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to the

Second World Tournament

and

International Conference





THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1986

Dear Lacrosse Competitors:

I extend my warmest greetings to the participants and those gathered for the 2nd World Cup Tournament for Women's Lacrosse. In honor of the teams visiting the United States I would like to extend a very special welcome to: England, Scotland, Australia, Canada and Wales.

The value of competitions should never be diminished, because competitions teach us so much: respect for others; discipline; and the fact that all of us are capable of so much once we begin to train ourselves and extend our understanding.

We wish the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association continued success in furthering international competition.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



George Bush



1986 WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE I.F.W.L.A

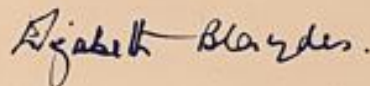
On behalf of the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations, I have the pleasant task of welcoming you all to the 2nd World Cup Tournament.

This event has been eagerly awaited, talked about, and worked towards since 1982 when the first one was held with such success in Nottingham, England. The exciting speed, intensity, and patterned elegance of today's game really does stir the blood of players and spectators alike. The I.F.W.L.A encourages the use of tournaments and tours to promote lacrosse, and to create good fellowship between countries through sport.

Our thanks to Lanetta Ware, World Tournament Director, Lee Walter, USWLA President and all the other diligent people whose toil and trouble have ensured the event's success. We are very fortunate to be able to use the magnificent facilities here at Swarthmore College, and to enjoy the benefit of splendid hospitality so freely given by the U.S.W.L.A.

To every player, official and spectator, I send the same message of friendship, companionship and co-operation.

May these ten days be a memorable occasion in the history of women's lacrosse.



Elizabeth Blaydes

IFWLA MEETINGS AND RECEPTIONS

<u>June 13</u>		<u>June 16</u>	
9:30 a.m.	IF Officers Meeting. Elizabeth Blaydes, IFWLA President, Presiding - Closed		Dinner given by Betty Shellenberger for invited guests (IF Officers and VIP's)
4:00 p.m.	IFWLA Coaches, World Cup Coaches and Technical Committee Meeting - Lanetta Ware, IFLWA Rules/Umpiring Chairman, Presiding	<u>June 19</u>	
7:30 p.m.	Opening Reception for Official Party and Guests - Brief Remarks by Lisette Walter, USWLA President	9:30 a.m.	Rules/Umpiring Forum chaired by Sandy Grant
		3:00 p.m.	Tours Forum chaired by Jackie Pitts, IFWLA Vice President, followed by General Meeting - Elizabeth Blaydes, IFWLA President, presiding
<u>June 14</u>		<u>June 21</u>	
1:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies - All teams parading. Brief remarks by Elizabeth Blaydes, IFWLA President	5:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies - All Teams Parading
3:30 p.m.	Reception at Horticultural Center at Swarthmore College for current and former U.S. players and invited guests - By invitation only	7:00 p.m.	Reception - IF Official Party and Guests
		8:00 p.m.	Banquet - Tickets available until June 6, 1986
<u>June 15 or 18</u>			<u>IF MEAL HOURS</u>
8:00 p.m.	Scottish reception for official party		Breakfast - 7:30-8:30 a.m. Lunch - 12:00-1:00 p.m. Dinner - 3:00-6:00 p.m.

A HISTORY PAGE

HISTORY OF LACROSSE

Women's lacrosse was as we know it today first introduced in the United States in 1914 at Sweet Briar College in Virginia and at Sargent's School in Boston. Rosabelle Sinclair organized a lacrosse club in Baltimore, Maryland in 1926. Joyce Cran Barry, a Scottish player, started lacrosse at Wellesley College a few years later. The USWLA was founded in 1931 with Joyce Cran Barry as the first president. Now there are 85 Allied Colleges, 100 Allied Schools, 315 Individual Club, 407 Individual Association, 210 Individual Colleges, 372 Umpires, 10 Associate, and 14 Honorary members. The USWLA sponsors a strong national squad program, a USWLA National Tournament, players, coaches and umpiring clinics.

International Lacrosse

The first lacrosse game ever played that had international implications was held on June 4, 1763, at Fort Michilimackinac in what is now Macinaw, Michigan. The Chippewa and Sac Indian nations, under the leadership of Chief Pontiac, staged a lacrosse game in honor of the birthday of King George III just outside the stockade. The British troops became so engrossed in the game, they soon opened the fort gates and mingled, unarmed, to get a closer look at the spirited contest. In one moment of fierce play, the ball sailed over the stockade wall. The Indians raced after it, seized the weapons that had been concealed under the blankets of the squaws, and overran the fort. The final score of that game was one officer, twenty-four enlisted men and one civilian trader killed.

Lacrosse of today is more civilized but is still a fascinating game with its speed and skill of the players and the graceful movements of the players and their crosses. The name of the crosse is attributed to the early white settlers who associated the shape of the crude stick with a bishop's crozier, the French word for la crosse.

Matches between the countries started in 1934 when the first England Touring Team visited America. Now there are 6 countries which tour and numerous college teams which tour each year. Our first international tournament with six countries participating was held in 1982 in Nottinghamshire, England.

It is hoped that this program will be not only useful and informative but educational as well. Each country has been asked to write a short bit about its geography, history, whatever so that you, the reader, may better know its land and its people.

This World Cup Program cannot be complete without a very special acknowledgment to its Chairman, Lanetta Ware, who has arranged, led, cajoled and encouraged her committee for 2 years without ever seeming to worry or fret. We thank her sincerely for all her efforts.

