



1.2.3. Play

– pass, catch, pass again,
keep it in the air

**The early history of
women's lacrosse**

Jane Claydon



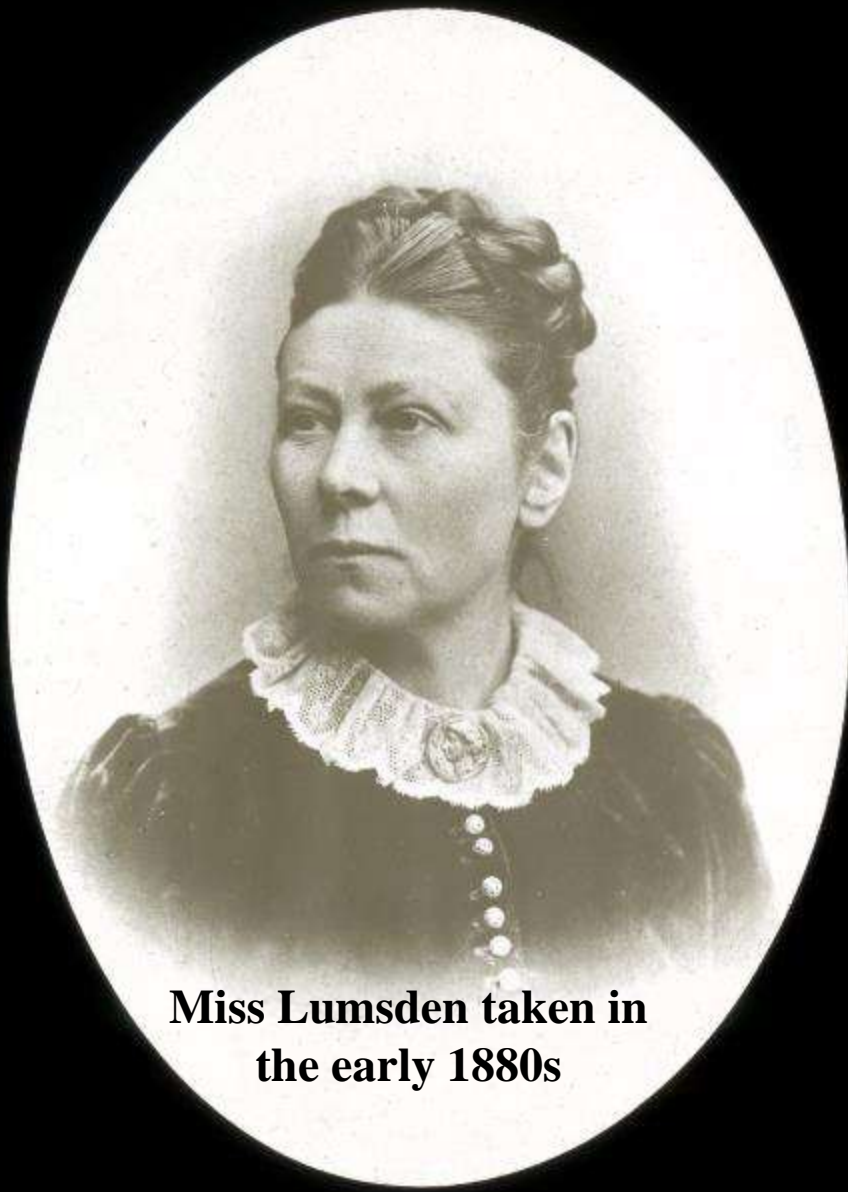
**Map to show St Andrews and
some major cities in the UK**



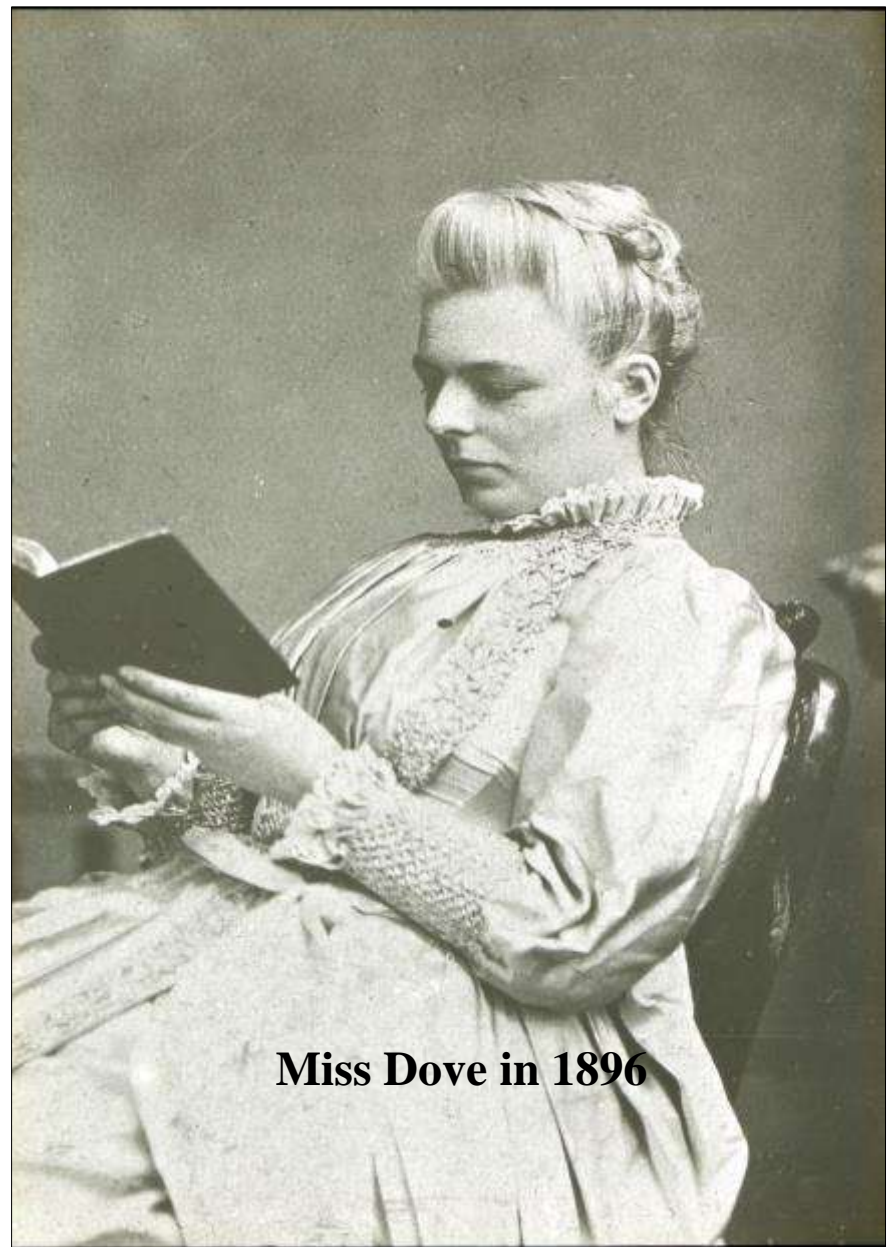
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**Miss Lumsden taken in
the early 1880s**



Miss Dove in 1896

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Attraction Extraordinary.

