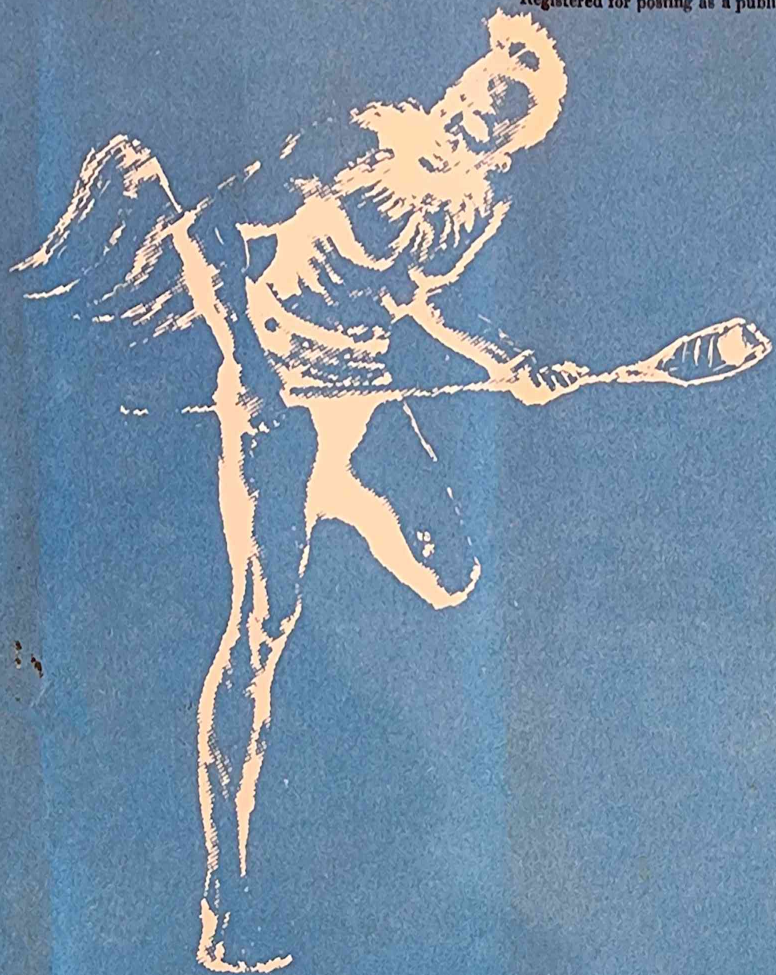


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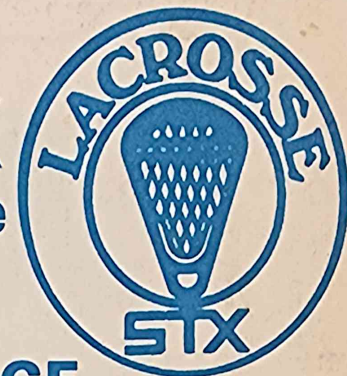


