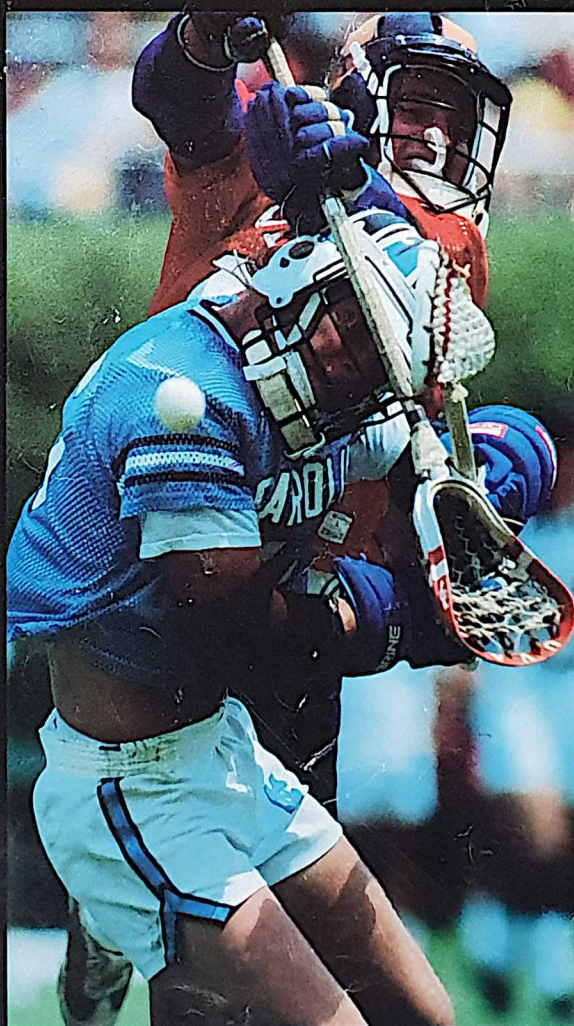


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SPEED KILLS!

Quick passes, hard shots and fast feet powered Australia to a 10-7 victory over the United States in the World Cup Final. And the Aussies' tournament success might have signalled significant changes for the future of international play.



ABOVE: USA's Sandy Campanero loses the ball as she attempts to drive through Canadian defenders Lise Croisettiere and Michelle Bowyer.

BY CAROLE WAKEFIELD

THE SECOND Women's World Cup will probably be remembered as the World Cup that changed lacrosse; at least it will likely be so considered by any team that wishes to succeed in the *next* World Cup. In basic terms, the Australians brought a new set of strategies and talents to the fields of Swarthmore, and whether or not players and coaches from other lands approved of their methods, it seems crystal clear that the Aussie game is the future style under which *successful* international teams will have to play.

Crisp, flat passes; hard shots; ambidexterity on the attack; ability to give and take physical contact; above all, fleetness of foot — those seem certain to be the elements of winning international women's lacrosse in the future. And unless there are manifold rules changes (which don't appear likely judging from the post-World Cup Rules Committee meeting), the "classic" style appears on the way out.

Curiously, the brand of lacrosse currently played in the United States is further away from international rules than that played anywhere else, so the Yanks — despite their depth of athletes and breadth of collegiate programs — are probably going to have to make the most changes if Team USA is to have a hope of recapturing its world championship when the World Cup next convenes in Australia in 1989. And whether or not coaches like it, they're going to have to play more of the Temple style and less of the traditional.

And now to the business of what happened. The World Cup creates a tingle all of its own. It's serious business out on the field. After all, 16 players on each team had trained hard to have their name engraved on the Cup. Most had traveled from afar: from Australia, England, Scotland, Canada and Wales. Only the US was playing in its own backyard. When the host team opened



Amanda Veal photo



LEFT: USA's Sandy Bryan tries to recover and make the check on Australia's Margaret Barlow, while Aussies Sue Mellis (10) and Vivienne Broad (15) watch, **BELOW:** USA's Margie Anderson scores against Wales. Wales' Vivienne Jones can only watch as her team mate Jo Parker ducks and the goalie is beaten just inside the pipe.



against Canada on Saturday, June 14th, the tension was palpable.