The Celebrated Euro-
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CAUGHNAWAGA INDIANS

WILL PLAY THE

TORONTO LACROSSE TEAM,

including the players just returned from Europe,
on the JARVIS-STREET GROUNDS,

To-morrow, Saturday, 1st Sept.,

AT THREE P.M.

The Indian team comprises White Eagle
Strong Arm, Lefebvre, Dominique, and other
celebrated players.

Admission as usual.

THE
BRITISH ASSOCIATION'S VISIT
TO MONTREAL,
1884.

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CLARA LADY RAYLEIGH,

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Monday.—We went in the afternoon to a party at Mrs. Redpath's; her son, "now gone to his home above," she said, had known one of mine at Cambridge. It is a pretty place, on a hill near this, and a good many people there; it got very damp after sunset. We none of us went to an evening party going on at Mrs. Gault's, being too tired. Mr. C—— called early and went with me to sections; John joined me, and we saw and heard Captains Ray and Greely of Arctic fame. They say he (Greely) and his living companions saved themselves from starvation by eating their dead ones—a dreadful alternative, but I don't think they were to blame; it didn't agree with him, for he looks horribly ill, poor man! In the afternoon we all went to see the Indian game of La Crosse played between twelve Montrealists and twelve Indians. It is pretty and exciting, something between lawn tennis and football—I could have watched it for hours! we were



A GAME OF LACROSSE.—ONE'S SCENE BY H. W. HALL.—[SEE PAGE 370.]

New York Club v the Canadians 1884 – Ontario Lacrosse Museum

CRAWFORD HOUSE,
WHITE MOUNTAINS, N.H.,
Sept. 6, 1884.

I wrote last on Tuesday. That afternoon we went to see a great Lacrosse match between the Canghuawayas Indians and the Montreal Club. These Indians live not far from Montreal, above the Lachine Rapids, and are, of course, civilised, and many of them very wealthy. They were in ordinary costume—dark-blue jerseys, velvet breeches, hats and all dark blue, and their dark faces and legs, bare from the knee, gave them a most picturesque appearance. Their chief was called White Eagle. But the whites were a stronger team, and won the game. It is a wonderful game, beautiful and graceful. (I was so charmed with it that I introduced it at St Leonards.)



A. Lacrosse Match. Caughnawaga Indians versus Montreal.



Caughnawaga Indians

Owing to the lack of a
Drill Mistress, Rule I, B,
was set aside for the January
Term, 1890, & it was
decided to award the Shield
on a competition in Lacrosse.

Five Lacrosse Matches took
place. The dates & results of
these are given below.

Thurs: March 27th

(1) N'hall East (Capt. S. Dickson)
beat Queen's Terrace (Capt. C. Macmillan)
by goals 2 to 1.

(2) N'hall West (Capt. J. Stevenson)
beat Day girls (Capt. E. Lindsay)
by 2 goals to 0.

Sat: March 29th

A match between N'hall

First team list

Tullochgorum
Speaking news. ribb
Justice is hereby given that N. P.
the Lacrosse team will be which
chosen from the following was
C. Macmillan (Capt.) Loco
M. M^cLeod. Ref
J. Barty to play
J. Dodgson Upster
J. Elliot. thro
M. Alston. we
R. Grievie meet
E. M^cLeod. tried
J. Jarvie. ing
The above named are with
to play 4 hours a week behi
Others must play the the b
whole time two days a alto
week. aw

Tulloch Gorum

not a worded no. Two
refuse said it was time
to begin, but owing to
the absence of the ball
it was rather difficult
for the sides to be carried
into. However the ball
was duly found & after
1.2.3. Play had been
called a vigorous game
began. About quarter
time the Sandys gained
the first goal & then a
little before half time
they gained their second.
During the interval of play
we, & all those backing
our team implored them
to make up their minds
to get the next goal.

Play began again & as
a happy result of our
prayers our Captain
succeeded in putting
me to ball very neatly
through an adversary's
goal, thereby gaining
great applause. As to
the play, our Captain
was of course all that
could be desired. He did
his best & often
succeeded in getting the

An account of the match
Thursday the 27th being a
holiday was the day appointed
for the first lacrosse match.
We arrived on very fair time
for us. After our clothes
having undergone a severe
inspection & our refuse
holding them up we by me
and assisting with me to
be seen in that which ought
to be plain, success was

Tulloch Gorum

ball away from her opponent. I have been able to pick up
I. Karty played up very well & proved that the
accusations made against her were utterly false. As regards
the ball. As regards
shorting we consider
that we carried out
that part of the programme
to perfection.
We expected great things of F. Dodgson who played
with vigour but did not
tell our readers that
come quite up to our
expectations. I. Elliot
kept goals very creditably
— & looked as if it were a
matter of life & death all
the time. M. Alston
deserves praise for the way
in which she was able
to be content as long without
giving way. P. Fries
played as well as usual
& ought to be commended
for the way in which she
followed the captain's
orders as to the duties of
possession. S. Jarvis won
great applause from
me & all for the capital
way in which she played
up for the honour of the
house; her manner of moving
is worthy of imitation.

Every one in our team
after having had such a
long time to practice ought
certainly at least to have

— sad as it was.
by two strokes.

BISHOPSHALL EAST *(Sandys)*

APRIL 1890



H. POTTS

L. STEWART

I. DICKSON *(Captain)*

E. RUSTON

EI. RUSTON

D. GILFILLAN

M. CEDDES

E. TODD

The Shield

**The first trophy for
women's
lacrosse**





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 I. SHAW . J. KENSINGTON .

1895



1896



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					G. WADSWORTH

1898

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Robert Wilkes, far left with his family in Quebec, pre 1901. © John Wilkes

John Robert Sparling Wilkes *Lacrosse and athletics coach*

Known as Robert Wilkes he emigrated to England in 1901. His home was originally in Quebec and his trade was engraver.

Mr Wilkes set himself up as a lacrosse coach and over the years coached at a number of schools in the London area including: The Princess Helena College, St George's School Ascot, Heathfield School and St Stephen's, Clewer. We know this because he is mentioned in a number of school magazines.

Heathfield School recorded playing a match in 1904 against Madame Bergman Österberg's College where Mr Wilkes also coached so that is how we know he also coached there.

Madame Bergman Österberg's College was a prestigious institution where girls were trained as teachers of Swedish gymnastics and games. On graduating they were quickly snapped up by girls' schools and colleges, not just in the UK but also in America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

These teachers were appointed to schools where they, in turn, introduced lacrosse, not just in the UK but in the US and as we shall see in Canada.



