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To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at the Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 17th February, 1960, at 7.30.p.m.

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VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

Your Committee presents for your consideration and approval the 81st Annual Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for Season 1959.

STRENGTH OF GRADE:

The season commenced on 18th April with 23 Open-Age and 20 Under-Age teams, an overall gain of six teams compared with the previous season. A detailed comparison is set out in the Hon. Record Secretary's Report, from which it can be seen that the drift of the 16-17 years group remarked upon in last year's report has been turned into the largest gain in open-age teams for many seasons.

Junior sections have shown a regular and steady growth, from 12 teams in 1954 to 20 at the present time. Over the same period, senior sections dropped from 20 to 18 teams (1956), recovered to 20 in 1957, and fell back to 19 in 1958.

The increase of 4 senior teams this season is most gratifying, and clubs are to be congratulated on their efforts to build up our reserves of potential State representatives.

Despite the loss of the Garland McHarg Cup, the season generally can be regarded as one of considerable progress in the building up of the game in this State. If this progress can be maintained over the next 2-3 years, Victoria should be able to contest the next Carnival with very good prospects of success.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

The General Committee met on three occasions through the year, and the Executive Committee on nine occasions.

Attendances at these latter meetings were as follows:-

P. H. Shappere (Chairman)	9	N. R. Jeffrey	8
W. L. Gray	7	H. Volk	6
M. Aitken	8	C. G. Middleton	8
J. E. Taylor	5	Hon. Treasurer	7
		Hon. Secretary	9
		Hon. Asst. Secretary	9

Also present at these meetings was the Hon. Records Secretary.

In addition to the meetings listed above, the Executive Committee met on several occasions at very short notice to deal with matters, mostly concerned with the Carnival, which required urgent attention.

Every member of the Executive Committee was also chairman, or a member, of one or more of the sub-committees responsible for the Carnival arrangements. In most cases, the total number of meetings attended by each member during the period March - October was in excess of 20, and is indicative of the amount of time involved in planning and administration. A considerable amount of time was also spent in interviewing people and organisations connected with publicity, catering, transport, entertainment, billeting and grounds management.

REFEREES:

Early in the year, the Association approached Mr. Ted Axford, Hon. Secretary of the Lacrosse Referees' Association, which had been in-operative for several years. Mr. Axford, kindly consented to call a meeting, and to contact a number of former professional referees as well as those ex-players who had been officiating in a similar capacity in 1958. Messrs. Fred Durham and Noel O'Brien, who have rendered invaluable service to the game as amateur referees, also attended the meeting, Mr. Durham accepting the position of Hon. Secretary pro tem.

The revival of the Referees' Association should do much to ensure a uniform standard of control, and ex-players who are interested in refereeing, either professionally or as an amateur, are invited to join this body and so assist in raising the standard of the game.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Messrs. Durham & O'Brien for their services on the field throughout the season, and also to those other members of the V.A.L.A. who acted in a similar capacity from time to time.

VINCE HEALY MEMORIAL TROPHY:

The Vince Healy Trophy for best and fairest was won by Noel Jeffrey (Malvern).

We congratulate Noel on receiving this coveted award for the second time during his lacrosse career, and also on his appointments as Malvern captain and State captain, positions in which he gained the respect and admiration of all lacrosseurs.

GYMKHANA:

The Annual Gymkhana was held at the Malvern Cricket Ground on Queen's Birthday, 15th June, and was conducted for the Under-Age sections only, as in the previous season. The standard of lacrosse was the highest for many years, and the three clubs whose teams contested the finals deserve high praise for the stick-work and lacrosse 'sense' which they have inculcated in their juniors.

It is most important that this ability be maintained and further developed during their next year or two in the lower Open-Age sections. To this end clubs should make every effort to see that these lads are in no way neglected. Competent coaching in "D" and "C" sections is a vital factor both in maintaining interest and enthusiasm, and in qualifying the younger players to reach quickly the standard necessary for State representation.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE MATCH:

The junior Interstate match against South Australia at the Malvern Cricket Ground on 22nd August resulted in an overwhelming win for Victoria for 19 goals to 3. Accommodation for the visitors, and entertainment for both teams were capably attended to by Manager, Mr. P. H. Shappere.

