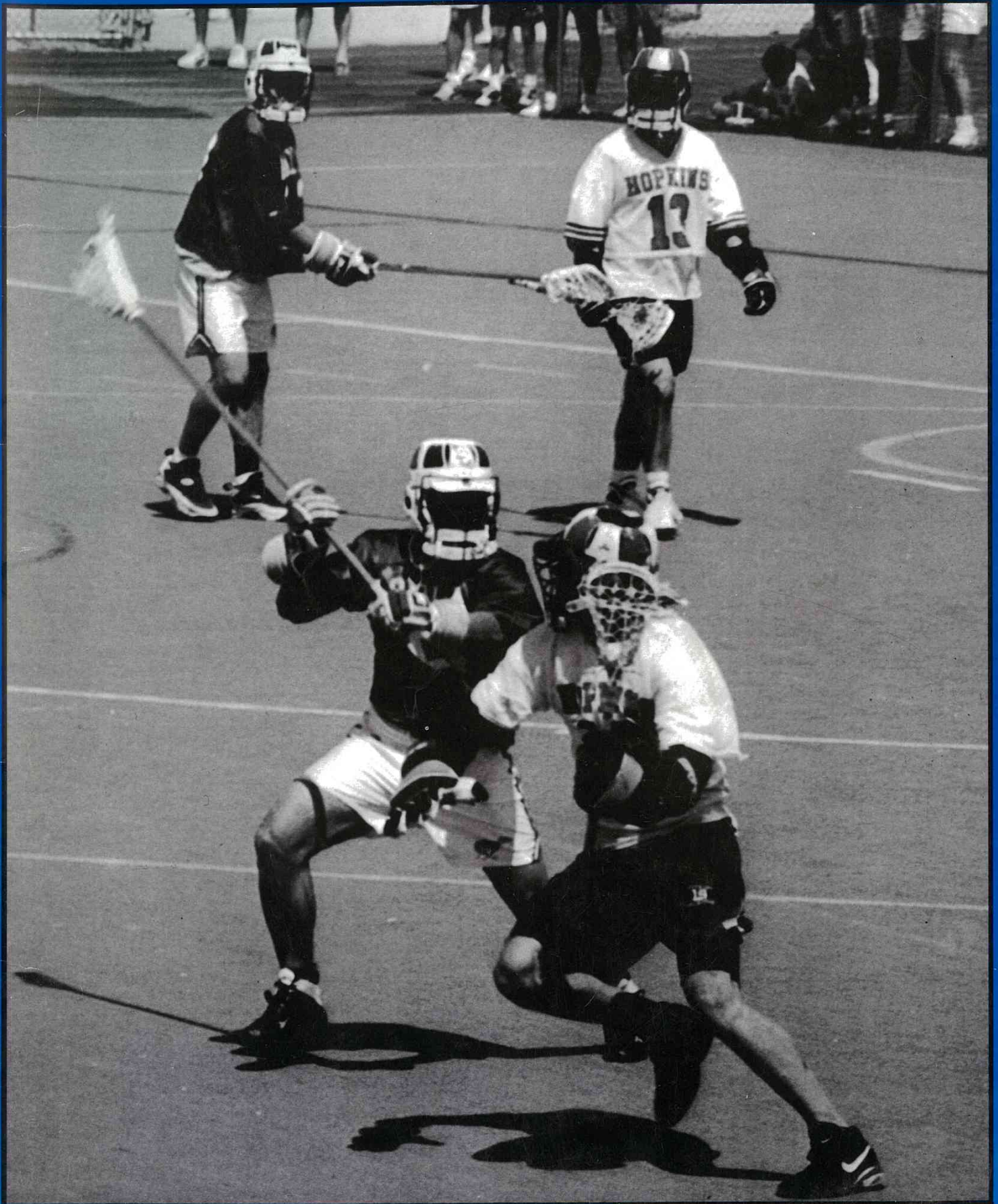


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Action in the NCAA Quarter Final, Johns Hopkins versus Maryland

Photo Ian Whitbourn

# Editorial

During the last month I had a note from Rhys Wm Shobbrook, an Ex-Melbourne University player, regarding Lacrosse on the Internet. By now everyone has probably heard about or come in contact with the Internet and all its tales of woe as well as the excitement of being able to have an incredible amount of information at our fingertips. As Rhys points out there is up to date lacrosse information through Web Pages and Newsgroups. Well I thought why not our own Web Page! Voila! For those with access to the Internet the address is "<http://www.ais.com.au/lax/lax.html>".

For those who require access, please contact me via *The Lacrosse Player*. This is the starting point and as more information becomes available the page will grow. Perhaps this magazine will make its way to the web as well! To me it is yet another way of promoting lacrosse via a means that many people come into contact with.

Our younger members probably use the Internet at school. They are the future of the game and by making this sort of access easily available to the general public we at least are reaching out at a level and with a medium they understand. The future of the game is in our hands now to ensure that children know about and want to be part of Lacrosse.

I did take up refereeing this year and I am continually amazed by this dedicated group of professionals. It's not the abuse they put up with every Saturday, or the cold wet days when they are out on the field but how they continually try to appraise and test themselves to improve that makes me sit up and take notice. During June there was a fitness test. I know, you think I'm kidding! How can some of the refs do a fitness test? Do it they did! Myself included.... I play squash regularly. I exercise. Ok I'm a bit overweight but hey this is only a bit of a run and a few sprints. WRONG. I forgot it was against the clock. I watched everyone disappear into the distance on the 2.4km run. Against the clock. I had mud in my face in the 220m sprint. Then I was told to do a 50m sprint. Thank goodness I thought after the 50m. Then to add more pain to my already aching body I was told that I had to do the 220m and 50m again, just to make sure. To finish just 4 quick 20m sprints. Is that all I thought being too polite to express what I thought of 20m sprints!!! Ah a nice shower..... just then the body decided this is it, enough already. After sitting for awhile trying to keep lunch from five hours earlier where it should be I realised that refereeing is just as demanding as playing. Fitness is all important. Forget about giving up playing and being a social referee. I doesn't work that way any more. Exams, fitness tests, weekly evaluations are all part of the new breed referee. They may not be perfect but the refs are trying to improve the standard and after all where would we be without them.

*Aching till next time*

*Keith Chamberlain*

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## Letters to the Editor

In Western Australia, we have now come "on stream" as recipients of *The Lacrosse Player*, and I am writing to express my appreciation for your fine magazine. The articles about both womens and mens lacrosse are a sign that the game is at last becoming a truly national sport in this country.

It is also good to be able to read about the latest interstate tournaments, national team selections, etc, whilst the information is current.

Congratulations to all of your staff in producing such a good magazine and I hope it continues to be a huge success

*Bruce Johnson -WA*

Congratulations on a wonderful publication about lacrosse which I always read with great interest.

In your recent edition I read the comments of Doug Fox on the current debate on the interpretation of the slashing rule. Doug is a man to whom lacrosse should be grateful to have in charge of lacrosse in this country and for having the courage to take on

this highly contentious issue. His comments are articulate, well thought out and make great sense.

As a player, administrator and coach (at various times) during my 39 year involvement in lacrosse, I feel qualified to express my support to the basic ideal being sought while expressing my great distress as to how it is being put into action on the field (at least in South Australia).

It has always been my view that the way the USA umpires interpret the slashing rule is contrary to the rule itself and therefore wrong. The international community does not appear to have had the courage or clout to take them on on this issue as our administrators are now doing here. Like Doug Fox, I also feel we should play the game how we believe it should be played, in the spirit of the rules. I don't believe we gained anything by changing our rules to fall totally into line with the international rules and our results internationally would probably support that.

My great concern on this issue is that the referees



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appear to have taken the view (and I repeat that I am talking about SA here) that any check which is other than vertical, around the body is illegal. Doug talks of the skill development of the players to handle the changes. If the rules are interpreted in this manner the attack player gains too much advantage and the interpretation does not appear consistent with the rule. The value judgement of wild and reckless should be there to protect the player from injury by the clear slash into the body which is unnecessarily violent or clearly intended to injure rather than dislodge the ball.

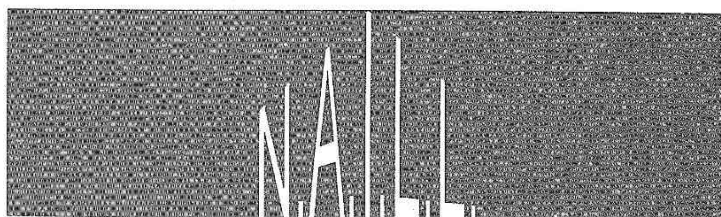
I have to say that this is not intended as a referee bashing exercise, as I must say they are being consistent in their interpretation, nor is intended as supporting on field violence. I do feel though that the referees need a little more direction so that a well executed check to the bottom hand or the stick between the hands is not refereed out of the game. It is a great skill which our current A grade players have developed to a high level only to now find themselves being fouled for checks which are entirely legal under the rules.

By all means, referee the slash to the arm out of the game, but be wary of "throwing the baby out with the bath water" and losing one of the great skills of our game in which we in Australia are only just starting to perfect. I also hope we take the opportunity to convince the USA that if they want arm slashing to be part of the international game, they have to do it by changing the rules with the support of the other lacrosse playing nations, not by interpretations inconsistent with the rules.

*Eric Granger - SA*

This year and last year the Victorian Under 13 Girls competition has been great. A lot of the girls that have been playing in the competition like it because it is just for girls. The Under 13 Girls competition was introduced by the VWLA to encourage younger girls to take up lacrosse. Playing in an all girls team means that I don't have to compete with boys in the game. The games have been a lot of fun and I think a lot of the other girls would agree with me. Our coach, Jenny Minniece, gives us the chance to play in many different positions on the field and this is giving us good experience. After a game we congratulate each other, even if we don't win. Over all I think everyone enjoys the game and the friendships. I know I certainly do.

*Kate Chamberlain - Vic*



The National Australian Indoor Lacrosse League had its inaugural season in Melbourne during February and March of this year. Regrettably the NAILL was unable to organise a team from South Australia as originally planned, mainly due to time constraints and the efforts by the organising body to ensure the competition was launched in 1995.

After an overwhelming expression of interest from players and sufficient applications from coaches, it was decided to call for players to register for a draft.

Although the desired number of players was not obtained in the first draft, the supplementary draft gained sufficient players to field four teams and provide a player nucleus for the future.

The existing outdoor "box" at Altona was renovated to improve the appearance for the benefit of players, spectators and video taping of the games.

As well, grand stands and

DJ/commentary were introduced to assist in spectator enjoyment and provide scoring details and announcements.

All games were played on Friday and Saturday evenings, commencing at 8.30 pm.

