

STOCK BOOK

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The Honorary Secretary,
V.A.L.A. *Rec'd*
C/o. Amateur Sports Club,
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Little Collins Street,
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481 Centre Road,
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3rd August, 1955.

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Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on the recent visit of the South Australian Under 16 Team to Victoria.

The Team, comprising fourteen players and their Manager, Mr. F. Melbourn arrived on Friday, 29th July, and were met at Spencer Street Station by Members of the Association, and Members of the Victorian Team, following which they left for their billets.

During the afternoon they practiced at the Albert Ground. In the evening both teams were the guests of the Management of the St. Moritz, to watch the Ice Hockey. The evening was very enjoyable, and I would ask that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Management.

The Match was held at the Albert Ground, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th July. The Victorian Team was as follows:

Goal	I. Lee
Point	G. Frigo
Cover Point	C. Willison
3rd Man	N. Skepper (Vice-Captain)
Wing Defence	B. O'Halloran
Wing Defence	G. Wright
Centre	J. Flood (Captain)
Attack	I. Bryning
Attack	B. Woolfe
3rd Home	N. Hole
2nd Home	C. Tillotson
Emergency	H. Orr

Mr. I. J. Taylor addressed the two teams on behalf of the Association

before the commencement of the game. The day was cold and dull, but no rain fell during play.

Victoria commenced with two quick goals, South Australia then equalized and at quarter time the score stood - Vic. 5, S.A. 4. The Second quarter showed even play, with Victoria scoring two goals and South Australia three goals, showing 7 Goals each at half time.

In the Third quarter Victoria went quickly to the attack, and threw three goals to South Australia's one, leading at the change by 2 goals....10 to 8.

In the last quarter South Australia quickly attacked, and displaying superb stick and Team work, forced the Victorians into many errors, throwing 5 goals to Victoria's 1, and winning the game 13 goals to 11.

The goal scorers for Victoria were:

N.Hole	6
J.Flood	8
J.Bryning	1
C.Tillotson	1

Best Players were:

G.Wright
I.Lee
J.Flood
N.Hole

It is interesting to note that G.Wright, who was No.1 in the Best Players, was playing first year Lacrosse.

A Buffet Dinner was held at the Albert Ground, the Chair being taken by Mr.E.Selth. During the Dinner I presented the Carl Schultz Cup to the South Australian Manager. A Picture night at the Regent Theatre followed.

On Sunday afternoon the teams were driven to Belgrave for

afternoon tea, followed by a tour of the surrounding district, and left for Adelaide by train that evening.

The South Australians showed vast superiority over the Victorians in both stick and team work, and special attention should be paid to these points in the Seasons to follow, if we are to regain the Cup.

I cannot speak too highly of the work put in by the Coach, Mr. Graf, both during and after the training period, and extend to him my sincere thanks and those of the team. I would also like to place on record my appreciation of the help given to me by Mr. M.G. Donald, and Mr. Frank Lansbury, in the arrangements for the week-end, and to Mr. K. Buchanan for arranging the Buffet Dinner and the supplying of afternoon tea during the Match.

Our thanks must also go to those people who billeted the boys, and very kindly loaned their cars for the Sunday outing.

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Manager of the Victorian Under 16 Team. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Manager,
Victorian Under 16 Team.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Manager's report Victorian Colts Team visit to Perth, Western Australia for Inaugural Southern States Colts Carnival July 30th-Aug. 4th 1955

The party comprised as under departed Melbourne 26/7/55 and returned 0/8/55.

		<u>Club</u>
J.M. Hodges	Manager	
W. Maddison	Trainer	
D. Imlach	Captain	Caulfield
D. Trainor	Vice Captain	"
R. Free		Malvern
F. Jones		"
E. Jones		"
I. Millard		M.H.S.O.B.
B. Coad		"
J. Lock		"
P. Knight		"
L. Rodda		"
W. Page		"
D. Miller		Caulfield
T. Wold		"
D. Price		"
R. Cameron		M.C.C.
D. Dunn		"
A. Rawady		Coburg
T. Norris		"

After an interesting though tiring journey the team, together with the South Australian Team under the Managership of Mr. A. Vial, arrived in Perth on the morning of Friday, July 29th and were met by a large gathering of West Australian Lacrosse Association players and officials.

The Managers of the two teams and Mr. Maddison were booked in at the Criterion Hotel, Hay Street, and the individual players billeted out. The team practised during the afternoon and attended an official reception in the evening (see programme attached).

At the reception, attended by some 130 players and officials, the visitors were welcomed by the W.A.L.A. President Mr. J. Cardin and Mr. Clive Hickey.