The International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (A brief history)

With the advent of men's box lacrosse, men's lacrosse and the development of women's lacrosse in many nations, Miss Margaret Boyd, the then-President of the All-England Women's Lacrosse Ass'n., approached various lacrosse-playing nations re the need for an International body. After preliminary letters in 1970, the 1st formulative meeting was held in January of 1971, to discuss how to proceed with the safe-guarding of the best interests of the game among women throughout the world.

In April of 1972, the 1st formal meeting of the IFWLA was held in London, with representation from 7 different countries. At that time, the basic aims of the organization were stated, as follows:

- To promote international understanding and goodwill through the development of the game at all levels;
- To establish an International Rules Committee to frame the Rules of Women's Lacrosse and the interpretation thereof;
- To facilitate the arrangements for touring teams at all levels.

The officers with voting powers were designated as the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and one delegate from each lacrosse playing country. Standing committees for Rules and Tours were appointed, with a chairman for each. Meetings were scheduled in conjunction with overseas tours, ideally each year, but at least once in every three years.

With this as a basic framework, and with Margaret Boyd, O.B.E as President, the IFWLA has since met annually. Succeeding Presidents have been Jane Vache(USA), Elizabeth Blaydes(England) and the President-elect, Jackie Pitts(USA). At various times there have been delegates from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Australia, Hong Kong, Canada and the USA. They have helped to establish a comprehensive Tour schedule and a final drafting of the International rules, an amended Constitution and a World Cup Tournament series.

Fully constituted to act in the best interests of all lacrosse playing nations, the IFWLA is attempting to keep a common standard of play throughout the world by anticipating domestic problems, enacting compromise rules where there are differences, establishing guidelines for equipment specifications, facilitating the planning of international competition on all continents. It is a forum for discussion, an agent for the development of the game in countries such as Holland, Germany, France, South Africa, New Zealand and others where there is a rising interest. It provides guidelines for a standard of play yet allows flexibility within nations with individual schoolgirl rules, variances of distances and seasons etc.

In the years ahead as the IFWLA grows to full maturity, it is hoped that it will be the leader in women's lacrosse throughout the world with an ever-increasing membership and an enlarged representation from the member countries.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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THE UNITED STATES WOMENS

The Geography of the United States of America varies according to the latitude and longitude and time of year, and each area of the country can have very different geography at the same time. Basically, there are four seasons; temperatures can vary from several degrees below zero to some degrees above one hundred, depending on the time of the year and the area, how far north or south one lives, and the month of the year. Snowfall can vary from several feet in the northwest, northeast and north central, to virtually none in the south.

Geography includes two Great oceans, seven Great Lakes, one Great Salt Lake, one Grand Canyon, several famous rivers, various mountain ranges, prairies, deserts, forests, numerous smaller bodies of water and one Great Falls. Geography has somewhat dictated the lacrosse playing areas of the United States, in that the southernmost hot, dry areas and the very northern areas where snow lingers late into the spring, have not as yet adopted the game.

Weather varies from area to area where the game is played but except for snow, it does not affect the playing of lacrosse. It is common to play in mud, slush, rain, wind, cold, snow, sleet or blistering heat if field conditions permit.

Lacrosse players in the United States travel a lot. In each of the six Districts, there are hundreds of miles to cover. Umpires like this for there are travel expenses to be considered; players get to know one another during hours of driving time.



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Major issues. The most critical issue currently facing the USWLA is that of protective equipment, particularly headgear. U.S rules provide the option of mouth, nose and eye-guards as well as gloves. Much controversy in the past 10 years has created a division between the purists of women's lacrosse who maintain that the skills of the game, if taught properly, nurture an injury-safe game. Proponents of a belief that the American female is now stronger, faster and more aggressive feel that she should be allowed protection if she desires to wear it.

Studies conducted by the USWLA Sports Medical Committee show that injuries incurred as a result of the stick or ball are not significant. Schoolmasters' organizations in the state of Massachusetts, on the other hand, have mandated the use of protective headgear for its member schools (14), despite consistent efforts by the USWLA to reverse such a decision.

The second most important issue is the development of the game in more schools and colleges. The U.S economy provides a raise in costs in all sports and services, which makes it difficult to introduce a new or developing sport; some members have been forced to drop the game due to budget cuts. The USWLA will maintain its Development Division and will attempt to service new groups with repaired and donated free-loan equipment; with Clinics by coaches and umpires; with written material and video tapes for all its members; with publicity, magazines, Newsletters; with Special events and Tournaments.

Lastly, insurance has become a major issue in all areas of sport in the USA, with ill-advised and opportunistic lawsuits a disarming new phenomenon. Hopefully, legislation will relieve some of the hurdles we now have to face.

So, in spite of problems of weather and distance and schedules and protective equipment and rules and insurance and money, the USWLA is indeed alive and healthy. Its total Board membership of 45 people is a hard-working, happy group of busy women, devoted to the game and dedicated to preserving it at its best. It also will hope to see its National team repeat as World Champions in 1986!