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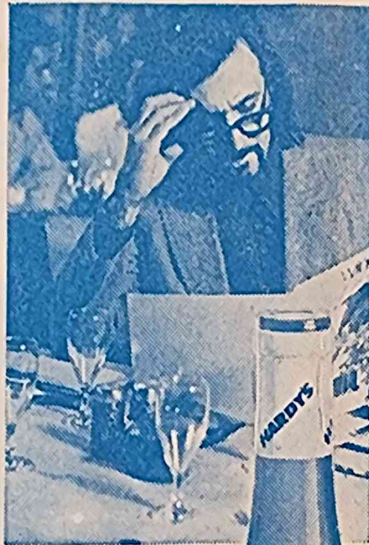
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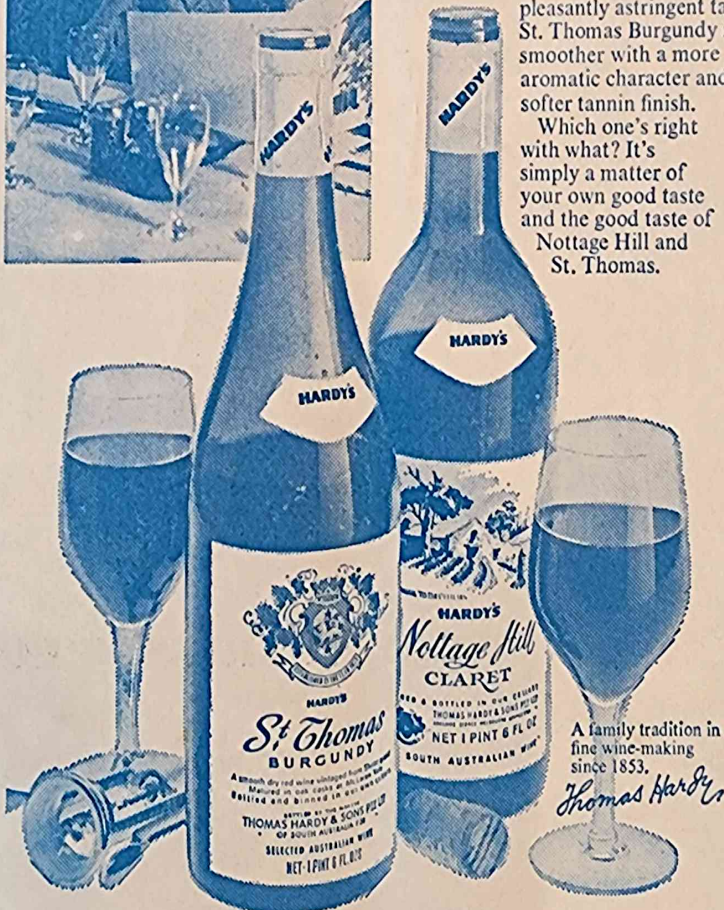
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EDITORIAL

Due to an unprecedented amount of material received on the World Series and to keep faith with those correspondents for their undoubted interest, this addition of our magazine, Lacrosse, is a World Series Special pertaining to the World Series only.

To those people listed below who submitted articles my sincere thanks and appreciation for your interest:

Don Hobbs (Aust. Rep. at I.L.F.)
Joy Clayfield
Bob Stahmer
Dick Holden
Roy Freeman
Mark Farber (ex. Melb. Uni.)

Unfortunately articles promised from the coach and manager were not received in time for print.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1978 BY

DON HOBBS - AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE & INTERNATIONAL

LIAISON OFFICER

(These are the writer's own personal impressions which may well differ from the impressions of other participants in the trip.)

The Weather and The Venue - The weather was wet and misty for most of the week of the Championships, not heavy rain, just a slow drizzle. It did slow the games down, particularly the Championship play-off between Canada and the U.S.A. All games were played as scheduled. There were no complaints about twilight conditions other than bad light due to weather. The oval (or pitch as so called in U.K.) was at Edgley Park, Stockport, a suburb of Manchester. It was an excellent ground and must have a good drainage system as seldom did we see water lying around. Stand accommodation was available all round the ground so there should not have been "any wet tails". However, the authorities had painted the seats to welcome their overseas visitors and the weather had not permitted it to dry so that most visitors finished with "painted tails".

The Programme - As the host country, the English Lacrosse Union (E.L.U.) had arranged the programme and understandably the draw was prepared with an eye also on the gate. The first match was between the first and second teams from 1978, i.e. U.S. and Australia respectively. The U.S. had built up a formidable record in the previous World Championships and the Australians were looked upon as the most likely team to defeat the U.S. All countries were to play each other once and the two most successful countries would then play off on the last weekend when third and fourth would play and the final match on the Saturday afternoon was

between first and second for the Championship.

It proved to be an excellent idea as a crowd pleaser and furthermore it kept the interest over the whole week of the Championships as the winner could not be known until after the final game had been played. It certainly proved this way, although Tom Hayes (U.S. Team Manager) had pointed out to me earlier that it was possible that the U.S. could win their earlier matches and be the Champion team on percentage and yet lose the Championship by losing the play-off. And this is just what happened.

The Rules - Although there had been some delays in the introduction of the final agreed international rules between 1974 and 1978, one can only say that the finally produced accord was an outstanding success. Whereas before the games in Melbourne in 1974, administrators worked far into the night and early morning reconciling countries' views, on this occasion no such thing was necessary. There were some final meetings of team administrators and coaches, but the games proceeded in complete harmony so far as rules were concerned.

