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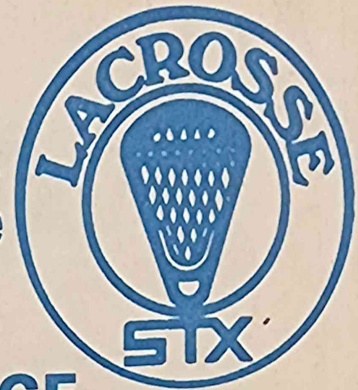


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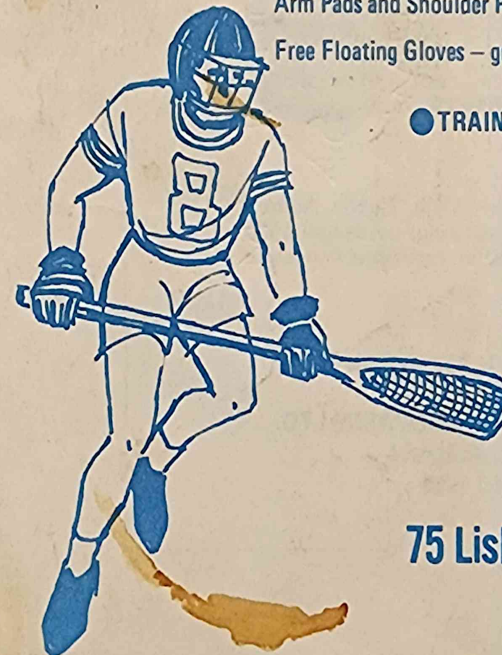
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season. As it is they only finished one game out of the four and would have given some of the finalists a shake if they had made it. Shows a lot of promise for next year depending on their potential to recruit.

Glenroy - a most disappointing side, have the potential to be much higher on the list but don't appear to have the desire, have all the attributes but won't go on with it.

The C side finished second to Coburg, after the home and home matches and had a good year but fell down in the finals, losing both their matches.

M.C.C. still have a long way to go but a vastly improved side. Handle the ball equally as much as most sides but lose it too easily to the opposition. Now starting to realize they have the ability to push other sides. The U.19's only finished two points from the final four and undoubtedly have some good youngsters available to promote to the senior side.

C.G.I. started the season with two wins but had an unfortunate run of injuries to experienced players which sapped their confidence. They have many good stick handlers and fast movers but lacked penetration during the latter part of the year. The experience gained in their first year of A grade should produce better results next year.

The C team finished third but were surprisingly defeated by Altona in the semi. The U.19 team started the season well but then deteriorated towards the end of the year. This young club is gaining experience all the time and a vast improvement should be seen over the next two years.

Altona - the senior team was disappointing and didn't win a game from May onwards - they are certainly better than that. Their C team just scraping into the four on

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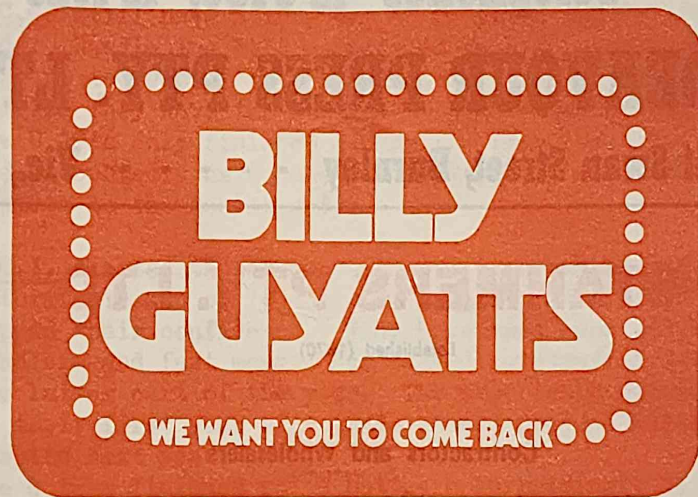
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percentage upset C.G.I. and Glenroy in the finals and gave the eventual premiers, Coburg a good run for their money in the Grand Final. The U.19 team made the four, and lost the semi to Caulfield.

It appears that Altona has a bit of depth available for their top side and hopefully show improvement next year.

