

Preamble

Some might question the sanity of someone who spends time researching the early history of a small sports team in England. Well, it has been a really interesting and educational experience, and I have learnt so much more about the sport of lacrosse.

I haven't really answered why? It is because of the huge amount I have got out of playing the sport and the huge debt to those people who have helped me on my journey. I started playing lacrosse at school – Southfields School – where a teacher, Peter Winterburn, got the ball rolling and brought in these men from Kent to coach us. They came from Lee Lacrosse Club, my first club, and the experiences I shared with everyone there pretty much pointed me in my direction not only in lacrosse but also in the way I have conducted my life. There is nothing greater than that bond of playing sport together and the understanding that it is more than just a game.

Therefore, I proudly dedicate this history to everyone at Lee Lacrosse Club and to anyone else I have crossed the path of in the great sport of lacrosse, thank you for being part of it and my apologies to those I may have upset on the way.

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Important Note

Whilst every effort has been taken in transcribing the following reports it is possible it may contain inaccuracies and it certainly does not contain every single result. The reports were collated from the British Newspaper Archives and The Guardian Archives.

It would be remiss not to thank all those scribes who wrote and submitted articles – without those this would not have been achievable.

THE HISTORY OF LEE LACROSSE CLUB

(Collection of cuttings, articles and other items collated)

Lee Oppo

September 1902

Other Matters – New Lee Club

Daily Express – 17th September 1902

“SOUTH OF ENGLAND LACROSSE

Yesterday evening, at Stone's Restaurant, the annual meeting of the South of England Lacrosse Association took place. Letters were read from Canada, in which the association was thanked for its treatment of the Canadian team during its recent visit to England, and hopes expressed that an English team would soon visit Canada. Votes of thanks to the president, His Grace the Duke of Argyll, and to the hon secretary, Mr Frank Sachs, were recorded, and the old officers were unanimously re-elected. It was announced that Lee and Snaresbrook had joined the association.”

October 1902

Other Matters – New Lee Club

The Sportsman – 8th October 1902

“The new Lee Club has created something of a record in the South of England by commencing with two teams in the field, and with both entered for the Flag Competition’s. The Lee club is an offshoot of Catford, and is another instance of the benefit St Dunstan’s College has been to the game in the South of England; it has also a goodly influx of novices from the district.”

London Daily Chronicle – 9th October 1902

“PROSPECTS OF THE COMING SEASON

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The recent meeting of the South of England Association was distinguished by two important announcements – that lacrosse would be played regularly at Lords, except during the months of December and January; and that a club had been started at Oxford University. Each of these events would suffice to mark an era in the progress of the game, but combined they prove the merits of lacrosse as a physical exercise and recreation have now been fully recognised by the highest authorities.”

“Kent gains a new club at Lee, formed out of a large member roll at Catford, who can always count upon recruits from St Dunstan’s College.”

October 1902

Blackheath vs Lee

Lost

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The Sportsman – 15th October 1902

“Blackheath were the first opponents of the new Lee club and the old hands proved victorious by eleven goals to four. It was hardly to be expected that Lee would have settled down into their place, and it was made evident that the team will have to put in some conscientious work were they to arrive at that combination that is necessary for success. It must be admitted that in meeting such a team as Blackheath they were subjected to a severe trial.”

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 18th October 1902

“The Kent clubs Blackheath, and Catford, promise to render their county a formidable side this season. Catford, on Saturday, quite outplayed Highgate, leading by seven goals to two at half-time, and by fifteen to five at the finish – a most methodical manner of progression. Blackheath, on the same day, gained an easy victory over Lee by eleven goals to four. The revival of Snaresbrook will also doubtless result in the strengthening of Essex, the present Southern County champions, while Middlesex and Surrey should be quite as strong as in the past. There is every prospect of an Inter-Varsity match being played at Lord’s towards the end of the season, so that, one way or another lacrosse may be said to be steadily making the progress for which its devotees have striven so hard.”

The Field – 18th October 1902

“BLACKHEATH V LEE

This, the first match of the newly formed Lee club was played at Blackheath on Saturday, and an interesting game ended in favour of the home team by eleven goals to four. Blackheath went away from the start, and in very short time had placed four goals to their credit, the attacks playing a good open game and taking every

advantage of the mistakes of the opposing defence. The game became more even, but Blackheath still had the upper hand and crossed over leading by eight goals to two. The second half was more closely contested, but the quality of play fell off, in a great measure due to the failing light. The Lee defence, too, seemed to settle down more to their opponent's game, and by close checking kept the score down. Considering that this was their first match the Lee team showed great promise, their crosse handling being very good, and with more experience they will soon be able to give a good account of themselves. Bell, Vornberger, and Price were perhaps the most effective, especially the former, who did the lion's share of their attack."

October 1902	Lee vs Clapham	Won	10	2
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Daily News (London) - 20th October 1902

"LEE V CLAPHAM - the Lee attacks combined well in this match at Lee on Saturday, and were largely responsible for the home victory by 10 goals to 2. The half-time score was 8 to nil, but Clapham improved in the second half, and kept their opponent's addition down to 2 goals, also scoring 2 themselves."

October 1902	Other Matters - Lord's Committee Approval
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Daily News (London) - 24th October 1902

"The Lord's Committee has sanctioned a number of lacrosse matches, arranged by the South of England Lacrosse Association, so that now, except during December and January, a lacrosse match can be seen at Lord's every Saturday, play starting at 3 o'clock in each instance."

November 1902	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	23	2
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The Field - 1st November 1902

"LEE V WILLOUGHBY - These teams met at Lee on Saturday last, the home team winning by twenty-three goals to two. The game was very uneven, owing to absentees on account of the county matches, Willoughby suffering the most in this respect. The score at half time was seven goals to one."

November 1902	West London A vs Lee II	Lost	2	17
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November 1902	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	3	6
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November 1902	Other Matters - County Match - Middlesex vs Kent
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The Field - 22nd November 1902

"MIDDLESEX V KENT

This match was played on the ground of the new Kent club at Lee. The intention of S E L A was to give the new club a good start, but, unfortunately, the ground is not well adapted for an important encounter, and so on a dark day as last Saturday play at one end, which is surrounded by trees, became almost impossible, and the referee had to stop the game before time was up. In addition, there is a decided slope to one side, and Middlesex being given this

benefit by their adversaries (who won the toss) made the most of it, but not enough as it proved. Play was fairly even for some time after the start, and the game was interesting, especially in the field, where Bell was noticeable for Kent, with Vaughan-Jones playing a sound game on him. After eight minutes Drummond slipped Lee and got an easy chance, which he failed to utilise. Two minutes afterwards Jones also missed, and then Whiteway was subjected to a strong attack, which he kept out, repeatedly coming out and clearing. Fourteen minutes from the start saw Kent with a lead, A J Dodd giving Jones a pass which the latter netted at short range. The next game was a short one. Crosbie put across to Spiers, who gave it to Drummond, and the last named beat Whiteway. Lavy then became busy, and gave Whiteway a last one to save, and a few minutes later Gilbey gave to Lavy, who returned at once, and Gilbey followed in and scored. Middlesex were having much the best of matters at this point, Spiers missing an easy opening, and another shot hitting the post. Dowsett and Archer were opening up the game for Kent, but the latter found Chapman a stumbling block on most occasions. Hind had been checking Jones very closely, so the latter went back to second home, Pickering going first home, and at once Scott was called upon to save two shots at short intervals. However, Middlesex worked down again, and after Whiteway had saved Drummond sent in a length ball which took effect. Middlesex kept up the pressure, but half time was called without further score, Middlesex leading by three goals to one. On resuming the effect of the slope was very apparent, for it may be fairly said that from this pint Middlesex never seemed like scoring. Two reasons were accountable for this, one that Middlesex attacks appeared to be playing in the dark and frequently went for the ball in the wrong direction, and in addition A J Dodd, with his brother, playing a sterling good game, finding Gilbey at centre somewhat out of condition, giving him no quarter. As a result, the Middlesex defences were continually having to deal with a free man. To the credit of the Kent attacks it must be said that they made very few mistakes in their passes, and nothing but a most stubborn defence by Scott in goal saved the score from running well into double figures. Archer, Jones and Pickering, were always well in evidence, Bell and Dowsett on the wing being too well marked by their defences. Kent soon equalised through Archer and Jones, and then A J Dodd gave them the lead. Then Jones assisted by Pickering defeated Scott, Dodd evaded Gilbey, and Pickering had an easy one. On one of the few occasions on which the ball worked up to the Kent goal Drummond secured and scored. A moment later Jones added the last for Kent, and the referee stopped the game. The catching was good but the passing poor, and the crosses of several players seemed to be too baggy. There is no doubt that Kent was the better team, especially on defence, where Silvester, Baskett, F Dodd and Harvard all played a close, hard, checking game. Cook for Middlesex played a similar game on Dowsett, and will make a useful defence player when he has had more experience of opening up the game for his attacks. Our players will do well to remember the idea of the Canadian principle of the line down the centre as opposed to the common method of working down the wing, and centring, a method arising out of football tactics, and radically wrong in lacrosse. Kent has now to meet Essex next February, and will make a bold bid for the county championship. They have the making of a good team, with a considerable leavening of young players, whose experience increases with each county match. Middlesex will give a better account of themselves on the Lord's ground, but, are in want of one or two young players.

Middlesex: C H Scott (goal), H C Hind, C F Hadfield, W G Chapman, H S Cook, V Vaughan-Jones, V G Gilbey, W Crosbie, A Raine, F A Spiers, A W Lavy, H C Drummond.

Kent: W Whiteway (goal), C O Lee, J M Harvard, F W Dodd, A Silvester, L H Baskett, A J Dodd, E B Dowsett, R C Bell, F Archer, E P Jones, A H Pickering.

Referee: Mr E A Taylor."

December 1902	Clapham vs Lee	Lost	2	4
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December 1902	Lee vs Snaresbrook	Won	6	5
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The Sportsman - 17th December 1902

"Lee and Snaresbrook had a capital encounter, which the former won by six goals to five, a victory they thoroughly deserved, for, on the whole, they had more of the game than their opponents. McDonell made several good opening and Bell, as usual, played a sterling game for the winners, whilst Lewis and Cameron again shone for Snaresbrook. Jolliffe was also good."

Woodford Times - 19th December 1902

"SNARESBROOK I V LEE I

A very evenly-contested game was played at Lee last Saturday, and won by the home team by six goals to five. Up to within five minutes of half time Snaresbrook were playing a man short, but their defence were so safe that only one goal had been scored against them when the missing man arrived. Lee have the making of a first class attack in Bornberger, Bell and the brothers Price, who all played a good game. The goals were both well defended by Roberts and Jolliffe respectively, the latter saving some very hot shots from scoring. Snaresbrook's weakness is on attack. They all worked well, but are slow at passing and as yet have no combination. Teams:-

Snaresbrook: W H Jolliffe, E C Fox, H W Lewis, W R Fox, T C Thomasset, K C Fox, R Cameron, H J Cameron, C W West, H A Pinney, F Keed and S R Keed.

Lee: A H Roberts, S G Hillyer, R C Baskett, F W Finch, F McDonell, H Baskett, C Vornberger, W Price, C G Young, R C Bell, M Price and H C Stoddart."

December 1902	Catford vs Lee	Lost	10	0
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	Catford II vs Lee	Won	8	6
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January 1903	Lee vs Croydon	Won	8	6
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January 1903	Lee vs Blackheath	Won	5	1
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	Blackheath II vs Lee II	Lost	0	17
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Sporting Life - 12th January 1903

"LEE V BLACKHEATH - Blackheath, who were runners-up for the Southern Championship last year, were subjected to a surprising

defeat at Lee on Saturday, where the home side, a club formed this year, were victorious by five goals to one. At half-time Lee led by three goals to one.

BLACKHEATH (SECOND) V LEE (Second) - Blackheath were greatly superior in this match, which was played on their own ground on Saturday, the game ending in their favour by seventeen goals to nil."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 17th January 1903

"Lee 5 goals, Blackheath 1 goal, deserves pride of place among the surprising results of the present lacrosse season in the South. During the last year or two Blackheath have been reckoned about second best to Woodford, and their defeat by a junior organisation, formed a few months ago from the reserve players from the Catford Club is a curiosity."

London Daily Chronicle - 12th January 1903

"LEE V BLACKHEATH - Blackheath, who were runners-up for the Southern Championship last year, were subjected to a surprising defeat, at Lee. on Saturday, when the home sides, a club formed this year, were victorious by five goals to one. Lee led by three to one."

The Sportsman - 14th January 1903

"By scoring a victory - and so decisive a victory - over Blackheath, the Lee club has come to the front rank with a rush, in the words of one of their opponents, 'they thoroughly deserved their win, and will give a hard game to any team in the South'. This is highly satisfactory and the Catford club must indeed feel proud of its offspring. Although Blackheath were without Whiteway, their customary goalkeeper, the defences did not do badly, but the attack failed altogether. They did not concentrate on goal, and an attack does that does not do this will never score as it should. A J Dodd also played a purely defensive centre game once more, at a time, too, when attacking was so much needed. It will be remembered that when these teams met in October last the Blackheathians won by eleven goals to four, so that the advance made by Lee is very pronounced. The attacks played splendidly, Bell being especially brilliant, Stoddart and Young were also doing a lot, and Vornberger at centre worked with his customary energy and success. On the defences, McDonell makes a great many openings; he is risky at times, and must be careful not to overdo it. His methods are good, but he must hold a tight hand on himself. H Baskett also did well, despite a tendency to slack up when not actually on the ball. He must work all the time, and should develop the overhand pass. Lee's victory was obtained by five goals to one, after leading by three to one at half time. Blackheath have some comfort in the result in the meeting of the second teams, for Lee were quite outplayed, and the Heathians won by seventeen goals to nil. A R Green, B W Lacey and Titley were prominent for the winners."

January 1903

Lee vs Highgate

Lost

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Daily Express - 19th January 1903

"Highgate started well in the match against Lee, and at half time led by 4 goals to 0. Lee played up in the second half and gained the only point scored. Highgate thus winning by 4 goals to 1."

January 1903

Woodford vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	1	14
Hampstead II vs Lee II	Won	5	1

London Daily Chronicle – 26th January 1903

“SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAGS TOURNAMENTS – FIRST ROUND

Woodford v Lee – with the exception of W Knight who was an absentee from Woodford both sides were at full strength in this match at Lee on Saturday. For a short time after the ‘face’ the game was fairly even, but the Woodford side soon asserted their superiority, and at the interval had established a lead of seven goals to nil. The visitors continued to have much the better of the game and won by fourteen goals to one.

Junior Division – First Round

Snaresbrook I v Surbiton II – this match, at Wanstead, on Saturday resulted in an easy win for Snaresbrook by eleven goals to nil.

Blackheath II v Highgate II – at Blackheath the home side easily proved successful by thirteen goals to three.

Hampstead II v Lee II – on the ground of the former club, at Gospel Oak, on Saturday, this match resulted in favour of the visitors by five goals to one.

Catford II v Croydon II – in this match, at Catford, on Saturday the home side showed superior form all-round and gained the verdict by six goals to two.

Willoughby I v Woodford II – almost directly after the start of the match, at Woodford, K Spiers met with an accident, sustaining a broken nose, and as one of the Woodford men had strained himself both side played short. Willoughby had much the better of the exchanges throughout, and proved successful by fourteen goals to nil.

Cambridge University v Blackheath

In an ordinary match, at Cambridge, on Saturday, the “Varsity” had the better of exchanges during the early stages, and, at the interval, they were leading by four goals to three. On restarting, Blackheath soon equalised, and each side notched another two goals, the contest ending in a draw at six goals all. Whitley (3), J C Beckford-Smith (2), and W N Beckford-Smith were the scorers for the “Varsity”.

Holloway Press – 30th January 1903

“Highgate second string were outclassed by Blackheath II by 13 goals to 3.

Hampstead 2nd v Lee 2nd – on the ground of the former club, at Gospel Oak, this Junior Flag match resulted in favour of the visitors by five goals to one.”

The Field – 31st January 1903

“LEE V WOODFORD – these teams met in the first round of the Senior Flag competition on Saturday at Lee. Woodford lacked the services of W Knight, Keed taking his place. The game was a fast one from the start and both teams had a chance of scoring in the first five minutes. Then the visitors began to press, scoring about eight minutes after the face. From this point Woodford held the upper hand, and after leading at half time by seven goals to none, qualified for the second round by fourteen goals to one. Many of the passes by the home team were intercepted, owing to slow, underhand work. McConell on defence and Bell on attack were

prominent, the latter being a little too unselfish. For the visitors G Tosetti on attack played a good game, but the team, taking them all round, do not handle their crosses as well as they did last season, perhaps they have not got used to the baggy Canadian crosses.

Lee - A H Roberts (goal), S G Hillyer, H Baskett, J W Finch, F McDonell, R C Baskett, C Vornberger, M Price, W Price, R C Bell, H C Stoddart, C G Young.

Woodford - E Walbourn (goal), F Wiggins, A D Tabrum, F Mundy, R F Orr, H W Ramsey, D Tosetti, S G Hough, H V Ramsey, J B Knight, G Tosetti, C R Keed."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 31st January 1903

"In spite of their brilliant victory over Blackheath on January 10th, did not prove good enough to trouble Woodford in the first round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament last Saturday, and it is, perhaps, fairly safe to predict Woodford will win the trophy for the fourth successive year. It is fortunate, however, that they cannot meet Catford in any round earlier than the final, for the latter appear to be the second best club in the south. They have already given Woodford two excellent games. Probably Willoughby and Snaresbrook will qualify for the final of the Junior Flags. This (Saturday) afternoon, those who like to see the fast and picturesque game of lacrosse well played and have an excellent bill of fare, for Cheshire oppose Essex at the Leyton County Cricket Ground, and Middlesex meet Lancashire at Lord's. in St John's Wood way. Both should be close games."

February 1903	Cambridge University vs Lee	Won	10	3
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February 1903	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	4	7
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	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	1	8
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The Field - 14th February 1903

"LEE V HAMPSTEAD - the home team won at Hampstead by seven goals to four. The ground was so affected by the recent rains as to make good lacrosse impossible. Hampstead had the wind and slope in their favour during the first half, and crossed over by leading four to none. The second half was more even, but the Lee team could not draw level, though they improved somewhat towards the close."

February 1903	Other Matters - County Match - Essex vs Kent			
				Essex won 11-5

Woodford Times - 27th February 1903

"ESSEX V KENT

As far as southern counties are concerned, this was the match of the season. During four seasons, since the regular establishment of county matches, Essex has only been beaten once, and on that occasion by Middlesex early this season. But as Essex was suffering severely from sickness, very little importance attached to this defeat, except that it broke the continuity of its record. However, Kent had always run the "little" county very close indeed. The word "little" is particularly attributable to Essex in lacrosse, as Woodford is the only senior club in the county. But Snaresbrook are now able to supply a man or two and has others coming on. On

the other hand Kent has a good selection from Catford, Blackheath, Lee and elsewhere. The two former have run Woodford very close each time they have met this season. Unfortunately, Blackheath had to re-play a flag tie last Saturday, and their contingent was not available. However, a very good team was possible by Kent, and as matters have been going this season, it looked as if Essex might very well lose, especially as W Knight, their international attack wing, was "crocked".

The venue was the County Cricket ground, and a fair crowd had collected. As most of them were presumably supporters of Essex, they went away no doubt delighted with what they saw. Essex played as they never played before. It was evident from the very first that they meant business. Kent scored first by an individual effort of E P Jones, of West London, a very fine player. But this only served to set the home county going faster. Goals soon became to come and 6-1 was reached before Kent again increased their score by the aid of Jones (6-2). Essex added another, and half-time (40 mins) arrived with the latter. Within five minutes of re-starting they had added two more goals, and the game was practically over. Kent rallied somewhat - in fact they never left off trying - and met with more success. Ultimately the score read 11-5 in favour of Essex, who had most of the game, but were going easier. Nothing could surpass the brilliance of the winners at times. With the return of Keed to first home and the cessation of sickness, all the team have now settled back into the places for which nature fitted them, and the result shows that they are really stronger to-day than ever. The way their defences over and over again almost picked the ball off their opponents' crosses was beautiful to see. The passing and taking throughout were very quick and accurate, and the Kent goalkeeper could not be blamed for the result. He saved well on several occasions. Every man of the winners distinguished himself, as did Jones for Kent.

The teams were :-

Essex: E Walbourn, F Mundy (Capt), F Wiggins, A D Tabrum, H W Ramsay, H W Lewis, D Tosetti, J B Knight, H V Ramsey, S G Hough, G Tosetti, C R Ked. All of Woodford except Lewis.

Kent: D E Clarke, C O Lee, A Silvester, L H Baskett (Catford), F McDonell (Lee), E G Lee, E R Dowsett, T Ellis (Catford), R C Bell (Lee), E Archer, A H Pickering (Catford), E P Jones (West London)."

March 1903

Lee vs Oxford University	Won	15	0
Lee II vs Finchley II	Won	8	6

The Field - 7th March 1903

"OXFORD UNIVERSITY V LEE

Pleasant conditions were expected for this match at Oxford on Saturday, but owing to the university sports taking place on Monday no fewer than six of the University's best players were absent. The goalkeeper was comparatively new to his work, and as a consequence, Lee held an advantage throughout and won by fifteen goals to none.

Lee - A H Roberts (goal), F W Finch, R Baskett, F MacDonald, H Baskett, C von Berges, W Price, M Price, S H Dodd, R C Bell, C G Young, S G Hillier.

Oxford University - A E Chasser (goal), F D Ascoll, A Coburn, E J Kylie, F Guid, G E Robertson, B B Hartley, N H Hey, G E Hughes, G E Bain, C W Dixon."

April 1903

Other Matters – North vs South (at Lord's)

North won 11-5

The Manchester Guardian – 20th April 1903

"NORTH V SOUTH"

This important annual match was played at Lord's on Saturday in favourable weather, and before a very good attendance. After many years of failure the Southerners – latterly a much improved lot – turned the tables on their rivals twelve months ago at Manchester, and were quite expected to be equal to the task of repeating the performance. Unfortunately, H W Ramsay was unable to assist them, his place being filled by F Silvester, but the visitors were even worse off in this respect, R Parker-Smith, E Smalley and A Hobbins coming on in the places of J Farrington and H and J Mason. The game was opened very fast with a hot attack on the South goal, which Scott eventually relieved. The ground was excessively hard and slippery and many good pieces of play were abruptly finished by a fall, even those not in the thick of the fray were constantly falling. Nevertheless the play at times was brilliant, especially among the Northern attacks, for whom Staveacre soon opened the scoring with an opening given him by Leigh. After Lavy had tested Smith at the other end a combined movement by Smalley, Mason, Staveacre and Leigh was frustrated by Lee when dangerous. For the home team Jones was putting in a lot of work and almost got home, but R Parker-Smith tackled him well and Leigh – from a free position – scored the second goal for the North dodging his vis-à-vis. This was immediately followed by another pass by Mason towards goal unexpectedly finding its way past Scott. The home team were having much the worst of matters, and were very weak forward. Sinclair, Pickering and Ellis, of whom much was expected, lost their heads when in possession, and Lavy and Jones got little assistance from them. The last two almost broke down the Northern defence on one occasion, but Lavy fumbled and the opportunity was lost. L Johnson throwing down to Hobbins, who was tackled by Scott, but Coop gathered and further increased the North lead. Jones now came out to third home, Lavy going first home, and the change seemed to be an improvement; but Smalley was a great block to the home attacks and repeatedly pulled up dangerous onslaught by grand intercepting. The fifth point to the North started with Smalley, who gave to Coop. The latter and Hobbins dodged Lee and gave Scott no chance.

After this the South improved, Jones scoring their first goal after good play by Mundy, Ellis and Pickering. Jones and Ellis almost repeated the performance directly afterwards, but Smalley, Mason and Leigh got going, and the former was allowed to run right up to Scott, whom he easily defeated. Mundy was constantly applauded for cool play. The home attacks from this point got more work to do. The visitors, however, were playing splendidly, the Parker-Smiths and the Johnsons, and Smalley, aided by Mason at centre, supplying the attacks, of whom Leigh and Hobbins were in fine form, with numerous openings. At length Smith in goal for the North had rather a busy time of it, saving from Silvester and again from a scrimmage, but a fine effort by Lavy and Jones broke down his resistance. Coop and Leigh, however, neutralised this immediately, the latter scoring after some very smart play. Mundy and Smalley for their respective sides were constantly conspicuous, the latter giving Jones no chance, though running too far down, and the next goal fell to the South, owing to Smalley losing to Mundy, who passed down via Ellis and Pickering to Lavy. He made no mistake.

At half time the North led by nine goals to three, achieved by dint of forcing the pace, the effect of which, upon resuming, was readily apparent. The visitors relaxed their efforts considerably, and for some time the game was decidedly tame. Nevertheless they were next to score, A Johnson luckily finding into the net, Scott's vision being obstructed by three men in front of him. Lee was now playing a much improved game, Silvester and Gilby also giving Mundy more assistance, and after Smith had cleared a hot attack on the north posts good combined play between Lavy, Sinclair and Tossetti resulted in the latter beating him once more. Pickering, Ellis and Sinclair were now playing much better, and the visiting backs had hard work to prevent disaster, and Smith had to save a hot shot from Ellis. At the other end A Johnson was checked just in time by Mundy, but Leigh scored again for the North from good passing initiated by Mason, F Johnson and Staveacre. A hot scrimmage on the Northern goal crease came to nothing, but Lavy securing behind passed to Ellis, who beat Smith at the second attempt. This left the North winners of a good game by eleven goals to five.

For the losers Scott had little chance with the shots that passed him, Lee, Lewis and Gilbey being decidedly weak up to the interval, while Mundy, although playing magnificently throughout, ran too far down and left his defence exposed. Several goals were directly attributable to this fault on both sides. Tossetti was hardly a match for Mason, Lavy was handicapped by an injury, and Jones was too well checked to be often dangerous. Pickering takes splendidly, but parts erratically, while Sinclair and Ellis lack experience in representative matches. Silvester was by far the safest defence. The whole play of the Southerners lacked the dash and directness of the Northerners, whose passing was almost perfect. Every man of the visitors did himself justice. On the defence Smalley perhaps stood out most conspicuously; and Mason and Leigh did the same forward. But all contributed to the general success of the team, and there was not a single incident of selfish play throughout, every man combining splendidly with his neighbour.

The teams were North: C H Smith, R Parker-Smith, H Parker-Smith, E Smalley, F Johnson, L Johnson, H Mason, A Hobbins, J Staveacre, A Johnson, G H Leigh, and H Coop. South: C H Scott, C O Lee, H W Lewis, F Mundy, V Gilbey, F Silvester, D Tossetti, P Sinclair, T S Elliot, A W Lavy, A H Pickering and E P Jones.

The international team was selected at the conclusion of the match, and is as follows: C H Smith, Harold Mason, E Smalley, F Mundy, F Johnson, H W Ramsay, Harry Mason, P Sinclair, A W Lavy, E P Jones, G H Leigh and H Coop."

August 1903

Other Matters – County Match – Surrey v Kent Kent won 7-4

South Bucks Standard – 14th August 1903

"A large number of people were present when the teams representing the Surrey clubs and Kent clubs took the field. The game was played in four quarters, a quarter of an hour each. At the end of the first quarter Kent had scored three and Surrey one. Surrey added three during the next and led by four to three at half-time. In the third quarter Kent scored three more goals, and at the end of the period led by six to four. In the concluding quarter they added one more and ran out winners by seven goals to four.

Kent clubs (red & white) – C J Mason, goal; C O Lee (captain), point; R C Baskett, coverpoint; E G Lee, third man; L H Baskett, defence wing; C Vonberger, centre; L B Draper, attack wing; A H Pickering, third home; W Price, second home; H A Stephenson, first home.

Surrey clubs (white) - A Davies, goal; C E Thomas, point; W G Chapman, coverpoint; S O Pugh, third man; H Franklin, defence wing; G Garson, centre; H H Ramsey, attack wing; E S Pierrepont, attack wing; P W Sinclair, third home; F A Spiers, second home; C A Sutton, first home.

The teams had kindly been got together by Mr C E Thomas (Surrey) and Mr L H Baskett (Kent).

September 1903

Other Matters – S E L A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sporting Life - 16th September 1903

“SOUTH OF ENGLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT BUSINESS - INTER-COUNTY AND OTHER FIXTURES

The Annual General Meeting of the South of England Lacrosse Association was held yesterday (Tuesday) at Stone's Restaurant, Broadway, Ludgate Hill, under the chairmanship of Mr F B O Hawes, Surbiton. The hon secretary, in his report, said that the game was still making headway, and the visit of the Oxford and Cambridge team to Canada, and the United States had been beneficial to the sport. The hon treasurer's report showed the Associations finances to be in a sound condition, there being a profit on the year's working of £71 18s 11d, while the assets amount to £188 11s 5d, and there are no liabilities. His Grace the Duke of Argyll was re-elected president, and Mr F B O Hawes, deputy-president, whilst Messrs F E Lacy, W S Rawson and Valentine Barker were added to the list of vice-presidents. Mr T R Sachs was re-elected hon treasurer, whilst Mr E A Taylor, Newlyn, Queens Road, Kingston Hill was elected hon secretary, vice Mr Frank Sachs, who resigned. Messrs H W Ramsay (Woodford), J W Lloyd (Cambridge University), Frank Sachs (West London), and A Coburn (Oxford University) were elected to the committee in place of Messrs Barker, Rawson and Taylor (resigned), and F W Dodd (abroad). The Oxford University, Brookfield (late Finchley), and New College Eastbourne were affiliated.

In a letter, Mr Lacy said that the Lord's ground would again be available to lacrosse during the coming season. The chairman announced the probability of an alteration in the rule respecting crosses so as to conform more to the Canadian pattern of net, which, unlike ours, does not have to flat when the ball is resting on the crosse.”

October 1903

Other Matters – Flags Preview

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 3rd October 1903

“With the advent of the New Year, the thoughts of lacrosse players turn seriously to competition play as distinct from ‘friendly’ play. The first round of the Southern Senior Flags Tournament will be decided on January 24th, when three matches, Highgate v Croydon, West London v Hampstead, and Lee v Woodford will be decided. Ley's School, Blackheath, Cambridge University and Surbiton have drawn byes. Blackheath and Catford are the most likely clubs to wrest the trophy from Woodford, while, in the North, South Manchester stand the best chance of dispossessing Stockport of their long retained honours. Last season the match between the Northern and Southern champions, for the Iroquois Cup, was abandoned; but it is hoped that it will be revived this year. Some new and ambitious blood at the top of the tree in either district would probably ensure a match.”

October 1903

Other Matters – South Development

The Manchester Guardian – 12th October 1903

“Lacrosse is going ahead in the South of England as satisfactory, relatively, as in the North, new clubs have been formed at Brookfield and at Snaresbrook. Fourteen clubs have entered for the senior flags competition, while seventeen teams will take part in the junior one. Altogether the game is in a very healthy condition, a fifth club having been started in the Bristol district, while, owing to the exertions of J W Lloyd, last season's captain of Cambridge University, an attempt is being made to organise a club at Cardiff.”

October 1903

Hampstead vs Lee (at Westcliffe-on-Sea)

Lost 4 9

The Sportsman – 21st October 1903

“Hampstead and Lee club played away, and again quite a decent number of spectators were attracted to see the match. It was a remarkably even game and a very fast, clean one. In the field Lee were perhaps a shade better, but near the goal they failed. Of course, the Hampstead defence always needs some getting through, but the Lee attacks often muffed the ball when a score seemed at any rate possible. The Hampstead attacks did well, but need to pass both quicker and harder. In these days of good stickhandling the poor work of one of Hampstead defences was quite noticeable. The result was a win for Hampstead by nine goals to four.”

The Field – 24th October 1903

“HAMPSTEAD V LEE

Played at Westcliffe-on-Sea las Saturday as an exhibition game, and attracted a considerable number of spectators. In the first half Hampstead scored three goals to two, and on the reface scored four goals in quick succession. Lee smartly responded in a brisk manner, and secured two goals. The light began to fall badly, and when Hampstead had scored two more goals the game was finished five minutes before time, so that Lee suffered defeat by nine goals to four.”

October 1903

West London vs Lee (at Lords)

Lost 4 9

West London II vs Lee II Won Score unknown

Middlesex & Surrey Express – 23rd October 1903

“It is well known that this athletic game can be witnessed every Saturday in the district, for the West London Club is playing on one of Toley's Fields, adjoining Acton station (GWR).

The West London club is one of the oldest southern combinations, and a few seasons ago was at the head of affairs; it continues to flourish by aid of old Cambridge University and Leys School players. Who invariably migrate to its ranks. So far this season, the first team has played i's two opening matches at Lord's Cricket Ground, the headquarters of Southern lacrosse. In the first, it defeated the Lee club by 9 to 4, and on Saturday last it met old

opponents in Croydon, with the result that West London scored 11-1.

The second team lost its first match against Lee 2nd, but, playing at Acton on Saturday last, defeated Croydon's second string by 4-3, after an exciting game.

The West London Club will be glad to welcome new members from the Ealing and Acton district, in the hope that a local team may ultimately be formed."

October 1903	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	8	7
	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	0	3

London Daily Chronicle - 26th October 1903

"LEE V SURBITON

After leading by five goals to two at half time, Lee won this match on their own ground on Saturday, by the narrow margin of eight goals to seven."

