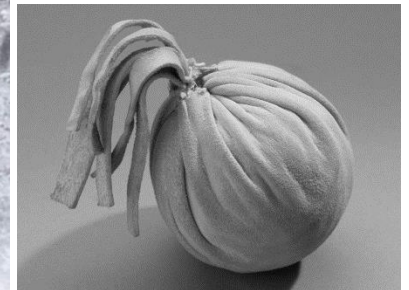


Midwest Lacrosse on the Prairie



By J. Alan Childs

Origins of lacrosse

St. Lawrence River Valley

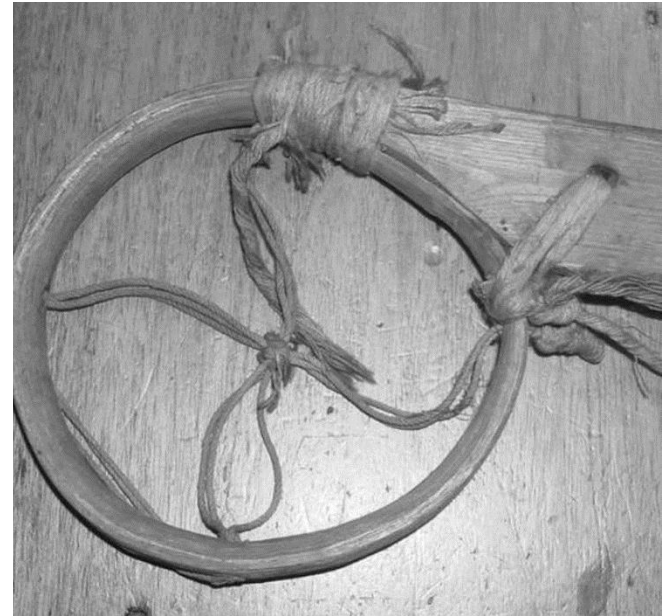
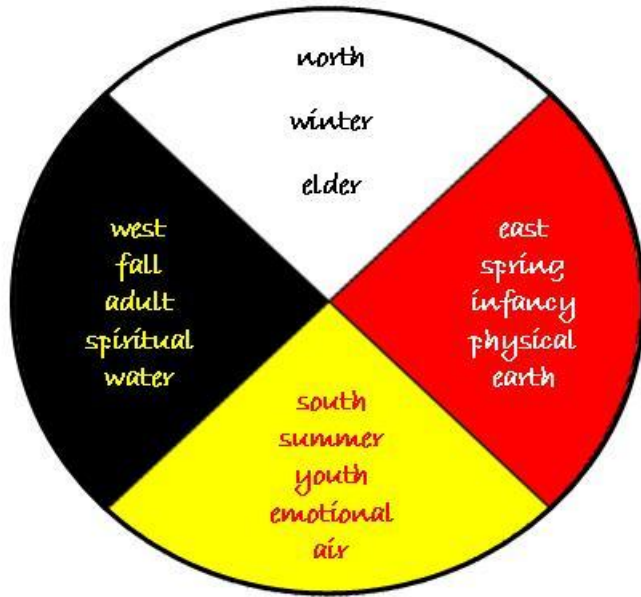


Migration



Algonquian moved from the east coast areas
Spread out to the Midwest prairie
Traveled through the Cradle of Lacrosse

Medicine Game



Lacrosse Sticks

- Western Great Lakes Style



Sketch from Dr. Beers book on Lacrosse

- Six Nations Style



Kervin's Lacrosse Stick from St. Paul Lacrosse Club
Source – Minnesota Historical Society

Brian Larney (Choctaw / Seminole Artist)



<i>Creek</i>	<i>Ojibwa</i>	<i>Seminole</i>	<i>Auch</i>	<i>Pawnee</i>	<i>Yuchi</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Choctaw</i>	<i>Indians</i>	<i>Cherokee</i>	<i>Cayuga</i>	<i>Menominee</i>	<i>Algonk</i>
1882	1910	1900's	8'	pre-1872	1900's	<i>Ojibwa</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Split-Handled</i>	1860	1911	pre-1843	1916	pre-1873
<i>Seneca</i>			<i>Tree</i>		<i>oldest surviving</i>	<i>Lacrosse</i>	<i>Stick</i>						
1920			1901		sticks	Stick							
					1823								