USWLA HONORARY MEMBERS

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| 1. Joyce Cran Barry (deceased) | 18. Ann O. Coakley |
| 2. M.O. Newbold (deceased) | 19. Mary Semanik |
| 3. Kathleen Lockley (deceased) | 20. Mary Conklin |
| 4. Marjorie Buxton (deceased) | 21. Carol Haussermann |
| 5. Betty Richey | 22. Jacqueline Pitts |
| 6. Martha Butler Klug (deceased) | 23. Kathleen Heinz |
| 7. Gretchen Schuyler | 24. Angela Tammaro |
| 8. Helena Wheeler | 25. Susanne Schooley |
| 9. Ann Pugh LeBoutillier | 26. Lisette Walter |
| 10. Ann Dudley Smith | |
| 11. Gertrude Hooper | |
| 12. Suzanne Cross | |
| 13. Gloria Heath | |
| 14. Ann Lee Delano | |
| 15. Rosabelle Sinclair (deceased) | |
| 16. Jane Vache | |
| 17. Betty Shellenberger | |

USWLA PRESIDENTS

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| Joyce Cran Barry | 1931-1935 |
| Eleanor Eaton | 1936-1938 |
| Anne Pugh | 1938-1939 |
| Helena Wheeler | 1940-1944 |
| Leslie Wead | 1944-1946 |
| Betty Richey | 1947-1948 |
| Ruth Stevenson | 1950-1951 |
| Gloria Heath | 1952-1954 |
| Betty Richey | 1955-1957 |
| Jane Vache | 1958-1960 |
| Jane Oswald | 1961-1964 |
| Kate Barrett | 1965-1966 |
| Betty Shellenberger | 1967-1968 |
| Caroline Haussermann | 1968-1974 |
| Jacqueline Pitts | 1974-1978 |
| Kathleen Heinz | 1978-1980 |
| Lisette Walter | 1980-1986 |

A U S T R A L I A

GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Australia has now been settled well over 200 years and has a population of approximately 14 million.

It is divided into six states and one territory - New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland on the eastern seaboard, Western Australia is the largest state and is on the western coastline of Australia. South Australia and Northern Territory fill in the Centre of Australia and Tasmania is at the foot of the Victorian coastline.

Canberra, in New South Wales, is the capital of Australia and the home of our Federal Government.

Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and the largest city. It is renowned for its Harbour Bridge and picturesque natural harbour and abundance of sailing and boating activities. It is the cultural centre of Australia for singers, artists and musicians.

Melbourne is the capital of Victoria and gives an atmosphere of gardens, parks and tree lined streets. One main feature is the old trams that are still used for transport. It has an enthusiastic sporting public, revelling in the facilities of the famous 'Cricket ground' - the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), and the home of the 'Aussie Rules Football'. 'The Melbourne Cup' - horse race, is a century old horse race and attracts the nations interest. Victoria has green fertile farming countryside with natural wildlife and sanctuaries.

Queensland can boast of the tropical beach paradise and the 'Great Barrier Reef'. It runs parallel to the coastline along the north-eastern shore and beckons tourists to enjoy the underwater beauty and secrets. It is also famous for its deep sea fishing, and home of our sugar cane, bananas and pineapple.

South Australia can boast a mediterranean climate and home of world famous wine industry. It is the new home for 'Grand Prix' car racing. It has a wide and varied farming background. Adelaide - the capital, is an orderly and well set out city with an abundance of public parklands, gardens and wide city streets. It is also the home of the 'Festival of Arts'.

The Northern Territory with Darwin as its capital, has the reputation of the land of contrasts. - It is the most beautiful and rugged of countryside and the home of many hidden treasures from our historical ancestors - the aborigines. Alice Springs - the centre of Australia, attracts a great deal of tourism and offers a very relaxed atmosphere and the attractions of the 'Ayres Rock and the Olgas' and many other natural wonders.

Perth - the capital of Western Australia - is nestled alongside the famous river, the Swan, and is the centre of many and varied water sports and hobbies. It is now the home of the world famous 'America's Cup', and the West Australian and Australian yachting contingency aim to keep it in Australia. Western Australia has some of the largest mining areas in Australia and can boast of over 6,000 varieties of wildflowers and native plants.

Hobart is the capital of Tasmania and is mostly a cooler climate with an abundance of dairy farming and is the state of fruit orchards. It is one of the oldest settlements of our 'English' compatriots, the convicts. It is well renowned for its fishing industry and can boast some of the best lobster in the world. Its scenery is that of great contrasts, very green sloping hills to high rugged mountains and beautiful valleys.

Australia's farming industry is very significant in world trade. Thousands of square miles are covered by sheep and cattle farms, producing large amounts of wool, excellent meat and dairy foods.

AUSTRALIA

Australia encompasses a wide range of climatic conditions, from temperate to tropical. Because of its extent and large variety of natural resources, Australia is potentially one of the world's richest countries.

Australia's nearest neighbours are:
North - Papua New Guinea and West Irian
Northwest - Indonesia and Malaysia
Across the Tasman sea to the east is New Zealand
West is the Indian Ocean, Christmas and Cocos island
Australia's coastline totals 20,000 kilometres.



SOFCROSSE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AUSTRALIA - (Modified Rules)

Sofcrosse in Australia was developed to cater for those wishing to take part in a non-contact and very easily understood concept of lacrosse. It is not burdened by excessive rules and regulations and is purely for the masses to participate no matter what their level of skill and to enjoy their playing.

It differs from normal mens/womens lacrosse because:

there is no protective equipment used by any players
players use a soft flexible plastic stick and a very soft low bounce ball

boys and girls, mums and dads can all play together

it can be played on any area, whether indoor or outdoors

the rules are very basic and easy to learn and supervise

there is no body contact and no stick contact

In Australia, Sofcrosse has been endorsed by the Education Department as a recognised modified rules sport.

Many teachers are learning this modified rules either within their training college or when they join the workforce.

Sofcrosse is being taught, and in fact, local school competitions are now being played in well over 550 schools within Australia. Primary and High School levels.

Sofcrosse has been able to break the normal barrier of accepting new concepts, and is making headway into states that have either never played any form of lacrosse or have since stopped playing any organised competition. Queensland played mens lacrosse but ceased in 1950, and New South Wales ceased during the second world war in 1939.

