

1948

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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HON. AUDITORS	Messrs. V.R. Crunkhorn and M.J. O'LEARY.

Ladies,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the fifteenth Annual Report of this Association for the season 1948-1949.

MEMBERSHIP.

The opening of the season saw seventeen teams, representing eight clubs, take the field (i.e. an increase of two teams on last year's figures). However, after the early withdrawal of three, there only remained fourteen.

As can be clearly seen the number of players has dropped considerably below the number of pre-war years, and it is stressed again on all Clubs to do their utmost in introducing as many new players as possible to the game.

The following teams were registered:

Ashgrove I, Brisbane Hospital Nurses I and II, Metropolitan I and II, Neptunes I and II, St. Andrews I and II, Taxation I, II, III and IV, University I, II and III and Y.W.C.A.I.

MEETINGS.

During the year nine monthly meetings were held, the attendance of club representatives as per attendance book being:

Ashgrove	7	St. Andrews	9
Brisbane Hospital Nurses	2	Taxation	9
Metropolitans	7	University	6
Neptunes	7	Y.W.C.A.	2

SUB-COMMITTEES.

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

EXECUTIVE.

The Executive comprised the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Mesdames K. Langan, R. Robinson, Miss B. Hanson and Miss K. Miles as proxy.

The Committee met regularly during the season and thanks are extended to all for their support given.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

Six fields were again leased for the season but owing to the decreased membership it was only necessary to use four of these. Like every other sporting body we found we had a greatly increased rental as compared with last season. The fields were in good condition. Our thanks go to Mrs. E. Jesser and Miss J. Clarke who continued to carry on their duties as members of the Grounds Committee.

GRADING COMMITTEE.

The Grading Committee comprising Mesdames C. Fowler, K. Langan and Miss K. Miles graded at commencement of season as follows:

"A" Grade
Metropolitan I
Neptunes I
Nurses I
St. Andrews I
Taxation I
Taxation II
University I

"B" Grade
Ashgrove I
St. Andrews II
Taxation III
University III
Y.W.C.A. I

"C" Grade
Metropolitan II
Neptunes II
Nurses II
Taxation IV
University III

Owing to the withdrawal of three teams, the "B" and "C" grade were re-graded and "B" grade fixtures commenced anew on the 26th June, there now being no "C" grade. The teams who withdraw were: Nurses II, Metropolitan II and University III.

The standard of hockey continued to be of a very poor standard, stickwork in most cases requiring a great deal of attention.

FIXTURES COMMITTEE.

The season opened on the 3rd April 1948 and was commenced with two Saturdays of grading matches, then fixtures.

As was the case last season the Fixtures Committee - Mrs. R. Robinson and Miss K. Miles encountered plenty of work particularly when some teams were repeatedly forfeiting. Saturday after Saturday girls who were very keen on their game turned out only to find that the opposing team had forfeited. For as long as these forfeitures continue, we cannot hope to hold the girls interest in the game.

UMPIRES COMMITTEE.

The Umpires Committee comprising Mrs. R. Risson, Miss D. Banks and Miss M. Irvine did a slightly different job from last year. It had been decided earlier in the season that the allotting of umpires for fixture games be left in the hands of the fixture committee and that Mrs. Risson act as Convener between the two committees. This scheme proved very satisfactory.

Each of the Committee expressed her willingness to do what she could to help umpires and each Saturday these ladies were to be seen on the field helping other umpires. The benefit of this coaching could be clearly seen in the all round improvement and confidence shown in the work of some of the younger players. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Risson for her untiring efforts in giving short lectures on the field and her lecture on the All Australian paper.

The badge system was re-introduced this season, but owing to the heavy duties of the Committee there was no time for the classification of umpires to be done. So it is hoped that each umpire will have a badge in her possession during the forthcoming season.

There was a marked improvement in the number of umpires as compared with last year. Thanks are extended to all girls who rendered her services in this capacity.

UMPIRES EXAMINATION.