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St Leonards 1907

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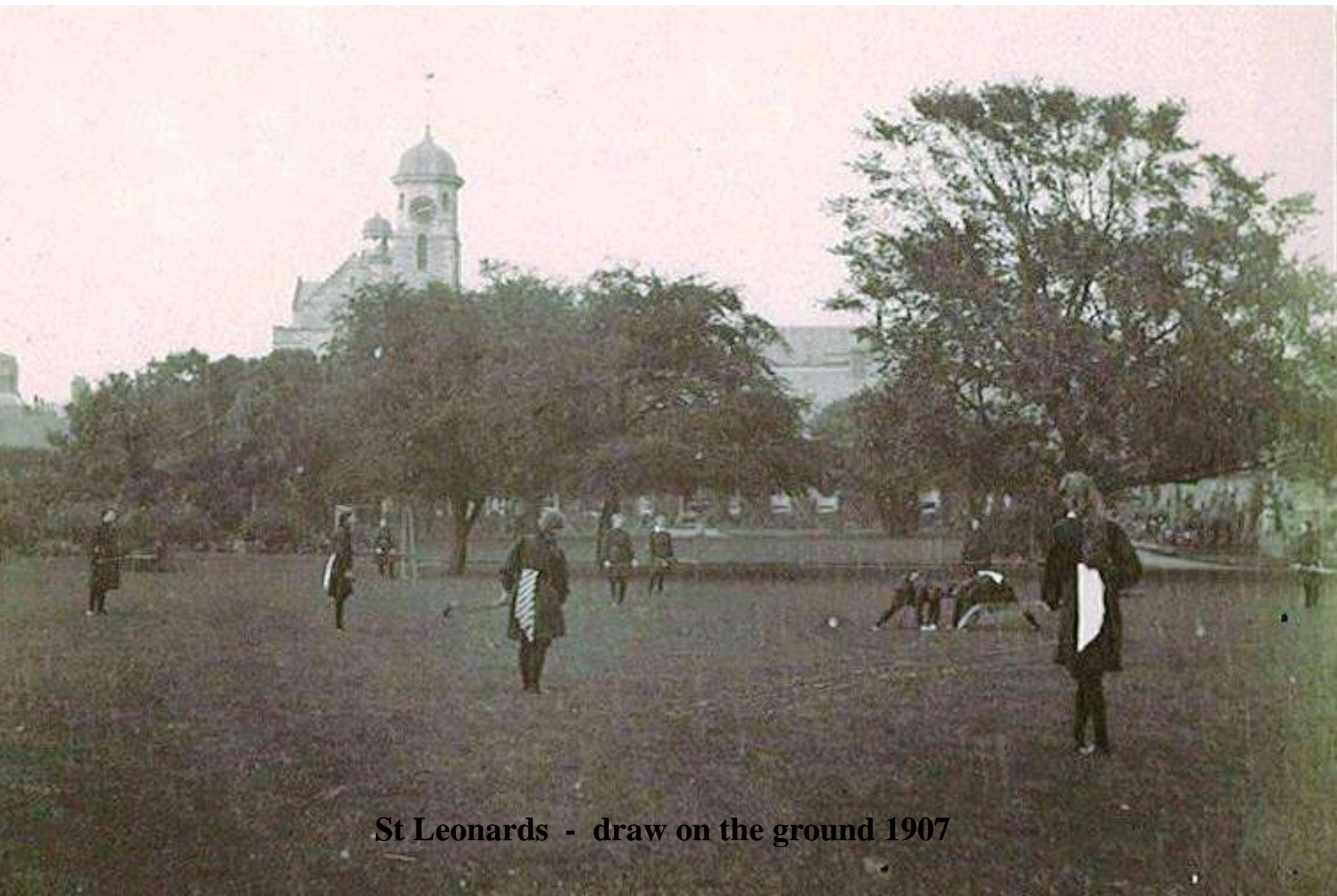
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Cara Gascoigne, left, attended Queen Anne's School in 1907



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St Leonards - draw on the ground 1907



Rosabelle Sinclair at St Leonards, holding the Shield 1909

Southern Ladies 1911



P. Edward. J. Wheeler. A. Steel. O. Piers. K. Barrett. G. Johnson.
J. Bruce. I. Cohen. E. A. Beebo. M. Howard. E. Gellion. G. Dore.



1912

Southern Ladies v St. Leonard's Lacrosse Match at St. Leonard's School N.B. October 16th 1912.

Ladies' Lacrosse Association.

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„ E. R. CLARKE.

„ PRICE.

„ BENTINCK SMITH.

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In 1912 the Ladies Lacrosse Association was founded. It was not called the English Ladies Association as Scotland was part of this group.

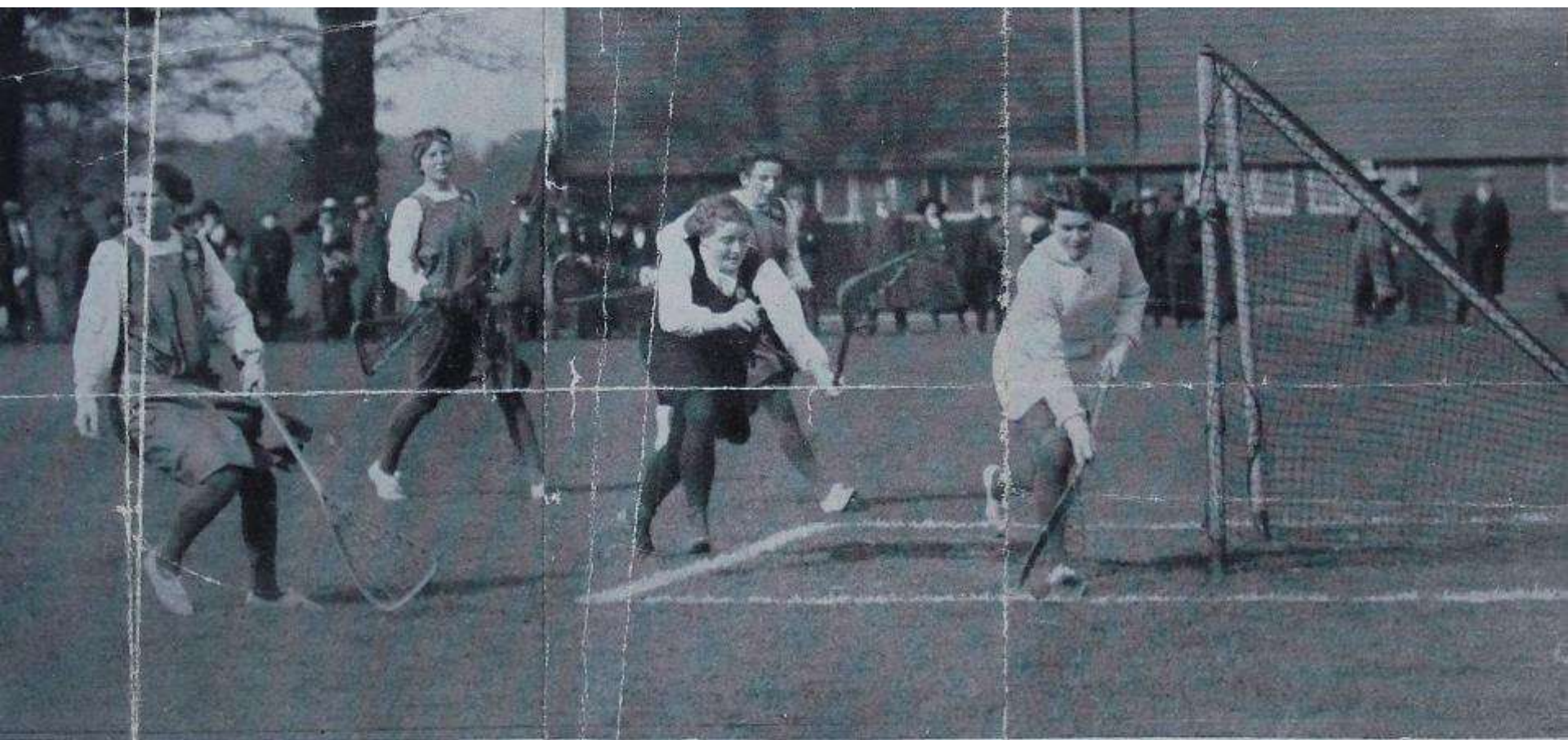
Lacrosse was a school based game in the UK.

