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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

1955 - 1956

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Ladies,

In presenting this report on the activities of the Brisbane Women's Hockey Association, I would pay tribute at the outset to the various Club officials from whom I received splendid co-operation, also my fellow Office Bearers, who assisted to the fullest extent in what proved to be a very busy, and most interesting season. Thank you one and all!

MEMBERSHIP: Thirty-four teams affiliated, as under:-

<u>4 teams:</u>	<u>3 teams</u>	<u>2 teams</u>	<u>1 team</u>
Teachers College	Neptune	Taxation	Belvederes
B.S.H.S.	Valley	St. Andrews	University
	K.B.	Metropolitan	W.R.A.A.C.
		Peninsula	
		Commercial	
		Eastern Suburbs	
		S.C.H.S.	

Numerically things were unchanged, but actually we had lost two Clubs, members of whom merged with others more firmly established. It is no easy task to launch a Club and guide it through its first year of activity, therefore we are pleased to congratulate Eastern Suburbs once more on attaining Premiership honours in both C and D Grades in their second only year of membership. Taxation and Valley Clubs shared the top grade premiership, Commercials took "A Reserve" honours, while Valley II ran out winners in "B" Grade. Teachers College has proved a Club seeking expansion, and it is hoped that the members who graduate from its ranks are able to further knowledge of the game in their chosen career. This Club shared "D" Grade honours with Easts.

The complete points table is included later herein, and at this stage I would place on record our appreciation of the efforts of

MEETINGS:

Club delegates attended the usual monthly meetings, while representatives were sent to Queensland Association Meetings. Some Clubs were very lax in attendance which is always regrettable. Other delegates were too prone to sit quietly and venture little opinion on matters discussed, and Clubs would be well advised to elect members who are capable of entering into discussions on business which arises from time to time. The other fellow's viewpoint is always worthy of a hearing.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Executive: Table Committee, Social Secretary, Umpires' Convenor, A. Saunders, N. Mauchlan, J. Teys, N. Welch.

Grounds: Mesdames E.M. Jesser, J. Robinson, E. Grealy, S. Otto. Another field was laid out this season, but will require more work to enable a game to be enjoyed. No. 4 field is in need of urgent attention, and the Committee will have to concentrate on top dressing before the opening of next season. Almost continual rain up to the beginning of the season precluded any work, even grass cutting, on the fields for opening day, but groundsmen worked hard when the weather allowed, marking with sump oil, and generally keeping them neat and tidy.

Fixtures: Miss J. Wenborn, Mrs. J. Robinson, Mrs. Langan Umpires. This season saw the elimination of semi-finals and finals, due to the breaks experienced shortening the number of playing Saturdays.

Umpires: Mrs. J. Langan (Convenor), Mrs. J. Robinson, Misses N. & L. Mauchlan, M. Irvine, I. Sim, M. Armbruster.

Selection/Grading:  
A - Mesdames Yeo, Langan, Sim, Proxy Mrs. J. Robinson.  
A Res. - E. Biddle, D. Welch, S. Otto.  
B - J. Teys, D. Kropp, B. Duffus.

The appointment of a proxy selector was made to cover emergency absenteeism in this office and should, I consider, be a regular seasonal appointment.

TEAM SELECTIONS: Three representative teams were sent to Maryborough for the Country Week (State Trials) as under:-

Brisbane I: S. Otto, E. Spence, A. Saunders, J. Watt, M. Pyne, V. Brown, N. & D. Welch, E. Biddle, S. Lohmann, M. Armbruster.

Brisbane II: B. Kenward, G. Weir, J. Teys, S. Jeffrey, A. Yeo, D. Thorne, G. Williams, E. Harch, M. Buckley, M. Wakely, N. McCallum.

Brisbane III: G. Howard, J. Wenborn, H. Dinte, D. Kropp, N. Baker, S. Holm, N. Wenborn, M. Smith, B. Smith, A. Barton, M. Allen, V. Slater, D. McDonald, C. McKenzie, S. McArthur, E. Fairley, L. Cook.

The following were named in the Queensland Representative team and Brisbane Senior team respectively:-

S. Otto (Captain), G. Weir, M. Pyne, V. Brown, S. Lohmann, E. Biddle, N. Welch, D. Welch (Vice-Captain), Mrs. H.S. Josiffe (Manager), Mrs. J. Nairn (Coach).

B. Kenward, J. Teys, A. Saunders (V. Capt.), E. Spence, A. Yeo (Capt.), J. Watt, M. Armbruster, M. Buckley, M. Wakely, G. Williams, E. Harch, J. Hirst, B. Smith, N. Wenborn, N. McCallum, Miss N. Mauchlan (Manager).

