

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
PRESENTED AT THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEW
SETTLERS LEAGUE ROOM, QUEEN STREET, BRISBANE, ON TUESDAY, 11th MARCH,
1947, AT 7.30 P.M.

Ladies,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the Thirteenth Annual Report of this Association for the season 1946-7.

MEMBERSHIP

This year saw quite an increase in our numbers - from 8 clubs fielding 10 teams to 8 clubs fielding 15 teams. With the end of war the W.A.A.F. team disbanded and unfortunately Metropolitan Club were unable to muster a team but to compensate for this loss we were pleased to welcome Ashgrove (1 team) and Redcliffe (2 teams) into the Association. However, we are still a long way short of pre-war strength and we must make a definite drive to bring new blood and interest into the Association and so gain recognition in the women's sporting world. The following teams were registered.

Ashgrove, Neptunes I, Neptunes II, Redcliffe I, Redcliffe II, St. Andrews I, St. Andrews II, Taxation I, Taxation II, University I, University II, Valley I, Valley II, Y.W.C.A. I, Y.W.C.A. II,

MEETINGS

During the season eight monthly general meetings were held, the attendance of Club representatives as per attendance book being -

Ashgrove	8	Taxation	7
Neptunes	8	University	6
Redcliffe	5	Valley	5
St. Andrews	8	Y.W.C.A.	5

It is pleasing to note that the attendance of representatives has been so very consistent and it is trusted this will continue.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The following sub-committees have been in operation during the season, namely, Executives, Grounds, Grading, Fixtures & Umpires, Selection.

EXECUTIVE

The Executive comprised President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, with Miss D. Banks, Miss W. McHullin, Miss K. Miles and Mrs E. Dobbin.

Several meetings were held during the season and thanks are due to all for services rendered.

GROUNDS

This year we resumed playing at Marchant Park and had the use of four fields, which, however, were not in the best of condition.

Mesdames E.M. Jesser, E. Dobbin and K. Langan acted as Grounds Committee and particularly do we desire to thank Mrs Jesser who personally supervised the fields.

GRADING

With the increase in the number of teams it was found necessary to re-introduce grading this season. The Grading Committee comprising Miss D. Banks, Miss K. Miles and Mrs M. Mairn graded the teams as follows:-

<u>'A' Grade</u>	<u>'B' Grade</u>	
Neptunes I	Ashgrove	University II
Redcliffe I	Neptunes II	Valley II
St. Andrews I	Redcliffe II	Y.W.C.A. I
Taxation I	St. Andrews II	Y.W.C.A. II
University I	Taxation II	
Valley I		

FIXTURES AND UMPIRES

The season opened on 6th April, 1946, and was followed by two Saturdays of grading matches, then fixtures, an 'A' and a 'B' Grade match being played at Redcliffe alternate Saturdays.

The Fixture Committee is the hardest worked committee of this Association and each week difficulties arose in connection with umpires which seems to have always been one of our greatest problems. The committee - Mrs R. Robinson and Miss K. Miles - earn our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts.

While on the question of umpiers permit me to here record those who so ably assisted during season and to thank all who voluntarily gave their services regularly. Early in the 1947 season it is hoped to grade our umpires and issue badges. Particular mention must be made of the umpires indicated who rarely missed a Saturday.

Umpires - 1946 Season

x Banks D.	Hughes T.	McDougall E.	Price F.
Byrne M.	Hynd M.	McMullin W.	x Robinson R.
Cramb D.	Huaphries W.	Middleton G.	Sims I.
Cullen B.	Kirkwood R.	x Miles J.	Stokan M.
x Dowdle D.	Klatt G.	x Miles K.	Sugarman D.
Francis E.	x Langan T.	x Mairn M.	Voysey E.
Geddes M.	x Lawson E.	Pope V.	Webster G.
Harsh E.	Little T.	Presbury I.	Wood S.
			Webb S.

On behalf of the Records Secretary I would here like to state that fixture cards were often incomplete and unsigned and on a number of occasions omitted altogether. It is the duty of the umpire to see that captains hand in cards before commencement of matches and that same are correctly completed and handed to Records Secretary after matches.