The Ladies
Field
May 3rd
1913



THE SCOTTISH TEAM MAKE AN IMPOSING ENTRY TO THE FIELD OF PLAY.

Dixon



ONE OF THE MANY FINE SAVESMADE BY THE SCOTTISH GOAL-KEEPER, MISS M. REID.

England v. Scotland at Richmond.

Dixon



1913

Wales v England



Miss D. James
(Wales).

Miss E. R. Clarke
(England).

*A Ladies' Lacrosse International
at Richmond.—The rival captains.*

In this match Wales was outclassed by
England to the extent of fifteen goals.



*Miss P. Whitelife,
The Oxford goalkeeper.*



A good save by the South from a high shot.

Attacking the Oxford goal.

LADIES' LACROSSE AT OXFORD.—THE SOUTHERN BEAT THE OXFORD LADIES BY 7 GOALS TO 3.



*Miss Heyson,
The Southern goalkeeper.*

The Ladies Field dated 18th April 1914 stated in a report about the women's lacrosse internationals :

Each year sees an enormous number of recruits, and the well known Mr Wilkes finds his clientele increase with amazing rapidity each successive season.



The Bergman Østerøerg Physical Training College, Dartford Heath.



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*Kingsfield College, Dartford.
The Games Field, Lacrosse.*



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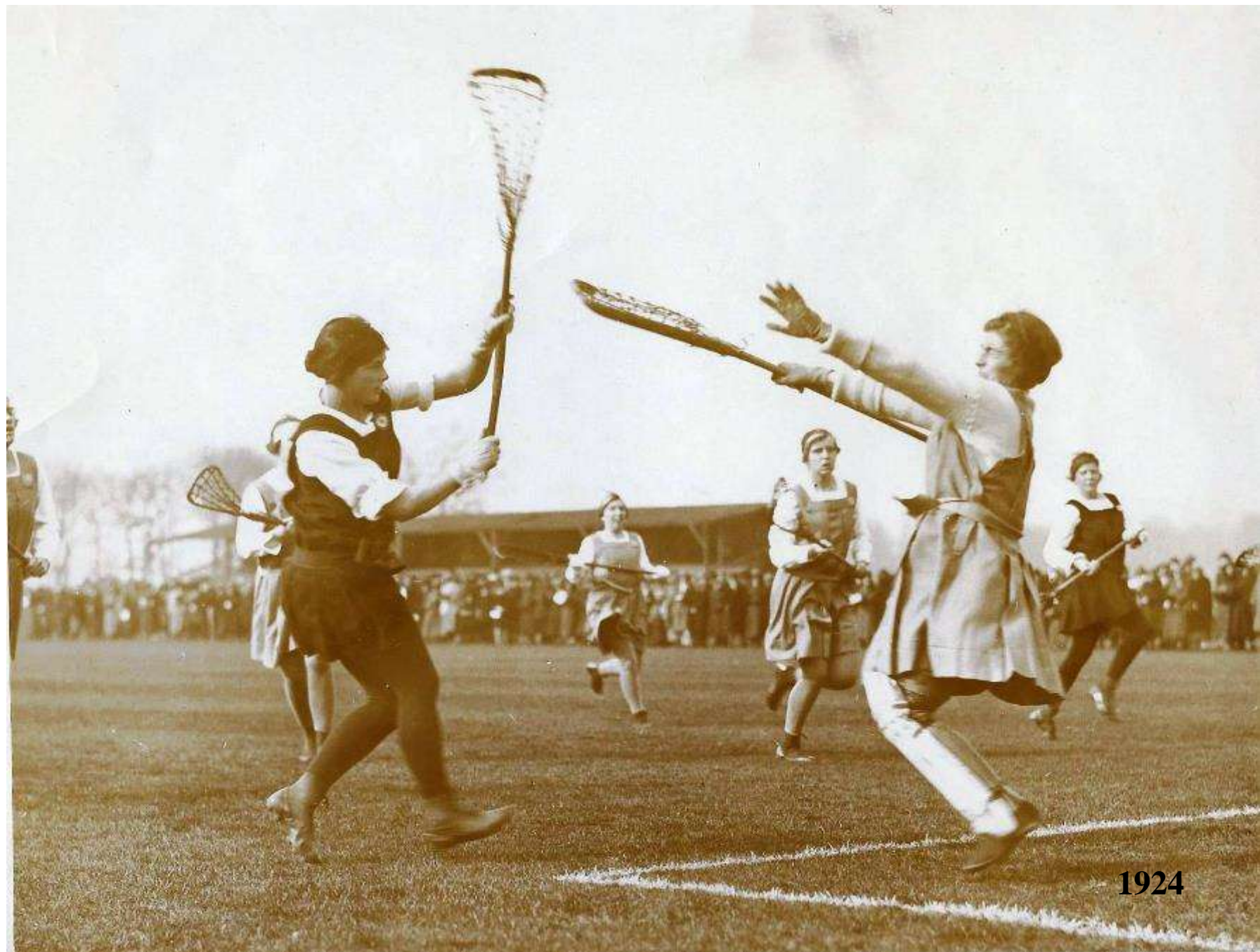
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John Robert Sparling Wilkes with a group of players about 1920