A number of Brisbane girls sat for the All Australian Umpires Examination held in June and set out below are the results:

State "A" & "B"

M. Sturart	77.5
<u>Failures</u>	
J. Taylor	48.5
F. Magee	46.5
I. Taylor	43
I. Roll	40
A. Cunningham	40
D. Rollston	38
E. Macdonald	36.5

State "C"

R. Robinson	71
R. Dickinson	70.5
D. Wrench	59.5
R. Voller	68
E. Mactaggart	67.5
P. Bertic	67
E. Haylock	66.5
I. Siggs	66.5
H. Trotter	66
M. Shiel	65.5
S. Powne	63.5
H. Laws	63
A. Yeo	60

Congratulations go to Miss D. Banks on her being awarded her State "B" badge and also to Mesdames K. Langan, R. Robinson, M. Byrne and Miss M. Irvine on obtaining their State "C" badges.

RECORDS SECRETARY

The Association again thanks Miss N. Jenks who had an unenviable job in trying to obtain correct results of matches due to the continued non-completion of fixture cards.

SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Owing to the lack of inter-city matches during the season, the Selection Committee - Mrs. C. Fowler, Mrs. R. Robinson and Miss K. Miles did not have such a busy season as in previous years. In all six teams only had to be chosen during the year.

PUBLICITY.

Our appreciation and thanks are again due to Mrs. R. Robinson for her outstanding work as Publicity Officer.

Q.W.H.A. Delegates.

Delegates to the Q.W.H.A. included Misses D. Dowdle, K. Miles, M. Irvine and B. Kelly with Miss N. Mauchlan as proxy. Thanks are extended to these persons for attending the meetings of the above association.

LIFE MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting the Association conferred Miss J. Clarke and Mrs. R. Robinson with life membership. Both these ladies have worked untiringly for the good of hockey for a great many years.

FIXTURES.

The fixture round commenced on the 17th April and was marked by a dress parade judged by Mrs. A.R. Todd, Mrs. C. Fowler and Miss G. Deviney. Winners were Neptunes with Ashgrove as runners-up. Each of these teams was the recipient of a hockey ball generously donated by Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. R. Robinson.

It was on this occasion that the "Dorothy Handsford" Memorial Board was unveiled by Mrs. A. R. Todd (a past president of the Association) and Miss Deviney who was the late Mrs. Handsford's closest friend. During the afternoon Mrs. Fowler hosted at an afternoon tea, the guests including Mrs. Todd, Miss Deviney, Mrs. Dobbin, Mrs. Nairn and a number of past players.

This year "A" grade fixtures finished on the 24th July whilst the "B" grade did not conclude until the 7th August.

TEAM	WINS	"A" GRADE.			GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	POINTS.
		LOSSES	DRAWS				
Taxation I	11	-	1	43	11	23	
Neptunes I	9	1	3	25	10	19	
St. Andrews I	6	5	1	25	19	13	
University I	5	6	1	29	25	11	
Taxation II	4	6	2	16	26	10	
Metropolitan	3	7	2	12	33	8	
Nurses I	-	12	-	6	37	-	
<u>"B" GRADE.</u>							
Ashgorve I	4	1	1	18	5	9	
Taxation III	4	2	0	12	8	8	
Neptunes II	3	2	1	10	8	7	
University II	3	3	0	7	9	6	
St. Andrews II	2	3	1	10	12	5	
Taxation IV	1	3	2	3	12	4	
Y.W.C.A.	1	4	1	6	12	3	

Congratulations are extended to Taxation I in winning the "A" grade premiership and to Ashgorve for annexing the honours in the "B" grade.

MAY-DAY CARNIVAL.

An invitation was received from the Warwick Association to attend their centre for a May-Day carnival May 1-3, but owing to the railway strike and so few nominations being forthcoming, the trip was cancelled.

TOCWONG CARNIVAL.

On the 26th May a Possibles V Probables match was played at a sports afternoon held at Toiwong Memorial Park. The afternoon was enjoyed by all and the Association benefited to a small degree through collection boxes.