As in the previous year, the Victorian team was coached by Mr. Frank Moore, and the results achieved are an indication of the thoroughness of his preparation. Age-limits necessitate almost a complete change of personnel every year, but despite this limitation, he succeeded in moulding these players into teams with an overall record of 39 goals "for" to 13 goals "against".

The ability and success of these juniors in Interstate competition gives further weight to my earlier remarks on coaching and encouraging them right through the Open-Age sections.

INDOOR LACROSSE:

Early in November an approach was made to the Army authorities for the use of a drill-hall for night lacrosse, but it was not possible to obtain a personal interview until 6th January. Since then, the President has had further interviews with the Army, and it appears that our application has been favourably received and is likely to be granted.

It is probable that further progress will have been made by tonight, in which case it can be expected that the President will inform the meeting of these latest developments.

PUBLICITY:

Whilst a certain amount of publicity was lost this year through circumstances beyond the Association's control, and which the Association was unable to regain despite the efforts of several members, this loss has been offset to a large extent by increased coverage in other channels.

Pennant matches have been covered twice per week in the "Age", and lacrosse news has been featured, on numerous occasions on the A.B.C.'s "Sporting Highlights" from 3A.R. at 6.30.p.m. Messrs. Trevor Davis ("Age"), Percy Taylor and Noel Bailey (A.B.C.) have been most courteous and helpful, and on your behalf I extend to them the Association's sincere thanks.

News submitted independently to 3XY has been broadcast at 12.35.p.m. on Saturdays, and this also has been greatly appreciated by our members.

CARNIVAL - U.S.A. VISIT:

In view of the importance of this combined event, and in order that a comprehensive record may be available for reference and future guidance, this matter is being dealt with in a separate report.

OBITUARY:

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death during the year of two of our most esteemed and respected Life-Members, Mr. A. E. Gordon Webb and Mr. T. L. Fulton.

Mr. A. E. Gordon Webb - Hon. Secretary of the Australian Lacrosse Council from its formation (1931) to 1934, and its Hon. Treasurer for many years thereafter. President of the A.L.C., 1950-51.

An old Canterbury player, Gordon Webb rendered outstanding service to Victorian and Australian lacrosse, and was a Vice-President of the V.A.L.A. before being elected a Life-Member. He was closely associated with the game for over forty years, and his active support ceased only when he was compelled by ill-health to give up his administrative offices in the early 1950's.

Mr. T. L. Fulton - Tom Fulton took an active part in lacrosse in three States. First as Chairman of Committee of the V.A.L.A., and afterwards as a keen supporter of the game in N.S.W. and S.A.

On his return from South Australia in the early 1940's he was again elected Chairman of Committee, a position he retained for many years and in which he will be remembered by many Club officers. In 1957 he presented the Phillip Shappere Cup to the W.A. Colts team at the Malvern C.G., and as recently as last year took his place on the General Committee at several of its meetings.

The Association has received a generous donation from Miss Agnes Fulton in memory of her late father. This has been set aside for the promotion of junior lacrosse, in which Mr. Fulton took a special interest.

MALVERN "A" SECTION PREMIERSHIP:

As far as possible, an Association Annual Report should refrain from comment of a personal or "club" character. On this occasion, I feel that the performance of the Malvern Lacrosse warrants a deviation from this policy.

Malvern's achievement in gaining, for the second time, its tenth successive premiership in senior lacrosse, is a record of which its team, its past players, and its administrative officers may justly feel proud. To all lacrosseurs, it should be a source of inspiration, in that what one club has done is not beyond the capacity of other clubs.

Whilst it would be presumptuous of me to suggest how this should be done, I do not think it would be out of place to observe that in my 30 years association with lacrosse the most successful clubs have had the same characteristics - a sound, capable and active administration, a secretary who was always "on the ball", a vigorous recruiting and coaching scheme, and a strong sense of team work in every phase of their activities.

I believe that clubs are now beginning to realise that premierships are not won on the field and on the field alone, and that a considerable improvement in playing standards may be expected as a result.

I am sure that all members will join in conveying to the Malvern Lacrosse Club our heartiest congratulations on what must surely be a unique record in any branch of senior sport.

POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S.A.

It must be apparent to all members that the possibility of a visit by an Australian team to the United States will depend almost entirely on finance, and that on past experience it may be necessary for this Association to give a lead in the matter.