Average attendance exceeded the organisers expectations.

Three of the four teams were able to obtain sponsorships.

The Atomic Bar Avengers, the Alemco Cobras, the Renegades and the Admiral Nelson Tavern Warriors fought out an extremely tense, and memorable season of box lacrosse.

The eventual winners, the Cobras, had to withstand the charge of the Warriors and inclement weather which was the only disappointment.

The Cobras finished the regular season undefeated, only to meet the much improved Warriors in the final series after the Warriors defeated the Avengers in two games in the semi-final series.

The best of three final series was tied at a game each when persistent rain on each night of the planned third game forced the abandonment of the series.

The Cobras were awarded the championships on their performance during the regular season, where they finished on top of the ladder undefeated.

The NAILL is looking forward to the probability of interstate teams and indoor venues for the 1996 season.

# Fast Food Lax .....

## A Glimpse of the future

*You don't need to look far to see that the traditional Aussie team sports of footy and cricket have taken a battering with declining numbers in recent years. And attracting new faces to lacrosse hasn't been too easy! Meanwhile, basketball has developed in leaps and bounds.*

What is happening ? Where are we headed ?

Camberwell Lacrosse Club has set itself an agenda to find out. Eighteen months ago the club introduced a Monday nights, indoor recreational non-contact lacrosse league at the magnificent new family leisure centre in Ashburton. The MILL (Melbourne Indoor Lacrosse League) has run continuously ever since with between sixteen and twenty teams playing.

More recently the club started an eight-team junior indoor league, restricted to boys aged 8-10 years.

The results of both competitions are revealing to say the least. They indicate that lacrosse needs to come to terms with the major changes that have been occurring over the last decade in people's work, family and lifestyle choices.

glamorous alternative things to do are competing for their time. Even families with young children seem to want to squeeze their kids sport into more of a 'fast-food', 'keep it flexible' approach".

The Camberwell Indoor Junior League has been something of a revelation for the club. It started as an experiment to boost the club's annual recruiting. Junior Co-ordinator, Doug Fox explained "We promoted a six week 'Try Lacrosse' program for Grade 4-5 boys in local primary schools. The program was restricted to forty boys and filled within a week. Half the boys joined our Saturday Under 11 teams, but many had football and basketball commitments. When the six weeks was up we advertised an indoor junior league and 60 boys signed up for the eight week competition, including many of the best footballers and basketballers".

The program is easy to run as there is no need to set up goals and benches and mark out grounds. The forty-five minute games mean that the boys are in and out within an hour, maybe with mum using the time to have a swim or aerobics workout.

So what's the message for lacrosse. "We are not sure", said Doug Fox. "Clearly, thought needs to be given within the sport to the timing and presentation of our competitions.



*City of Boroondara Chief Executive, Mr Michael Kennedy is swamped by young 'braves' at the launch of the Camberwell Lacrosse Club junior indoor league.*

"Everyone seems to be busier", explained Ross Melville, Camberwell's indoor program co-ordinator. "They want a 'no-fuss', 'walk-in walk-out' experience. They don't want to be tied down and long, cold Saturday afternoons in the mud are not high on priority. Part-time jobs, studies, and a host of

Shortened matches on spring evenings in an outdoors 'sausage sizzle' atmosphere may fit better with where young adults and families are at. That way we may be better able to compete with other sports and catch up with the 'fast-food' approach which people increasingly seem to seek".



# World Growth Spurt for Lacrosse

*There's a quiet revolution happening in international lacrosse and it's not well known that the Australian Lacrosse Council is playing a leading role. In this article, Peter Hobbs, Australia's representative on the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) Development Committee, summarizes the changing world picture.*

In 1990 in Perth, mens' lacrosse for the first time for many years, had a fifth team in the World Series. This was the Iroquois Nationals, a significant step to recognize and preserve the American Indian heritage of the sport.

Now, just five years later in 1995, the International Lacrosse Federation has nine members including new nations, Czechoslovakia, Japan, Germany and Sweden and the ILF has applications before it for the inclusion of both Scotland and Wales. These will be determined at the next ILF meeting to be held in Prague.

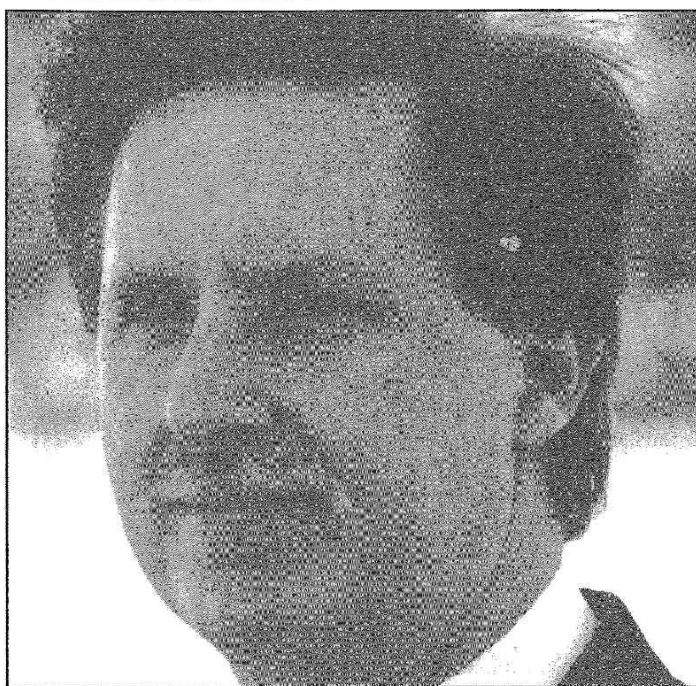
The ALC has been at the centre of these moves to progress the sport. Malcolm Stokes, as Vice-President of the ILF, chairs the Constitutional Sub Committee and Malcolm was instrumental in re-drafting the ILF Constitution and Rules passed at the last meeting in Manchester. This included specific changes which encompassed the growth of the sport and the inclusion and catering for new nations.

The ILF also has a Development Sub Committee which is chaired by Steve Stenerson of the U.S. and includes David Shuttleworth from England and myself representing Australia. Various other individuals

are on this Committee as specialist or invited members. These include Hayakawa Yasuhiko from Japan, Peter Mundy from England, Pierre Filion of the Federation de Crosse du Quebec (FIIC), Jackie Pitts and Lanetta Ware from IFWLA and more recently Brad Du Pont from the well-known Du Pont family in the U.S. In conjunction with its' meetings, the Development Committee has also created a Manufacturers' Advisory Committee which includes representatives from Brine, STX, Warrior and Michal Chmer from Czechoslovakia.

The role of the Development Committee which meets on a regular basis is to develop lacrosse amongst new nations. In the last six months it has allocated resources of equipment to Sweden, France and Scotland and, in addition, provided coaching support to Sweden, Scotland and Germany. The equipment has been provided through the generosity of manufacturers Brine, STX, Sport Helmet and Bacharach

*From July 4 -9, 1995 the Inaugural European Lacrosse Championships will be conducted in Prague, Czechoslovakia and will include teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Germany and Czechoslovakia. The next ILF and Development Committee meetings will be held in conjunction with this Championship.*



*Peter Hobbs - ALC Director of Competitions and ILF Delegate*

Rasin. Considerable planning has been necessary to create the opportunity for new countries to start up. Much of this opportunity has been created through the good work of the FIIC which is promoting intercrosse (recreational soft lacrosse) and has been very capably led by Pierre Filion, a resident of Quebec, with new contacts in 30 nations, all playing intercrosse. In recent years soft lacrosse sticks sold in France alone number over 100,000 and this has led to field lacrosse commencing with the assistance of the Development Committee in eastern France near the Swiss border.

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During the course of the European Championships, by arrangement with the ILF Development Committee, John Harris of Victoria, will be conducting a special referees clinic to assist new countries in solving the problem of lack of referees. John will also be refereeing at the European Championships and has made tremendous personal sacrifices to ensure that this is a success.

So we have International Lacrosse on a growth path with the ALC to the forefront in guiding and assisting these exciting changes. It is most important that we continue growth in Australia to match the growth being experienced internationally.



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# Australian Women's Lacrosse Council

*The AWLC has seen the very successful introduction of a new infrastructure in the past 10 months. The eight Directors have worked extremely hard to raise both the professionalism of the National body as well as the overall profile of women's lacrosse.*

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the National Championships in July and all Director's positions are open for a one year term.

It is with regret that the AWLC says good bye to Janet Maitland and Kylie Taylor as Directors of Athlete Development and Development respectively. The AWLC sincerely thank both Janet and Kylie for their contribution to this body and appreciate the work that both have undertaken in their term of office.

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The AWLC would also like to take this opportunity to wish the U19 World Cup team the very best of luck in their quest to win the inaugural U19 World Championship, to be held in August in Philadelphia, USA. Coach Cathy Flett, together with Assistant Coach Leanne Trainor and support staff Sue Gandy and Karen Spreadborough have spent countless hours preparing the girls for these Championships and no doubt the players themselves have given this commitment the dedication and application that is required. Competing in a World Championship event is both an honour and a privilege and the AWLC is confident the team will represent Australia in a manner reflecting this both on and off the field. Everyone in Australia looks forward in anticipation to receiving some exciting news in early August. Go for it girls !!!!!

## Coaches Corner

by Wendy Piltz

*This edition of Coaches Corner focuses on the concept of **PLAY PRACTICE**. It is the first in a series of articles that address this topic. Practising coaches are encouraged to share their experiences on this topic by writing a brief account of what they do and sending it directly to Wendy Piltz (NCD) 33 Tralee Ave, Broadview S.A. 5083. I would also like coaches to forward any questions that they may have about their coaching to the 'coaches letter box'.*

*Play as you Practice.....Practice as you Play*

This phrase captures the essence of play practice. To be more effective in your coaching you must ensure that your practice situations are pertinent to what happens in the game. The closer that the training sessions can be organised to simulate elements of what happens in the game the more effective is the transfer of learning from practice to the game.

So coaches ask yourself, each time you set up a drill or a practice 'Does this occur in the game?' If the answer is 'no' or 'very occasionally' then perhaps you could think of a different way of structuring that practice in order to make it more relevant. The following is a personal account of some changes that a coach has made to his practice in order to make them more pertinent.

*For things to change first I must change*

Season 95 has seen a change in my attitude and style of coaching which at times in the past has been quite aggressive.

During the 1993/94 seasons our club focused on developing our fitness during the pre-season and worked on maintaining that level during the season. As club coach I also introduced a number of attacking plays and a defensive pattern. During games I found myself constantly calling the plays and instructions from the side lines. This resulted in an 'aggressive and vocal' coaching approach.