In view of International Visit, curtain raisers were played by two Junior Brisbane teams, as under:-

Report by Selection panel will cover these games, but I do congratulate on behalf of the Association all who "made the grade", from our Australian representatives S. Otto and D. Welch to the "Under 15" members. I feel sure that any sacrifice of time in training was more than compensated by being given the opportunity of being associated with the International programme.

#### ACTIVITIES:

We were unfortunate to have to bid au revoir to our Patroness, Mrs. Eric T. Dobbin, early in the season owing to a transfer of her husband's duties to the South, but it is now very likely that her later return to Brisbane will be permanent, and we will be able to count on her continued interest and encouragement in our activities.

From the opening day in April to the closing game in September, there was practically no let up. The International visit took precedence over all else and every member was given ample opportunity to become associated with our guests. Regrettably the weather did not behave as we would have wished, but we were genuinely sorry to wave our visitors farewell. New links of friendship were forged and I feel sure some will be renewed in future international tournaments.

Games were staged at the 'Gabba, and I for one will never forget the impressive "Attention" stand on the Saturday afternoon when the anthems were played. The wonderfully neat attire of our visitors too, must have made some impact on our girls, and it would not surprise me to find some Clubs taking more interest in the appearance of their members on the field. Our visitors proved that a standard length tunic and neat hose made a very attractive sportsgirl. More of it, please.

#### SCHOOL HOCKEY:

To the following members we are truly indebted for taking an interest in school hockey:-  
B.S.H.S. - Mrs. J. Robinson. Ascot S.S. - Mrs. G. Crowley, Miss D. Welch.  
Buranda S.S. - Mrs. J. McDougall, Miss G. Weir. Peninsula - Mrs. R. Kirkwood. Saturday a.m. coaching squad - Members Metropolitan, Peninsula, Neptune Clubs. Unfortunately no centre could accommodate a schools' carnival this season, due to the influx of the international guests, but we understand Mackay has accepted the pleasurable task in 1957 - good news indeed, for an incentive like an inter-city trip must result in greater interest.

#### COACHING:

While some Clubs made their own arrangements, we were glad to take advantage of an offer by Taxation Club for the use of Davies Park each week for stickwork and P.T. on a "share expense" basis. It is hoped this will continue. Mrs. J. Nairn of Redcliffe took care of representative teams and we thank her for the time expended on the girls' behalf.

#### NATIONAL FITNESS:

Our ranks missed the award for Sportsgirl of the Year, but we were represented in the Combined Sporting Concert at the City Hall by Miss Rachel McQuade, of Neptune Club. Clubs were issued with tickets at Association expense, and the concert, packed with interest from start to finish, really warranted a larger audience.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Life Membership was bestowed on Miss Winifred McMullin ("Win" to most of us) and a badge presented to her at the breaking up party. Other presentations were made to Office Bearers, and each member of the representative Brisbane and Queensland teams, including the Coach and Manageresses. Each Hostess who opened her home to an international visitor received a tea-spoon mounted by our badge and we hope this small gesture brought pleasure to these worthy people, without whose assistance the International Visit would have been far less pleasant.

DONATIONS:

We thank those good people who gave donations during the season. You will notice from the financial statement that the Association has many commitments, and is therefore appreciative of any assistance from our supporters.

SOCIAL:

Your Social Secretary, Mrs. A. Clelland, has tendered a full report later herein and from this it will be seen that her task was a heavy one. We thank her for her work throughout the season.

PUBLICITY:

Again we thank Miss N. Cole, of "Truth & Sportsman" and Mrs. J. Robinson of "Courier-Mail/Sunday-Mail" for their concerted efforts on our behalf during 1956. We recommend also to our members greater interest in "Hockey Circle" which is edited during the season each month and is available through the Association. News from all over the hockey world is given, and a special page is now allocated to women's hockey. Members may also contribute to the magazine, our editress being Mrs. J. Robinson.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Patroness, Mrs. E.T. Dobbin, for your interest and encouragement.  
President, Miss M. King, our thanks for energy and time expended during the year.  
Vice-Presidents for your support and attendance at all functions.  
City Council for use of fields and transport.  
St. John's Ambulance our thanks to your ladies for their constant attention to our injured.  
National Fitness Council for use of meeting rooms and typing facilities.  
B.H.A. thanks for their co-operation in all matters.  
Mrs. Jesser and Groundsmen for attention to numerous tasks at the grounds.  
Hostesses for your kindness to our overseas guests.  
Last but not least, a special "thank you" to Mr. Fleurity for his cheery and willing assistance when called upon. To our Auditor, Mr. Crunkhorn, for his patience in wrestling with the yearly audit, and Mr. McDougall for his mending of our Notice Board.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To our hockey "Telegraph Blue", Miss Elva Biddle, and Mrs. Langan who filled second place.  
To Mesdames Josiffe and Robinson, who are now entitled to perform various duties under the office of Justices of the Peace.  
To Mrs. J. Langan, for her appointment to the International Board of Umpires.  
To our members engaged, married, or newly elevated to parenthood, congratulations.