The Results - The final result of the Championships was unpredictable but the play-off match was won by Canada because they were the better team on the day. With it being a World Championship play-off, scores locked together after the first quarter throughout the match and extra time having to be played after the fourth quarter, it indeed just has to be the most memorable match I have ever seen. The remarkable emergence of Canada over the four games was almost unbelievable. They probably owed their win in the play-off to the four goal lead they established in the first quarter and thereby shook the confidence of the U.S. team to the extent that the U.S. were all day having to contain their natural skills to making up the lee-way. The holding nature of the oval

that day too undoubtedly slowed down the Americans' smooth breakaway style. The enthusiasm for the Canadian win resounded all round the ground, not because anyone had anything against the U.S. who were a fine bunch of players, but because of the tremendous efforts made in that week by the Canadians to build their standards and also because everyone realised what a fillip to the game it was for all (including the U.S.) that a new Championship team had emerged by the odd goal in 33 after 108 minutes of electrifying lacrosse.

Referees - I believe that it was in this area that Australia excelled. Don Reymont and Murray Redfern gave first class performances. Although he is widely recognised as an outstanding referee, Jake Curren did not give the polished displays he has at other times. The English referees seemed to lack confidence and experience with international rules. The sole Canadian referee (who was in fact a U.S. referee) acquitted himself well.

It is interesting to compare the different styles of refereeing adopted in Australia and America. The American style is flamboyant, conspicuous and showy. I cannot say that I dislike it as it adds a further dimension to the game. In comparison, the Australian style is unobtrusive and restrained but nonetheless competent.

Organisation - This was first class and we seldom saw any "hang-ups". The organisation was carried out entirely by the E.L.U. and it was done their way. Accommodation at the Manchester Halls of Residence (bed and breakfast) was excellent with all players and supporters rubbing shoulders and getting to know each other. The E.L.U. hoped to attract the maximum crowds possible at least to cover programme costs. I would say that the two

Saturday programmes were attended by 4,000 to 5,000 people with 2,000 to 3,000 attending mid week games.

Method of Selection of Best Players - Each country was asked to nominate one person to represent that country as a selector. The writer represented Australia. The Chairman of Selectors was Dennis Coppock, a long time official of the E.L.U. He directed each of the four selectors to work separately and in isolation and for each match we were to select a player in each of the following named categories.

1. Best and fairest player
2. Best defence (in defence area)
3. Best mid-field (in mid-field area)
4. Best attack (in attack area) and
5. Best goal keeper.

I made my choices after each match and handed my selections to Dennis Coppock immediately. All selections were collated by Dennis Coppock without further talks. The results seemed to support the methods splendidly. In these days when the changing rules are tending to highlight certain positions on the field to the detriment of others, it could well be that there is food for thought in the approach made by the E.L.U. to the method of selection.

Don Hobbs.

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BOB STAHMER'S VIEW OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(as the Supporters Manager)

A party of 30 supporters from Victoria and South Aust. set out from Melbourne on June 22nd to London. In London we met up with three of the players wives from Perth and Mr. and Mrs D. Hobbs. There we proceeded on a seven day South of England tour whilst the team were in Manchester becoming acclimatised and preparing for the Championships.

We arrived in Manchester the evening before the first game well rested and ready to give our support, armed with our floggers and brandishing a Paddington bear - although very English - decked out in the green and gold colours.

Arriving at the freshly painted ground we were in good spirits and ready to out-support any opposition, but, trouble struck! The freshly painted seats were still wet and left tell tale marking on the spectators' clothes. Undaunted we carried on.

The starting time of the games was varied between 2.30, 4.30 and 7.00 p.m., thus catering for workers in the area and the supporters enabling us to do sight seeing tours which were organised by our hosts and also allowed personal shopping.

In the play off for third and fourth the crowd totalled some 4,000 people of which 45 were Australians - we almost outcheered the "Poms" especially after the siren.

The games were a great spectacular and the standard of lacrosse was worth travelling some 12,000 miles to see.

At the duration of the games we toured parts of Europe.