November 1903	Highgate vs Lee	Lost	4	9
	Lee II vs Highgate II	Lost	4	8

The Sportsman - 4th November 1903

"Highgate and Lee had quite a good game, which the former won by 9-4. After leading by 7-0 at half time. Failure near goal had most to do with Lee's lack of success; the ball was well worked down - generally by Vornberger - but wild shooting or passing out instead of in nullified these efforts. Highgate combined much better than usual, especially on attack. G C Drummund and L Baskett had their customary duel."

November 1903	Lee vs Croydon	Won	14	5
	Croydon II vs Lee II	Lost	5	8

Norwood News - 14th November 1903

"The Croydon club played out home and away matches with the Lee club last Saturday - the first team at Lee and the second on the South Norwood Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, the first team were short, owing to sickness, and, consequently, were beaten by 14 goals to 5. The ground was in a bad state, owing to the recent rains. The second team were more fortunate, winning by 8 goals to 5, after a very good game. There was some loose checking on the home club's defence, otherwise the result would have been more favourable."

November 1903	Snaresbrook vs Lee	Lost	1	3
	Snaresbrook II vs Lee II	Draw	3	3

The Sportsman - 18^h November 1903

"LEE V SNARESBROOK

At Lee, on 14th last, Snaresbrook won by three goals to one. The slippery state of the ground prevented good shooting.

Lee: A W Towee, D G Hillyer, E Baskett, F W Finch, H Baskett, F McDonell, C Vornberger, M Price, W Price, R C Bell, D Blomfield and H E Relf.

Snaresbrook: W H Jolliffe, E C Fox, H W Lewis, W R Fox, T C Thomasett, K C Fox, R Cameron, H Sudell, G W West, R Cameron, F Keed and S Keed."

November 1903

Lee vs Woodford

Lost

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The Sportsman - 25th November 1903

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

One or two lacrossers have expressed an interest in the remarks made in this column last week regarding the formation of the first Southern lacrosse club. It is a trifle dangerous to encourage an old player to be reminiscent; but needs so little encouragement, and it is not easy for him to decide where to commence and where to end - particularly where to end. However, in these days of regular county fixtures, it may not be out of place to recall the first meeting between Lancashire and Middlesex (probably the first English County match) which took place on the Lower Aston Ground, Birmingham, on October 28, 1882. The result was a win for Lancashire by one goal to nil. It was an extraordinary game, for the Northerners literally bombarded the Southern goal throughout the match. W R Partridge played a wonderful game at point for Middlesex, and he was splendidly backed up by E T Sachs in goal. There was a crowd of 200 or 300 present, and at half time this moved bodily from one end of the ground to the other, as there was practically no play to watch near the Northern goal. The next match between these counties took place at Wanstead on April 19, 1887, when Lancashire won by six goals to three. Another interesting note to recall is the fact that Essex and Middlesex were keen opponents some time prior to the formation of the county clubs. Here are the results of the first three matches between them:

May 8, 1886, Essex beat Middlesex (9-2)

July 15, 1886, Essex beat Middlesex (3-0)

September 29, 1888, Essex beat Middlesex (7-1)."

"Lee put up an excellent game against Woodford in a match wherein the defences for a long time held complete mastery, for it was not until the second half was some minutes old was the first goal scored. The second was then a long time in coming, but when it did it was followed by two others rather quickly. All these went to Woodford, who won by four to one, Lee scoring towards the end. It's a curious thing, but the crosse handling generally of the Woodford team appears to have deteriorated; anyway, it suffered by comparison with the work of the Lee men on Saturday, who only needed promptness and accuracy in passing and decision in shooting to become the formidable team they have always promised to be. Woodford were still without Hough and Spicer, for them the Knights, Mundy and D Tossetti did best, whilst for Lee, who were without their best attack man in Bell, Vornberger, Price and McDonell were good."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 28th November 1903

"Lacrosse was not intended to be played in half a gale of wind, and the fact that Old Boreas was in a state of dementation on Saturday probably accounted for a few of the surprising results. Still, Oxford University must be warmly congratulated on their first victory, especially as it was gained at the expense of such a well-known club as Hampstead. The Dark Blues are mainly novices, but they handle their crosses well; and if they maintain there present rate of progress, will give Cambridge a game in the inter-Varsity match at Lord's on March 21. The Cantabs, however, are going very strongly. It was a big performance to beat Blackheath, at Lord's, by fourteen goals to two. Woodford were fairly held by Lee in the first half, and did not have so much the better of the game in the second half, so they will need to improve to retain the championship. West London, who are steadily regaining their old form, were too good for Highgate. The former will not easily be beaten in the Flag tournament."

December 1903	Blackheath us Lee	Lost	4	9
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The Sportsman - 2nd December 1903

"Blackheath accounted for Lee by 9-4, after holding the upper hand throughout. A J Dodd scored six of the winning goals."

December 1903	Woodford us Lee	Lost	2	4
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Woodford Times - 4th December 1903

"The Woodford Club has been doing very badly lately. They lost to Hampstead; they lost to West London, which is doing worse this season than last, and had a weak team out; they only beat a third rate team like Lee by 4 to 2."

December 1903	Catford us Lee	Lost	2	10
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The Sportsman - 16th December 1903

"Catford continued its undefeated career, and after a thoroughly enjoyable game with its immediate offspring, Lee won by ten goals to two. Play was good on both sides - often very good - fast and keen all the way, whilst Lee had much more of the game Than is suggested by the score. The last-named team is very like the Catford team of four or five seasons ago, and it lacks now just what the Catfordians lacked then - firstly, and mainly, experience; secondly, steadiness on defence; and, thirdly, determination in going for the goal by the attack, and especially by the homes. The forcing game from defence is excellent, but it must be carried out systematically. The homes should always remember that the goal is their objective and to play in its vicinity rather than on the outskirts. The whole team is most promising, and McDonell, Vornberger, Bell and D Blomfield have players who should turn out above the average. Towie was good in goal, and M Spicer (the Cantab) will prove a good acquisition when the ground is a bit dried; weight and mud do not agree. Catford were without Baskett, Clarke in goal was again good, and so was Silvester, the latter especially in the first half."

Kentish Mercury - 18th December 1903

"CATFORD V LEE

The close relationship between these two clubs always arouses considerable interest in this fixture, and yesterday's game at Catford was looked forward to with the usual keenness. As the ground was swampy in one corner the goals were placed diagonally. At the outset Lee attacked vigorously and were an ace of scoring. The Catford defences, however, cleared, and, transferred the ball to the other end, where Silvester did the needful. At half time Catford had a useful lead of 6 goals to 2. Play in the second stage was somewhat curtailed owing to the bad light. Catford added 4 goals, and as Lee failed to score the home team were victorious by 10 goals to 2. For the respective side Towse, Vornberger, Bell, Blomfield Clark and Pickering were prominent, while M Spicer, the Cantab, was a welcome addition to the Lee defence, and should be of great value to them during the vacation."

December 1903	Lee vs Brookfield	Draw	3	3
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Islington Gazette – 22nd December 1903

"That the Brookfield Club will shortly rank as a first-class was proved on Saturday last, when they succeeded in drawing with Lee on their ground, at 3 goals all.

For a team that has only been in existence a few months to give a club of the calibre of Lee a drawn game is a highly creditable performance, especially as all the members of the Lee club are old St Dunstan's scholars, the nursery of lacrosse in South London, and have played together for perhaps ten or more years. Some of the best teams have journeyed to Lee this season and returned with their wings clipped. Only a slice of ill-luck prevented, our local club returning home with a victory, and over-anxiety on behalf of the attacks can be the only excuse they have to offer for failing, for with only one minute of play Monk missed scoring what appeared to be a certain goal. He was quite free, with only the goalkeeper to beat within three yards. Another piece of hard luck was in the first half, when the Lee goalkeeper unconsciously saved a shot by Leal, the ball resting between the goalkeeper's feet on the goal line."

January 1904	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	4	13
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Lost	2	9

Daily News (London) – 4th January 1904

"HAMPSTEAD VS LEE

Played on the ground of the former club, at Gospel Oak, the home side easily proving successful by 13 goals to 4. Only nine players on each side took part."

"HAMPSTEAD II V LEE II

This match, at Lee, resulted in an easy win for the visitors by 9 goals to nil."

January 1904	Other Matters – County Match – Essex vs Kent			
			Essex won 10-7	

Eastern Mercury – 5th January 1904

“ESSEX V KENT

A SPLENDID WIN FOR ESSEX

After an exceedingly close and interesting game, Essex defeated Kent, on the Essex County Cricket Ground at Leyton, on Saturday by ten goals to seven. The home side scored from the face, and soon established a lead of 3-1, but Kent drew level, and after that the game was full of excitement. Essex led at half time 5-4, and later by 8-7. Towards the close they had distinctly the better of play, with the result stated above. Essex were the clever side in passing, especially near goal. H W Ramsey and J B Knight, the defensive wings, opened up the game in fine style, and all the attacks did well. F Keed, a particularly promising player, and G Tosetti scored most of the goals. E P Jones was the pick of the Kent attacks. All the homes were clever. It may be mentioned that Essex scored from the “face” and soon established a lead of 3-1. Then, however, Jones equalised, and at half-time Essex only led by 5-4. Soon after the interval Kent drew level, but G Tosetti again gave Essex an advantage, and after the visitors never got on level terms, although they had several opportunities.”

Woodford Times – 8th January 1904

“ESSEX V KENT

SATURDAYS GAME

Essex secured from the face, and inside of a minute had notched goal number one. Immediately following, Whiteway saved cleverly, and a shot from the rebound hit the post. It was evident the Kent defence were going to be severely taxed. Ere long, Essex led by 3-1, Jones at the other end, being accountable for the visitor's point. The pace continued hot, Essex having by far the most of the game, but Jones, when he got the ball, was so clever that Kent actually established a lead of 4-3. This only settled Essex to sterner work, and half-time (35 minutes) arrived with the home team leading by 5-4. Had it not been for the sturdy pluck of Whiteway in goal, Essex would have been further ahead. Anderton was good at the other end, but Whiteway was excellent. The second half showed that everyone was fit and well, the pace continued just as hot, and Essex drew ahead, 6-4, 7-4, 7-5, 8-5, 8-6 ran the score, but when it reached 8-7, the excitement ruled high, and Kents hopes went up. But Essex meant to make no mistake; in the remaining five minutes they put on two more goals, and landed winners of a fine game by ten goals to seven. Whiteway saved Kent from a heavy defeat, and Jones made the score look well for them, but throughout the field Essex was, individually and combined, the stronger team.

Besides the remarks already made, Arendt, at point, was the only man on the losing side who deserves a commendation. Harvard was not sufficiently aggressive; Baskett was scarcely class enough; Lacey was rather good; McDonell took up good positions, but did little else; Dowsett was invisible; Silvester is no attack; Bell was hopelessly outclassed; Pickering was fair; Dodd did some good, but not as first-home. On the other side, Anderton was good, but occasionally slow in clearing. He had to put long throws in too often, but this was due to Mundy being fully occupied with Jones, and Ramsay having somewhat strained himself. Lewis was sound, but for one slip; Tabrum was very good indeed; Ramsey was in fine form until he hurt himself; J Knight played a grand forcing game; D Tosetti was not as good as usual, but much too good for Dowsett; W Knight worked well, but was well checked by Lacey; Keed did plenty of good work; G Tosetti was very smart at knocking in the

ball on the rebound, at which Arendt seemed quite unable to cope with him, he scored six goals, most of them in this way.

A W Lavy efficiently refereed.

The teams were:-

Essex - A L Anderton (Woodford) goal, H W Lewis (Snaresbrook) point, F Mundy (Woodford) coverpoint, A D Tabrum (Woodford) third man, H W Ramsey (Woodford) and J B Knight (Woodford) defence wings, D Tosetti (Woodford) centre, W M Knight (Woodford) and R Cameron (Snaresbrook) attack wings, F Keed (Snaresbrook) third home, S G Hough (Woodford) second home, and G Tosetti (Woodford) second home.

Kent - W Whiteway (Blackheath) goal, W J Arendt (Catford) point, J M Harvard (Blackheath) coverpoint, L H Baskett (Catford) third man, F McDonell (Lee) and C Lacey (Blackheath) defence wings, E B Dowsett (Catford) centre, A Silvester (Catford) and R C Bell (Lee) attack wings, A H Pickering (Catford) third home, E P Jones (West London) second home, and A J Dodd (Blackheath) first home.

January 1904

Surbiton vs Lee	Won	9	5
Lee II vs Surbiton II	Lost	1	12

Surrey Comet - 16th January 1904

"SURBITON 2ND V LEE 2ND

Played at Lee on Saturday, Surbiton winning by 12 goals to 1. Lee had only 10 men. Surbiton arrived with 13, lent one, and gave Lee the loose man in the second half. The ground was in very bad condition, but Surbiton did excellently, having nearly all the game, and playing capital lacrosse as a proof of which it may be mentioned that first home scored nearly all the goals, the ball being properly worked down all through the game. Millington, at first home, was a valuable addition to the team, but wants to pass more, the other attacks did their share well, and the defence was steady. Lee had some smart attacks, but were given very little chance of openings. Surbiton generally getting the ball away from the face.

SURBITON V LEE

Played on the ground of the former club at Bushy Park on Saturday. The visitors turned up one short and played so during the first half, scoring three to four. Surbiton kindly lent the odd man after the interval and the light bright, and a fast game resulted, good lacrosse being shown from both sides. Surbiton were without Battersby, and Lee lacked the services of Towse and Spicer, but their substitutes performed admirably. Lee scored three goals quickly after the start, but Surbiton gradually equalised, and Lee managed to get a lead of one goal at the interval. On changing ends Lee had the better of the game, and won by nine goals to five, Surbiton chiefly failing through not playing more on goal. Rayner on attack and Pugh on defence were the best for Surbiton, and the Bell brothers and Vornberger were conspicuous on the Lee attack. The Lee defence had to work hard to keep the opposing attacks out and all did good work. Teams: - Surbiton: C H Carlton, S O Pugh, W Crosbie, H A Gammon, B Garson, O Angell, W A Fitzgerald, A Rayner, P Sinclair, T Fordham, S Pownall and J A Sergeant. Lee: P Crittall, H Baskett, R C Baskett, F McDonell, S G Hillyer, C G Blomfield, C Vornberger, W Price, R C Bell, D Blomfield, and H J Bell."

January 1904

Woodford vs Lee

Lost 1 8

The Sportsman - 20th January 1904

"Woodford and Lee had their customary fast and vigorous game, in which Lee men did quite a lot of work, but failed near goal by reason of slow and indirect passing. Woodford rushed off with two early goals, and then Lee pressed from defence, but could not get through. After this Woodford had the better of things, and led by 4-0 at half time. In the second portion they scored 4-1, and so won by eight goals to one. McDonell and Blomfield were the best for Lee who continue to hold out much promise. Mundy did well for Woodford, Neame showed improvement, and W M Knights and G Tosseti were the pick of a good attack. The passing was not always correct, but the ground was very slippery."

January 1904

Cambridge University vs Lee (Flags)

Lost 4 16

The Field - 30th January 1904

"Unfortunately for this match in the Senior Flag Competition, the turf at Fenner's on Saturday considerably affected the standard of play; indeed, good lacrosse was out of the question. However, the University managed to win by sixteen goals to four. In the opening half the University scored eight goals to two, and a like number after changing ends. The goals for the University were obtained by Prior (6), Bickford-Smith (3), Ross (3), Coop (2), Whitley and Dyson, whilst H J Bell (2), Price and Vornberger scored for Lee."

Cambridge University: H W Scott (Clare), M Spicer (Trinity Hall), G F Armstrong (Clare), G F Page (Emmanuel), J W Loyd (Clare), E V Outlon (Christ's), N H P Whitley (Emmanuel), N D C Ross (Calus), W Coop (St John's), E A P Dyson (Jesus), C E Prior (Emmanuel), J C Bickford-Smith (Calus),

Lee: P Cuttall, H Baskett, E G Hillier, E C Baskett, F McDonell, C F Blomfield, C Vornberger, W Price, H Clarke, R C Bell, D Blomfield, H J Bell.

Referee: Mr F F Scott (Selwyn)."

February 1904

Other Matters – Advertisement



February 1904

Blackheath II vs Lee II

Lost 3 7

The Sportsman - 17th February 1904

"The second teams of Blackheath and Lee had a really well played game - the crosse handling and general play being quite good on both sides. Blackheath were generally superior - Marshall, Willick and Bowden doing especially well - and won on their merits."

March 1904

Other Matters – South of England Lacrosse

The Manchester Guardian- 14th March 1904

"In the South of England the game is in a very healthy condition. It was never better played nor with more followers than at the moment in the London district, while the existence of five clubs in Bristol shows that its hold in the West is a firm one. Its establishment at Oxford University two years ago is another very encouraging feature, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that it has so far received the recognition of the authorities at Cambridge, where it has been established for over twenty years, that it has just been awarded a 'half blue'."

April 1904

Other Matters – North vs South Preview

The Manchester Guardian- 11th April 1904

"Next Saturday teams representing the North and South meet on the Stockport ground. Both selections are good ones, the north especially so, but Lavy's absence from the South, after many years' service, will be much regretted by Northern spectators. Whitley and Hartley, the Cambridge and Oxford University captains respectively, have both secured places on the team. They both hail from this district, Having learned the game at Manchester Grammar School. Oulton is from Liverpool, where it is hoped he will do something towards assisting the recent revival there, although his lacrosse proficiency has all been acquired at Cambridge.

The teams are :- North: C H Smith, Harold Mason, E Smalley, J Parkinson, F Johnson, P J Jeffries, H Aryndel, W Torkington, W A Hobbins, H Coop, G H Leigh and E Walker. South: C H Scott, W H Arendt, A D Tabrum, V G Gilbey, H W Ramsay, E V Oulton, N H P Whitley, W M Knight, S Hartley, P W Sinclair, G Tosetti, and E P Jones."

April 1904

Other Matters – North vs South (at Lord's)

North won 8-6

The Manchester Guardian- 20th April 1904

"NORTH BEAT SOUTH

A large crowd of spectators watched the game at Lord's between the North and South, and they certainly had good value for their admission money. The weather was propitious and the turf in good condition. Two changes had been made to the North team, Davies (Monton) and Sparkes (Heaton Mersey) being the eleventh-hour men, whilst on the South side Harvard took Lewis's place at cover. The home twelve opened the game with a burst towards the North goal, and some fine attack play was shown by Knight, Rayner and Jones. The North defence soon rallied, and strong play by Smalley

and Jack Parker-Smith took the work to the other end. After ten or eleven minutes Jones obtained from Archer, and the first home beat Smith from close in. Give-an-take was then the rule, but the South attacks were more prominent, and Jones scored again. The Northern backs display was not good; they seemed to lack a master spirit to direct them, and before long Knight, the brilliant Woodford attack wing, was allowed to end up a long run by getting close in and scoring – a fine run and a merited result. A W Lavy also notched one. The North began to show increasing ability as the interval drew near, and Arundel scored a good goal after passing between Smith and Johnson. At half-time the score was :- South, four goals; North, one.

Then the Northern dozen went at it determinedly, and some good passing by the van, in which Fed Oldham, Coop and Arundel participated, resulted in Walker neatly putting the rubber past Scott in the South of England goal. Keeping up the pressure, the same player put through again, and Coop did likewise with a terrific shot (4-4). The Southern men made desperate efforts to secure more goals. The fine play of Arendt and Gilbey (point and cover) and the wing defences, Ramsay and Silvester, ended in Knight again getting in, and Jones, to the continued cheers of 2,000 spectators, increased the lead. With the score 6-4 for South, the Northern men roused themselves, and soon the benefit of the Northern League system began to tell its tale. The visitors, accustomed as they are every Saturday to go the pace until the final whistle, did just as they are wont to do on Saturday, whilst, on the other hand, the exertions of the first half began to tell on the London men. First Sparkes got in with a clever effort, and then Ernest Walker got past the clever Scott again (his third) by fine and skilful play (6-6). The North now were distinctly overplaying the South, and the end was coming. At last Arundel, who played well all afternoon, slung over to Leigh, and that player obtained a splendid goal, and then as the whistle blew put a similar goal past Scott – two most marvellous goals. Time came with North winner by eight goals to South's six. Coop, Leigh and especially Fred Oldham shone greatly for North, whilst Rayner, Ramsay, Scott and Jones were the pick of the South team, taking the play in aggregate.

North: C H Smith (Heaton Mersey), H Voyce (Heaton Mersey), D Davies (Monton), E Smalley (Heaton Mersey), J Parker-Smith (South Manchester), L B Johnson (Stockport), F Oldham (Heaton Mersey), H Arundel (Heaton Mersey), M Sparkes (Heaton Mersey), H Coop (Ashton), C B Leigh (South Manchester), E Walker (Rochdale).

South: C H Scott (West London), W J Arendt (Catford), E Harvard (Snaresbrook), F V Gilbey (Hampstead), A Silvester (Catford), H W Ramsay (Woodford), H Hosken (Leys), A Rayner (Surbiton), W M Knight (Woodford), E Archer (Catford), A W Lavy (west London), E P Jones (West London)."

April 1904

Other Matters – Brookfield Season Halted

Holloway Press – 22nd April 1904

"The Brookfield Lacrosse Club's first season at Finsbury Park has come to an abrupt end, owing to an order issued by the London County Council prohibiting games during April. Matches had been arranged with Lee, Croydon and Snaresbrook, all of which were to have been played at Finsbury Park. This is to be much regretted, as the matches have caused much interest, and many look forward to seeing the games against Lee and Snaresbrook. During the past season the first team has played 22 matches, of which 11 were won, 10 lost and 1 drawn. The number of goals scored was 159 against

124. *The second team has done equally well, having played 15 matches, winning 8 and losing 7, their goal average was 94 for and 70 against."*

May 1904

Other Matters – Season Review

The Manchester Guardian – 2nd May 1904

"In reviewing the season just closing the final verdict to be pronounced is one of distinct progress, not only in the extension of the game but in the skill with which it is played. Although we have to deplore its gradual extinction in Ireland, to Englishmen that is of very little importance, for beyond furnishing an annual international game the players of the two countries, owing to the distance separating them, seldom came in contact. But in this country Lacrosse is undoubtedly going ahead not only at the great centres of London and Manchester but at the Universities and the West of England. And it may not be long before Wales is able to take up the challenge – now unaccepted by Ireland – to an international encounter.

Nuneaton was the scene of a meeting between Stockport and Woodford, until this season were for so many years respectively champions of the North and South, and they gave a very interesting exhibition at the Midlands town, where A Johnson, formerly the very active and dangerous Stockport second home, has been working hard to establish the Canadian game. The teams were not quite representative, and in the end the Southerners won a close game by seven goals to six.

In point of skill the progress evident is very gratifying. After many years' the superiority of Stockport in the North – with their wonderful record – and Woodford in the South it is a welcome change to have South Manchester and Catford occupying top places. It is also satisfactory to note that they have done so by really good lacrosse, for South Manchester's success has been due to good all-round combined work rather than to the individual brilliance of a few, though G H Leigh – probably the finest attack player in England today – may be singled out as both a capital combined and individual player as occasion may demand. The Torontos have certainly left their mark behind them, and their example has undoubtedly improved the English standard of play. We must be careful not to forget the lessons they taught us, the first one of which is to continue masters of our crosses. In Canada snow and ice prevent the game being played in the winter, and the opportunities for practice – apart from matches – in the summer evenings are therefore unlimited. How can we, playing a match a week in winter without any intervening practice, hope to reach the highest proficiency unless we turn out during the summer months, two or three enthusiasts together and study crosse manipulation and combined play! This is infinitely better than continuing match play during the summer, and usually brings its own reward when autumn once more heralds the serious business of lacrosse. Some of the main points that we gleaned from the Torontos' displays were the assistance that the others may give to the man with the ball. It is the duty of the others to get free and be ready for a pass directly an ally secures the ball. It is the latter's duty to give it immediately to one of those free men instead of – as is frequently the case – using up his own energy in a strenuous single-handed contest with his own vis-à-vis, often from a desire to gain the applause of the gallery. Fortunately, this sort of play is going out of fashion since the gallery learned to distinguish between the correct game and the incorrect, and individual duals nowadays receive the scant recognition that they deserve, when deliberately provoked. The first thing to consider on obtaining the ball should

be 'Whom shall I give it to?' Indeed, it is often better to decide that before obtaining possession. How very useful it is to take the ball and part with it again, to the right man of course, in one and the same action. When a colleague is engaged in a scrimmage, take up such a position that he may be able to rely on your assistance as well as relieve himself. Attacks should all keep on the move whether they will be passed to or not. Nothing is more demoralising to an opposing defence, and against the Torontos the English defences were never worked so hard for so little handling of the ball in their lives. Combination is the great secret of success, and individual excellence without it will never prevail against it. Long defence throwing must never be resorted to except under the most pressing circumstances, but passing down the field by easy stages instead. Theoretically it has always been recognised that the correct method of scoring is to get a man extra on the attack, when by faultless passing the advantage can be carried up to the goal, and then there is no one but the custodian to beat. This is all quite simple provided the faultless passing does not fall. Passing should be fast and horizontal, and the pass made when close to the intervening checker, so that he has no time to judge and intercept it. The action should be made by what is known as a 'flick', the hand at the butt of the crosse providing the motive power, that in the centre serving as a pivot. There is still too much one handed work by English players. The Torontos never seen to take a catch with only one hand on the crosse, unless it was a question of reach. To get the 'extra' man on the attack it may sometimes be necessary to do so as an individual effort, a dodge, or contest of speed. But this should seldom be necessary if the defence make openings properly. It is often forgotten that goalkeeper; himself being an 'extra' man, may develop the movement, but the very common fault of the defence men going too far up with the ball must be strenuously avoided. On the whole many of these matters are better understood than they were two years ago, but those players who, by practice during the coming months are enabled correctly to carry out the theory of the game will certainly have a pull next season over their opponents who have not followed their example."

June 1904

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Observer – 26th June 1904

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CRYSTAL PALACE.

GREAT SPORTS EXHIBITION.

Next Wednesday, 25th inst.
Lacrosse at 5:15, Surrey v. Kent.

Next Friday, July 1st.
Lacrosse at 5:15, Middlesex v. Essex.

Next Saturday, July 2nd.
100 Miles Paced Cycle Race for Carwardine Cup, &c.

BROCK'S FIREWORKS.

Magnificent Displays every Thursday and Saturday.
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards and other Daily Attractions.

"CRYSTAL PALACE – In connection with the Sports Exhibition, which is drawing crowds to Sydenham, two lacrosse matches have been arranged to take at the Crystal Palace this week. On Wednesday Kent will meet Surrey, and at the second match on Friday Middlesex will be opposed by Essex. The games are to be played on the ground of the London Polo Club, and commence each evening at a quarter past five o'clock."

August 1904

Other Matters – White Lacrosse Ball

The Manchester Guardian – 9th August 1904

“A WHITE LACROSSE BALL

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir, - It would seem that lacrosse players on this side of the Atlantic have never seriously considered the question, as there can be little doubt of the superiority of white compared to black. Sufficient reason for adopting a white ball is that it is more easily seen. In hockey, although a larger ball is used than for lacrosse, it is whitewashed; in golf and tennis white balls are also used. Lacrosse as an exhibition game has never, to the wonder of its admirers, become a popular institution in this country. It is a common experience for spectators to lose sight of the ball altogether at, say, 100 to 150 yards distance. It's a position may be guessed at through the apparent aimless antics of a few men in pursuit of it. It is not likely that this defect is in some measure responsible for the lack of interest taken in lacrosse matches? For the quick passing of the teams, and, above all, for the goalkeepers, a more easily seen ball would be a boon. The Canadian white ball at present on the market is, too heavy, though admittedly easier to see. Our present ball is eminently satisfactory in weight and size; it only needs to be white. Any outfitter or rubber manufacturer will do this for us. In fact one has already expressed his willingness to do so. Yours & c.

R M Gowan

New Chester, Sale

August 8th

October 1904

Other Matters – New Ground

Beckenham Journal – 1st October 1904

“The Lee Lacrosse Club is this season coming to play at Beckenham, on the ground of the New Beckenham Cricket Club in Copers Cope Road, thus adding one more to the already numerous sports played in the neighbourhood. The Secretary is R C Bell, 76, The Avenue.”

October 1904

Lee vs Snaresbrook (at Lords) Lost 4 9

October 1904

Woodford vs Lee (Exhibition Match) (Bishops Stortford)
Lost 5 11

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 15th October 1904

“Towards the end of last season Surbiton returned to something like their old glory, and the unexpectedly hard game which they gave Catford in the final tie of the Southern Championship will not readily be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to witness the match. That they do not intend to slip back again has already been demonstrated, by their latest performance - a victory over Highgate by ten goals to three - suggest they stand considerably more than an outside chance of regaining the flags. Hampstead also accomplished a highly creditable feat in beating Blackheath by five goals to two. Hampstead, it will be remembered, were the team to spoil Woodford's lengthy run of triumph, and their form during the last two years has been pleasing to those who appreciate the long history of the club. Woodford and Lee were engaged on Saturday in an exhibition match at Bishops Stortford, where the former proved successful by eleven goals to five. Snaresbrook, who have opened the season very well, gained another victory - this time over Clapham. It was a good game, in

which both defences shone, but the Snaresbrook attack proved a little stronger."

October 1904	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	6	5
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The Sportsman – 19th October 1904

"The defeat of Surbiton by Lee is a surprise, though Lee is, of course, the team to create a surprise, for the men are all genuine triers, and they are generally as fit as they are keen. Surbiton led by 3-1 at half time, but Lee by scoring 5-2 in the second half, won by six goals to five. R and H Baskett played well on the winning defence, and Bell scored most of the goals."

October 1904	Snaresbrook vs Lee (at Lord's)	Lost	4	9
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November 1904	Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex			
			Kent won 8-4	

Essex Times – 2nd November 1904

"KENT V ESSEX

Kent placed a representative side in the field at Catford Bridge on Saturday, where as Essex were compelled, in the absence of several old internationals, to reorganise their team. The Kent attacks were quickly into their stride, and H W Scott, who was keeping goal for Essex for the first time, had a very anxious half hour. During this period the home side scored four goals, E P Jones performing most brilliantly and being responsible for five of six points that fell to Kent before half time. Cameron and Keed scored for Essex, the game standing 6-2 in favour of Kent at the interval. After changing over Essex were better together and played ruled quite even, Jones and Tozer finding the net for Kent, while Keed and Hough replied for Essex, an interesting struggle resulting: Kent, eight goals; Essex, four goals.

Kent: W Whiteway (Blackheath), W J Arendt (Catford), C O Lee (Catford), J M Harvard (Blackheath), A Silvester (Catford), E H Baskett (Catford), E B Dowsett (Catford), C D Young (West London), R C Bell (Lee), E P Jones (West London), A H Pickering (Catford), and W F Tozer (Catford).

Essex: H W Scott (Cambridge University), C F Wiggins (Woodford), H W Lewis (Snaresbrook), A D Tabrum (Woodford), H W Ramsay (Woodford), C K Fox (Snaresbrook), R Cameron (Snaresbrook), C P Ludbrook (Woodford), E Davies (Woodford), S G Hough (Woodford), F Keed (Snaresbrook), and J B Knight (Woodford)."

November 1904	Highgate v Lee	Won	6	3
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The Sportsman – 3rd November 1904

"The ground at New Beckenham was in a heavy condition for the Lee Highgate Match, in which there was plenty of vigour, but not much good lacrosse. Lee won by six goals to three."

November 1904	Blackheath u Lee	Draw	5	5
	Lee II vs Blackheath II	Won	5	4

The Sportsman - 16th November 1904

"Blackheath and Lee had a capital game at Blackheath. The younger club sailed away merrily to begin with, scoring three goals in twenty minutes and leading 4-1 at half time. After this the attacks failed to put the finishing touches to other good work, and also found Whiteway horribly in the way, despite the failing light. Blackheath were more successful and made the game a draw of five goals."

December 1904	Lee vs Brookfield	Won	12	7
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Holloway Press - 2nd December 1904

"Fog and frost caused the postponement or abandonment of the majority of matches on Saturday, but among the few contests decided Lee on their own ground at Beckenham defeated our local Brookfield club by 12 goals to 7. and Hampstead (O) generally had the worst of play with Snaresbrook (6).

General public interest is being taken in the lacrosse matches played at Finsbury Park on Saturday afternoons. Every week several hundreds of spectators assemble around the ground and take the keenest interest in the game; but what is most surprising is the large number of ladies who attend most regularly, and how delighted they are when the home team scores. At present ladies do not play lacrosse to any extent, although there are ladies club's at Brighton, Westfields and Ealing."

December 1904	Lee vs Highgate	Draw	4	4
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December 1904	Lee vs Catford	Lost	2	11
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The Sportsman - 21st December 1904

"LEE V CATFORD

At New Beckenham, on Saturday, Catford won by eleven goals to two. Neither team was at full strength, Catford being chief sufferers. Toser did a large share of the work on the Catford attack, and at half time score was 6-1 in their favour, M Price having put the ball through for Lee. In the second half Catford played uphill, but this did not prevent them scoring as fast as ever, Toser again taking most of the five goals, while Bell took one for Lee, the final score standing as above mentioned. The brothers R C and H Baskett played a good game for the Lee defence.

Lee: A W Towse, H Baskett, S G Hillyer, F McDonell, C G Blomfield, R C Baskett, C Vornberger, W Price, R Edwards, R C Bell, M Price and W S Wallis.