Consider that the US players and coaches were under the double pressure of defending their championship as well having to endure a stream of continual second-guessing from local lacrosse big mouths whose comments and criticisms were all too public. And the US began playing as though the pressure had (temporarily) gotten to them: they had a bad case of the jitters.

Canada, on the other hand, played with an improved finesse, perhaps due to the tutelage of American Coach Libby Williams, who made the not-so-popular move of crossing the border to coach the Canadians.

For 13 minutes the US fruitlessly charged the wall thrown up by the Canadian zone defense. Not until Sandy Campanero started a fast break, passed to Candy Finn Rocha who hit wing Betsy Williams for the score did the Yanks dent the twines against Canadian keeper Julie Norton. At the half, Norton had 18 saves and Canada only four shots on U.S. goalie Sandy Hoody. But Gail Cummings and France St. Louis scored on two of these, and Canada took a 2-1 lead into the intermission.

The second half saw the appearance of American "substitutes" Sandy Bryan and Margie Anderson, and these two quickly helped turn things around. Bryan scored on a breakaway to knot the score at two. Shortly thereafter Cummings replied with what would be Canada's last goal, and then the U.S. took over the game. Williams stole the ball and found Rocha on the crease to tie at three. Then the irrepressible Betsy scored another one of her own and Margie Anderson tallied twice. Score at the final horn: US 6, Canada 3. It wasn't entirely pretty, but it was a victory and a step on the way to the Championship Round.

US Head Coach Josie Harper ex-

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RIGHT: USA's Julie Duff spins back against Wales.

plained her second half strategy thusly, "We changed away from our Fran DenHartog stationary high post to a Margie Anderson moving post. That opened up their defense." She continued, "We also put point Dee Fichter Cross on Cummings, which shut down that threat." Then she added with a smile, "I thought the girls adjusted marvelously in the second half!" —And she couldn't have been more correct.

The second contest of that first afternoon saw England and Scotland in what had been billed as something of a grudge match for UK supremacy. In earlier years it used to be a futile experience for the Scots when they took on England. But when Coach Penny Crisfield took over the Scotland team, the players became believers in themselves. For England's part, Coach Celia Brackenridge sought to continue her team's island domination, but 'twas not to be.

The first half was a three-all affair, but the second frame saw the Scots break open the game with four straight goals, as Valerie Houston and Jackie Wilson combined to riddle the English net. Down 3-7, the Brits staged their comeback, only to fall one goal short and lose 7-6.

"We did well at the end with three straight," quipped the tight-lipped and disappointed Brackenridge, "but we had too many mental lapses earlier."

The day's final contest pitted Australia against Wales, and it was the opportunity for the fun-loving, free-wheeling Aussies to showcase their strength. Holding Wales to only one goal, the Down Under girls tallied five times in the first half and six in the second frame to win going away, 11-1. Wings Vivienne Broad and Mary Pickett teamed with home Sue Mellis to riddle the Welsh defense almost at will.

So ended Day One, and as the 3000 or so spectators trooped away, clearly the

three games had raised more questions than they'd answered — especially about the US Team's difficulty against the zone defense.

Play resumed at 2 p.m. the following afternoon, and a hot, steamy day it was. Canada and Australia opened the action in what fans expected to be a test of Maple Leaf defense vs. Australian offense. They were not disappointed.

Libby Williams used the moving zone quite effectively to slow the Australian offensive speed. The Aussies replied with a double team on Cummings to take Canada's leading scorer out of the game. The packed zone conceded the long shot but made inside work difficult. Still, Pickett and Broad were simply too quick. Score: Australia 3, Canada 0.

After Scotland had disposed of Wales, the US and England played Day Two's finale at 6:30. These two squads have built up a great rivalry over recent years, especially because it has only been in the last five that the Yanks have managed to beat England.