Melb. University - early in the year were poor but towards the end showed improvement in desire to win. Their Colts side in C section is showing gradual improvement and with the additional time put in by the coach more improvement should be noticeable next year.

Coburg - Two teams in open age and both premiers. Their B team led the competition all year and had some great tussles with Malvern. Defeating Malvern in the Grand Final - this team will now be elevated to A grade next year. The C team undefeated all year found Altona difficult to get away from in the Grand Final. Coburg have certainly come afloat in the past two years winning two pennants in 77 and 78.

Footscray - The B team in the four early in the season, were unfortunate to lose top players for the Box team in Edmonton, consequently missed the four by only one game. The C team missed the four on percentage only and the luck of the draw gave their opponents an extra bye during the year and four points. Under the circumstances with Phil Parker taking over the coaching this year, did quite well.

Eltham - Had two open age teams - both performed moderately. Losing their coach created a set back but that has now been overcome - hopefully there will be improvement next year.

Mitcham - This young club had their first ever team in open age and obviously it will take a couple of seasons to become acclimatised to the tempo. However they performed well and with the infusion of new players from their junior ranks and more experience undoubtedly will improve.



## PERSONALITIES OF THE GAME

This issue of Lacrosse we honour Mr. HENRY VOLK

### Period 1921 - 40 As a Player

Henry began playing with Melbourne High School in 1921 as a goal keeper and was Vice Captain of the 1922 D Section team. He joined M.H.S.O.B. in 1923 played in goals up to 1930 in C section finally playing Senior A section in season 1929 - 30. In 1931, Henry played in B grade, captained the side and was top goal thrower.

Henry played with Melbourne University in 1932 - 34 and in 1935 joined M.C.C. and returned to goal keeping. He transferred to Adelaide Uni. in 1936 and on his return to Melbourne in 1937 started to play with Caulfield until 1940. He rejoined Melbourne Uni. A team and captained the side in 1939 - 40.

Awards - Received a full blue in 1938, plus the Australian Universities Sports Association award. He was given life membership of M.H.S.O.B. in 1954, the A.L.C. Certificate of Merit in 1955, the V.A.L.A. Past President's Trophy in 1967 and was made a Life Member of V.A.L.A. in 1968.

### Administrative Positions Held

Founded M.H.S.O.B. Club in 1923, was Secretary 1923-4-31, President 1946 - 73 and was secretary of Melb. Uni. 1933-34. On Association level from 1922 - 49 he represented M.H.S. - M.H.S.O.B. and Melb. University as delegate to V.A.L.A. General Committee, was member of Executive Committee for approx. seven years under the chairmanship of the late Ike Taylor and Phil. Shappere. He was a State Selector 1948 - 50 and 1953 - 54. He was manager of the Victorian Carnival Team 1950 and a Member of Investigation Committee 1960 - 1968 and occupied the Chair 1963 - 65 and 1967 and 1968. He was Vice-President V.A.L.A. from 1947 - 68 a total of 22 years.

Henry was President of the V.A.L.A. from 1969 - 1978.

### Australian Level

Henry has been Vice President of the Australian Lacrosse Council 1969 - 72 and 1975 - 78. He has been President of the A.L.C. in 1973 - 74 and Vice President of International Lacrosse Federation 1974 - 76.

Henry had the honour and distinction of being President of both the Australian Lacrosse Council and the Victorian State Association during that historic year of 1974, when the world series were held in Melbourne.

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### V.A.L.A. NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the V.A.L.A. held on Wednesday, 22nd November ended a lacrosse career spanning over 50 years when Henry Volk retired from the position after holding office for 10 years.

The newly elected President, Mr. Phil. Humphreys now has the task of harnessing the vast growth of Lacrosse in Victoria.

Several presentations were made at the meeting including A.L.C. Medallion for the Best and Fairest in Australia to Gary Tillotson of Surrey Park.

Don Reymont and Graham Minniece were both recipients of A.L.C. Certificates of Merit and Bill Gray Sr. received a Life Membership Certificate.



CLUB NOTES

CAULFIELD

For the 32nd consecutive year Caulfield and Sturt Lacrosse Clubs met at the end of the season (Sept. 23 - 24) to enjoy a weekend of friendly rivalry and social revelry.