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Ball Club and La Crosse



La Crosse, Wisconsin



near Leech Lake, Minnesota

Fort Snelling

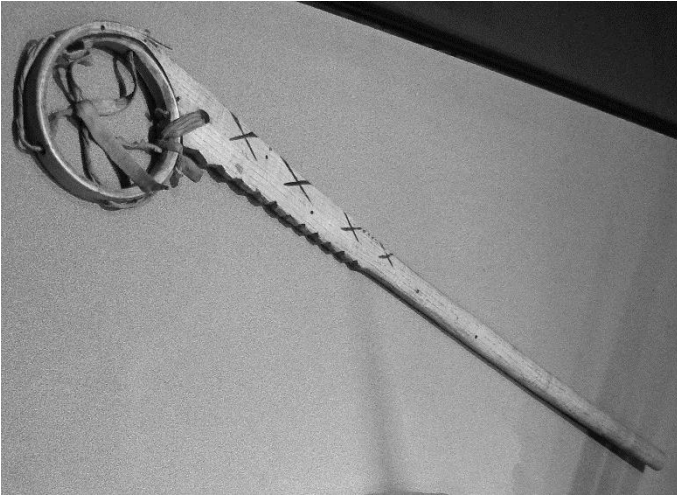


Louisiana Purchase 1803
Land acquired by Lt. Zebulon Pike 1805
Fort completed 1825
Built at B'Dote (Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers)

Giacomo Constantino Beltrami

Explorer trying to find the head waters of the Mississippi River.

Acquired Red Lake Ojibwe stick



***The Beltrami 1823 Ojibwe Lacrosse Stick
Collected by Beltrami at Red Lake, Minnesota
now located in Bergamo Museum, Italy***