The aim of the current lacrosse fraternity is to have men, women, boys and girls all over Australia, playing and enjoying Sofcrosse.

At present there are well over 460 schools participating in internal and inter school Sofcrosse games. The map shows the extent of the promotion and the areas still to develop.

It is socially and competitively acceptable because of its versatility and it is hoped that all types of lacrosse will benefit from its conception.



CAN

CANADA

Legend has it that in 1534 the French explorer Jacques Cartier was met by members of the Huron-Iroquois Indians. An Indian pointed to the land around him and said "Kanata". The Indian was pointing to his village but Cartier interpreted the meaning to be the great land mass that he called Canada. Little did he realize that Canada would become the 2nd largest country, in area, in the world. To give you a rough idea of size, Canada is twice as wide as Australia and is as tall as the USA is wide. You can take the United Kingdom, add the states of Pennsylvania, Florida, and Kansas, and place it all very neatly into Hudson Bay without touching land. The northern third of the country is populated by only 38,000 people, or roughly the number of residents of the borough of Norristown, Pennsylvania. The total population of Canada is less than that of California. The vast majority of the 25,000,000 Canadians live near the longest undefended border in the world. (USA-Canada) Roughly 76% of the population is urban and 24% rural.

Canada is a bilingual country with one third of the population speaking French. The province of Quebec and the city of Montreal retain the language and culture of the early French explorers and settlers.

The climate varies from freezing cold to blistering heat, with a range of beyond 170° Fahrenheit. British Columbia has the most temperate climate and is a popular place for Canadians who wish to leave snow shovels behind when they retire.

Canada is the world's largest exporter of minerals. Other leading industries are fishing, farming, forestry and manufacturing.

Canada was populated by native Indians and Inuit (Eskimos) for over 25,000 years until the French and English arrived to declare themselves the two founding races. Inevitable conflicts between the French and English speaking peoples were finally resolved in a partnership culminating in the British North American Act of 1867 whereby Quebec and Ontario joined with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to become the Dominion of Canada. The great central land mass dominated by the Hudson Bay Company was secured after negotiation and one by one the western provinces joined the confederation, with the last being Alberta in 1905. Forty-four years later (1949), Newfoundland joined the confederation.

The movement of people to the west, as in the United States, followed the building of the railroads to reach the great wealth of furs, forests and mines.

Today, Canada is made up of ten provinces and two territories. It is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government. The official head of state, Queen Elizabeth II, is represented by a governor general. Each of the provinces has its own government. The capital city of Canada is Ottawa.

Organized sport in Canada is represented by the Minister of Sport in the Cabinet in Ottawa. Each Sport Federation has a national organization to oversee the development and operation of that sport. The provincial programs are organized by the provincial associations. The highlight of each season is the national tournament.

The sports federation that represents lacrosse is the Canadian Lacrosse Association (C.L.A.). This organization is responsible for developing Box Lacrosse, Men's Field Lacrosse, Women's Field Lacrosse, and Mini Lacrosse throughout Canada.

Lacrosse is the national sport of Canada and was played by the Indians before the arrival of Europeans. The game reached its height of popularity in the early 1900's. Lacrosse was played in the 1904 Olympic games in St. Louis, Mo. It remained a men's game until 1979 when women's teams were formed in Toronto and Vancouver. The first girls to play the game were box lacrosse players and the teams were organized and coached by men from the box lacrosse game.



ADA



In 1982 Canada sent a team to the World Cup in Nottingham, England and was proud to finish third in the tournament. In 1983, the Women's Program of the C.L.A. was formed with the provincial associations being Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. In the following three years Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland founded associations. Development of associations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island is being planned.

National Championships have been held for the past three years. The championships were played in Montreal in 1983 and 1984, in Saskatoon in 1985, and will be held in Calgary in 1986. Teams from the USA have participated in each tournament and the Iroquois Nationals team participated in both 1984 and 1985.

A Canadian Touring team toured Scotland and Wales in 1984, a Quebec team joined with the Scottish team to play exhibition games in Belgium and France. In 1985 a touring team played in the USA. Plans for the future include a Touring team to Australia in 1987, hosting a Celtic Team on a cross-Canada tour via rail with a Canadian Team in 1988, and the 1989 World Cup in Australia.

Developing lacrosse in Canada is a tremendous undertaking. The distances are great and provincial associations have long, expensive flights to play games. In order to hold a squad practice, the average player flew 1800 miles and the cost of the practice was \$5,000 - \$6,000. In order to coach the squad, the coach flew over 23,000 miles to practices.

Unlike many other sports, lacrosse is not played in schools or universities. Athletes must be recruited and then introduced to the sport at clinics given in the provinces. There are only seven lacrosse coaches in Canada, four women and three men. There have been no umpires in Canada until this past year when an umpiring clinic was held at the national tournament in Saskatoon. There are now thirteen umpires in Canada.

Approximately 150 women play lacrosse. The immediate goal is to increase the number of women coaches and the number of players so that competitive games can be held within the provinces. At present, the majority of the players can only play the game at the National tournament.

Canadian lacrosse players owe a great deal to the support given to them by coaches, players, and umpires from the USA who have encouraged the development of the game across Canada. We are delighted to be participating in the World Cup in Philadelphia and are looking forward to competing against and learning from the older established member of the International Federation.

Canada voudrait remercier l'association de crosse feminin des Etats Unis pour l'organisation de ce tournoi et pour nous avoir reçu au Championnat du Monde.



CANADA

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Major issues. The most critical issue currently facing the USWLA is that of protective equipment, particularly headgear. U.S rules provide the option of mouth, nose and eye-guards as well as gloves. Much controversy in the past 10 years has created a division between the purists of women's lacrosse who maintain that the skills of the game, if taught properly, nurture an injury-safe game. Proponents of a belief that the American female is now stronger, faster and more aggressive feel that she should be allowed protection if she desires to wear it.