Both squads came out of the opening draw at full gallop. Margie Anderson was the first to score, on a nifty feed from Sandy Campanero. Then Margie dodged through the tightly-packed England defense to find open Candy Rocha. England replied with a tally by Clare Burrell off a feed from Jenny Cooke Sanderson, but the Americans came right back. Betsy Williams took a pass from Anderson to give the US some breathing room, 3-1.

Meanwhile the patient US defense, led by Dee Fichter Cross and Janie Koffenberger were shutting out the Brits' attackers in front of goalie Heather Dow. Cross remarked, "It's easy when you have defense wing Barbie Jordan up there in front of you!" And she may have been right, for Jordan's quickness and anticipation burned England for three first-half interceptions which took

the starch out of the Brits' attack.

The second half began as the first had ended — with the US in control. Williams found Anderson for a quick score. Then it was Campanero with a turn-around screamer, followed by defense wing Julie Hull Elicker on an 80-yard dash to find the nets.

Although England's Sophie Cullen led a charge that scored several late goals to bring the final to a respectable US 8 England 5, the Brits simply could not keep pace with the American girls' speed and stickwork — especially with a man-to-man defense.

On balance, Coach Harper was pleased with her team's effort, "We're proud, we're tough mentally and physically. I think we're ready now for whatever comes."

And they would have to be ready, because after a day's layoff, the US had Australia coming up on Tuesday's round robin card.

Day Three's play began, as usual, at 2 p.m. and featured Wales against England. The Brits wrestled with the psychologically depressing fact that the once mighty queens of women's lacrosse were now also rans at 0-2 in the tournament. And their 5-1 victory over Wales did little for their confidence. Wales' Tracey Bryden got through England keeper Jo Phelps to keep alive her streak of a goal-a-game, but the Brits were simply too strong.

Scotland and Canada next took the field in front of a now-swelling, pro-American crowd impatiently holding its breath for the upcoming US-Australia tilt. Nevertheless the Scots had become the fans' "second favorite" team, especially because of their singing *Scotland the Brave* as they marched on to the field.

Against Canada, Scotch speed and slashing offense were pitted against staunch Canadian defense. Two distinctly different styles of play fought

it out, and a Canada goal by France St. Louis with :14 left resulted in a 3-3 tie.

And then it was time for what many had already dubbed the preview of the championship: US-Australia. Some 2700 vociferous fans (and most of the local TV stations) were on hand to see a match which went right down to the wire. Ever since their overtime 10-7 loss to the US in the last World Cup finals in 1982, the Aussies had trained and remembered how the Yanks had snatched away the victory in the second half. And four years is a lot of remembering! For their part, the Americans had spent four years shifting squad personnel to come up with the best possible combination to retain their world title.