UMPIRES EXAMINATION

The following Brisbane candidates were successful in the Queensland Umpires Examination and to them we offer our congratulations:-

Trotter L.	(Uni.)	90%	Perkins J.	(Uni.)	73%
Webster G.	(Uni.)	89%	Collins M.	(Sts.)	72%
Hynd M.	(Uni.)	87%	Francis D.	(Red.)	68%
Jenks B.	(Uni.)	84%	Geddes M.	(Red.)	68%
Musch B.	(Val.)	83%	Ferguson I.	(Y.W.)	65%
Lade M.	(Sts.)	82%	McMullin W.	(Red.)	64%
Peddie B.	(Uni.)	78%	McMahon A.	(Red.)	64%
Sugarman D.	(Neps)	77%	Mauchlan A.	(Ash.)	59%
Phemister J.	(Y.W.)	76%	Gray V.	(Ash.)	57%
Hughes L.	(Ash.)	76%	Mauchlan M.	(Ash.)	56%
Hopper E.	(Uni.)	75%	Harch E.	(Neps)	56%
Hopper J.	(Sts.)	75%	Stanfield D.	(Neps)	55%
Cramb D.	(Uni.)	75%	Greenfield J.	(Neps)	54%
Stokan M.	(Tax.)	74%	Sneddon J.	(Uni.)	52%

It is sincerely hoped that in the coming season a greater percentage will sit particularly for the All Australia Umpires Examination.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee comprising Mesdames C. Fowler, M. Nairn, and R. Robinson had quite a hard time selecting teams from numerous nominations for inter-city trips and the State Trials.

PUBLICITY

In the past publicity was usually left to the Secretary in collaboration with various press representatives. This year, however, Mrs. Robinson was appointed Publicity Officer and we extend a hearty vote of thanks to her for the excellent work she has performed. We now have the support of the daily papers also hockey is included in a sporting session from the National Broadcasting Station every Tuesday evening. Miss J. Clarke has also found another avenue for publicity through the medium of 'Popular Sports' a weekly sports paper published Friday.

DELEGATES C.W.H.A.

Delegates to Queensland Women's Hockey Association at commencement of season were Miss F. Price, Miss W. McMullin, Mrs E. McDougall and when our membership warranted further delegates Miss D. Banks was elected with Miss I. Hughes as proxy. Mrs Robinson was elected to replace Miss F. Price later in season. Our thanks are extended to those members who regularly attend Queensland Association meetings.

FIXTURES

The season opened on 6th April, 1946, and was marked by a Dress Parade judged by Miss Freda Bage, Miss Rhind and Miss J. Clarke and won by Y.W.C.A. with Ashgrove and Redcliffe runners-up. The winners were presented with a hockey ball donated by Miss D. Banks. During the afternoon the following visitors were entertained at afternoon tea hostessed by Miss J. Clarke, President, - Miss Freda Bage (Patroness Q.W.H.A.) Mrs E. Dobbin (President Q.W.H.A.), Miss J. Miles (Secretary Q.W.H.A.), Mesdames E.M. Jesser, M. Nairn, E. Newham, R. Robinson, B. Wood and K. Francis (Vice-Presidents of B.W.H.A.) and Miss B.V. Rhind, (Y.W.C.A.)

This year when Redcliffe affiliated it was arranged that alternate Saturdays two teams would travel to and play at Redcliffe. This was carried out and our thanks are extended to the Redcliffe Ladies Hockey Club who always supplied afternoon tea to the visiting players. The only drawback to this arrangement was the late arrival of teams back in Brisbane.

As usual a number of forfeits took place in 'B' Grade. Allow me to suggest that club officials make it their business to see that lower grade teams are maintained and not sopped of players to fill up 'A' Grade teams.

The following is the points table for the season's fixtures

'A' GRADE						
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGNST.	PTS.
VALLEY I	8	0	2	28	11	18
TAXATION I	6	3	1	21	8	13
REDCLIFFE I	3	3	4	14	12	10
NEPTUNES I	4	5	1	13	19	9
UNIVERSITY I	2	5	3	14	23	7
ST. ANDREWS I	0	7	3	9	31	3
'B' GRADE						
ASHGROVE	8	0	0	44	4	16
Y.W.C.A. I	5	2	1	19	10	11
TAXATION II	4	3	1	14	13	9
ST. ANDREWS II	4	4	0	20	12	8
NEPTUNES II	3	4	1	9	22	7
UNIVERSITY II	5	4	1	9	9	7
REDCLIFFE II	3	5	0	11	17	6
Y.W.C.A. II	2 F	6	0	0	32	4
VALLEY II	1	6	1	6	13	3

Congratulations are extended to Valley I 'A' Grade and Ashgrove 'B' Grade particularly as Valley's success was due to regular training and for Ashgrove this was their first season.