This year I have made a conscious effort to get the players to call and run the plays themselves from on the field. I have given more responsibility to the co-captains and specified more clearly what their roles on the field are to be. This has made the players aware that they are responsible for their own actions (and non actions) which result in the achievement or non achievement of our goals. The fitness work has also been incorporated into drills and play practice around the goal. The intensity of this can be adjusted to meet the demands of State Championships and finals. The result so far has been a much more 'controlled and approachable' coaching style that has improved my coaching effectiveness.

**Bob Carter.**

Bob Carter is one of the coaches at Adelaide University Lacrosse Club. His League Reserve team have participated in the grand final for the last two years. He is also currently coaching the State Men's U-17 team.

Thanks Bob for a very honest self appraisal of your coaching. I'm sure your efforts to give more responsibility to the players will pay off. It allows you to focus more on the elements of the game that you have control over and encourages players to take charge of what is happening on the field. Its also probably better for your blood pressure !! Good luck with the season.

# 1998 Australian Team News

from Peter Hobbs, Competitions Director, Australian Lacrosse Council

The Board of Directors of the Australian Lacrosse Council are pleased to formally announce the appointment of the following Senior Officials for Australia's bid for the 1998 World Lacrosse Championships to be held in Baltimore U.S.A.

Executive Director: Mr. Allan Frederick (South Australia)

Head Coach: Mr. John Denic (Western Australia)

Both Allan and John held management and coaching positions in the recent 1994 Australian team that competed in Manchester, England last July, and will provide the 1998 team with a sound foundation to build upon.

The Australian Lacrosse Council wishes them every success in their future planning, preparation and participation in the U.S.A. in three years from now, and asks the lacrosse public of Australia to join together and support them and their team to become World Champions.

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# MEN'S COACHING VIEWS

*In a new approach to preparation for this year's National Championships SA sent their squad to Victoria to play last year's premiership side Malvern on Sunday 14th May. Lloyd Holmes went along to the game to interview SA Coaches Tony Hill and Craig Jaeger to discuss some of their plans and also to get some personal background on the architects of SA assault on the National Title.*

SA's Coaches Tony Hill and Craig Jaeger have certainly adopted a new approach to SA's challenge for the National Titles. As rumoured in the last issue of *The Lacrosse Player*, one State (SA) decided to invite selected players to try out for spots in the SA State Team. This was a break from the traditional approach. Out of the 20 who were invited in February, 16 accepted the invitation. The balance was made up from 'open' invitations to Clubs in SA. This caused a bit of controversy in SA!

## SA's go interstate to prepare for the 1995 National Titles

The next break from tradition was to take a team interstate for match experience. Tony Hill justified this approach by pointing out that the squad needed to experience the more diverse tactics being used in other States. This experience could not be gained by playing composite teams for SA alone. So it was that the Squad bussed it to Melbourne overnight to prepare for Sunday's game.

Amongst the other gains for the weekend was the opportunity to get to know one another better. This aspect both coaches believe to be a critical ingredient for SA. Acknowledging that SA may not have as much depth of talent as they would like, what they may lack in that area they are confident that teamwork can go a long way to overcome. For a variety of reasons some talented players were unable to try out this year, which is unfortunate.

The Sunday game against a composite Malvern Team (there were a few Vic State additions) was a great success. Everyone (well, most anyway) enjoyed the day. The score wasn't important in the end, but participation was. From here, coach Tony Hill said "From here it will be six or seven weeks of hard work. We've got a couple of players overseas. When we get them back the team will get its act together better, and be looking forward to the Championships in July. This is the first time these guys have run together in a game, and they've learnt a lot from that experience".

## SA Coaching Line-up

SA Coaching responsibilities are split, with Tony Hill looking after

the offensive line-up and Craig Jaeger the defence.

This is not the first year Tony and Craig have coached together. In 1987 they coached SA in the National Titles. On that occasion SA went down to the Victorians by a couple of goals.

Tony Hill was the assistant coach of the Australian Team last year, and is intending to throw his hat in the ring for the 1998 World Cup Challenge. He has been involved with lacrosse since he was seven years old, and played for East Torrens for most of his playing career. He has coached four or five State Teams previously, and this year's State coaching job will assist his World Cup coaching challenge. He has amassed 35 years of lacrosse experience.

Craig Jaeger is an American, whose senior lacrosse skills took shape at Cornell University. He took up lacrosse at 12, and most of his early lacrosse was at Long Island. Craig points out that in American terms he started "young", and it has been a great benefit to him to have started so young. So for those Australians who start playing before ten, in theory this should give you a great advantage!

He played Junior College at Nassour, and was involved in National Championships from that area. He played in the 1978 American Team, and has been involved in lacrosse now for 25 years.

He came to Australia "permanently" in 1985, but his first experience was playing for the Malvern team in 1979. This arose from the contact he had made with Paul Lynch at the World Series the previous year. Although heavily involved in coaching and playing from 1985 with Sturt (who won a number of State Titles during those early years), lacrosse has been on the "backburner" a little in more recent years. His interest in the Australian scene has now returned though, the flame is now burning brightly again.

Both Tony and Craig do have some concerns about the new interpretations which the ALC introduced this year. ALC Director responded to questions raised by *The Lacrosse Player* in the March issue. Those responses were not available when the SA coaches discussed the issue, however there was obvious concern raised by them. Their main concerns stem from their observation that the refereeing standards that are used in the home and away local competitions will differ from what will be applied in National and International games.



Action lacrosse with SA's J. McLean focussing on an avenue to goal with Malvern's Chris Baker too late to do much about it.



SA's State Coaches Tony Hill and Craig Jaeger in good humour after SA's sojourn to Victoria, and "looking forward to the State Carnival in July".



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# RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT OF LACROSSE RULES

by John Harris

## WHO GETS THE BALL?

"You're on the home team right?"

"Yeah, playing at home".

"Your team has been trounced by the visitors?"

"Yeah"

(The match ended with more than a little tension on the final whistle.)

On the way off the field, the captain of the winning team requests and gets the match ball.

Is he allowed to do this and retain the match ball?

"Yes sir, check the rule 14.2". **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!!**

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS BE ACCURATE

When the rules were converted to metric dimensions, referees were required to carry micrometers, vernier callipers in addition to a 150 metre tape and a three metre tape.

"Yeah but what for?"

"Well to check the dimensions of the field, player's racquets, goal and goal crease dimensions."

"But micrometers and verniers measure to tenths and hundredths of a millimetre!"

"That's right and the rules give us such dimensions to this accuracy, like: the head of the racquet - between 10.16 centimetres and 25.4 centimetres."

"To measure 0.06 of a centimetre requires the use of a micrometer or vernier."

"And remember, 0.06 of a centimetre is about the thickness of two pieces of binding tape stuck together."

"Yes sir, check the rule 15.2". **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!!**

## AND FROM THE OXFORD DICTIONARY:

**perpendic'ular**, *a.* at right angles to the plane of the horizon or to a given line, etc.; upright; very steep. *n.* perpendicular line etc.

**And from the Rule book.....**

The head of the cross shall be approximately perpendicular to the handle.

Weird!

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT YOU FOUND IT IN YOUR RULE BOOK! (See rule 15.4)**

## STAYING WITH THE VERNACULAR

"Shane where are you going?"

"I'm going out to buy some clockcord"

"Don't get smart with me. young man I haven't even heard of clockcord."

You're off with your mares and probably won't be back until 3 am - like you were last night."

"No this is for real, I want to get some clockcord to restrng my racquet and the rule book says....."

"Look Shane darling, I know that lacrosse is a very odd sport with proud traditions and so on, but if clockcord is in the rule

book, isn't it about time that rule book language from the 1800's was updated?"

"No this is in the current issue."

"Get real Shaney, next thing you'll be telling me that you want some gut or rawhide or some other material from the Wild West!!"

"Now that you mention it I have heard of cat gut spoken about by the lacrosse Druids"

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT, LOOK UP RULE 15.10**

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT, GREAT LACROSSE EXPRESSIONS. Rule 15.6

The wooden or plastic walls of the crosse shall not be above 2 inches (5.08 centimetres) in height; where a wall is made of gut, it may be any height.

Great!, I'll have a wall made of gut 25 centimetres high.

Which gives rise to the expression:

**IT TAKES A LOT OF GUT(S) TO PLAY LACROSSE!**

## THE BELIEVE IT OR NOT FASHION STATEMENT FROM RULE 17.3.

We are going to wear a jersey of vibrant chartreuse with piping of matt gold and arm band trim in alternate deep mauve and umber stripes.

Numbers which we propose as being a basis statement in white will be highlighted in blush red to accent the cheeks of our attack string after four consecutive fast breaks.

On the other hand if the weather is gloomy we will appear wearing a sweet little.....

Rule 17.3 suggests that fashion teleconferencing is in action on Friday nights as team Fashion Directors prepare their teams to make that all important on field statement.

## THE BELIEVE IT OR NOT HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

A lacrosse racquet with a handle as described in rule 16.7 is sought to complete the B-I-O-N collection of crosses with curious handles.

## FROM THE BELIEVE IT OR NOT SERIOUS DEPARTMENT.....

The rules are full of extraneous, irrelevant and complex rules. Wouldn't it be good if all the nonsense subsections were eliminated and there was a focus on simplifying.

You should know that there is increasing attention being given to augmenting a complex (and in parts irrelevant) rule book with more detail and protocols.

Does such an intensely legalistic approach do much to assist the game?

The current situation certainly throws up some good "Bush Lawyers".

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# UNDER 19'S RETURN TRIUMPHANT

*Photos and Stories by Ian & Danny Whitbourn*

*The Under 19 Mens Lacrosse Team has just returned from their whirlwind tour of the United States after winning six of their nine scheduled games.*

*Head Coach Graeme Ross described the trip as being one of the most successful ever staged by an Australian team in terms of onground performance and its value as an education for the younger team members.*

"Many of these players will be eligible to compete at next year's Under 19 Lacrosse World Series in Japan and they now know what they are up against. "

The squad of 39 stayed in both the Baltimore and the Connecticut regions where they were hosted by the St Pauls School in Baltimore and the Darien, and New Canaan High Schools in Connecticut. Most of the host families were avid lacrosse followers of the game so made ideal families away from home.

For the record, and for all those people out there who would like to hear about the trip, the team departed Sydney on Saturday 13th May 1995 and flew into Narita Airport near Tokyo in Japan at about 6.30pm after a nine hour flight, narrowly missing a terrorist explosion at the airport an hour before our arrival. This explained the masses of Police in riot gear that were surrounding the airport when we were trying to reach our hotel after clearing Customs.