Studies conducted by the USWLA Sports Medical Committee show that injuries incurred as a result of the stick or ball are not significant. Schoolmasters' organizations in the state of Massachusetts, on the other hand, have mandated the use of protective headgear for its member schools (14), despite consistent efforts by the USWLA to reverse such a decision.

The second most important issue is the development of the game in more schools and colleges. The U.S economy provides a raise in costs in all sports and services, which makes it difficult to introduce a new or developing sport; some members have been forced to drop the game due to budget cuts. The USWLA will maintain its Development Division and will attempt to service new groups with repaired and donated free-loan equipment; with Clinics by coaches and umpires; with written material and video tapes for all its members; with publicity, magazines, Newsletters; with Special events and Tournaments.

Lastly, insurance has become a major issue in all areas of sport in the USA, with ill-advised and opportunistic lawsuits a disarming new phenomenon. Hopefully, legislation will relieve some of the hurdles we now have to face.

So, in spite of problems of weather and distance and schedules and protective equipment and rules and insurance and money, the USWLA is indeed alive and healthy. Its total Board membership of 45 people is a hard-working, happy group of busy women, devoted to the game and dedicated to preserving it at its best. It also will hope to see its National team repeat as World Champions in 1986!

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A U S T R A L I A

GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Australia has now been settled well over 200 years and has a population of approximately 14 million.

It is divided into six states and one territory - New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland on the eastern seaboard, Western Australia is the largest state and is on the western coastline of Australia. South Australia and Northern Territory fill in the Centre of Australia and Tasmania is at the foot of the Victorian coastline.

Canberra, in New South Wales, is the capital of Australia and the home of our Federal Government.

Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and the largest city. It is renowned for its Harbour Bridge and picturesque natural harbour and abundance of sailing and boating activities. It is the cultural centre of Australia for singers, artists and musicians.

Melbourne is the capital of Victoria and gives an atmosphere of gardens, parks and tree lined streets. One main feature is the old trams that are still used for transport. It has an enthusiastic sporting public, revelling in the facilities of the famous 'Cricket ground' - the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), and the home of the 'Aussie Rules Football'. 'The Melbourne Cup' - horse race, is a century old horse race and attracts the nations interest. Victoria has green fertile farming countryside with natural wildlife and sanctuaries.

Queensland can boast of the tropical beach paradise and the 'Great Barrier Reef'. It runs parallel to the coastline along the north-eastern shore and beckons tourists to enjoy the underwater beauty and secrets. It is also famous for its deep sea fishing, and home of our sugar cane, bananas and pineapple.

South Australia can boast a mediterranean climate and home of world famous wine industry. It is the new home for 'Grand Prix' car racing. It has a wide and varied farming background. Adelaide - the capital, is an orderly and well set out city with an abundance of public parklands, gardens and wide city streets. It is also the home of the 'Festival of Arts'.

The Northern Territory with Darwin as its capital, has the reputation of the land of contrasts. It is the most beautiful and rugged of countryside and the home of many hidden treasures from our historical ancestors - the aborigines. Alice Springs - the centre of Australia, attracts a great deal of tourism and offers a very relaxed atmosphere and the attractions of the 'Ayres Rock and the Olgas' and many other natural wonders.

Perth - the capital of Western Australia - is nestled alongside the famous river, the Swan, and is the centre of many and varied water sports and hobbies. It is now the home of the world famous 'America's Cup', and the West Australian and Australian yachting contingency aim to keep it in Australia. Western Australia has some of the largest mining areas in Australia and can boast of over 6,000 varieties of wildflowers and native plants.

Hobart is the capital of Tasmania and is mostly a cooler climate with an abundance of dairy farming and is the state of fruit orchards. It is one of the oldest settlements of our 'English' compatriots, the convicts. It is well renowned for its fishing industry and can boast some of the best lobster in the world. Its scenery is that of great contrasts, very green sloping hills to high rugged mountains and beautiful valleys.

Australia's farming industry is very significant in world trade. Thousands of square miles are covered by sheep and cattle farms, producing large amounts of wool, excellent meat and dairy foods.

AUSTRALIA

Australia encompasses a wide range of climatic conditions, from temperate to tropical. Because of its extent and large variety of natural resources, Australia is potentially one of the world's richest countries.

Australia's nearest neighbours are:

North - Papua New Guinea and West Irian

Northwest - Indonesia and Malaysia

Across the Tasman sea to the east is New Zealand

West is the Indian Ocean, Christmas and Cocos island

Australia's coastline totals 20,000 kilometres.



SOFCROSSE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AUSTRALIA - (Modified Rules)

Sofcrosse in Australia was developed to cater for those wishing to take part in a non-contact and very easily understood concept of lacrosse. It is not burdened by excessive rules and regulations and is purely for the masses to participate no matter what their level of skill and to enjoy their playing.

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there is no protective equipment used by any players

players use a soft flexible plastic stick and a very soft low bounce ball

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it can be played on any area, whether indoor or outdoors

the rules are very basic and easy to learn and supervise

there is no body contact and no stick contact

In Australia, Sofcrosse has been endorsed by the Education Department as a recognised modified rules sport.

Many teachers are learning this modified rules either within their training college or when they join the workforce.

Sofcrosse is being taught, and in fact, local school competitions are now being played in well over 550 schools within Australia. Primary and High School levels.

