the Committee of Advice which was formed and met late in 1974.

A. Administration

(1) Management Committee

The general administrative affairs of the Association were carried out through regular monthly meetings of the Management Committee. One additional meeting was held to consider the report of the Committee of Advice, a total of 12 meetings being held. As has come almost to be expected many occasions existed when Clubs were not represented at Management Committee meetings, and by now all Clubs must be well aware that their interests would be best served using their opportunity to take part in the Association.

It was particularly noticable that this year almost all meetings ran to quite lengthy sessions, and it was often necessary to defer matters until the next meeting. While the system of Management we are using continues to function adequately, should much more growth in the Association occur, the present system could become unwieldy and the need to reorganise our system of management could become apparent.

(2) Permit Committee

This year the Permit Committee functioned with an extremely high degree of efficiency.

The thanks of the Committee are extended to all members for their efforts, and particularly to Mr. Don Miller who served his first term as Secretary to this Committee in a most satisfactory manner.

(3) Tribunal

Many meetings of the tribunal were convened during this year to resolve the various matters referred to it and to consider player reports and appeals.

Appreciations are extended to all members and particularly to Mr. Ed. Spreadborough who accepted the duties of Secretary to the Tribunal in the absence of any formal nomination for the position.

(4) Visits Committee

With the senior interstate match held in Hobart and organised through A.L.C. The Visits Committee was not active. The various officials of senior, colts and juniors teams carried the responsibility for organising the various trips as all the games this year were played outside Victoria.

The thanks of the Committee are extended to all those who placed so much effort in these areas.

(5) Match Committee

This Committee has by undesirable tradition been hampered by late team entries and withdrawals. This year redraws of fixtures were found to be necessary even after the season had started. This situation is certainly unsatisfactory in the extreme and is one reason that the Committee of Advice devoted considerable time to the problems of grading. Many people involved with lacrosse but not with the mechanics of grading teams and producing a fixture were critical at this years gradings, however if the system adopted is persevered with and eventually forced to its logical conclusion a satisfactory pattern can be set, gradings and fixtures can be made available at an early date if and when Clubs accept their responsibilities in this regard.

The Association's thanks are due to those members of the Committee who produced a fixture for 1975 despite difficulties.

B. Playing Activities

(1) Playing Rules

In anticipation of A.L.C. approval International playing rules were adopted for season 1975. This followed on the meeting of the National Coaching Conference, and thanks to the efforts of those coaches who attended that conference and subsequently made available copies of the new rules, and convened an orientation night, the introduction ran quite smoothly.

(2) Junior Gymkhana

The popularity of the Annual Queens Birthday six a side competition appears to grow. Mr. Bruce Freeman once again did an excellent job of organising this event and the Association's thanks are due to him and to those who supported and assisted him.

(3) Fairest and Best Player Award

The congratulations of the Committee are extended to John Butkiewich of Williamstown Club.

(4) Interstate Lacrosse

Appreciations are extended to Selectors, Managers, Coaches and Trainers for their efforts in connection with our representative teams. Seniors, Colts and Juniors competed in matches during the year.

(5) Presentation Ball

The end of season function this year took the format of a most enjoyable ball.

The thanks of the Committee are extended to Surrey Park Club for conducting the organisation of the ball in a most satisfactory way.

C. General

(1) Referees

The Victorian Division of ALRA was this year affiliated as a club with the Association. A high and imposing standard of refereeing was evident throughout the year.

(2) Publicity

This aspect of our administration was again handled

most capably by Mr. Alan Chiron. His work in promoting the Interstate senior game staged in Tasmania must surely rate special consideration from the Committee.

Also active in the area of promoting and publicising our sport was Mr. Roy Freeman whose untiring efforts especially in promoting the final series particularly deserves the thanks of the committee.

#### D. Conclusion

A review of achievement for 1975 is normally a decidedly subjective affair when conducted by one person. It would certainly appear that 1975 has seen many improvements to our sport with the introduction of international rules, the publication of good quality news magazine and a change of grading systems.

The Association exists primarily to facilitate and promote the playing of lacrosse and the changes that have been made, the innovations that have occurred have been in the interest of the game in the opinion of those persons who make up the various committees that administer the sport. Many of these matters arose from the Report of the Committee of Advice and all were raised not with the interest of any one Club or individual in mind, nor with the thought that instantaneous success would result, but rather with the interests of the sport and with a view to the long term good of the sport.