CONDOLENCES:

To those who have been bereft of family or friend, our sincere sympathy, and God comfort you.

COMMENT:

In concluding my report for 1956, I would suggest to the Association that it budget for the acquisition of a battery-operated P.A. system. This is practically a necessity now with the widely spread fields, particularly with the umpiring position.

The second set of Brisbane tunics need bringing up to full strength to avoid inconvenience on inter-city trips. No tunics have been "mislaidd" during the last two seasons, due mainly to the heavier deposit imposed.

Your Association typewriter is, to use a mechanic's phrase "very sick" and currently I am using my own machine to avoid further wear on the one provided for the purpose. I suggest permission be granted to have a complete overhaul which will possibly cost in the vicinity of £15.

The Constitution (Redraft) commenced in 1956 will be worked upon further this year, and should be ready for adoption at the next Annual Meeting. We again

Our thanks again to all who made the past year an enjoyable one, and may we count on your support again this season.

Best wishes,

Eileen Grealy

HON. SECRETARY.

POINTS TABLE 1956 SEASON

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals against</u>	<u>Points</u>
"A"	Valley	40	13	23
	Taxation	37	15	23
	Saints	24	23	12
	Metropolitan	15	30	11
	Peninsula	22	29	9
	Neptune	16	44	6
'A' Reserve	Commercial	43	11	19
	T.T.C.	35	14	15
	W.R.A.A.C.	27	21	12
	Belvederes	23	22	12
	Taxation	14	44	6
	University	11	31	5
"B"	Valley	43	12	22
	S.C.H.S.	31	15	20
	K.B.	30	14	20
	Commercial	27	16	15
	Neptune	15	22	14
	T.T.C.	17	38	8
	Peninsula	10	26	2
	Metropolitan	4	34	1
"C"	Eastern Suburbs	50	12	23
	Saints	41	12	21
	B.S.H.S. II	29	14	18
	Valley	38	22	16
	T.T.C.	16	18	12
	B.S.H.S. III	6	20	10
	Commercial	5	37	2
	K.B.	4	40	2
"D"	Eastern Suburbs	22	12	19
	T.T.C.	42	11	19
	Neptune	17	11	14
	S.C.H.S.	25	19	12
	B.S.H.S.	11	22	12
	K.B.	3	23	2

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Ladies,

We can now look back on the 1956 season as perhaps the most memorable one in the history of Queensland Hockey.

When the International Tournament was discussed four years ago, and ways and means of raising £2,000, Queensland's quota levied by A.A.W.H.A., we almost despaired of reaching our goal.

However, Queensland reached it and Brisbane's response was fine and deserving of the highest praise.

The enthusiasm of our distinguished visitors over their Queensland tour more than compensated for all the cares and worries that went into the organising of their entertainment.

I say thank you to Brisbane for allowing me the privilege of

To our Treasurer, Va. Brown and her assistant Mrs. Langan, for the excellent handling of the Association's finances, at all times an unenviable task.

Also to Mrs. Clelland our Social Secretary, whose shoulders bore a very large slice of the work.

To everyone and especially those who are no longer active in hockey, but managed to give their time to assist us in no small way to cope with the task of entertaining our guests, my warmest thanks.

To the players thank you one and all because you contributed very largely to the past years successes.

The huge success of the breaking-up party proved that these functions must continue and be held on or before the closing of the season.

I hope the new season soon to be opened will bring many new players to all the Clubs.

After the past years activities things may seem a little flat, but in all it should prove a busy season if the Association can continue with the programme of improvements etc.

The future of hockey would be assured if every player were to take the Umpire's whistle and do her bit towards improving her own game and relieve the already overworked few who faithfully umpire every Saturday.

Best wishes to all the Clubs for a successful season and let there be more interest in loyalty to the game that grows.

MYRA KING

#### SOCIAL REPORT 1956 SEASON

This report will more or less be under the heading of Brickbats and Bouquets.

The season just past was as your worthy Secretary said a very busy one, and a most memorable one. From a social view it was outstanding for two things - firstly it was the first occasion that Brisbane had been called upon to entertain two International teams and secondly for the lack of co-operation from players in regard to the entertainment of such teams.

I could hand out plenty of Bouquets to a handful of your officials and friends for the wonderful way in which they rallied despite their many other duties and it is due to their efforts mostly that the social programme was carried out at all.

I must mention one metropolitan club who never failed on any one occasion to answer circulars with their requests for social functions. This Club namely K.B., honoured every obligation without having to be hounded to death as were most other clubs.