Sofcrosse has been able to break the normal barrier of accepting new concepts, and is making headway into states that have either never played any form of lacrosse or have since stopped playing any organised competition. Queensland played mens lacrosse but ceased in 1950, and New South Wales ceased during the second world war in 1939.

The aim of the current lacrosse fraternity is to have men, women, boys and girls all over Australia, playing and enjoying Sofcrosse.

At present there are well over 460 schools participating in internal and inter school Sofcrosse games. The map shows the extent of the promotion and the areas still to develop.

It is socially and competitively acceptable because of its versatility and it is hoped that all types of lacrosse will benefit from its conception.



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CANADA

Legend has it that in 1534 the French explorer Jacques Cartier was met by members of the Huron-Iroquois Indians. An Indian pointed to the land around him and said "Kanata". The Indian was pointing to his village but Cartier interpreted the meaning to be the great land mass that he called Canada. Little did he realize that Canada would become the 2nd largest country, in area, in the world. To give you a rough idea of size, Canada is twice as wide as Australia and is as tall as the USA is wide. You can take the United Kingdom, add the states of Pennsylvania, Florida, and Kansas, and place it all very neatly into Hudson Bay without touching land. The northern third of the country is populated by only 38,000 people, or roughly the number of residents of the boro of Norristown, Pennsylvania. The total population of Canada is less than that of California. The vast majority of the 25,000,000 Canadians live near the longest undefended border in the world. (USA-Canada) Roughly 76% of the population is urban and 24% rural.

Canada is a bilingual country with one third of the population speaking French. The province of Quebec and the city of Montreal retain the language and culture of the early French explorers and settlers.

The climate varies from freezing cold to blistering heat, with a range of beyond 170° Fahrenheit. British Columbia has the most temperate climate and is a popular place for Canadians who wish to leave snow shovels behind when they retire.

Canada is the world's largest exporter of minerals. Other leading industries are fishing, farming, forestry and manufacturing.

Canada was populated by native Indians and Inuit (Eskimos) for over 25,000 years until the French and English arrived to declare themselves the two founding races. Inevitable conflicts between the French and English speaking peoples were finally resolved in a partnership culminating in the British North American Act of 1867 whereby Quebec and Ontario joined with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to become the Dominion of Canada. The great central land mass dominated by the Hudson Bay Company was secured after negotiation and one by one the western provinces joined the confederation, with the last being Alberta in 1905. Forty-four years later (1949), Newfoundland joined the confederation.

The movement of people to the west, as in the United States, followed the building of the railroads to reach the great wealth of furs, forests and mines.

Today, Canada is made up of ten provinces and two territories. It is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government. The official head of state, Queen Elizabeth II, is represented by a governor general. Each of the provinces has its own government. The capital city of Canada is Ottawa.

Organized sport in Canada is represented by the Minister of Sport in the Cabinet in Ottawa. Each Sport Federation has a national organization to oversee the development and operation of that sport. The provincial programs are organized by the provincial associations. The highlight of each season is the national tournament.

The sports federation that represents lacrosse is the Canadian Lacrosse Association (C.L.A.). This organization is responsible for developing Box Lacrosse, Men's Field Lacrosse, Women's Field Lacrosse, and Mini Lacrosse throughout Canada.

Lacrosse is the national sport of Canada and was played by the Indians before the arrival of Europeans. The game reached its height of popularity in the early 1900's. Lacrosse was played in the 1904 Olympic games in St. Louis, Mo. It remained a men's game until 1979 when women's teams were formed in Toronto and Vancouver. The first girls to play the game were box lacrosse players and the teams were organized and coached by men from the box lacrosse game.



ADA



In 1982 Canada sent a team to the World Cup in Nottingham, England and was proud to finish third in the tournament. In 1983, the Women's Program of the C.L.A. was formed with the provincial associations being Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. In the following three years Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland founded associations. Development of associations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island is being planned.

National Championships have been held for the past three years. The championships were played in Montreal in 1983 and 1984, in Saskatoon in 1985, and will be held in Calgary in 1986. Teams from the USA have participated in each tournament and the Iroquois Nationals team participated in both 1984 and 1985.

A Canadian Touring team toured Scotland and Wales in 1984, a Quebec team joined with the Scottish team to play exhibition games in Belgium and France. In 1985 a touring team played in the USA. Plans for the future include a Touring team to Australia in 1987, hosting a Celtic Team on a cross-Canada tour via rail with a Canadian Team in 1988, and the 1989 World Cup in Australia.

Developing lacrosse in Canada is a tremendous undertaking. The distances are great and provincial associations have long, expensive flights to play games. In order to hold a squad practice, the average player flew 1800 miles and the cost of the practice was \$5,000 - \$6,000. In order to coach the squad, the coach flew over 23,000 miles to practices.

Unlike many other sports, lacrosse is not played in schools or universities. Athletes must be recruited and then introduced to the sport at clinics given in the provinces. There are only seven lacrosse coaches in Canada, four women and three men. There have been no umpires in Canada until this past year when an umpiring clinic was held at the national tournament in Saskatoon. There are now thirteen umpires in Canada.

Approximately 150 women play lacrosse. The immediate goal is to increase the number of women coaches and the number of players so that competitive games can be held within the provinces. At present, the majority of the players can only play the game at the National tournament.

Canadian lacrosse players owe a great deal to the support given to them by coaches, players, and umpires from the USA who have encouraged the development of the game across Canada. We are delighted to be participating in the World Cup in Philadelphia and are looking forward to competing against and learning from the older established member of the International Federation.

Canada voudrait remercier l'association de crosse feminin des Etats Unis pour l'organisation de ce tournoi et pour nous avoir reçu au Championnat du Monde.