Those who are familiar with the report will be aware that in the not too distant future the policies adopted as a result of the report will bring new pressures to bear on many of our Clubs, in the case of the larger Clubs this could take the form of a surfeit of players, and in the smaller clubs the need to administer teams in junior competitions. When this does occur and when the Association hears of this as it no doubt will it will be necessary to keep the larger perspective of the good of the sport overall clearly in mind, or the result could well be a less than progressive set of decisions, in fact a return to where the game stood some twelve months ago.

I will not be available as secretary in 1976, my best wishes to Bill Taylor in taking up the position and my thanks to all those Association members who have accepted the pressures that may have fallen their way during my term of office.

Finally the very best of wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year are extended to all members and supporters.

For and on behalf of the Committee

Steve Jacobs,

General Secretary.

#### RECORDS SECRETARY'S REPORT - SENIORS

The senior Grades were divided into 5 sections. Malvern and Williamstown dominated once again winning one premiership and taking second place in two sections. No club won more than one premiership.

Team gradings for 1975 were:

A Section	7 teams
A Res. Section	6 teams
B Section	7 teams
B Res. Section	7 teams
Under 19 Section	5 teams

A total of 32 teams were entered, but once again a team was forced to withdraw during the season.

#### Club Registrations and Team entries for 1975 were:-

<u>Club</u>	<u>Reg. Players</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>AR</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>BR</u>	<u>U19</u>	<u>Total</u>
Altona	36	-	1	-	1	-	2
C.G.I.	20	-	1	-	-	-	1
Caulfield	61	1	-	1	-	1	3
Chadstone	45	1	-	1	-	1	3
Coburg	33	-	1	-	-	1	2
Eltham	36	-	1	-	1	-	2
Footscray	32	-	1	-	1	-	2
Glenroy	18	-	1	-	-	-	1
Lalorbe University	17	-	-	-	4	-	1
Malvern	70	1	-	1	1	1	4
M.C.C.	41	1	-	1	-	-	2
Melbourne University	34	1	-	1	-	-	2
Surrey Park	34	1	-	1	-	-	2
U.H.S.O.B.	18	-	-	-	1	-	1
Williamstown	59	1	-	1	1	1	4
		-	-	-	-	-	-
	554	7	6	7	7	5	32
		-	-	-	-	-	-

#### CLUB REGISTRATIONS FROM 1966 - 1975

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>
Altona	36	16	13	17	14	15	15	16	18
C.G.I.	20	13	-	-	-	-	0	18	22
Caulfield	61	60	73	58	60	67	50	62	46
Chadstone	45	54	39	37	31	31	27	22	19
Coburg	33	18	16	24	25	31	15	39	34
Eltham	36	19	20	15	19	18	13	-	-
Essendon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17
Footscray	32	15	16	17	20	30	28	36	16
Glenroy	18	18	26	29	27	14	16	-	-
Lalorbe Univ.	17	32	31	28	33	19	-	-	-
Malvern	70	65	62	63	52	50	49	52	64
M.C.C.	41	39	29	35	26	27	49	39	34
M.H.S.O.B.	-	-	14	16	16	23	32	23	13

	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1966
Melb. Univ.	34	30	26	15	16	22	36	34	32
Monash Univ.	-	-	-	-	-	15	16	18	15
Newport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Surrey Park	34	32	41	42	41	49	46	33	38
U.H.S.O.B.	18	15	15	15	16	15	17	21	17
Williamstown	59	72	62	65	82	78	72	94	60
<b>Total Reg.</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>460</b>
Open Age Teams	32	34	32	33	32	35	31	28	28
No. of clubs	15	15	15	15	15	16	15	15	16

1967 Records not available.

### COMPETITION RESULTS

#### A. Section - Premiers - Williamstown

Once again Malvern and Williamstown played off in the Grand Final. Williamstown went through the season with only one loss. Chadstone dropped from fourth place to sixth place and Surrey Park returned to fourth place. Melbourne University finished in fifth place in their first year in A section for a number of years.

#### PREMIERSHIP LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY GAMES

	W.	L.	D.	FOR	AGST.	%	PTS
Williamstown	19	1	-	478	173	276.30	76
Malvern	18	2	-	477	171	278.95	72
Caulfield	12	8	-	320	239	133.89	48
Surrey Park	11	9	-	259	250	103.60	44
Melbourne Univ.	9	11	-	227	355	63.94	36
Chadstone	8	12	-	241	301	80.07	32
M.C.C.	3	17	-	75	588	12.76	12

#### FINAL RESULTS

1st Semi Final	Caulfield	13	dft.	Surrey Park	11
2nd Semi Final	Williamstown	15	dft.	Malvern	13
Prel. Final	Malvern	21	dft.	Caulfield	10
Grand Final	Williamstown	19	dft.	Malvern	12

#### VINCE HEALY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Congratulations are extended to John Butkiewicz of Williamstown as winner of the Vince Healy Memorial Trophy for season 1975.