B. Stahmer.

IMPRESSIONS FROM DICK HOLDEN - An Australian Supporter

Written From England on 8th July, 1978

On Wednesday Australia lost to Canada with a shocking performance. The team was all changed around - apparently to give everyone a run - it bounced back on us. Despite a scrambly start we did lead 4 - 3 at $\frac{1}{4}$ time after Canada had scored 1st, 2nd and 4th goal. Then Canada ran away with 6 goals straight, then 2 to us and another to Canada to finish up 6 - 10 at half time. Evan Jones went back into goals but the damage was done and Canada had built up their confidence while our chaps had lost theirs, especially when Canada went on to lead 13 - 6. We rallied with 2, but then 1 each put the three-quarter time score at 9 - 14.

Last quarter saw one to Canada, one to us, one to Canada qualifying for the final against U.S.A. Our coaches obviously thought Canada would be a push over and threw away the chance of winning the title.

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"A TRAINER'S LOT"

Joy Clayfield was the Australian team's trainer and physiotherapist.

Four and half weeks with a most fantastic team of Lacrosse players - how does a trainer/physiotherapist cope?

Team members with injuries were treated on the plane, with ice, compression, swollen ankles and strained calf muscles - elevated over the back of the "Jumbo" seats and Steve creating havoc with the hostesses performing squats in the aisle!

Training in 25° C created the usual problems. We received a few injuries during the game against the U.S.A. All Stars.

Colds, problems with sleeping and ice therapy continued on the flight to Manchester. The team rested, then commenced training on the field behind the "Hall of Residence", Manchester City allowed us to use their training rooms, equipped with ultrasonic and short wave machines, couches, towels and the use of the gymnasium.

In the first game against U.S.A. we had an eye injury in the first quarter giving the player double vision and a fast closing eye.

The drop in temperature to 15° C and the rain in Manchester did not help with colds etc. Some players experienced digestive difficulties.

The Canadian game caused further injuries with Alan's calf, Tat's ankle, Ray's bruised and battered big toe and foot, Keka's painful knee and Ted's painful lower back. Steve collided with a team member and strained his shoulder, Gary had a bruised calf and aching in both calves.

Luckily all the players were available for their successful game against England and showed "grit and determination".

It was good to have "Stewie" to help with the rub downs before the games, Chir and Gabbie helped with the gear, the coaches and team all worked together for a terrific effort - we'll make it next time!

Joy Clayfield,

Team Trainer and Physiotherapist.

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MATCH 1 - U.S.A. v AUSTRALIA

U.S.A.	4	6	5	7	-	22
Australia	5	5	4	3	-	17

U.S.A.

Australia

	Goals	Assts		Goals	Assts.
Marino	4	1	Cann	5	2
McEneaney	3	4	Smith	3	2
Postel	2	2	Duthy	2	
Griable	2	1	Kennedy	1	3
Disimone	2		Lynch	1	1
Arena	2		Daly	1	1
Long	1	3	Hardy	1	
Jaeger	1	2	Ellis	1	
Darcancelo	1	1	Hobbs	1	
Waldvogel	1		Butkiewicz	1	
Warfield	1		Flett		1
Radenbaugh	1				
Hendrickson	1	1			