The following players represented the two teams:

Possibles I

Goal	M. Rae
Backs	D. Banks, D. Dowdle
Halves	M. Irvine, A. Yeo, M. Stokan.
Forwards	B. Kelly, E. Harch, T. Lawson, I. Siggs (Capt.) K. Langan.

Probables I

Goal	L. Weaver
Backs	J. Snedden, G. Middleton.
Halves	D. MacDonald, D. Sugarman (Capt.) J. Hirst.
Forwards	J. Chater, B. Clelland, J. Taylor, L. Elley B. Ibbotson.

The match resulted in a draw 1 all.

REDCLIFFE VISIT

On the following Sunday the 23rd May these two teams together with a Possibles II and Probables II team journeyed to Redcliffe. Both the Possibles I and Probables I had a win over Redcliffe and during the afternoon the teams to play during Country Week were chosen.

Possibles II and Probables II teams were:

Possibles II

Goal V. Gray
Backs M. Thompson, M. Collins.
Halves M. Lade, M. O'Neill (Capt.), J. McGillvray.
Forwards V. Pope, D. Kropp, N. Jenks, I. Taylor, M. Hall.

Probables II

Goal M. Whely
Backs B. Watson, F. Cossins.
Halves B. Hanson, E. O'Connor, A. Cunningham.
Forwards J. Connolly, L. Maxwell, I. Gibblow, J. Cascy,
J. Cottell.

COUNTRY WEEK.

Country week was held Saturday 12th June to Wednesday 26th June inclusive and the following represented the Association.

	<u>Brisbane I</u>	<u>Results</u>
Goal	M. Rae	V. Toowoomba 3 - 1
Backs	D. Banks, D. Dowdle,	V. Tweed Town 4 - 3
Halves	M. Irving, A. Yeo, M. Stekan	V. Rockhampton 3 - 3
Forwards	J. Chater, E. Harch, T. Lawson I. Siggs (Capt.) K. Langan.	V. Tweed Country 4 - 0

	<u>Brisbane II</u>	
Goal	L. Weaver	V. Warwick 4 - 1
Backs	J. Sneddon, M. Collins	V. Rockhampton 1 - 2
Halves	D. MacDonald, D. Sugarman (Capt.) J. Hirst,	V. Tweed Town 3 - 3
Forwards	B. Kelly, N. Jenks, J. Taylor, L. Elley, B. Ibbotson	V. Toowoomba 1 - 0

	<u>Brisbane III</u>	<u>Results</u>	
Goal	V. Gray	V. Gympie	2 - 0
Backs	M. Thompson, B. Watson	V. Ipswich	1 - 3
Halves	B. Hanson, M. O'Neill (Capt.)	V. Brisbane IV	0 - 0
	J. McGillwvray	V. Redcliffe	0 - 2
Forwards	V. Pope, D. Kropp, N. Jenks,		
	I. Taylor, G. Pratt		

	<u>Brisbane IV</u>		
Goal	R. Thompson	V. Redcliffe	4 - 33
Backs	F. Cossins, D. Shepherd,	V. Toowoomba II	
Halves	A. Cunningham, E. O'Connor, M. Walsh		5 - 0
Forwards	B. Burkill, M. Hall, I. Roll,	V. Gympie	1 - 0
	D. Rollston	V. Ipswich	1 - 1
		V. Brisbane III	
			0 - 0

Brisbane I were successful in the Carnival and the following girls were named as members of the State team to visit Sydney. J. Sneddon (Capt.), M. Irvine, M. Stokan, I. Siggs (Vice Capt.) E. Lawson, and M. Byrne with D. Dowdle and E. Harch as reserves.

Congratulations girls.

The following girls were members of the tourist team to visit North Queensland.