Catford: Mason, J A Smith, C G Lee, E G Lee, A S Wester, L Baskett, E B Dowsett, Espir, Ricjes, H L Sachs, W Toser and E Smith."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 24th December 1904

"It cannot be said that last Saturday's lacrosse matches produced anything in the nature of a startling surprise. That Catford would defeat Lee was a foregone conclusion, and their victory by twelve goals to two gives on a fair idea of the merits of the respective

teams. Woodford showed a falling-off in attack in their match against Highgate. It was a fair and even game, but the Woodfordians might have been expected to do better than lose by three to one. Surbiton did not have a very formidable task in their match against a combined team of Croydon and Clapham players. Neither of the latter clubs can boast any particularly brilliant exponent of the game, so winning by five goals to one Surbiton accomplished little more than a moderate performance. In the brothers Keed, Snaresbrook have players who should develop into two of the most prominent attacks in the South. That Snaresbrook are strong in the attacking department was proved by their eight to nothing victory over Brookfield. On more than one occasion during the present season Willoughby have shown surprisingly good form, and they gave further proof of their prowess last week-end by lowering the colours of Hampstead by five to three."

December 1904

Other Matters – Second Half of Season Preview

The Referee – 25th December 1904

"LACROSSE COMPETITIONS

FIGHTING FOR THE FLAGS

CLUB AND COUNTY PROSPECTS

If the second half of the present season's lacrosse fail to rival in point of interest the play in any past year, followers of the game will have cause for disappointment. At least three clubs are well in the running for the Southern Senior Flags; and although at present Catford look like gaining their second consecutive victory in the competition, either West London or Snaresbrook will create a surprise. The two latter clubs have come on wonderfully during the present season, and if neither win it is certain that they will not be displaced without a severe struggle.

In J J Cawthers the West Londoners have a very fine centre, and his regular appearance in that position has done a lot towards strengthening both defences and attack. He learnt the science of lacrosse in Toronto, and at Cambridge gained his half blue as a long distance runner. In the draw for the Flag Tournament, West London find themselves in a warm quarter. They should have little difficulty in defeating Blackheath, where they meet in the first round, but in the proceeding round they will have to oppose Catford, provided the latter do not unexpectedly succumb to Woodford. Snaresbrook are fortunately placed. In the first round they meet Highgate, which should not cause the Essex club very serious trouble, and although, in the second round, they will have to oppose either Surbiton (the runners up to Catford last season) or Cambridge University, they should, if they maintain the form they have so far displayed pass into the semi final.

So far Surbiton do not give the impression of being a very dangerous team. They have practically only two men on the attack worthy of great consideration – viz P Sinclair and A Rayner, and these players are not this season very successful goal scorers against a strong defence. Cambridge also fail to strike one as being as good a side as in former years, but Varsity and school teams are always more or less unknown quantities, and it impossible to say how far the light blues will fare. One of the closest matches in the first round should be that between Lee the offspring of the Catford club and Oxford University. Judging by the form the Oxfordians have displayed on more than one occasion during the last few months, theirs is a combination not to be displayed. Provided they survive the first round, which is by no means unlikely, they should stand a good chance of getting in the penultimate round; for their

opponents in the second tie will be Brookfield, a team which the dark blues have already defeated to the tune of 13 goals to 5.

That Kent will be County champions at least of the South is now practically certain. Thanks to their excellent attack, in which the partnership of E P Jones and W F Tozer has resulted in such a plethora of goals, the Kent county have already defeated Essex and Middlesex. They have still to meet Surrey, but considering the latter have succumbed to Essex and Middlesex it is obvious that a Kentish victory is almost assured. Surrey, who are composed chiefly of Surbiton players, have lost both the matches in which they have engaged, and only gained 5 goals as against 15 scored against them. Essex and Middlesex are apparently about as equality. Both counties have won one and lost one of their matches; Middlesex have scored and lost 13 goals, and Essex have gained and lost 11."

December 1904

Other Matters – Second Half of Season Preview

The Sportsman – 28th December 1904

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

It will probably news to all present day lacrossers in the West, and doubtless to the large majority of others who are not Westerners, to know the game was played for at least a season on the downs at Clifton in the early "eighties". The Clifton L C was a reality, however, though there does not appear to be any record existing of match results - always supposing they were played. It was more or less a private affair, and at various times several members passed a week or two with the promoter of the club, who acted as host also, and who put up visitors in tents in his grounds. The life was Bohemian but very congenial and practising tended to make one remarkably fit. The class of play never reached a very high standard, and two London players who went down for a week or so were able to do as much as they liked. This was evidently but the prologue to the successful tale of Western lacrosse that is now being written.

With the end of the year the thoughts of Southerners turns to Flags, and on the 21st prox, we shall be in the throes of those interesting competitions. The juniors lead the way on that date, and, as one of the healthiest signs of the future of the game is the excellence of nearly all the second teams, the prospects of good play and keen contests are excellent. The early preliminary round, which is rendered necessary by the increased number of entries for the event comprise three matches, viz, Lee II v Snaresbrook II, Blackheath II v Clapham II, and Brookfield II v Woodford II. The result of the first of these appears to be very open, with the balance slightly favouring Lee. Provided they can muster their proper twelve Blackheath should win their tie, and Woodford will also secure theirs. This will bring us to the second round, on February 4, when sixteen teams will compete and of which anon."

"The sympathies of all Southern lacrossers will go out to the Willoughby Club in the loss they have sustained by the untimely death of F Yardley. A promising player, a keen enthusiast, and withal a right good fellow. He has played on the wing attack for Middlesex for the past two seasons."

January 1905	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	7	10
<i>Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 7th January 1905</i>				
<i>“The feature of last Saturday’s lacrosse matches was the closeness of the various results. Only one club in the south gained anything like a runaway victory, viz, Croydon’s win over Clapham by ten goals to two. Woodford put up a much better game than might have been expected against Catford. On both defence and attack there was little to choose between the sides, and Catford’s victory by five goals to three gives a fair indication of the nature of the contest. Although Snaresbrook defeated Blackheath by five to two, it cannot be said that the Essex club quite fulfilled its expectations. Their defence has hitherto been so sound that it is somewhat surprising that an attack like that of Blackheath should succeed in scoring twice. In defeating Lee by ten to seven Hampstead accomplished a good performance, and Willoughby did well to beat Highgate by five to two.”</i>				
January 1905	Lee II vs West London II	Won	11	10
January 1905	Surbiton vs Lee	Lost	0	13
January 1905	Snaresbrook vs Lee	Lost	4	11
<i>The Sportsman 25th January 1905</i>				
“SNARESBROOK V LEE				
<i>The teams met at Wanstead on Saturday, Snaresbrook winning by eleven goals to four, after leading at half time by four goals to one. Lee turned up one man short, whereupon Snaresbrook played the odd man on defence in the first half and Lee the second half. The game was very even and fast throughout, but Snaresbrook’s attacks were in good form and their shooting certain. Jolliffe in goal saved well for Snaresbrook and Blomfield and Vonberger played well for Lee.</i>				
<i>Lee: A W Towse, R H Baskett, R G Cittale, F McDonell, SG Hillyer, R C Baskett, W Price, R C Bell, Vornberger, M Price and D Blomfield.</i>				
<i>Snaresbrook: W H Jolliffe, R C Fox, H W Lewis, K Fox, C W West, T C Thomasett, R Cameron, A H Suddell, H G Cameron, S G Hough, F Keed and S Keed.”</i>				
February 1905	Oxford University vs Lee (Flag)	Won	7	5
<i>Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 11th February 1905</i>				
<i>“It cannot be said that the matches in the first round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament, last Saturday, produced any very surprising results. Woodford might have been expected to have done better against Catford, but the holders were always playing a winning game, and their victory by eleven goals to three just about represents the run of the contest. Neither Oxford nor Cambridge survived the preliminary round. The dark blues gave Lee a good game, and after being only one point their opponents at the interval, were finally defeated by seven to five. Cambridge had a more formidable task in opposing Surbiton, the runners up to Catford last year. They were rarely able to make an impression on their opponents’ defence, and Surbiton ultimately won by ten to three. West London had matters pretty well their own way against Blackheath, whom they defeated by fourteen to one; and</i>				

Snaresbrook, who look like reaching the final, gained an easy victory over Highgate by fourteen clear goals."

February 1905

Other Matters – Southern Flag Preview

Athletic News – 20th February 1905



"HAPPENINGS LONDON WAY

Snaresbrook are in the happy position of having S G Hough back on their attack, in consequence are confident of their ability to go far in the flags. Surbiton one of last year's finalists, have certainly improved of late. At the beginning of the season there was a great lack of understanding of each others play. The combination of the whole team is now improved, and with P Battersby back at cover are a very likely lot of lacrossers. Catford seem to be going stronger than ever, especially the attacks, Tozer at first home, Riches, Sachs and Pickering are a pretty quartette to watch, and I think it will take more than a West London defence to stop their liveliness. Hipwell, of Clapham, in goal is not backed up by the line defence as he should be. It has been stated over and over again – cut off a man running in at any hazard, force a pass, there is always less danger in doing so than permitting a shot at goal. Perhaps Pinney, Adlard, Lynde and Taylor will kindly note? Lee and Highgate have been pretty evenly balance in their matches this season, although Lee have won both encounters (6-3 and 6-4). Their match at Lord's was notable for the good form shown by Bell, the Lee custodian, along with the Basketts, Bell and Price, Taylor at point, and Bishop of Highgate, are doing especially well at present, but the rest of the defence do not watch their men closely enough. St Dunstan's School have some very promising crosse handlers in their ranks. The attack especially is very smart. But I am afraid the defence play the body just a little more than the ball. At least this is the Highgate Reserves 'plaint against them. However, as I have not seen them play lately I cannot substantiate the assertion, and one must remember the match was a flag tie, and so likely to be played with a little more energy than is usual in a 'friendly'."

The Sportsman – 22nd February 1905

"Two thoughts will be with those who reflect upon the teams left in the semi-finals. One is that the names of Cambridge University, Catford and Woodford are missing from the penultimate round in the Senior competition, and the other, that of the eight teams three are entirely and three largely composed of those who have learnt their lacrosse at school. The Lee twelve, like the parent club, Catford, hails nearly to a man from St Dunstan's College. West London is largely recruited from Leys School, and Cambridge University has a good influx from the same home of the game. These facts and the further one that Leys is represented in both the Senior and Junior semi-finals makes the moral tolerably obvious."

February 1905

Lee vs Brookfield (Flag)	Won	18	1
Brookfield II vs Lee II	Lost	3	6

The Sportsman – 22nd February 1905

The Lee-Brookfield contest proved quite as runaway affair for the former as the score indicates. Raynes at centre worked hard, but no other Brookfielder was able to play his game. It was, of course, a severe test for a young team. For Lee, D Blomfield scored ten goals – one or two pretty efforts – Hillyer opened up the game from defence wing several times most successfully, and all the defences seemed a bit too good for their respective opponents."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 26th February 1905

"The chief factors in West London's surprising victory over Catford in the second round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament, last Saturday, were the excellence of their defence and the brilliant shooting of E P Jones, their second home. Jones rarely missed an opportunity of converting an opening into a goal, and E Sonnenschein, H D Wyatt T C Hollington, and J W Lloyd played splendidly on defence. But, good as they were the West London defenders, their efforts would have been unavailing had C H Scott, England's goalkeeper, been at his best.

After the constantly good form shown by Snaresbrook this season, they were distinctly disappointing in their match against Surbiton. The Essex club held their own fairly well throughout the first half, but Surbiton had their opponents set soon after changing ends, and finally won the game by nine goals to three. Lee who were lucky in the matter of the draw, qualified for the semi-final round at the expense of Brookfield by the substantial margin of eighteen to one; and Leys School created some surprise by defeating Willoughby by twelve to eight."

Holloway Press – 24th February 1905

"BROOKFIELD II V LEE II

At Finsbury Park on Saturday, Lee arrived three short, but substitutes were found and eleven aside were played. The first half was very even, the score at the interval being 3-2 in favour of the home team. On resuming, Lee soon equalised, but towards the end of the game Brookfield attacked strongly and scored three goals in quick succession, the game ending in a victory for the home team by six goals to three. Macmin and Cronk played well for Brookfield, and Clarke and Wates were prominent for the losers."

March 1905

Lee vs Blackheath	Won	10	1
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The Sportsman – 1st March 1905

"LEE V BLACKHEATH

At New Beckenham on Saturday the home team won by ten goals to one. In the first half of the game play was very even, Lee only scoring twice. On resuming, Lee went ahead, M Price playing well and doing most of the scoring. Blackheath were without Harvard on defence.

Lee: A W Towse, R G Crittall, H Baskett, F McDonell, R C Baskett, S G Hillyer, C Vornberger, R Edwards, W Price, R C Bell, M Price, and D Blomfield.

Other Matters - County Match - Kent v Surrey
Kent won 12-2

"Kent placed a strong team in the field , but Surrey has substitutes for Battersby, Gammon, Fordham, Fitzgerald, Rayner and Sinclair of the Surbiton club. This weakened Surrey's chances of success were of the slightest. The whole team played up most pluckily nethertheless, but, after scoring the first goal, Kent easily proved themselves the superior side. They led by five goals to one at half time and eventually won by twelve to two. Davis, in goal, stopped a large of close shots for the losers, and Pugh, McDonell, Turner, Sutton and Pierpoint did best for them in the field. The Kent team was by no means at its best, but perhaps it would not be fair to criticise them in a game they won so easily."

Surrey: A Davis (Surbiton), P Altman (Croydon), S O Pugh (Surbiton), F McDonell (Lee), E A V Angier (Surbiton), M Elderton (Cambridge University), E Jephson (Croydon), R O Lynde (Clapham), S A Robinson (Croydon), C A Sutton (Clapham), R Turner (Croydon), and E S Pierrepont (Surbiton)."

"Unlike the earlier game, the match between Kent and Surrey last Saturday, proved very one sided, the Surrey team, owing to the absence of seven Surbiton players at the Surbiton Athletic meeting, being far from representative. Kent opened sluggishly, the early stages of their play giving no indication of the fate in store for their opponents. Indeed, Surrey were the first to score, but from that time the Kent players took a firm grip of the game, and rattled up five points before the interval, when the score stood at five to one in their favour."

Subsequently it became simply a matter of how many goals Kent would score. Bell, Price, Jones and Tozer, gave the Surrey defence no rest, while Arendt, Lee and Silvester, behind them always held the upper hand of the Surrey attacks. Surrey were fortunate to add one point while Kent were obtaining seven, the final score being: Kent, twelve goals; Surrey, two."

Lee vs Catford Lost 1 5

"The most important of last Saturday's lacrosse matches was that between Surbiton, the present holders of the Senior Flag, and Woodford, at Lords. Surbiton were invariably quicker on the ball, and, taking the lead early in the game, they finally gained an easy victory by 9 goals to 2. Catford and Lee had a hard game on the ground of the former club, the result being a win for Catford by 5 goals to 1. At Snaresbrook the home club were beaten by West London by 6 goals to 3. The most decisive victory was that which

Hampstead gained over Willoughby. Willoughby could never hold their opponents, and were defeated by 15 goals to 3."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 21st October 1905

"Lord's was the scene of an interesting match, between Surbiton, the present holders of the Senior Flag, and Woodford, who a few years ago, were the undisputed champions of the South of England. Recently, the Essex team has shown a little of their old brilliancy, and their form in Saturday's encounter did not suggest that they stand much chance of regaining the championship this season. The combination and passing of the Surbiton men was always superior to that of their opponents, and the ultimate victory, by nine goals to two, gives a fair idea of the respective merits of the sides. In the match between West London & Snaresbrook, the West London attacks were generally the quicker on the ball, but there was not much to choose between the defence of the opposing sides. The West Londoners always had a little in hand, and if the points and the defence wings had been a little more successful in checking the opposition, they would have won by a bigger margin than six to three. Catford always had the better of exchanges against Lee, but several of the players on the younger club's side showed excellent form. On the whole, it was no disgrace to be beaten by so strong a combination as Catford by five to one."

October 1905	Lee vs Blackheath	Won	4	2
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The Sportsman - 25th October 1905

"Lee defeated Blackheath by 4-2, the last named being a man short throughout, it was a very fast game, and was chiefly noticeable for the tremendous amount of work put in by the opposing centres. C Vornberger and C W Lacey - the one hailing from St Dunstan's College and the other from Leys School. The game was even as well as fast, and Lee should have scored oftener, but the attack failed frequently near goal, where the necessary crispiness was wanting. Whiteway, W Price, M Price and Blomfield did well, and Mather holds out much promise."

October 1905	Snaresbrook II vs Lee II	Lost	4	13
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November 1905	Other Matters -County Match – Kent vs Essex (at Lord's)			
			Kent won 9-3	

Daily News (London) - 4th November 1905

"KENT V ESSEX

At Lord's Cricket Ground yesterday Essex, who were not at full strength, were defeated by a strong Kent team by nine goals to three."

November 1905	Surbiton vs Lee	Lost	4	8
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	11	2

Evening Mail – 6th November 1905

“Playing on their own ground, at Hampton Wick, Surbiton, who hold an unbeaten record for the season, defeated Lee by eight goals to four.”

The Sportsman – 8th November 1905

“Lee maintained their form well against Surbiton, the flag holders winning 8-4, after leading 4-2 at half time.”

“Lee II beat Surbiton II, by eleven goals to two.”

Surrey Comet – 11th November 1905

“Surbiton defeated Lee, at Hampton Wick, by eight goals to four, The second elevens met at New Beckenham, where, on a rather soft ground, Lee won by eleven goals to two. Surbiton had twelve men on the field, but lent one to their opponents. The visitors were quite outclassed by the superior play and combination of the Lee team, who played with dash and spirit, and at half time had scored six goals to Surbiton’s one (Everitt). Harrison after rearranging his defence, kept the ball well up on attack, but were unable to get back in time to help the defence when danger threatened through the brilliant rushes of the home team. A more defensive game should have been played under the circumstances. Marsh, in goal, had not much chance of stopping the many free shots at goal. Surbiton, however, also got by Everitt.”

November 1905

**Other Matters –County Match – Middlesex us Kent (at Lord’s)
Match Drawn 8-8**

The Manchester Guardian – 19th November 1905

“MIDDLESEX DRAW WITH KENT

A fast and interesting game was witnessed at Lord’s yesterday between teams representing Middlesex and Kent. The result was a draw of 8 goals all. Kent had slightly the better of the opening exchanges, and scored a couple of points before the Metropolitan county responded. At half time, however, Kent led by only 3-2. On changing ends some time elapsed before there was any further scoring. Then Kent increased their lead, and at one time led by 5 to 2, but from that point Middlesex showed capital form, and ultimately effected the draw as stated.”

November 1905

Hampstead us Lee	Draw	9	9
Hampstead II us Lee II	Lost	4	6

December 1905

West London us Lee	Lost	5	9
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The Sportsman – 13th December 1905

“LACROSSE NOTES

BY FRANK SACHS

There was a letter in the football columns of last Wednesday’s Sportsman from a man who ‘used to play rugby when a boy’ inviting rugby men to look on at some good game of lacrosse and he expressed the opinion that ‘they would ponder deeply’. His chief references are to ‘backing up’ to which attention was drawn in these notes a few weeks ago. It will not occur to lacrossers that

rugby men need worry about lacrosse for anything in the way of inspirations, for it is evident that the New Zealanders style of keeping the ball among themselves by quick passes is the same in good lacrosse. It is certainly one of the essential qualities of lacrosse, but one that requires the absolute fitness of every man in the team before it can be properly carried out. This mingling of rugby football and lacrosse will be of special interest to those players who hail from either Leys School or St Dunstan's College, for both schools have turned out, and continue to turn out, some of the keenest and best men at both games. It is always safe to assume that an old Leysian and an old Dunstonian are capable of successfully handling both a ball and a stick. Whilst on this subject it will, perhaps, not be out of place to express the surprise that one feels that these are the only Southern schools that have grasped the many advantages of lacrosse as a game for Easter term. The light India rubber soled shoe that is worn and the athleticism – the speed and the stamina – of which the game is made up render it almost ideal for a term that invariably with the sports, and for which mere playing of it provides the needed practice. Then, again, the light shoe that is worn does comparatively little harm to the grounds that during this term are preparing for the summer game, and doubtless the authorities of the schools named have rather cogent reasons for playing lacrosse after Christmas.”

Lee have in large measure to thank three of their men for their position on Saturday. These men arrived on the ground so late that only twenty minutes play was possible in the second half. Even then it was too dark for lacrosse, and it was during this period that West London brought the score from 6-5 to 9-5 in their favour. Twenty-one lacrossers have also to thank these men for wasting the best part of a glorious afternoon. I have enlarged upon this matter in hope that it will induce men to catch the trains given them, for at this time of year every minute is of importance. The Lee team is a real good one – genuine triers all. There is only one thing wanting – experience – and that is coming. When it arrives the projected pass on the house will be less obvious; it will be given without being asked for and will be harder, and then a very powerful defence will be required to stop them. The defence is good also; it checks closely and can get away. The whole team is well balanced. West London played steadily, without being brilliant, the link between defence and attack being the weak spot now as it has been for some seasons.”

“WEST LONDON V LEE

Played at Acton on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for West London by nine goals to five. The game was somewhat spoiled by the bad light during the last quarter of an hour. In the first half West London scored first by Fraser, who ran right through from the defence, Lee equalised by French who played a very good game at first home. In the second half Lee were the first to score, and held the lead for some time, and then West London scored five goals in about ten minutes. Lavy and Jones played their customary fine pressing game, and on the defence of West London F Sachs, Hollington and Sonnenheim were best. On the Lee attack, Bell, D Blomfield and French were best, on the defence McDonnell often helped the attacks, and did very good defensive work. Hillyer looked after Lavy very well, considering the fine player Lavy is, and H Baskett also did well on Jones, but did not on one or two occasions stick quite close enough to his man. The Lee club were not quite able to cope with the falling back tactics of the West London, or they probably would have scored more, for the ball was certainly oftener near the West London than near the Lee goal.

Teams:

West London: C H Scott, F Sachs, F B Sonnenheim, T C Hollington, W L Loyd, F Armstrong, J A Margetson, C H Fraser, V Mend, A W Lavy, E P Jones and J E Collins.

Lee: W Price, H Baskett, R C Crittall, S G Hillyer, F McDonell, R C Baskett, C Vornberger, C G Blomfield, M Price, R C Bell, D Blomfield and H W French."

December 1905

Woodford II us Lee II Draw 4 4

Woodford Time - 22nd December 1905

"WOODFORD II V LEE II

This match was played last Saturday at Woodford. Both teams had the assistance of a few first team men, the visitors having a slight pull in that respect. Woodford were the first to press and had a good deal the best of matters in the first half, the interval score showing three goals to one in their favour. After half-time, Lee played a better combined game and added three goals to their score, while Woodford could only improve theirs by one, so a fast and pleasant game ended in a draw of four goals."

December 1905

Other Matters – Fixtures

Daily Mirror - 23rd December 1905

"LACROSSE FIXTURES

Several interesting club matches are down for decision to-day, Surbiton, the Southern champions, will entertain Brookfield at Hampton Wick, and should gain a fairly easy victory.

Woodford and Catford, two ex-champion clubs, will play at George Lane, Woodford. This should produce one of the closest matches of the day, but, judging by previous results, the chances of victory appear to be in favour of the Catford twelve.

West London should have a hard game with Willoughby, on the latter club's ground at Hampstead: and Lee will probably gain a narrow victory over Croydon, at Croydon"

January 1906

Lee us Woodford (Friendly) Won 4 3

Evening Mail - 8th January 1906

"In spite of the heavy condition of most of the grounds, several interesting lacrosse matches were witnessed on Saturday. Catford, the only unbeaten club in the south, had matters almost entirely their own way against Blackheath, whom they defeated by nine goals to one. On the Croydon Clubs ground, at Selhurst. Snaresbrook accomplished a good performance by beating the home team by six goals to two. At the interval Snaresbrook led by three goals to one. The game between Lee and Woodford produced an even match, the result being a winner for the former club by four goals to three. West London took an "A" team to Rugby and gained an easy victory over the recently formed club of that town by 14 goals to three."

Woodford Times -12th January 1906

"WOODFORD V LEE

This "friendly" was played last Saturday at Woodford. Neither team was at full strength, the home side being without the services of that useful goalkeeper, T Knight. Woodford started one short, and during that period Lee scored. The home team on being completed, then assumed the aggressive, and Miller, the Essex quarter mile, out-pacing three opponents, equalised with a good shot. This was all the scoring in the first half. Soon after half time Lee again took the lead, only for the home team to equalise a minute later. Even play followed, till Woodford took the lead for the first time. Then Lee came with a rush and scoring two goals quickly, ran out winners of a close match by four goals to three. Woodford were unlucky to lose, as they had as much of the play as their opponents, and it was only because they were one short for the first ten minutes, that enabled Lee to score first, and it turned out the winning goal."

January 1906

Lee vs Catford

Lost

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The Sportsman - 17th January 1906

"Catford and Lee met for the third time this season, and the Senior club was again successful. The results of their meetings are 5-1, 7-4, and 9-4. The ground at New Beckenham was, of course, in a very bad way, but a thoroughly enjoyable game took place. Both attacks worked well, and by scoring four goals against the strong Catford defence Lee repeated a performance that no other club has accomplished this season. Riches, Sach and Martin on the Catford attack did the best and found the Lee defences very uncertain - a failing for which the ground was doubtless to some extent responsible. When the surroundings are taken into consideration and allowed for, the play was of a very good quality throughout and on both sides."

January 1906

Other Matters – Mid Season Review

The Sportsman - 17th January 1906

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The chief comment made on the list of club records for the half season, published in last Wednesday's Sportsman, is that the number of matches played by the Northern and Western clubs considerably exceeds those of the Southern clubs. This discrepancy is due, of course, to the facts that the decision of Southern Counties Competition has taken up three Saturdays, and that Southern clubs invariably devote one or two afternoons at the beginning of the season to club matches. With the results of another week's batch of contests added to the list a further comment is that South Manchester, Catford, and Will's are at the head of the respective districts. Cambridge University has a clean sheet, but with only four matches played, and until last Saturday Hampstead had only a drawn game to mar its record. Its unexpected decisive beating by Surbiton compels it to fall away, however, South Manchester's record is, of course, the best, for the club has come through a list of fourteen keen league matches, in which it has met the very best of Northern lacrosse and has won thirteen of them: the other resulted in a draw. Catford has won its seven matches, and has not yet met all the best Southern teams. It

would not be wise to feel absolutely sure that the first-named clubs will retain their position right through the season. Heaton Mersy, the Old Hulmelians, and Stockport – particularly Stockport – are all certain to run South Manchester closely, and the victory of any of these would never create great surprise. In the South, Catford has Cambridge University, Hampstead, Surbiton, West Lond and Woodford to seriously consider, and has so far met, and defeated, Hampstead, Surbiton and West London out of the five. The position of Wills in the west appears unassailable. This is the more surprising when it is known that the club is confirmed to be the clerical staff of the great British tobacco manufactory, and that the running of the two teams is only just possible. This success is bought about by constant practise and by the excellent combination of the team on the field.

In the South on Saturday all those matches arranged to be played on public grounds had to be scratched, both the Brookfield and Willoughby games, the meeting of Clapham and Croydon, and the seconds of Hampstead and Surbiton, being cancelled “by order”. In some cases the visiting teams reached the ground, only to find play not allowed. Surbiton and Hampstead wisely declined to completely waste the afternoon and the teams combined in an enjoyable “spin” of three or four miles. Here is an example well worthy of imitation.

West London beat Woodford by eight goals to four, and thus avenged its defeat of 6-3 earlier in the season. Woodford had T Knight away from goal, and had to bring back Jack Knight and so weaken the attack. With H H Scott and Wyatt playing again West London were decidedly stronger than they have been this season, through the centre field is still much neglected. Woodford led at 1-0, and 2-1, but afterwards West London took the lead and never lost it. The half-time score was 5-3. Wiggins, D Tosetti (whom we all welcome back to the field), Neame, C H Scott, H H Scott, Hollington and Jones were the picks on the day’s play.

Catford and Lee met for the third time this season, and the senior club were again successful. The results of their meetings are 5-1, 7-4 and 9-4. The ground at New Beckenham was, of course, in a very bad way, but a thoroughly enjoyable game took place. Both attacks worked well and by scoring four goals against the strong Catford defence Lee repeated a performance that no other club has accomplished this season. Riches, Sach and Martin on the Catford attack did best and found the Lee defences very uncertain – a failing for which the ground was doubtless to some extent responsible. When the surroundings are taken into consideration and allowed for, the play was of a very good quality throughout and on both sides.

Surely the cup of Blackheath’s misfortunes is now full, for on Saturday their plucky goalkeeper, W Whiteway had the misfortune to slip and fracture his leg just above the ankle. Every Southerners sympathy will go out to him and to his club. He cannot be replaced. Neither Snaresbrook nor Blackheath had their strongest teams out. The game was fairly even in the field, but near goal Snaresbrook were much superior and won by 8-0. H J Cameron continued to show great improvement for the winner. Surbiton beat Hampstead 6-1.”

January 1906

Lee vs Blackheath

Draw

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The Sportsman – 24th January 1906

“LEE (A) V BLACKHEATH (A)

Played on Saturday at the Lee Ground at Beckenham, and resulted in a draw of four goals, after the half time score had read two to love in favour of Lee. The ground was in very nasty condition, and good lacrosse was practically not noticeable during any of the seventy minutes that the game lasted. Lee had only five of their first team men and Blackheath had eight, and, as a few more of Lee II turned out Blackheath very kindly consented to play thirteen aside. This rather spoilt the game, but on such a day, or, rather, ground, it makes little difference and gives all men a chance of showing their good or bad qualities. As the game was spoilt by the state of the ground, no mention can be made of anyone in particular, except that Lee had some very useful second eleven men, only they play too much one handed, and by so doing either lose the ball or drop it.”

January 1906

Other Matters – County Match – Oxford University vs
Kent
Kent won 9-1

The Field – 3rd February 1906

“OXFORD UNIVERSITY VS KENT

The match with Kent on Tuesday taxed the abilities of the University to the utmost, but, although the county won by a substantial margin, the game was by no means uninteresting, and the University were severely handicapped in the second half, when Sutton had to drop back into goal owing to an injury. Play was exceedingly fast at the outset, and the University held their own well during the first ten minutes, Kent, however, played better together as the game progressed, and although the Oxford defence was responsible for some good work, it failed to withstand the county attack, and four goals were scored by Kent before ends were changed. On resuming, play was again fast and interesting, Ascoli and Sutton offering a stubborn opposition to the Kent attack, and three goals were scored by Price (two) and Martin. Then N G Chavasse beat the Kent custodian. With further goals by Martin and Clarke, Kent ultimately won by nine goals to one.

Oxford University: E A H Detiel (St John's), F D Ascoli (Exeter), H Sutton (New), R L Robinson (Magdalen), W Johnson (Balliol), E H Hughes (Lincoln). C M Chavasse (Trinity), N G Chavasse (Trinity), L C F Oldfield (Lincoln), V H Forbes (Oriel), W D Hutchinson (Balliol).

Kent: W Price (Lee), H Baskett (Lee), C O Lee (Catford), E G Lee (Catford), R C Baskett (Lee), L H Baskett (Catford), C Vornberger (Lee), C W Lacey (Blackheath), F Clarke (Lee), R C Bell (Lee), M Price (Lee), R Martin (Catford).”

The Manchester Guardian – 5th February 1906

“UNIVERSITIES BEATEN

The Senior Southern Flags commenced their competition on Saturday, and the most noteworthy point about the results was that both great University sides were knocked out – Cambridge by Lee and Oxford by Hampstead respectively. This competition is certain to be a very open one this season, for there is not a single undefeated club in the South. West London are considered very strong this year, but they have been beaten by Surbiton, and Catford, and another club that has been showing good form, has been defeated by West London. Surbiton are the present holders of the Flags trophy in the South. Lee, Clapham, Hampstead and the

Leys School, Cambridge are all fine sides, and would be certain to give any Northern club twelve a good and well contested game."

January 1906

Lee vs Surbiton

Lost

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The Sportsman – 31st January 1906

"Lee started their match against Surbiton by scoring two goals, playing up with their usual dash, and taking full advantage of Surbiton's delay in settling down on defence. Surbiton pulled up, however, and at half time the scores stood three all. The ultimate result was 9-4 in Surbiton's favour, and they were much better, in the second half. The condition of the ground at New Beckenham was all against good lacrosse."

Surrey Comet – 3rd February 1906

"SURBITON V LEE

Played at Beckenham on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Surbiton by 9 goals to 4, after the half time score had read 3 all. The light was so good that two forty-five's were played. The game was more even than the score would indicate, Lee were the first to score through French, then Blomfield scored, Lee were two up about twenty minutes from the start, but Surbiton came up with quick rushes and scored twice. Then Blomfield scored again for Lee, who did not, however, retain the lead for long, as Surbiton scored again, which brought the score to three all. Playing down the hill, Surbiton were too strong, and scored pretty frequently, although some of their goals were scraped through. Lee were rather unfortunate not to score on two or three occasions, as they were attacking quite as often as their opponents. The ground was very heavy, and made the going difficult, but for all that it was a very fast game all through. The Surbiton men are always dangerous near goal, and they seem all to be able to shoot. Pugh and Bell had their customary duel, and there was very little to choose between them. For Surbiton, Battersby, Pugh, Rayner, Fitzgerald and Fordham worked very hard, whilst Blackstone has greatly improved since he last played against Lee."