#### Leading Players.

23	J. Butkiewicz	Williamstown
19	R. Twomey	Williamstown
15	P. Stiglich	Caulfield
14	G. Treloar	Malvern
13	W. Hanna	Caulfield
13	F. Stewart	Surrey Park
13	K. Daly	Malvern
12	G. Fox	Melbourne University

#### LEADING GOAL THROWERS (Including Finals)

106	J. Spicer	Williamstown	54	D. Norman	Caulfield
99	R. Twomey	Williamstown	53	N. Clark	Chadstone
87	K. Daly	Malvern	52	G. Ross	Caulfield
72	B. Smith	Williamstown	50	B. Moore	Surrey Park
66	N. Haley	Malvern	50	R. Cordell	Williamstown
63	A. Datson	Malvern			
61	G. Treloar	Malvern			
59	G. Fox	Melbourne University			

#### A RESERVE SECTION

#### Premiers - Altona

After going through the home and away games undefeated and winning their semi final by 14 goals Glenroy were defeated by Altona by 4 goals.

#### PREMIERSHIP LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY GAMES

	W.	L.	D.	FOR	AGST.	%	PTS.
Glenroy	20	-	-	421	188	223.94	80
Altona	13	7	-	344	263	130.80	48
Eltham	10	9	1	269	240	112.08	42
Coburg	8	12	-	262	268	97.76	32
C.G.I.	6	13	1	214	280	76.43	26
Footscray	2	18	-	172	443	38.83	8

#### FINAL RESULTS

1st Semi Final	Eltham	15	dft.	Coburg	10
2nd Semi Final	Glenroy	27	dft.	Altona	13
Prel. Final	Altona	24	dft.	Eltham	5
Grand Final	Altona	22	dft.	Glenroy	18

#### BEST & FAIREST - Leading Players.

27	B. Anderson	Altona
24	R. Jackson	C.G.I.
22	M. Davies	Footscray
21	N. Balfour	Footscray
21	J. Smith	C.G.I.
20	F. Trainor	Eltham
19	K. Read	Altona
19	K. Clues	Coburg

#### LEADING GOAL THROWERS (Including Finals)

104	B. Anderson	Altona
96	W. Walker	Glenroy
86	P. Walker	Glenroy
73	J. Smith	C.G.I.
72	J. Bunnet	Altona
69	M. Connell	Eltham
64	K. Read	Altona
58	D. Turton	Glenroy

#### B SECTION

#### Premiers - Malvern

Seven teams were entered in this section. Malvern dominated this section being undefeated during the season and winning the grand final by nine goals.

#### PREMIERSHIP LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY GAMES

	W.	L.	D.	FOR	AGST.	%	PTS.
Malvern	20	-	-	556	54	1029.63	80
Williamstown	17	3	-	353	83	425.30	68
Caulfield	13	7	-	226	237	95.36	52
Surrey Park	11	9	-	157	293	53.58	44
M.C.C.	8	12	-	147	285	51.58	32
Chadstone	7	13	-	130	169	76.92	28
Melbourne Uni.	3	17	-	30	478	6.28	12

#### FINAL RESULTS

1st Semi Final	Caulfield	19	dft.	Surrey Park	16
2nd Semi Final	Malvern	23	dft.	Williamstown	8
Prelim. Final	Williamstown	22	dft.	Caulfield	8
Grand Final	Malvern	22	dft.	Williamstown	13

BEST AND FAIREST - Leading Players

31	J. Sullivan	Melbourne University
23	D. Rogers	M.C.C.
18	C. Rodrigues	Caulfield
17	C. Willmott	Malvern

LEADING GOAL THROWERS (Including Finals)

131	C. Willmott	Malvern
98	R. Wilkinson	Williamstown
89	N. Bell	Malvern
52	G. Reddaway	Malvern
45	P. Jansen	Surrey Park
42	N. Farley	Caulfield
41	J. Martin	Malvern

B RESERVE SECTION - Premiers - Latrobe University

Seven teams were entered in this section, but Footscray withdrew during the season. Latrobe University went through the season undefeated but were given a fright in the grand final which they won by a single goal.