I therefore commend to your earnest consideration a suggestion by the President that our younger players be encouraged to undertake a personal savings campaign towards this objective. Whilst the Association will make every effort to see that its members are adequately represented in any team that may be sent overseas, it is unlikely that the very considerable sum required could be raised solely by this body. It could well be that the personnel of the team would be limited to those who could meet some portion of the fare, or at least contribute their own spending money, as was the case with the Americans on their visit here.

No announcement has been made by the A.L.C. of any official invitation to visit the U.S.A. but in a personal letter received from Mr. George Corrigan on 25th January he states that the U.S. Lacrosse Association has extended Australia an invitation for 1961, '62 or '63. It is now up to us in Australia to see that this invitation is not allowed to go 'cold'.

Mr. Noel Jeffrey has offered to organise a Special Effort along the lines of the one he conducted so successfully in 1958, and which enabled this Association to carry out its commitments to the U.S.A. visit and Carnival, and to lacrosse within our own State.

I have no doubt that the incoming Committee will whole-heartedly endorse Mr. Jeffrey's proposal, I strongly exhort every lacrosseur to give his support to the V.A.L.A. so that it may be adequately represented in Australia's first overseas lacrosse team.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

It would be impossible for me to name individually or to thank adequately, the many members of the V.A.L.A. who gave their time and energy to make 1959 the year in Victorian lacrosse. I know from personal contact with the members of the Executive Committee and the various sub-committees that they sacrificed much of their private affairs and family life to the interests of the game. Many other members devoted week-ends, and in some cases their annual leave, to the cause of lacrosse, and to all of them the Committee of the V.A.L.A. is deeply grateful.

OUR PRESIDENT:

I am sure that every member will join me in conveying to Mr. Bob Coldstream our sincere appreciation of his leadership throughout the year. Without this leadership, and the initiative which he displayed when the American visit itself was in the balance, lacrosse in this State would not be in the sound position which it holds today.

To the V.A.L.A. he has contributed wisdom and leadership, and to the Carnival dignity, modesty and the highest ideals of sportsmanship.

We congratulate him on his elevation to the Presidency of the Australian Lacrosse Council, where his qualities will have an even wider influence.

SEASON 1960:

Whilst it is pleasant to look back on 1959 as a year of considerable achievement, we must not flag in our efforts to promote the game still further. Much remains to be done before we regain the numerical strength we attained just before the war. Equipment is still one of our main problems, but I believe there are now indications that this difficulty may be overcome.

On the credit side, we have two great incentives - (1) the recovery of the Garland-McHarg Cup; (11) the possibility of a return match in America within 2-3 years. Let us enter the 1960 season determined that both these objectives will be achieved.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

RICHARD GOSLIN,

Hon. Secretary.

As Chairman of the Executive Committee, I feel that this Annual Report would not be adequately complete without a word of acknowledgement of the tremendous job done by our Hon. Secretary.

Only those who were members of the Executive Committee could possibly know of the vast amount of work, time and energy he gave to the Association in this our International Year. For many weeks he put his business aside completely and devoted his whole time to the organisation required for the Carnival and American visit.

I feel that no words could adequately cover the work he has done for this Association, and that every member of the V.A.L.A. will join me in saying congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

(Signed) P. H. Shappere,

Chairman,
Executive Committee.

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HON. RECORD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1959.

Gentlemen,

This report continues in the same form as the previous few years and includes the International Tour results as well as the Australian Lacrosse Carnival.

Details of the numerical strength of Clubs is as follows:-

	1959	1958	1957
<u>Number of Clubs:</u>	9	10	9
<u>Teams:</u>			
Open Age	23	19	20
Under Age	20	18	16
	<u>43</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>36</u>
 <u>Registered Players:</u>			
Open Age	354	317	293
Under Age	303	286	243
	<u>657</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>536</u>

<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>T E A M S</u>						<u>P L A Y E R S</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	1959	1958	1957	O/AGE	U/AGE	1959	1958	1957
CAMBERWELL-GLEN	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	2	3	18	27	45	35	44
IRIS	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	6	5	58	70	128	107	81
CAULFIELD	1	-	1	-	2	-	4	3	2	30	22	52	47	31
COBURG	1	1	1	1	2	2	8	7	6	64	66	130	121	107
MALVERN	1	-	1	1	1	1	5	4	3	40	34	74	58	39
M.C.C.	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	3	27	-	27	32	40
M.H.S.O.B.	-	1	1	-	1	1	4	4	5	38	34	72	67	75
SURREY PARK	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	2	30	-	30	30	26
UNIVERSITY	1	1	1	-	2	2	7	6	7	49	50	99	89	93
WILLIAMSTOWN														
	6	6	6	5	10	10	43	37	36	354	303	657	603	536