This year, interest waned at the end of July, immediately fixtures were finalised, and it is hoped that in future fixture matches will be arranged right to final date, also that fixtures be cancelled as seldom as possible as this season seemed all too short particularly when it is realised that 'B' Grade had only 8 fixture matches.

INTER-CITY

MAY-DAY CARNIVAL - 1st State Trial Match - At Maryborough - May 4th to 6th
 Manageress - Mrs. K. Langan.
 Personnel of teams and results -

<u>BRISBANE I</u>		<u>RESULTS</u>	
Goal	- L. Weaver	v M'bro. I	1 - 0
Backs	- D. Banks, J. Miles	v M'bro. II	7 - 2
Halves	- M. Stokan, D. Francis, R. Robinson, (Capt.)	v T'ba. I	3 - 3
Forwards	- M. Geddes, D. Cramb, T. Lawson, (V.C.) K. Miles and L. Trotter	v Bris. II	3 - 1
		v Bris. III	6 - 3

<u>BRISBANE II</u>			
Goal	- I. Sims	v M'bro. I	0 - 0
Backs	- G. Evans, M. Lade	v M'bro. II	2 - 0
Halves	- T. Thurecht, E. Voysey, D. Dowdle, (Capt.)	v T'ba. I	4 - 3
Forwards	- M. Byrne, K. Langan, (V.C.) I. Kussulke I. Presbury, B. Johnstone	v Bris. I	1 - 3
		v Bris. III	6 - 3

<u>BRISBANE III</u>			
Goal	- M. Collins	v M'bro. I	0 - 5
Backs	- I. Waring, J. Snowden	v M'bro. II	1 - 1
Halves	- W. Humphries, M. Hornsey, E. O'Connor	v T'ba. I	3 - 6
Forwards	- J. Phemister, (V.C.) A. McMahon, N. Jenks E. Harch (Capt.) N. Mauchlan	v Bris. I	3 - 6
		v Bris. II	3 - 6

RESERVES - L. Hughes, W. Cottrell, I. Eizenberg, J. Maxwell, J. Fletcher.

Brisbane I won this carnival with Brisbane II runners-up while the following were named by Queensland selectors as among most promising players of carnival -

- Brisbane I - L. Weaver, M. Geddes, K. Miles
- Brisbane II - I. Sims, G. Evans, D. Dowdle, T. Thurecht, I. Presbury
- Brisbane III - I. Waring, E. Harch, M. Hornsey.

JUNE WEEK-END - 2nd State Trial - Warwick - June 15th to 17th
 Manageress - Mrs K. Langan
 Personnel of Teams and results -

<u>BRISBANE I</u>		<u>RESULTS</u>	
Goal	- I. Sims		
Backs	- E. Kirkwood, D. Dowdle (Capt.)	v War. I	5 - 1
Halves	- M. Stokan, J. Little, E. Voysey	v T'ba. I	1 - 0
Forwards	- M. Byrne, I. Presbury, T. Lawson (V.C.) K. Miles, L. Trotter	v Bris. II	1 - 1

<u>BRISBANE II</u>		<u>RESULTS</u>	
Goal	- M. Collins		
Backs	- J. Miles, I. Waring	v War. I	3 - 4
Halves	- W. Humphries, M. Hornsey, W. McMullin (V.C.)	v T'ba. I	2 - 6
Forwards	- K. Langan (Capt.) C. Hais, I. Kussulke E. Harch, V. Pope	v Bris. I	1 - 1

<u>BRISBANE III</u>			
Goal	- G. Webster		
Backs	- F. Cossins, V. Brown	v War. II	4 - 1
Halves	- P. Truesdale, F. Price (Capt.) J. Fletcher	v Goondi.	10 - 0
Forwards	- J. Phemistor, A. McMahon, B. Cullen (V.C.) N. Neden, N. Jenks	v T'ba. II	1 - 0

Brisbane I, were again successful at this carnival with Brisbane III, premiers of the lower grade matches. Best players named by selectors were -

Brisbane I - D. Dowdle, J. Little, M. Byrne, K. Miles, I. Presbury, T. Lawson.
 Brisbane II - M. Hornsey, K. Langan, I. Kussulke, J. Miles.
 Brisbane III - A. McMahon, B. Cullen, N. Jenks

STATE TRIALS - 3rd State Trial - Brisbane - June 30th.