I was astounded that so few of the players responded to invitations to functions which actually cost them nothing to attend - their presence would have made the visitors very much more welcome.

However we can be proud of our achievements - we made mistakes and learnt by them.

The billeting of our guests caused many headaches but eventually sorted itself out and we are indeed grateful to those who came to our aid.

The welcome to our guests at the hands of an outside organisation was not all it could have been and I feel sure that had the players fallen in with the suggestion that we put on the show ourselves it would have been a greater success than the one arranged for us.

It is strange that girls who had provided the money for all these things did not avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting and enjoying the company of such honoured guests.

The luncheon provided by Brisbane to all visitors at the Cricket ground was a highlight, and the Queensland Association expressed a debt of gratitude to Brisbane for undertaking this function.

I might mention at this stage that officials of both Brisbane and Queensland worked very harmoniously relative to the social side of the visit of the internationals and that is the only side I was personally with. Our visitors remarked on several occasions on this very same thing and thought it an excellent idea, so different to other states where they only met state officials.

The most successful function of the year was the Breaking-up Social. I venture to say it was the best attended and most enjoyed of any for some time.

Here again of course I had a terrific task finding out just how many to cater for until the last minute almost.

Everyone present really enjoyed themselves and I might mention that M.C. for the evening, Mrs. Robinson, kept things going.

The occasion was used for making presentations to players who gained State or Brisbane selection during the season.

The Association officials received well earned recognition for their untiring efforts. Miss McMullin was presented with her Life Membership Badge and umpires were given their gradings as done by the Q.W.H.A. grading Committee.

I cannot in all sincerity recommend any new ideas for the coming season as far as the social side of the game is concerned. We have proved it is best to levy players evenly for social funds rather than having the willing few turn up to money raising efforts.

Few Clubs today have a social side at all and time is a big factor in all arrangements.

In conclusion I ask for leniency in your criticism of my personal efforts as many of my plans were thwarted by your non-co-operation but to those who did come up to scratch and to those who were always of tremendous help I say thankyou, most sincerely.

BERYL CLELLAND.

#### UMPIRES REPORT

Ladies,

Once again I must report a very sad state of affairs in umpiring overall.

It is well nigh a hopeless task to successfully allocate umpires to all matches. Week after week players were listed to umpire and regularly particularly on second games umpires just did not appear and worse still there were so very few others around the grounds that replacements were difficult to find and often 'C' and 'D' Grade teams only had forty minute games.

We have had numerous rules and regulations in the past but Club hockey is so precarious at the present time that to impose penalties would I feel drive more from the game.

The Board realises that some Clubs are handicapped as they have few seasoned players left, but we do appeal to Club Officials to please encourage all players to thoroughly learn their rules and to take their turn at umpiring. Unless we received full support the

Saunders, Shirley Otto, Daphne Welch, Shirley Lohmann and Janet Teys.

Numbers for the Umpires Examination were very few and here again there is a rule on the books which is not being enforced, namely "That all 'A', 'A' Reserve' and 'B' Grade players must sit for the Umpires Examination". A reminder too that all State nominees must sit. Brisbane took the honours in last year's examination with Daphne and Nola Welch separated by only half a mark.

The following gradings were approved -

- State 'A' - A. Saunders (St. Andrews)  
S. Lohmann (Peninsula)  
S. Otto (St. Andrews)
- 'B' - D. Welch (Valleys)  
J. Teys (Metropolitans)
- 'C' - I. Carlier (St. Andrews)  
N. Welch (Valleys)  
M. Pyne (Taxation, subject to theory pass)
- Seniors - E. MacDougall, B. Duffus, A. Yeo, E. Biddle (Taxation), D. Springfield (Valleys), G. Weir (Metropolitan)
- Intermediates - D. Thorn, M. Wakely (Taxation), L. Cook (Commercials), B. Ellis (Tax.), A. Rogers, G. Howarth (Peninsula).
- Juniors - B. Smith (Tax.), B. Kenward (Mets.), J. Wenborn (Pen.), S. Higgins (Valley), P. Smith (Valleys), B. Gibson (Sts)

KATH LANGAN  
CONVENOR  
UMPIRES BOARD

ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT

<u>Senior Tunics</u>	Old - 11	New - 12.
<u>Blouses</u>	39	
<u>Girdles &amp; Numbers</u>		
<u>School Tunics</u>	15	
<u>Girdles</u>	2 sets complete	
<u>Balls</u>	6	
<u>Nets</u>	8 sets, uprights etc.	(1 set nets requires repair)

Notice Board, Typewriter, "Banda" Duplicator, Table, Seats, Suitcase.

Audited - V. CRUNKHORN

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HON. TREASURER.