February 1906

Other Matters – English County Championship Preview

The Manchester Guardian – 8th February 1906

"LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASHIRE VS KENT

For this match, which will be played on the Lord's Cricket ground, London, on Saturday 17th inst., the following teams have been chosen :-

Kent: C J Mason (Catford), W J Arendt (Catford), C P Lee (Catford), E G Lee (Catford), A Silvester (Catford), L H Baskett (Catford), E B Dowsett (Catford), R C Bell (Lee), C Vornberger (Lee), A H Pickering (Catford), E P Jones (West London), R Martin (Catford).

Lancashire: C H Smith (Heaton Mersey), H Parker-Smith (South Manchester), W Lowe (Heaton Mersey), E O Dutton (Albert Park), J Parker-Smith (South Manchester), F J Jeffries (Old Hulmeians), N H P Whitley (South Manchester), G H Buckland (Old Hulmeians), R Bennett (Mauldeth), W A Hobbins (Old Hulmeians), G B Leigh (South Manchester), E Walker (Rochdale). Reserves - A Davies (Monton), L E Hunn (Chorlton), E Davies (Monton), G Darwin (Albert Park), C Brentnall (Heaton Mersey), P Nicholson (Chorlton), S W

Sefton (Eccles), H Coop (Ashton), A S Burd (Chorlton), W S Mason (Albert Park).

Referee: Mr G M Burd. Umpires: Messrs C B Thomas and J B Gribbin."

February 1906	Lee vs Cambridge University	Won	7	4
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February 1906	Snaresbrook v Lee	Won	6	5
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The Sportsman – 14th February 1906

"Lee gave very decided evidence that their improved form is more permanent than has hitherto been the case by inflicting a 6-5 defeat on Snaresbrook. It was a richly merited victory, for Snaresbrook led by 3-0 at half time and added another before Lee started scoring. Lewis was away from Snaresbrook."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 17th February 1906

"Perhaps the chief game in the London district last Saturday, was that between Catford and Cambridge University at Lord's. The "Varsity" were not quite at full strength, so that, against such a strong combination as Catford, it was not surprising that they were somewhat easily defeated by thirteen goals to three. The absence of H W Scott from the Cambridge goal made a world of difference to the defence, and the Catfordians did not fail to take advantage of all their opportunities. In view of the fact that Hampstead had beaten Oxford University in the first round of the Senior Flag tournament, on the preceding Saturday, the result of the meeting between the same clubs at Oxford last weekend was awaited with some interest. On their own ground the Oxonians showed to much better advantage and they effected a draw of five goals all. Neither of the Essex clubs were successful, although Snaresbrook were, perhaps, somewhat if not effecting a draw with Lee. There was very little to choose between the two sides and the victory of Lee by six to five was a fair indication of the run of the game. Woodford met a good deal more that their match in West London. The latter always showed the better form, both in attack and defence, and Woodford were finally beaten by eleven to one."

February 1906	Other Matters – English County Championship – Kent vs Lancashire	Lancashire won 11-2
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The Manchester Guardian – 19th February 1906

"LANCASHIRE OUTCLASS KENT

The result of the Lancashire County team's visit to Lord's was eagerly looked forward to, not only in the North but also in the South, where many great followers of the game had hopes of Kent shattering Northern hopes and forecasts and bringing off a victory."

"LANCASHIRE'S GOOD FORM

Kent are a fine lot of lacrossers. They attained the championship of the South by beating Surrey and Essex and drawing with Middlesex. Thei average read before Saturday's match – for 19 goals; against 12. The defence is accounted to be the strongest part of the team, but the attacks have combined well all season. It was expected, therefore, that the brilliant Lancashire attack would ne kept somewhat in hand, and then, if the men in the van – Jones,

Martin, Bell & c - could be got into cohesion, Kent might possibly succeed. But the fates, or rather the elements, were against the Kent defence. The ground was a veritable swamp (it sounds bad for such a renowned cricket ground as Lord's) and it was impossible for the chosen of Kent to play a 'close' game on their opponents, and the Lancashire attacks made full use of the fact. Kent began the contest with an attack on the Lancashire goal, and E P Jones, the second home, put in a couple of good shots, but unsuccessfully. Lancashire then had a spell of attacking, and George Buckland, after a fine run, went in and opened the scoring. Kent tried hard to equalise, Arendt, Lee and Silvester putting in some telling work on the home defence. The next goal, however, came to Lancashire, E Walker, who was being well watched, prettily putting past C J Mason; and Norman Whitley added another to Lancashire's total. Jones put in a splendid effort from a tall pass from Martin, and succeeded in beating Smith. The Lancashire goalkeeper was in his very best form right throughout the game. Hobbins and Leigh, through clever play, put on a goal each before the interval, when the score read - Lancashire 5 goals; Kent 1.

On resuming, the game was for a time very even, neither side making much of their chances owing to the muddy ground. At last George Buckland put in another fine effort, and notched Lancashire's sixth goal, and Walker put on the seventh. The Lee representative, R C Bell, next obtained the second and last goal for Kent, and thereafter Lancashire alone prevailed. Whitley, Walker and Buckland putting on goals, and the final read - Lancashire 11 goals; Kent 2. It was not what by any means could be called a 'great' game, the conditions were too much against that fine style of play the Canadians taught us. But some good efforts were put in by both teams. The Lancashire defence, especially Jefferies and Dutton, were very safe, and neither Henry Parker-Smith or W Lowe's opponents effected much result in the goal scoring line, and this is one of the chief points in estimating the worth of a defence man."

March 1906

Lee vs West London (Flag)

Won 8 4

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 3rd March 1906

"Not the least surprising of last Saturday's lacrosse results was the eight to four victory which Lee obtained over West London in second round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament. So far Lee have shown remarkably good form, and they now stand a very good chance of reaching the final. Surbiton, the holders of the trophy, did not have too much to spare in their tie with Hampstead. There was nothing to choose between the sides in the first half, at the end of which the scores stood two goals all. In the second half, however, the Hampstead defence deteriorated to some extent, with the result that Surbiton proved successful by six to four. Leys School, who were beaten in the final by Surbiton last year, had a hard game with Clapham, another club which has shown great improvement this year. Most of the scoring was done before the interval, when Clapham led by four to two. In the second half the Leysians had slightly the better of the exchanges, but they only scored once again, and were beaten by four to three. In the third round of the Junior Tournament Oxford University II were completely outclassed by a strong West London team. After leading by eight clear goals at the interval, the Londoners ran out winners by thirteen to three.

Stockport made a step towards gaining the English Championship by defeating their chief rivals in the North, South Manchester, by four to three."

March 1906

Other Matters – Flags Match Preview

The Sportsman – 7th March 1906

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

Flag competitions will be in full swing next Saturday in the North, in the South, and in the West of England, and the various contests will be of a keen and interesting nature in all three districts. Though in each case the object of the competition is the ‘flag’, yet the conditions governing them are dissimilar. Thus, in the North the competition is confined to the eight clubs at the head of the League, and is played on the knock-out principle; in the South it is open to all clubs that care to enter, and is otherwise regulated as in the North, whilst in the West the American or League method is adopted with every club in the district eligible. In both South and West flag matches have been in progress for some weeks now, but the North plays its first round next Saturday.”

“Surbiton (holders) v Lee, is likely to produce a close struggle. This match has been selected for Lord’s and is undoubtedly the match of the week. Lee has come a long way under a wet sail of late, and has left Cambridge University, West London, and Hampstead so far behind that it is far from easy to suggest when they are likely to slacken – if at all. In Surbiton they meet a hard working team with plenty of experience and any amount of ‘go’, and one that is generally in good condition. It is a team, too, that rises splendidly to an occasion, and next Saturday is undoubtedly an occasion. On the other hand, Lee’s recent successes are undeniable, and, taken in conjunction with Surbiton’s heavy failure against Catford on Saturday, they compel the feeling that Lee’s appearance in the final is not at all unlikely. Surbiton has the better record, as these figures prove:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Surbiton	15	12	0	3	115	59
Lee	18	9	2	7	164	99

And it must be remembered that the team has already triumphed over Lee twice this season, in November by 8-4 and in January by 9-4. Still, if the Lee twelve can retain its form of the last few weeks its chances of success are distinctly rosy.”

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 10th March 1906

“If they maintain the form of Saturday last, Catford should experience little difficulty in regaining the Southern flags. Their display against Surbiton was excellent. A better exhibition of defensive work has seldom been seen, although the Surbiton attacks played really well, they scored only twice in the first half, and not at all in the second moiety. Catford gained ten goals and thus won easily. In the semi-final of the flag tournament this (Saturday) afternoon they are practically certain to beat Clapham; but the other match, Lee v Surbiton, bears a very open aspect. Lee have come on wonderfully, and have already beaten Cambridge University and West London. It will be strange if they qualify to oppose Catford in the final. The Lee club was formed a few years ago from an overflow of Catford members. Several of the schools in the North of London have become very enthusiastic about lacrosse and, of the thousand people who witnessed the match between Brookfield and St Dunstan’s College, at Finsbury Park, on Saturday, quite five hundred were schoolboys. Brookfield won by fifteen to five. West London beat another school team, namely, the

Leys, at Acton, by thirteen to five. Woodford gained a creditable victory over Snaresbrook by seven to two."

March 1906

Surbiton vs Lee (Flags)

Lost

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Morning Post - 12th March 1906

"SOUTHERN SENIOR FLAG

The most interesting tie in the semi-final round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament on Saturday was that between Surbiton, the holders, and Lee. In their last four engagements Lee had shown wonderfully good form, and it was confidently expected that they would give their opponents a hard game, if not a beating. The expectation of a close struggle was fully realised. At the interval Surbiton led by six goals to three, but ten minutes before the call of time Lee equalised. Shortly afterwards, however, Surbiton scored again, and qualified for the final by seven to six. At Catford the other match between the home club and Clapham was very one sided. Catford always had the better of the exchanges, and after leading by eight clear goals at the interval finally won by eighteen goals to one. The most prominent players were Silvester and Martin, while Gem played a capital game on defence for Clapham.

In an ordinary game at Cambridge, Hampstead and Leys School had a hard struggle. The Leysians led at the interval by six goals to five, but Hampstead ultimately gained the victory by eight to seven. At Surbiton, West London gained a comfortable win over Oxford University by 10 to four."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 17th March 1906

"As a result of Saturday's matches in the semi-final round of the Southern Senior Flag tournament, Surbiton, the holders, and Catford, qualified to fight out the question of supremacy. Surbiton did not have too much to spare in their tie against Lee, and after excellent performances of the latter club in their recent engagements it would not have occasioned much surprise if they had succeeded in reversing the verdict. The holders certainly had the upper hand in the first half, at the end of which they led by six goals to three. Then, however, Lee showed capital form, and, ten minutes before the call of time, they drew level at six all. On restarting, Surbiton made a fine effort, and their exertions were rewarded a few minutes later with their seventh and winning goal.

Catford looked like winning almost from the start of their match against Clapham. W H Gem did all that was possible on the Clapham defence, but the latter stood no chance against the fine combination of the opposing attacks. Catford ultimately won by no fewer than eighteen to one, if they show that form against Surbiton in the final they should experience little difficulty in gaining premier Southern club honours."

April 1906

Other Matters – South Trial

The Manchester Guardian - 1st April 1906

"A trial match, to enable the selection committee to choose the team to represent the South against the North at Manchester, on April 14, was played at Lord's yesterday. The opposing sides were designated white and colours respectively. On the whole the colours had much the stronger attack. A W Donaldson, F P Scott, A W Lavy and E P Jones were in capital form, and it was mainly due to their efforts that the colours led 5 to 1 at the interval. Towards

the end of the second half, however, the whites showed some improvement, and in the end were only beaten by 9 goals to 5."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 7th April 1906

"No one will be likely to deny the necessity for a southern trial game prior to the selection of the team to represent the south against the north; but, from the point of public interest, there is little to commend the current method of choosing a couple of sides for the trial and labelling them whites and colours respectively. Except to those immediately concerned, a match between so named has no significance whatever. Considerably more public interest might be attached to the fixture if the teams were chosen with some regard to the geographical position of the club represented. For instance, it should be possible to arrange a match between sides representing the north and the south of the River Thames. With such clubs as Surbiton, Catford and Lee on the south side of the river, a strong twelve might be selected to do battle against a side picked from the Varsities, West London and Leys School on the north. With regard to Saturday's trial, the colours proved successful, thanks to the superiority of their attack, by nine goals to five. A W Donaldson and F P Scott of Oxford and Cambridge, respectively, did some excellent work for the winners."

April 1906

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Manchester Guardian - 17th April 1906



April 1906

Other Matters – North vs South

North won 9-5

The Manchester Guardian - 23rd April 1906

"NORTH OF ENGLAND VICTORY

MODERATE GAME IN DOWNPOUR OF RAIN

The last day of the season 1905-6 has gone and the summer months are ahead of us - months in which opportunities of spreading the game and improving lacrosse manipulation ought to be found. Never has the Canadian game been so well put forward as of late, and the authorities, not only in the North but in the South of England, should make the most of the tide that is flowing towards a better appreciation of lacrosse. There are many ways of helping on the game during the summer; exhibition games can be played in parts as yet untouched; new clubs can be started, given

an enthusiast or two in a district a team can be soon assembled (take Heywood and Hyde last year as examples); or there can be summer practice by the clubs. The future of the game rests mainly with the younger players, and it is well that everything possible should be done to foster the game amongst them.

Various reasons caused Saturday's North v South game to be less interesting than usual. It was played at the very end of a hard season when popular interest had just got to lacrosse satiation point; the original teams did not take on the field, and a heavy downpour of rain came on just at the advertised time for starting the game, necessitating the postponement for a little while. On the North of England side Lloyd of Heaton Mersey came in to the twelve owing to Walker of Rochdale being ill. Jack Parker-Smith was also in bed ill, and his brother Henry could not take his place either, owing to a broken bone in his foot – the result of the championship match. Hunn of Chorlton and G Atkinson of South Manchester took their places. And the teams were just as published on Friday. At the outset North attacked, and in the first minute there came a score, George Leigh netting finely after a good individual effort. After this reverse the South attacked, and H Hosken and Ramsay put in some good work, but the home defence was safe. C H Scott, the Southern goalkeeper, made some excellent saves, but at last Leigh again put past him, putting North two up. Then the Southerners began to show much improved form, and Donaldson scored. After good play by F P Scott, Jones obtained a most clever goal with Hunn hanging on to him, and thus the scores were level. Half time came with South deservedly leading by five goals to three.

The rain still came down heavily when the game resumed. North attacked with energy, and are two minutes gone by Lloyd put a pretty goal through, and Hobbins, shooting on the run, levelled the scores. Both ends were attacked in turn, but with the scores five all play became very ragged and most uncertain 'on goal'. Lavy and Donaldson put in some pretty touches on the South attack, and Rayner, Jones, Scott, and Hosken worked hard, but their methods were disjointed and they could not again pierce through the opposing defences. The Northern twelve were not much better, as regards scoring abilities, but some good bouts of passing were seen – passing pleasing to watch, but quite ineffective, for the ball was never passed on to goal as it might have been. After Rayner and Jones had hard luck through shooting wide of the goal – the tight crosses obviously making goal placing erratic – Lloyd at last put North ahead, and Leigh, securing from a save but faulty clearance by Scott, made the score into 7-5 for the North. Then after the home team had had a goal disallowed Buckland made up for it with a good goal, and immediately Hobbins notched another. The final whistle went with the score – North nine goals; South five."

August 1906

Other Matters – Press

Evening News (London) – 25th August 1906

"THE LACROSSE EYE

May I add 'lacrosse' to the many other sports championed by your correspondents. I know of no other, and I have had a try at most, which brings out the qualities of a man better.

Pace and endurance, a quick eye, and keen judgement, initiation, head work, strength (on defence), and control of temper – all of these qualities, those of the athlete – must survive in lacrosse.

'One from the North'

London, W"

September 1906

Other Matters – SELA AGM

Daily News (London) – 19th September 1906

“SOUTH OF ENGLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of this association was held, under the chairmanship of Mr F B O Hawes, at Stone's Restaurant, Ludgate Hill, last evening. His Grace the Duke of Argyll was re-elected President, Mr E A Taylor honorary secretary, and Mr T R Sachs honorary treasurer. Mr C O Lee, H W Ramsay, Mr F Sachs, Mr V Barker, Mr F Battersby, Mr W S Rawson, Mr J C Isard and Mr G M Burd were elected Vice Presidents; Mr Byers and Mr Long auditors; and Mr Lee, Mr F Sachs, Mr Taylor and Mr Hawes delegates to the English Lacrosse Union.

The hon treasurer's statement showed a balance of income over expenditure of £51 Os 7d, and assets £190 17s id. And liabilities nil.

The hon secretary's report shoed that although there was no international fixtures last season, or a visit of a Colonial team to promote general interest, the game had made good progress. The advance made in Wales and the South West and Midlands of England was very satisfactory. New bye-laws have been framed to meet the requirements of clubs formed in towns at a distance to London.

The meeting favoured the formation of a Referees' Association, and referred the matter to the executive.”

October 1906

Other Matters – Season Preview

The Sportsman – 11th October 1906

“Lee will be about the same as last year, as regards the first team, with a much stronger second. Two or three new men come in from St Dunstan's. Business has taken the younger Blomfield into the country, but he will play when required, and there is a possibility of their losing W Price from goal. This would be a great blow. As here before, both teams rely on the individual keenness of each member, whether on the first or the second a strong second means a strong first later on.”

October 1906

Lee us Catford	Won	9	2
Catford II us Lee II	Lost	2	18

The Sportsman – 17th October 1906

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

In Southern circles the most interesting event on Saturday was the defeat of Catford by its offspring, Lee. That the latter was victorious will not occasion great surprise, but no one can anticipated that the difference in the scoring would be as much as nine goals to two. So it was, however, and, more than that, the win was comfortably obtained, and it was well deserved. Distasteful as comparisons may be, it is impossible to avoid them on this occasion, for it was so obvious that the junior team excelled just where their seniors failed. On the one side was an attack of activity, accuracy. And united effort in making a direct attack upon the opposing goal. On the other, one saw erratic crosse work, poor passing, and wild, flurried play on the wings that seldom looked

like scoring. Of course, Catford is far too good a team to crumple up in this way, and a little attention to 'condition' and a good deal to tactics will soon pull it together again. But the position requires to be treated with some serious. Bell and French were particularly good on the winning attack, and for them H Baskett was fine at point. This was Lee's first victory over Catford and it will not be the last."

October 1906

Lee vs Surbiton

Won

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Athletic News – 22nd October 1906

"DOWN SOUTH LEE IRRESISTABLE

Lee have begun their season in wonderful style, following up their brilliant victory over their parent club, Catford, last week, by an even more decisive defeat of the Southern champions, Surbiton, on Saturday. The latter were not at full strength, but Lee, playing as they are now, would have probably won in any case. Leading at half time by 3-1, they won easily by 11-3, the attacks combining beautifully and, what is more useful still, making for goal with commendable directness."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 27th October 1906

"One of the most interesting of Saturday's lacrosse matches was between Lee and Surbiton. In the previous week, Lee, created a mild sensation by beating Catford, and they followed up that success with an eleven goals to three victory over the Southern Champions. Surbiton, it is true, were without such good men as Battersby, Fitzgerald and Crosbie, but even if the Surrey club had been at full strength it is doubtful whether the result would have been different. "

October 1906

Other Matters – Kent Squad Selection

The Sportsman – 24th October 1906

"ESSEX V KENT

At Woodford, on Saturday next, the following will be the teams:

Essex: W H Jolliffe (goal), F Wiggins (capt), K C Fox, C Fox, H W Ramsay, S Kind, P Cripps, J B Knight, W M Knight, H Leus, L Leuw and S G Hough.

Kent: Whiteway (Blackheath) (goal), H Baskett (Lee), C O Lee (Catford), A Silvester (Catford), L H Baskett (Catford), R C Baskett (Lee), Vornberger (Lee), Sach (Catford), M Price (Lee), R C Bell (Lee), E P Jones (West London) and French (Lee)."

October 1906

Other Matters – County Match – Essex vs Kent

Kent won 9-4

The Observer – 28th October 1906

"KENT DEFEAT ESSEX

At Woodford, Kent defeated Essex yesterday by 9 goals to 4. Throughout the game Kent held the upper hand, but neither team quite came up to expectations. Probably the state of the ground, that was very slippery, accounted in a great measure for the somewhat moderate display. H W French (Lee) opened the scoring

for Kent three minutes after the start, and, six minutes later, notched another point. Some rather loose play followed, but within the next twenty minutes R Bell (Lee) and French had added another two goals. Two minutes before the interval Ramsay got home for Essex, making the score at half time – Kent 4 goals; Essex 1 goal. Essex rallied considerably in the next half, and the efforts of the brothers Lenco and P Cripps gave them two goals within ten minutes; but the combination of the Kent side was far superior, and they scored five times to their opponents three, and won by 9 goals to 4.”

October 1906	Lee (A) us Brookfield (A)	Won	7	5
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The Sportsman – 31st October 1906

“LEE (A) V BROOKFIELD (A)

On Saturday Lee won the match by seven goals to five. Brookfield have to thank their goalkeeper for the comparative smallness score, shot after shot that would have been certain to score in most games being stopped. Lee had only three of their first team playing. The body check was conspicuous again by its absence, and first home was a difficult position. The reason for this seems to be that the wings are too fond of crowding the goal, and if the first home does not vacate his place, there ensues one of those exciting scuffles in which every defence man is within swiping distance of three attacks, and the result in goals is small and unsatisfactory. In the second half the attack worked much better. Lee's last goal, shot by second home, being the result of some very nice combination.”

November 1906	Lee us Blackheath	Won	16	2
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	Lee II us Hampstead III	Won	12	2
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November 1906	Lee us Snaresbrook	Won	7	3
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	Snaresbrook II us Lee II	Won	9	6
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The Sportsman – 14th November 1906

“SNARESBROOK V LEE

At New Beckenham on Saturday Lee won by seven goals to three, the half time score reading four to two. Considering the recent rain, the ground was in very good condition, and a fast game was played. Snaresbrook are still without Keed and the younger Cameron, and when these two players return to the team they will strengthen their attack. The Snaresbrook defence was very sound indeed, the brothers Fox being the best, whilst Joliffe, in goal, was on great form, stopping very many shots. On their attack all worked hard. Lancaster was perhaps their best man. Davis, at centre, did a lot of work. It is a great pity his crosse work is poor, but that will improve, then he will be very useful. On the Lee attack, D Blomfield was by far the best man, and, considering that he has not played regularly, the form he showed was very good, especially in the second half. French worked, as usual, but was too closely watched by Fox. The Lee defence was very safe, Hillyer, H Baskett and McDonell being more conspicuous. W Price, in goal, was very good. He is a great factor to the Lee team, and has greatly helped the club since he became their goalkeeper.

Snaresbrook: Jolliffe, K Fox, E C Fox, Pinney, Davis, Foster, West, Sudell, A H Sudell, Hough, Cameron and Lancaster.

Lee: W Price, H Baskett, S G Hillyer, F McDonell, R C Baskett, C G Blomfield, C Vornberger, G C Muriel, M Price, R C Bell, D J Blomfield and H W French."

LEE II V SNARESBROOK II

This match on Saturday resulted in a win for Lee, by nine goals to six. Lee were short and had to play a team with one free man. In the first half this man was played on the defence, and the Lee attack worked under a heavy disadvantage, at half time the score was four goals to three in favour of Snaresbrook, but at half time, the free man being on the attack. Lee attacks saw their chance, and some very good play resulted in their getting the upper hand. First home was particularly good, and did some quite brilliant work. The defence played a very sound game, and when they were suffering under the disadvantage of having an unmarked attack adopted the game of crowding the goal. If this is not exactly 'cricket' in the usual course of events, a counsel of despair it has the merit of being effective."

November 1906

Other Matters – County Match – Middlesex vs Kent

Kent won 12-6

The Observer – 18th November 1906

"KENT V MIDDLESEX

At Lord's Cricket ground yesterday Kent defeated Middlesex by 12 goals to 6. Middlesex were without the services of C H Scott, whose place at goal was filled by R F Craighead, and at the last moment F S Aumonier had to substitute A W Lavy at third home. No fewer than seven Lee players found places in the Kent team, and they effected a combination before which the Middlesex defence crumpled up. Muriel opened the scoring for Kent within two minutes of the start, and, the efforts of H W French and R C Bell gave Kent five goals before Faraday could score for Middlesex. Just before the interval, French scored again, and the position at half time was – Kent 6 goals, Middlesex 1 goal. Middlesex played a much more vigorous game in the second half. But they only scored five times to their opponents' six, and Kent secured success by 12 goals to 6."

November 1906

Lee (A) vs Croydon

Won

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The Sportsman – 22nd November 1906

"LEE (A) V CROYDON

This match on Saturday resulted in a win for Lee by eight goals to one. The game was played under none too pleasant conditions, the ground at Beckenham being sodden, rendering the ground play fluky in the extreme. The Lee attacks, playing a good open game, did the most of their scoring in the first half, bad light making play almost impossible in the second half. The defence was strengthened by two first team men, and it was noticeable that the Lee second team defence have a tendency to sacrifice themselves heroically in the pursuit of attacks who have the ball, but are cut off from practical utility by their own checks, This is a waste of energy, which, however, is due rather to over keenness than anything else."

November 1906

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex
Kent Won 12-6

Illustrated Sports & Dramatic News – 24th November 1906

“The victory of Kent over Middlesex on Saturday, was yet another feather in the cap of the Lee club who provided eight members of the successful team. There has been no more noteworthy feature of recent lacrosse in the South than the rise of Lee who, on present form, certainly ought to win the flags. They have a valuable recruit in J C Muriel, an attack player of exceptional promise, who showed excellent form against Middlesex. Like most of the other players on the Kent side he is a St Dunstan’s old boy,

It was only after a desperate struggle that Surrey beat Essex, at Hampton Wick, by four goals to three. On neither side was the form great, although the slippery condition of the ground must not be forgotten by those inclined to be critical.

On the whole Kent who would perhaps be the best possible side to represent the South in the match for the County Championship. One would hardly expect, however, to even Kent beat Lancashire.”

Beckenham Journal – 24th November 1906

“At Lord’s on Saturday, Kent defeated Middlesex by twelve goals to six. No fewer than seven Lee players found places in the Kent team, and they effected a combination before which the Middlesex defence crumpled up. R C Bell was responsible for quite a number of Kent goals.”

November 1906

Lee vs Surbiton (at Lords)	Lost	1	5
Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	2	5

Evening Mail – 26th November 1906

“The Oxford lacrosse team was not at full strength for the match against Woodford on Saturday. Several of Oxford’s best players were taking part in the athletic meeting between Oxford and the London Athletic Club, so int the circumstances the University accomplished a good performance in being beaten by only five goals to four.

Lee were beaten by Surbiton, at Lords. Surbiton made good use of their opportunities in the first half, at the end of which they led by four goals to none. In the end Lee were beaten by five goals to one. West London and Catford had a close match at Catford. At half time the visitors led by one goal to none, but on changing ends Catford had the slightly better of the game, and eventually won by three goals to one.

The Capitol Lacrosse Club, winners of the Canadian Championship, are contemplating a visit to England, and it is understood that the matter is being considered by the North and South of England Associations. The Capitol club beat the famous Shamrock team in the final of the Canadian Championship.”

December 1906

Other Matters – County Match – Surrey vs Kent
Kent won 10-1

The Observer – 2nd December 1906

“KENT SECURE THE SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday at Hampton Wick, Kent defeated Surrey by 10 goals to 1. This result gives Kent the championship of the Southern Counties, and they will therefore, in due course, meet Lancashire, the winners of the Northern championship, for the Championship of England."

December 1906

Other Matters – Participation in Lacrosse

The Field – 8th December 1906

"In lacrosse there was a falling off, only 120 games being played, or less than half the number of the previous year."

December 1906

Lee vs Catford II	Won	8	4
Catford III vs Lee II	Lost	3	9

The Sportsman – 12th December 1906

"Lee scored 8-4 against Catford II, after a keen, fast game all the way. Neither team was in its regular formation. It is good news that W Price (the Lee goalkeeper) is not going abroad."

December 1906

Other Matters – Modern Defence Approach

The Manchester Guardian – 17th December 1906

"MODERN SPIRIT IN THE GAME"

One cannot help fancying that the democratic spirit is permeating lacrosse through and through, for only so, it would seem, can certain radical changes of ideal be explained. The old notion that a defence man's whole business in life was to make himself completely obnoxious to an attack by endeavouring to arrange matters so that the latter should touch the ball as seldom as possible during the afternoon has practically died out. A few there are who are still inspired by it, spasmodically, but the great majority, even those men once foremost in practice, seem now to view the matter from a different standpoint. Apparently your modern defence will admit the other man's right not to only live – in the old days he sometimes acted as though he was not prepared to go even so far – but to the enjoyment of some liberty of action. Is this the real thing, a high standard of civilisation, or is it the selfish consciousness that so and so only will be too glad to get the most fun out of it all? One may not pretend to lay down the law on such a subject, but at least it is worth a little consideration, especially as it effects directly the improvement of our game, and the Canadians are coming again. The fates forbid that we of lacrosse should provide fresh food for mirth for the scoffers.

It is fairly evident that the defences of today make bugger demands on life than those of a few years ago, but it is quite in accordance with modern ideas, and may simply mean that they have made the discovery that it is but poor sport spoiling other peoples' fun. Also it is quite possible that they weary of the appeal to force – there was a good deal of it in the old days – and now have reached the stage in their development which makes for the desire of a more intellectual settlement of differences. Really one fancies this letter would be to a optimistic view to take it, and is inclined to think that, requiring something better for themselves than mere resistance, they see – and willing or not the thing is a necessity to the end – that the other fellow will also have to be allowed more. Only a clever person can consistently please himself at the expense of the

rest of us without being found out and made to go shares. The thing cannot be done unconsciously, though, of course, it need not be admitted even to oneself. And so our defences, having seen what a good time those Canadians had against some attacks whom they found so troublesome, making Saturday afternoon responsibility a burden almost too heavy to be borne, concluded that they, too, would be free; there should be no more of this soulless clinging to a single opponent. They would have their fair share of good things of lacrosse; the excitement of attacking and even of goal getting – at least of attempting it. As to the responsibilities of their position, well, there obviously were none, and no doubt the Torontos, worthy men, would have given clear evidence of the existence of them. Then follows the deluge – of goals – until it is matter for comment if an afternoon produces fewer than 170 to be divided between the usual fourteen matches.

It does not seem quite sound. The Canadian defence methods did appear particularly free and easy, but when one studies the trifling number of goals which our best attacks got against them then one is driven to the conclusion that those apparently free and easy methods had more in them than was evident on the surface. First of all, there was the skill of each man, his crosse handling was as clever as that of the united attacks, and his passing and shooting were just as accurate; but most important of all, for the rest is mechanical and can to a great extent be achieved by practice, he was a thoughtful man. He was everlastingly studying his opponent. That was why he generally got the ball first; it was the cause of so many of our little plans being nipped in the bud, and it was lacrosse as it should be played, with the hands as the adjuncts of the brain. He thought more quickly than we did or do, consequently he acted more instantly. But for all his thinking he knew, and saw it, that his machinery must be competent.”

December 1906	Clapham vs Lee	Lost	4	6
December 1906	Lee II vs Woodford II	Won	9	4

January 1907	Blackheath vs Lee	Won	9	1
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Kentish Mercury – 18th January 1907

“LEE V BLACKHEATH

Played at Blackheath on Saturday, Lee winning by 9 goals to 1. Whiteway, Yates and Wilson for Blackheath and R C Bell and Muriel for Lee played well.”

January 1907	Other Matters – English County Championship – Kent vs Lancashire (at Lord’s)	Lancashire won 10–4
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The Observer – 27th January 1907

“LACROSSE AT LORD’S

LANCASHIRE THE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

At Lord’s, yesterday, the match between teams representing Kent and Lancashire for the County Championship of England ended in favour of the Lancastrians by 10 goals to 4.

As a whole, the game was scarcely so one sided as the score would suggest. Kent had their share of the game, but the Northern attack were more successful in pressing home an advantage. Both defences were very severely tested, and in this department there was practically nothing to choose between the sides.

Kent opened the scoring through E C Baskett, who made a fine run practically from goal to goal. N H P Whitley equalised shortly afterwards, and it was due to his efforts that the Lancastrians led at the interval by 4 to 1.

In the second half the Northern homes showed something of their true form, but both Leigh and Lloyed were always too closely marked by Lee and H C Baskett to be as effective as usual.

Two minutes after changing ends some pretty play by Richards enabled Leigh to score the Lancastrian's fifth point. Then Kent had a spell of attacking, and French and Jones each shot a goal. Lancashire again got the upper hand, and, adding 5 more points, won by 10 goals to 4.

Kent: C J Mason (Catford), H Baskett (Lee), C O Lee (Catford), A Silvester (Catford), E C Baskett (Lee), L H Baskett (Catford), E E Dowsett (Catford), M Price (Lee), J C Muriel (Lee), R C Bell (Lee), E P Jones (West London), and H W French (Lee).

Lancashire: A Davies (Monton), L E Hunn (Chorlton), G F Darwin (Albert Park), E Nicholson (Chorlton), R E Catterall (South Manchester), N H P Whitley (South Manchester), G F Buckland (Old Hulmeians), J Richards (South Manchester), F O Cheetham (Heaton Mersey), G B Leigh (South Manchester), and N E Lloyd (Heaton Mersey)."