In response, I thanked the W.A.L.A. for their foresight in staging such a Carnival for Colts, thereby giving younger Lacrosse players the opportunity to meet each other, establish friendships and above all further the game as a whole. I assured them of the support of the V.A.L.A. in the venture and in response to a direct suggestion made, committed Victoria to staging the second Annual Colts Carnival in Melbourne, during 1956, subject of course to confirmation and circumstances permitting - see recommendation below.

The entire programme of the Carnival as shown followed during the ensuing 10 days and I now append results of matches played etc. under relative sub-headings.

Carnival Matches
Saturday 30th July, 1955 v. West Australia No. 2 Team at Leederville
Oval at 1.30 p.m.

All 18 playing members each participated in at least one quarter of the match by arrangement with the W.A.L.A.

Result 6 goals all

Throwers F. Jones 4, D. Trainor 2.

Best and Fairest D. Miller, F. Jones, D. Trainor, A. Rawady.

Remarks A fast even game, with Victoria losing many chances to score because of the strangeness of the hard ground, nervousness, and the changing each quarter of the players.

Tuesday, 2nd August, 1955 v. South Australia at Perth Esplanade 12.15 p.m.

Team

Goal
Defence

D. Miller
D. Imlach
R. Free
E. Jones
R. Cameron
P. Knight

Centre
Attacks

M. Page
D. Trainor
D. Dunn

Homes

I. Millard
F. Jones
D. Price

Emergencies

T. Norris
A. Rawady

Result South Australia 24 d. Victoria 9

Throwers D. Trainor 5, D. Price 1, M. Page 1, F. Jones 1, Hit in 1.

Best and Fairest D. Trainor, R. Free, D. Miller, E. Jones.

Remarks A relatively even game for the first half - scores being 12 - 5 favour S.A. After the interval South Australia's superior forward play and a tightened defence gave them an easy victory. Victoria's lack of forward players with ability to penetrate and an inexperienced defence line were most noticeable. D. Trainor showed brilliant form in both individual effort and teamwork and Don Miller's performance in goals won him acclaim from all. E. Jones and R. Free were the best of the others. The lack of physical fitness on a waterlogged ground showed the importance of obtaining such condition prior to games of this nature.

Thursday, 4th August, 1955 v. West Australia at Perth Esplanade at 12.15 p.m.

Team

Goal
Defence

D. Miller
D. Imlach
R. Free
E. Jones
R. Cameron
P. Knight

Centre
Attack

M. Page
D. Trainor
T. Wold

Homes

F. Jones
I. Millard
B. Coad

Emergencies

J. Lock
A. Rawady

Result West Australia 23 d. Victoria 6

Throwers F. Jones 3, D. Trainor 2, D. Miller 1.

Best and Fairest D. Miller, D. Trainor, R. Free, D. Imlach.

Remarks The West Australian team's excellent fitness, accurate stickwork and experience together, left no doubt as to the result. Victoria were completely outplayed on all parts of the ground and but for the outstanding goalkeeping of D. Miller once again, the score would have been much higher. The Victorian team played much better in the second half with Trainor and F. Jones combining well to score 4 goals.

Although the emergencies took the field in this half by consent, the lack of stickwork and fitness were again most apparent.

Results of other Carnival Games

29/7/55	W.A.	20	d.	S.A.	11
4/8/55	S.A.	20	d.	W.A. No.2	5

By remaining undefeated, West Australia won the Carnival and Clive Hickey Shield.

At the Colts Ball on the evening of 4th August trophies were presented to various recipients and Victorian players to participate were as follows:

Runner-up Most Outstanding Player of Carnival
D. Trainor

South Australia Lacrosse Association trophy for most outstanding player in Victorian Team over Carnival
D. Miller

On behalf of the V.A.L.A. I made presentations of 2 trophies as follows:
Most outstanding S.A. player :- P. Drew
" " W.A. No. 2 team:- L. Penn

An All-Australia Colts team of 16 players was named and Victoria was represented by :-

- D. Imlach as Vice Captain (Defence)
- D. Trainor (Attack)
- R. Free as Emergency (Defence)
- W. Maddison as Official Trainer.

Six-a-Side Gala Day - Saturday, 6/8/55

At the request of Mr. Vial and myself the W.A.L.A. staged their Annual Gala Day one week earlier to allow both the visiting State teams to compete in "A" Section.

Victoria entered 2 teams of 6 players, with 3 reserves each. Results:

No. 1 Team Lost 2 games
Won 1 game (8 - 2)

No. 2 Team Lost 2 games.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, the regular Annual Trophy presented by the W.A.L.A. for the best and fairest player for the whole gala day was won by D. Miller for an outstanding performance in goals against senior forwards from some of West Australia's leading Clubs.

Reports on players

For the information and future guidance of the V.A.L.A. Executive I append a short report on each of the 18 members of the Victorian Team. It will be noted that I have commented on each lad's ability as a player and also on his general behavior during the trip.