1919/1920



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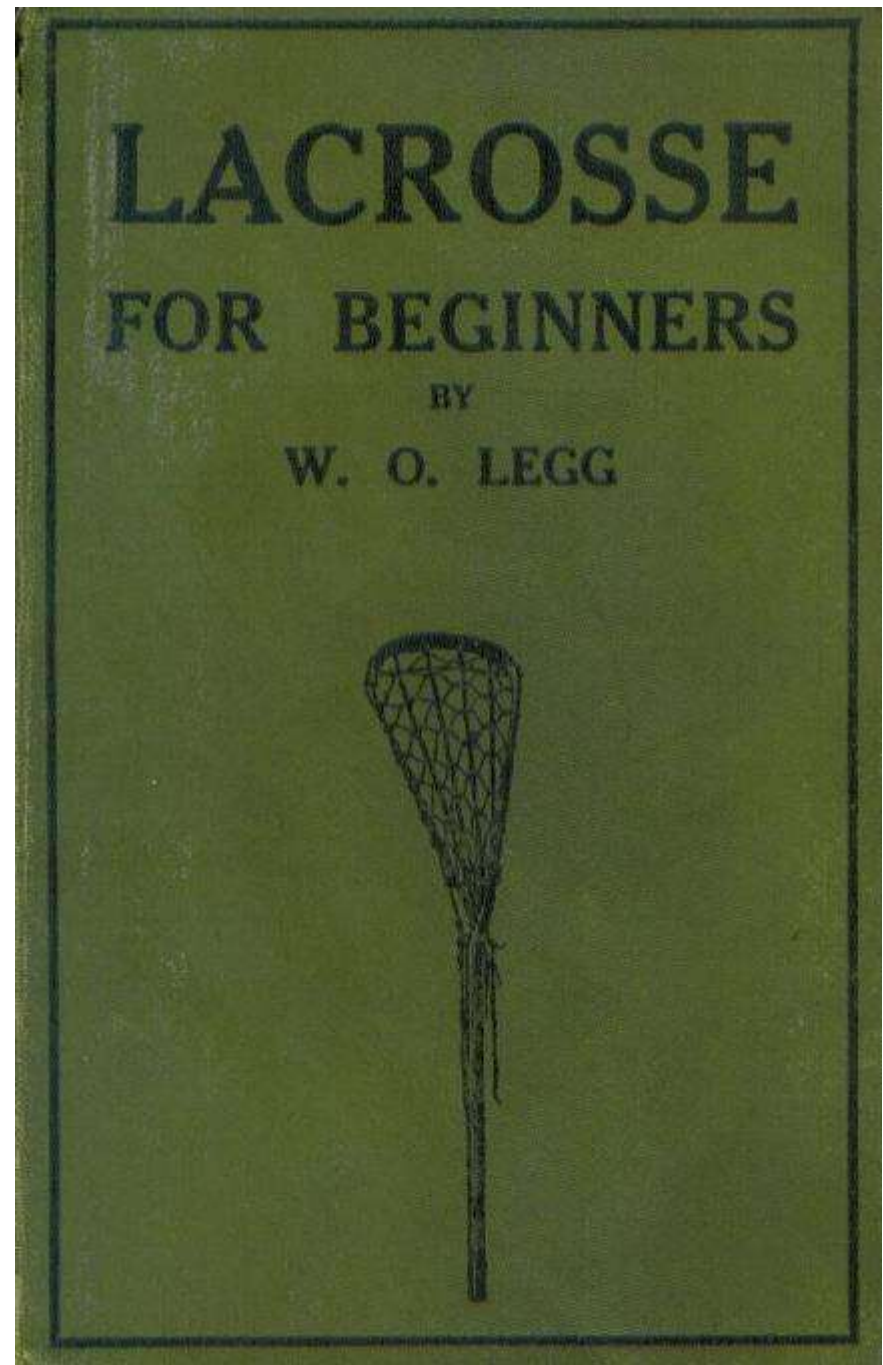
Winifred O. Legg, author of

Lacrosse for Beginners

published in 1923.

Photograph taken at Madame Bergman Österberg's
College in 1913.

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Rosabelle Sinclair.
Photograph at Madame Bergman Österberg's College in 1912.
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Ron
is
Rosa's
Uncle.

Reg is
Rosa's
father.

RON'S Cabinet Portrait REG S.
A Hardy, Notting Hill W.

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Reginald Bligh Halliburton Sinclair
seemed a bit of an adventurer and
travelled all over the world.



Rosabelle Sinclair at Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore MD



ROSABELLE SINCLAIR

St. Leonard's School • Inducted 1992

First woman inducted into National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
Introduced women's lacrosse in U.S. at Bryn Mawr in 1926.

Sinclair is the first female inductee into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. She taught at Bryn Mawr from 1925-51. Shortly before her death in 1978, she had the pleasure of knowing that an athletic field at the school had been named in her honor. A graduate of St. Leonard's School in Scotland, where woman's lacrosse originated, Miss Sinclair introduced the sport at Bryn Mawr in 1926. Although the parents at Bryn Mawr required convincing that lacrosse was safe for their daughters to play, she succeeded in starting a team that continues to play today, the oldest team in the country. By 1928, Sinclair had taught lacrosse to high school teams and clubs around Baltimore. The game soon spread to Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and in 1931, the United States Women's Lacrosse Association was formed.

Sinclair was a stickler for perfection, using lacrosse to teach hard work, discipline, patience, steadfastness of purpose, achievement and motivation.

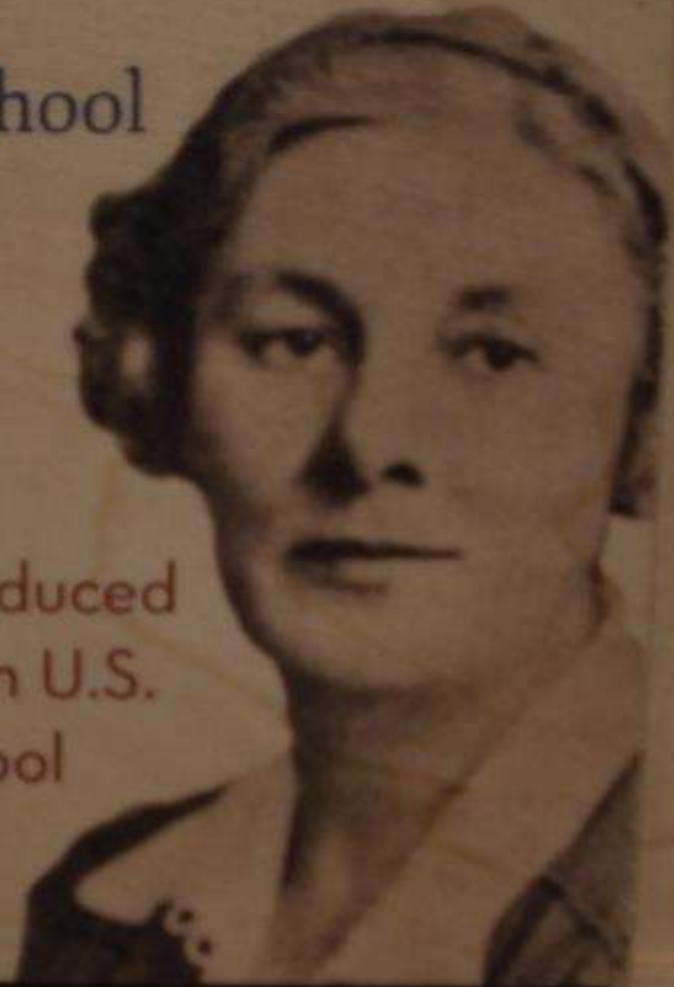


Screen shot from display monitor at US Lacrosse Museum and Hall of Fame

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Extract from McGill University Year Book 1922