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Exerpts from "Women's Lacrosse in Britain" by Celia Brackenridge, England Coach.

Lacrosse first came to England in 1867, with demonstration games between French Canadians and Indians. It was also played before Queen Victoria in 1876 by 14 Canadians and 13 Iroquois Indians. It is difficult to establish when the game was first played by women and girls but it is thought that Ladybarn House School played in 1886.

Wycombe Abbey School was certainly playing in 1896, but with a team of 8 players, the positions being called forwards and backs. By 1897 the number of players had increased to 10, and by 1899, players were in the 12 positions as we know them today. The men's and women's games diverged from the late 1900's and have developed quite different identities since then.

The Association was founded in 1912 and was called the Ladies Lacrosse Association; then the All England Ladies Lacrosse Association in 1925; and finally in 1965, the title was again changed when the Ladies became Women.

Membership is made up of Schools(116 plus 33 using Hire kits in 1984/85), Colleges (9 in 1984/85), Universities, Clubs(38 in 1984/85), Individual members(636), Life and Honorary Life members(170).

There are County Associations with inter-County lacrosse being particularly strong in the South and North. The Inter-Counties Championship is one of the great annual occasions of the AEWLA calendar, with 20 teams participating in 1984/85.

The Territorial Associations were set up in 1924 as the East, Midlands, North, South and West. The Combined Universities have now been given Territorial status and play in both the first team and reserve team tournaments.

LAND



International play first began in 1912/1913 with England playing Scotland and Wales. Ireland began to play in 1930 on through 1970, when the Ireland Association disbanded owing to lack of players. The remaining three countries play annually.

In 1933 an unofficial English team went to the USA to coach and play; in 1935 the 1st U.S Touring Team came to Britain. In 1937, the Association was invited to take part in an International Women's Week and to give a demonstration in Budapest. Since 1949, two-way trans-Atlantic traffic has increased with Great Britain and Ireland Touring Teams playing in the USA and the USA Touring Teams being welcomed on this side of the Atlantic. Finally, England alone took up the challenge.

In 1969 a GBITT Team combined with the USA to go to Australia (where it won the 1st unofficial 'world cup'); in 1972 Australia toured Great Britain. In 1976/77 the British Universities and a team called the Redcoats played in the USA, and in 1978 Great Britain went to Australia where for the 1st time, a Test series was played. (These are sketchy bits from a long and interesting paper by Miss Brackenridge; space prevents including more.)

Facts about England and English Lacrosse....

Climate. The weather in England is variable but not often extreme. From the start of the lacrosse season in September up to Christmas, the main problem for players and organisers is rain and mud, though England can have beautiful autumns! After Christmas Territorial matches in January and February are at a risk of cancellation because of frost and snow. June to September are England's warmest months with temperatures varying between the lower 60's to the lower 80's Fahrenheit. Unfortunately for lacrosse, women tend to play tennis in these months!

Playing Numbers. It is estimated that about 40,000 women and girls play lacrosse in England. These are not spread evenly over all of England but are concentrated in fairly small pockets like Greater London in the South East and Merseyside in the South West.

Current Problems. Lacrosse shares the problems of other women's sports - the lack of personnel for organization and administration, and also for the very important task of development and promotion. Over 140 events are organised nationally at weekends from September to March, apart from the normal school lacrosse fixtures and club matches. These range from County school tournaments to International matches, and an enormous number of volunteers is required to run them. Happily, the Association has persuaded the Sports Council to award it a grant for a full-time Development Officer for a 3-year period, in order to develop participation in lacrosse in England.

A message from the President, Mrs. Maureen Watson (taken from the World Cup Booklet prepared in England):

"It hardly seems possible that nearly four years have elapsed since the AEWLA had the honor of organising the very first World Cup. Now we are sending out team over to Philadelphia, USA to make another challenge. The AEWLA is the oldest Association in the world, approaching its 75th anniversary in 1987, and has spread the game of lacrosse by sending its players all over the world. We support the IFWLA in its continuing activities in this sphere, and we know that the 2nd IFWLA World Cup will do much to promote international development. We wish the USWLA every success in its organization....."

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The Scots and the English fought for many centuries. The two countries finally united, not through battle but by the merging of the thrones under the Scottish King James VI, who also became James I of England.

Lacrosse was introduced to Scotland in 1890 by the Headmistress of St. Leonard's School. The 1st inter-house matches at the school were played by teams of eight players each. By 1895, they had increased to 10-a-side and when the 1st Scottish trials were held in 1913, there were 12 players in each team, playing in a tournament against England and Wales.

The Scottish Lacrosse Association was formed in 1920, and by 1924, organized the 1st Clubs tournament. By 1931, there were eleven clubs/colleges, 5 schools as members of the Association.

At present, there are 8 Clubs/Universities and 7 schools, although lacrosse is played in other non-affiliated schools and clubs. The Association is doing all it can to help and encourage interest, with a supply of hire kits, both 12-a-side and mini-lacrosse. It also runs coaching courses for players, coaches and umpires. There has been a commendable increase in the number of umpires and coaches at all levels.

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Scotland has 2 international teams - the A and B squads which are composed of players with Scottish nationality living both north and south of the border. There is also a Home-Scots team composed of those domesticated in Scotland.

The Scottish teams have been most successful recently and our improved standing is shown by the number of Scots on the 1985 G.B team - 6, as compared to 1 in 1978.

As well as the senior teams, there are two Schoolgirl teams which have played annually against the Welsh Schoolgirls since 1972. In recent years, it has also played against Junior England or a Junior English Territory.