George Catlin

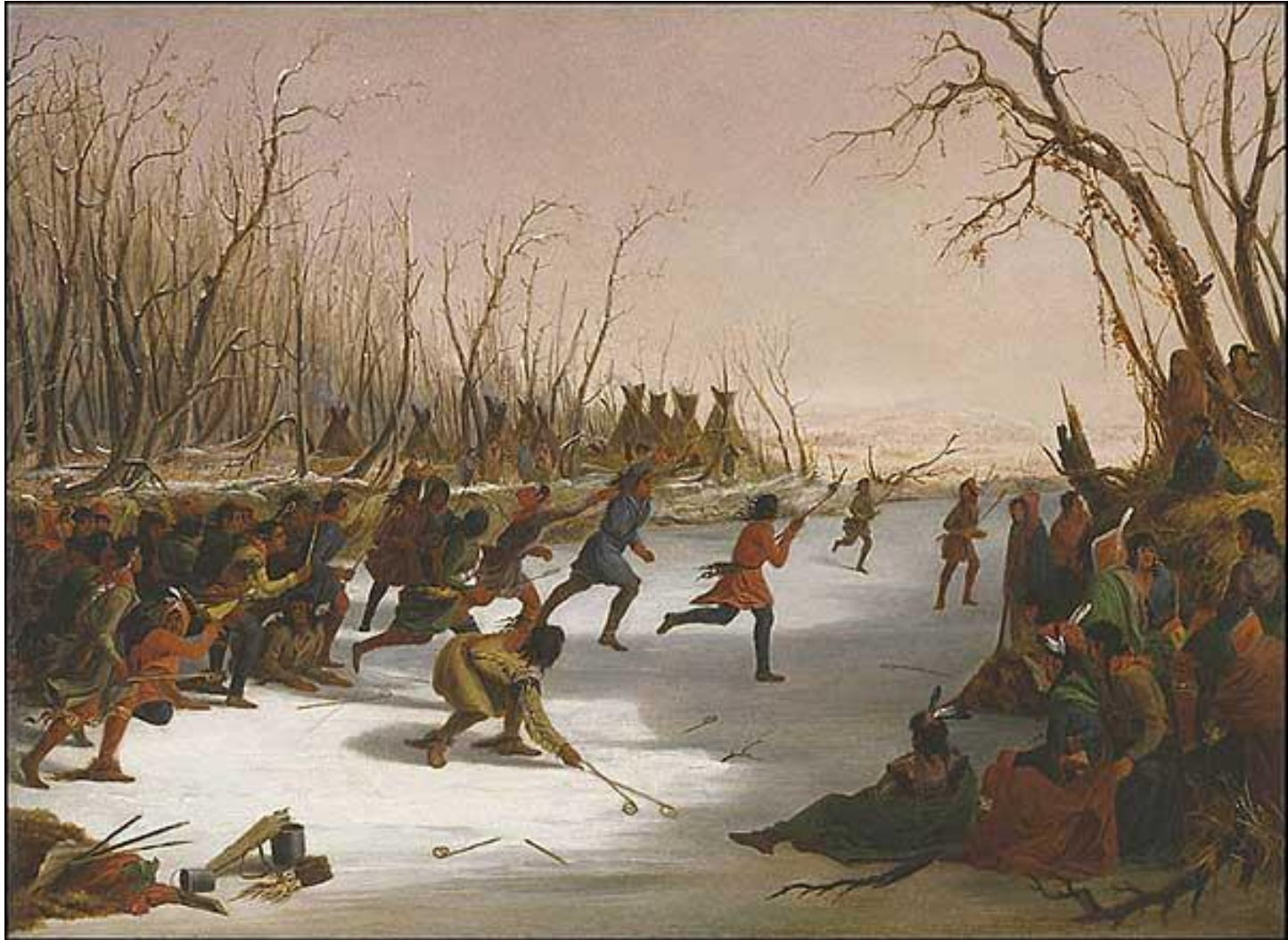


*George Catlin by William Fisk,
National Portrait Gallery*



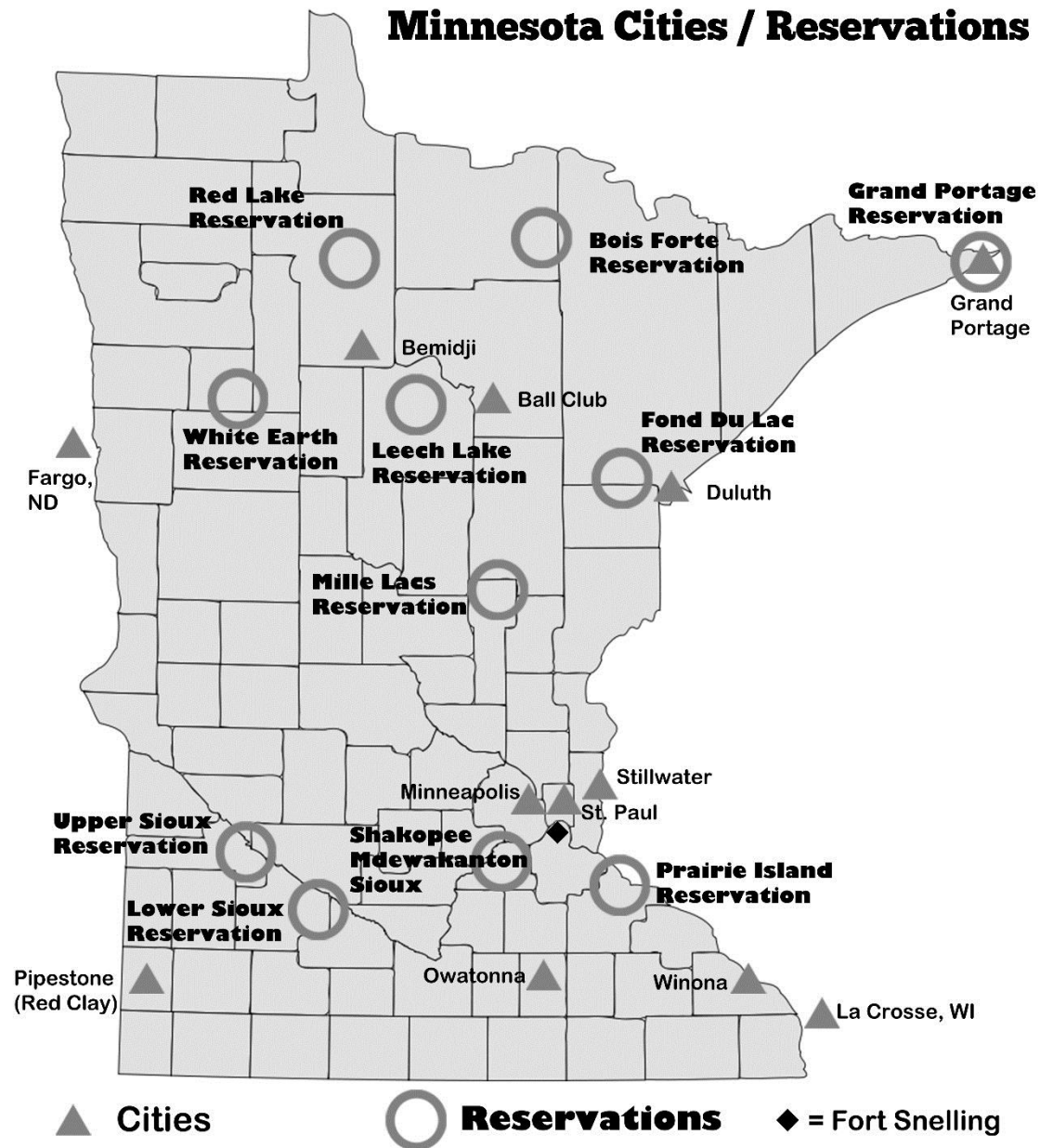
Ball Players, by George Catlin

Seth Eastman's – Ball play on the ice



Drifter's Village – Bloomington, MN

Minnesota Cities / Reservations



Red Lake



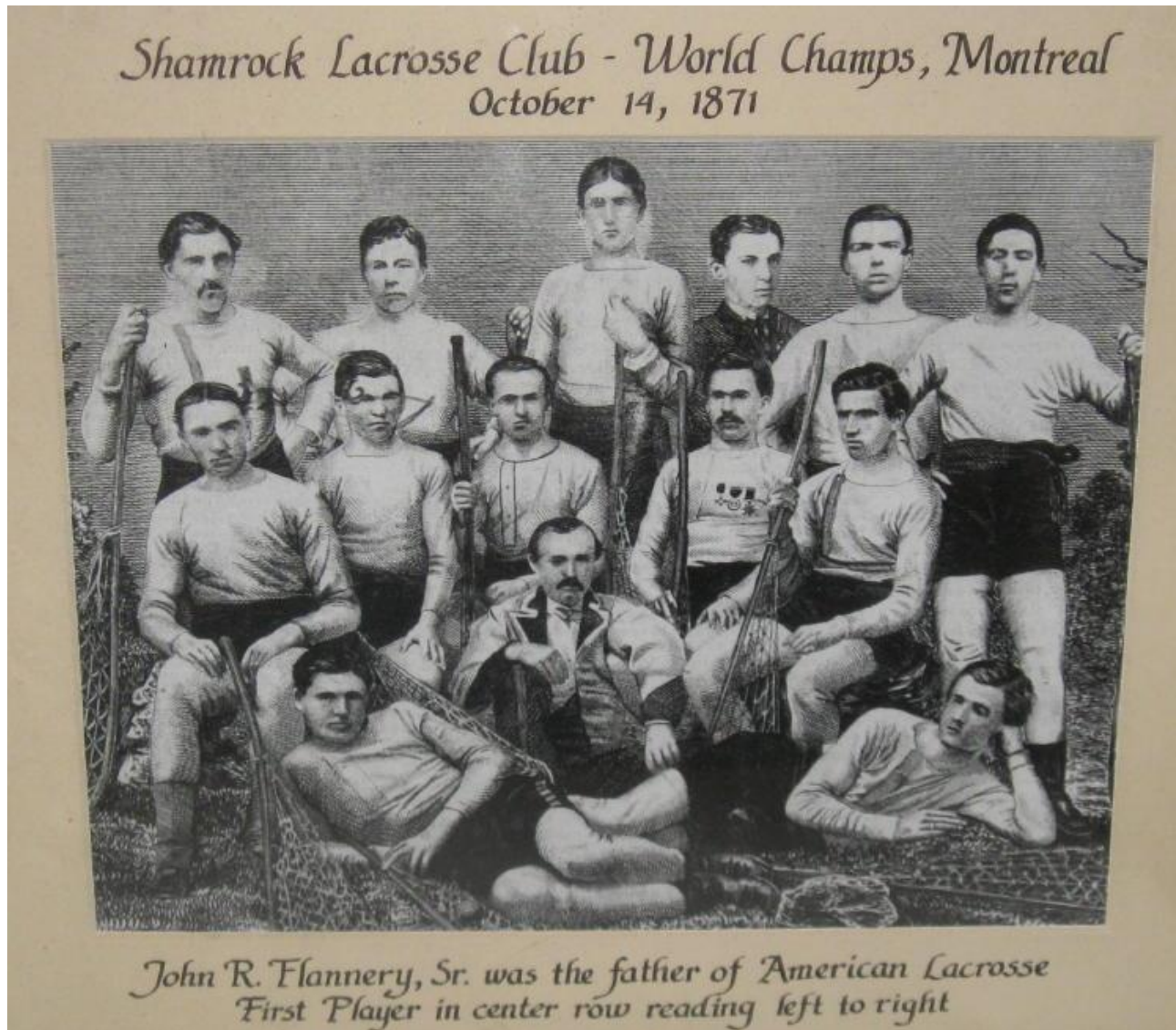
White Earth



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Game adopted in USA



United States Lacrosse Timeline

United States National Amateur Lacrosse Association – 1879
Newport, Rhode Island

Champions

- 1879 – Boston Union
- 1880 – Boston Union
- 1881 – New York
- 1882 – Louisville
- 1883 – Calumets of Chicago