The overnight stay was reasonably uneventful except for a couple of instances that spring to mind. The first was the Mark Taylor Fan Club that greeted him as he cleared Customs. All these "screaming" young Japanese girls swarmed around him much to the disbelief of his teammates. It soon became evident that they were girls who had stayed in Perth with the Taylor's

previously and had brought out a few friends to welcome him and his manager dad, Geoff. This restored the confidence of the rest of the young bucks on the team. The next incidents actually involved money. The first one was when I sent my son Danny over to change \$20 into some yen. Danny came back, I put my hand out for the money and was handed a few coins. I prompted Danny for the banknotes as well, and was told that that was it. I skimmed through the coins to find that I had about 950 yen for my \$20. The lowest Japanese banknote, I was later informed, is 1,000 yen. So much for having some useful walking-around money. The next "surprise" came at the hotel when the boys priced a couple of items; the first was a hamburger and chips; equivalent to \$30; and the second, a can of beer from a dispensing machine; equivalent to \$8; that's about \$192 per slab! Anyone for Coke?

We managed to hold out on spending too much whilst waiting for our midday flight on Sunday, although I must say that I think that we all enjoyed tucking into the airline food once we were up and away as most of us had not eaten very much during the 18 hour stopover. I never thought that I would hear anyone ever say that they actually enjoyed an airline meal. We flew north from Japan up over the top of the world passing close to the North Pole then across Alaska before coming into Dulles Airport in Washington after the 13 hour flight, and arrived about midday on Sunday local time due to the international time differences.

So far so good, except for a camera being left on the plane which was duly recovered whilst we cleared Customs. We

bussed it from Dulles up to the Baltimore-Washington Airport to collect our four 15-seater vans which would provide our transport for the duration of our stay. They were brand new V8's and were perfect for our needs. It's a pity that our friends at Thrifty had to scrap them after we returned them two and a half weeks and 5,000 km later! We proceeded

to meet our hosts at St Pauls School in Lutherville, just on the outskirts of Baltimore. The school was typical of many of the



*The 1995 Under 19 Touring Team.*

private secondary schools in the area, being relatively expensive to attend, having great scholastic and sporting amenities, and promoting an intense lacrosse program. It was great to arrive in the heart of the lacrosse world and see many of the local houses with a full-sized lacrosse goal in the front or back yard for practicing.

Monday the 15th started with a burst of a crisp spring morning that developed into a perfect clear day in the low 20's. Ah memories, especially sitting back in Melbourne watching the rain come down.



*Crunch!!!! Some of the action between Australia and St. Pauls.*

The players started with light training, closely followed by some lunch and ogling of the St Pauls girls in the canteen. There was one stage there where the number of flashes from the boys instamatics would have put the most highly organised busload of Japanese tourists to shame.

A quick trip to the local Laxworld lacrosse store saw a frenzied "Shop Till You Drop" approach which enabled Laxworld to clear out all their winter stock, and place orders for new Rolls Royces for all their company directors. If you think women can spend money you ought to have seen these guys going hell for leather.

Our first game of the tour was scheduled against St Pauls for 4.00pm to allow the students, parents and our hosts to attend. The final score saw a very good St Pauls team winning 16 goals to 11. Without taking away anything from St Pauls great effort, it would have been nice to play them again towards the end of the tour after our guys had got to know each others game a little better. The post-game meal was a very nice BBQ.

Tuesday May 16th was a rest day with a trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for the team. Not much to report here really, no mugging's, no shootings, and everyone turned up for final rollcall. Our van managed however, to see a lot more than the others after our St Pauls guide accidentally got into another van and took off without us. We saw a lot more of the sites between Baltimore and Washington, including a few mostly-black neighbourhoods which incidentally, seemed to have a quietening effect on my passengers. A few of them started to apply the No-Glare quite carelessly, with the black goo going all over their faces, instead of just having the normal stripes

below the eyes and there was still a day to go before their next game!

Wednesday the 17th started with another light training run, more ogling in the canteen, and then some more frenzied Shop Till You Drop activity at the local Bacharach lacrosse store.

Our second game was again scheduled for 4.00pm but this time against the McDonough High School. The Green and Gold were hungry this day and rained goals in, enabling them to be 11 goals to 1 goal up at three quarter time. And then the heavens opened up. I can't remember such heavy rain before. The final quarter saw the Aussies add another goal to run out comfortable winners on the day. There were a few spectators who had lost heart towards the end so took advantage of the terrible weather to entertain us by running along the boundary line and sliding along on their bellies through the ever-increasing mud and water. Beats having a brass band for entertainment I suppose! Tonight's post-game meal was meat and vegies, what a relief!

Thursday May 18th had us scheduled for an important match against the local Maryland Independent Athletic Association (SAA) Allstars to be played at the Homewood Stadium at Johns Hopkins University under lights so everyone enjoyed an easy morning and then a visit this time to the Ulman lacrosse store for lunch and more frenzied buying. The team management were becoming increasingly concerned by this time that it might become necessary to hire an extra jumbo to get all the players goodies home.

It was interesting to watch the boys excitement as they stepped onto the JHU playing surface that afternoon for the first time. They looked like they were living a dream come true. It was pretty good for us older guys as well. Naturally, everyone took the opportunity to visit the Lacrosse Hall of Fame located next door before getting ready for their toughest match to date.

The MLGA Allstars team were very good and went on to defeat the Australian team 22 goals to 16. Our team also played very well and were certainly not disgraced. Most Valuable Player for the match for Australia was Brad Ross. No BBQ this time.

One of the interested spectators of the game was Dave Pietramala, who is probably the most famous defender in the world at the moment. Pietramala came over after the game and wished the boys all the best for their tour and then agreed to pose with them for a few snaps for the family album. Head Coach Graeme Ross wished Pietramala, who is currently Assistant Coach for JHU, all the best for Saturday's Quarter-final game.

Friday 19th was a rest day with the MIAA High School Championship game to be watched at University Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) later that day. What an eye-opener that turned out to be. The grandstand and surrounds were packed with supporters probably numbering in excess of 8,000. Unfortunately, the game between Gilman and Boys Latin was a little one-sided with Gilman running out comfortable winners in front of a mainly Boys Latin crowd. I for one dream of the day that Australian lacrosse could attract



a crowd like this to any of our major events. That night was also the St Pauls Prom Night so much frenzied activity had been going on in the community for many weeks. The squad was invited along to the Post-Prom party at the school which was an outstanding success finishing at about 5.00am.

Saturday 20th was another rest day which included watching the 25th Annual NCAA Championship's Quarter-final game between Johns Hopkins University and Loyola College back at the Homewood Stadium. The weather was perfect with blue skies and 25C. There were some very tired looking eyes around when they emerged into the sunlight and climbed/staggered into the buses. Anticipation was in the air for a close game, as on their previous meeting with Loyola, JHU had just scraped in by one goal in the dying minutes. JHU finally won with a comfortable 18 goals to 5 match after giving Loyola a 3 goals to 1 start. Plenty of hotdogs and hamburgers on sale to satisfy any growing boy's appetite.

Sunday May 21st saw everyone up early to pack in readiness for their trip up to Connecticut for four nights. The vans set off heading up the 95 North highway, past New York City on our right, and then on to Darien High School who were to be our new hosts. We arrived, after a five and a half hour bus trip, to find that Darien had arranged a game for us almost immediately upon our arrival. The team dragged themselves into their gear and onto the ground, and went on to win 9 goals to 5 in a fairly good performance under the circumstances. Guess what we had for dinner?

Monday 22nd May had us scheduled for a light training run in the morning and then onto the Canterbury High School for a late afternoon game. What a beautiful setting they had to play the game. By this time the team was getting to know each



*Argh!!!! Is this a "hold" Ref? Part of the action against Canterbury High School*

others names and style of play, and today was a time to show what could be done. Our official Aussie referee, Craig Wilson, also discovered what the whistle he was carrying was for that day as well, after some friendly advice from the sidelines I might add.

The mighty Green & Gold crushed the undermanned Canterbury 23 goals to 8 goals, and to show that there was no hard feelings, Canterbury fired up the BBQ after the match for us.

Someone produced a football and suddenly, we had high flyers everywhere dazzling the hundreds of young female supporters who had come along to watch the lacrosse game. The mood in my van on the way back to Darien, to put it



*More action in the Australia V Canterbury game. Andrew Whitbourn beats his man and heads for goal.*

mildly, was very patriotic with everyone in a singalong mood. Advance Australia Fair has never sounded so good as it did with 15 husky voices singing it at full volume in the confined quarters of "the party van".

I think that there may have been a few private parties hosted by the squad's billets that night, but I cannot report on those aspects of the trip because somehow the invitations to the adults always seemed to get "lost in the mail".

Tuesday the 23rd saw the team travelling a relatively short distance to play against New Canaan High School. It took our team until the second half to really get away from their opposition, going on to win a good game 20 goals to 12 goals. And guess what, to celebrate the first time that an Australian team had played against New Canaan, they put on a Barbie. I think there may have been a few more private arrangements made between our young guys and their new hosts, so us oldies retired to a local establishment to reflect on the day's proceedings.

Wednesday May 24th's game was billed as the game to win as we were playing Wilton High School who had beaten everyone they had met so far this year. An early morning training session loosened up a few tired legs in readiness for the afternoon's game. A quick shopping jaunt at the local shopping centre added a few more kilos the luggage. The Wilton venue was great, and the boys knew that they would need to play well to win. The final score saw Wilton defeat the Green & Gold 16 goals to 11 goals in a very impressive display. I would have to add that four games in four days was getting a bit hard to take and I felt that our main players were fairly flat throughout the game. There are small mercies however, Wilton did not organise a BBQ so where do you think that we ended up for dinner; answer, Hungry Jacks of course!

Thursday was a rest day so that we could return to our original hosts at St Pauls in Baltimore. We departed New Canaan early and made a B-line towards Staten Island to catch the ferry across to New York City for a quick three-hour sightseeing trip before continuing on to St Pauls. I can only think of two printable memories, one was looking across a street and seeing about 20 black people gathered together with the green cap of our Head Coach in the middle just about to be sucked into a slight-of-hand scam. Fortunately for him, he declined at the last moment to put his \$40 up and walked away much wiser and no poorer. The second was trying to hold up the ferry whilst our Head Coach tried to hurry the stragglers up. What can you do when the gangplank goes up and the coach and three players are left behind. Answer, wait for half an hour in the carpark at the other end until the next ferry comes in and pray that you do not get mugged/stabbed/killed in the meantime.

We finally piled into our vans, which had been judiciously "guarded" by our Executive Director and Official Aussie Referee throughout our NYC visit, to safeguard our luggage, for which we were all most grateful, which also gave Craig a chance to practice blowing his whistle before the next game. If it had not been for the Highway Patrol that pulled us over for a quick exchange of paperwork, one could have said that our return to St Pauls was without incident. ( By the way, I want to buy all those photos and negatives fellas!)