The usual festivities commenced at 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday when the bus carrying some 30 Sturt representatives arrived at Caulfield Park and the visitors were shown the wonders of our renovated clubrooms and filled with copious quantities of refreshments.

The two games on Saturday afternoon were keenly, sometimes vigorously, and certainly evenly contested, perhaps due to the fact that many of the Caulfield players were as handicapped as our guests, having attended the V.A.L.A. ball on the previous night.

The Saturday night "fun and games" was thoroughly enjoyable with specially selected "educational" films and the annual SOAKFIELD CUP tussle, which was eventually, easily won by the solid Caulfield team despite many attempts to stick to the usual tradition.

After many stories and by a majority (unpopular) vote the "El Tarus Excretus" shield was jointly won by Tony (Dave and Mable) Schneider and Paul (Nig Nog) Lynch.

The Sunday picnic-barbeque was held amid the tall trees at Sherbrooke Forest - an entertaining and pleasant day was had by all.

A rousing send off at Caulfield Park - with Alan Jennings arriving just in the proverbial nick of time, no thanks to Don Miller, capped off the festivities.

Caulfield Cont.

Match Results of Caulfield - Sturt Games

A Grade - Caulfield 24 defeated Sturt 18

B Grade - Caulfield 17 defeated Sturt 13

Best Players - A Grade - P. Voight (C) F. Vella (S)  
B Grade - G. Small (C) G. Miller (S)

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

On Thursday Sept. 7, the club held a clinic at the Debney Park Community Centre to foster interest in the game and also to teach the staff of this establishment how to use the equipment that they have available.

About 30 children attended and many showed a great interest in the game. It is now the aim of this Club to return to this centre during the Christmas School holidays to do the same exercise again in the hope of gaining enough interested players to form an under-age team for the 1979 season.

It may be of interest to the womens lacrosse association to know that there were a few girls who attended the clinic showing great interest. If information were to be supplied to the community centre or to our club secretary this could be passed on to these girls and may they could be playing in 1979.

Finally sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Les Goding who at the last moment was asked to attend. If Les had not attended the benefit that was gained by the kids would not have been anywhere near as great.



Malvern Cont.

Clarrie Foster, probably one of the greatest lacrosse players ever, travelled from Mirboo North.

Presentations were made to Fred Smith, Clarrie Foster, Pat Miles, Charlie Middleton, Otto Unkenstein and Terry Allington.

The respect and admiration of the large gathering was very noticeable when Mr. Malvern himself, President, Frank Lansbury welcomed the large gathering.

CHADSTONE

Chadstone finished the year on a good note with a win over Burnside in the annual end of season game. The presentation of club awards was held at Churchill Park on Sunday 17th Sept. when the club had its best attendance ever at this function.

The award winners were: Vaile Cup - Steve Ellis  
Best and Fairest player awards:

A Grade	- Bruce Freeman	- John Nolan
B Grade	- Ron Lowe	- Phil. Skiller
E Grade	- Athol Freeman	- David Ricketts
F Grade	- Keith Kay	- Brendan Sheedy
G Grade	- Robert Young	- Stephen Smith
Most Improved Senior		- Phil Shaw.
Most Improved Junior		- Paul Currie
Best 1st year player		- Craig Smith
C.R. and C.C. trophy		- Lyle Chynoweth

Congratulations to Steve Ellis (Field) and John Nolan (Box), Chadstone's first players to represent Australia. Also congratulations to Athol Freeman, winner of the Best and Fairest trophy at the Junior National Championships.