Registrations continued their upward trend and a new senior section was added. We had an overall gain of four senior and two junior teams and, an increase of 54 more registered players over last season. Although the new open age 'D' section started scratchily, the five teams managed to keep going and this section should become an established fact from now on. Unfortunately Heidelberg Technical School failed to enter the U16 section and we returned to nine Clubs once again.

An analysis of registrations together with comparisons with the two previous seasons are set out below.

	O/Age	U/Age	1959	1958	1957
Played Regularly	259	226	485	439	411
Played Irregularly	66	62	128	138	89
Registered but did not play	29	15	44	26	36
	<u>354</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>536</u>

FINAL COMPETITION RESULTS:

"A" Section

TEAM	P	W	D	L	Walk Over		FOR	AGN	PTS.	%
					Re'cd	Given				
Malvern	15	15	-	-	-	-	256	44	60	581.8
Caulfield	15	12	-	3	-	-	215	84	48	255.9
W'stown	14	7	-	7	1	-	140	102	32	137.2
Coburg	15	6	-	9	-	-	100	183	24	54.6
M.H.S.O.B.	14	2	-	12	-	1	75	177	8	42.3
M.C.C.	15	2	-	13	-	-	69	265	8	26.0

Semi-Finals: Williamstown 14 Coburg 7
Malvern 13 Caulfield 2

Preliminary Final: Caulfield 12 W'stown 4

Grand Final: Malvern 9 Caulfield 7

Goalthrowers:

D. Trainor (Caulfield)	52	T. Campbell (Malvern)	51
I. Mountford (Malvern)	46	J. Church (Caulfield)	42
G. Reddaway (Malvern)	40	J. Flood (Caulfield)	33
W. Daw (Malvern)	31	B. Spedding (W'town)	30
N. Jeffrey (Malvern)	29	D. Jackson (Coburg)	28
J. Stewart (W'stown)	26	R. Reddaway (Malvern)	26
G. Trainor (Caulfield)	26	R. Ratcliffe (Coburg)	25
J. Morrish (W'stown)	25	D. Reyment (Caulfield)	23

Six Teams competed (the same number as last season). Malvern completed its second run of 10 consecutive premierships and established a record believed to be unequalled in senior sport anywhere in the world. Caulfield presented strong opposition and more than once almost upset Malvern's aspirations. The strength of the two leaders in this section is shown in the fact that the first seven top goalthrowers were Malvern (4) and Caulfield (3).

"B" Section

TEAM	P	W	D	L	Walk Over		FOR	AGN	PTS	%
					Rec'd	Given				
Caulfield	15	12	2	1	-	-	175	98	52	178.5
University	15	10	1	4	-	-	109	85	42	121.4
Malvern	14	6	1	7	-	1	103	92	26	111.9
C.Glen Iris	15	6	1	8	-	-	126	152	26	82.8
Surrey Park	15	4	1	10	-	-	66	99	18	66.6
W'stown	14	3	-	11	1	-	76	128	16	59.3

Semi-Finals: Malvern 13 C.Glen Iris 8
Caulfield 8 University 4

Preliminary Final: Malvern 4 University 1

Grand Final: Caulfield 8 Malvern 5

Goalthrowers:

F. Trainor (Caulfield)	51	R. Davies (University)	42
L. Smallhorn (Caulfield)	38	R. Spriggs (Malvern)	31
K. Preston (W'stown)	31	R. Ponton Jr. (Caul.)	31
P. Key (C.Glen Iris)	26	A. Bassett (C.G.I.)	25
F. Spiers (Malvern)	24	H. Smith (C.G.I.)	24
C. Jacobs (C.G.I.)	23	M. Krake (Caulfield)	18

Williamstown re-entered and M.H.S.O.B. withdrew leaving six teams to compete, the same number as last season. The competition was very keen throughout the season with no team 'out of it' from the start. The final four was decided only in the last two or three home and home matches. Caulfield were the premiers and showed that they were an excellent team by being beaten only once during the season. The runners up, Malvern, started the season badly and had to come from last place, they showed a lot of grit to get as far as they did. A feature of this section was the very tight defence of nearly all teams as shown by the number of drawn matches and low scoring games.