<u>BRISBANE I</u>		<u>BRISBANE II</u>	
Goal	- L. Weaver	I. Sims	
Backs	- D. Banks, G. Evans	I. Waring, D. Dowdle (Capt.)	
Halves	- M. Stokan, M. Hornsey, R. Robinson (Capt.)	T. Thurecht, J. Little, E. Voysey	
Forwards	- M. Byrne, K. Miles, T. Lawson, (V.C.) I. Presbury, V. Pope.	M. Goddes, K. Langan, (V.C.) B. Wood, I. Kussulke, L. Trotter.	

After these games the Queensland selectors named the following Brisbane players as members of the State Team to visit Melbourne -

R. Robinson (Capt.)	K. Miles	L. Weaver	J. Miles
M. Byrne	M. Stokan	T. Lawson	I. Presbury

We also wish to record that Mrs K. Langan was chosen by Q.W.H.A. as Manageress of the State Team and Miss D. Dowdle as Manageress Captain of the Touring Team. Also that Mrs Robinson, Mrs Langan and Miss J. Miles were State representatives at All Australia Council Meetings.

SECONDARY & STATE SCHOOLS

This season hockey was revived at the Brisbane State High School and introduced at the new Wynnum High School and teams from these schools together with teams from Scarborough and Humpybong State Schools play matches against 'B' Grade teams on July 20th and on August 24th contested matches between themselves. This is only a start but it is hoped that the Girls' Secondary Schools Hockey Association will be re-organised this year and regular fixtures played.

MURWILLUMBAH

On August 10th and 11th two Metropolitan Teams visited Murwillumbah with Miss D. Banks as Manageress. The teams had a wonderful time, hospitality extended

being 100% and it was with much regret that we were unable to reciprocate before close of season. However, we intend inviting this centre early in the coming season.

Teams comprised -

	<u>'A' Team</u>	<u>'B' Team</u>
Goal	- M. Rae	M. Rae
Backs	- G. Middleton (Capt.) I. Waring	L. Hughes (Capt.) R. Foulger
Halves	- D. Stokan, E. Voysey, D. Macdonald	D. Gregg, K. Bowden, M. O'Neill (V.C.)
Forwards	- E. Sims, J. Macdonald (V.C.) I. Kussulke, A. McMahon, B. Williams	B. Smith, E. Proudlock, V. Gray, V. Pedler, B. McAlister.
	Won match 1 - 0	Drew match 2 all

DONATIONS

During the season donations were received from

Mrs Nairn	10 6	New Settlers League	10 0
Mrs Newnham	£1 1 6	Miss Freda Bage	£5 0 0
Mrs Jesser	10 6	Greyhound Coach Service	£10 0 0
Royal National Association.	£5 0 0		

and Miss D. Banks and Mrs R. Robinson each donated a hockey ball.

Our only donation outwards was to Q.A.T.E. 10/0.

SOCIAL

DANCE - A dance was held at the South Brisbane Library Hall on July 20th and this was a moderate success yielding a profit of £8/14/7.

FETE - On July 27th the Association organised a fete which although worked up very quickly realised a net profit of £110/15/10 and of this amount £5 was paid to each of our eight interstate representatives. Our thanks are due to all who assisted in this grand effort, with a special vote of thanks to our President who worked exceptionally hard. Stalls were conducted by the various clubs as follows -

Sweets	- Ashgrove & University	Children's	- St. Andrews
Refreshments	- Taxation	Jumble	- Neptunes
Cakes & Jams	- Redcliffe	Dips	- Y.W.C.A.
Produce & Chocolate Wheel	- Valley		

PRE-WEDDING PARTY - On May 30th a party was held at Y.W.C.A. in honour of the approaching marriage of former President of this Association, Miss Lena Ruskey to Mr Eric Dobbin and on behalf of the Association Miss J. Clarke presented her with a bedroom chair.

GYMKHANA - A gymkhana under the management of Miss G. Betts and Miss D. Banks, was held at Redcliffe on the 9th June and although not particularly well patronised was excellently conducted and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

PARCELS TO BRITAIN - Rather late in the season we commenced forwarding food parcels to hockey players in Britain and it is hoped that if circumstances warrant the continuance of same the clubs will still support scheme,

BLUE OF BLUES - It is here desired to record that Miss K. Miles, Taxation Club, was selected as the Telegraph 'Hockey Blue' and Miss D. Dowdle of same Club as third choice

CLOSE OF SEASON - To mark the close of season a picnic at Sutton's Beach was arranged for September 22nd but this received very poor support.