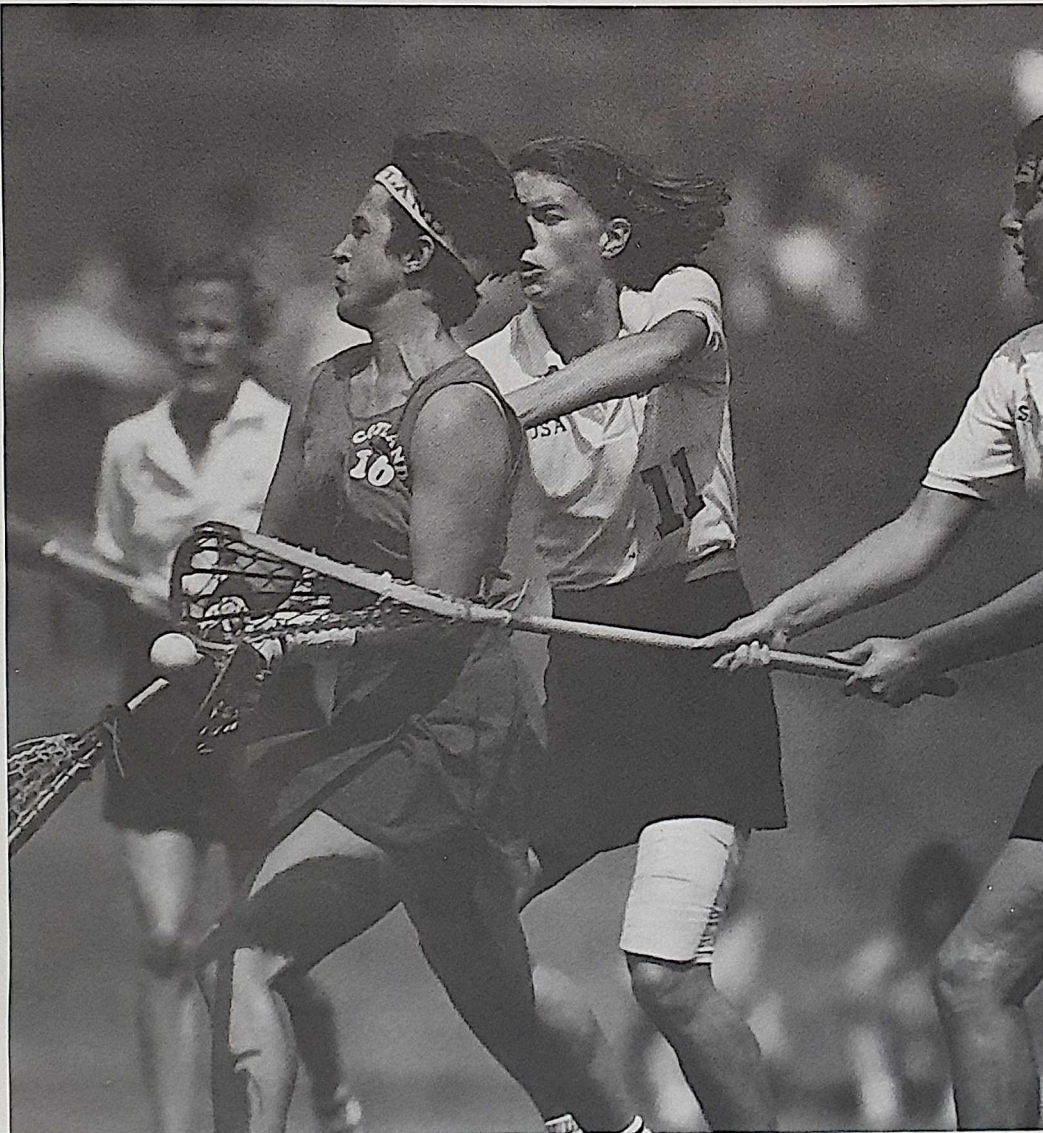
And for a while it looked as though they'd done just the right thing. 25 seconds into the game second home Fran DenHartog slammed home a nice Candy Rocha pass. The play became ever faster, ever more furious while the crowd roared its encouragement. At 19:31 Rocha found herself triple teamed but managed to feed DenHartog again for a 2-0 US lead. Clearly the cutting game was having some success against the tough Aussie defense which often packed as many as nine players into the zone in front of the goal.

And then suddenly the tide turned. Aussie wing and consistent scorer Vivienne Broad was fed by whiz kid Sue Mellis, and only 40 seconds later Mary Pickett evened the score on a low back-hander. Courageously, the US fought back as Williams took a pass from a double-teamed Campanero, shot, and got knocked down just as the ball zipped past Aussie goalie Gail Kingston.

It was the last time the US would lead. After Mellis scored on her own rebound, Sandy Bryan took a hip check and fell over her own stick. Injury timeout. And although Sandy was not seriously injured and managed to play



LEFT: USA's defense wing Julie Hull Elicker clears the ball against Scotland.
BELOW: Big Shot, Philadelphia '76ers mascot, appears on the scene and gives USWLA President Lee Walter a big kiss!
BOTTOM: USA cover point Janie Koffenberger and center sandy Bryan check the ball away from Scotland's Jackie Wilson. Yanks thrashed the Scots, 11-2.



out the game, some of the stuffing was gone from the US effort as the half ended in a 3-3 tie.