"C" Section

TEAM	P	W	D	L	Rec'd	Given	For	Agn	Pts.	%
Malvern	15	15	-	-	-	-	191	58	60	329.3
Coburg	15	9	1	5	-	-	128	73	38	175.3
M.C.C.	14	8	1	5	1	-	131	89	38	147.2
Caulfield	15	7	-	8	-	-	95	121	28	78.5
W'stown	15	3	-	12	-	-	81	177	12	45.7
Surrey Pk.	14	1	-	13	-	1	56	164	4	34.1

Semi-Finals: M.C.C. 8 Caulfield 4
 Malvern 15 Coburg 5

Preliminary Final: M.C.C. 9 Coburg 2

Grand Final: Malvern 5 M.C.C. 4

Goalthrowers:

G. Tate (Malvern)	51	T. Allington (Malvern)	46
G. Coad (Malvern)	44	J. Hughes (Caulfield)	34
A. Bricknell (M.C.C.)	34	G. Pryor (Malvern)	31
E. Hansen (M.C.C.)	31	K. Buchanan (M.C.C.)	26
K. Hogg (W'stown)	26	B. Murphy (Coburg)	22
R. Barnes (S.Park)	21	A. Johnson (Coburg)	20

Six teams took their places on the field in "C" section as against seven teams last season. University withdrew and entered "D" section. Malvern were Premiers and Champions, remaining unbeaten throughout the season, but not without spirited opposition from both M.C.C. and Coburg. M.C.C. put up a good performance to be only one goal down in the Grand Final against Malvern. This section was re-formed three years ago and has now become an established part of senior Lacrosse.

"D" Section

TEAM	P	W	L	Byes	Rec'd	Given	For	Agn	Pts.	%
M.C.C.	10	7	3	3	2	-	90	58	48	155.1
Malvern	10	6	4	3	1	1	67	65	40	103.0
M.H.S.O.B.	9	6	3	3	-	3	84	53	36	158.5
Caulfield	8	2	7	3	3	1	39	77	32	50.6
University	9	2	7	3	1	2	51	78	24	81.6

Semi-Finals: M.H.S.O.B. 9 Caulfield 2
 M.C.C. 12 Malvern 5

Preliminary Final: M.H.S.O.B. 15 Malvern 0

Grand Final: M.H.S.O.B. 14 M.C.C. 6

"D" Section continued...

Goalthrowers:-

J. Ellis (M.C.C.)	50	K. Millard (MHSOB)	46
E. Nicholl (M.H.S.O.B)	20	T. Cooper (M.C.C.)	19
I. Arms (M.H.S.O.B.)	19	K. Webb (University)	17
D. Scoullar (M.H.S.O.B)	15	B. Flood (Caulfield)	12
B. Richardson (M.C.C.)	13	R. Datson (Malvern)	14

This new senior section was made up of three new teams and two teams which had dropped from higher grades. It began badly with Caulfield suffering most. In the first five weeks they played one match, received three walk-overs and had to forfeit one game themselves. But after a few weeks the competition improved so much that only one walk-over was recorded in the final seven rounds of home and home matches. There is no reason why this section should not remain on the senior list as it now appears to be quite well established. M.H.S.O.B. came from well down the list to win this section, proving too experienced and stronger all round than the rest of the teams in the competition. M.C.C. did well to lead at the end of the Home and Home matches but found M.H.S.O.B. too much for them in the Grand Final.

"E" Section

TEAM	WALKOVERS									
	P	W	D	L	Rec'd	Given	FOR	AGN	PTS.	%
W'stown Gold.	15	14	-	1	1	-	222	28	56	792.1
* Malvern Blk.	14	14	-	-	-	-	229	33	56	693.9
Surrey Park	15	13	-	2	-	-	209	64	52	326.5
W'stown Blue	15	4	2	6	3	-	100	121	32	82.6
Coburg Blue	15	7	1	7	-	-	83	127	30	65.3
C.G.I.	11	4	1	6	2	2	91	106	26	85.8
* Malvern Red	11	7	2	5	1	2	58	69	24	84.0
* Caulfield	14	1	-	13	-	-	72	176	4	40.8
'x Coburg White	12	1	-	11	-	1	36	199	4	18.0
' M.C.C.	12	1	-	11	-	2	30	207	4	14.4

Results of two matches are still outstanding (x')
 * To be replayed if necessary.