Friday May 26th saw another early start as we had to travel about two and a half hours up to Washington College in Chestertown to play the Eastern Shore High Schools Allstars at 5.00pm. This college is very old and famous and was founded in 1782 partly by George Washington. We headed off early to fit in a stop in Annapolis for lunch and a visit to the Naval Academy. Part of this trip involved crossing the Bay Bridge just outside Annapolis. Forget about Westgate or Sydney Harbour bridges, this thing made them pale into insignificance. It is much higher and longer than anything in Australia and is actually scary driving so close to the edge, especially when the edge IS ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE! A compulsory stop at the Nike Outlet before we reached Chestertown broke up the journey, and almost the van's axles,



*Action during the upset win by Maryland over a hotly favoured Johns Hopkins in the NCAA Semi Finals.*

when the bags were loaded in. The buy of the trip was definitely the size 14 Nike Shark boots for an outrageous \$2.99!

The team looked pretty good against the Allstars and ended up winning 23 goals to 10 goals. One could not help but notice the difference between this region's Allstars and those that faced the previous week when we played the MLAA team. This team did have a "secret weapon" that none of us had counted on though. Each time the Allstars scored, one of their supporter's on the sideline fired off a cannon. Well, I can tell you, the first time that it went off, there was a very familiar smell wafting across the ground, and it wasn't gunpowder



*Saturday's NCAA Semi Finals were attended by a World Record sell out crowd of 30, 327 lacrosse-crazed supporters.*

either! And to punish us further, guess what, a BBQ after the game! It was funny how the singing broke out again that night on the way home in the van, I guess it must have been all the excitement of winning.

Well, Saturday's arrival was welcomed by all as it meant no games and the first of our two visits to the Byrd Stadium at the University of Maryland, this time to see the NCAA Semi Finals. The games were between Johns Hopkins and Maryland, which saw Maryland cause an absolute boilover by beating JHU 16 goals to 8 goals. The second game saw Syracuse defeat Virginia 20 goals to 13 goals. I guess we all wanted an extra-time game but it was not to be. The main highlights; a huge record sellout crowd of 30,327 fanatical lacrosse fans. What bliss being amongst so many of the believers.

The second; 10,000 of those fans having highly-organised tailgate parties in the carpark, both before, during, and after the games. It is an experience that will live with all of us forever! And finally; the tremendous spectacle of these fine young athletes playing lacrosse at this level. In particular, the virtual shutout game that the Maryland goalkeeper Brian Dougherty played against JHU which had virtually broken the JHU hearts by half-time. Simply extraordinary! Incidentally, others also thought that he had a fine series and awarded him the MVP award for his finals performance.

Sunday 28th May saw us scheduled to play our last game



for the tour against Loyola High School on Astroturf, against a very highly-respected and confident team. The two teams lined up, and down came the rain for the next two hours. The Aussies were a little slow to start and gave Loyola a 6 goals to 1 start before finding the groove and finishing off a good game and series with a 20 goals to 15 goals win. The boys really did want this win and wanted show what they were capable of. A very nice finish for everyone. Gratefully, no-one from Loyola thought of firing up the Barbie.

Monday the 29th May was Grand Final day for the NCAA Championships so off we went again to Byrd Stadium to see whether Maryland could defeat the highly favoured Syracuse. Well, it is history now that Syracuse were too good on the day, and won the final before a record Grand Final crowd of over 27,000, 13 goals to 9 goals.

I think that most of the tour party were now feeling pretty anxious to get home and consequently spent most of the evening with their host family's whilst pondering how the hell they could get all their goodies into their suitcases that had seemed to have shrunk since hitting the USA shores two and a half weeks earlier.

Tuesday saw a concerned management team trying to fit all the luggage into the vans before setting off to Dulles Airport to drop off the vans and catch our flight home. No incidents to report in reaching Dulles. The nightmare started when we had to drive the vans over to the Thrifty depot, which just happened to be miles from all the other drop-off offices. Fifteen minutes turned into more than an hour leaving us just enough time to return to Dulles for our flight.

Homeward bound at last, 13 hours to Narita, five hours layover, and then a quick nine hour sprint to Sydney Airport before catching our respective domestic flight to our hometown. Nothing to it really. There were some very relieved faces however once we had passed the Sydney Customs and were into the home straight. It's amazing how tempting the old Aussie meat pie & sauce is after being denied such delicacies for three weeks.

And now that we have all had a chance to recover from the jetlag, what items remain the brightest in one's memory? The good ones would have to include the friendliness of our hosts, the continual improvement of the team throughout the tour, the spectacle of the NCAA playoffs, the spicy Maryland Crabs, and the bargains to be had in clothing and footwear in the USA.

The bad items definitely included the ritual evening BBQ, although I must add that none of our host teams realised that the teams that preceded their match, and the ones that were to follow, all ran a BBQ to feed us. Also included here would be waiting around in airports or for games to start, and trying to find something affordable in Japan. Frustrating issues have to include trying to find one's way on and off freeways in the USA. This ranks ahead of following the Head Coach's van when he is leading. I have calculated that we could have come home six days early if we had not spent so much time getting lost! And lastly, but not least, trying to get a certain Victorian team member to turn up on time occasionally. Funny events usually centred around the infamous Graeme "Snoz"

MacKinnon, who managed to keep our van and others amused for the whole tour. Young "Jake The Snake" Sheppard made sure that the Nintendo was always fully-charged, and Sam "P.P." Perham was always ready for the next challenge.

Well that just about does me; I know that there are many more tales that can be told by the boys, some which I am sure may not be printable, but all go together to make up what will always remain as one of the most important events in everybody's life who had the pleasure to be there. I thank you all for the opportunity to be part of it. And incidentally, here are a few statistics for your records:-

Votes for the Series			Most Valuable Player by Game		
54	Robbie Stark		St. Pauls	B. Ross	
50	Brad Ross		McDonough	M. Cleveland	
45	Mark Cleveland		MIAA	M. Cleveland	
41	Mark Taylor		Canterbury	R. Stark	
19	Peter Inge		New Canaan	B. Ross	
18	Brett Thompson		Wilton	M. Taylor	
16	Ben Alexander		East'n Shore	M. Whitty	
			Loyola	B. Ross	
Points			Game Results		
G	A	Name			
22	14	B. Ross	Aust 11	vs St. Pauls	16
22	14	M. Cleveland	Aust 12	vs McDonough	1
16	11	B. Waite	Aust 16	vs MIAA	22
15	7	T. Roost	Aust 9	vs Darien	5
14	6	B. Alexander	Aust 25	vs Canterbury	8
14	6	R. Stark	Aust 20	vs New Canaan	11
6	4	W. Curran	Aust 11	vs Wilton	16
			Aust 23	vs East'n Shore	10
			Aust 20	vs Loyola	15



*And this is what a World Record lacrosse crowd looks like when Byrd Stadium fills at the University of Maryland!! Just an average Saturday crowd!*



## MCC Celebrates 100 Years of Lacrosse

*The Victorian MCC Club this year celebrates 100 years of Lacrosse. In this article Lloyd Holmes traces some of MCC's history, with acknowledgment to the Melbourne Cricket Club for their permission to use extracts from "The Paddock That Grew".*

It actually began around 1876, when the Melbourne Lacrosse Club was formed, but so many members left to form other clubs it rocked under the strain, and finally went out of existence. Some of the Melbourne members, along with players from Caulfield, formed the MCC Lacrosse Club in 1896. So through those original Melbourne players, the MCC traces its lineage back to the start of lacrosse in Victoria and Australia. It is interesting to note that Ned Kelly, the famous bushranger, was hung in 1880 for his misdemeanours (perhaps he should have spent his energy playing lacrosse).

From the beginning the club was enthusiastic and powerful. The A Team won premierships in 1900 and 1901, and in those days the MCC would often help the sport by paying for fares of the entire interstate team, regardless of club affiliation.

**MCC represented in the Australia v Canada Match in front of 30, 000 spectators**

During the 1906-07 season a Canadian lacrosse team came to Australia, and the first game, which was played on the MCG, was reported to have a crowd of 30, 000 witness the event. The MCC had one representative, H. Box, in the Australian Team and in the match against Victoria there were two

representatives from MCC, Box and Dean.

Lacrosse closed down for the first world war, but in the immediate post war years and the twenties MCC was very strong. It had players like the Victorian Captain Vic Street, and interstate men like F.Smythe, Roy.F.Duckett, L.Davis, D.Doyle, A.McIndoe, A.Totten and Dr.D.Wright.

### Lacrosse before Marriage - Get your priorities right!

There's a famous story told about Roy Moore. He was due to be married in 1911, on 24th August, but this was also the date of a vital game. Roy said "No!", but the team then focussed on Roy's fiancée, who agreed. MCC won the match, and Roy was married after the game. I believe this has happened on many occasions since then! Roy went on to become the President of the Victorian Lacrosse Association in 1935.

### Rivalry with Malvern

For the 1922-23 season the VALA adopted a system of finals and semi finals as in League Football. This was the start of years of rivalry between MCC and Malvern. Always it seemed that Malvern was to be the team to be beaten (sounds familiar to this year!).

The Club was beaten by Malvern in 1925, but 1926 was the spectacular season - the Club played off four times. MCC won the semi-final. The final was a drawn game. The replay was a

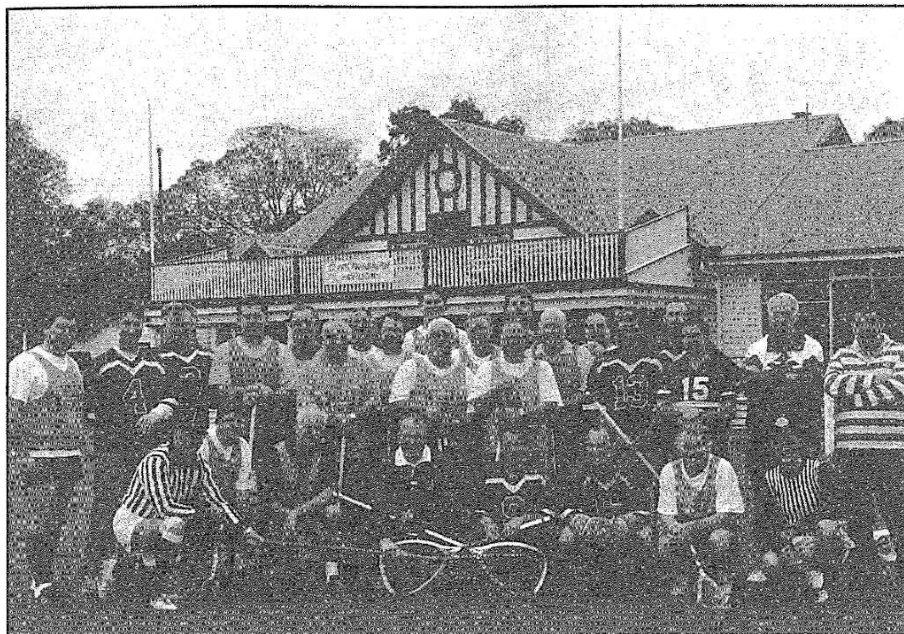


MCC Statesman Ted Burton, still going strong and showing how it's done. From left Ted Burton, Williamstown's John Sedgeway, Referee Noel "Macka" MacDonald, and Willy's Phil Pearson.

drawn game!! Then in the finish Malvern won the grand final by one goal. They did not have the extra time, or sudden death rule then. MCC had its revenge over Malvern the following year. In 1931 to 1934 the Club was runner up to Malvern four times in succession. In one grand final Frank Cantwell, the MCC goalkeeper, was taken to hospital. He returned before the match was over with two superb black eyes, and he looked a frightening sight. All around his eyes he had leeches to draw the blood. It is unlikely that this treatment would be applied today!