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22	15	17	10

Saves	18	15
Face Offs	17	24
Ground Balls	34	34
Clears	19/26	16/23

MATCH 2 - CANADA 21 defeated ENGLAND 15

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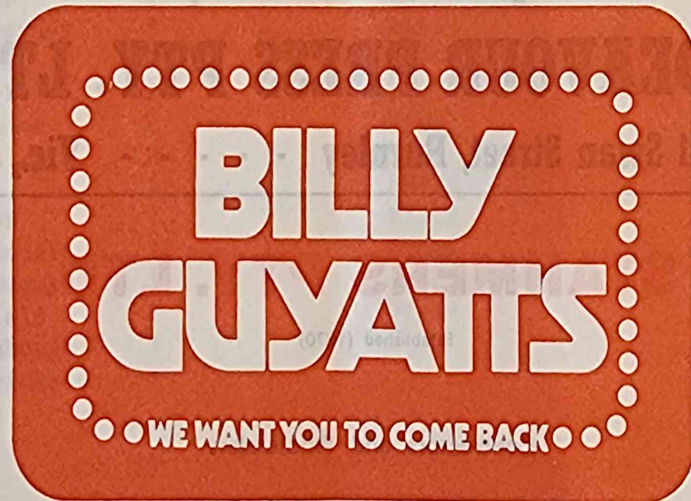
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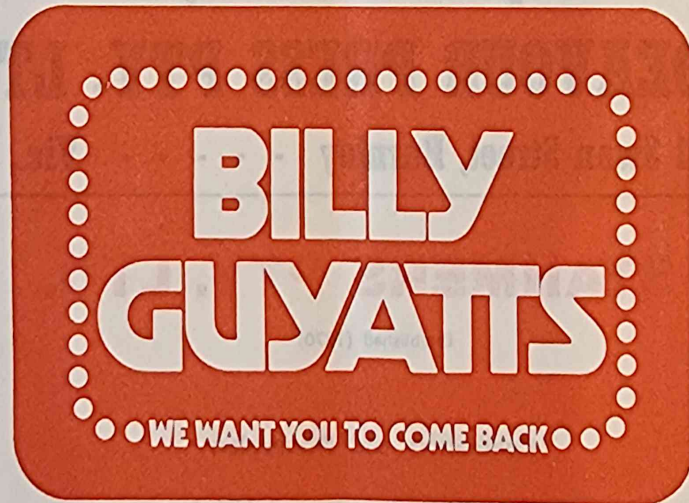
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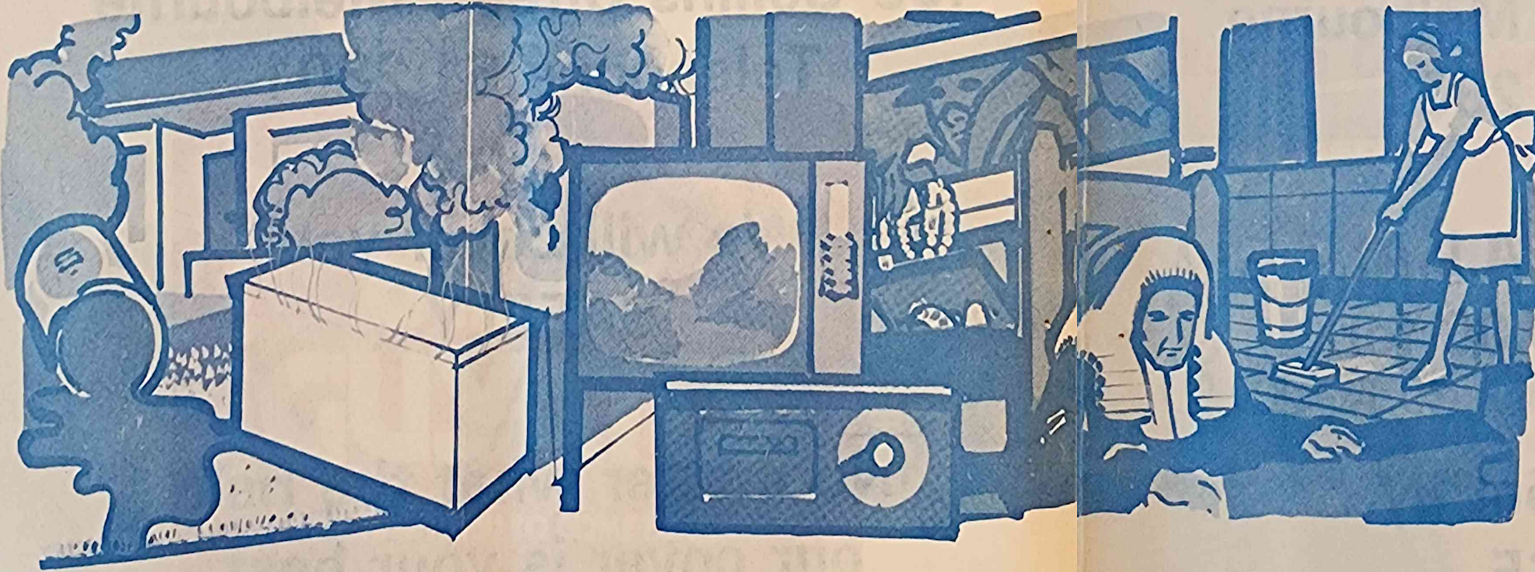
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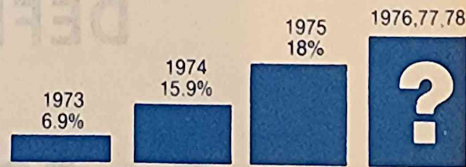
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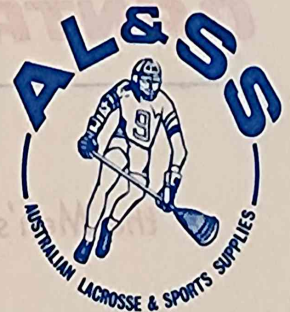
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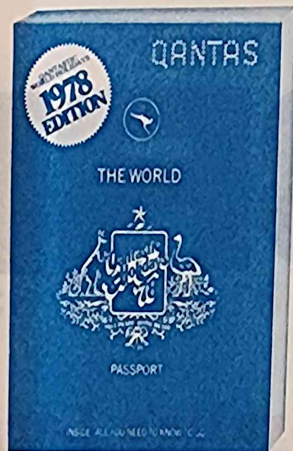


