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The Game of Lacrosse.

An Empire game, having its origin in Canada, and so popular has it become in the land of the maple leaf, that it is now recognised as its national game. Lacrosse is played throughout the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States of America; it is gaining in popularity and every year sees thousands added to its following.

Called by the North American Indians the "Ball Game," and the name La Crosse was given it by the French priests who penetrated the country on missionary expeditions, on account of the fancied similarity of the sticks to a bishop's crozier. The ball was made of dried hide firmly rolled together and tightly bound with thongs; its weight varied, but was generally about one pound. The sticks used by the different tribes also varied in size and shape. The Delawares and Ottawas used a stick with a triangular net of wood and thongs; the Choctaws used two sticks, usually of hickory and about three feet long, each having a hoop of hickory at the end bound and netted with strips of dry hide.

When a match took place between two tribes, the playing ground was

about two miles in length and the goals consisted of two wigwams, or huts, at each end. The players frequently numbered 100 on each side, and as the rules and regulations were expressed by the axiom "the best side wins," it can be imagined the games were pretty strenuous. As in our civilized version, the game started in the centre, the ball being thrown in and the fortunate brave who succeeded in catching it in his stick would, if he were a Choctaw, clap the other stick over it like the lid of a saucepan, and run as fast as he ever could. The opposing braves would endeavour to wrest the ball from him by smashing his crosse with their own, and even if they were unsuccessful in hitting his sticks, they seldom missed his body. Many of the braves engaged in a Ball Game emerged from it with more scars than they ever got in battle. During the progress of the game the squaws encouraged the players, both by voice and by the aid of whips applied to their backs as incentives to greater speed.

The game we witness to-day is played with hickory sticks similar to those used by the ancient Indians; the ball, however, is much lighter, being about $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. Twelve men now constitute a team, and the length of the playing ground has been reduced to 110 yards. The ladies of to-day are as

keen followers of the game as those of ancient times, but they use other methods to urge their favourites on to greater deeds, than those employed by the Indian maidens of long ago.

In lacrosse, if an accident happens the sides are immediately equalised. There is no "off side," no "marks," no "out of bounds" to stop the progress of the game; while "shepherding" is strictly forbidden, because the objective is "to play the ball, and not the man."

Lacrosse was introduced into Western Australia in the year 1896, Perth, Fremantle, Mercantile and Cottesloe being the foundation clubs to form the Western Australian Lacrosse Association. Other clubs soon sprung up in the metropolitan area, and it then spread to Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, Northam, and Bunbury, and just before the war broke out in 1914 there were over thirty teams playing in the West. The response of lacrosseurs to their country's call was so great that in 1915 it was found impossible to carry on; play was therefore suspended until the Armistice. In 1919 the game was resuscitated, three clubs being re-formed, and from that date progress has been gradual, and to-day we have eleven teams playing.

Engagements.

- Aug. 19th.**
9.45 a.m. Arrive.
2.30 p.m. Practice, W.A.C.A. Oval.
- Aug. 20th.**
2 p.m. Civic Reception tendered by the Mayor and Councillors of Midland Junction.
3.15 p.m. South Australia v. Iroquois.
6.30 p.m. Complimentary Dinner tendered by W.A.L.A.
8 p.m. Iroquois Lacrosse Club Ball.
- Aug. 21st.**
12 noon. Civic Reception tendered by the Mayor and Councillors of City of Perth.
8 p.m. Prince of Wales Theatre (by invitation).
- Aug. 22nd.**
3.15 p.m. South Australia v. Western Australia.
7.30 p.m. Guests of Western Australian Trotting Association.
- Aug. 23rd.**
1 p.m. Motor Drive, Mundaring Weir.
- Aug. 24th.**
10.30 a.m. Visit Calyx Porcelain Co. Ltd.
2 p.m. Motor Drive, King's Park.
- Aug. 25th.**
10.30 a.m. Visit Plaistowes Ltd.
9 p.m. Depart by Trans. Train.

Playing Programme.

Aug. 20th.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v. IROQUOIS.

Midland Junction Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. W. B. Grace.

Scores: S.A. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final.....
I. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final.....

Aug. 22nd.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v. WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Royal Show Grounds, Claremont, 3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. F. C. Wingrove.

Scores: S.A. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final..3.....
W.A. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final..14.....

Aug. 24th.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v. WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Subiaco Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. M. J. Gerloff.

Scores: S.A. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final..9.....
W.A. 1st qr..... 2nd.....
3rd..... Final..9.....

South Australian Team.

1. McKENZIE, C. (Captain)
2. BAILEY
3. CAMPBELL
4. WILSON, W. D. (Manager)
5. SUTHERLAND, R.
6. SYMONS, S.
7. COE
8. PHILLIPS, E.
9. BROOKS, D.
10. GARBETT, S.
11. McKAY, R.
12. BRANFORD, S.
13. PLAISTED
14. SOLOMON
15. KELLY
16. COLEMAN

Colours: Chocolate and Blue.

Western Australian Team.

1. ANDERSON, H.
2. ANGUS, H.
3. BLAIR, R.
4. CORBET, L. M.
5. DAVENPORT, N.
6. DUNCAN, K. C.
7. EVANS, S.
8. HAMMER, W.
9. HICKS, F.
10. HICKEY, C.
11. KELSEY, E.
12. LE VITZKE, E.
13. MARTIN, E.
14. PRESTON, L.
15. ROWE, A.
16. SMITH, J.
17. TAYLOR, I. J.
18. WRIGHT, R.

Colours: Green and Gold with Black Swan.

Iroquois Team.

1. BIRD, R. (Vice-Captain)
2. CAMPBELL, A.
3. EDWARDS, H. (Captain)
4. HAMMER, W.
5. KELSEY, E.
6. KENNEDY, G.
7. LE VITZKE, E.
8. MARTIN, E.
9. MORRISON, L.
10. PRESTON, L.
11. ROWE, A.
12. SAMPSON, E.
13. SAMPSON, R.
14. SIMMONDS, A.
15. SIMMONDS, W.
16. TILL, G.
17. YEATES, B.

Colours: Black and Red.

Record of Matches

played between Western Australia and
South Australia.

Aug. 22nd, 1903—S.A. 10 goals, W.A. 5 goals

1903—S.A. 10 „ W.A. 7 „

1905—S.A. 22 „ W.A. 3 „

1909—S.A. 8 „ W.A. 3 „

1909—S.A. 7 „ W.A. 7 „

1910—S.A. 7 „ W.A. 2 „

1912—S.A. 15 „ W.A. 4 „

1925 } WA 14 SA 3
 } WA 9 SA 9