PREMIERSHIP LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY GAMES

	W.	L.	D.	FOR.	AGST.	%	PTS.
Latrobe University	20	-	-	376	85	442.35	80
Malvern	17	3	-	318	67	474.63	68
Williamstown	12	8	-	166	159	104.40	48
Altona	10	10	-	168	253	66.40	40
U.H.S.O.B.	6	14	-	117	229	51.09	24
Eltham	5	15	-	62	337	18.40	20
Footscray (withdrawn 12/7/75)	-	14	-	21	167	12.57	0

FINAL RESULTS

1st Semi Final	Williamstown	21	dft.	Altona	8
2nd Semi Final	Latrobe Univ.	18	dft.	Malvern	12
Prelim. Final	Malvern	22	dft.	Williamstown	13
Grand Final	Latrobe Univ.	11	dft.	Malvern	10

BEST & FAIREST - Leading Players

38	H. Boyd	U.H.S.O.B.
23	G. Young	Latrobe University
21	A. Chiron	Williamstown
20	K. Daly	Latrobe University

LEADING GOAL THROWERS (Including Finals)

110	G. Young	Latrobe University
85	G. Valoppi	Latrobe University
72	K. Daly	Latrobe University
64	P. Strapp	Malvern
56	G. Campbell	Malvern
40	A. Chiron	Williamstown

UNDER 19 SECTION - Premiers-Chadstone

Five teams competed in this section with Coburg missing the finals. Williamstown defeated Chadstone in the 2nd semi final. Chadstone then defeated Caulfield in the preliminary final by only 3 goals. In the grand final Chadstone showed improved form and defeated Williamstown by 5 goals.

PREMIERSHIP LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY GAMES

	W.	L.	D.	FOR.	AGST.	%	PTS.
Chadstone	16	2	2	417	172	242.44	68
Williamstown	16	4	-	345	122	282.79	64
Caulfield	11	7	2	240	216	111.11	48
Malvern	8	12	-	283	237	119.41	32
Coburg	3	17	-	68	537	12.66	12

FINAL RESULTS

1st Semi Final	Caulfield	25	dft.	Malvern	20
2nd Semi Final	Williamstown	21	dft.	Chadstone	17
Prelim. Final	Chadstone	23	dft.	Caulfield	20
Grand Final	Chadstone	17	dft.	Williamstown	12

BEST & FAIREST - Leading Players

36	D. Grant	Malvern
33	C. McLeod	Coburg
31	J. Hartley	Williamstown
22	A. Schneider	Caulfield

LEADING GOAL THROWERS (Including Finals)

159	R. Freeman	Chadstone
100	B. Kerr	Chadstone
81	C. Jenkinson	Malvern
76	J. Hartley	Williamstown
55	T. McGuigan	Williamstown
52	G. McQuinn	Caulfield
51	G. Cook	Malvern

E. GRADE Premiers - Malvern

11 teams from 9 clubs

	Points
Caulfield Green	42
Malvern Black	42
Surrey Park	32
Chadstone	30 *
Williamstown	27 *
C.G.I.	23 *
Caulfield Gold	14
Eltham	13
Malvern Red	13
M.C.C.	12 *
Footscray	12

\* = No match reports 30.8.75

PLAYOFF FOR PREMIERSHIP

Malvern Black 17 d Caulfield Green 12

F1 GRADE Premiers - Caulfield

10 teams from 10 clubs.

	Points
Caulfield	36
C.G.I.	31
Coburg	27
Williamstown	23
Mitcham	21
Chadstone	15
Surrey Park	13
Malvern	8
M.C.C.	6
Eltham	-

F2 GRADE Premiers - Altona

7 teams from 6 Clubs.

	Points
Altona	38
Malvern	35
Mitcham Eagles	28
Footscray	27
Caulfield	17
Mitcham Falcons	16
C.G.I.	9

G1 GRADE - Premiers - Caulfield

8 teams from 8 clubs

	Points
Caulfield	42
Chadstone	32
Malvern	30
C.G.I.	22
Surrey Park	14
Coburg	14
Mitcham	12
Williamstown	10

G2 GRADE - Premiers C.G.I.

7 teams from 6 clubs.

	Points
C.G.I.	38
Caulfield	34
Mitcham	31
Malvern	26
Surrey Park Tigers	21
Chadstone	8
Surrey Park Panthers	10

NOTE - In junior grades 2 points are awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.