- 1884 – St. Paul
- 1885 – St. Paul
- 1886 – New York
- 1887 – Calumets awarded cup
- 1888 – League ended

St. Paul, Minnesota 1883



PROGRAMME.

1st. Cricket Match, 10:30 A. M.—St. Paul vs. Minneapolis.

2nd. 100 Yards—1st Heat—Championship Minnesota—Commencing 12 M sharp

J. J. BYRNE, ✓ - St. Paul A. C.	HARRY LIECESTER, ✓ - Liverpool, Eng.
E. GIBERTON, - St. Paul L. C.	E. F. BECK, ✓ - St. Paul A. C.
THOS. H. WELLS, - Stillwater.	J. C. HARPER, ✓ - Minneapolis A. C.
ROBT. A. DEVINE, - St. Paul L. C.	

3d. Second Heat of 100 Yards.

MORRIS SELF, - St. Paul A. C.	H. J. MAYALL, (1) - St. Paul A. C.
W. S. FRY, ✓ - " " L. C.	DAVE LONG, - White Bear.
ROBT. J. WALSH, - Stillwater.	ARTHUR L. COX, - St. Paul A. C.

Time 10 3/8 Sec

4th. Throwing the La Crosse Ball.

A. D. WARNER, - St. Paul L. C.	S. W. CHIVRELL, ✓ 104 yds - St. Paul L. C.
G. C. SMITH, - " "	F. B. PETERS, - " "
H. WARWICK, - " "	JOHN MOIR, - " "
ROBT. A. DEVINE, - St. Paul L. C.	

St. Paul Athletic Club sheet in 1884 showing Throwing of the Lacrosse Ball results



St. Paul Lacrosse Club late 1890s
Source: Minnesota Historical Society



The Washington rink which had a hardwood skating surface 80 by 325 feet—the largest in the world.

Minneapolis Tribune June 30, 1912

BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS in Lacrosse Games. They Challenge the Championship of the United States.