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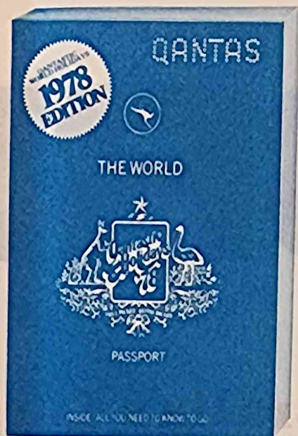


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MATCH 3 - AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND

Australia	4	1	3	8	-	16
England	2	4	0	4	-	10

AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND

	Goals	Assts.		Goals	Assts.
Cann	6		Nash	3	
Butkiewicz	3		Roberts	3	
Lynch	2	3	Battersby	2	
Smith	2	1	Atkinson	1	
Kennedy	1	4	Broadhurst		2
Ballarine	1		Duxbury		1
Flett	1		Smith		1
Duthy		2			
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	16	10		10	4

Saves	16	21
Shots	64	42
Face Offs	17	13
Ground Balls	54	46
Clears	14/24	6/20

MATCH 4 - U.S.A. 28 defeated CANADA 4

MATCH 5 - AUSTRALIA V CANADA

Canada	3	7	4	2	-	16
Australia	4	2	3	4	-	13

AUSTRALIA

CANADA

	Goals	Assts.		Goals	Assts.
Cann	5		Cockerton	4	4
Smith	3		Grant	3	1
Daly	1	2	Huntley	2	3
Flett	1	1	French	1	3
Hobbs	11		Calder	1	1
Duthy	1		Greaves	1	
Hit	1		Dyrante	1	
Kennedy		3	Hayes	1	
			Wassen	1	
			Mastine	1	
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	13	6		16	12

Saves	14	14
Shots	50	30
Face Offs	38	27
Ground Balls	47	50
Clears	19/25	23/30

MATCH 6 - U.S.A. 12 defeated ENGLAND 11

PLAY OFF FOR 3rd and 4th

Australia	4	3	8	4	-	19
England	2	3	1	3	-	9

AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND

	Goals	Assists		Goals	Ass.
Cann	7		Smith	2	1
Lynch	4	1	Murphy	2	1
Butkiewicz	2	2	Duxbury	2	1
Daly	2	2	Roberts	1	1
Hobbs	1	1	Robinson	1	
Dutty	1	1	Atkinson	1	
Kennedy	1	1	Rice		1
Fox	1				
Ellis		1			
Smith		1			
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	19	10		9	5

PLAY OFF FOR 1st and 2nd PLACE

CANADA	8	2	3	3	0	1	-	17
U.S.A.	4	5	5	2	0	0	-	16

REFEREEING A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

By DON REYMENT, one of two Australian Referees at the World Championships.