<u>Semi-Finals:</u>	Surrey Park	27	Williamstown Blue	2
	W'stown Gold	12	Malvern Black	7
<u>Preliminary Final:</u>	Malvern Black	7	Surrey Park	5
<u>Grand Final:</u>	W'stown Gold	12	Malvern Black	6

Goalthrowers:

E. Stewart (W'stown Gold)	76	A. Coad (Malv. Blk.)	76
B. Moore (Surrey Park)	57	J. Martin (Malv. ")	55
R. Wright (Surrey Park)	50	E. Toomey (W'stown Gold)	46
J. Evans (Malvern Blk.)	41	D. Ferris (W'stown Gold)	41
R. Barnes (Surrey Park)	40	G. Minniece (Malvern Blk.)	31
R. Watterson (Coburg Blue)	30	D. Spreadborough (Surrey Park)	30

The name of this section was changed from U16 to "E" section. Heidelberg Technical School did not enter a team. Coburg entered a second team and C.G.I. re-entered the section, thereby increasing the team strength to ten as against nine last season.

Williamstown Gold once again proved too strong for their opponents. This is the fourth consecutive premiership in this section to this Club and they won their fourth Grand Final by six goals. The wealth of talent in this section is reflected in the margin by which the Victorian U16 team won the Carl Shultz Cup. The top three teams were particularly strong, finishing well ahead of the rest of the teams in the competition. One bad feature of this section was the tardiness to supply results and complete list of players.

"F" SECTION:

WALK-OVERS

TEAM	P	W	D	L	Rec'd	Given	For	Agn	Pts.	%
Malvern Black Caulfield	14	12	1	1	-	-	253	36	50	702.7
Mohawks	14	12	-	2	-	-	245	57	48	429.8
W'stown Blue	13	11	1	2	1	-	188	78	46	241.0
*C.Glen Iris	13	7	-	6	-	-	140	140	28	100.0
Caul. Hurons	14	6	-	8	-	-	124	171	24	72.5
Caul. Sioux	14	4	2	8	-	-	81	178	20	45.7
Malvern Red	13	4	2	7	-	1	64	158	20	40.5
**M.C.C.	12	4	-	8	-	-	115	152	16	75.6
W'stown Gold	14	3	-	11	-	-	85	151	12	56.2
Surrey Park	13	2	-	11	-	-	90	263	8	34.2

(Results of two matches are still outstanding)**)

Semi-Finals:- W'stown Blue 15 C. Glen Iris 9
 Malvern Black 9 Caulfield Mohawks 9
 (Malvern Black awarded match - rule 59).

Preliminary Final: Williamstown Blue 10 Caulfield Mohawks 4

Grand Final: Malvern Black 9 Williamstown Blue 8
 (After extra time).

Goalthrowers:

S. Spreadborough (S.Park)	72	B. Bell (Malvern Blk.)	67
G. Trealoar (Malv. Blk.)	68	I. Logan (Caul.Mohawks)	62
B. Price (Caul.Mohawks)	62	P. Clark (C.G.I.)	58
R. Cordell (W'stown Blue)	60	M. Wold (Caul.Mohawks)	50
M. Orr (W'stown Blue)	57	D. Sykes (M.C.C.)	45
M. Grabert (Caul.Hurons)	45	P. Dunne (Caul.Mohawks)	39
R. Haas (Caul.Sioux)	41	J. Casely (Malv.Blk.)	38
R. Campbell (Malv.Blk.)	38		

This section, previously known as U14, was renamed "F" section. With the inclusion of a third team from Caulfield this section increased in team strength to ten, one more than last season. Malvern were premiers (7th time in nine years of competition - another remarkable record to this Club) but only after extra time in both the Semi-final and Grand Final. Again a large Lacrosse potential was revealed in this junior section. A feature of this section was the fact that S. Spreadborough was the top goalthrower yet his team finished last. The rest of his team combined could only score 16 goals as against his 72. On one occasion he scored 14 goals and in another match 13 goals. This section was also lax in sending in results of matches played.