**This is the indication that women played lacrosse at
McGill in 1921**

What is not known is who coached the students

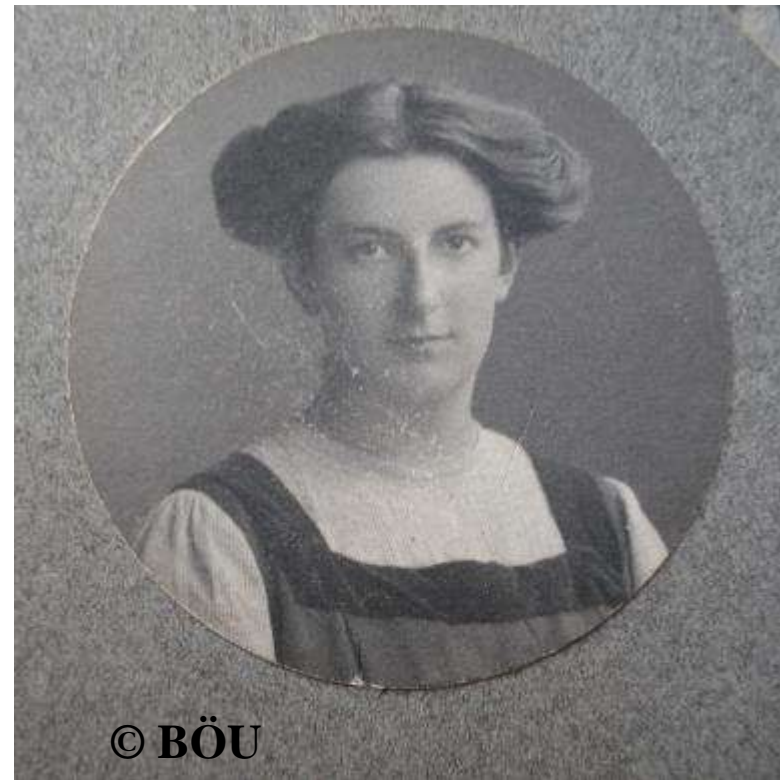
Not only can we boast of being the only Physical Training School in Canada, but we also have the ladies' championship lacrosse team of Canada, or at least of Montreal, and are ready at any time to accept a challenge in our national sport. This year the "Physical Eds." joined the Ladies' Hockey League,

Lori Livingston in her article,

Ready ... Draw!. The Golden Age of Senior Women's Field Lacrosse in Canada, written in 2015, states that Bishop Strachan School in Toronto began playing the sport in the early 1920s and Havergal College began lacrosse in 1927.

Miss Christina Booth,
pictured here, was the
games coach at Bishop
Strachan School





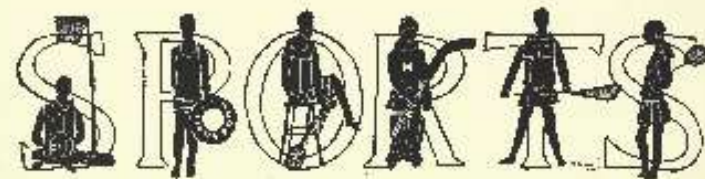
Left, E.R. Clarke and right, Norah Strathairn.

These ladies were Christina Booth's lacrosse coaches at Madame Bergman Österberg's College in Dartford.



©Bishops Strachan School 1926

This extract, from Havergal
College's magazine
Ludemas indicates that the
school introduced lacrosse in
1927



The Athletic Association

OWING to the lack of basket-ball and tennis courts at the School at the beginning of the year, lacrosse was our only outdoor sport. It was taken up with great enthusiasm, but we were only beginners, and not proficient enough to challenge outside schools. For this reason a meeting of the Athletic Association was not immediately necessary, and the first one was not called till the close of the Christmas term. At this meeting we elected captains for the various games. With the opening of the second term, ice-hockey constituted our outdoor and badminton our indoor recreation. In ice-hockey, matches were played with both the Old School and outside schools; in badminton, with the Old School only. Much interest was also created by the badminton tournament.

The dancing this year has been a great success, both in the senior and junior classes. It is hoped that with the warmer weather the classes will be able to practise outside, with a view to a display in June.

We have appreciated and wish to thank Miss Sanderson for her enthusiasm and keen interest in School life during the year.

Lacrosse

AS Lacrosse was an innovation of this year, and as we had no suitable grounds, we did not reach the stage of playing games. However, under the able instruction of Miss Sanderson, we learned the rudiments of the game and practised enthusiastically in small groups when weather conditions permitted. Enthusiasm for the game spread over the whole school, and almost every girl bought a crosse and began to practise throwing and catching balls on the front drive-way or on the side field when it was dry enough.



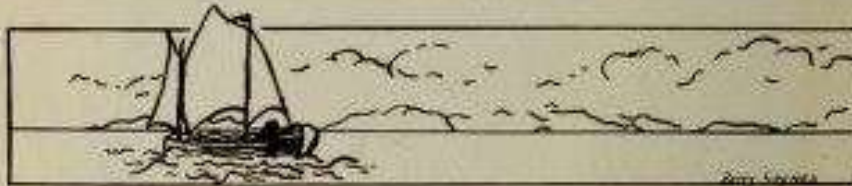
Lacrosse

An innovation in the way of sports was introduced this year at Branksome in the game Lacrosse. A number of the girls have entered into the game under the able leadership of Miss Ronaldson, and have developed much enthusiasm for this sport which has been called the national game of Canada.

It was originated by the Indians. The team consists of twelve players, the object of each side being to get the ball, by means of a crosse, between the opponent's goal posts. Of course there are many rules which make the game more complicated.

We are watching with interest the progress of the team and hope that it will contribute materially to the school sports.

KATHERINE LEA (Clan McLean).



LACROSSE

T. Spencer	D. Jones	J. Rully	H. Wilkinson	M. Coryell
B. Slambough	M. Pirie	F. Foot	J. Gordon	M. Heather
	M. Selater	R. Carlyle		

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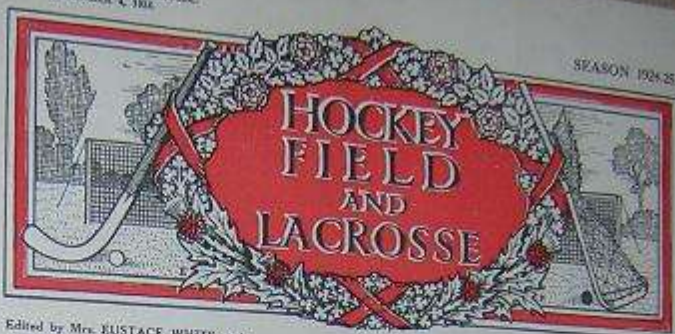
The sport was introduced to
the school by Miss Emily
Irene Ronaldson.



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HOCKEY FIELD AND LACROSSE.
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This article, written in 1923, refers to lacrosse being played by girls in California

The President of the Canadian Tourist Society was involved with the introduction of the game to girls in South California

LACROSSE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

Early in the summer Mrs. McMurtrie received a letter from Canada from Mr. Lally, of the Lally Lacrosse Manufacturing Co., asking for all information concerning the L.L.A. over here. He said that "the Ladies of Southern California wished to start Lacrosse and all efforts were being made to popularize the game with a view to having a Ladies' Lacrosse Team from America to visit England and vice versa." Mrs. McMurtrie wrote back giving as much information as possible, including an article showing the origin and evolution of the game, photographs with explanations, lists of Schools and Clubs playing the game and the Laws and Rules. She also wrote more fully on the organization, giving many helpful points. Mrs. McMurtrie also told them how to obtain "The Hockey Field and Lacrosse."

From Mr. Lally's second letter I gather he was somewhat surprised to see by the photographs that we did not wear caps while playing the game, and he asks, "If the girls do not use caps, will you kindly let me have some information as to how they do their hair up." It had been suggested that the Californian Ladies should have caps secured for them, 12 bright red for one team and 12 light peacock blue for the other, and that these should be of a large size so as to go over the girl's hair. I gather Mr. Lally was satisfied with Mrs. McMurtrie's reply, but what details she gave concerning the matter I do not know!