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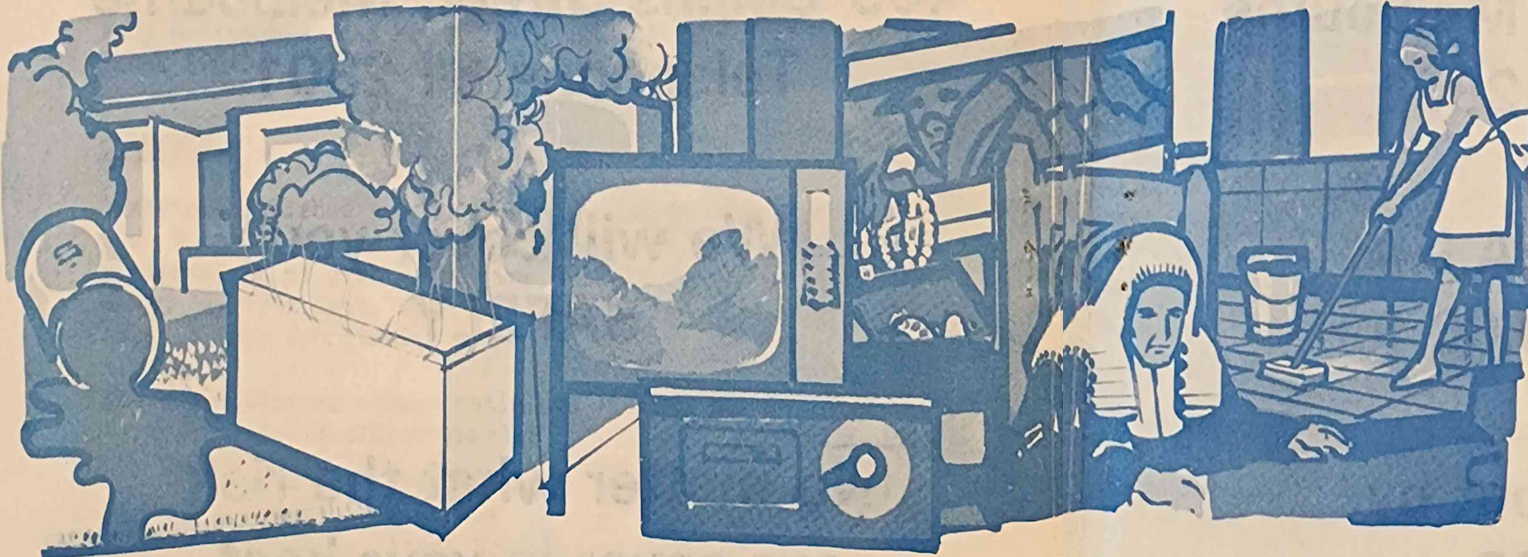
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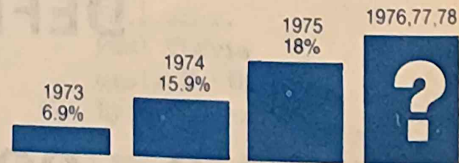
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The President, Mr. Phil Humphreys welcomed Past and Present lacrosse players and visitors and in particular Mr. Ken Norris representing the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Competition Results.

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Graeme Reddaway

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Runner Up (on count back) - Greg Smith 75

Longest drive 9th Hole (A.W.A.) - G. Reddaway  
Longest drive 15th hole (Billy Guyatts) - Frank Polinkas  
Nearest Pin on 11th (Brine) - Neville Bell  
Nearest Pin on 17th (STX) - Ken Norris  
18 Holes Putting (Hardy's) - Terry Allington 33



## LACROSSE IN GEELONG

Initially through the efforts of Helen Davies, now resident in Geelong, Lacrosse certainly will be played in Geelong in 1979.

Helen, a Victorian and Australian player and coach of Castlemaine Club inserted an advertisement in the Geelong Advertiser, proposing to start a womens lacrosse team in the area.

Newcomb and District Sports Club became interested in the proposal and with their assistance, publicity from the local press plus undoubted interest from the Sports minded local council, a ladies team will undoubtedly participate in the Melbourne Competition next year.

At the instigation of Bill Taylor (Secretary of V.A.L.A.), Howard Michalski now playing with Altona, but residing in Geelong made it known to the local press that mens lacrosse would be interested in forming a team. John Morrish (ex Williamstown and coach of Glenroy) also resident in Geelong in conjunction with Howard, received wide local press and radio coverage, subsequently an approach was made by the Newcomb & District Sports Club who offered their expertise and management skills to assist the mens and womens Lacrosse Clubs initial beginnings.

The coverage by press and radio was outstanding and most beneficial and encouraging and can only stimulate our efforts to succeed.

Lacrosse has now officially become part of the Newcomb & District Sports Club and will be known as the Newcomb Mens and Womens Lacrosse Club. The Newcomb colors will be maroon with sky blue trim and the Newcomb logo will be prominent on all the club tops.