FROM THE FAIR GROUNDS.

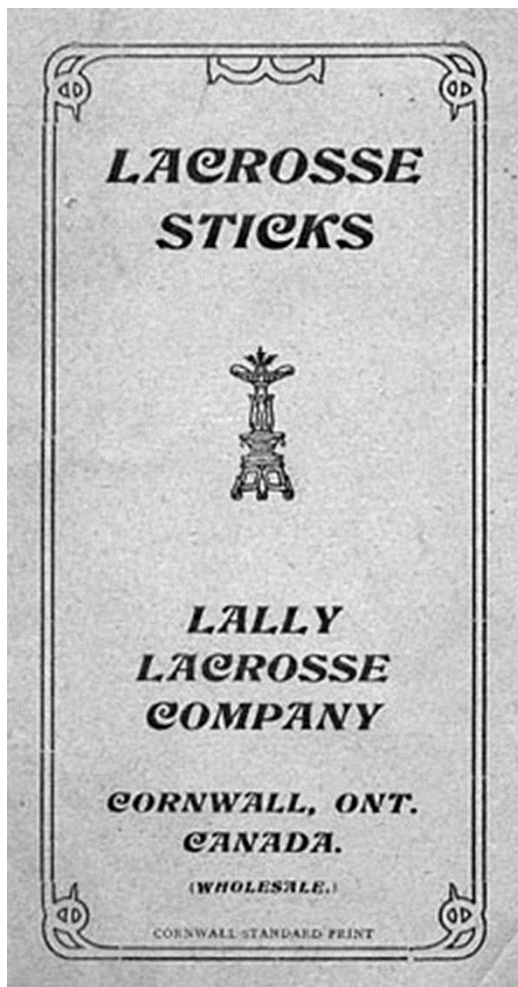
An effort is being made to secure railroad rates at one-half regular fare for the round trip from points on lines in the state.

Measurements were made of the grounds yesterday and the site found to be 2,425 feet east and west, and 3,025 north and south, an area of 7,335,625 feet.

The St. Paul Lacrosse club has sent word that they will challenge the visiting Indians, who are said to be experts, to play a game, the Indians to fix the date.