February 1907

Lee vs Clapham (Flag)

Won

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The Sportsman - 6th February 1907

"Although Lee were without Vornberger and Blomfield, Clapham suffered more severely, having only two of their regular defences playing and being without Wilson on attack. Lee's easy victory is, therefore, not surprising, and French, Muriel and Bell had a prolific time, and the defence was always sound."

"CLAPHAM V LEE

Lee, the home team, had a somewhat easy task last Saturday, when they defeated Clapham in the first round of the Flag Competition by fifteen goals to two. The margin might have been considerably more but for the fact that Lee attack made a great many mistakes, and played anything but a smart game, the reason being, no doubt, due to the necessity of bringing two men in to fill vacant places, which impart to disorganise any attack. Lee scored steadily after taking quite a quarter of an hour to settle down, and led 8-0 at half time. Play was slower in the second half. But Clapham scored twice - both rather lucky ones. It was unfortunate that neither side was fully represented. Clapham missing Gem and Wilson, and Lee being without Vornberger and D Blomfield. French was the chief goal scorer for Lee, but missed several other opportunities. Bell played a sound, keen game, as usual, and H Baskett was the best defence man on the field. Clapham stuck to their work keenly all through, although it was rather a forlorn hope, and Sutton, Elderton and Molyneux did well, but were rather feebly supported."

February 1907

Other Matters – Capital Lacrosse Club (Ottawa) – Tour of England

Morning Post – 12th February 1907

“THE CANADIAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND

Although final arrangements are yet to be made it is possible to give an approximate idea of the programme for the English tour of the Capital Lacrosse Club (Ottawa), who, by winning the Minto Cup Tournament, last season, secured the lacrosse Championship of the World. The Capitals are due to reach England on April 12, and they will obtain their first sight into English form by witnessing the North v South match at Lord's on April 13. They will play their first match in London on April 18, and will then in all probability visit Bristol and Cardiff, and play again in London on April 27. It is expected that is expected that matches against Oxford and Cambridge will be arranged, and then the team will then journey north to play about five matches against the leading Northern sides, by whom they will doubtless be given their hardest games in England.”

February 1907

Lee vs Surbiton	Won	14	5
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The Sportsman – 13th February 1907

“SURBITON V LEE

The weather and absentees from the visiting team completely spoilt what otherwise would have been a good game at Beckenham last Saturday. Rain on the frozen ground rendered good lacrosse out of the question. Surbiton were unfortunate in being only able to turn out only a weak side – weak. It should be added, by comparison to their best. They were without Smith, Fitzgerald, Fordham and Beaumont, and lost by fourteen goals to five. Lee felt the continued absence of D Blomfield, but Davies is to be congratulated on his sustained improvement.”

February 1907

Willoughby vs Lee (at Lord's)	Won	13	2
Lee II vs Snaresbrook II	Won	9	8

The Sportsman – 20th February 1907

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

For some five or six seasons now the width of the goal in Canada has been five feet, instead of the six feet formerly allowed for by Canadian players, and is still used buy us, and it seems strange that no one connected with English lacrosse has been aware of this change, or has suggested an alteration to the English Union, for it is so obviously desirable that the game throughout the world should be governed by one set of laws. Last November some comments were made in this column upon the excessive scoring that was taking place, and it was stated that one correspondent had suggested that the size of the goal should be reduced; I ventured to remark in reply to this suggestion that ‘it does not seem advisable to do here what is not found necessary in other places where scoring rule much lower’, and, now, it appears that in those ‘other places’ (Canada to wit) the width of the goal is reduced. If Canada, the mother of the game, has found it necessary, in order to enable defences to cope with some measure of success against the increased brilliancy of attack work, to create a smaller goal

space, and if, as seems likely, the movement is successful, there appears to be every reason why we should follow this example. It is desirable, too, that the change should be made before the arrival of the Capitals; they will score a sufficiency of goals without providing an extra foot of shooting space for them to shoot at.

Lacrosse is making steady progress in America, and the following, culled from a Canadian paper, is not without interest; ; 'Lacrosse but not baseball, will be played at John Hopkins' University, Baltimore, USA, this spring. This drastic step was taken by the Board of Governors. The University holds the lacrosse championship of the United States, and most of the students devote their time to the Canadian game.'

The John Hopkins' University is one of the oldest in the United States."

"WILLOUGHBY V LEE

Before a moderate attendance, this match was played on Saturday, at Lord's. The game was very one-sided, the Lee team being far superior in every respect to their opponents. H W French, Lee's first home, scored seven goals out of the thirteen made by Lee, Willoughby only replying with two goals. The Lee attack was conspicuous for the excellent understanding existent, the passing being the most accurate and the shooting deadly. For Willoughby, W Vaughan Jones (point) was in good form. Shot after shot made by Willoughby was. However, secured by Lee, and turned to account. Each man of the Lee attack contributed to the score, F A Spiers (first home) and P Faraday (second home) getting a goal each for Willoughby."

"LEE II V SNARESBOOK II

A very exciting game at Beckenham on Saturday resulted in a win for Lee by nine goals to eight. At half time the score was seven to three in their favour. This was due to the excellent attack play, but after half time the attacks seemed to be suffering from the lack of training, and the whole brunt of the game fell the defence. It was due to the defence to say that it was entirely owing to their hard work that Snaresbrook did not win, as the attack ceased to be an element at all. About twenty minutes before the end of the game Snaresbrook scored three goals in quick succession, and then the defence put their backs to the wall and they did not score again."

March 1907

Lee vs Surbiton (Flags) (at Lords)

Lost 4 11

East & South Devon Advertiser - 9th March 1907

"In the Southern Senior Flag Tournament, Surbiton (the holders) and Catford have again qualified for the final round. At Lord's, on Saturday, in the semi-final round, Surbiton generally had the upper hand of Lee, one of the most improved clubs of the season, and they won by 11 goals to four. Playing on their own ground at Catford, Catford gained an easy victory over Snaresbrook in the other semi-final tie by 19 goals to five. In an ordinary game at Woodford, the local club easily defeated a weak Brookfield team by 13 goals to four."

March 1907

St Dunstan's College vs Lee II (Flags)

Lost 5 10

The Sportsman – 13th March 1907

“ST DUNSTAN’S COLLEGE V LEE II

This match, was one of the semi-finals in the Junior Flags, took place on the Ladywell Recreation Ground last Saturday, when the school scored a good win by ten goals to five. At no period of the game were Lee seen to advantage, there being a lamentable lack of life and perseverance on the attack throughout, and in this respect Clarke and L Bell were the chief offenders, while in the first half Edwards was off colour. Nettleton was in good form, and Hughes did the work of two men; Rutley was good, and Relf, in goal, gave a plucky display.”

April 1907

Other Matters – Canadian Tour of England

The Manchester Guardian – 5th April 1907

“THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONS VISIT

The Ottawa lacrosse team, the champions of Canada, arrive at Liverpool on April 12. The most important match to be played in the South is against the Duke of Argyll’s team at Lord’s on Saturday April 27, which the Prince of Wales has expressed his intention of attending. Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian Premier, and those of his colleagues of the Dominion Cabinet who will be in London for the Colonial Conference have also promised to be present. English lacrosse has greatly improved since the last visit of a Canadian team, the Torontos, in 1902, when the Canadians practically swept everything before them.

Matches have been arranged with the principal clubs throughout the Country.”

April 1907

Other Matters – South vs North Preview

Manchester Evening News – 10th April 1907

“NORTH V SOUTH

This match will be played on Saturday at Lord’s. The Southerners’ team is a pretty strong one, and out of the original thirteen chosen it has been decided to leave out L C Blackstone (Surbiton), so the team will now read as follows:- C H Scott (West London), F Battersby (Surbiton), H Baskett (Lee), T C Hollington (West London), A Silvester (Catford), H W Ramsey (Woodford), V Gilbey (Hampstead), F C Pyman (Leys School), A Raynor and P W Sinclair (Surbiton), E P Jones (west London) and A W Donaldson (Oxford University). Up to the present there have not been any changes in the North team as originally selected. The game is sure to be as good as its predecessors, but there should be no doubt as to the palm resting with the visitors.”

April 1907

Other Matters – Canadian Tour Itinerary and Preview

The Sportsman – 10th April 1907

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

With the Canadians almost on our heels it will not be out of place to give a complete list of their fixtures as arranged by the Northern and Southern Associations.

Thursday April, 18, v South of England, at Lord's

Saturday April, 20 v West of England, at Bristol

Monday April, 22 v London, at Queen's Club

Thursday April, 25 v Kent (Champion Southern County), at Catford

Saturday April, 27 v the Duke of Argyll's team, at Lord's

Monday April, 29 v Mr F D Ascoli's Universities team, at Oxford

Wednesday May, 1 v Old Hulmelians (English Club Champions), at Fallowfield (Manchester)

Thursday May, 2 v Northern League Champions, at Didsbury

Saturday May, 4 v Mr Batty's England team, at Didsbury

Monday May, 6 v North of England, at Headingley

Wednesday May, 8 v Lancashire (Champion English County), at Fallowfield

There is one more match yet to be arranged for either May 9 or 10 against Manchester and Liverpool and District at Liverpool. This reads like, and doubtless is, a very busy three weeks for the Capitals, and they will stand in need of all their preparation and fitness by the time they see Liverpool again.

English lacrossers will do well to remember that in the Capitals they will meet the finest team that even Canada has yet turned out; a team of which every member is not only a complete master of his stick, but also every movement in strategy, tactics and combined work of which the game is capable. It has proved its superiority over every team in Canada after many a hard fought match, and has won both competitions open to the whole of Canada, and, as the club justly claims, of the world. It's a splendid feeling that one is to be pitted against the best, and if our chances of success are few we shall at any rate be able to gauge the exact standard that our play has reached. But what of those chances of success? Looking through the list one feels that the Canadians will have to work their hardest against the South of England, the Duke of Argyll's team, the Old Hulmelians, South Manchester (on the assumption they become Northern League champions), Mr Batty's team and Lancashire, and perhaps the North of England. It is unreasonable to hope that in one of those three games our chances of success are really sound? The match against the Old Hulmeians will in many respects be the most interesting of the tour, for the best Canadian club and the best English club will then meet. The Old Boys will have some difficulty in keeping fit and in getting the necessary practice now that the season is over, but, well - 'Where there's a will, etc.'. It may seem strange to give second place to the Duke of Argyll's and Mr Batty's twelves, for they will be 'England' teams, but, powerful as they are likely to be, after about twenty minutes play their lack of immediate cohesion may produce a weakness that the Canadians can be relied to take full advantage of. Let's hope that this is a wretchedly pessimistic view.

I am asked to say that the Southern Association has the Canadians to attend the North v South Dinner at the Queen's Hotel on Saturday, and that tickets can be obtained from Mr T R Sachs.

As was the case when the Toronto's were here in 1902, the match against the Duke of Argyll's team, on the 27th inst, will be played on the big ground at Lord's. The number of seats for the reserved stand is limited, and applications for them should be made to the SELA hon secretary. At the banquet, over which Lord Desborough will preside, at the Hotel Cecil on the evening of 27th inst, seats will be

allotted to clubs in groups, and there will doubtless be a large number.

By courtesy of the MCC, the Canadians will practice at Lord's on Monday and Tuesday next. There will be no admission. On Wednesday Mr Hough takes them in hand. They will be introduced to Epping Forest and will practice on the green at Chingford.

The Southern team will play the Canadians their opening game on Thursday (18th inst) at Lord's will be the same twelve that meets the North on Saturday, and therefore will be well together. We shall know what to think of our chances after we have seen them play on Saturday."

April 1907

Other Matters – North vs South (at Lord's)

North won 15-4

The Sportsman – 15th April 1907

"NORTH V SOUTH

Favoured by fine weather, there was an attendance of about 3,000 spectators to witness the annual match between the North and South at Lord's on Saturday. It was hoped that the improved defence play which has been manifest in Southern teams this year would enable them to put in a side which would reduce the large goal margin by which the Northern teams have always shown their superiority. But, unfortunately, the Southern defence, particularly in the second half, left a deal to be desired, and the North were successful by fifteen goals to four. The ground, although not perfect, was in good condition. Immediately after the face the Northerners secured the ball, and but for a fine save by Scott would have scored. Returning to the attack, a clever shot by Leigh opened for the North within three minutes of the start. Scott was closely pressed, but cleared the goal remarkably well, defeating the Northerners three times before Leigh again broke down the defence. Hobbins scored again for the North, and the Southern side made desperate efforts to retrieve the position. Baskett and Ramsey played up well, and the Northern goalkeeper was twice beaten before Buckland scored the fourth goal for the visitors. A slight mishap to Scott delayed play for a minute or two, and neither side scoring again at half time stood: North, Four goals; South, two goals.

Play opened rather tamely in the second half. Both sides undoubtedly felt the strain of the vigorous play in the first half, but while the Northern team kept their combination and gave a really good exhibition of accurate and well timed passing, the Southern team played a somewhat scrappy game. Scott was frequently hard pressed to clear goal, and on the whole his play compared unfavourably with his performance in the first half. Ramsey, however, and also Pyman, H Baskett and Silvester, worked hard to improve the position. Parker-Smith, Buckland, Bennett and Hobbins were prominent for the Northerners, but it was the wonderful combination of the side rather than individual performances which enabled them to score eleven more goals to their opponents' two and secure success by fifteen goals to four.

South: C H Scott (West London) (goal), F Battersby (Surbiton), H Baskett (Lee), H W Ramsey (Woodford), A Silvester (Catford), T C Hollington (West London), V Gilbey (Hampstead), A Rayner (Surbiton), F C Pyman (Leys School), P W Sinclair (Surbiton), F P Jones (West London), and A W Donaldson (Oxford University).

North: S Everett (South Manchester)(goal), G Mason (Stockport), G Darwin (Albert Park), J Clegg (Old Hulmeians), J Parker-Smith

(South Manchester), E Dutton(Albert Park), N H P Whitley (South Manchester), G F Buckland (old Hulmeians), R Bennett (Mauldeth), W A Hobbins (Old Hulmeians), G B Lee (South Manchester) and G Alexander (Eccles)."

The Manchester Guardian – 15th April 1907

"A TRIUMPH FOR THE NORTH

The North and South match on Saturday was not altogether a good thing for the North. It was of the kind that destroys one's sense of proportion, and just at present, particularly, it is essential that we keep our heads cool, not allowing ourselves to become too satisfied with our progress. It is difficult to account for the wide difference between the two sides; a difference more marked than ever before. Remembering the Old Boys' success against the Southern champions, one is almost forced to the conclusion that it really exists; that these two big scores are not accidental, but only possible expression of the superiority of Northern lacrosse.

Broadly speaking the difference between the North and South teams were the pace and intelligence. One is inclined to think this latest North side is the fastest and most 'brainy' that has ever taken the field. The Southerners held their own in certain directions. Four men on their side were practically our equals in intelligence and skill, but two of the four, from causes outside their control now, had not the necessary pace. These were Ramsey and Frank Battersby, two of the backs, both of whom were a constant stumbling block in the way of the North advances, and who in the first half, were able to give Scott's fine goalkeeping its fullest value. When the other backs broke down, as they did finally and most completely under the strain of those remarkable Northern rushes, these men were perforce more or less swept away in the general ruin. Ramsey, for all his years, did more brilliantly defending than any back on the field, and it was only towards the end, when Lancashire – or, for tis occasion, the North of England – attacks were doing some remarkable conjuring in the space of about a dozen square feet immediately in front of the South goal, that he was ever really beaten.

THE RUN OF THE GAME

At first the game was fairly even, though the South attacks were never dangerous like those of the North, and after a very characteristic score from Leigh, Darwin, playing on Jones, – the Leigh of the South – was twice beaten, and only Everett's coolness in goal covered the failures. Then came another splendid goal from Leigh, who was playing in his very best form, working mightily and keeping himself out of check always long enough to be able to place his passes without haste. Then came the pass, taken amid a crowd of whirling crosses, and then was Scott's turn. Once he saved, and from that Rayner ought to have scored; and again, after Scott had spoiled a perfect piece of work by Buckland and Alexander, Sinclair missed a great chance, Rayner and Hollington giving him the ball when he was in an excellent position. Buckland and Alexnader soon got together again, and a brilliant goal resulted. The Eccles man kept well out on the wing in a line slightly in front of goal, and Battersby dared not follow him with Leigh and Buckland so close all the time and their men not very certain of them. Repeatedly the ball reached Alexander from the defence, cleared from the line to the wing men, then to Bennett, cool and hard working as ever, and thence to this extra wing first home. He never missed a catch, and only about twice did his pass fail to reach the man it was meant for; while, apart from one occasion, his shooting was of the kind which only such men as Scott can hope to deal successfully.

After the third North goal the home men did much better. Their backs appeared to obtain a better grip on the opposing forwards

and their attacks made fewer blunders. A fine effort by Silvester gave Donaldson a good goal, and after Everett had saved twice from Jones he was at last beaten cleverly by the same player. Twice more before the interval Scott saved impossible looking shots from Buckland, and nearly succeeded again with the Old Boy right on top of him. Half time arrived with the score 4-2 for the North.

AFTER THE INTERVAL

The second half opened quietly enough, but after the North got their fifth goal – one does not know whether it was accident or design, because the shot Hobbins sent in seemed to be well covered by Scott until it hit, or was hit by, Leigh's crosse – the pace mended again. Whitley got the sixth point, and after a dangerous rush by Baskett – Gerald Mason came to the rescue that time – Buckland scored another brilliant goal. Pyman, thanks to some extraordinary dodging, which completely beat the Northern backs, roused Southern hopes momentarily, but, thereafter the North attacks took almost entire charge of the proceedings, and although Rayner scored a fine goal before the North actually went further ahead, the visiting backs were not again at fault. Leigh scored the ninth for the North from a fine pass by Bennett, but afterwards he, like Hobbins and Alexander, saw that Buckland had completely got out of hand, and though he did score another himself – rather fortunate that the pass reached him – gave himself most methodically to the task of putting the ball to his companions. Finally, the South were beaten 15-4."

April 1907

Other Matters – Progress of Lacrosse

Morning Post – 17th April 1907

"THE PROGRESS OF LACROSSE

It is unlikely that lacrosse will ever become widely popular in the country. Our winter belongs to football, our summer to cricket; at the best lacrosse can only be a serious rival to hockey. Still, as a spectacle for those who understand it and a pastime for those who can play it the ancient game invented by American Indians and adopted by the Canadians as a national sport will always have its votaries. It is certainly the fastest of cooperative pastimes. There is no of-side rule, the ball is in play as long as a crosse can reach it and even when it passes behind goal, and it follows that there are very few interruptions to a well conducted game. The comparative lack of rules is easily explained. There were no rules at all in the game as played by the aboriginal inhabitants of North America. The field had no boundaries, the number of players on a side was unlimited – every able bodied member of a tribe took part in the tribal contests as a matter of course – and if a 'brave' thought fit to hit an opponent with his crosse in any useful spot he was at liberty to do so. No such contest ever took place without plentiful bloodshed; and serious casualties, the aboriginal crosse being practically a combination of quarter-staff and a small fishing net, were not uncommon. In Canada today there is sometimes a good deal of rough work and an occasional free stick fight, even in matches for the Minto Cup, which carries with the club championship of the Dominion. Up to 1902, when a team of Toronto experts visited the Mother Country and won all their matches with consummate ease, English and Irish lacrosse players used the old fashioned, unwieldy weapon. The gut of the old implement had to be flush with the woodwork when bearing the weight of the ball, and swift, short passing was out of the occasion. Long throws down the field and individual runs were the most profitable tactics; at close quarters the play was apt to become the merest scramble owing to the difficulty of catching the ball on the net-work of the crosse. Still, some of the Northern teams, especially that of Owen's College in

Manchester played a decidedly artistic game despite the unwieldiness of the weapons, and lacrosse has always had many faithful followers in the Manchester district. But the Torontos, who used very light, baggy crosses, were able to give and take short, swift, low passes with convincing dexterity, had not the slightest difficulty in running up large scores against the best of the Northern combinations. According to Mr H W Ramsay, the English International, who wrote an excellent article on the evolution of modern lacrosse in a recent issue of C B Fry's Magazine; 'The 'All Blacks' had a system and combination superior to that of our rugby football teams. The Canadians had a system and combination and weapons superior to those of our lacrosse teams'. Accordingly they were able to carry out intricate passing movements - in which even the goalkeeper played an attacking part - and against these tactics the best defences could do little or nothing, the English goalkeepers finding themselves perpetually in the zone of fire. 'One might be playing against a machine gun' said one of those much tried holders of the fort.

However, the lacrosse players of England and Ireland have turned the object lessons of 1902 to good account, and have adopted not only the light, handy, receptive weapons of their conquerors but also the Canadian strategy and tactics. Still, it is hardly likely that even such excellent Northern teams as the Old Hulmeians will succeed in beating the Capitals of Ottawa, who are trained professionals, and, as befits the champions of the Dominion, are able to execute the most bewildering passing movements with unfailing accuracy and at tremendous pace. One of the chief faults of the English teams the writer has seen is the tendency to pass to high and to hoist the ball in the air - a tendency which is as fatal to success against the best play as are the sky scrapping kicks of mediocre Association backs and half backs. Again, though the Canadian system of combination is understood in theory, in practice the players of this country are seldom able to accomplish what they wish to do in a combined attack. A careless pass, too high or too slow, often wrecks a well-developed movement, and the ball is promptly annexed by an opponent. Again, our players are too apt to stop or slacken pace when giving or taking a pass, whereas the Canadians (as with rugby footballers of New Zealand) everything is accomplished on the run. Nothing is prettier or seemingly more simple than a Canadian passing bout, in which every member of the team, including the goalkeeper, takes part in order to get 'the odd man', ie., to leave a player unchecked with only the opposing goalkeeper to prevent him from scoring. How is the goalkeeper made use of? It is not easy to explain without a diagram. Point (whose station is in front of the goal) secures the ball, the goalkeeper runs out of the goal to one side, and point gives the ball to him. The first home of the opponents must go to check the goalkeeper, who promptly passes the ball back to point, and he is then the 'odd man', since the man - ie., first home - whose function it is to check him has been drawn off by the goalkeeper's run, and is out of the game for the time being. This manoeuvre is continued down the field until the first home at the other end is the final odd man, and is left in front of goal with a chance of shooting unchecked. In all such manoeuvres the Capitals are likely to get the better of their English opponents. Nevertheless, they will have to play up to beat the best of the Northern teams."

April 1907

Other Matters – Canadian Tour Match – South vs Capital

Capital won 6-0

The Manchester Guardian – 19th April 1907

"CANADIAN LACROSSE TOUR

SOUTH OF ENGLAND DEFEATED

The team of the Capital Club, of Ottawa, the holders of the lacrosse championship of Canada, opened their tour at Lord's yesterday by beating a strong side representing the South of England by six goals to none. The home team, however, gave the Canadians, who were by far the more skilful side individually, a much closer game than had been expected. The most striking difference between the sides lay in the cleverness of the Capitals in front of goal, the South of England defence being again and again virtually left standing still by the quick and accurate passing of their opponents when close in. Although clearly outclassed, the home defence were untiring in their efforts. Another strong part about the Capital's game was their cool and clever swerving when going at full speed, and they very seldom passed at random.

There is not a weak man in the Canadian team, but the players who distinguished themselves most yesterday were Hutton, the goalkeeper, and Eastwood. Hutton has a great reputation in Canada, and yesterday he came as a revelation to the onlookers, especially in the first half, when he brought off some marvellous saves. Eastwood was always a great trouble to the South's defence, handling his crosse in splendid style.

The Canadians took some time to settle down, and in the first ten minutes Hutton had to save several shots, but their pace and skill soon told, and they scored twice before the interval. In the second half the Canadians showed the spectators what they are capable of, and Scott, in goal for the South, had a busy time. The English attacks were seldom dangerous, and before the end four more goals were put in by the visitors. The scorers for the Capitals were Murphy and Gaul (two each), Allen, and Ashfield. Bright weather prevailed, and about 2,000 spectators – an unusually large crowd – attended."

April 1907

**Other Matters – Canadian Tour Match – London vs
Capital Capital won 14-1**

The Manchester Guardian – 23rd April 1907

"LONDON V CAPITALS

Although they obviously took matter easy, the Capitals in their third match of their tour beat a team representing London at Queen's Club yesterday by fourteen goals to one. The London team was a good one, but the defence proved quite incapable of checking the brilliant attacks of the visitors, who appeared to be able to score at will. Four periods of twenty minutes each were played, and in the second the Capitals put on no fewer than seven goals. Hutton showed his usual splendid form in goal for the Canadians, and, it was no fault of his that Holloway scored for London, as he was impeded by several other players. Fagan, Starrs, Pringle, and Eastwood were always prominent for the Capitals, and Scott, in goal, Rayner, and Lavy did the best work for London."

April 1907

**Other Matters – Canadian Tour Match – Kent vs Capital
Capital won 10-3**

The Manchester Guardian – 26th April 1907

"CANADIAN LACROSSE TEAM

A HARD MATCH WITH KENT

The Kent lacrosse team gave the Capitals an unexpectedly hard game at the Crystal Palace yesterday. The Canadians won by ten goals to three, but the score by no means represents the run of the game, Kent playing really well and only failing, like the other English teams, when in front of goal. For once the Capitals met a team quite as fast as themselves, but they were immensely superior in short passing, and this won them the game. Rain fell lightly throughout, and the ground very slippery the Canadians did not show their best form. They began badly, and in less than ten minutes Pickering, with a good goal, gave Kent the lead. Improving as they went on, however, the Capitals led by five goals to one at the end of half an hour, when ends were changed. After the restart Pickering scored a second goal, and after two goals for the Capitals Jones gained the third for Kent as a result of good passing by Bell and Silvester. Before the close the Capitals put on three more goals, the last coming just as the whistle blew. Considering the bad light both goalkeepers – Hutton for the Canadians and Mason for Kent – did well. Allen who played particularly well, scored four goals for the Capitals, Butterworth and Murphy two each, and Starrs and Gaul one each."

May 1907

Other Matters – Canadian Tour

The Manchester Guardian – 27th May 1907

"CANADIAN AND BRITISH LACROSSE

Reuter's Ottawa correspondent says :- The unanimous opinion among the Canadian Capital lacrosse team, which has just returned from England, is that the Englishmen are always in good condition, and that if they played the game in the proper season instead of winter, and if they were trained in combination tactics, they would hold their own with the best lacrosse players in the world."

September 1907

Other Matters – Exhibition Match

Croydon Chronicle & East Surrey Advertiser – 28th September 1907

"On Saturday a lacrosse match was played on the ground of the Purley Cricket Club between a white team, composed of the first and second elevens of the Surbiton L C, and a blue team, made up from the Catford, Lee and West London clubs. It was thought that the colours would score an easy victory over their opponent, being practically a Kent county side. However, victory was not so easy, for, thanks to a good defence in the first half, in which, David, the goalkeeper, Rayner, the third home, and Fitzgerald, centre, were conspicuous. The score was only 4-3 against the Whites at the interval. On resuming, the Blues put on another goal, but did not score again, the match resulting in a victory for Colours (Blue) by 5 goals to 3."

October 1907

Lee vs Catford

Lost

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The Sportsman -16th October 1907

"Lee played their first match on their new ground at Bellingham, which is far better suited to their requirements than the one they occupied last season. They were opposed by Catford, who won by fifteen goals to seven. The opening play did not suggest a victory for the older club, for Lee were the first to score, and held the lead for the great part of the first half. Afterwards a weak spot on the Lee defence gave a good deal away, though H Baskett and McDonell were always doing fine work, and the attacks missed M Price and D Blomfield. Catford, on the other hand, improved as the game progressed, and played well together as a team. Tozer has come back to the fold, and did really well; the crosse work of Pickering and Martin was capital. The return of H M Webb to Catford's defence is a great score for the club, as it is for Kent and the South. Bell put in an immense amount of work, as usual, and both French and Muriel were quite good and combined splendidly."

"CATFORD V LEE

Played at Bellingham on Saturday. It was the first match of both clubs, this season, and Catford won by fifteen goals to seven. The losers were suffering from the loss of three of their old team, and are engaged in trying to find efficient substitutes. The training and accustoming such new comers to the first team must of necessity take time, and occasion considerable goal expenditure. One vacancy was ably filled by R E Bell, and his brother, R C Bell who was marked by the old international, H M Webb, showed that he had lost none of his old skill. Muriel and French played well, and Davies, at second home, shows great promise. For the winners, Sach, Martin and Pickering were seen to great advantage on the attack, C O Lee and Silvester were perhaps the pick of a very steady defence.

Catford: Mason, C O Lee, E G Lee, Webb, L H Baskett, Silvester, Dowsett, Sach, Tozer, Taylor, Martin and Pickering.

Lee: Price, H Baskett, R E Bell, McDonell, Blomfield, Kessel, R C Baskett, Muriel, Kessel, R C Bell, Davies and French."

October 1907

Surbiton vs Lee

Lost

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Athletic News -28th October 1907

"Lee visited the flagholders and gave them a splendid game. The ground was in excellent trim, but the light was poor. Led by Bell and Muriel the Lee attacks got to work at once, and as a result of a determined onslaught quickly gave their side a lead by two goals. Surbiton, who always take time to settle down, made up the leeway before half time, and then steadily forged ahead, winning eventually by 10-6."

October 1907

Other Matters – Lacrosse Stick Design

The Manchester Guardian -28th October 1907

"NEW 'CROSSE' POSSIBILITIES

In these go ahead times it is obvious that even in lacrosse we must not rest long content with the old things. The crosse as we first had it did very well till the Canadians came over who had crosses quite different from ours, and as soon as they had gone our younger bloods hurried off to buy Canadian crosses. The older men held out for a time, but, after all there was something enticingly easy in the working of these new crosses, and gradually the cumbersome old

English stick was dropped, and one heard of even veteran players, men who would have supposed to be proof against all temptation to change, who had actually pooh-poohed the innovation, appearing on the field at the last possible minute before play began with a Canadian crosse hidden carefully behind them. Now we have the very latest thing – an English invention – a crosse which may be used right or left handed; it has no back. One admits at once that this sounds absurd, almost impossible, but it has been done, and may quite well ‘catch on’. The stick is just an ordinary one, but the leader is twice the usual size, half on one side of the gut, half on the other, and where the netting joins the stick the cross strings are threaded through holes in a line down the middle – not on the edge – of the latter. It happens from this that the stick from the level of the gut is nowhere the same height as is customary, but the bagginess of the crosse rectifies the fault to some extent except at the pocket, where, instead of getting its support from the stick, the ball actually gets the least. Still it is an ingenious contrivance, and even if unnecessary proves that someone has the possible needs of lacrosse players at heart. What one awaits is the clever fellow who will give us a crosse which will positively refuse to make mistakes, no matter what we left to ourselves would do. When this happens we will invite another Canadian team over, and put into the field against them not one but a score on international teams all different, and beat them every time.”

November 1907	Hampstead vs Lee	Draw	5	5
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December 1907	Other Matters – Olympic Games 1908
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The Sportsman – 4th December 1907

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The decision of the Olympic Games authorities to hold the winter sports, ie. football, hockey and lacrosse, in October, 1908, is one of great interest to lacrossers. It would not be true to say that it is in all respects satisfactory, but it is one with which we shall nevertheless eagerly fall in. Through the instrumentality of Mr F B O Hawes there was every anticipation that the amateurs of Canada and America would have set teams to England had the games been played in the spring of the year, whilst it is obviously more difficult for Canada to rush a team over here by the middle of October, when their own season is scarcely over. However, negotiations are pending for the fresh date. The lengthened time may on the other hand be helpful in enabling both Australia and South Africa to be represented, and matters are already proceeding in this direction. In the meantime English players will leave no stone unturned to be prepared to meet all-comers, and the two trial games arranged as England v The Rest, to take place in the spring, should help immensely to this end. They will provide also the best of English lacrosse.”

December 1907	Lee II vs Clapham II	Won	8	5
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January 1908	Other Matters – Second Half of Season Preview
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The Sportsman – 1st January 1908

"In the South matches are upon a somewhat different footing. There is no league, and it is not until the commencement of the Flag matches on the 1st of next month senior clubs engage in competition. Up to "half-time" Catford has carried all before it, with Surbiton running a close second. So far these clubs have not met; that is a treat reserved for next Saturday, and it is hoped that both teams will be at full strength. It does not seem from the records that these clubs have much to fear in the South. At one time there was hope that Hampstead would become a dangerous twelve, but its recent defeat of 15-0 by Catford will take a lot of getting over. Woodford has gained a meritorious victory over Surbiton, but it has fallen to both Lee and Hampstead; West London has shown no form at all, though the material is there. Lee and Snaresbrook remain, and both are teams of great possibilities. Both have been defeated by Surbiton, and Lee has also fallen to Catford, Snaresbrook has not yet played Catford. The teams themselves have met once. When Lee was victor. The Kent team has the better record as regards games played, but both can improve their position considerably by attending to greater concentration on the defence and on the home."

January 1908	Lee II vs Dartmouth Park	Won	8	6
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January 1908	Lee vs Woodford	Won	6	3
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Sevenoaks Chronicle & Kentish Advertiser – 17th January 1908

"In spite of the frost, a fair number of lacrosse matches took place on Saturday. At Bellingham, Lee beat Woodford; Surbiton and West London drew at Hampton Wick; at Blackheath, Willoughby beat Blackheath; Purley defeated Highgate, at Purley; and in the Northern league, South Manchester beat Mauldeth."