The second frame opened as badly for the US as the first had ended. Defense wing Barbie Jordan, who'd been playing brilliantly, went down with a quad injury and left the game. Now, with Bryan still hurting, two of the best US defenders were nullified.

Still, the game went non-stop up and down the field. Seemingly abandoning their cutting game, the US offense centered around Campanero or Rocha trying to bust through a packed zone. Innumerable free positions were awarded them, but under international rules, the free position does not clear a fan but only opens a shooting lane no wider than a copy of this magazine. Result: many bumps and bruises for Sandy and Candy, but no goals. For their part, the Australians spread out the defense and waited for Mellis to somehow shake free from tenacious checking from Cross and Koffenberger. Result: many passes, many balls on the ground, but no goals either for the Aussies.

But at 43:59 Broad struck what was to prove the fatal blow. Coming back across the grain, she worked herself free just long enough to take a kangaroo leap and place a shot into the right corner of the net, past US keeper Hoody.

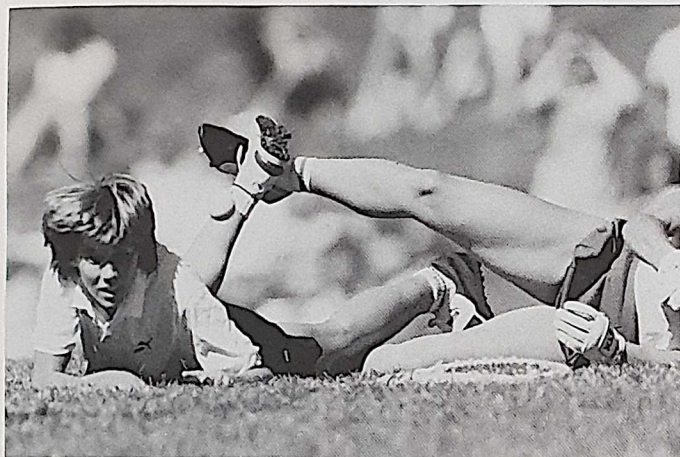
Down by one, the US finally brought up everybody, and when Koffenberger looped a pass to Campanero, who miraculously twisted backward with the ball and dumped in a shot with only seven seconds remaining, the crowd broke into a frenzy of cheering.

But a tie 'twas not to be. Sandy's stick was ruled to have been just over the crease before she took the shot, and the goal was disallowed. Final score: 4-3 Australia.

Aussie Coach Noel Smith was candid in his assessment of the game. "We knew we had to completely stop Sandy

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RIGHT: US goalie Sandy Hoody saves against Australia in the championship game, as Julie Hull Elicker watches.
BELOW: USA's Betsy Williams is knocked to the ground as she watches the ball — and the championship — slipping away.



Timothy Nichols photo



Jim Graham photo

Campanero and Margie Anderson. They're such great players we put two girls on them. We knew it would be low scoring, so we had to make our shots count. And our defense had to be perfect. Admittedly it was a bit physical out there, but the object is to win the game, right? We didn't come halfway 'round the world to go home empty-handed again!"

On the other side of the bench area, US Coaches Harper, Miller and Scheetz had considerable difficulty regaining their composure after the loss. Apart from wanting to see a film of the disallowed goal, they noted that their girls had absorbed a physical beating, too. Barbie Jordan was out — perhaps for the balance of the Cup — Sandy Bryan's ribs were painfully banged up, Betsy Williams' leg was badly bruised, Sandy Campanero's arms were red and swollen, and several others were nursing wounds. This was not the sort of game they'd expected.

Nevertheless, Harper had this to say about the Australians, "They're fast, their stickwork is great, and their passes are hard and flat. And they played a great game, as did our girls."