The opening ceremony had finished.....its splendor and colour still fresh in the mind of the many spectator. The first game was ready to start, the two teams Aust. and America were lined up, the centres were down, tense, ready...the Referee blows his whistle... What had the referees done up to this stage towards the successful running of the World Championships 1978?

Since the last World Series held in Melbourne 1974, there has been much correspondence moving between each country regarding the Rules which were formulated for International competition. Each country was given an approved copy of the playing rules for the 1978 World Series last January. Fortunately there was very little difference between these rules and the rules that Aust. was currently using.

Murray Redfern and myself were fortunate enough to be selected as the two Australian Referees on the panel for the World Series. Murray and I worked with the Australian squad as they trained up to the final trials and selection. We travelled with the team to America for the warm-up game against the College All-Star team. The Australian team travelled well, trained and practised consistently and with great enthusiasm. The game against the All Stars was played on a very warm day before quite a good crowd. We used a three Referee situation as there were two American Referees, Murray and myself. We alternated quarters off and found that we called very similar games. It was a first class game and the Aust. team showed the benefit of all the training and practice and ran out very comfortable winners.

The first official function held in Manchester was the reception held at the "Bunny Club" Manchester. It was here that the referees from each country first met and we had our first meeting in a small corner of the Club. We then met and discussed the rules regularly. England had appointed a Referee-In-Chief who was to instruct and give a final interpretation if needed. He also made the appointment of Referees to each game. These appointments were made, ensuring that each Referee officiated at two games. I as a Referee still wonder if this is the best way to make appointments???

The first match of the Series Aust. V. U.S.A. in my opinion was the greatest game of Lacrosse I have ever seen. As one of the Referees officiating it was certainly a great thrill to be involved in this game. Both teams played the game the way it should be played and it certainly made it easy to referee. Aust. was not quite good enough to hold onto their early lead, but were certainly not disgraced in losing.

The Referees in all matches worked as a team, but as a team we had our highs and lows. We trained, practised, fought and strived to do our best in our part of the World Championships.

In retrospect this Series was a wonderful experience for all concerned, we as Referees I believe, contributed and learnt as we went along and were very pleased with the knowledge and sportsmanship displayed for most of the Series by all teams and officials as well as spectators.

We pass on our congratulations to Canada for a very hard fought victory and also to all other teams for their respective performances but maybe our Australian team members and coaches could learn a small lesson from the Referees that all participants in any game must concentrate on each game for the entire time.

A SPECTATOR'S IMPRESSION

By Roy Freeman, an Australian Supporter

The scene was set for a great World Series with the very impressive and colourful opening ceremony (and that's what it turned out to be, except for the one-sided first round U.S. - Canada match). The red Canadian blazers beneath their white stetsons contrasted strongly with our green and gold and the U.S. and English variations in red, white and blue.

In the Aust. vs. U.S. game, our loss of Jones in the second term did not appear to effect the result. We led 14 - 11 half way through the third term but did not capitalise and concentrate enough on Butkiewicz's dominance of the face-off. Other factors which showed up were our problems in playing a team of 23 men. Too many positional changes were unsettling especially when playing the U.S. and Canada.

Our defence men didn't appear to handle the strong attacking U.S. middies. We need to try to find some 6ft. plus defenders and develop the skills necessary for them to represent Australia.

When they were in trouble the U.S. called on Bruce Arena who was played sparingly. His two quick goals in the third quarter of this game set the U.S. on the come-back trail.

In the second game Canada always appeared to have England's measure and coasted home in the second half maintaining their six goal half time lead.

It was noticeable that the U.S., Canada and Australia all used the zone ride very effectively; U.S. forwards changed

their pattern of play more often than the other countries and were the only nation to employ a 1 - 4 - 1 attack set up without being a man-up .

Against Australia, England had a good share of the face-off wins and led 6 - 5 at half time but failed to score in the third term. Generally England's poor forward play contributed to their two losses to Australia - their strong defence and fast middies showed up in the U.S. match to turn on the game of the series.

Our loss to Canada appeared to be mainly due to over-confidence. In the last twenty minutes, playing our strongest 13 we had little problem in outplaying the Canadians who relied greatly on the attack brilliance of French and Cockerton. But we had left our run too late. Once again we missed out on scoring in the man-up plays. John B. did not appear to be the right man in this situation.

