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

1956 - 1957

<u>PATRONESS :</u>	Mrs. Eric T. Dobbin
<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	Miss Myra King.
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS:</u>	Mesdames E.M. Jesser, H.S. Josiffe, O. Perry, V.G. Pyne, V. Crunkhorn, E.P. Smith, N. Coles.
<u>HON. SECRETARY:</u>	Mrs. C. Grealy
<u>HON. TREASURER:</u>	Mrs. J. McDougall
<u>HON. ASST. TREASURER:</u>	Mrs. J. Langan
<u>LIFE MEMBERS:</u>	Mesdames: A. Todd, E. T. Dobbin, J. Robinson, J. Langan, Misses J. Clarke, W. McMullin, N. & C. Mauchlan.
<u>HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY:</u>	Mrs. A. Clelland.
<u>RECORDS SECRETARY:</u>	Miss J. Osborne.
<u>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</u>	Mrs. J. Robinson
<u>B. W. H. A. DELEGATES:</u>	Hon. Secretary, Misses S. Otts, J. Teys, A. Saunders.
<u>HON. AUDITOR:</u>	Mr. V. Crunkhorn.

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LADIES:

It is with pleasure I submit for your perusal, the twenty-fourth Annual Report of your Association, covering the 1956-57 Season.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our season opened on 6th. April under scorching conditions and a large attendance of visitors, including the member for the District, Ald. M.S. Duus and Mrs. Duus, our Patroness, Mrs. Eric T. Dobbin, and President, Miss M. King, viewed the March Past of affiliated teams, as under:-

<u>6 Teams</u> Teachers' College	<u>2 Teams</u> Taxation Neptune Peninsula Ascot State School.	<u>1 Team</u> Belvederes University Commercial Eastern Suburbs Revels Buranda State School.
<u>4 Teams</u> B'ne State High School		
<u>3 Teams</u> Valley State Commercial High School St. Andrews. K.B. Metropolitan.		

The withdrawal from our ranks of the Women's Army Team was supplemented by affiliation of Rebels, formed by Interstate Representative Mrs. A. Yeo.

Imposing though it may appear on paper, our membership is not progressing. Juniors are forming a large proportion of our affiliation, and although a sprinkling of these remain and join Senior Clubs, we could do with more girls in the 16-18-20 year old group, for after all, it is the member of earning capacity who keeps the Club finances stable, and assists in the "carrying" of junior players, who, in their turn, attract the interest of others in the game.

Premiership awards were as follows:-

- A Grade - Valley 1 A Reserve - Neptune 1 B. Grade - S.C.H.S. 1
- C Grade - Valley 111 C-1 Grade - K.B. 11.

Congratulations to these teams for their hard work, and practice, and better luck next year to the others; who in most cases, just missed out.

Whilst on the subject of points, another bouquet to the R Records Secretary, June Osborne, for a job well done. The switching of teams in mid-season to eliminate a "bye" and make room for late affiliations caused some confusion for a while, but all records were kept up to date and correct. I recommend now that a deadline be adhered to in future in this matter of affiliation, as the late entry of teams only causes repetition of work to the fixtures Committee, and of course, delay in printing of such fixtures. It is now an established by-law that Registration of teams be in hands of the Records Secretary by the FIRST Fixture Saturday. This gives Clubs approximately three weeks in which to assemble teams.

MEETINGS:

Regular delegate and executive Meetings took place, attendance being on the whole satisfactory, although it was evident on occasion once more, that some delegates did not feel capable of expressing Club opinion. I sometimes felt that Executive could have handled more business, but there is always the "stalking horse" of General Committee approval or ratification. A debatable question, but is it really commonsense to elect an Executive, allow them to discuss matters, but still have their decision liable to revocation later by a delegate committee, some of whom vote merely because it is the thing to do?

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Executive:- Table Committee, Social Secretary and Umpires' Convenor, also Misses J. Teys, N. Mauchlan, A. Saunders, Mrs. V. Stendrup.

Grounds:- Mesdames E.M. Grealy, E.M. Jesser and Mrs. J. Robinson.