The Newcomb Club hired a conference room in a local hotel, attended by Mens and Womens Lacrosse Personnel and arranged substantial advertising to indicate to the Geelong public an open night would be held, lectures, films and demonstrations given on the skills of lacrosse.

The Newcomb Club are bending themselves backward to assist our development and sponsored a visit to Geelong of the Great Britian Womens Team that recently toured Australia. They played an exhibition match and gave a coaching clinic to several hundred high school students. Our greatest problem was a shortage of equipment to allow the students an opportunity to handle a racquet. A reception was held for the Great Britian tourists by courtesy of the Shire Council. The press coverage was tremendous and without doubt their visit to Geelong created a vast amount of enthusiasm to our cause.

As part of the "SpringDing" held in the Geelong area over Melbourne Cup week-end, Newcomb staged a series of matches. Unfortunately the elements were not very kind, torrential rain and hail stones made conditions very difficult.

The Under 12 games opened proceedings, followed by a womens match between Newcomb and a combined Melbourne team.

The main match of the day was between Newcomb and Altona, the spoils being the "Spring Ding Challenge Cup" which was won by Altona 6 goals to 4.

Despite the deplorable conditions, the introduction of lacrosse to Geelong was very successful and Newcomb wish to thank the mens and womens teams from the Melbourne area for their assistance in promoting Lacrosse in Geelong.



## THE YEAR 1978 IN RETROSPECT

### JUNIOR GRADES

The most pleasing feature of the Juniors is that in the six sections, premierships were won by six clubs. Ten out of the thirteen clubs had teams in the various finals.

Altona had three teams in the juniors though none made the finals. Their F1 and G1 sides only missed out by one game, both finishing fifth. The E1 won seven games, and there appears to be adequate talent coming on for the future.

Caulfield fielded five teams most of the year. Four made the final series. The E1's, undisputed leaders all the year, won their two finals matches comfortably. The E2's also topped the ladder at finals time but lost the grand final to Glenroy. The F1 had the double chance and in a great final series won the second semi by a goal from Mitcham but their opponents reversed the result in the big one and won by a similar margin. Unfortunately the F2's pulled out in June. The G1's after finishing in fourth place put up a great performance in the finals losing by one goal to miss out on the grand final which would have meant all Caulfield junior teams would have participated in Grand Finals.

Chadstone had a good junior year, all three teams contested the final series. The E1's finished second to the strong Caulfield combination but couldn't win the big one. The F2's on top all the year, defeated their nearest rivals in the second semi and had an easy win for the Grand final. The G2 team had the double chance but missed the Grand final.

C.G.I. fielded two teams in each section and had a mixed year. The E1's just missed the four by two points, the F2's started the season well, but finished well down the ladder. The F1's finished fourth and put up a good show. The F2's after finishing third, lost to Malvern in the semi. The G1 and G2 teams though out-classed were gaining valuable experience.

Coburg fielded two teams in E1 and F1. The top team performed reasonably well winning  $6\frac{1}{2}$  matches and were not that far from the four. The F1's are only in the process of learning the game and will improve next year.

Footscray had a good year. Two of their three sides reached the final series. The E1 didn't perform too well, but their F2's finished second, going down to the eventual premiers, Chadstone in the second semi and missing their chance in the final with Malvern. The G2 team finished equal third with Glenroy but couldn't overcome the Roy's in the semi.

Eltham E2's finished third missing out on second place by percentage only but found Mitcham too strong in the finals. The F2's finished on the bottom, but next year with the experience gained, Eltham should have a good E2 side.

Glenroy's E2 team won the pennant after just scraping into second place. Beating Caulfield in the second semi, they had to work hard and win a close Grand Final by two goals. Their G2's had an excellent season, finishing fourth on the ladder, won their semi, and then won the final against Chadstone who finished second, at the end of the home and home series. The Roy's couldn't win the Grand Final but having two teams in the Juniors, and both contesting Grand Finals was a great effort from Glenroy.



Malvern with six teams didn't win a pennant which is rare for them. The E1 team are in a rebuilding stage, the F1's finished third and won their semi easily, then lost to the eventual premiers, Mitcham in the final. The F2's put up a good performance finishing fourth on the ladder, won their semi easily, then defeated the second team Footscray to go into the Grand Final - a good effort. The G1 and G2 teams didn't have good seasons, but once again experience gained will be beneficial next year.