St. Paul Globe - 1884



Lallys Lacrosse Stick Catalog



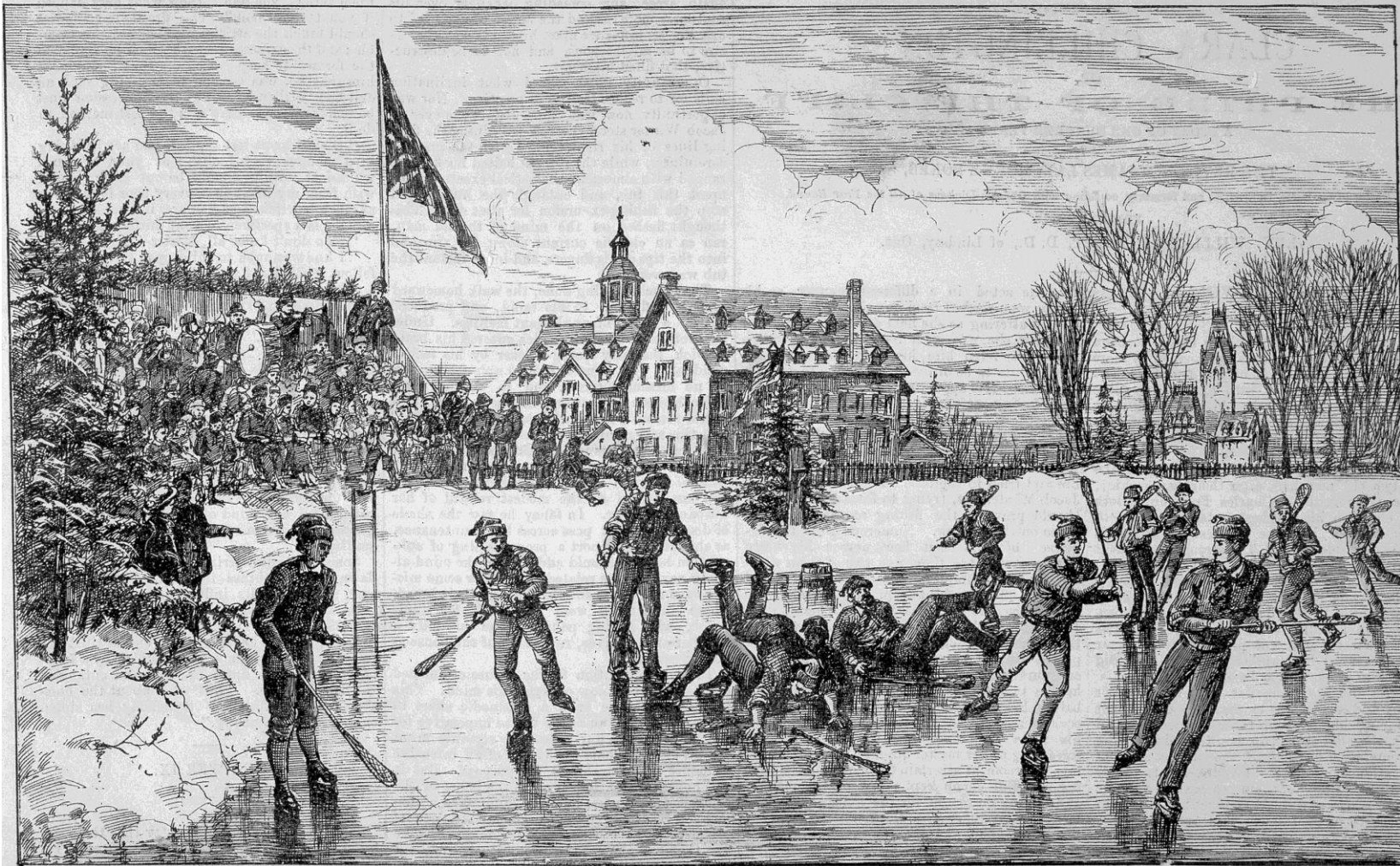
St. Paul Lacrosse Club John Stark's "Lallys Special" Lacrosse Stick



St. Paul Lacrosse Club George Kerwin's "Duke's Special" Lacrosse Stick



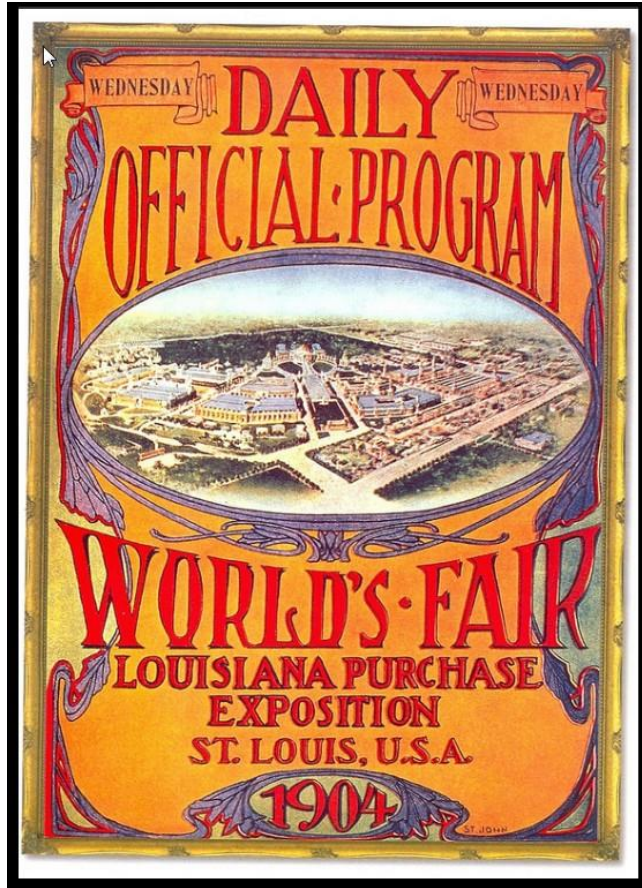
St. Paul Lacrosse Club at Lexington Park



LACROSSE ON THE ICE, ON THE TANK AT MONTREAL.