Day Four, Wednesday, began for the Americans with the knowledge that they had to win the rest of their round robin games to get another shot at Australia in the championship. Today the US would face Wales in what was expected to be somewhat of a breather game in which they could rest their wounded and play their substitutes.

The first game featured England against Canada, and again the Maple Leafers were party to a nail-biter. Gail Cummings scored three unassisted markers for Canada to give her team its first victory ever over England, 3-2. In the Canadian nets, keeper Julie Norton had an incredible 20 saves, while only Sophie Cullen and Jenny Cooke Sander-son could dent the twines for the Brits.

The US-Wales contest was a blow-out from the start. The Americans used eight different attackers to wallopp the Welsh girls, 21-1. Anderson had five, Rocha four, DenHartog 3...well, you get the picture. Again, Tracey Bryden kept her string alive by tallying her team's lone marker.

For the moment Scotland was enjoying their second place in the round robin standings. But it was only for 24 hours; then they came up against the Australian reapers who dashed their hopes, 6-0.

For the Aussies, it was Sue Mellis again who controlled the attack and scored two goals herself. In return, Scotland attempted to attack the Australian zone with a nine-man rush — to no avail. Scotland Coach Penny Crisfield bemoaned her team's lack of offensive punch, and could only mutter "The Australians are jolly well difficult to beat!"

Day Five opened with a crucial test for the US against Scotland. With key players Jordan and Williams out of commission, and several others hurting, the Yanks needed a transfusion. And a transfusion they got in the person of first home Julie Duff.

Little Julie was superb, scoring three goals and assisting three others. Seemingly she could spot Fran DenHartog's red, white and blue Brine stick open on the crease better than anyone else. And Fran responded by looking like her old self and scoring a hat trick of her own. It was 6-1 US at the half and the offense took it the rest of the way for an 11-2 victory, with Rocha and Anderson garnering several of their own. The defense looked steady and confident, and it was a satisfying win with which to enter the championship game.

Later contests on Friday saw Canada thrash Wales 9-1, as Gail Cummings

(cheered on by a few vociferous Temple fans) had six unassisted goals for

Canada. Tracey Bryden broke her scoring string and only Vicky Perry could tally for the Welsh. Following this contest, Day Five closed out with Australia thrashing England 12-2. The Aussies played loose and easy, while England frittered away their few genuine scoring chances with low-percentage shots.

Day Six was playoff day, with two consolation matches before the US-Australia championship at 4:00 p.m.

At 11:00 a.m. Wales faced England for fifth place. England Coach Brackenridge was bitterly disappointed her team had no chance of bettering its fifth position. "We're just a better team than that," she lamented.

Nevertheless the Brits *did* set a record; Sophie Cullen recorded a tournament high eight goals as Wales were routed, 18-2. Resuming her scoring "streak," Tracey Bryden tallied both Welsh goals. Sadly, it was *not* a very happy birthday for Welsh captain Vivien Jones, a class person whose team had the heart but not the horses to win a single game.

"I just hope they did not become discouraged so that they will return to Wales and work towards progress and the next World Cup. Here we have touched the water with our feet. Now we have to want to swim!" a determined Jones opined.

The second contest of Day Six was for the bronze medal. Canada and Scotland went at it toe-to-toe for a half. Cummings ripped two for the Maple Leafers, whose zone defense kept every Scot outside except for road runner Louise Fitzroy who matched Cummings' two goals.

Then for reasons unknown, Canada abandoned their zone defense in the second half. Moving away from a strategy which had kept them in every game of the tournament, Canada went to man-to-man and promptly got eaten up by the slashing Scots' attack. Corinne Martin,

Jackie Wilson and Valerie Houston scored three unanswered markers and that was that for the bronze medal.

When asked if she was surprised by the Canadian move, Coach Crisfield responded, "Nothing surprises me any more in World Cup play! We found a flaw in their zone by the post, we teased them out a bit, then we used speed to get behind them."