Mitcham fielded a team in every section and four made the final series. The E1's won their semi comfortably and just failed by one goal in the final. The E2's just missed the double chance by a whisker, successful in the semi, were no match for Caulfield in the final. The F1's had a battle Royale with Caulfield in the final and they must have been great matches. Mitcham lost the second semi by a goal, had to overcome Malvern in the final and in the replay of the second semi, Mitcham reversed the result and won the big one by a goal. The F's didn't make it, but had a good season finishing fifth. The G1's, third on the ladder lost their semi easily to Caulfield. The G2's finished bottom of the ladder.

M.C.C. gradually building up their junior teams fielded two teams in E2 and G2. The G2's were the most successful, finishing fifth not far away from the finals. The E2's finished down the list but hopefully will improve in 1979.

Surrey Park with four teams made the finals in three sections. The E1's finished in fourth place, finding Mitcham too strong in the semi final. The F1's didn't fare too well but will strengthen the top junior grade in '79. The G1's, second on the ladder lost the second semi, scraped home by a goal in the final against Caulfield and gave

the eventual premiers Williamstown a much harder fight for the pennant. The G2's undisputed leaders all the year won the pennant comfortably.

Williamstown produced three teams, E1, F1, G1. The E1's just missed the four by two points in a very even section. The F1's finished down the ladder winning five games. The G1's take pride of place, finishing on top of the ladder and easily winning the second semi, but had to work a lot harder to win the pennant.

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OBITUARY

We regret to announce the passing of Mrs Alaimo recently.

The Alaimo family have been staunch supporters of lacrosse, following the deeds of sons Ron and Lou for many years, always showing interest in their welfare. Having personally known the Alaimo's for many years, to the family, sincere condolences from myself and all the lacrosse fraternity.

Editor.

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FOUND

One Brown Travelling Rug - Found at the Albert Ground, Sunday September, 3 after the Junior State Game.

See M. Hilsberg to recover - Ph. 509 0216.



A. L. C. NEWS

Best and Fairest Player for 1978

Gary Tillotson from Surrey Park is the winner of the Isaachsen Trophy with a percentage vote of 51.9% having won the Best and Fairest Victorian Award announced at the recent Presentation Ball. Gary has scored a unique double. Congratulations Gary !

<u>Voting Details</u>		
1. Gary Tillotson	Vic.	51.9%
2. G. Wheatley	W.A.	44.4%
3. P. Stiglich	Vic.	42.6%
4. B. Matthews	Vic.	38.9%
5. R. Turnbull	W.A.	34.9%
6. J. Kennedy	W.A.	33.3%
7. J. Wiles	S.A.	33.3%

Gary is the second Surrey Park Club member to win this prestigious award. The late Roy Dickson was successful in 1957 when the award was known as the P.J. Brady Trophy.

Previous winners from Victoria were:

- G. Reid - Coburg - 1960
- D. Miller - Caulfield - 1961
- R. Cordell - Williamstown - 1972.

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Correspondence has been received from the Tasmanian State Schools Sports Council requesting information on rules of Lacrosse, particularly, the modified form applied to Juniors. States have been requested to send copies of their modified junior rules to the A.L.C. secretary to ascertain if there is any discrepancy between states before the secretary replies to the Tasmanian Schools Council.

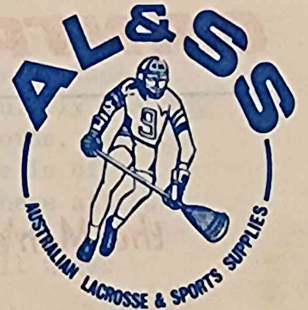
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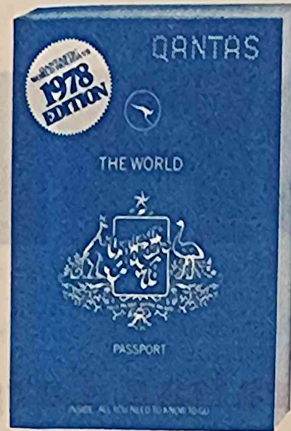
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ALL STAR STATE TEAM 1964 - 1977

In selecting the nineteen players named in this article, from all those listed in the previous two issues, obviously there had to be a number of border line decisions. There have been over the years, many players who have produced top form in domestic matches but have not come up to expectations under the pressures of a state contest, for various reasons such as nerves, temperament, and to inability to knit into a team of players many of which are his opponents most of the season.