One of the greatest players at that time was Arch McIndoe. He was best and fairest of the 1929 Carnival side.





*Pictured in front of the recently renovated MCC Pavilion are :*

*Rear : Phil Pearson, Mick Doull, Bob Crawford, Peter Carroll, Alec Ingles, Ken Read, Rod Cordell, Allen Rolley, Robert O'Keefe, Rob Speakman, Mick Orr, Murray Garnsworthy, Ken Hamilton, Steve Stewart, John Sedgeway, George Larkin, Ian Bullock, Brent Matthews, Noel "Nobby" O'Brien, Rob Pettit [Absent from John Neilson, John Egan and Ted Burton]*

### **The "Half-Ton" Backline**

In the 1938-39 season the MCC had its famous "Half-Ton Backline". There was Jim Reid, 6'4" (193 cm), 19 stone (123 kg), Bill Boswell, Ian McGregor and Lindsay Dawkins, all six feet and over 14 stone (90 kg); Bill Gray and Roy Buckley 5'9" and 13 stone (77 kg).

The Club had its share of good years and bad years. In 1984 MCC made the finals, after not having a team in State League finals since 1960. Team performance improved, and in 1986, MCC was in the State League Grand Final under coach Bill Stahmer. Although it was not successful, it was their first crack at the pennant since before World War 11.

### **Some Club "Greats"**

MCC has produced some champions. In 1984, State Centreman Joe Vazzoler, the Club Champion for three consecutive years, won the coveted Vince Healy Trophy for best senior player in the State. Ken Nichols won the Club Best and Fairest on four occasions. He was captain of the Victorian and Australian Teams, and won the Vince Healy Trophy in 1987.

### **Site for 1995 Men's National Championships**

Today the Albert Ground is one of the best Lacrosse grounds in the State. It has a well tended playing surface, and the recent face-lift of this traditional sports pavilion has improved its appearance dramatically. It is a pavilion of great character,

which has hosted many exciting lacrosse games, including international, interstate and local games. Once again this year it will host the National Championships. So to those who participate and spectate this year, take a good look at this hallowed place. Maybe the walls will talk to you! They will have some interesting tales to tell.

### **100 Years**

The lacrosse fraternity celebrates 100 years of MCC lacrosse, and looks forward to the tradition being maintained in the coming years. There will be a number of events during the year to celebrate this Event, so keep your eye out for details.

### **MCC v Williamstown "Masters"**

One of the events celebrating the past was a "master's" style game between MCC and Williamstown at the Albert Ground on Saturday 20 May. For those fortunate to witness the event, it was an event to behold. Plenty of grey hairs, some with little hair, some with very long hair (blast from the past), some very odd shapes, some very odd sticks (including at least one wooden relic) and (best of all) some great fun. Presided over by Veteran Referees Don Reymont and Noel McDonald, the game had some great moments. The winners? Well, everyone really. Most agreed it was a great day of fun.

[Editors Note : We reported last year on a similar game between Williamstown and Malvern. This sort of activity gets some of the older players once again participating in the game ..... Great to see!]

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# VICTORIAN MEN'S TEAMS FOR THE NATIONALS

The following persons have been selected to participate in the 1995 Australian Senior and Under 17 Championships to be held in Melbourne from July 9th to 15th:

## SENIORS

Rod Ansell	Malvern
Ross Ashdown	Surrey Park
Chris Baker	Malvern
Brett Barty	Williamstown
Anthony Bosisto	Malvern
Daryl Bouchier (A)	Chadstone
Stephen Bown (A)	Malvern
Darren Brown (A)	Altona
Jamie Buchanan	Eltham
Adam Burrowes	Footscray
Paul Cook	Malvern
Scott Garnsworthy	Williamstown
Darren Gibson	Williamstown
Mark Jackson	Camberwell
Cam McLachlan	Surrey Park
Tim Murphy	Camberwell
Damien Orr	Williamstown
Lindsay Ovens (A)	Footscray
Cam Shepherd	Surrey Park
Adrian Slattery	Malvern
Sean Slattery	Malvern
David Spreadborough	Surrey Park
Zane Stephens	Altona
Cameron Toomey	Surrey Park
Ritchie Toomey	Surrey Park
Brad Wilmott	Malvern
Charlie Zarafa	Altona

Head Coach:	Paul Mollison
Assistant Coach:	Andy Stewart
Fitness Coach:	Glen Wadley
Manager:	Bill Buchanan
Assistant Manager:	Rob Pettit
Statistician:	Harry Economou
Physiotherapist:	Michael Falloon.

## UNDER 17

Jai Arambratzis	Eltham
Derek Bower	Surrey Park
Sam Bugeja (A)	Camberwell
David Burton	Caulfield
Marcus Civelse	Williamstown
Thomas Garnsworthy	Williamstown
Ben Hammond	Eltham
Warwick Henderson (A)	Surrey Park
David Jobson	Williamstown
Clinton Lander	Camberwell
Sam Marquard	Williamstown
Andrew Millar	Eltham
Nathan Morlang	Williamstown
Steven Newell	Eltham
Luke Pepperell	Surrey Park
Lachlan Ross (A)	Eltham
Daniel Stiglich	Eltham
Sam Thornton	Williamstown
Lincoln Trainor	Eltham
David Tzirulnik	Caulfield
Adam Waite	Surrey Park
Tim Whitbourn	Chadstone

Head Coach:	Russell Waite
Assistant Coach:	Matt Foster,
Manager:	Ian Newall
Assistant Manager:	Bryan Pepperell.

Note: (A) denotes Alternate Player.



**SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA**

# MALVERN'S FIRST DEFEAT SINCE 1952

The details below were kindly supplied by the VLA Historian, Mr Terry Allington, from the VLA's records. They show the record of the Caulfield vs Malvern game on 10th August 1957 when Caulfield defeated Malvern 8 goals to 7 goals to become the first team to defeat Malvern since 1952. This Golden Era saw Malvern win 10 consecutive premierships between 1950 and 1959, which was the second time they have achieved such a feat, the first time being between 1931 and 1940.

*Referee: J Dobbie*

## *Caulfield Team*

Kinderman M  
Milne G  
Tomlinson J  
Clayfield E  
Imlach D  
Miller D  
Reyment D  
Trainor D  
Bryning G  
Woodbridge A  
Humphreys P  
Ponton R

### *Goalthrowers:*

Humphreys 4, Woodbridge 2,  
Reyment 1, Trainor 1

### *Best Players:*

Kinderman, Trainor, Milne, Humphreys

## *Malvern Team*

Daw J  
Addison M  
Anderson G  
Sloggett R  
Eddy C  
Pepperell G  
Jeffrey N  
Beauchamp F  
Reddaway R  
Campbell T  
Daw W  
Reddaway G

### *Goalthrowers:*

Campbell 3, Daw 2,  
Anderson 1, Reddaway 1

### *Best Player:*

Jeffrey, Pepperell, Anderson



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## **SYRACUSE MUST VACATE 1990 NCAA TITLE**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- June 10 -- Syracuse University must surrender its 1990 national men's lacrosse title and return the championship trophy, according to NCAA committee minutes. The NCAA Committee on Infractions decided Syracuse violated NCAA rules when Nancy Simmons, the wife of coach Roy Simmons Jr., co-signed a car loan for star player Paul Gait in the 1990 season.

## **RIORDAN, EDELL TAKE TOP HONORS AT USILA AWARD DINNER**

BALTIMORE, Md. -- June 9 -- Johns Hopkins senior attackman Terry Riordan and Maryland head coach Dick Edell were two of the award recipients at the USILA Awards Dinner at the Sheraton Baltimore Hotel in Towson on Friday night. Riordan was the winner of the Lt. Raymond Enners Award as the top player in Division I, while Edell won the Morris Touchstone Award as the coach of the year in Division I.

## **DIVISION III WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICA TEAM ANNOUNCED**

PRINCETON, N.J. -- May 30 -- The Brine/IWLCA Division III Women's Lacrosse All-America team was announced today.

## **DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA TEAM ANNOUNCED**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- May 29 -- The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association announced its 1995 Division I All-America men's lacrosse team yesterday. The selections were made by a committee chaired by Ted Bauer of Baltimore.

## **SYRACUSE WINS SIXTH NATIONAL TITLE**

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- May 29 -- Rob Kavovit scored four goals and assisted on three others to lead Syracuse to a 13-9 victory over Maryland to win the Division I men's lacrosse championship for a sixth time. Only Johns Hopkins, which

has won seven titles, has won more than Syracuse. Mark Fietta and Nick Licameli each added two goals for the Orangemen, while Matt Hahn led the Terps with four tallies. A championship game record crowd of 26,229 looked on at Byrd Stadium.

## **SALISBURY REPEATS WITH 22-13 WIN OVER NAZARETH**

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- May 28 -- Sean Radebaugh scored six goals and had three assists, while Jason Coffman added three goals and five assists, as Salisbury State won the Division III championship with a 22-13 win over Nazareth. The Sea Gulls, who trailed 6-5 in the second quarter, outscored the Golden Flyers, 17-7 the remainder of the way to defend their 1994 title. Neal Powless led Nazareth with five goals and one assist, as a record crowd of 15,768 looked on at Byrd Stadium.

## **CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE NAMES PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

LANCASTER, Pa. -- May 8 -- Gettysburg sophomore attackman Dave Curry (New Canaan, Conn.) and Swarthmore senior attacker Julie Noyes (Media, Pa./Strath Haven) were named the Centennial Conference Men's and Women's Lacrosse Players of the Year. For more information, click Men's Team/Women's Team here.