If Canada could win the championships then there is no doubt that Australia could have taken off the series with more imaginative bench leadership of a team in which at least fifteen of the players were up to standard. Australia had not slipped from 1974 and will obviously be well in the race in 1982.

The overall organisation and administration of the series was excellent from a spectator's view point and England can be proud of a job well done.

The best player awards were generally well received but my votes for the outstanding player of the series goes to the great little Canadian attack man Stan Cockerton. I hope we have plenty of film of this tremendously skilful player in action.

It certainly was a great series in Stockport with even a week of wintry and wet lacrosse weather being turned on to make us Aussies feel at home.

Roy Freeman.

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DICK HOLDEN'S VIEW OF THE FINAL GAME

Canada beat U.S.A. in the final to take the title. Yes CANADA - and what a rip snorter of a game.

I'll give it to you goal by goal: U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A. Canada (6 straight to make it 8 - 3), then U.S.A. to make it 8 - 4 at quarter time.

Five to U.S. making a run of 6 straight, then 2 by Canada to make the half time score 10 - 9 to Canada. Two more to Canada, two to U.S.A.: 1 to Canada then 3 to U.S.A. to make it 14 - 13 at three quarter time:

The crowd was roaring by this time - nobody had ever seen lacrosse like it. I don't know what the total attendance was but the main stand was jam packed and I believe it is supposed to hold 2,000, and there were crowds of people all round the other three sides of the ground. Somebody said 11,000, but I very much doubt it.

The last quarter started with a goal to Canada to level (for the 7th time) at 14 all. Two goals to U.S.A. looked like it was all over but Canada came back with a goal that hit something and bounced out.

Don Reymont was Ref. and paid it as having hit the side bottom bar but the yanks claimed it was no goal and one

player (I think the goalie) dragged the goal about and then tipped it face down on the ground, dragging out the pegs etc.

It took five minutes or more to re-erect it. This put Canada only one goal down with five minutes to go, and the pressure was really on. Canada got another goal to level at 16 all and everybody went mad.

When the bell went with the score still level they went CRAZY.

Two sessions of four minutes each to decide winner (if still level it would be sudden death - first goal wins.)

First four minutes Canada had many shots, just missing each time but retaining possession behind the goal. I think U.S.A. cleared a couple of times but could not score past the Canada goalie who was stopping everything and putting Canada back into attack. First four minutes ended with no score. The big crowd was absolutely screaming - everybody who could be heard was barracking for Canada.

Surprisingly time out had been called during the four minutes - I don't know which team called it - and it was also called in the last couple of minutes of the second session. I think it was called with about 15 seconds to go after Canada had scored the winning goal. There was also some sort of mix up at the final face-off when the U.S.A. centre stood up instead of drawing and Don Reymont gave the ball to Canada, but the game was over and there was no way another goal could be scored in the time.

The yanks jostled Don Reymont after the game and one paper even reported that he was struck by a player,

but Don assured me that he wasn't struck.

Incidentally Canada had two goals disallowed during the game - one scored on the half time bell (one of the best goals in the game) and another very close decision for in the crease (this was also a very good goal from an excellent individual effort.)

At the final presentation dinner, Canada of course received the main trophy, Australia received the Ivor Wiles trophy for matches between England and Australia after having won it twice (if we had lost the qualifying game to decide 3rd position we would have lost it back to England after having won it on Saturday last week).

Individual trophies: 2 to Canada - best and fairest overall to the Canadian captain (M. French) and best goalie to Canada (R. Flintoff). Best centreman went to "Kecka" and best attack to Peter Cann of W.A. who scored a total of 24 goals for the series. Best defence went to England and U.S.A. got none at all.

Goal throwers were: Canada - Cockerton 6, Grant 2, Calder 2, Wasson 2, Thurber, Durante, Huntley, French, Mouradian.

U.S.A. - Arena 3, Griebe 3, Marino 2, Mc Eneaney 2, Henrickson 2, Radebaugh, P. Marino, Jaeger, Postel.

(By Dick Holden - Written while staying in England).

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