1904 Olympics – World's Fair

100 year Celebration of Louisiana Purchase



Shamrocks of
Winnipeg
Gold Medal
Champions



St. Paul
Lacrosse Club
1904



*Drewry Cup – Championship Trophy of WCLA
(Western Canadian Lacrosse Association)
Archives of Manitoba, O'Dowda Collection #174*

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For International Lacrosse



The Hudson's Bay Cup

St. Paul Globe, 1903

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Winnipeg Lacrosse Club, 1907



Souris Lacrosse Club, 1905



Plum Creek, 1887



Winnipeg, 1890

End of US Midwest Lacrosse

1905 – President Roosevelt saves the sport of football

1906 – Chicago fight ended the Northwest Lacrosse League

1911 – UMN Coach Trott dies on Lake Minnetonka

1914 – World War I

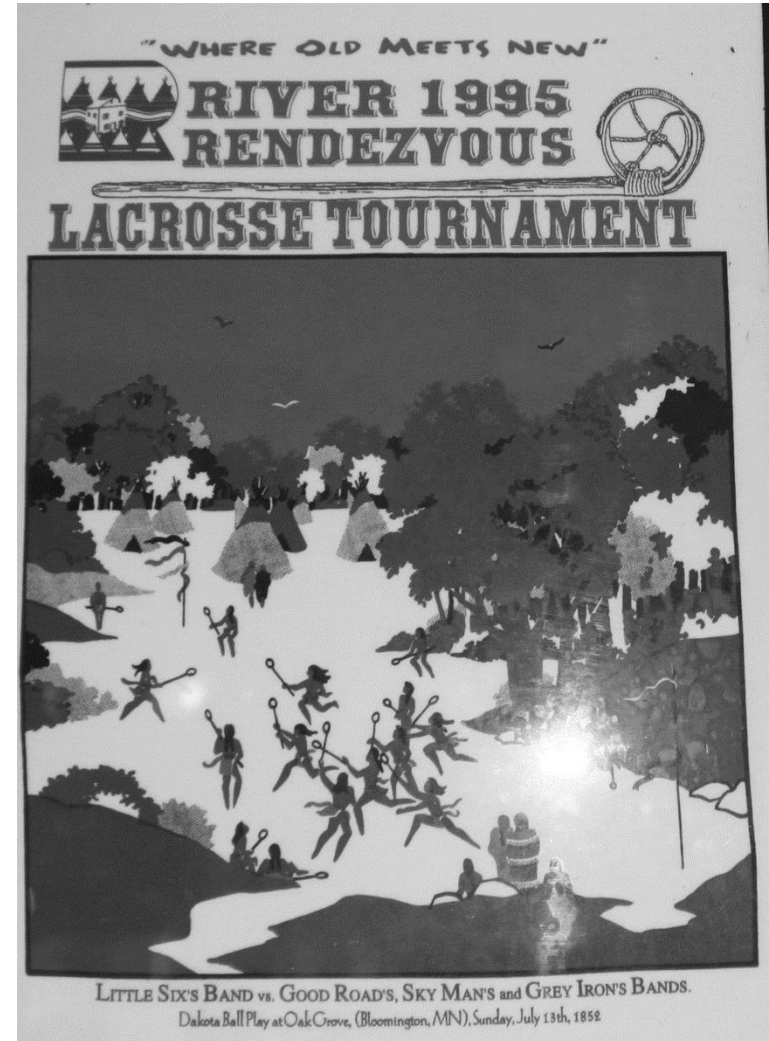
Boarding schools end lacrosse as part of assimilation

GI Bill allows Ojibwe and Dakota soldiers to attend college

Traditions of lacrosse in Upper Midwest end in 1940s

Red Lake, Leech Lake, Ball Club area all die out.

Dan Ninham – Oneida in Red Lake



Bringing lacrosse back home



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