Viewing the Pennant games as a whole, a general improvement is detectable in all sections. This is partly due to the fact that more of the younger players are "staying in the game" and more new players are being reached each year. The more players we have the more top-class players will be available to us. The time is now ripe for new clubs, teams and ideas. These things added to a desire to keep the game going are now vital to our progress.

MID WEEK COMPETITION:

No information has been received from the schools playing in these competitions.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - SIX - A - SIDE COMPETITION:

"E" SECTION	FINAL:	Williamstown Gold 4	Malvn Black 3
"F" SECTION	FINAL:	Williamstown Blue 4	Coburg 3.

BEST AND FAIREST TROPHY:

Vince Healey Memorial Cup - N. R. Jeffrey (Malvern).

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

The highlight of the 1959 Lacrosse season, and in fact the most memorable event in Lacrosse since 1907, was the arrival on 1st July 1959 of An American Lacrosse team from the Virginia and the Washington-Lee Universities. They were here to play a long awaited series of matches against State teams and to wind up with a Test match against Australia on the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The American team commenced their tour in Perth and won the first three matches in that city. They defeated the three Western Australian teams 10-8, 8-6, and 12-8. In Adelaide the South Australian team proved too brilliant for the American team and won the first two encounters. The third match showed a vast improvement in the American game and they managed a one goal win. The scores for these matches were: 13-5, 12-6 (Under lights on Norwood Oval) and the American win 10-9. The scene was then shifted to Victoria and the games were interspersed with the Carnival matches. The Americans defeated Victorian teams on all three occasions, the first two matches very easily, but just 'scraped in' against Victoria's No. 2. team. The scores were 14-5, 15-4 and 7-6.

At the end of this series The Scorebook read: America 7 wins 2 lost. South Australia 2 wins 1 lost and both West Australia & Victoria 3 matches lost.

The Test Match was the final game of the tour and resulted in a win to Australia 8 goals to 5.

Victoria's three teams selected to play against the U.S.A.

Colts		Victorian Seconds	
L. Ingram (Capt.)	R. Graham	R. Ratcliffe (Capt.)	I. Lowe
J. Morris (V.Capt.)	L. Titter	D. Miller (V.Capt.)	D. Imlach
B. Wilkinson	F. Jones	E. Jones	J. Flood
N. Wright	F. Trainor	P. Humphreys	R. Lennie
N. Marr	L. Owen	G. Lawrence	I. Millard
B. Downer	R. Spriggs	D. Rayment	D. Deagon
G. Hill		T. Pepperell	I. Bryning.
B. McDonald			

Victoria's Senior Team (Also Carnival Team)

N. R. Jeffrey (Captain)	J. Church
G. Reid (Vice Captain)	T. Campbell
R. Sloggett	I. Mountford
M. Addison	W. Daw
I. Jewitt.	D. Trainor
C. Eddy	N. Mellville
L. Goding	G. Reddaway
J. Daw	R. Reddaway

The six Victorians selected to play with Australia in the Test match were:-

R. Sloggett	G. Reid	J. Daw
D. Trainor	W. Daw	R. Reddaway

INTERNATIONAL MATCH RESULTS.

1. U.S.A. 14 D VICTORIA COLTS / SECONDS 5.
Goalthrowers: U.S.A. Horst 4, Storkerson 2, Taylor 2, McCleary 2, Feldstein 2, Alley 1, Tracht 1.
Victoria. Graham 2, F. Trainor 2, Bryning 1.
Best Players. Victoria: Wilkinson, Hill, McDonald.
2. U.S.A. 15 D VICTORIA FIRST / SECONDS 4.
Goalthrowers: U.S.A. Feldstein 2, Corrigan 2, Stull 3, Storkerson 2, McHenry 2, McCleary 2, Horst 1, Taylor 1.
Victoria: Ratcliffe 2, W. Daw 1, R. Reddaway 1.
Best Players. Victoria. J. Daw, G. Reid, D. Trainor.
3. U.S.A. 7 D VICTORIA SECOND / COLTS. 6.
Goalthrowers: U.S.A. Spillman 2, Corrigan 2, McHenry 2, McCleary 1.
Victoria: Humphreys 2, Flood 1, Millard 1, Ratcliff 1, Bryning 1.
Best Players: Victoria Goding, Humphreys, Bryning.