Some interesting cuttings were enclosed in Mr. Lally's letters, I think perhaps a few extracts will give an idea of how the game is taken up in California.

Extracts from a California paper under the heading of "Lacrosse is established here, interesting facts of the game."

"It is well to remember that the first two teams of Lacrosse ever formed in California, are now existent; and awaiting their paraphernalia. They form the Young Ladies' Lacrosse League, the first female players in America.

On looking over the composition of these two young ladies teams it will be noted that nearly all of them are athletes of considerable ability. In fact, several of the teams rank high in baseball, basketball, swimming, volley ball, tennis, and track and field events.

It will astonish many to know that to-day there are thousands of teams playing Lacrosse in Canada and the Eastern States.

Lacrosse is a game full of excitement and ginger from the first sound of the referee's whistle. There are no breaks in the play, as in football or baseball. It is a continuous show of "Pep." The "razzing" element has not got into Lacrosse and one great fact, always note, is that good play on either side gets great applause. Cheers and applause are all right for a team, but the personal insults often given to "raze" an opposing player in other games or branches of sport are tabooed in Lacrosse. This spirit of fair play helps both sides to put up a good, clean game, without wordy interference from rough elements.

The two young ladies teams for Greater Los Angeles and Greater Santa Monica are fully completed. Any now wishing to join will be placed on the reserve list, and given a chance this fall.

Many styles of play are in vogue, and many different ideas of how the game should be played, but they all end up in the same desire—to play a good winning game, with athletic ability, maintaining great physical form.

I do not know the date of issue of the above cuttings but I gather that the following are from a later paper:—

"Complete equipment is now being made for the two young ladies Lacrosse teams and the two teams of young men, that will represent Greater Santa Monica and Greater Los Angeles respectively. The former two teams are fully organized and have a waiting list of nearly a dozen young ladies. To these will be added several tourists, athletic young ladies, who have already stated that they will spend next winter in this district.

The equipment ordered is being made by the Lally Manufacturing Co., and consists of fifty-eight of the finest lacrosse outfits that money can buy, including

balls and caps. The Young Ladies' Lacrosse League have already chosen their colours."

[It looks as though the Californian Ladies will wear caps after all!]

Word was received from Mrs. A. Henderson to-day that she will bring to Southern California next fall, the Canadian Girls' Kiltie Band, who will be in California for a couple of months, and will play at the opening lacrosse games in Los Angeles, Hollywood and Santa Monica, as well as at the tourists' entertainments. The President of the Canadian Tourists' society, who is leaving shortly for his Northern home, will bring back the entire outfit, and the local girls will be the first to get in the game of Lacrosse.

Mr. Lally finished up his letter showing once more his enthusiasm towards the organization of international matches in the near future. I am sure we also feel very enthusiastic on this point and we shall look forward with much excitement and interest to this day of our first match with California.

L. M. JOHNSON,

Gen. Sec. L.L.A.

MATCH REPORTS.

Ancestor House 1st XI beat St. Bernard's 1st XI on October 20th, 10-3. **ANCESTOR HOUSE:** J. Spain (Capt.), M. Dutchman, M. Wattle, M. Butterworth, B. Robinson, E. Ware, J. Reynolds, K. Cadellus, E. Ferguson, B. Hobbs, J. Philip. **Anstey P.T. beat Edgobaston** 4-3. **ANSTAY:** Raine, Astell, Nell, F. Clarke (2), Douglas-Brown, Moore, Bobworth, Brewer, Kendrick (2), Farr (2), Morrison. **EDGEBASTON:** E. Alday, F. Jefferson, M. Bunnin, Heston, Salsmond, Plewett, N. Gault, E. Parker (2), H. Basson, Bull (2), B. Clayton.

Aitholl Crescent beat Edinburgh Western, 7-0, 20th October, at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

Barton Court beat Sandcotes at Sandcotes, 20th October, 4-2. **BARTON COURT:** Fox, Butterworth, Stanley, Hay (Capt.), Carson, Middleton, Eden, Butterworth (1), Redmayne (2), Henge, Meakin (1). **SANDCOTES:** Scott, Harper, Trye, Barnard, Girdlesome (Capt.), Taylor, Edge, Francis, Longrigg (1), Simpson (1), Turpin.

Brigend II drew with Barry Training Coll. 11, October 20th, 4-4. **BRIGEND:** A. V. Stockwood (Capt.), K. Phillips, E. Philps, B. Cockram, J. Marks, M. Lloyd, M. Davies, L. Herdwick (1), I. Bevan (1), I. Davies, D. Hitt (2).

Barnes drew with St. Columba's at Accon, October, 2-2. **BARNES:** Kelley (1), Ledger (1). **ST. COLUMBA'S:** Stirling (2).

Barnes II beat St. Columba's II at Barnes, October 20th, 3-0. **BARNES:** M. E. Harding (1), Owen (1).

Bedford Coll. III. beat Dorking at Dorking, October 20th, 11-0. **BEDFORD:** M. Birlingshaw, E. M. Jackson, H. Lubrum, M. J. Ward, I. Jordan, B. Whetnal, K. Dickinson, D. Armitage (2) (Capt.), K. Whitcombe (3), M.A.B. Brown (2), M. Cox (4).

Bury beat West Suffolk County Sch., October 18th, 6-4. **Mrs. Seymour:** Milson, Stiff, Parsons, Kilmer, Samsdy, Best, Ayres (1), Harvey (3), Bright, Foster.

Bury beat Dux at Bury St. Edmunds, October 20th, 5-2. **Mosses:** Milbank, Gough, Wakefield, Hawkins, King, Mrs. Day, Best, Harvey (3), Harvey (2), Forthoe.

Crusaders beat Enfield Sch. at Eastbourne, October 20th, 6-1. **CRUSADERS:** Babby (Capt.), Farwick, Ussard, Calvert, Shortbridge (2), Drake G., Irving Bell, White, Le Maistre (3), Bruce W. (2), Adams.

Carlisle & County H. Sch. beat Old Girls, 4-2, October 20th. **C. & C.H.S.:** I. McGuffie, V. Robey, A. Robinson, M. O'Leary, M. Miles (Capt.), Y. Elliot, D. Johnson (1), F. Taylor, Mary Mills (2), P. Brown (1), K. Lind.

Chelsea Poly. drew with Norwood at Norwood, 2-2, October 20th. **CHELSEA:** (1 short), Vaughan, Chard, P. Baldwin, Davies, Arnell, Waterhouse, Laverson, Richards, Flux, Penny.

Battersley Poly. II. beat Chelsea Poly. 8-1. **DEACON** (4), Clark (2), Baldwin (1), Pike (1).

Croxtex beat Barnet, October 17th, at Loughton, 6-1. **CROXTYX:** Bateman, A. Harris, V. Harris, Griffin, Fish, H. Kniton, Sedgwick, Macpherson (1), Dugent (2), Hann (2), Leiper (1).

Coach, Benenden School. Tea can be obtained after the trials at 9d. per head. All players are asked to be ready $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour before the advertised time.

Directions for Reaching Ground. The Ground is within 10 minutes' walk of Tram and Bus routes. Tram services 2 and 4, and Bus 32 and 51 from Wimbledon and Balham Stations to Wandle Bridge, Merton (10 minutes each way). Bus 5 and 52 from Balham or Raynes Park Stations. Trains run every few minutes from Victoria (L.B. & S.C.Rly.) to Balham (12 minutes).