January 1908	Snaresbrook vs Lee	Draw	7	7
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January 1908	Cambridge University vs Lee	Draw	8	8
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Morning Post – 27th January 1908

"The match between Cambridge University and Lee at Cambridge on Saturday produced an interesting contest, the result being a draw of 8 goals all. In the first half the light blues had the better of exchanges, and they led at the interval by 7 to 3. In the last five minutes Lee notched two goals, and thus effected a draw."

January 1908	Oxford University vs Lee	Draw	2	2
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February 1908	Lee vs Clapham (Flag)	Won	13	8
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Morning Post – 3rd February 1908

"The first round of the Southern Senior Flag tournament was decided on Saturday. The most interesting match was between Catford and Woodford, on the former club's ground. From the start there was never much doubt as to the ultimate winners. Catford

generally had the upper hand, and, after leading by five goals to one at the interval, ultimately won by 11 to two. The other surviving clubs were Surbiton (holders), Lee, Hampstead and West London."

February 1908	Lee vs West London (Flag)	Lost	7	8
March 1908	Snaresbrook vs Lee	Lost	1	10

April 1908

Other Matters – Olympic Games Rules

The Manchester Guardian – 6th April 1908

"THE OLYMPIC GAMES

.. there is a thing or two we need to know about the special rules drafted for the lacrosse competition. With the passing comment of the fact that a player shall not strike another, nor even threaten to do so, but apparently he is not to kick his opponent one may come to the really important rule. Our own goal crease rule simply provided that no attacking player should be in the crease before the arrival of the ball, but the new one is more drastic. 'A player shall not stand within the goal crease, the goalkeeper excepted', the latter provisions seems very reasonable, 'nor shall he check the goalkeeper while the latter is in the bounds of the goal crease. Any goal made while an attacking player is within the goal crease, or is interfering with the goalkeeper while the latter is within the crease, shall be deemed a foul, and shall not be counted'. This calls up a dread picture of the goalkeeper cowering in the net, careful to keep the ball on the extreme end of his crosse so that it shall not be on the wrong side of the line, while a fierce band of attacks waits without the limits daring him to come out and face them. Really, the authorities have foreseen everything. The goalkeeper may not shelter indefinitely in his stronghold, he must face the music within a reasonable time. At any rate he shall not 'while within the crease, hold the ball on his crosse longer than is necessary to step out of the crease'. They take away with one hand what they have given with the other. Perhaps it occurred to them that the first rule gave the goalkeeper power to end the game as soon as his side got a lead, and having created a danger they saw a chance of doing something clever in the matter of removing it. The curious thing about the first rule is that no player, whether of the goalkeepers own side or the other, is allowed in the crease except the goalkeeper himself; and yet only when the offender is an attack shall the goal not count, so presumably if you only push a defence man into the crease with a shot coming in you would have done a good thing for your side."

April 1908

Other Matters – Athletics Meet

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 18th April 1908

"S E Hall, a well-known athlete, was the Mile winner at Lloyd's Bank Sports on Saturday. Mr R C Baskett, the Lee Lacrosse Club player, carried off several prizes. One was for throwing the cricket ball. He sent the missile, however, only a little over 85 yards"

April 1908

Other Matters – Olympic Trial Match – England vs Duke of Argyll's Team
England won 18-5

The Manchester Guardian – 27th April 1908

“ENGLAND V DUKE OF ARGYLL’S TEAM

At Lord’s on Saturday the Olympic trial game between England and the Duke of Argyll’s team resulted in an easy victory for England by eighteen goals to five. S Hayes, G Buckland, E P Jones and R G Martin showed brilliant form on the England attack, and C H Scott in goal brought off a number of fine saves. In the second half Scott kept goal for the Duke’s team and S Everett was the England custodian. At half time the score stood at nine to two in favour of England.”

July 1908

Other Matters – Exhibition Match

Croydon Guardian & Surrey County Gazette –18th July 1908

“EXHIBITION MATCH

An exhibition lacrosse match, arranged by the Croydon Lacrosse Club, was played on Monday evening on the grounds of the Addiscombe Cricket Club. The teams, were captained by K Holman (Croydon) and V Vaughan-Jones (Willoughby), were as follows:

Red: C J Mason (Catford) (goal), E G Lee (Catford), M Dovey (Purley), G F Vollmer (Croydon), F McDonell (Lee), A Silvester (Catford), R C Gold (Croydon), L S Bingemann (Oxford), C A Sutton (Clapham), J Bryson (Croydon), K Holman (Croydon), P Sinclair (Surbiton).

Blue: R E F Jones (Willoughby) (goal), V Vaughan-Jones (Willoughby), C Skinner (Hampstead), W A Stanley (Willoughby), E T Cronk (Finchley), T Hobbs (Willoughby), T S Spittle (West London), R S Dolleymore (Hampstead), W Mortimer (Dartford Park), R C Bell (Lee), T A Manuelides (Finchley), R B Adamson (Finchley).

The first half provided some very exciting play, and during the last five minutes Vaughan-Jones’ team scored three goals in quick succession. Half time was called with the score standing at five each. In the second half, Holmans’ team put on another two, chiefly due to the smart play of W Mortimer, who, it may be mentioned, has been selected for the Olympic trials at Shepherd’s Bush next Wednesday. The game ended with a score of 7 goals to 6 in Vaughan-Jones’s favour. A feature of the match was the brilliant play of W Mortimer and R C Gold, who displayed rare activity and resourcefulness at critical moments. The goals were scored as follows:- Red: J Bryson, C A Sutton (2), R C Gold (3): Blue: R C Bell (3), W Mortimer, T S Spittle, T Hobbs (2). The referee was Mr P A Altman. It was hoped that the Mayor would be present, but he was prevented from attending by the inclement weather.”

July 1908

Other Matters – Olympic Lacrosse

The Sportsman –30th September 1908

“NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

Olympic lacrosse will be confined to the match between Canada and England. This is definitely fixed to be played at the Stadium on Saturday, October 24, at one o’clock.

The Canadians will reach England on October 9 or 10, and will devote the fortnight to practising. No matches will be played prior to the Olympic Game, but afterwards one or two fixtures will be made in the North of England between October 26 and 30. It will

interest lacrossers to know that the Canadian team will play in white and the Englishmen in red; that the goals will be 120 yards apart, with ten yards run behind each; that the field of play will be canvassed in to a field of height of three foot; that a white ball, slightly heavier than we are accustomed to, and a shade lighter than those used by the Canadians, will be played with (it has been used in practice matches by Canada and England lately); that the Canadian system of dividing play into four quarters has been adopted, and that, for the first time in connection with English lacrosse, a penalty time keeper has been appointed."

September 1908

Other Matters – Olympic Games

The Manchester Guardian – 5th September 1908

"OLYMPIAN GAMES

SOUTH AFRICA TO COMPETE

Until a few days ago it was understood that only Canada besides the United Kingdom would enter for the Olympic Games at the stadium during the week commencing October 18, but it is now stated that South Africa has decided to enter. The matches most probably will be :- Monday, October 19, South Africa v Canada; Wednesday, October 21, United Kingdom v South Africa; and Saturday, October 24, United Kingdom v Canada."

October 1908

Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	6	18
Lee II vs Catford III	Won	14	7

The Sportsman – 21st October 1908

"Lee scored 14-7 against the third string of Catford. Goldup and F C Kessell are doing good work at second and third home for Lee, but they will feel the want of a good first home when they meet some of the stronger clubs."

October 1908

Lee vs Clapham	Won	8	7
Clapham II vs Lee II	Won	15	4

October 1908

Other Matters – Olympic Match

The Observer – 25th October 1908

"OLYMPIC LACROSSE

CANADA 14, UNITED KINGDOM 10

At the stadium yesterday, the Canadian lacrosse team won the Olympic Games against the United Kingdom, scoring 14 goals to 10. In a tremendously fast match all the best points of the game were brought out by both sides. The Canadians, however, were stronger in defence and straighter in their shooting.

Beginning well, the Canadians soon set up a strong lead and at half time had scored 6 goals to 2. England did better then, and when the last twenty minutes were started they were only two goals behind at 9-7. Amid great excitement they drew level, but towards the close the superior skill of the Canadians told, they scored three more goals to England's 1."

The Manchester Guardian – 26th October 1908

“DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE STADIUM

It is not presumption to express some sympathy with the English Selection Committee about the result of Saturday's great match at the stadium. It may be said at once that the English team did not satisfy expectations at any time during the game – except for about twenty minutes towards the middle, or even a little later. For the rest of the time the attacks, at any rate all save one, was as inept a lot of player as could be imagined, and the one brilliant exception was Buckland. If the others had been as good as he was we should not now be in the position of accounting for another English defeat. Every time our men have to meet Canada we have a revival of the fond hope that perhaps this time we shall make a beginning at beating them. We have been very near it more than once, and we were actually within an ace of doing the business on Saturday last; but there is a period of five or ten minutes in every game which upsets our calculations and leaves one wondering whether these Canadians let our men get up, or nearly up, to them just to show unmistakably the extent of their own resources. Frankly one does not think it very likely, but whether be so or not, the fact remains that the Canadians invariable respond successfully to our efforts.

It seemed during part of Saturday's game that had our attacks played with equal skill and judgement throughout the game we should have won, because the Canadian defence was not good. They gave their men far too much rope, and, moreover, were to be dodged with a certain amount of ease. Indeed, after the example of Buckland's first goal it was a little surprising that the England players did not go in with more determination than they showed. Buckland himself was always fine, one of the best forwards on either side, and the first goal, coming as it did after an early Canadian success, might have given his fellow attacks more heart for the game than they showed during the first quarter.

PLAY WORTH SEEING

It was a very bad first quarter from the English point of view, but to anybody really keen only on good lacrosse the play of the Canadian attacks was altogether delightful. Gorman's first goal was fine, also his other successful shot in this quarter. Broderick had a good goal, and Turnbull had two beauties. A wonderful little man this. Over 40 years old, he still had pace and stamina, to say nothing of his skill, which not one of our men could equal. The passing of the Canadians was just what we have come to expect from them. Almost perfect in accuracy and quite bewildering in its suddenness, the ball rarely went where an English player had a right to expect it would go, consequently until the second quarter began – by which time they had got over their first feeling of strangeness to this kind of play – the only chance of men had of ending a Canadian attack was a caught shot or one that went wide. Five passed Scott in the first quarter, but, even so, the Canadian lead should not have been 5-1 at quarter time. Apart from Buckland and perhaps Alexander our attacks showed the worst possible judgement and the smallest possible amount of skill. Hayes threw away one golden opportunity before Buckland scored. Martin lost another chance by not passing when three English attacks stood free in front of the goal with only one back between themselves and the goalkeeper – the other Canadian defences had been left behind in the England rush.

There was one part of the game in which England was as good as Canada. It was a glorious time indeed when England actually scored five goals and the Canadians score stood still. England had done a little better in the second quarter. Each side had scored once, and there had been some very inspiring struggles between the English backs and the Canadian attacks.

A GLORIOUS QUARTER

The third quarter opened gloriously for England. A fine sprint by Parker-Smith took him through the defences, and a final pass made a goal a very easy matter for Jones. The followed a disappointment, Jones missing an easy chance after beautiful passing by Whitley, Dutton, Alexander and Buckland, but the West London man made some amends by scoring a capital goal a minute or two later. There followed two goals to Canada, one by Turnbull – just a complete outwittings of his man this – and one to Brennan, a miracle of clever manoeuvring for position and quick handling. These two goals were so very excellent that one must be thankful for them, even though they did not fall to England. The last point made the score 9-4, and from then to three quarter time and on into the last quarter was England's period of greatness. That was the time when the Canadian reserve man sitting next to the writer fidgeted uneasily and had nothing to say about it. Buckland got three splendid goals one after the other, each goal culminating in attack passing as good as any shown by the Canadians, and the final dash in each case appearing finer than anything on the other side except Turnbull. Two other goals by Jones were almost equally good. The other men – Alexander, Martin, even Hayes, who had been the greatest of the disappointments in the first half – had their share in these goals, and it was very hard that so much honest endeavour should go for nothing but mitigation of a licking. There was no doubt about the superiority of the visitors at the last. At nine goals all our men were as good as they had pulled up all the lost ground, to find that they had done no more than spur the enemy to an even greater effort than their own.

To see the small veteran Turnbull fighting his way past his man so that Brennan should have the chance was enough in itself to make the match memorable. Parker-Smith fought hard, Mason on Brennan kept close to his man – nearer he could not have been – but the chance took the altogether unexpected form of a lob for which Brennan had to jump. He only seemed to touch the ball, but it was in the net before his feet touched the ground again. Brennan beat Mason single handed to get the next goal – it was Mason's failure in a splendid day's work – and after that the affair was over. England were beaten once more by two things which will always win – skill being more or less equal to stamina and judgement. As a matter of fact, the margin in Canada's favour should have been, one thinks, larger by at least one goal. There were two Canadian goals disallowed – the second, after England's tenth, for no apparent reason. Probably the winners did not mind; they had won an excellent game, in which only two free positions for rough or foul play had been given or deserved – one against each side."

Weekly Irish Times – 31st October 1908

"THE OLYMPIC GAMES

ENGLAND V CANADA

With only Canada and England entering teams the Olympic Lacrosse competition was narrowed down to a single match, and this was played at the Stadium on Saturday afternoon. The turf was rather slippery, but ideal weather prevailed, but not more than a couple of thousand people were present to witness a fine game, during which the more fancied combination representing Canada had to go for all they were worth before achieving victory by 14 to 10."

November 1908

Lee us Catford

Won

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The Field – 14th November 1908

"LEE V CATFORD

Played at Bellingham on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Lee by six goals to five. Lee had the game all their own way in the first half, scoring three goals through Bell, French and M Price, and it was only after French had put on three more goals Catford improved. They then put on five goals. H Baskett and McDonell were the best on the defence for Lee, and Bell, French and M Price on attack. All the Catford defence were steady, P Silvester and L Baskett perhaps were the best, but the attack was very loose at times, too many wild passes being given and not enough play on goal.

Lee: W Price, H Baskett, Rutley, McDonell, Blomfield, R Baskett, M Price, Davies, Mitcheson, Bell, Clarke, French.

Catford: C Mason, C O Lee, E G Lee, P Silvester, L Baskett, A Silvester, Dowsett, Sach, Esper, Taylor, Master, Hinton.

November 1908	Clapham vs Lee	Lost	6	12
November 1908	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	14	4
	Lee II vs Hampstead II (Flag)	Won	10	1

The Sportsman – 25th November 1908

"Lee won comfortably by 14-4 against Willoughby, French and Clarke being in great scoring vein for the winners."

December 1908	Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex	Kent won 7-3
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The Field – 5th December 1908

"KENT V ESSEX

By defeating Essex on Saturday Kent, who have been at the head of the Southern Counties for three successive seasons, have now won thirteen matches without interruption, and it will not be an easy matter to dislodge them from their position. E P Jones and R G Martin, at first and second home, may perhaps spoil the combination of the team, but they are both such fine goal-getters that this does not seem to matter much. A very strong defence will be required to hold these two men. Such play as theirs needs continuous support, and they received it on Saturday at the hands of R C Bell, always a untiring worker; M Price, a promising centre; A Silvester and R C Baskett. The Kent defence was very sound, and the straight consisting of C O Lee, Norman Spicer and H Baskett, a most difficult one to get through. Essex played a very energetic game at Catford on Saturday, and but for their weakness when in front of goal would have made the score closer than seven goals to three against them. The Woodford club has improved its position so much this season that the county team was expected to rise in a corresponding degree, and, possessing a good defence, as well as plenty of well-directed energy, it need only, but imperatively, more deliberate work on the home to advance still further. There are younger men in the county who should develop considerably between now and March next, when the county tournament will be resumed. The game commenced by Jones cleverly scoring a goal

for Kent, and this was followed by one for Martin, who was checked closely by H W Ramsey, and yet scored from a somewhat acute angle. Essex were on the whole, the more severely pressed, but Ramsey, the Foxes, Leuw, and Stobbs proved invincible, and eventually, after fifteen minutes play Essex scored. They repeated the performance rather luckily before half time. Without in any way running away with the match Kent added steadily to their lead in the second half, but the Essex defences made them work hard for every goal they obtained, and Kent won by seven goals to three.

Kent: C J Mason (Catford) goal, C O Lee (Catford) point, N Spicer (west London) coverpoint, H Baskett (Lee) third man, R C Baskett (Lee) A Silvester (Catford) defence fields, M Price (Lee) centre, H Sach (Catford) E G Taylor (Catford) attack fields, R C Bell (Lee) third home, R G Martin (Catford) second home, E P Jones (West London) first home.

Essex: P Stobbs (Woodford) goal, H Fox (Snaresbrook) point, H W Ramsey (Woodford) coverpoint, G Fox (Snaresbrook) third man, W Leuw (Woodford) H J Sudell (Snaresbrook) defence fields, J Ladbroke (Woodford) centre, J B Knight (Woodford) R Cameron (Snaresbrook) attack fields, W M Knight (Woodford) third home, S G Hough (Snaresbrook) second home, L Leuw)Woodford) first home.

Referee: Mr W H Gem."

December 1908

Lee us Catford Lost 8 13

Lee II us Croydon II Won 4 1

The Field -12th December 1908

"At present moment only one team (West London) in the South of England holds an unbeaten record, and even this played a drawn game with Catford early in the season. It is, on the whole, surprising to find this club in such a position, for it has suffered from various vicissitudes. It commenced the campaign without C H Scott, the England goalkeeper, who has played for the club ever since he left Leys school, and it has two other Leysians T O Hollington and A B Jones on the injured list, but a persistent well-directed attack and a steady defence have, so far, kept them in front. They had by no means all the game against Lee on Saturday last, and, although victory ultimately came by thirteen goals to eight, the half-time score was only seven goals to six in their favour. Catford, Woodford and Hampstead come next in order, and anyone of these might easily come to the front during the competition for the southern flags that commences in February. The Catford team is very strong when at its best, but it suffers at times from inexplicable lapses, and these account for its one defeat and two drawn games. Surbiton has always to be considered. So far this season the team has done nothing, but it is the most strenuous of flag fighters, and its record of victory for four successive seasons clearly proves. Against Catford last Saturday Surbiton made little headway, and suffered a seven goals to one defeat. Perhaps the most surprising result on that day was the six goals to four victory of Woodford against Finchley. The defeated team had made no pretensions to form of this nature, and their subsequent performances will be watched with interest. They played very soundly in the second-half of the match, and more than held their experienced opponents."

December 1908

Woodford us Lee Lost 6 12

December 1908

Other Matters – Letter from Canadian Captain

The Sportsman -16th December 1908

“THE GAME IN ENGLAND

A FAMOUS PLAYER’S APPRECIATION

TO THE EDITOR OF ‘THE SPORTSMAN’

Sir - Permit me to use your valuable columns to give expression on my views on how I found lacrosse played in England, and at the same time offer a few hints on how to improve the grand game. First, let us take the game at the Stadium. The English team were certainly in excellent form, the speed exhibited by them during the match was simply marvellous, outdistancing our team every time; therefore we cannot attribute the victory to the Canadians; speed, which in all cases is considered a great factor in the winning of lacrosse matches, or we must establish a reason for the defeat and also some argument in favour of the winning.

In the matter of stick handling your team proved themselves exceptionally good, and I may add experts; but, in view of the fact that your defencemen played with sticks that resemble those which we in Canada are accustomed to give to a boy when he has reached the age of about thirteen, the use of this small stick naturally minimises the player’s chance of catching and stopping the ball, which proves again the necessity of these players being compelled to handle their sticks very accurately. I remember in the game at the Stadium that several times I refused to check a defence man’s stick, expecting him to miss the ball, but much to my surprise he very cleverly caught it and made off. Had your team used a larger stick, especially on defence, they would undoubtedly have saved considerably more time and fewer anxious moments in the catching of the ball. This trouble applies more to the home, as these players had to concentrate their whole attention to catching and safe holding of the ball on their small tightly strung sticks, throwing away many a golden opportunity of passing the ball to a player who had made good his position to score had he received the ball at the proper moment; but at that particular time his playing mate’s mind, muscles and skill were simply wrapped up in the minor art of catching the rubber sphere. This all due to the poor sticks.

I have also noticed that there exists a great deal of the football principle, viz, every player is after the ball. This style, to my mind, is a great mistake, as your defence wings and attack become bunched at both ends, leaving the centre field entirely vacant.

Your team with its splendid speed should have done wonders. The system of each man playing his respective position would tend make a faster and more open game, and consequently a finer game from a spectator’s point of view and a much easier and more interesting game for the players.

For instance, ‘Blues’ v ‘Reds’, Blues centre secures the draw and gets a lead on his cover (Red). Is there any advantage in Blue’s wing players accompanying him towards the goal? In my opinion, I cannot see that anything but a disadvantage; the very fact of Blue’s centre being alone and having a conservative lead over his check is sufficient to warrant Blue’s wings in remaining in their respective positions and in not running in front of the goals with a view of assisting in the scoring. This latter is a very bad move, as the Blue wing not only crowds his centre, but also invites his cover to follow in. How often has it been seen with a tussle of twelve players massed in front of goal and the poor ball smothered in a scrimmage, only to be batted out by some quick thinking defence

player and luckily into the stick of his wing attack, who in turn carries the same conditions to the other goal.

After a series of such plays one becomes tired from the exertion of excessive running; then, when the time comes for scoring goals there are no attacks, for in their eagerness to play the ball they have got out of their positions and are also very tired. Defence men, don't always look for the man with the ball! It is the player who gets into a good position or makes an opening for his side partner – this is the chap to watch. Give your goal minder a chance to stop the balls; remember that blocking the goals has at times proved successful, but I have seen where a team won the championship of the world by scoring a goal in ten seconds with eleven of the opposing defence men jammed into the goals.

Had these defencemen remained in their positions the result would most certainly been in their favour. The attack players I find are a little too anxious to get rid of the ball. Very often it happens that an attack man in possession of the ball will pass it to another player standing on the extreme side of the field instead of holding the ball a few moments longer and then passing it to a player who is close to goals. I contend that the player in possession of the ball should be the judge; to him is left the duty of passing to the player whom he considers to be in the best position. I strongly advise young men especially not to place themselves in the extreme side field and shout for the ball. By this you simply lose ground. It is far better to hold the ball, and if your cover is clever enough to take it from you there is no disgrace; you are playing the game.

Always make it a practice of playing the ball to the player who is closest to the goals, and in this way you will find a better and more fascinating game, both for the players and spectators.

A word to your centre and wing players is to your centre and wing players is to always take the shortest route. If you have the ball and want to get close to the goals then go straight down the centre of the field; your cover will have to prove himself as a much speedier runner in order to catch up, whereas if you insist on taking a man to the extreme sides and your check discovers the short cut, don't be surprised should you happen to find him waiting for you at the other end, and help spoil your apparent good work.

The mistake was much in evidence at the big game; hence it is the Canadians won, not by their speed or better crosse handling, but purely and simply because your wing attacks when they took a very wide range of field gave our defence and field a chance to return down the centre of the field, consequently covering attacks and preventing them from shooting on the home end. Our covers were not faster runners but they used that time saving device 'Down the Centre', and by passing the ball to the man who was in the better position scored more goals and took off the coveted prize. Best of all we carry back with us the most pleasant memories of good sports. Hoping that this little comment will be of some use to your lacrosse players who are interested in the welfare of (as one of your great sportsman terms it) a most enthralling game. Once more thanking you for your valuable space, I remain yours very truly.

P J Brennan, Captain Canadian Team."

December 1908

Woodford vs Lee

Lost 6 12

Croydon II vs Lee II

Won 4 1

The Field – 19th December 1908

“Whether English lacrosse players have been taught valuable lessons by the Canadian teams that played in the Olympic Games is a question that has often been asked within the past few weeks, to be answered invariably in the affirmative. The Canadians themselves, whilst praising English speed, stick work, and general brilliancy, indicate that our players have still to master some of the finer points of the game. They first of all require that every member of a team shall have the instinct that will enable him to act his part in the working of the whole machine, as it were, spontaneously. The completeness and unanimity with which this point has been carried out was undoubtedly one of the leading characteristics of the Canadians. The immediate uncovering and deploying of the outer defences (third man and fielders as a rule sufficing) wherever the man behind them had the ball safe was an object lesson in tactics, for the ball was at once was on its way to the other end of the field by means of a player free from his checker. It would not be fair to assume that the English player was ignorant of this principle, for he has practised it continuously in what he knows as “forcing”, but he had not realised the importance, perhaps not even the possibility, of the perfection exhibited by the Canadians. Another finer point lies in the concentration of play in the straight line between goal and goal, and the avoidance of wide and exhaustive wing work. The Canadians view is that for the player to take a wide run at full speed on the wing and to be met at the other end of the detour by a checker, who has taken a shorter route and trotted down the centre of the field, is wasted energy. But if we admit that the Englishman has something to learn in this direction. It will also be advisable for him to remember that this concentration can be overdone, that lacrosse is a game for the athlete, and it demands of him the special abilities he possesses. Once let it develop in to a more or less active game of chess, with more comparative precision and stiltiness, and the game will not be worth the playing. A third point of advisory criticism is directed at the English play on the home. In the Olympic match nothing was more obvious than the completely different methods adopted by opposing attacks. The one was all speed and directness – a fine sprint in from the field, a few passes with the men fully on the run, and a shot. That was the English game. The other showed us the ball carefully brought on to the home by brilliant short passing, and once there, held by the means of skilfully arranged placing and continuous hard, short passing. This manoeuvring was continued until one man was found in front of goal, generally free, and until then it was seldom that an attempt at scoring was made. That was the Canadian plan. If we consider the scoring in the Olympic match – ie, fourteen goals to Canada and ten to England – it does not appear that much superiority can be claimed for either method,; but here again we think that the English player can profit by the Canadians example without relinquishing any of his own brilliancy.

Without quite repeating their good form on the attack of the previous week, Finchley proved just good enough to beat Snaresbrook on Saturday last by four goals to three. The losers were without three of the regular players – Cameron, Wise and K Fox to wit – and suffered accordingly, but Finchley were generally superior, and at one time held an advantage of three goals to one. The defence worked well, H E Raynes and Skinner particularly so, and H W Mundy, a brother of the old international, was of great services to Snaresbrook. The other Essex club, Woodford, scored a meritorious win over Lee by twelve goals to six. The game was very fast, and for a time the Lee defences could do nothing with the smart attack game that Woodford was putting up. At one time the score stood at ten goals to two, with W M Knight as the chief assailant, but the leaders slowed down after this, and, as Lee kept going, the margin was ultimately somewhat reduced. The

Hampstead attack was also in a very efficient condition last Saturday, for without much apparent trouble, it raised a total of nineteen goals, to which its opponent, Croydon, could only respond with three. The Hampstead team is a powerful one, and, despite one or two lapses this season, it may be looked for in a prominent position when the South of England flag competition is underway. Croydon's downfall after the sensational win against Snaresbrook in the previous week is a tribute to Hampstead's ability. Two new teams, Purley and Dartmouth Park, played a game that ended in a draw of four goals. The scoring was close throughout, but when the Dartmouth Park cover-point ran down and scored within a few minutes of time it looked as if a victory had been gained. Purley rose to the occasion, however, and scored once more. Clapham accounted easily for Highgate by seven goals to one, the North Londoners exhibiting their customary weakness in front of goal. Dulwich and Blackheath had a close game, although the former won by ten goals to five."

Sutton & Epsom Advertiser -18th December 1908

"CROYDON 2ND V LEE 2ND

Played at Croydon on Saturday last. Owing to the formation of Croydon's 3rd team it was found necessary to play two teams on the home ground (top of Radcliffe Road), and there proved to be ample room for both teams to play their games unhindered. There is no doubt that Croydon 2nd as a whole are beginning to show considerable improvement, the stick handling and passing all round being much more accurate. The attack, however, lacks considerable 'zip', and in consequence fails in front to goal. This was, as in last weeks game, noticeable, as although Croydon were attacking all the time they failed to score to win. Lee 2nd, on the other hand, while being all very pretty stick handlers, pressed with great vigour when round the goal, Kessell particularly, who scored most of the goals, playing a very sure game, and had it not been for the really brilliant defence work of Jackson at cover point would have got through more often than he did. For the rest, Stent, Croydon's first home, played best, working vigorously and well all afternoon, while Duncan, a very conscientious if somewhat lumbering attack, was also good. Very satisfactory improvement was shown by Gover, attack field, who is perhaps Croydon's most promising beginner. The score at half time was one to nil in Croydon's favour, and a well contested game ended in a defeat for Croydon by four goals to one."

January 1909	Lee vs West London	Lost	9	12
January 1909	Surbiton vs Lee	Lost	1	6

The Field - 23rd January 1909

"Surbiton, the club that had secured the South of England flags for the last three seasons, having lost nine out of ten games in the first half of the season, gave further evidence of their revival of energy last Saturday by beating Lee as unexpectedly as they had disposed of Woodford in the previous week. Despite the known defects of the Lee defence, it was surprising to see the club beaten by six goals to one. The feat of Surbiton will add interest to the southern flag matches that commence next Saturday. In this competition they are drawn to meet West London, and the issue is no longer to be regarded as a foregone conclusion."

January 1909	Catford vs Lee	Lost	6	9
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The Field - 30th January 1909

"Catford and Lee enjoyed their customary struggle, with emulation heightened by the fact that the large majority of their members come from the same school, St Dunstan's College. Profiting by the good play of R G Martin, Catford quickly assumed a considerable lead, and at half time they lead 6-3. Afterwards the game was very even, though the play had lost much of its quality. S French was the most aggressive player for Lee, both Mason and Silvester defended well for Catford, who won by nine goals to six."

February 1909	Lee us Croydon (Flag)	Won	11	5
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	Lee II us Hampstead (Flag)	Won	10	4
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The Sportsman - 3rd February 1909

"Croydon continued to show improvement, and when once their work is prompter and harder they will do better still. Lee really did not shake them off until towards the end of the game, for the half time score was 6-3, and at one time later on it had reached 7-5. The Lee defence still lacks the defensive quality, and on Saturday they indulged in a good deal of clumsy hockey play. French and Clarke did most of the scoring for them, and Buck, a second teamer who filled Davies place, was successful. Hollman and Vallmer were the pick of the Croydon side."

"HAMPSTEAD II V LEE II

Beaten 12 to 4 early in the season by Hampstead II, it was generally thought that Lee would again go under on Saturday at Edgware, but they had their full team out, while Hampstead were without four of their usual men. Up to half time the play was very even, both sides were over anxious and the passing and shooting were erratic, and when the teams crossed over the score was three to two in favour of Lee. After that Hampstead, though well led by Milligan, who worked hard all through, seemed to go to pieces. On the other hand, Lee improved, and putting on seven more to two of Hampstead won a pleasant game by ten goals to four. Krohn and Withers, point and cover, worked hard to keep the score down, while Backhouse and Sievers played well, the latter scoring three out of the four goals. For Lee all played well, but Kingsford and Hoskins on defence and the brothers Kessell (two each) and S T Goldup (four) on attack deserve special mention."

February 1909	Lee us Purley	Won	13	9
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February 1909	Woodford II us Lee II	Lost	5	7
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February 1909	Clapham us Lee (Flag)	Draw	6	6
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	Snaresbrook II us Lee II (Flag)	Won	18	3
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Athletic News - 15th February 1909

"Clapham and Lee played a draw of 6-6 at Wandsworth. Lee led for most of the match. Pike and M Price had a great duel at centre, and Bull was good on the Lee attack."

The Sportsman – 17th February 1909

“SNARESBROOK II V LEE II

This Junior Flag tie was played at Snaresbrook on Saturday last, and after a one sided but pleasant game resulted in favour of Lee by eighteen goals to three. Roberts worked hard to keep the score down, and was well backed up by Hopewell and N Pryke, but they found Goldup and the Kessells at the top of their form, and although Chalke and Bonner, the Snaresbrook attacks, tried very hard, all the opposing defence played each a sound game that they had no chance, and Lee thus qualified to meet Woodford in the semi final on February 27.”

February 1909

Lee vs Clapham (Flag)

Won 8 4

The Field – 27th February 1909

“The flag tie between Lee and Clapham was replayed at Bellingham, and Lee fulfilled anticipations by scoring eight goals to four. Clapham, who took the field without their energetic centre, Pike, tried their utmost to repeat their previous performance, and at half time the score was 3-2 against them; but Lee’s superiority was manifest in the last thirty minutes.”

March 1909

Oxford University vs Lee (Flag)

Won 7 6

Woodford II vs Lee II (Flag)

Lost 5 8

Evening Mail – 1st March 1909

“As a result of the two matches in the semi final round of the Southern Senior Flag tournament on Saturday, Lee and Catford qualifies to compete in the final tie. At Oxford Lee defeated Oxford University in a very keenly contested game by seven goals to six. In the first half the Oxford defence was rather uncertain, and it was chiefly owing to this fact that Lee led at the interval by four goals to two. Clarke (three), Price (Two), and Bell (two) scored for the winners, and C A Admason (four), C D Dart and E C Ansorge got the goals for Oxford.”

The Sportsman – 3rd March 1909

“The Oxonians gave Lee a keen, hard game on a very bad and slippery ground, and after being behind 1-4 at half time almost snatched the game out of the fire. They made the score 4-4, it was then 5-5. Lee spurted out and reached 7-5, and although Oxford scored again they could get only 7-6. It was a fine pull up on their part, and Lee were fortunate in scoring a few points by shots made from twenty to thirty yards out, which on the frozen ground deflected at all sorts of unexpected angles. It was quite the right thing to try under the circumstances, and it was justified by their coming off. Davis weakened the Oxford attack by wandering from his position at third home. Bell and Adamson were again excellent, and Cameron did good work on French. The Lee defences were sound, Nettleton kept goal well, and bot Bell and M Price worked hard, as they invariably do.”