## **CONFERENCES NAME PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

LANCASTER, Pa. -- May 8 -- The following players have been selected as their Conference's Players of the Year:

- Centennial (Men) - Dave Curry, Gettysburg, A
- Centennial (Women) - Julie Noyes, Swarthmore, A
- ODAC (Men) - Ed Curry, Hampden-Sydney, A
- Empire Athletic Association (Men) - Matt Hunt, R.I.T., A
- ACC Player - Matt Oglesby, Duke, M
- ACC Rookie - Andrew Whipple, Maryland, A
- Ivy Player (Men) - David Evans, Brown, A
- Ivy Rookie (Men) - Jesse Hubbard, Princeton, M
- Ivy Player (Women) - Lauren Holleran, Dartmouth, A
- Ivy Rookie (Women) - Cristi Samaras, Princeton, A

## **CONFERENCES NAME COACHES OF THE YEAR**

LANCASTER, Pa. -- May 8 -- The following coaches have been selected as their Conference's Coaches of the Year:

- ODAC (Men) - Ray Rostan, Hampden-Sydney, A
- Empire Athletic Association (Men) - Guy Van Arsdale, R.I.T.
- ACC - Dom Starsia, Virginia

## **NOTRE DAME CAPTURES GREAT WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP**

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- May 6 -- Randy Colley scored four goals and handed out three assists to lead Notre Dame to a 19-7 victory over Ohio State, clinching the outright Great

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Western Lacrosse League title. It is the second consecutive GW crown for the Fighting Irish, who may have nailed down a bid to the NCAA tournament with the win.

### **HOFSTRA, ARMY CLINCH LEAGUE TITLES**

LANCASTER, Pa. -- May 2 -- Hofstra and Army, who had already clinched shares of the North Atlantic Conference and Patriot League titles, captured them outright with victories Tuesday night. The Flying Dutchmen won the NAC with a 16-5 triumph over Drexel, behind three goals and four assists from Kevin Jacobs. The Cadets won their fifth straight Patriot crown with a convincing 21-12 win over Lafayette.

### **ROANOKE WOMEN CAPTURE ODAC TITLE**

LEXINGTON, Va. -- April 30 -- thanks to Dan Larsen -- Roanoke avenged its only conference loss of the season, defeating Washington & Lee, 12-7, in the championship game of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference women's lacrosse tournament at W&L. Ali Oglesby led a balanced Maroon attack, scoring three goals and assisting on another. Francesca Foord-Kelcey and Lisa Franziano added two tallies apiece for Roanoke (11-4). Lorraine Taurassi had two goals for the Generals (10-5).

### **OBERLIN WOMEN NIP DENISON FOR NORTH COAST CROWN**

GAMBIER, Ohio -- April 30 -- Sophomore Elizabeth Barry scored three goals to lead Oberlin to a 5-4 win over Denison in the finals of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) tournament. The NCAC title is the first for Oberlin in any sport since 1984 and snapped the Big Red's 10-year domination of the Conference.

### **GETTYSBURG CAPTURES CENTENNIAL CROWN**

GETTYSBURG, Pa. -- April 29 -- Senior defenseman Briwn McGurn scooped up the opening faceoff of overtime and beat goaltender Andrew Whitley to give Gettysburg a hard-fought 10-9 victory over Franklin & Marshall and the Centennial Conference championship. It is the second straight title for the No. 2 ranked Bullets, who extended their Conference winning streak to 12 games.

### **PRINCETON, BROWN SHARE IVY MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

PRINCETON, N.J. -- April 29 -- Princeton and Brown earned shares of the 1995 Ivy League championship with wins over Dartmouth and Cornell, respectively, on Saturday. The Tigers defeated the Big Green, 17-5, while the Bears upended the Big Red, 15-12.

### **DARTMOUTH WOMEN TAKE ANCIENT EIGHT TITLE**

HANOVER, N.H. -- April 29 -- The Big Green defeated Harvard, 14-8, to capture the Ivy League title outright for the first time since 1986. Sophomore Kim Mendelson led the way with four goals for the No. 3 ranked Big Green.

### **SALISBURY CLINCHES CAPITAL TITLE**

ST. MARY'S CITY, Md. -- April 26 -- The Salisbury State Sea Gulls captured the Capital Athletic Conference championship on Tuesday with a convincing 22-4 win over #14 ranked St. Mary's, Md.

### **DUKE WINS FIRST ACC TITLE SINCE 1954**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. -- The Duke Blue Devils won their first Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 41 years with a 14-6 victory over arch-rival North Carolina at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill Sunday. Duke, which had lost all three regular-season ACC games, knocked off #2 Virginia, 17-10, to reach the title game, while the Tar Heels defeated Maryland, 14-9, to get to the final. It was the first time that a UNC squad had lost a game in the ACC Tournament.

### **NCAA ANNOUNCES SILVER ANNIVERSARY LACROSSE TEAM**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- April 20 -- The NCAA, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Men's Lacrosse Championship Tournament, today announced its list of the top 25 lacrosse players in the last 25 years.

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## PLANNING

The WA Lacrosse Foundation (WALF) provided facilitators and incentive for each WA club to prepare a Strategic Plan to assist in their future development. The next stage of that program involved a Planning Seminar with the WA Lacrosse Association and WALF Directors and this was held at the Freeway Hotel on May 20 and 21.



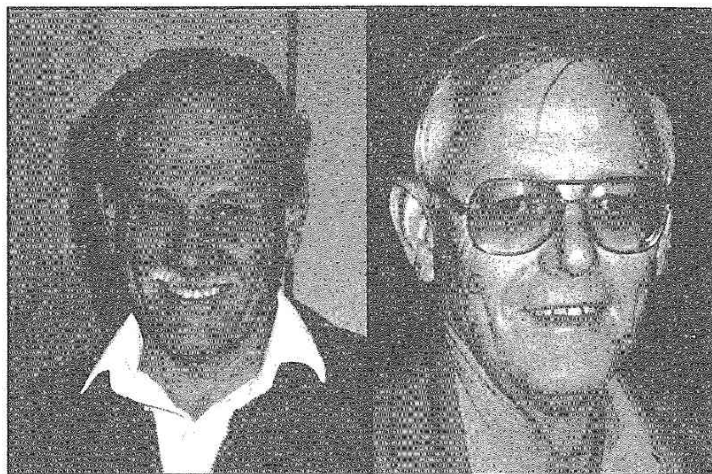
Seminar participants "at work"!

Brian Galbraith was the professional facilitator who guided the session through a busy program which incorporated a number of different techniques to assist in determining the priorities for the multitude of activities and programs which



Mark Hickey  
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Kevin Page  
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were on the "to do" list.

One of the key action areas is coaching and several strategies are being undertaken to improve this area.

## DROPOUTS

In a dramatic change from the positive increase in activity in WA reported last edition of "The Lacrosse Player", the senior competition has been reduced to only two Divisions with the Division 3 competition collapsing. Teams which had been nominated by 2 clubs failed to materialize and the remaining teams were not sufficiently strong to carry the competition. Efforts are being made to transfer two teams into the Division 2 competition and another proposal is to upgrade a Masters competition to play on a more regular basis.

This is a blow to the WALA as unless something changes as a result of the efforts being made, the only team from the Iroquois Club is lost and that results in the absence of two clubs from competition in 1995 - Nollamara had failed to provide any teams as reported last edition.

These issues are discussed in lacrosse circles and one sometimes hears:

1. the "doom and gloom" merchants with statements like "...lacrosse will disappear..." and "...lacrosse is going backwards..."
2. the "not my problem" merchants with statements like "...they don't know what they are doing..." and "...they should do this or that..."
3. the "it's your fault" merchants with statements like "...the Association has stuffed this..." and "...these clubs poach our players..." etc.

The loss of a team or a Division, and even the failure to increase the number of teams and Divisions, is a loss which we all feel and for which we all have some responsibility.

The people involved with the club who have not given any commitment to play, coach, referee, manage or assist in any area create great difficulties. Club committees endeavour to assess the player numbers so they can determine what teams to nominate.

Some clubs do that better than others. A common problem is the requirement to re-establish contact with people when we "crank up" for the next season because no contact has been made since the end of the previous season. This can be avoided with regular Club Newsletters, involvement as a group with a different sport or the conduct of less intense lacrosse competitions in the "off" season.

The Association is managed by a Board of Directors who are elected at the Annual General Meeting. There has always been a vacancy on the Board so no-one can claim that they have been willing to work in this area but the opportunity was not there. The Directors are people who have other interests and roles in lacrosse and are prepared to commit themselves to the management of lacrosse in WA. They require information and support from their members, the clubs, to enable them to manage the game - and that includes the nomination of teams which they then organize into competitions. When clubs nominate teams, which requires the payment of team nomination fees, it is reasonable to expect those teams to exist. Regrettably it has been a consistent practice for teams to be withdrawn after the fixtures have been produced and the season commenced - rarely have fixtures been required to be changed to include additional teams.

The Association also has a role in the development of coaches for teams at all levels and relevant coaching accreditation courses have been scheduled. The Level 2 course scheduled for 1994 and the Level 1 Course scheduled for 1995 were both cancelled because of no nominations - a poor reflection on clubs and people. This has not been helped by the absence of a WALA Coaching Director on the WALA Board or a Coaches Association to represent the interests of lacrosse coaches.

There are many areas which impact on the number of Associations, clubs, teams and players involved in lacrosse so it is not helpful to isolate any one factor as responsible for problems. What is needed is a commitment from everyone to do what they can to support and strengthen the game.

## CLUB NEWS

### East Fremantle.

The Division 1 team remains undefeated while Division 2 have lost 3 games by only 1 goal. Wayne Curran and David Schomburg enjoyed being part of the Under 19 Tour to the USA and Wayne has joined Shaun Levy and Paul Andrews as juniors promoted through to the Division 1 team. The Modcrosse program is going well with 6 school based teams involved and a Council of parents elected to organize the competition. David Whiteman has missed several games through injury and Australian Coach, John Denic, is also laid

up after wrecking his knee playing softball (stealing a base??).

### Phoenix

Travis Roost and Dean Turner enjoyed the successful Australian Under 19 Team tour to USA and Chris Hockey is doing a great job as Division 1 Team Coach. Modcrosse involvement with Ferndale Primary School is very positive.

### Subiaco

David Toy, Nathan James and Robert Scott all have benefitted from their participation in the Australian Under 19 team. While the loss of Robin Cornish from the Division 1 with a knee injury has been felt, the team has done well. Division 2 is attracting plenty of players under the coaching guidance of the well respected Ross Turnbull.