G. Middleton (Capt.), M. Collins, J. Hirst, D. Sugarman, D. McDonald J. Chater, N. Jenks, J. Taylor, L. Elley, V. Grey, M. Thompson, B. Watson, M. O'Neill, I. Roll, J. MacGillwvray and J. Cottle.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Although there was very little hockey played between secondary schools during the season we were happy to be able to arrange a match between Brisbane State High and Wynnum State High on the 20th July at Victoria Park. Mrs. K. Langan, Mrs. M. Byrne and Mrs. E. Harch acted as umpires.

Our appreciation and thanks are extended to Miss J. Knott (Wynnum) and Miss N. Brown (State High) for keeping hockey alive in these schools.

EASTER CAMP.

The Q.W.H.A. again arranged a hockey camp at Tallbudgerra over the Easter vacation and no fewer than twenty Brisbane girls attended. The camp was a great success and can be recommended by all who attended.

AMATEUR SPORTS COUNCIL.

The Association again became affiliated with the Amateur Sports Council and thanks are extended to Miss M. Collins, Miss N. Jonks and Miss B. Kelly who acted as delegates to the Council.

DONATIONS.

During the year donations were received from
Mrs. Droughan £5/-/- Mrs. E. Jessor £1/1/-.
Mrs. Dobbin 6/-.

SOCIAL

On the Saturday night of Country Week, the Association had pleasure in entertaining country players and Queensland officials at a party held in the basement of the City Hall. The party proved a huge success.

Thanks are due to those Clubs who contributed to the success of the night with their vaudeville items and to Mrs. Robinson for arranging such an excellent programme and to Miss N. Mauchlan and her helpers for an excellent supper.

It was on this occasion that the winner of the Popular Girl contest was announced and Miss Audrey McMahon one of the Metropolitan Club players became the Popular Girl of Hockey 1948. (Three of the Brisbane Clubs, namely Saints Taxation and Metropolitan had nominated a girl but it was decided that the funds be combined and the person who had worked the hardest be entered as our entrant). Congratulations Audrey.

The Association's contribution towards the Competition was £63/-/-.

PARCELS TO BRITAIN:

Three of the Clubs, namely, Ashgrove, Neptunes and St. Andrews continued to send food parcels to Britain.

HOCKEY BLUE:

Congratulations to G. Weir (University) and D. Dowdle (Taxation) who were second and third respectively to A. Quirk (Twedd) for the Hockey Blue.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of a beautiful wall mirror was made by Miss J. Clarke at the Annual Meeting to the retiring treasurer Miss F. Price on the occasion of her marriage.

At a party held at Miss Clarke's home early in August each of the eight members of the State team was presented with £2/2/-.

FINANCE.

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

General Account	£79/5/-.
Contingency Fund	£27/1/-.

There still remains an amount of £7/16/8d. in the Dorothy Handsford Fund, out of which it is proposed to erect a garden seat at Marchant Park.

VOTE OF THANKS.

PATRONESS: Our sincere thanks to Miss J. Clarke for her untiring effort and interest.

PRESIDENT: Sincere thanks to Mrs. C. Fowler who also acted as Chairwoman.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Thanks to you all for your interest and help.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL: For permits for the use of Council buses when Mr. Mitchell (owing to petrol restrictions) was forced to withdraw his buses from our use.

FIRST AID: To Mrs. Jesser and Mrs. O'Keefe who attended to any casualties we express our thanks.

PRESS: The association desires to thank the Courier Mail for publicity by both newspaper and wireless. Also to other papers.

CLUBS: Who readily lent their tunics for play during country week.

NEW SETTLERS LEAGUE: We offer our thanks and National Fitness who came to our rescue when we were forced to give up the use of the New Settlers League rooms.

TO CLUB OFFICIALS: For both time expended and their interest.

TO EXECUTIVE AND ALL OFFICE BEARERS: I offer my thanks for making the job much easier by their personal help and support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to all members who became engaged, married or blessed by the stark.

CONDOLENCES.

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

In conclusion I wish my successor and all incoming officials a happy and successful season.

For and on behalf of the Association

BETTY KELLY,
HON. SECRETARY.

15th March, 1949.