The future of lacrosse in Scotland faces many problems. Since it is largely a school-based game, we are greatly dependent on the P.E teachers. There is only one specialist P.E college in Scotland, and this dropped lacrosse; only recently has it begun to re-introduce the game on an optional short course basis. Also, the wide choice of sporting activities tends to hurt the team games such as lacrosse, while the distance and expense of travel make competition difficult.

Even so, this excellent game continues, mainly due to the enthusiasm and dedication of those involved. We are working hard to encourage the mini and indoor games in schools and sports centres. Hopefully, this will produce a bright future for Scottish lacrosse.

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Exerpts from "Women's Lacrosse in Britain" by Celia Brackenridge, England Coach.

Lacrosse first came to England in 1867, with demonstration games between French Canadians and Indians. It was also played before Queen Victoria in 1876 by 14 Canadians and 13 Iroquois Indians. It is difficult to establish when the game was first played by women and girls but it is thought that Ladybarn House School played in 1886.

Wycombe Abbey School was certainly playing in 1896, but with a team of 8 players, the positions being called forwards and backs. By 1897 the number of players had increased to 10, and by 1899, players were in the 12 positions as we know them today. The men's and women's games diverged from the late 1900's and have developed quite different identities since then.

The Association was founded in 1912 and was called the Ladies Lacrosse Association; then the All England Ladies Lacrosse Association in 1925; and finally in 1965, the title was again changed when the Ladies became Women.

Membership is made up of Schools (116 plus 33 using Hire kits in 1984/85), Colleges (9 in 1984/85), Universities, Clubs (38 in 1984/85), Individual members (636), Life and Honorary Life members (170).

There are County Associations with inter-County lacrosse being particularly strong in the South and North. The Inter-Counties Championship is one of the great annual occasions of the AEWLA calendar, with 20 teams participating in 1984/85.

The Territorial Associations were set up in 1924 as the East, Midlands, North, South and West. The Combined Universities have now been given Territorial status and play in both the first team and reserve team tournaments.

LAND



International play first began in 1912/1913 with England playing Scotland and Wales. Ireland began to play in 1930 on through 1970, when the Ireland Association disbanded owing to lack of players. The remaining three countries play annually.

In 1933 an unofficial English team went to the USA to coach and play; in 1935 the 1st U.S Touring Team came to Britain. In 1937, the Association was invited to take part in an International Women's Week and to give a demonstration in Budapest. Since 1949, two-way trans-Atlantic traffic has increased with Great Britain and Ireland Touring Teams playing in the USA and the USA Touring Teams being welcomed on this side of the Atlantic. Finally, England alone took up the challenge.

In 1969 a GBITT Team combined with the USA to go to Australia (where it won the 1st unofficial 'world cup'); in 1972 Australia toured Great Britain. In 1976/77 the British Universities and a team called the Redcoats played in the USA, and in 1978 Great Britain went to Australia where for the 1st time, a Test series was played. (These are sketchy bits from a long and interesting paper by Miss Brackenridge; space prevents including more.)

Facts about England and English Lacrosse....

Climate. The weather in England is variable but not often extreme. From the start of the lacrosse season in September up to Christmas, the main problem for players and organisers is rain and mud, though England can have beautiful autumns! After Christmas Territorial matches in January and February are at a risk of cancellation because of frost and snow. June to September are England's warmest months with temperatures varying between the lower 60's to the lower 80's Fahrenheit. Unfortunately for lacrosse, women tend to play tennis in these months!

Playing Numbers. It is estimated that about 40,000 women and girls play lacrosse in England. These are not spread evenly over all of England but are concentrated in fairly small pockets like Greater London in the South East and Merseyside in the South West.

Current Problems. Lacrosse shares the problems of other women's sports - the lack of personnel for organization and administration, and also for the very important task of development and promotion. Over 140 events are organised nationally at weekends from September to March, apart from the normal school lacrosse fixtures and club matches. These range from County school tournaments to International matches, and an enormous number of volunteers is required to run them. Happily, the Association has persuaded the Sports Council to award it a grant for a full-time Development Officer for a 3-year period, in order to develop participation in lacrosse in England.

A message from the President, Mrs. Maureen Watson (taken from the World Cup Booklet prepared in England):

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The Scots and the English fought for many centuries. The two countries finally united, not through battle but by the merging of the thrones under the Scottish King James VI, who also became James I of England.

Lacrosse was introduced to Scotland in 1890 by the Headmistress of St. Leonard's School. The 1st inter-house matches at the school were played by teams of eight players each. By 1895, they had increased to 10-a-side and when the 1st Scottish trials were held in 1913, there were 12 players in each team, playing in a tournament against England and Wales.

The Scottish Lacrosse Association was formed in 1920, and by 1924, organized the 1st Clubs tournament. By 1931, there were eleven clubs/colleges, 5 schools as members of the Association.

At present, there are 8 Clubs/Universities and 7 schools, although lacrosse is played in other non-affiliated schools and clubs. The Association is doing all it can to help and encourage interest, with a supply of hire kits, both 12-a-side and mini-lacrosse. It also runs coaching courses for players, coaches and umpires. There has been a commendable increase in the number of umpires and coaches at all levels.

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As well as the senior teams, there are two Schoolgirl teams which have played annually against the Welsh Schoolgirls since 1972. In recent years, it has also played against Junior England or a Junior English Territory.

The future of lacrosse in Scotland faces many problems. Since it is largely a school-based game, we are greatly dependent on the P.E teachers. There is only one specialist P.E college in Scotland, and this dropped lacrosse; only recently has it begun to re-introduce the game on an optional short course basis. Also, the wide choice of sporting activities tends to hurt the team games such as lacrosse, while the distance and expense of travel make competition difficult.

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