In an endeavour to stem the tide of complaints regarding playing conditions on No. 7 field, also with a view to "resting" No 4, three new fields were surveyed during the season. It is realised that these were by no means good to play upon, but we would like members to try and remember that fields cannot be put into perfect condition quickly. Markings on the new fields were certainly below par, and will be put down thickly this year. It is a case of "make haste slowly" and I have no qualms about reminding Clubs that in some cases, their own members showed scant respect for fields, flags or markings by driving their vehicles over them at a fast rate.

A Council plan is now being put into effect, making available a greater number of playing areas, and a recognised parking allotment for cars. We hope members will respond, and utilise this area instead of taking their vehicles beyond the limits and damaging playing fields.

Fixtures:-

Mesdames Robinson, Langan and Miss B. Ryan.

It was a difficult season for this committee, caused by re-grading, and late entries. My suggestion earlier herein, may be helpful. We thank the committee for their patient work herein.

Umpires:

This section will be covered by a report from the Convenor, Mrs. Langan. From experience gained during the few days I supervised umpiring arrangements in August, excuses range from active dislike of the duty to a feeling of absolute fright or incompetence. Very few were really too lazy.

Selection/Grading:- "A" Mesdames McDougall, Langan, Miss I. Sim.
Proxy Miss M. Irvine.

"A" Reserve - Misses Otto, Teys, D. Welch.

"B" and "C" - Misses V. Brown, B. Duffus,
D. Kropp.

Over the past few years, the appointment of other than "A" selectors has been useless. Can we hope that when 1958 season is here, the lower grades will be given games against say

Ipswich or Toowoomba. We know that there will be an inter-city competition for Brisbane Rep. players - I can see nothing to stop this being extended to lower grades when in Brisbane - if not inter-city, then against a selected Secondary School team. How about it Clubs?

STATE TRIALS AND TEAMS SELECTIONS:

Three Brisbane Teams visited Warwick in June for the State Trial matches. These were:-

Brisbane No. 1: S.Otto (Capt.), G.Weir, E.Dellit, J.Teys, M.Armbruster, J.Watt, D.Welch (V.Capt) M.Allen, E.Biddle, N.Welch, M.Wakely.

Brisbane No. 2: J.Ferman, S.Higgins, P.Borreson, N.Wenborn, (V.Capt) M.Cullen, M.Derrick, C.McConnell, B.Smith, D.Lind, V.Ladd, F.Kerr (Capt.)

Brisbane No. 3: A.Watson, P.Forrest, A.Barton (V.Capt), D Holland, J.Scarborough, J.Annert, N.Cronin, N.Gayfer, L.Keilar, N.Blackmore (Capt), A.Rogers, H.Robson, H.Scraggs, B.Woodmass, B.Shepherd.

C.McKenzie and J.Robinson subsequently made the trip in place of girls who withdrew.

Withdrawal from teams, particularly No. 3 after selection is a problem which must be faced this season with firmness. The small bona fide deposits now paid do not act as a deterrent, and the Association is usually left juggling players positions en route to the grounds. Happily there are always some players who missed out on original selection but are prepared to don a Brisbane Tunic and do their utmost for their team-mates.

Whilst in this section, it will be of interest to members to know that the formerly names "State Trials" will now be "State Championships" thus falling into line with the generally accepted viewpoint of many players, particularly outside Brisbane. As a consequence, future Brisbane Teams will comprise the best available from nominations received, regardless of State availability or not. Occasion seldom arises, however, to force selectors to look beyond the State nominees, but it is a position which is now covered.

Members selected for Queensland colours were:-

J.Teys, S.Otto, N. & D.Welch, J.Watt, N.Wenborne, M.Wakely, G.Weir, S.Higgins.

Junior Teams journeyed to Mackay under the supervision of Seniors, Mrs.J.V.Black; Juniors, Mrs. D.Forest; Umpire, Mrs. J. Mc.Dougall. The Seniors won their section of the tournament, while the juniors upheld their reputation of good sportsmanship under trying conditions. Umpiring, as usual, presented the greatest difficulty, with the Brisbane seniors taking a big share of the duties. We thank those ladies who made the trip the success it was, and hope they are still available in future seasons.