The championship game was scheduled for a 4:00 draw, and long before game time over 5000 fans had gathered to cheer the home team on to (hopefully) victory. While two red, white and blue painted college kids whipped up the crowd by running around with American flags, the vociferous Aussie fan club greeted their team's arrival with a tunnel of green and gold pom-poms. Even the tournament organizers held out something special. Singer Kate Smith had passed away the previous week, and in her honor *God Bless America* was planned instead of the National Anthem. Unfortunately planning the tape and properly cueing it are two different things; instead of Kate Smith, raucous rock music came over the loudspeakers and the *Star Spangled Banner* had to be reinserted in the pre-game lineup.

The anthem foul-up was an inauspicious beginning for the Yanks. The Aussies came out flying faster and better than ever before in the tournament. US goalie Sandy Hoody was forced to make two early saves before the momentum went slightly the other way as Margie Anderson hit the pipe. But at 2:59 the tireless Mellis found a chink in the American armor. Establishing her threat as a dodger, Sue tallied on a hard backhand just inside the far pipe.

The US seemed to have evened the score when Betsy Williams stole the ball from the goalie on a clear, only to hit the outside of the open net.

Down by only one, the US were



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LEFT: USA's Barbie Jordan casts an uneasy look back as she clese the ball against Australia's Colleen McVeigh.
BELOW: USA's Margie Anderson leaps and scores against Wales.



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RIGHT: Australian attack ace Sue Mellis is the picture of happiness as she finally gets her clutches on the World Cup. Sweet Sue's sparkling play keyed the Aussie attack and opened up their countless scoring opportunities.

already pressing on defense. For example, Candy Rocha could usually be found deep in her own end helping out on the clear — and the Aussies hotly contested every one of them. To add to the US woes, bad midfield connections handed the Aussies five turnovers.

At 11:20 Sandy Bryan took a pass from Williams and tied the game on a soft, screened bouncer. It only stimulated the Aussies into increased action. 23 seconds later, Colleen McVeigh ripped off a low bouncer which deflected in off of Hoody. The Aussies then got their offense in high gear, moving the ball up front and then cutting towards it for the shot. At 13:35 Mellis was awarded a free position around 10 meters out, and Sue obliged with a hip-high screamer past Hoody. Now it was 3-1 Aussies.

At 17:05 Margie Anderson pulled her Aussie defender an extra step away from the crease and rolled back inside her to score [see cover -Ed.]. Only 30 seconds later Rocha tied the game, beating Wendy Piltz on the outside and rolling in a backhand through the goalie's legs. Comeback time?

But Aussie offensive pressure continued. At 22:16 Mellis fed a cutting Colleen McVeigh who'd slipped her cover; 4-3 Aussies. A minute and a half later, Mellis sailed around from behind, took one step back from defender Dee Cross, and fired a bullet into the top of Hoody's net. 5-3 Aussies at the half.

In truth the US had not played badly (except for some needless midfield turnovers); the Australians had played outstanding lacrosse. Thinking she might give the offense a shot in the arm, the Coaches inserted Julie Duff for Fran DenHartog to start the second half; they also gambled, keeping the hobbling Jordan in the game.

The second frame opened on a bright note, as Jordan intercepted, fed to Rocha who spun back up the field

to beat Wendy Piltz once again and scored on a backhand to the far side. Now US only trailed by one.

Australia responded on a controversial free position award to Mellis. The Editors have replayed this section of the tape at least 20 times, and if Mellis was not guilty of a charge on this one then the Statue of Liberty is indeed made of green cheese. But poor Maggie McInnis was called for what looked like cross-checking. Mellis got a close-in free position and fed Shirley Ploog breaking down the middle. So instead of possession, the Americans now fell behind by two at 3:25. They almost fell behind by three when the speedy McVeigh outlegged the injured Jordan to goal, only to see the courageous Barbie recover just in time to block her two-meter shot.