FINANCE.

It will be seen from the Audited Statement of Accounts that the balance of our account at Commonwealth Bank of Australia is as follows -

£ 109 - 3 - 4

and besides this we hold War Savings Certificates with maturity value of £80 in June this year, so that our financial position at the moment is a fairly sound one.

However, during season our finance were particularly low and the Contingency Fund was wholly transferred to the General Account so that in coming season a new account will need to be set aside.

VOTES OF THANKS

PATRONESS - Our hearty thanks are extended to Mrs C. Fowler for her patronage. Her sustained interest and help is much appreciated by all.

PRESIDENT - A special vote of thanks is due to our President Miss J. Clarke who has worked exceptionally hard during the season to further our interests.

VICE-PRESIDENTS - Thanks to you all for the interest displayed during season.

SANDGATE BUS CO. - To Mr Mitchell, proprietor, and his drivers our sincere thanks for excellent service and courtesy received.

FIRST AID - Thanks are also extended to Mrs Jesser and Mrs O'Keefe who attended to injured during season.

PRESS - To the Press we desire to express our appreciation of the excellent publicity given us in spite of restrictions. In this connection, special mention must be made of Mrs R. Robinson for her untiring efforts.

HON. AUDITORS - We also wish to thank Messrs. V.R. Crunkhorn and M.J. O'Leary for auditing the Association accounts.

Thanks are also due to the members of Taxation and Neptunes Ladies' Hockey Clubs who so willingly lent their costumes on several occasions.

To the New Settlers League for the use of their Club Room and for courtesy extended at all times.

We would also like to thank those Club Officials who during season have lessened work of Executive by timely fulfilment of necessary duties, and as Secretary, I personally wish to thank the rest of the Executive who have at all times made my work easier by their support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to all members who became engaged or were married during year and to the following on the birth of -

Twin daughters to Zube Boxhall (nee Somerville)
Daughter to Mrs K. Francis (V. President)
Son to Mrs E. Bucknell (ex Y.W.C.A.)
Son to Mrs T. Adams (ex Neptunes)

OBITUARY

To all members who have suffered family bereavment we extend our deepest sympathy.

In conclusion I wish all incoming officials a successful term of office and the retiring officials extend to all clubs the very best wishes for a successful season.

For and on behalf of the Association,

Brisbane, 11th March, 1947.

KATH. LANGAN
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer and all members of the Association, for the support given me during my term of office.

The financial and social success of the fete held in July, at which function the various clubs so willingly and ably assisted, gives a clear indication of what can be expected when members pull together.

This success should encourage the Association to further efforts during the forthcoming year regarding the raising of funds to finance our representative team to take part in the Carnival at Perth.

If the spirit which prevailed during the past season is maintained throughout the coming year, further and greater successes for the game of hockey are assured.

JESS CLARKE
President

March 5th, 1947.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

for the 1946 Playing Season.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance in Bank, 6th March, 1946	15 1 5	Marking fields, etc	15 3 8
Affiliation Fees, 1946	24 3 0	Rent of meeting Room	2 4 0
Ground Fees, 1946	16 12 6	Stationery	1 8 0
Donations	7 6 6	Rent of Fields	4 4 0
Transfer Contingency Fund	22 6 1	Affiliation Fees to Q.W.H.A.	3 13 6
Suspense a/c	5 0		
		<u>General Expenses</u>	
Proceeds from Fete, 1946 (Less £40 presented to Interstate Representatives)	69 2 7	Petty Cash to Secretary	10 10 0
		" " Publicity Officer	14 0 0
		" " Treasurer	2 2 10
Dances, Entertainments, etc.	9 13 7	Presentation	5 8 7
		Hockey Balls	1 11 6
		Parcels to Britain	2 8 6
		Sundries	5 18 9
		Balance in Bank, 5th February, 1947	109 3 4
			<u>£. 164 10 8</u>

D. HANSFORD FUND

Balance in Bank, 6th March, 1946	£.22 6 6	Balance in Bank, 5th February, 1947,	£.22 6 6
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HON. AUDITORS V.R. CRUNKHORN
M.J. O'LEARY

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