Whilst on School Hockey, a note of thanks to those good people who keep the game alive where possible, notably - Buranda, Mrs. Mc.Dougall, and Miss Weir, Ascot, Mrs.J.Crowley, B.S.H.S., Mrs. Robinson, S.C.H.S., Mrs. J.V.Black. *Miss Ferguson*

COACHING:

Most clubs conducted their own coaching arrangements, while some went along once more to the P.T. and stickwork classes conducted by Taxation Club at Davies Park, West End. We thank those members who, either by supervision or participation, keep these classes going. It is becoming increasingly difficult for some Clubs to coach en masse, and the return to this job of some of their ex-members would be most welcome.

MISS SPORTSGIRL COMPETITION: We entered this contest to assist in raising funds for the Playground & Recreation Association, our entrant being Miss Noela Blackmore, of Teachers' Club. Noela, though not the winner, proved a worthy representative, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We thank her for time expended on our behalf.

PRESENTATIONS:

Life Membership honours were bestowed on the Misses Nancy and Linda Mauchlan, on the recommendation of Taxation Club. The girls received their badges on Opening Day, and we hope they derive much pleasure from their new status.

Office bearers received appreciation gifts at the breakingup party in August, and State Team members received their Brisbane donations of £5. each before their departure South. Junior and Senior members of the teams to Mackay received specially designed badges also the Manageresses. These presentations were made on our behalf by Patroness, Mrs. Eric T. Dobbin, President, Miss M. King, and Life Member, Miss J. Clarke.

Another little gesture made was to the ladies who departed with the State Team in capacity of Manager, Coach or Umpire. These good people received propelling pencils from the Association.

EQUIPMENT:

A complete set of tunics and bloused were machined during the season and beautifully embroidered by Mrs. McMullin. This brought our tunic equipment up to full strength, and quite an arduous task for our equipment officers, the Misses Mauchlan. Another suitcase has been purchased which will make things easier for them, I hope.

SOCIAL:

Mrs. A. Clelland has tendered her report herein. From my angle, she handled both opening day, and breaking up party very well indeed, and saved me endless trouble.

PUBLICITY: Miss Norma Coles, of "Truth and Sportsman" afforded us every courtesy, while Mrs. J. Robinson looked after our interests in the "Sunday Mail and Courier Mail." We also received a page in the Hockey Circle which is now being accepted as a valuable part of our hockey reading.

In my opinion, it matters not whether or not we agree with much of the advice offered in the Circle - there are some excellent articles from time to time on coaching - but does it make us THINK???

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

To our Patroness, Mrs. Eric T. Dobbin, and President, Miss M. King, for all your encouragement and time given during the year.
To our Vice-Presidents, for your kindly interest.

To all contributors to our general fund. Your donations are listed in the financial section, and we do appreciate them.

St. John Ambulance: For your faithful attendance to our games.

City Council: For the use of fields and transport.

Men's Association: For coming to our assistance without fail whenever we call upon you, particularly when in need of extra field or two.

Mrs. Jesser and groundsmen: For your attention to our fields.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To our newly-engaged or married members, also to those who have reached status of parent since our last report.

CONDOLENCES:

Our sincere sympathy to any members who have known the sadness of bereavement during the year.

COMMENT:

You will be commencing the 1958 season in a new way, with a combined fete and sports-day. Your Executive will handle this, and with your co-operation, the occasion will be a success. Much will depend on the Clubs ensuring well-stocked stalls, and inviting as many friends as possible to purchase therefrom.

There will be a capable new Secretary this season, and I hope you will give her every consideration when your assistance is requested. I thank you for the help you have afforded me in the past, and wish you all many happy games and good fellowship in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen M. Grealy,

Hon. Secretary.