March 1909

Other Matters – Oxford vs Cambridge Preview

Sporting Life – 9th March 1909

“OXFORD V CAMBRIDGE

Exceptional interest attaches to the seventh annual inter-Varsity lacrosse match at Oxford to-day by reason of the controversy which has arisen concerning the granting of a half-Blue at Oxford. Having beaten Cambridge in 1907 and 1908, the club felt justified in applying for their colours to the Blues committee, but permission to wear half-Blues was not granted. As a protest against the action of the committee, E H Tiel scratched the inter-Varsity match about a fortnight ago, but the club subsequently decided that the match should take place. Lacrosse at Oxford is a comparatively new game, but during the last few years the Dark Blues have made wonderfully good progress. In this season's tournament for the Southern Senior Flag they only just missed getting into the final. They met Lee one of the strongest clubs in the South, in the semi-final, and were beaten by only one goal. Cambridge, who have been playing for much longer than the rival Varsity, were put out of the running quite early in the tournament. On the whole, the Dark Blues look like getting their third successive victory in the Varsity match to-day. Last year they won by 10 goals to 5, and in 1907 by 13 to 9. The four previous matches resulted in favour of the Light Blues by very wide margins."

March 1909

Other Matters – Flags Final Preview

The Sportsman -10th March 1909

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The final tie of the South of England Flags takes place at Lord's on Saturday, and the contestants will be Catford and Lee. Firm friends and close neighbours, they are nevertheless (or should it be therefore?) the keenest of opponents, and as every man is a good stick handler and the teams throughout are speedy, a very lively, attractive, well played game should be witnessed. The records for the teams this season reads as follows:

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Catford	15	12	2	1	160	62
Lee	15	8	1	6	114	118

And they point very clearly to the superiority of Catford, except for the fact that one defeat was administered by Lee. That was in November, and the victory was gained by six goals to five only; but it is important to remember that no other Southern club has lowered Catford's colours. The teams met again towards the end of January, and then Catford won by nine goals to six, so that advantage rests with the older club (Catford), though the margin in its favour is the slender one of fourteen goals to twelve in two matches; if one is disposed, therefore, to fancy Catford's chances on Saturday - and I plead guilty to leanings in that direction - it must be rather because of their greater consistency during the season than by reason of any marked superiority they have shown over their antagonists of Saturday next. May I say to budding players - or even to those in a more advanced stage - that they will be wise to see such a game as this? They will grasp the inner meaning of what to do - and, perchance, of what not to do - more readily and more thoroughly than by playing in a half dozen matches themselves."

March 1909

Lee vs Catford (Flags Final) (at Lord's)

Lost 4 6

London Evening Standard -15th March 1909

"Although beaten in the final round of the Southern Senior Flag Tournament at Lord's, on Saturday, Lee were not disgraced. It was their first appearance in the flag final, and Catford had to go all the way to gain victory by 6 goals to 4. Lee played a thoroughly clean game throughout, but it cannot be said that their opponents observed the true spirit of the game. On the whole, however, the contest produced a very interesting exhibition of lacrosse.

The defeat of Lee was probably due to the fact they failed to make the most of their opportunities in the first half."

Athletic News -15th March 1909

"THE LACROSSE FIELD

BY CANTAB

CATFORD WIN THE SOUTHERN FLAGS

Catford and Lee met at Lord's on Saturday in the final of the South of England Flags competition, and the older club justified expectations by winning 6-4. Lee went off with a fine rush, and scored the first goal, but Catford steadied down, and led by 5-1 at half-time. Afterwards Lee fought splendidly to reduce the lead, and succeeded so well that only two goals separated the teams at the close. C O Lee played with magnificent judgement at cover for the winners, and Hinton and Taylor were both very good. Bell and the Basketts were the pick of the Lee men. The game generally was very fast and furious, the rivalry being naturally keen, seeing that the clubs are such close neighbours and both draw the bulk of their players from the old boys of St Dunstan's College."

The Sportsman -17th March 1909

"FINAL TIE

CATFORD V LEE

Although beaten in the final round of the Southern Senior Flag tournament at Lord's on Saturday Lee were not disgraced. It was their first appearance in the Flag final, and Catford had to go all the way to gain the victory by six goals to four. Lee played a thoroughly clean game throughout, and in this respect they were superior to their opponents, several of whose players were occasionally not above the suspicion of questionable tactics. On the whole, however, the contest produced a very interesting exhibition of lacrosse. The defeat of Lee was probably due to the fact that they failed to make the most of their opportunities in the first half. M Price and R C Bell instituted a number of excellent movements which should have culminated in goals but when they got within scoring range the attacks seemed to muddle away their chances. To do them justice, however, it must be stated that they were opposed to a very strong defence. C J Mason, the Catford custodian, brought off several remarkable saves, and C O Lee, L Baskett and E G Lee were very safe. On the attack W R Hinton showed admirable coolness and resource at first home, and it was largely due to his efforts, and those of R G Martin at second home, that Catford obtained before the interval the commanding lead of five goals to one. This seemed to insure a victory for the Catfordians. In the second half, however, Lee had distinctly the better of the game, and soon after restarting French shot one of the prettiest goals of the match. Clarke passed to H E Davies on the wing, who in turn sent the ball to first home. French gained another

point shortly afterwards, and then M Price raised the excitement to lever heat by finding the net from an almost impossible angle. This was about a quarter of an hour before the call of time, and during the remainder of the game Lee made a great effort to get on terms. The Catford defence, however, was not again beaten. The Catfordians sixth and last goal was cored about two minutes before the call of time.

Catford: C J Mason, C O Lee, L Baskett, E G Lee, E B Dowsett, A Silvester, H Sach, J Espir, E G Taylor, R G Martin, and W R Hinton.

Lee: G H Nettleton, C B Rutley, H Baskett, R C Baskett, C G Blomfield, F McDonell, M Price, W Price, H E Davies, R C Bell, C Clarke, and H W French."

March 1909

Other Matters – County Match – Middlesex vs Kent (at Lord's) Kent won 15-1

The Observer – 21st March 1909

"LACROSSE AT LORD'S

KENT V MIDDLESEX

This match was played at Lord's yesterday, and resulted in a win for Kent by 15 goals to 1. Middlesex had a good deal of the game in the first half; but they were very weak in attack, and consequently could not score. At the interval Kent led by 4 to nil, and after resuming play Middlesex were the first to score, but it was the only point they succeeded in getting, and the visitors then drew right away."

April 1909

St Dunstan's College vs Lee II Lost 10 11

The Sportsman – 7th April 1909

"St Dunstan's College beat Lee's second team by eleven goals to ten, after being 7-3 to the bad at half time. It was a meritorious performance on the part of the boys, who have again manufactured a smart attack and built it upon sound lines."

May 1909

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex

Kent won 9-4

The Field – 1st May 1909

"SOUTHERN COUNTIES TOURNAMENT

KENT (9) V ESSEX (4)

When these teams met in the first round of this competition last November Kent won by seven goals to three, and, with a subsequent victory over Middlesex, appeared to have an easy road for the first place for the fifth season in succession. They were beaten, however, by Surrey, then weakly represented, and, as Essex in the meantime had defeated both Surrey and Middlesex, the result of the series of games brought the two counties level. Cheshire had challenged the leading southern county, and it became necessary to play off the tie. This was on last Saturday at Snaresbrook, when Kent won a not very interesting game by nine goals to four. The opening went in favour of Essex, but Kent led by 5-2 at half time, and had no difficulty in scoring four goals in the second half.

Kent: C J Mason, N Spicer, H Baskett, C O Lee, A Silvester, E G Lee, M Price, H Sach, E G Taylor, R C Bell, E P Jones, H Forster. Essex: A Wallbourne, C Fox, W Leuw, J B Knight-Ramsay, H West, W Miles, W M Knight, P Ladbroke, S G Hough, Alan Hough, R Cameron."

May 1909

Other Matters – Athletics Meet

The People -2nd May 1909

"Inter Club Relay Race for the South of England Lacrosse Association's Challenge Cup - Surbiton Lacrosse Club (R F M Bigby, W A Fitzgerald, B McMinn and F McMinn) 1. Lee Lacrosse Club (D Basan, H Baskett, R C Baskett & J F Steele) 2. Won by 2 yds. Time 1min 44 secs."

May 1909

Other Matters – English County Championship – Cheshire vs Kent Cheshire won 14-2

The Field - 8th May 1909

"ENGLISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

CHESHIRE (14) V KENT (2)

Cheshire overcame Lancashire earlier in the season, and thereby became the representative club in the North of England. Kent defeated Essex (twice) and Middlesex, and, although they lost to Surrey by an odd goal, proved themselves greatly superior to any County team in the South. When Cheshire challenged for the championship their meeting with Kent held out the promise of an excellent game, and revived a very interesting fixture that has been in abeyance for the last two seasons. Northern teams have proved much superior this year, yet it was felt that an interesting game would be provided at Leicester on Saturday. Unfortunately N Spicer and R G Martin were unable to assist Kent, and the defence was further weakened by the absence of H and R C Baskett. A cold, heavy rain added considerably to the discomfiture of the Kent team, whose defences are never at their best on a slippery ground; but the Cheshire men rose superior to the conditions, and played very finely throughout the game. It was a contest for the greater part of time between the Cheshire attacks and the Kent defences, and the spirited work of the former prevailed, a sit deserved to. Kent's attacking movements were spasmodic, and they lacked the unison that so marked a characteristic of their opponent's play.

Cheshire: G E Lomas (Stockport), G Mason (Stockport), F S Johnson (Stockport), O L Yates (Stockport), L B Johnson (Stockport), F A Leah (Offerton), J S Cragg (Stockport), G Morton (Offerton), S Stockdale (Stockport), S N Hayes (Stockport), R Moul (Cheadle Hulme), and S Hayden (Stockport).

Kent: C H Mason (Catford), C O Lee (Catford), P S Blomfield (Lee), P Silvester (Catford), A Silvester (Catford), N Price (Lee), E G Taylor (Catford), R C Bell (Lee), H Sach (Catford), E P Jones (West London), and W E Hinton (Catford).

Referee: Mr Allan Johnson."

July 1909

Other Matters – Exhibition Match

Croydon Guardian & Surrey Count Gazette -17th July 1909

"LIVELY LACROSSE

EXCITING GAME AT ADDISCOMBE

The Croydon Lacrosse Club although little heard of by the general public of Croydon, are undoubtedly doing much to popularise the game in the district, and with this object in view they arranged an Exhibition Game which took place at the Addiscombe Cricket Club Ground on Monday evening last between teams captained by Mr Holman and Mr Spiers respectively. The game has not the following in this country as on the other side of the Atlantic, but it is making good progress, and besides the Universities and the districts around London, this highly exciting sport has many adherents around Bristol and Cardiff. The game on Monday was decidedly first class, and many Internationals took part. Instead of the usual order, playing two halves of forty minutes each the game was played in four divisions of fifteen minutes each. It proved a strenuous encounter, and some brilliant passing was witnessed on both sides, although Spier's side, as the result showed, were much the stronger.

The result was; Spiers team nine goals, Scorers: A Lavy (3), J Thompson (2), Victor Spiers (2), C Clarke and T Rayner. Holman's team four goals. Scorers: C Sutton (2), K Holman and R Bell.

The teams were as follows: White's: P A Altman (Croydon), G F Vollmer (Croydon), R F Roberts (Croydon), C Jones (Croydon), S W Knott (Catford), D Basan (Lee), R C Gold (Croydon), R Bell (Lee), L Sach (Catford), G Humphries (Catford), C Sutton (Clapham), and K Holman (Croydon). Colours: G de Teil (Oxford University), V Vaughan-Jones (Willoughby), Victor Spiers (Willoughby), W G Chapman (Hampstead), R F Roadknight (Oxford University), W Johnson (Oxford University), J Thompson (Cambridge University), D Gammon (Finchley), F Raynes (Dartmouth Park), A Lavy (West London), C Clarke (Lee), and F A Spiers (Willoughby).

Mt T R Sachs, a veteran lacrosse player, acted efficiently as referee."

September 1909

Other Matters – Athletics Meet

Daily Telegraph & Courier (London) –27th September 1909

"Half Mile Inter Club Relay Race (for the South of England Lacrosse Association's Challenge Cup) – Lee Lacrosse Club (R C Baskett, H Baskett, C Clarke and D Basan) 1; Surbiton Lacrosse Club 2; Woodford Lacrosse Club 3. Won by 5 yards. Time 1 min 42.2 secs."

October 1909

Lee D us Croydon B (Junior Six-a-Side) (at Lord's)

Won 14 2

Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper – 3rd October 1909

"There was plenty of lacrosse at Lord's, yesterday, when the season opened with a six-a-side tournament for senior and junior clubs. Nineteen teams entered for the senior event, and there were twenty-two sides in the junior division. The final of the seniors produced a very exciting contest between Catford "A" and Hampstead "B". It was a case of goal for goal from the start and the result was a somewhat unexpected victory for Hampstead by five goals to four. The final of the juniors tournament between Lee "D" and Croydon B", was not so interesting, the result being an easy victory for Lee by fourteen goals to two."

Sporting Life – 4th October 1909

"TOURNAMENT AT LORD'S

The lacrosse season opened on Saturday with a six a side tournament at Lord's. There were 19 entries for the Senior tournament and 22 for the Junior. Five courts, measuring 50 yards in length, were marked out on the practise ground. On such a restricted field there was little opportunity for anything more than short passing tactics. The best match of the day was that in the final between Catford (A) and Hampstead (A). There was seldom more than a goal between the sides, and in the end Hampstead gained a somewhat unexpected victory by 5 goals to 4. The final of the Junior tournament was fought out by Lee (D) and Croydon (B). This did not produce such an interesting contest as the match in the senior division. Lee always had the upper hand, and eventually gained the victory by 14 to 2."

October 1909	Croydon B us Lee	Won	2	14
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October 1909	Catford us Lee	Lost	7	3
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The Sportsman- 15th October 1909

"Catford (7) v Lee (3) - this was played on Saturday last at Catford. The ground was very bad, and only 30 minutes each way was played owing to the wretched weather. Catford were better together than Lee, though it was the first match of the season for both teams. At half time the home team was leading by 5-1. Catford were without A Silvester, but, on the other hand, Lee had three changes from last year's team. Martin scored most of the goals for Catford, and Davies and Clarke the two for Lee>

Catford: C J Mason, C O Lee, P Silvester, E G Lee, L H Baskett, E Weatherdon, E B Dowsett, H Sach, R Muir, E G Taylor, R Martin and A Hinton. Lee: A Kessell, H Baskett, F McDonell, A Creswell, C Blomfield, R C Baskett, M Price, H E Davies, T Kessell, R C Bell, C Clarke and H W French."

October 1909	Other Matters - Notice
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The Field- 23rd October 1909

"NOTICE TO SECRETARIES AND OTHERS

To ensure insertion all news intended for The Sportsman should be sent as early as possible, direct to the Editor, and never to an individual name or through any intermediary person. Such unauthorised intervention defeats its object, and can only be a hindrance, not a help, to publicity."

October 1909	Croydon B us Lee	Won	14	2
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October 1909	Oxford University us Lee	Won	18	3
	Lee II us Purley	Won	6	1

The Field- 30th October 1909

"Oxford University (3) v Lee (18) - The university were weakened by the absence of Adamson and Cameron in their match against Lee at Oxford on Saturday, and, after holding their own fairly well for a time, eventually suffered a crushing defeat. Oxford led off with a

strong attack, and Kessell had to save from both Ansorge and MacDonnell; then a good run on the wing by Blomfield enabled Goldup to score for Lee, and a little later Clarke followed suit. Better combination was witnessed amongst the Oxford attack after this and Dart reduced the deficit. Clarke responded for Lee, who for a time attacked strongly. Glover, however, did good work, and, the Oxford attacks breaking away, MacDonnell hockeyed the ball through. Thus at the interval Lee led by three goals to two. On changing ends Goldup scored at once, and the game underwent a remarkable alteration, resolving itself into a series of attacks on the Oxford goal. Very rarely Oxford got dangerous, but on one occasion Dart managed to get through, and, with further goals from Clarke (5), Davis (4), Bell (3) and Goldup (2). Lee proved successful by eighteen goals to three. The Oxford attack worked hard, but the homes strayed too much and did not concentrate sufficiently on goal. The Lee defence was at full strength, and played well, but their attack was short, but proved too much for the new men on the Oxford defence. Glover was good in the first half, but overwhelmed in the second.

Oxford University: L Glover (Trinity), A Yates (St John's), E F Warrington (St John's), C Saunders (St John's), R O Nadebaum (St Catherine's), E C Ansorge (St John's), N S MacDonnell (Balliol), E F Hawkins (University), C D Dart (St John's), M W Davies (Christ Church), R Spread (Exeter), W G Peterson (Trinity). Lee: F C Kessell, H Baskett, F McDonell, T Creswell, C Blomfield, E C Baskett, H E Davies, R C Bell, C Clarke, H A Knight, W Logan, S T Goldup."

October 1909

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex (at Lord's)
Kent won 5-0

The Observer- 31st October 1909

"KENT V MIDDLESEX - The county lacrosse match between Kent and Middlesex, played at Lord's yesterday, resulted in a win for Kent by 5 goals to nil. Kent showed the better pace, and after Middlesex had pressed without result French succeeded in opening the score for them. Kent notched another couple of goals and at the interval were leading by 3 goals to nil. Middlesex repeatedly pressed on resuming, but the fine way in which Mason kept goal for Kent prevented them from scoring, with the result stated."

November 1909

Catford vs Lee A	Lost	1	5
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November 1909

Lee vs Clapham	Won	9	3
Clapham II vs Lee II	Won	3	2

The Sportsman- 17th November 1909

"One scarcely expected so decisive a victory as 9-3 for Lee over Clapham, and at one time a much closer result seemed possible. The first half was a stubborn fight, and it ended with Lee leading by 4-3 only. After this the Lee attacks got thoroughly going and scored five goals in a very short time, Clarke and French putting in some excellent work. For the last quarter of an hour of play was quite level again, but the defences prevailed. Blomfield and Cresswell did good work on the Lee defence, the former coming through very usefully several times. Clapham play a very strenuous, energetic game and their captain (V B Pike) acts them an excellent example in this respect. The wing attacks are too

ready in adopting defensive tactics, ie, they do so without provocation, and so weaken their front rank."

"CLAPHAM II V LEE II

Played at Wandsworth Common on Saturday, and after a well contested game, ended in favour of Lee by three goals to two. Thirteen a-side played, and at half time Lee led 2-1. Shortly afterwards Buck equalised, and it was only a few minutes before time that Goldup scored the winning goal. The defence on both sides was quite good, while Adlington and Kessell (for Lee) and Pike (for Clapham) were always prominent."

November 1909	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	17	3
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November 1909	Lee II vs Blackheath	Draw	2	2
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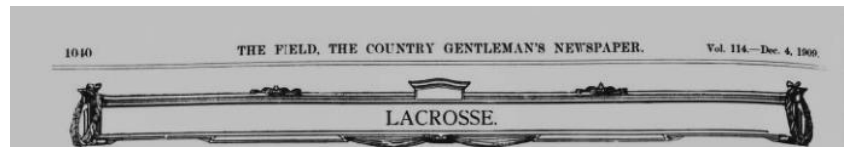
The Sportsman- 1st December 1909

"LEE II V BLACKHEATH

This match, played at Beckenham on Saturday, resulted in a draw of two goals each, after a very pleasant and even game. In the first half, after Adlington had scored for Lee, Wood, who was playing substitute for Blackheath, by a good shot equalised, and soon after, through a bad pass, by a Lee defence, Belgrave scored easily, so at half time Blackheath led 2-1. In the second half both sides tried hard to score, and it was from a very weak shot that Lee equalised, the goalkeeper not being able to see the ball through one of his own men. The defence on both sides was good, Green, for Blackheath, and, Hughes, for Lee, being prominent, the latter easily holding T Crafter, who played a somewhat selfish game, thus missing many good openings for his side."

December 1909	Other Matters – Review
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The Field- 4th December 1909



There were very few reversals of form in the past year's lacrosse, the leading clubs generally maintaining their positions. In the Northern league the supremacy of South Manchester, Stockport and Old Hulmeians was challenged by Eccles, who met South Manchester in the flag final, but were decisively beaten. The Northern Junior Flags were won by Manchester Southern from Mauldeth. Stockport headed the first division of the Northern league, Offerton the second, Oldham the third, and Cheadle Heath the fourth."

"In the Southern Flags it was recognised that Hampstead would prove a serious rival to the usual contenders - Catford and Surbiton - but an injury sustained by Johnson before the decisive game wrecked the Hampstead defence, and Catford fought out the final with Lee, whom they beat 6-4. The South Junior Flags fell to Woodford II, whose rivals Purley, were only in their first season, and did well to lose the final by the odd goal in thirteen."



Top.—F. Johnson, J. Parker-Smith, H. W. Ramsey, E. P. Jones, W. A. Fitzgerald. Middle.—E. O. Dutton, S. Hayes, N. H. P. Whitley (capt.), G. B. Leigh, S. Cragg. Sitting.—C. J. Mason, A. Silvester.

ENGLISH LACROSSE TEAM.

December 1909	Lee II vs West London II	Won	9	5
December 1909	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	11	0
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Won	6	2

The Sportsman - 15th December 1909

"LEE V HAMPSTEAD

Played at New Beckenham on Saturday. The ground was not in the best of condition, however, and an enjoyable game was got through despite the mud, the result being a win of eleven goals to nil to the home club. It was very unfortunate that Hampstead had a weak side, as Lee were looking forward to a close match, and were at full strength. V Gilbey, Chapman and Pierson were the Hampstead absentees. Lee opened the scoring soon after the start, and kept it up steadily until half time, when they were eight up. Goldup was responsible for several of these, and did very well with Hind on him, though the very soft ground was evidently not to the latter's liking. In the second half Hampstead kept the scoring under, the change of ends giving their defences a better foothold. Lee scored three times early, bringing the total to eleven. Hampstead pressed hard towards the end, and several times looked like scoring, but either the last pass went wrong or Kessall in goal for Lee stopped all that came his way, thus nullifying their efforts.

HAMPSTEAD II V LEE II

Played at Edgware on Saturday and resulted in a win for Lee by six goals to two. Lee turned up with thirteen men, and Hampstead

very kindly allowed the odd man to play each side taking it in turn to have him, so with that advantage in the first half, and Thomas kept going well for them, Hampstead scored first, and the score at half time was two all. Barnce, who played well all through on attack wing, and Nichols scored for Hampstead, H L Buck and Adlington doing the needful for Lee. In the second half Lee pressed continually, but there was too much passing out on the wing instead of into the centre, many chances being missed, so only four more goals were scored. Beakert at cover-point played well for Hampstead, while Knight and H L Buck were always prominent for Lee, the latter especially working very hard all through, never allowing the defence men to get a free throw."

December 1909	Lee II vs West London II	Won	9	5
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December 1909	Lee vs Woodford	Won		
	Lee II vs Woodford II	Lost	2	5

Westminster Gazette – 23rd December 1909

"LACROSSE NOTES

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Had not the state of the ground for the Lee v Woodford lacrosse match not been so deplorable the latter club would probably given a much better account of themselves. It must not be forgotten, however, the W Leuw did not turn out for Woodford, and that it was the Lee player to whom he would have been opposed had he been playing, that scored most of the goals. J Knight, another player of great value to Woodford, did not take the field. For Lee, Clarke was excellent, as also was M Price at centre. Hubert Ramsey, the famous international, perhaps, played his finest game of the season for Woodford.

The Woodford men make the great mistake of not going straight for goal when they possess the ball. There is too much zigzag. When a player cannot get past an opponent he should pass the ball on. The result of one player's hanging on to the ball and trying to get through in a roundabout fashion is to force the opposing defences back on their own goal and so bunch – which attackers should try to prevent. There is nothing like snapping your passes, and running as hard and as straight as you can for goal. To keep always on the move adds greatly to the chance that one of the opposition defences will make a mistake. The Lee attackers go mostly for goal as quick as they can; Bell is perhaps the exception. French is a fine sturdy player, but he is inclined to use only one hand on his crosse."

Southwark & Bermondsey Reporter – 24th December 1909

"CATFORD LACROSSE CLUB'S FINE STATUS

Of the southern lacrosse clubs, Catford remains unbeaten, and their record is a splendid one. Last season they won the Southern Club Championship by defeating Lee, who are their keenest rivals. As an example of what value a school to any particular pastime in teaching the rudiments, it should be mentioned that practically all Catford and Lee players learned their lacrosse at St Dunstan's College, Catford. Lee II were defeated by Woodford II by five goals to two."

December 1909

Other Matters – Flags Preview

The Field – 25th December 1909

“The tide of Southern lacrosse looks like turning; according to last weeks’ indications, the flags promise to be interesting after all. Surbiton have raised their heads again, and their defeat of West London by 6-1, though neither side was at full strength, argues they are still to be feared by any team. Finchley, who afforded another surprise, beating Clapham by the odd goal in five, appear on their way to fulfil the promise they showed against Catford in the semi-final of the Six-a-Side Tournament, with which the season opened. Hampstead likewise seem to have entered the running again, as, with three good men out of the team, they held Catford at two goals all until the last quarter of an hour of the game. Their ultimate defeat by 5-2 was decisive, but it was something for an attack that has failed against much weaker defences to score twice in a low scoring game against Catford, who have probably the strongest defence in the South. Finally, Lee, last year’s finalists, accomplished an astonishing performance in beating Woodford by a difference of ten goals. No one will question the merits of the Lee attack, but there are no wanting judges who consider the Woodford attack the best in the South on a wet ground, and, although they were without J Knight, the fact that the Lee defence restricted them to three goals goes to show that the smart Lee forwards are being not unworthily supported by the defence. Of course, the men absent and the element of luck entered into all these games. West London were without Jones and Lavy, their two best attacks. Surbiton were also handicapped, but not so heavily. Craighead in goal seems to have done much to win the Finchley game. On the other hand, Clapham are reported to have had some luck with the two goals they did get. It is impossible, therefore, to judge fairly from such results, but certainly an interesting element of uncertainty has entered into next month’s flag round.”

January 1910

Other Matters – Flags Preview

The Field – 8th January 1910

“With only three more weeks to the Flags, interest in current form is intensifying. Catford are still supreme in the South, but the distance between them and their nearest rivals has lessened appreciably. The Lee attack is making a habit of double-figure scoring, and their defence is becoming very safe. Woodford, if they have a speciality, may possibly be ranked as the best attack in the South on a very muddy ground – a distinction not remarkable in view of the normal state of their field. Surbiton, it must be said, have scarcely yet made the advance for which everyone has been waiting. West London as a team are scarcely at the level of their individual members yet. Hampstead have played two good games. And are to try Johnson on attack this week, while V Gilbey will return to them in another fortnight. In the West of England Wills’s have been beaten for the first time.”

January 1910

Lee vs Surbiton

Won

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Beckenham Journal – 15th January 1910

“This game was played last Saturday on the ground of the former club in Coper’s Cope Road, Beckenham. French was the only absentee from Lee but Surbiton were unfortunately without Battersby, Fitzgerald and the younger Sinclair amongst others.

Davies of Oxford University played as a substitute. For the first quarter of an hour play was very evenly contested, the defences on both sides being too sound for much scoring. The Lee attacks, however, soon found their form, and scored nine times before the interval. In the second half the game was confined mainly to the Surbiton goal, and Clarke, Goldup and Bell all scored in quick succession. The Surbiton defences were unable to hold the opposing attacks, with the result their own attacks were afforded little opportunity of scoring, though Sinclair and Hobbs worked energetically. Towards the end a determined forcing movement on the part of Surbiton resulted in a good goal by Sinclair, but this only served to spur on Lee, who eventually won by a large score of 22 goals to one."

January 1910	Woodford vs Lee	Lost	3	4
	Lee II vs Woodford II	Drawn	3	3

January 1910	Croydon vs Lee (Flag)	Won	15	4
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	8	1

February 1910	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	3	4
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The Sportsman - 19th February 1910

"Cambridge University defeated Lee by four goals to three in a game that was even all the way though, Lee was weak on attack having three of its regular men away therefrom, but the defence was sound and almost full strength: Steele was the only second teamer, and he did really well. This is Lee's second defeat this season, and it is a pity they were not able to get a stronger twelve to Cambridge, as the light blues have the ability, when it is fully exercised, to make the best teams move. In the match under notice Lee had the better of the second half, but the homes were not up to their work, though I expect the opposing defences has something to do with these failures."

February 1910	Other Matters – Some Well-Known British Lacrosse Players
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Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 12th February 1910

"SOME WELL-KNOWN BRITISH LACROSSE PLAYERS

(BY E A C THOMSON)

MR HAROLD BASKETT

Harold Baskett has distinguished himself for the well known Lee Club and is one of three brothers, who are excellent exponents of the pastime, As a cover-point he exhibits cleverness, and is a prominent unit of the Kent County twelve, the Southern County Champions, of the last six years. He was included in the South of England trials and 1908, while he has officiated for Kent since 1906. Harold Baskett was also a member of the Kent team which met Lancashire in 1907 for the English County Championship. He also figured in the South side against the North, and played against the Canadians in 1907. His own club Lee now hold the Strathcona Cup, and needless to add, the services rendered by this skilful cover-point, have been of the utmost value to his county and club. He is

a keen and enthusiastic lacrosser and considers it to be the grandest field sport in existence."



February 1910	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	12	3
February 1910	St Dunstan's College vs Lee II	Lost	4	7
March 1910	Lee vs West London	Won	13	6

March 1910 Catford vs Lee – Flag Final Preview

Westminster Gazette 4th March 1910

"Catford and Lee again figure in the Senior Flags final tie at Lord's. Last season the former club gained the mastery by 6 goals to 4, after an even struggle. There were twenty-three Old Dunstonians playing, which bears testimony to the assistance which the Catford college renders the pastime. A few more such schools in the South of England and the game would quickly hold a stronger position among the amateur sports of the country.

South Manchester and the Old Hulmieians meet on March 19 in the Northern Flags final; while in the West, Cardiff and Clifton meet on the 12th inst.

Catford defeated Oxford University very easily in the Flags semi-final last week, but the Dark Blues did not show anything like their true form. Lee overpowered west London by 13-6; throughout the game the Lee men played cleverly; they soon discovered the weakness of the West Londoners. The Lee homes played superbly, though it should be stated that every man showed sound ability and plenty of resource."

March 1910

Catford vs Lee (Flag) (at Lord's) Lost

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The People – 13th March 1910

"SOUTHERN SENIOR FLAGS FINAL

CATFORD BEAT LEE

"At Lord's Catford beat Lee in the final round of the Southern Senior Flag competition by 10 goals to 3. The ground was in a heavy state, but the game was, nevertheless, very fast, Lee, who have been scoring heavily all season, met an exceptionally strong defence, and that was an important factor in their defeat. Catford, too, had the better turn of speed. They went right away from the start, and scored six times in the first half hour. Lee played up well towards the close of the first half, but at the interval, has scored one goal against their opponents six. Lee began well in the second half and opened the scoring, and after Catford had notched one more point put on another goal. Then, however, Lee fell away and Catford, adding to their score, won as stated. Martin shot four goals for the winners, Taylor (3) and Hinton, A Silvester and Muls one each, Whilst French scored two goals and David one for the losers."

Westminster Gazette – 18th March 1910

"It was really surprising the number of on-lookers at the Catford and Lee Senior Flags final tie at Lord's last Saturday, ladies being present in numbers. The ground was in a bad condition, but the rival clubs, in spite of this, gave a clever exposition of the game. Catford won by a large margin of goals, and have rarely been seen to greater advantage. Not only was the defence in splendid form; the attack was incisive and skilful, and a big improvement on what this department has been. C O Lee and A Silvester were prominent throughout, and had much to do with the ultimate victory of their side. Without doubt Catford must be considered the strongest club in the South, and it will be exceedingly interesting to observe how they fare in the English club championship against either South Manchester or Old Hulmeians at Lord's on April 2."

The Sphere – 19th March 1910

"In the World of Sport – Catford beat Lee in the final round of the lacrosse Southern Flag tournament at Lord's last Saturday by 10 goals to 3. In spite of the state of the ground play was very fast. Catford's soundness in defence and their ability in forcing were responsible for their victory. Their general work in the field and in getting rid of the ball was also superior to their opponents. Catford will meet the winners in the Northern competition at Lord's on April 2. "



March 1910

Other Matters – South Trial

The Observer – 20th March 1910

“LACROSSE AT LORD’S

The Southern trial match was played at Lord’s yesterday, and, to the general surprise, the South XII lost to the Rest, who scored 5 goals to 4. It was a triumph of tactics, the South attacks bunching badly and their defence showing a tendency to get into the wrong places. The Rest scored first, but the South led at half time by 2-1.”

April 1910

Other Matters – Kent and South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian – 6th April 1910

“KENT AND SOUTH TEAMS

The following have been selected to play for Kent against Lancashire on Saturday next, at Leicester, for the English County Championship:- C J Mason (Catford), C O Lee (Catford), H Baskett (Lee), N Spicer (West London), A Silvester (Catford), P Silvester (Catford), M Price (Lee), C Clarke (Lee), H Sach (Catford), F G Taylor (Catford), R C Bell (Lee), and E P Jones (West London).