Three minutes later Rocha left Mary Pickett in the dust on a beautiful face dodge to score with a hard overhand shot just under the bar. It was a beautiful goal and brought the US to within one again. But in retrospect it also might have induced the attackers to think they could enjoy continued success dodging into the zone with the ball instead of cutting in without it and looking for the feed.

After the teams traded yellow cards, Mellis attacked the corner. Executing a thrilling series of one-hand moves against Dee Cross, Sweet Sue passed off to a cutting Margaret Barlow, free down the middle for an easy goal. A clever moving pick which sent Sandy Bryan sprawling to the ground insured that Barlow's shot would be uncontested by the defense. 7-5 Australia.

At 13:27 Margie Anderson worked for a free position (ouch again) and fed a cutting Betsy Williams, who scored her second goal of the game and cut the Aussie lead to one. Several times the US just missed tying the score. The Americans came closest when third man McInnis sneaked down low only to miss

Sandy Campanero's pinpoint pass. And Campanero continued her unlucky streak; she face dodged beautifully and fed Rocha — who hit the pipe. Oops!

In the second half it didn't take long to figure out the Australian strategy: work on the wounded. And US wounded there were a-plenty. Hobbled by an early spring injury and an enormous knee brace, McInnis continued to play courageously, but without much speed. Defense wings Jordan and Elicker had well-wrapped thighs, Bryan's ribs were still sore and Williams' first-half band-aids gave her otherwise handsome countenance the look of having gone several rounds with Larry Holmes!

When Mary Pickett fed Vivien Broad for Australia's eighth goal at 17:41, it was obvious the Down Under crowd were picking on the wounded; poor McInnis had been left in the dust by the speedy Broad.

And Broad continued her work out front. She fed Mellis, who repassed to Margaret Barlow who'd gotten front-side position on Betsy Williams for a quick stick and the ninth Aussie marker at 19:59. Another nail in the coffin. Now, with time running out and the Aussies content to sit on their three goal lead, the US began to double the ball all over the field. To no avail. At 22:42 Barlow scored again, this time following a Ploog rebound off a shot that the anxious Hoody had come five yards out of her net to block!

As the "U-S-A, U-S-A" cheers lost their vigor from the crowd, Campanero backhanded a zinger high into the left corner (off Jennifer Williams' hand, too). With 1:00 left, Anderson hit the crossbar. Skunked again.

The game wound down to its 10-7 conclusion as the Aussies stalled out behind the American net. Champagne erupted at the horn, and lacrosse had a new champion.

The final score of 10-7 was exactly

the same as it had been at Nottingham in 1982 — only in reverse this time. Bitterly disappointed, the American girls conceded that their rivals had been stronger and faster. Campanero remarked that "we never did play up to our potential, and the Aussies did what they had to do to win."

Noel Smith opined that "the US played great, but we weren't going to let them off the hook; Sue Mellis was a tyrant out there! We kept Campanero and Anderson somewhat contained as we'd planned. And we knew eventually we couldn't stop Rocha altogether. The US defense were great, but we took advantage of their hurts," he continued. Then, rather surprisingly, Smith added, "The rules have to be changed to cut down on the roughness and eliminate the zone."

Interestingly, the following day saw a rules meeting, where delayed flags, boundaries, free positions, physical contact, etc. were discussed. But no changes were voted. Like it or not, the international game's just not about to change — for whatever reasons.

Oh yes, there was a banquet following the championship. Raucous singing and general good-fellowship prevailed to the strains of *Waltzing Matilda* and other favorites. It was a great time.

So. Game, set and match to Australia. Now for the next three years American lacrossers will doubtless engage in an endless go-round of what-ifs and maybes. Certainly some will, unfortunately, attempt to lay blame on coaches and/or players for a loss they never figured would happen. Sadly many of these second-guessers are likely to overlook the fact that the Aussies deserve a great deal of credit for their victory. Playing *within what the rules permitted*, on June 21, 1982 the Aussies ran faster, shot harder and gobbled up more ground balls. And the team that succeeds in those areas usually wins.