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RESULTS OF PREMIERSHIPS FOR 1957 SEASON

<u>A Grade:</u>	<u>Club.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>A Reserve</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st.	Valley	26	1st.	Neptunes	28
2nd.	Taxation	20	2nd.	B.S.H.S.	26
3rd.	Metropolitan	16	3rd.	Rebels	25
4th.	St. Andrews	9	4th.	St. Andrews & Valley	21
5th.	T.T. College	8	5th.	University	17
6th.	Peninsula	6	6th.	T.T. College	14
			6th.	Belvederes	14
			7th.	Commercial	9
			8th.	Taxation	4

<u>B Grade</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C Grade</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st.	S.C.H.S.	21	1st.	Valley	24
2nd.	Eastern Suburbs	18	2nd.	T.T.College V	19
3rd.	K.B.	16	3rd.	T.T.College IV	15
4th.	B.S.H.S.	15	4th.	T.T.College VI	14
5th.	T.T.College	13	4th.	S.C.H.S. II	14
6th.	Neptunes	10	5th.	University	11
6th.	Metropolitan	10	6th.	St.Andrews	9
7th.	Peninsula	0	7th.	Metropolitan	6

<u>C1 Grade</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st.	K.B. II	16
2nd.	S.C.H.S. III	11
3rd.	Buranda	7
3rd.	B.S.H.S. III	7
4th.	Ascot II	6
5th.	Ascot I	5
5th.	B.S.H.S. IV	5
6th.	K.B. III	0

J. OSBORN,
HON. RECORDS SECY.
B.W.H.A.

SOCIAL REPORT

The social activities for this year were very limited, namely Annual Meeting, Opening Day, and the Breaking Up Party.

The opening day conformed to the usual pattern of past years, but was quite successful for all that, and it is always gratifying to be able to welcome so many old players.

I hope that the Association will continue to have an Annual Breaking Up Party, because it seems to be one of the few occasions when the clubs seem to combine as one, why leave it to the breaking up party girls?

This should be my last report as Social Secretary, as I would like to stand down, and allow someone else to hold the reins. Although my resignation dates from tonight, I hope to be allowed to carry on until opening day and thus help my successor through this difficult day.

I would like to thank Miss M. King, Mrs. C. Grealy, and Mrs. J. McDougall for much assistance during the year, and also Mrs. J. Robinson for her skilful handling of the entertainment side of breaking up party. To the clubs who are always co-operative I say it is a pleasure to work with you, and to the others, would you try a little harder to co-operate and thus make the job of the New Social Secretary a little easier and in conclusion I would like to say I enjoyed every minute of it.

BERYL CLELLAND,
SOCIAL SECRETARY.

PRESIDENTS' ADDENDUM

Ladies:

Yet another season has passed uneventfully perhaps, in relation to hockey.

But in the main after a deal of battling with the Council, much has been achieved to speed up the re-conditioning of the playing fields and we are expecting to witness an overall improvement at Marchant Park, in 1958.

However, in order to expedite these long awaited amenities, we have pledged ourselves to the council for at least £50 per year.

We also face the possibility of an increase of rent after completion of improvements.

I therefore humbly appeal to all Clubs to do your utmost to make the opening day fete a record breaking event, and help offset our liabilities and build up your own funds a little.

I feel confident however, your response will equal past appeals when you realize all this planning and expenditure is to your own advantage.

I would like to place on record my very sincere appreciation of the stirring work carried out by our capable secretary, Mrs. Eileen Grealy who has retired. Everyone will agree with me, nothing was left undone and if Clubs were unaware of certain happenings at meetings etc., then it was their own, and not Mrs. Grealy's fault.

To our Treasurer, Mrs. McDougall, I extend a warm thankyou for an unenviable job, well done. A special thankyou to our records Secy., June Osborne who is doing first class work among the records. Our Social Secretary Mrs. MC. Clelland deserves a round of applause for her untiring efforts to keep the entertainme side alive, and especially the breaking up party which proved a huge success. This party must prove to all that a good time can be had among girls alone.

There are many whom I would like to thank here, but cannot, so I shall say thank you one and all, and wish all the Clubs a successful and happy season and may the spirit of good sportsmanship prevail throughout the game that grows.

MYRA KING.

ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT

- Senior Tunics - 3 sets.
- Blouses - 3 sets.
- Junior Tunics - 1 set. (15)
- Nets, uprights etc. - 10 sets.
- Notice Board, Duplicator, Typewriter.
- Table, Seats (2), Suticas (2).
- Wire Netting - 2 Rolls each 50 yds.
- Balls - 6.