MORE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

Lacrosse has made a start in America, and in a letter from Mrs. Hooper, President of the Ladies' Lacrosse League of America, she writes: "There has never been a regular organised team of ladies or girls in either the United States or Canada, until our League was formed." (November, 1923). (In March, 1923, the first club was started). "We have four teams now at practice. The Santa Monica team No. 1 is best just now. We are practising all we can, but as we can play all the year round here, we do not exert ourselves too much at the start. Our uniform is a white middy blouse, trimmed à la sailor in blue, with blue "bloomers" (baggy trousers). Most wear short stockings and bare knees, tennis shoes or athletic rubbers. We hope to challenge the English or Scotch teams later on."

Mrs. Hooper also enclosed in her letter some interesting newspaper cuttings:—"When the girl athletes, who are charter members of the Ladies' Lacrosse League of America, meet this coming Saturday (about last November), they will be formally organised into four teams by John Hooper, President of the Tourists' Society and promoter of the first young Ladies' Lacrosse teams in America. The question of caps or headbands for players and the uniform for wear in match games will be taken up. The ordinary gym suits, middies and costumes worn by the schools and colleges, will be accepted for the teams. Practice dates and hour for same have been decided upon. Athletic class formed for study of the game, all the girls are being coached as to their positions, and a player's roll signed."

Mrs Hooper writes in
Hockey Field and
Lacrosse published on 27th
March 1924

EASY TO LEARN.

"It is the easiest game in the world to learn," says Mr. Hooper, "and it is the finest physical training for any young girl that I know of, in fact a real health-giver and body-builder, without any strenuous work or arduous training."

Arrangements will also be made to take group photos of all the players at the regular practice Saturday. One of these photos is to be sent to England and others are for various papers.

Steady practice is to be gone into at once, so that the first match game of the season can be pulled off, either here or at Los Angeles, in six or eight weeks' time.

The practice meeting of the Santa Monica bay team of the young Ladies' Lacrosse League of America, held Saturday evening, was a success, and all the girls that attended were greatly enthused over the new game of Lacrosse. A review of how to play the game was given by the organizer, President J. Hooper, after which a game was tentatively played on a large chart. Then a team was lined up, positions defined, and all phases of the game gone over. Many of the girls were surprised at the facility with which they were able to handle the "crosse" as the racquet is called.

After the exhibition game, the meeting was organised and those who will be on the playing teams signed their names to the "Charter" roll. By a unanimous vote Saturday afternoons at two o'clock was decided upon as the regular practice hour at which all those who expect to go on any of the teams will meet at 1746, Ocean Avenue, take the lacrosses and go to the practice ground near by.

These practices are not open to the public until later on, as they interfere with instruction. Two official "yells" were adopted and given zest and spirit. These yells are for the two opposing teams in all matches, and are partly copied from two of the Indian dialects, used by the aborigines who first played the game, of "Lacrosse," they are:—"Hi Yi Itti Ki-itti Ki ip-La Crosse-Lacrosse-Rip-rip-rip." Opposing team:—"Kan Atee awah wah-Kan attee a Taw-Lacrosse-lacrosse-Rah-rah-rah."

In a programme of one of the Tourists Society's entertainments, item 12 was as follows:—Tableau—Introduction of the first two Ladies' Lacrosse teams in America. The Greater Los Angeles and Greater Santa Monica Clubs.

This extract, dated
27th March 1924, indicates
President Hooper used a
chart to explain
to the girls how to play
lacrosse



British Pathe News clip of women playing lacrosse in Los Angeles in 1926 called:

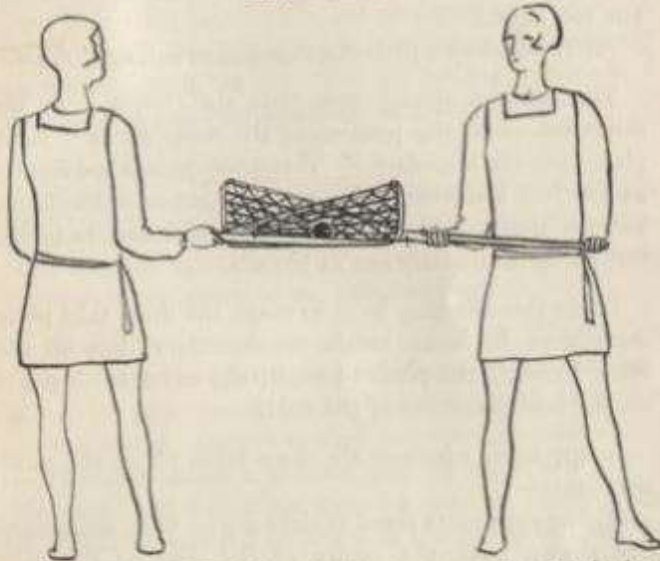
No game for weaklings.

Girl amazons in Ladies' Lacrosse Championship show as much skill and speed as mere man



Pirates Lacrosse Club Vancouver B.C Champions 1927 - 1931

THE DRAW.



The Draw, which was used as an experiment during season 1927-1928, has since been passed and is now in use. (See Rule-book.)

It does away with the muddle and crowding which were the features of the old draw, and results in the ball flying out into the air, so that the game no longer begins on the ground.

Umpiring the present draw should be a simple matter compared to the old draw.

The Umpire should:—

- (1) place the ball between the backs of the crosses.
- (2) see that the woods are parallel to the ground and exactly level—so that the collar of one is in line with the bend of the other.

In 1927-1928, the draw for women was changed from the traditional method on the ground, to an action which took place at waist level

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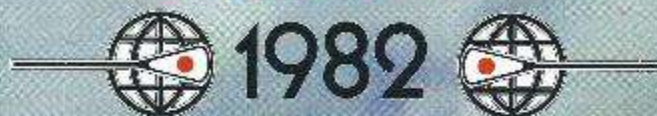
War guests in Toronto, these are the bright-faced English schoolgirls who will give an exhibition of Canada's national game at to-morrow night's sport-military carnival in the Coliseum. Drawn from Branksome Hall, Havergal and Varsity, they are eagerly receiving instruction from Miss Betty Lee Evans, from Sherborne School for Girls, Dorset, who will referee their lacrosse match. An outstanding physical educationist, she is with a large group of Sherborne girls at Branksome Hall. Lacrosse is not played by girls in Eastern Canada, and this will be the first feminine demonstration of the game in Toronto. It is a leading sport at English girls' schools.



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Front Row Left to Right: Pam Glass, Trainer, Debbie Smith, Kim Davidovitch, Janis Holt, Janice Wilson, Stacey Smith, Kerri Hardhill, Co-Captain, Janice Malcom, Jennie Kyle, Team Manager.



CANADIAN WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE TEAM

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FRONT ROW (L-R): JANICE HOLT, RIM DAVIDOVICH, STACY SMITH, JANICE MALCOM, APRIL BELAND, MICHELLE BOWYER (Co-Captain), KEVIN WARDLE (Co-Captain)
MISSING FROM PICTURE: HAM GLASS (Manager), JILL JOHNSON (Trainer)

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