TEST MATCH RESULT - M.C.G. 8th August.

- AUSTRALIA 8 -d- UNITED STATES 5.
- Goalthrowers: Australia. Gandy 3, D. Gomer 2, Sloggett 1, Lines 1, Hamilton 1.
U.S.A. McCleary 2, Corrigan 2, Stull 1.
- Best Players: Australia. D. Gomer, Sloggett, Lines, Hamilton, Johnston, Reid (until injured).
U.S.A. Tracht, Feldstein, Applefeld, Nice.

The International series proved most successful in all States. It brought to light an interest from past players and an increase in enthusiasm for the game amongst the ordinary players. If this interest and enthusiasm can be maintained then an overseas visit by an Australian team would become more than a possibility. For these reasons this visit has proved most valuable. It is doubtful if the Americans have taught us much in regard to how the Australian game is or should be played. The position play of the Americans can be explained by the fact that they do not 'freeze' when the referee blew his whistle. By moving they are able to cover any open players and to break clear and make leads, whereas our players are required to remain stationary. The interchange of players during a match, as used in indoor Lacrosse, could be used to advantage in the field game, but because of a shortage of senior players this could only be used in junior home and home matches and possibly during the Finals.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CARNIVAL MATCH RESULTS

The Australian Lacrosse Carnival was staged at the same time as the American Team's visit to Victoria. All matches were played alternately on the same grounds and days. This then became the most difficult Carnival run in Australia by Amateur Lacrosse Officials. One State unfortunately considered itself somewhat neglected and another appeared to be concerned only with winning and not interested in goodfellowship as is usual on these occasions. It is to be hoped this latter attitude does not spread to future visiting or home teams.

1. VICTORIA 15 -d- W. AUSTRALIA 3

Goalthrowers: R. Reddaway 5, D. Trainor 4, Church 3, Sloggett 1, Victoria. Mountford 1, Hit In 1.

W.A. Scott 2, Griffin 1.

Best Players: Victoria: Daw, Sloggett, Trainor.
W. Australia: Balinski, Bridge, Liddelow.

2. SOUTH AUSTRALIA 20 -d- W. AUSTRALIA 1

Goalthrowers: S.A. Gandy 7, Bemold 3, Keen 3, Hamilton 2, Gomer 2, Lines 2, Hit In 1.
W.A. Stenhouse 1.

Best Players: S.A. Turner, Gandy, Hamilton.
W.A. Stenhouse, Balinski.

3. SOUTH AUSTRALIA 9 -d- VICTORIA 5.

Goalthrowers: S.A. Gandy 5, Hamilton 2, Johnston 1, Lines 1, Victoria: Campbell 1, Jeffrey 1, Sloggett 1, Church 1, W. Daw 1.

	<u>SUMMARY</u>			Goals	
	Won	Lost	Pts.	For	Agn.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2	-	4	29	6
VICTORIA	1	1	2	20	12
WEST AUSTRALIA	-	2	-	4	35

SOUTH AUSTRALIA First, VICTORIA Second, WEST AUSTRALIA Third.

The Garland-McHarg Cup, the Carnival trophy, was therefore won by South Australia. This is the first time South Australia has won this coveted trophy in 33 years, the last occasion being 1926.

The Bob Symonds Cup was retained by South Australia, giving them their third victory in succession, but on this occasion by a vastly reduced margin.

BRADY TROPHY

The Brady Trophy, presented for the most outstanding player of the Carnival, went to R. Turner (South Australia).

JUNIOR INTERSTATE

The Junior match (U16) was played in Melbourne, Malvern Cricket Ground, and resulted in a very easy win to Victoria for the second year running. If the last two years are any indication these boys have the makings for very stiff opposition against South Australia when they join the senior ranks.

VICTORIAN U16 STATE TEAM:

E. Stewart
J. Addison
E. Toomey
J. Martin
D. Spreadborough
D. White
D. Ferris
C. Pirzas

Result:- Victoria 19 defeated South Australia 3.

Best Players - Toomey, Addison, Spreadborough, Stewart.

Goalthrowers - Martin 7, Spreadborough 4, Ferris 3, Toomey 3,
Stewart 2.

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