Many young players have made the grade over the past four years but have lacked consistency so far and have not done sufficient to displace any of the players named.

The team is very versatile and all but three players could be shifted to different positions without losing team balance. Mobility around the ground, particularly creating fast breaks, or blocking them, or in other words, reading the play and creating situations to advantage is of paramount importance and this team has all these attributes. Of prime importance is the ability of the majority of the forwards to receive a belt and retain the ball under pressure.

The following players are my selection and the positions all are capable of playing.

The Captain of the team is Don Miller and the Vice-Captain Doug Fox.



	Goals	Def.	Mid.	Centre	Attack
D. Fox	*				*
A. Chiron	*	*	*	*	
P. Humphreys		*			*
D. Miller		*	*		
M. Orr		*	*		
J. Kelly		*			*
K. Crane		*			
R. Cordell			*	*	*
I. Bryrning			*	*	*
J. O'Keefe		*	*		
G. Minniece		*	*		
F. Stewart			*	*	*
J. Treloar			*	*	*
G. Ross			*	*	*
G. Reddaway		*	*	*	*
A. Rolley					*
W. Stahmer			*		*
E. Toomey					*
K. Daly			*	*	*

With nineteen players, two goal keepers have been selected and I consider they are automatic choices over the period chosen. Alec Inglis in the National Championships in 1965, kept goals and gave a magnificent performance but unfortunately didn't continue in the position, another bonus is that both keepers could be used around the ground.

Humphreys, Miller and Orr, in my view, are automatic selections. Kelly was chosen, proving once again a player can change his style, when he did an outstanding job on Griffin in 1970. The selection of Crane after only one appearance in a senior state side could be questioned but his performance in the 1965 National Championships in Perth was magnificent. Given the onerous job of minding the two top forwards of S. Aust. (Jennings) and

West. Aust. (Griffin), he had a big bearing on our success, shutting both out of the game. Two reasons above all prompted this move - Crane did the same in the juniors in 1960 and the Colts in 1963. Also he was a new senior player to the team and hadn't reached the stage of knowing all the answers. Hill and Gransworthy unfortunately just miss out.

Numerous players came in to contention for the centre and midfield spots. Probably the greatest omission would be John Butkiewicz who has proven to be outstanding in International events. As this team has been chosen on performances in state teams, I find the centre performances of Cordell and Bryrning of equal merit plus the bonus of both being excellent position players at both ends of the ground. Add Treloar, Stewart and Ross if necessary to play in the centre. O'Keefe and Minniece were both defence men or defending midfielders, they were always capable of scoring goals. One player who just missed out was David Spreadborough, probably one of the best close to the ground players ever seen, he had outstanding balance and was an excellent centre player. His main fault was lack of aggression in attack when opportunities presented themselves.

The attacking division of Rolley, Stewart, Reddaway is the best combination I have seen in my time. Under pressure they had the ability to absorb aggression and retain the ball and were very mobile. Stahmer has given Victoria great service over the years and pound for pound one of the gamest players and an ideal foil with his style. Toomey's performances over the years merit inclusion and being a left hander is an asset. Keith Daly, though another left hander has a different style and has given Victoria many good games, and could quite easily play in the centre. One player who played in the Colts in 1963 though selected in the senior side of that year was



John Martin, essentially an attacking player, was injured in 1964 but gave a great performance in 1966 having to completely change his game and mind one of the best forwards of that period - Alan Jennings.. Trevor Campbell and Bill Daw only missed out because the majority of their performances were before 1964.

Two young current players in particular, catch my eye, Peter Morley of Williamstown, unobtrusive, yet very effective and only needs more confidence in his own ability and Graeme Fox, who has all the attributes but lacks that little bit of aggression at times.

The Captain (Don Miller) and Vice Captain (Doug Fox) in my opinion are automatic choices.

Terry Allington.

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		100	G. Campbell - Malvern
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