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR SEASON 1957-1958.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
To Balance	290.10.		10.10.
Affiliations	46.17.	Affiliation to Q.W.H.A.	42.13.
Registrations	117.3.	Registrations	18.10.
Bus Fares	177.3.	International Levy	193.13.
Ground Fees	468.0.	Buses	88.0.
Donations	7.45.	Rental of Fields	91.6.
Bris. Nomination St. Team.	75.0.	Upkeep of Fields	72.0.
Hotel Ace (Warwick)	45.0.	Brisbane Nominations	41.0.
Bus Fare	64.0.	Hotel Ace (Warwick)	8.18.
Deposit on Tunics	76.0.	" Manageress (2)	54.11.
State Nominations & Manageress	300.0.	Buses Warwick	5.15.
Refund State Nomination from Q.W.H.A.	45.0.	Hockey Balls	300.0.
Tunics Deposits (Mackay Schoolgirls)	27.0.	St. Players & Manageress to QWHA.	45.0.
Train Fares (Mackay)	152.18.	Refund to St. Nominees.	9.0.
Refund Junior Grade	15.7.	Withdrawals from Bris. Nom.	76.0.
Schoolgirl Badges (Mackay)	23.4.	Refund on Hockey Tunics.	45.0.
B.W.H.A. Badges	14.11.	Donation St. Hockey Players	149.17.
Sports girl Quest	53.10.	Train Fares Mackay S.G.	15.7.
Rule Books	3.9.	Hotel Ace	27.0.
Hockey Circle	11.11.	"	29.15.
Fines	1.10.	Refund on Tunics.	50.0.
Breaking Up Party (Last year)	2.12.	School girl Badges (Mackay)	3.10.
Opening Day	2.11.	Sport Girl Quest	6.1.
Refund on Stationary	1.0.	" Refund	13.16.
Refund from Reserve Fund	47.16.	Refund Grd. Fees 1956.	56.17.
" " " " (Tunics)	6.18.	" " 1957.	10.4.
" " " " (Grd. Fees)	50.0.	New Nets & erection	7.9.
" " " " (Gen. Acc.)	20.0.	Life Members Bars	3.6.
Interest	1.11	Presentations & Donation	16.2.
		" State Umpires	2.15.
		Opening Day Expense & Prizes	2.15.
		Supper Annual Meeting 1957.	3.12.
		Rental of Halls	12.0.
		Rule Books	22.1.
		Hockey Circles	0.0.
		Petty Cash & Telephone Rental.	0.5.

STATEMENTS

Breaking up Party	22.15.0
Stationery & Printing & Repairs to Typewriter.	7.19.5
Transferred to Reserve Fund	194.10.3
Reserve Fund (Transferred from ground fees.)	203.17.1
Junior Grade (Overpaid train Fares)	3.1.0
Junior Grade (Transferred from ground fees)	19.17.0
Touring Fund	52.15.0
Tunic, Material and Making	47.16.2
Downey Pk. Appeal	20.0.0
Afternoon Teas (Non playing umpires)	3.9.7
Sundries (Wreaths & Flowers)	4.11.6
Bank Charges	13.0.0
By Balance	30.15.6

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TOURING FUND

To Balance 1957	63. 4. 3	By Balance	115.19. 3
To Cash	<u>52.15. 0</u>		
	115.19. 3		<u>115.19. 3</u>
1958 To Balance	115.19. 3		

RESERVE FUND

To cash	194.10. 3	Field maintenance	
To Ground Fees	203.17. 1	B.C.C.	50. 0. 0
		Typewriter Repairs	17. 8. 6
		Tunic Material & making	47.16. 2
		Downey Park Appeal	20. 0. 0
		Refund Ground Fees to Clubs.	6.18. 0
		Transferred to Gen. Account	<u>50. 0. 0</u>
			192. 2. 8
		By Balance	<u>206. 4. 8</u>
	<u>398. 7. 4</u>		<u>398. 7. 4</u>
To Balance	206. 4. 8		

JUNIOR GRADE

To Balance 1957.	15. 7. 8	Mackay Carnival Ex.	42. 9. 0
To Ground Fees	19.17. 0	By Balance	3.16. 4
Interest	11.11		
Refund on Mackay	9. 7. 0		
Collection box	<u>1. 1. 9</u>		
	46. 5. 4		<u>46. 5. 4</u>
To Balance	3.16.4		

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