### Wembley

It is great to be able to train and play at Floreat Oval even though lights are only temporary through a local hire company. Support from the Town of Cambridge has been appreciated and negotiations for the installation of lights are taking place. Several committee members have been lost through job transfers but welcome on to the committee to new Treasurer, Greg Lund. Two players from USA are scheduled to arrive soon. It is great to have long time lacrosse stalwart Kel East assisting with the conduct of modcrosse sessions in schools and in coaching the Under 15 team.

## TOP GUN

It was disappointing to learn that the proposed Top Gun tour of teams from USA has been cancelled.

## GALA DAY

A proposed Gala Day involving 6 teams with player representation from all clubs participating is being arranged for July 8 when the Senior and Under 17 State Teams are away.

## WHAT'S IN A GAME?

A lot of things have to happen before two lacrosse teams (or 20 lacrosse players) can run around a field in organized competition. The fixtures are drawn up and the venue has been booked. The referees are advised and rostered to perform - properly dressed and equipped with whistles, flags, etc. The field is properly measured out and clearly marked then flags or cones placed at appropriate points. Scorers need a table and chairs, substitute players and penalty boxes also require chairs. Scorers need the official score sheet, a game clock and stop watches for the penalty times. The goals must be set up with no holes in the nets. Balls for the game and let's get on with it. But after the game the scores must be reported to the media or nominated Association contact then the match report forwarded to the Records Secretary (or equivalent office). All that happens just on the day - no mention is made of all the



preparation by teams, officials and administrators which make the game happen. Lots isn't it?

## ***THE FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR***

Anyone who has been involved in the management of any organization will be familiar with the adage that the first line supervisor is the most important in the organization. Sergeants run the army. Foremen are the key to success in the manufacturing industry. In the old pyramid style organization structure this may be partly the result of the fact that the first line supervisors have all the "workers" reporting to them.

In lacrosse the coach is the first line supervisor and is critical to the success of the team, the club and the game.

The coach must possess sufficient technical expertise to assist his players in learning the individual and team skills of the game. He must be able to communicate with his players and that means to listen as well as to explain.

It takes patience, perseverance and persistence to work with a team of individuals and contribute to their personal development and the development of the team.

The enthusiasm of the coach for the game and for his team is contagious and will stay with his players forever. All players are able to identify particular coaches who contributed significantly to their development. Coaches have more interaction with team members than anyone else in the club.

The best club committee in the world cannot influence players to the same extent that a coach does. Coaches are role models - not as players but as people. Good coaches attract and retain players - but coaches who are not committed, not supported or perhaps not right for the job - will cause players to look elsewhere for satisfaction.

Just as in a business - the first line supervisor is the key to the success of the organization.

## ***PLAYERS WHO REFEREE***

Each Division 1 team in the WALA has been required to nominate 10 players to be trained as referees. These players will form a panel on the days on which they have a bye and will be required to referee games in various grades.

## ***INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION***

The ILF meets in Prague from July 4-9. At the same time in Prague the European Lacrosse Federation will be meeting and the European Lacrosse Championships will be played. This involves teams from England, Sweden, Scotland, Germany, Wales and the Czech Republic.

The English Lacrosse Union has reported a financial deficit of 22,603 English pounds (approximately \$50,000) resulting from the 1994 World Championships in Manchester. The Australian Lacrosse Council has requested a detailed financial statement to explain how this loss was incurred.

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# Lacrosse all-stars for the silver anniversary of USA Division I

These are the all-stars as selected by the NCAA.

## Attack

**TOM CAFARO, Army (1971)** Twice a first team All-American ('70-71). Received the Turnbull Award as the nation's best attackman and Enners Award as the top player in the country in '71. A Hall of Fame selection in '89. Led Army to a three-year record of 28-5, culminating in a one-goal loss to eventual champion Cornell in the semifinals of the first NCAA Tournament in '71. He's Army's single-season leader in goals (51) and points (85). Career: 96 goals, 167 points.

**MIKE FRENCH, Cornell (1976)** In his final college game, the '76 NCAA Championship against defending champion Maryland, French scored a title game-record seven goals. The Big Red won in overtime. He totaled 28 goals in three NCAA appearances. Twice a first team All-American ('75-76). Named the top attackman and nation's most outstanding player as a senior. A member of Canada's '78 World Championship team. Joined Hall of Fame in '92. Career: 191 goals, 296 points.

**EAMON McENEANEY, Cornell (1977)** Three times a first team All-American. McEneaney is second to ex-teammate French on Cornell's career scoring list and is the Big Red assist leader for career (164) and single season (65). The nation's top attackman as a sophomore in '75. Was '77 Division I player of the year and the outstanding player in the '77 NCAA Championship game. He led all scorers in the '77 NAAs (11 goals, 25 points) and ended his career with an eight-point performance (three goals) in a 16-8 title win over Johns Hopkins. Career: 92 goals, 256 points.

**TIM NELSON, Syracuse (1985)** A three-time first team All-American for the Orange. Was named the nation's top attackman three times. Led '83 and '84 NCAA tournament scorers with 15 and 11 points, respectively. He's the USILA all-time assist leader (225). His three seasons at SU rank 1-2-3 in assists all-time at the school. His 67 assists in '84 and 187 total from '83-85 remain Orange standards, as well as his 103 points in '84. Ranked second all-time among SU point producers. Had an eight-point effort (six assists) in a 17-16 NCAA title win over Johns Hopkins in '83. Currently head coach at Dartmouth. Career: 100 goals, 325 points.

**MIKE O'NEILL, Johns Hopkins (1978)** A three-time first-team All-American. Twice named the nation's top attackman. Player of the year as a senior. He's Hopkins' all-time point producer and No. 2 in goals scored. Had a goal in 13-8 '78 championship game victory to help Hopkins end Cornell's 42-game winning streak. Hall of Fame pick in '93. Was selected most outstanding player in the '78 NCAA title game. Career: 138 goals, 237 points.

**JACK THOMAS, Johns Hopkins (1974)** Topped '73 NCAA Tournament scorers with 14 points. As team co-captain in '74, had three goals in a 17-12 win over Maryland, giving Hopkins its first national championship. A first-team All-American three times. Twice named the nation's premier attackman. Thomas is No. 2 on the school's all-time points and assists (121) list. Hall of Fame choice in '89. Career: 103 goals, 224 points.

## Midfield

**DEL DRESSEL, Johns Hopkins (1986)** One of only three players to be selected a first team All-American four times. Leading career point producer among Hopkins' midfielders. A two-time McLaughlin

Award winner as nation's top middle. As a freshman, led the '83 NCAA tourney in goals (10). Dressel scored 24 goals and had 36 points in four NAAs three goals in the '85 championship win over Syracuse. Career: 99 goals, 174 points.

**GARY GAIT, Syracuse (1990)** Three times a first team All-American. Twice named player of the year and outstanding middle. Teamed with twin brother, Paul, to lead Orangemen to three straight NCAA titles ('88-89-90) and four Final Fours. In 11 NCAA Tournament games, of which the Orange won 10, he scored an unmatched 50 goals and had 65 points. Introduced the "Air Gait" shot in the '88 NCAA semifinals (scoring twice with over-the-goal dunks vs. Penn). Shares SU single-game marks for points (12) and goals (nine), both established in an '88 NCAA quarterfinal win over Navy. SU record-holder for goals in a career and season (70 in '88). Played for Canada in the '90 and '94 World Games. Plays for Philadelphia in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League. Career: 192 goals, 253 points.

**PAUL GAIT, Syracuse (1990)** A three-time first team All-American. Named most outstanding player of the '89 NCAA Championship after scoring a total of 16 points. Had a personal-high seven goals and 11 points in an '88 NCAA quarterfinal win over Navy. Had a four-goal effort in SU's 13-12 national championship victory over Johns Hopkins in '89. Played for Canada in the '90 and '94 World Games. Plays for Rochester of the MILL. Career: 127 goals, 212 points.

**BRAD KOTZ, Syracuse (1985)** Three times a first team All-American. Named '83 national player of the year. Was selected the most outstanding player in the '83 NCAA title game after his five-goal second-half barrage in a 17-16 win over Hopkins. Led the SU midfield in '83-84-85 when team won 43 of 48 games, including its first national title in '83. Played for the USA in the '86 and '90 World Games. Career: 129 goals, 205 points.

**RICK KOWALCHUK, Johns Hopkins (1974)**

A three-time first team All-American and the nation's top player his senior year. Co-captained the Blue Jays' first national championship team in '74. Scored eight goals in the '74 NAAs, including three in the 17-12 title-game victory over Maryland. Hall of Fame choice in '91. Career: 16 goals, 56 points.

**JONATHAN REESE, Yale (1990)** A first team All-American and the national midfielder of the year in '90. Holds school marks for career points and goals, plus goals in a season (82) and in a game (10 vs. Army). Both season records were set in '90, when he led Yale to its winningest season (16-2) and only NCAA Final Four berth. Concluded his college career with six goals in a 14-13 double-overtime loss to Loyola (Md.) in the '90 NCAA semifinals. Combined with attackman Jason O'Neill to become the most prolific single-season scoring duo in the history of college lacrosse, combining for 196 points in '90. Career: 162 goals, 200 points.

**BRENDAN SCHNECK, Johns Hopkins (1981)**

Played his first two seasons ('77-78) at Navy, scoring four goals in his first NCAA Tournament game, a 14-12 win over Cornell. Played the '80-81 seasons at Hopkins, where he was twice a first team All-American. Player of the year as a junior and the nation's top middle as a senior. He led the '80 NAAs in scoring (nine goals, 16 points), including a pair of goals in a 9-8 double-overtime win vs. Virginia in the title game. In two seasons at Hopkins, he produced 73 goals, 111 points. Career: 146 goals, 232 points.

**FRANK URSO, Maryland (1976)** Scored the winning goal as the Terps edged Virginia, 10-9, in double overtime for the national title in '73, when he became the first freshman in 25 years to be named a first team All-American by the USILA. The nation's top middle in '74 and '76. Player of the year in '75 and a four-time first team All-American. Terps made the NAAs four straight years, winning in '73 and '75. His 32 NCAA Tournament goals is second all-time. He's the Terps' No. 2 goal-scorer, No. 3 point-producer and a Hall of Fame member ('91). Career: 127 goals, 208 points.

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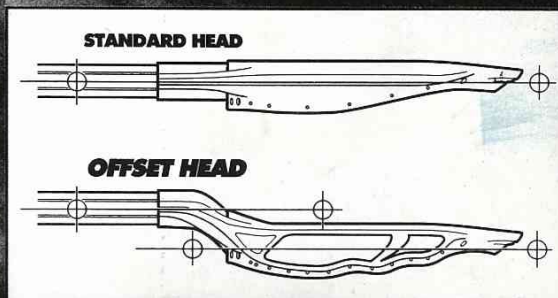
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