D. Imlach Captain

Played very well taking his responsibility into consideration. Kept defence together throughout. Played 3 full games. Named as V. Captain All-Australia Colts team as W. Defence. Excellent conduct and manner, co-operative. Has future.

D. Trainor Vice Captain

The outstanding member of the team on the field. Played lacrosse well above his usual Victorian standard, led the attack in an unselfish and excellent manner. Played 3 full games. Named in All-Australia Colts Team as Attack. Received Runner-up trophy as most outstanding player in Carnival. Conduct very good. Has future.

R. Cameron

Played as Defence except for half against W.A. as goalie, and deserved place in team for 3 games. Conduct excellent and co-operative. Has future as defence player, not goalkeeper, in my opinion.

Financial - Manager and Trainer

Manager's Allowance received from V.A.L.A. £25

I append an itemised list of expenditure incurred by me on behalf of the V.A.L.A. and the Colts team.

Whilst this considerably exceeds the allowance made I do not wish for reimbursement of the balance. The largest single amount, namely, £19:5:4 Hotel accommodation o/a W. Maddison, Trainer, was brought about because the W.A.L.A. considered that whilst they were prepared to pay Hotel accommodation for the two visiting Managers in lieu of private billeting, they disclaimed responsibility, through an apparent misunderstanding, for a trainer's expenses. However, the untiring efforts of Mr. Maddison who acted as trainer and first-aid for the 3 State teams, were such that he could not justifiably be expected to pay his own living expenses when it was originally understood that he would be billeted. The S.A.L.A. donated £5 towards his expenses and also made other personal presentations in gratitude for his services. I personally, on behalf of the team, made a presentation of an autographed photograph, and also desire to record the team's sincere appreciation of Mr. Maddison's efforts, particularly as a number of injuries were incurred during games. These could have left both Victoria and South Australia short of key players but for the prompt attention they received from Mr. Maddison.

Postages, telegrams, telephone calls etc.	£ 1: 6: 9
Medical Supplies	2:12: 6
Gum, oranges, drinks etc.	1: 1:11
Entertainment W.A. Officials,) gratuities, drinks(etc.)	10:17: 0
2 Trophies and engraving	3: 2: 0
Photograph presentation W. Maddison	17: 6
Sundry taxi and tram fares (team)	1:13: 6
Hotel Accommodation o/a W. Maddison	19: 5: 4

£40:16: 6

In most cases, receipts for the above items are held and can be produced if required.

General

Several outstanding points come to mind as essentials for any future Carnival side travelling Interstate to compete.

1. The team, even travelling at its own expense, must be selected well in advance of the actual Carnival and be of representative calibre. Intensive coaching and fitness is also essential. South Australia were able to do this and had an excellent side. West Australia being the home side, had a distinct advantage in this regard.

2. A qualified trainer/masseur/first aid man is essential to accompany a team. Players, particularly younger ones, gain confidence from the presence of such a person.

3. The entertainment provided by the W.A.L.A., particularly for the players, was poor. Too many evenings were left free, and with the team spread over the City and suburbs in private homes, very little control could be exercised by the Manager.

To obviate the latter it is considered desirable that players selected should be "under the one roof" say a suitable boarding house, to cut expenses. Funds to assist in this regard could be raised in advance of the trip by the players themselves co-operating in social functions, raffles etc..

Recommendation

As mentioned earlier, I discussed the matter of Annual Colts' Carnivals with the West Australia and South Australia officials. They consider, and I concur, that in order to help the future of the game generally in Australia, it is essential to continue the Carnivals at regular periods thereby encouraging young men to gain knowledge and experience in lacrosse with an eye to Interstate representation in a Colts team and then senior representation.

I therefore strongly recommend that the V.A.L.A. Executive give early serious consideration to applying to the A.L.C. for permission to conduct the Second Annual Southern States Colts Lacrosse Carnival in Melbourne during 1956, possible during July in order to give representatives the opportunity if selected to also compete in the Senior Carnival in Perth in August, 1956.

The Clive Hickey Shield is available for the purpose and both States are keen to participate.

A canvass taken of the Victorian team members showed that they are very willing and keen to form themselves into a Committee under leadership to arrange such a Carnival and raise funds for the purpose.

I consider they are genuine in their enthusiasm.

Conclusion

In concluding this report I should again like to sincerely thank the V.A.L.A. for entrusting me with the Managership of the Team, which although not successful in its games, nevertheless represented Victorian lacrosse in a gentlemanly manner and gave no cause for complaint.

I also wish to record my appreciation of the excellent entertainment and consideration afforded to Mr. Maddison and myself by the officials of the W.A.L.A..


MANAGER