The following have also been chosen to represent the South against the North on Saturday, April 16, at Fallowfield:- C J Mason (Catford), N Spicer (West London), G F Darwin (Surbiton), P Silvester (Catford), W A Johnson (Hampstead), F McDonell (Lee), A Silvester (Catford), J K R Boak (Clapham), J L Muir (Woodford), E G Taylor (Catford), B H Holloway (West London), and E P Jones (West London).”

April 1910

Other Matters – English County Championship – Lancashire vs Kent (at Leicester)

Lancashire won 22-3

The Observer – 10th April 1910

“Lancashire gained a very decisive win over Kent in the Lacrosse County Championship at Leicester, yesterday, scoring no fewer than 22 goals to 3 by their opponent’s. Kent opened the attack, and in a few minutes Jones scored for them. Parker-Smith equalised for Lancashire, however, and showing superior superiority, the Northern team had 9 shots to Kent’s 2 up to the interval. Kent played up better on resuming, but could not penetrate Lancashire’s sound defence, and being unable to repel their opponent’s attacks, the Southern side was beaten as stated.”

The Manchester Guardian – 11th April 1910

“LANCASHIRE’S VICTORY OVER KENT

When Northerner’s feel inclined to congratulate themselves on the superiority of Lancashire over Kent we shall do well to remember that two or three of the best Kent men were not able to play, and, most important of all, one of these was Mason, the South of England goalkeeper, whom the Old Boy’s incapacitated the Saturday before. One does not wish to say anything against Kessell, the Kent reserve goalkeeper, because he played most pluckily, was hit all over by the Lancashire attacks, and twice stopped the ball with his face, making no fuss at all about any of these things, but his is admittedly not in Mason’s class, and it would have puzzled even the latter to make much of a show behind the Kent defence of Saturday.

Once the Lancashire men were settled down, which happened quite suddenly at the end of about five minutes, Kent were out of the game, and this was the more disappointing, as they had made an excellent beginning. Bell, always one of the busiest, most determined forwards, got in from the wing and missed by an inch or two in the first minute, and almost immediately afterwards Jones scored a fine goal. Then Parker-Smith, getting out of place, the Lancashire defence ought to have been beaten, but was not, and the ball sent to the other end, hung about in front of the Kent goal until Parker-Smith knocked it over the line, thus gaining the necessary opportunity for returning safely to his own proper place. Ronald Buckland, playing in his eldest brother's place, scored at the end of a very characteristic sprint, and from that point onwards Lancashire controlled the game.

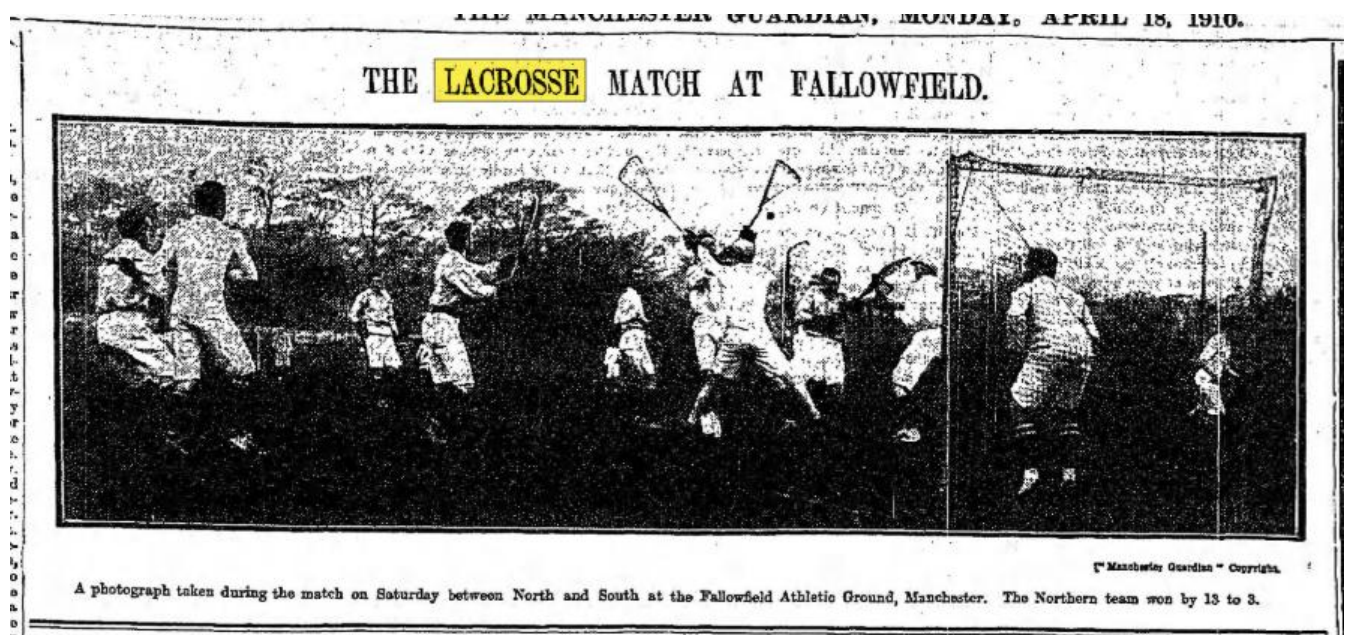
It is not possible to say how the Lancashire attack would have fared against Cheshire, but there is no question of its cleverness. The passing was perfect, and scarcely anything was missed. The men were too fast for the opposing backs, and the way in which they 'uncovered' for the man with the ball was worthy of the highest praise. For once in a way one enjoyed the experience of seeing English attacks playing with some imagination, and quickly as the Kent backs tackled, they were almost always misled as to the precise moment to rush the man who was apparently about to get a pass. Leigh was in fine form, Walker and Bennett each in his own way just as good. R Buckland played very well. Youth tells in a game like lacrosse, and to keep up at the pace young Buckland set is something of a strain. M Fleeson was very good at first home.

On the Lancashire defence Butterworth had about the hardest task in marking R Bell, who played a fine game, and the Monton man may well rest satisfied with the knowledge that he was only beaten once. Parker-Smith held Jones easily enough, and W Fleeson, Shorrocks and Dutton were easily equal to their work. On the Kent defence Baskett and C O Lee were the best two men, though Spicer cleared cleverly once or twice. Price worked very hard at centre, but was scarcely good enough for Whitley."

April 1910

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfields)

North won 13 -3



April 1910

Other Matters – Season Review

The Field – 30th April 1910

“THE PAST SEASON

The conspicuous part played during the departed season by men who learned their lacrosse when at school is a fact more satisfactory than surprising. It nevertheless is worthy of remark, for although the Leys school, the Hulme Grammar School, and St Dunstan's College have figured in the winning lists in previous years – the Leys being pioneers so long ago as 1885 – there has never before been a season in which they have one and all proved successful in various directions. The Old Hulmeians are the English Champion club, having earned the right to represent the North and defeated Catford, the best Southern team, most decisively. The Catford team again, whilst not advertising the name of their old school, are all old boys of St Dunstan's College. The comparatively new Lee club which reached the final round of the southern flags also has a team composed, with one exception, of Old Dunstonians. In the junior competition the College itself won outright. The Leys team were unfortunate, for it developed an attack that the school has never surpassed, but failed in its defence. Consequently, while goals were scored in sufficient number to win every match played, the weak defence caused potential victories to become narrow defeats. Seven of the eleven matches were lost, though 107 goals were scored to 114.

A connection may be established between the ascendancy of school lacrosse and the continued progress in the quality of play. It was established in the Olympic match of 1908 that the English players could hold their own against the amateurs of Canada, but an advance has been made upon the methods then employed, and it is evident that our best teams are now equal to any that can be brought against them from Canada or Australia. This improvement has been made without the sacrifice of the special traits of English lacrosse, which has retained its athletic style and avoided the mechanical monotony of the Canadian game. While perfecting the crosse work, so that the ill-directed or dropped pass is now rare, it has developed the “hold the ball game” of the Canadians on attack; the smart hard passing work in the “home” ground is kept until the right man to shoot is found, but this is now the finishing touch, and not a mere characteristic of the English game, like forcing from the defence, which is carried out with as much brilliancy as heretofore. The improvements, however, are the property of the northern rather than southern teams, which, without having deteriorated, have certainly contributed little to the advance. It is doubtful, in fact, whether the superiority of the North has ever been quite as pronounced as in a season when its victories in the club championship, and the North v South match have been of a quite overwhelming nature. It may encourage the South, however, to recollect that its four recorded victories in thirty matches have immediately followed a season of apparently crushing defeats.

It is a fact not generally appreciated that the English Lacrosse Union now controls a larger number of clubs than any other lacrosse association in the world. This and the established repute of the Oxford and Cambridge match, which produced some of the very best of play, are very healthy signs that lacrosse is more firmly rooted in England than ever before. The English Lacrosse Union has just redrafted the rules of the game with a considerable gain to simplicity and conciseness. This is a result of the Olympic games, for which the rules had to be rearranged. The chief amendment affects the goal crease rule, which has always been debatable. The crease, under the new rule, retains the same size as before, ie 18ft by 12 ft, but an attacking player may no longer go inside it, whereas previously he was allowed to follow the ball. This

does away with checking the goalkeeper with the crease, but a penalty attaches to that player if he fails to clear the ball promptly. In connection with fouls a referee has now the choice of but two penalties, a free throw to the fouled side or the suspension of the offending player for a period. The face is no longer a penalty, although the referee may order one if he thinks it demanded by the condition of the game. It is also enacted that the case of a wilful foul which causes injury the offender is to be removed as a penalty, in addition to the withdrawal of another player to balance the loss of the man injured.

The North v South match was remarkable for the number of reputed players who were replaced by younger men. Only five members of the English team of the Olympic match of 1908 were engaged in it, viz, Messrs E O Dutton, N H P Whitley, and G Buckland (North), and W A Johnson and E P Jones (South). Among the absentees were Messrs G H Scott, Gerald Mason, H W Ramsay, Frank Johnson, V Gilbey and G Alexander who have all done yeoman service on England sides in many past seasons."

July 1910

Other Matters – Exhibition Match

The Croydon Guardian & Surrey County Gazette – 16th July 1910

"EXHIBITION LACROSSE MATCH

A most enjoyable game in lovely weather was played last Monday evening upon the ground of the Croydon Lacrosse Club, at Addiscombe, between teams arranged by Mr R F Roberts (captain of the Croydon Lacrosse Club – 'Whites') and Mr Bark, 'Colours'. The number of spectators, by invitation, was one of the largest ever seen on the ground, and due justice was done to a sumptuous strawberry tea provided by Mr Holman (last years captain of the Croydon club.

The game, played in four quarters, was keen and fast throughout. 'Colours' in the first two quarters showed better combination and went off with a rush, scoring several goals before the 'Whites' seemed to have settled down to their proper game. One or two changes were made in the 'White' defence, and in the second two quarters the 'White' attack played up much more strongly, and with better combination notched nine goals during the second half of the game, some of the efforts which resulted in finding the net being loudly applauded by the keenly appreciative spectators. In criticising the play it was noticeable at times some the passes given – that supreme and vital part of attack play – were a long way from being well judged, or even carefully placed, and in contrast to this it was delightful to watch the several occasions when quite brilliant bouts of combined passing resulted in a score. The most noticeable of the 'White' players were Gold, Harding, Bell, Vallmer, McDonell and Roberts; for the 'Colours' Skinner, Lavy, Doucet and Faraday. The score at the call of time was 10 goals to 9 in favour of 'White'.

White: R E F Jones (Willoughby), C Skinner (Finchley), Kent Holman (Croydon), V Spiers (Willoughby), G H Harding (Croydon), G D Doucet (West London), R C Bell (Lee), S H Sharpe (Woodford), H J Willis (Willoughby), R Turner (Croydon), C Clarke (Lee), P Faraday (Willoughby).

Colours: A Thompson (-), F Vollmer (Croydon), A W Lavy (west London), M Dovey (Purley), L Faraday (Willoughby), R F Roberts (Croydon), F A Raynes (Finchley), A Silvester (Catford), F McDonell (Lee), C A Sherwood (West London), G Hobbs (Willoughby), R C Gold (Croydon)."

September 1910

Other Matters – New Flags Scheme

The Field – 17th September 1910

“SOUTH OF ENGLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

At a particularly well-attended special general meeting of this body, held on Wednesday evening, a scheme for playing the flag competition upon a different basis was considered. Since its formation in 1883 the competition has been played on a knock-out principle, and these new regulations alter that as far as the preliminary stages are concerned. All clubs entering commence scoring points in all the matches in which they engage until the middle of February, and then the four with the best average play off under knock-out conditions. The scheme was fully considered, and, with very few alterations in detail, received an almost unanimous vote of those present. It was decided to run the junior competition on the old lines for the present. The work of carrying out the new scheme was left to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs F B O Hawes (chairman) C O Lee, W A Johnson, F Sachs, V Vaughan Jones, and C A Sutton.”

September 1910

Other Matters – Athletics Meet

Boxing World & Mirror of Life – 24th September 1910

“Three events, open to members of lacrosse clubs, were also decided at this meeting, but call for no special comment beyond the fact that D Bacon, a veteran of the L A C, who ran up in the quarter mile championship as long ago as 1892, was only beaten in the 120 yards level race for the Strathoona Bowl by a bare yard, and later the same afternoon assisted his club, Lee Lacrosse Club, to win the 800 yards relay race for the South of England Lacrosse Association Cup.”

October 1910

Lee A vs Lee B (Senior Six-a-Side) at Lord's

Won 2 1

Evening Mail – 3rd October 1910

“LACROSSE

OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN SEASON

The six-a-side lacrosse competitions at Lord's on Saturday afternoon were very successful and there was a large gathering of spectators on the practice ground. Sixteen teams entered for the Senior competition, and 25 for the junior tournament, and the majority of the ties were close and exciting.

Lee (A Team) defeated Lee (B Team) in the final round of the Seniors by 2 goals to 1, and Leicester (A Team) a clever side which would have done well in the senior competition, was the best of the junior entries.

Good goalkeeping was a feature of the long afternoon's play in the miniature canvas fenced grounds, and it must also be said that, generally speaking, the crosse work was a great improvement on what was seen last year on the same occasion. There were many really promising players in the junior teams, and the leading clubs in the London district should have no difficulty in filling up the vacancies in their representative sides. In the past they have relied rather too much on their veterans (in some cases men who were brought up on the old fashioned heavy clumsy crosse and have the

defects of their qualities), and it is possible that the standard of Southern lacrosse would be appreciably raised if for the future they preferred the player with a future to the player with a past. This is the practice of the Northern clubs, and is perhaps the cause of that all round superiority to their Southern rivals which was so strikingly shown towards the close of last season.

In order to increase the keenness of Southern club matches the Flag competition, which was started in 1883, is to be played in a new way. Hitherto the knock out principle has been employed throughout; but this season the club's entering are to score points in all their matches until the middle of February, when all four with the best percentages will take part in a competition on a knock out principle for the Southern Championship Flags. In the North the introduction of the league system has caused club matches to be taken much more seriously than is the case in the South, and it is thought that the new method of deciding the Southern championship will have the same effect."

October 1910

Woodford us Lee	Won	9	3
Lee II us Blackheath	Won	26	1
Catford III us Lee III	Lost	4	8

London Evening Standard – 17th October 1910

"Several flag ties in the Southern Senior Division were decided on Saturday. At Catford the local club had matters all their own way against Clapham, who they defeated by 17 goals to 3, and at Woodford Lee beat Woodford by 9 to 3. In an ordinary match Highgate and Purley had an interesting game at Gospel Oak. The result was a draw at 2 goals all."

The Sportsman – 19th October 1910

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The first round of the Southern Flag Competition, played under new conditions on Saturday last, resulted as follows: Catford beat Clapham 17-3; Croydon beat Surbiton 6-2; Hampstead beat Willoughby 11-5; Lee beat Woodford 9-3; and West London beat Snaresbrook 9-7.

It is tolerably obvious from the scoring which way the play in the first four of these games went. Catford had an easy task, for Clapham was to some extent disorganised by the absence of Wilson, Sutton, Trupbol and Bishop from the twelve that brought the club to the fore last season. Catford also had changes. The total loss of C J Mason, who has gone to the far east, is, of course, irreparable, and it is difficult in deed to think of a likely substitute for him for his club or his county (Kent), or for the South. There may be as good fish in the sea, but this particular one will take a lot of catching. An interesting rearrangement of the team is made by playing R G W Martin on defence; it is one that suggests many possibilities, and without him in the homes, the attack played a winning game most satisfactory, Muir, Hinton and Taylor combining well. Adams, Ost and Elderton worked very hard on the losing defence.

The victory of Croydon over Surbiton will occasion considerable surprise, but there was no mistake about it. Surbiton is, of course, but a shadow of its former greatness, and, although no one doubts the ability of the club to pull its way once more to the front. I am bound to say that I do not think that is to be done by playing men

out of their positions. Except in very occasional instances a defenceman cannot manufacture a home by playing in that part of the field; he may impart his knowledge by acting as a field captain, but, unless his ability is unusual, he will teach the wrong thing as a player. Rome will not be built up in a day, and not at all if the foundations are unsound. The game was a capital one, and was played under ideal conditions. Croydon, for the victory was due to the correct game being played throughout, and particularly to the early work and combination on attack. If such an attack, now that it has reached this stage, will take the trouble to think collectively upon the many manoeuvrings that are possible it will improve its game and the chances of the old club a hundredfold.

Hampstead had the customary good game with Willoughby, for although the former led 9-1 at the interval the losers fought hard and scored four goals to two in the second half. It is to be feared that Hampstead has lost the old Oxonian, De Teil, for good, and his place in the goal will be hard to fill. Johnson and V Gilbey were also absent on Saturday.

Lack of fitness was a prominent note among the contestants for both Lee and Woodford, but the first name proved to be the better, or, at shy rate, the more frequent shooting, and won accordingly. The second half was very even. F G Perceval, the St Dunstan's College captain of last season, made a successful appearance on the Lee side.

Unlike the other game, the West London, Snaresbrook meeting was a ding-dong affair. Snaresbrook led by 3-2, the scoring was level at 4-4, and West London led 5-4 at half time. The ultimate victors got to 8-4 after this, but Snaresbrook then ran up three goals very quickly, and the total stood at 8-7. Just before the end West London scored again and so won. The winners played a far steadier game on attack than their opponents, for they certainly had no more of the ball, and it was just the difference that won them the game. Edwards and Ashbridge, the respective goalkeepers, both did well. West London have lost N Spicer's services for the present, but have the Oxonian, F Amorge, now playing regularly for them. The return of Frank Keed to Snaresbrook's attack is a welcome gain of strength, and he should develop a strong game with Hough and Cameron.

In the junior games in the South, Highgate and Purley had a very close struggle which ended in a draw, but they reached seven goals apiece; the third teams of Catford and Lee played a keen game, which went the way of the former, and they won by 8-4. The other games reported were runaway affairs. Thus, Lee II, scored 26-1 against Blackheath, Catford II beat Hampstead II 10-0. Snaresbrook II won against Dulwich by 14-4, and Finchley II beat Clapham II 17-0. Lee's second string is evidently a very warm team, and it scored so freely on Saturday last that the Blackheath front rank never had a chance to get going."

October 1910

Other Matters - County Match - Surrey vs Kent
Surrey won 3-2

October 1910

Lee us Clapham	Won	12	4
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Westminster Gazette - 28th October 1910

"Clapham offered a splendid opposition to Lee during the initial half, when they were only a goal behind, but subsequently the Lee forwards were extraordinary aggressive, and, in spite of the remarkably clever goalkeeping of Symons, were easily vanquished

by 12-4. Davies and Perceval were in fine shooting form, and registered the majority of the goals. Clapham are still feeble on attack, and this part of the team needs strengthening."

November 1910	Oxford University us Lee	Won	6	3
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The Field - 12th November 1910

"OXFORD UNIVERSITY (3) V LEE (6)

Neither side was at full strength at Oxford on Saturday, but a very good game was witnessed. Lee were much the quicker in getting together, and within three minutes Clarke credited them with a goal. Lanctot then got rid of a long shot from Bollam, after which the exchanges were of a more even character, and eventually Logan equalised. Lee were soon attacking again, and Bollam, getting away, ran through and netted. The University several times worked up to the Lee goal, but their shooting was weak, and at the interval the visitors led by two goals to one. Immediately after the change of ends a fine movement amongst Lee backs ended in Clarke scoring. Oxford retaliated, and after Sidebotham had been checked he came through again and scored. There was some good passing by the Lee attacks, and after Davies had scored for Oxford, Clarke notched up two more goals for the visitors.

Lee: R C Bell, R C Baskett, H Baskett, T R Cresswell, H E Davies, F C G Perceval, C Clarke, R A Knight, S T Goldup, J F Steele, C J Blomfield, H Bollam.

Oxford University: O Lanctot (St Catherine's), A B Merservey (New College), C D Dart (St John's), B A Munro (New College), E Hawkins (University), L Beaudry (Worcester), R L Lange (St John's), A Yates (St John's), H T Logan (St John's), J F Sidebotham (Hertford), M W Davies (Christ Church), H Thompson (Balliol)."

November 1910	Lee us West London	Won	12	3
	Lee II us Hampstead II	Won	13	4

November 1910	Lee us Snaresbrook (Flag)	Won	14	3
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The Field - 26th November 1910

"In winning their fourth Southern Flag match and defeating Woodford by five goals to one Hampstead accomplished a capital performance. Many an old player will recall the games played with and against this club at Gospel Oak, when the stalwart Canadian, W A Bonnell, first inculcated the principles of sound defence play, and it is interesting to note that three of Bonnell's apt pupils. V Gilbey, H Hind and W G Chapman, are the mainstay of the Hampstead defence to-day. It was the defence that won the match on Saturday, for only the most persistent checking could prevail against the energetic and almost untiring attack that Woodford put up. If their form is maintained Hampstead, will prove a stumbling block to both Catford and Lee. Five goals is not an overwhelming number to bring success, but it represented the best achievement of the Hampstead attack for the season. There were greater steadiness and more method in their movements, in some measure due to the removal of the old Cantab J Thomson from centre to third home. Lee alone have scored a larger number of goals against Woodford. Who failed, as they have so often failed before, because their splendid field and outside home work was not consummated

on the inside home. The team possess every requisite for success except the ability to attack with vigour in the goal mouth. Any chance Snaresbrook may have had against Lee was thrown away by the failure of one player to keep his engagement. Lee stood a man off for a long time, but when he came on it was an easy matter to score goals, and they ran up fourteen against three. Croydon, with a weak team, from which Vollmer, Turner and Rogers were absent, lost to Clapham by 9-2, but the match was by no means a runaway affair, for Croydon fought splendidly, Gold, in particular, working well. Clapham still fall on the attack, where the always fatal bunching proves their undoing. At Lord's in a remarkably close and exciting game, Finchley defeated Willoughby by seven goals to six. Both of these teams have been showing improved form, and their advance has been due to the thought that has been bestowed on attack tactics. Both contain stick handlers of ability, and should be able to make much of such material. Willoughby, after leading 3-2 at half time, reached 6-3 in another ten minutes. At this point Finchley defences took the matter in hand, and first Owen (defence field), then Skinner (third man), and afterwards Raynes (coverpoint) were instrumental in bringing the scores level. Smart attack work at last produced the winning goal for Finchley. Surbiton are still languishing, and West London's victory was assured. The score was 12-1.

Oxford University maintained their excellent form, although losing to the Southern champions, Catford, by seven goals to five. Although without four of their regular players, the Catford twelve played such a very even game that the weak spots – ie, the novices – among the Oxonians stood out rather prominently. There is a tendency in the University team to think more about winning the match than of the building up of the team. The result is the good player are disposed to play to one another, and the weaker players are thereby neglected. Backed by Lanctot in goal, the Oxford defence is becoming more steady. Catford found Yates and Beaudry, both Canadians, very difficult to stop. University College London has taken up lacrosse this year with enthusiasm sufficient to ensure progress. Two successes have been gained, against second teams, Highgate on Saturday victory was not to be thought of, and the new club must be well satisfied with no worse a defeat than six goals to one.”

December 1910

Other Matters – County Matches – Essex vs Kent

Essex won 5:4

Westminster Gazette – 2nd December 1910

“LACROSSE NOTES

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

The two county games last Saturday provided some highly entertaining play. Essex, by a fine win over Kent by 5-4, is now credited with two victories, and there is rosy chance of the East Anglians repeating the success of 1904, when they secured the southern county honours. It will be four months, however, before a definite decision will be arrived at, and, of course, the vagaries of form have to be taken into consideration. The Essex shooting and combination were generally superior to Kent; the latter's attack was comparatively lame, the best feature being some smart stick-work. At critical times there seemed a disposition to play wildly and without method. The Kent twelve is gathered from Catford and Lee, while Essex select from most of the clubs in the county.

Middlesex obtained a runaway win over Surrey, but there was a weakened side in the field, as Darwen was an absentee. The defence of the victors was brilliant.”

January 1911	Woodford vs Lee	Won	7	4
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The Field – 7th January 1911

“Only three southern matches of importance were decided on Saturday last. Snaresbrook gave Hampstead a close fight. It was anybody’s game almost from the start, and although Hampstead lasted the better they won by six goals to four only. Neither side was at full strength. Woodford played as well as the unconquered Lee team throughout the first half of their match at Woodford, but lost by 7-4. The half time score was two all, Finchley ran away from Willoughby in the first half, and at the expiration of that time had scored ten goals to two. Willoughby played resolutely after this, but could make up little of their lost ground, and were beaten 12-5.”

January 1911	Lee vs Catford	Won	14	6
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January 1911	Lee II vs West London II (Flag)	Won	11	0
	Woodford II vs Lee III (Flag)	Postponed		

The Sportsman – 16th January 1911

“The Woodford II v Lee III was postponed by King Fog.”

January 1911	Lee vs Catford (Flag)	Won	9	6
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The Sportsman – 25th January 1911

“NOTES OF THE WEEK

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The second victory of Lee over Catford in a fortnight points fairly definitely to the superiority of the younger team, although the difference was far less marked on Saturday last than on the 7th inst. The possibilities and the hopes are that they will meet again in the semi-final round - perhaps in the final; but whenever they come together the game will be worth seeing, and he would be a rash man who prognosticated the result. Catford’s defence was far steadier on Saturday than on the previous occasion, but it was so fully occupied in looking after the Lee attack that it found little opportunity for lending the customary help to its own front rank. The Catford attack was much at sea in consequences, and quite failed to press in a systematic manner. All the men worked well, and with a little thought and practice the team can do a lot better. Lee was clearly the better side. Their general work was far more accurate, and this was particularly the case on the home, where nippiness and prompt opportunism also had much to do with success. It was a fine game, and the issue was in doubt until well into the second half, when Lee scored three time in rapid succession, and this difference Catford could not overcome. The scoring was commenced by Lee, but Catford at once equalised. Lee went away again and led at 3-1, 3-2 and 4-2, but by the interval Catford had got level again. And the score was then four all. Then came Lee’s three goals, which settled the match, as from 7-4 the scoring ran 8-4, 8-5, 9-5 and 9-6. The final struggle was very keen and hard; the pace all through had been fast, and it was

maintained to the end. Their greater accuracy in throwing up and in passing was the feature that, more than any other, enabled Lee to prevail, and it contrasted favourably with their opponents, whose throwing was particularly weak. There was also a lack of endeavour in the field to remedy these defensive failings, with the result that Lee and Bell, in particular, fielded most of the loose balls. Bell worked tremendously hard and had much to do with his side's victory. McDonnell was again prominent in defence and both H and R Baskett did well. M Price was successful at centre and the attack generally was smart and sound. For Catford Espir, Hinton and C O Lee were best, but the team is not "together" and frequently the throwing and the passing are absurdly wild and meaningless – for Catford."

January 1911	Purley vs Lee II	Lost	3	12
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The Sportsman - 25th January 1911

"NOTES OF THE WEEK

(BY FRANK SACHS)

It was very unfortunate that owing to various reasons Lee was only able to put eight men in the field on Saturday at Beckenham, but Purley turning up with fifteen not only kindly lent them three, but skipper Dovey, instead of playing the odd man, stood out himself and acted as field captain, which sportsman like action was thoroughly appreciated by Lee. A very pleasant game resulted, but the Purley attack was too strong for the Lee defence, the two Dolleymores and Sargeant continually pressing, well backed up by Marshall, and though Wood and Cresswell worked hard to keep them out they scored twelve goals. Knight and Kessell did all they could to get through the Purley defence, which was very sound, and Wolf, one of the substitutes, a novice who has only played three times, showed real good form and scored one of the three goals got by Lee, the final score being 12-3 in favour of Purley."

January 1911	Hampstead vs Lee	Draw	8	8
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February 1911	Lee vs Woodford	Won	17	7
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	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Won	6	4
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February 1911	Lee II vs Highgate	Won	7	2
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February 1911	Lee vs Catford	Won	6	3
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February 1911	Lee vs Willoughby (Flag) (at Lord's)	Won	16	6
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The Sportsman - 22nd February 1911

"LEE V WILLOUGHBY

This Senior Flag tie was played last Saturday at Lord's. From the first face Bell secured and passed to Perceval, who scored with a good shot. For the rest of the first half the Lee attacks monopolised play to a great extent, and despite good work by Johns in the Willoughby goal scored eleven goals, to which their opponents could reply with only three. In the second half the Lee attack fell off considerably, and Willoughby, with F Spiers always prominent, had quite their fair share of the ball. Hobbs scored a couple of clever goals, and the whole attack worked with much dash and

energy. Clarke, Price, and French added goals for Lee, who eventually won by sixteen goals to six.

Lee: F C Kessell, H Baskett, F McDonell, R C Baskett, J F Steele, C G Blomfield, M Price, G Perceval, H R Davies, R C Bell, H W French and C Clarke.

Willoughby: R John's, G Bark, Vaughan-Jones, V Spiers, G Mayer, H Willis, E Spiers, W Hobbs, G Mileham, S Wood, L Faraday and F Spiers."

February 1911

Other Matters – Southern Flags

The Field – 25th February 1911

"The South of England Flag Competition came to an end of it's preliminary rounds on Saturday last. In the course of them the eleven London clubs engaged have played ten to twelve matches each, whilst Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the Lets School have had but six games, so that in order to reach a decision between them it was necessary to equalise their results of their several victories. This has been done by the following rule: Two points shall be scored for each win, one for each draw, and nothing for a loss, and the percentage of points to games played shall determine the positions of the clubs. Lee heads the list with nine victories and a drawn game out of ten games played; Catford is next in order with nine wins and a loss out of ten matches played; Hampstead follows with twelve matches played, ten victories, one loss, and one draw; and Oxford University is fourth with six games played, four won, one lost and one drawn. West London is a very close fifth, and Willoughby, Snaresbrook, and Finchley follow in this order. The interest has been well maintained and although the first two places have been assured to Lee and Catford for some weeks, there has been a struggle for the third and fourth between Oxford University, West London, and Hampstead. In accordance with the new rules, the four leading clubs will meet in a semi-final round. The final will be played at Lord's on March 11. Oxford University came very near to losing their right to complete in the semi-final round. At one period in the second half Clapham were leading by three goals to one, and the Oxonians appeared to have exhausted the energy with which they opened the game. They came again, however, and succeeded in making the match a draw - three goals each - within a few minutes of the call of time. Oxford pressed almost continuously for the first half hour or so, but they seldom appeared dangerous near goal. The Clapham defence was playing splendidly, and Symonds, Adams, Elderton and M Sutton were excelling themselves; but the Oxonians neglected the hard passing and prompt shooting game that had brought them success against Woodford in the previous week, and essayed long shots from the neighbourhood of third home's position. Yates, Hawkins and Davies, supported finely by Dart and Merevesey, were prominent in this field work, but the only score in the first half was registered by Dart from defence. Clapham approved on the approach of half time, and gradually assumed the aggressive. They scored once before the interval and twice afterwards, Oxford in the meanwhile at sea on defence and failing to gather the ball in the field. Cambridge University ran Hampstead very close at Fenners, losing by eight goals to six. They showed a decided improvement in all parts of the field, and only a need of combined practice prevents them from being a team well up to the average. Snaresbrook and Croydon ran almost side by side in the opening half of their match, but afterwards Snaresbrook ran away and won by 13-4. At Lord's Lee scored very quickly at first. They were prompt to discover and take advantage of two weak spots in the Willoughby defence, and reached ten goals to three in short time.

Then the game steadied, and Willoughby recovered. The score was 11-3 at half time and 16-6 at the finish, so the second half was a closer fight. The tie between the Leys School and West London ended in favour of the latter by thirteen goals to five. The Londoners were stronger in most parts of the field, but their success was mainly due to the fact that the school had no one to stop E P Jones and A W Lavy."

March 1911

Lee vs Catford (Flags)

Won 6 3

The Field – 4th March 1911

"Catford and Lee met for the third time, and by scoring six goals to three Lee reached the final round of the Southern Flags for the third year in succession. They have not suffered a defeat throughout the season, their one check being a draw with Hampstead when two of their leading attacks were away. They have experienced the greatest difficulty with their parent club, Catford, the Flag holders, but, as their successive victories of 14-6, 9-6, and 6-3 testify, they have proved themselves to be the superior team. In a stubborn encounter, the closest of checking was the order on both sides. Play lasted fully a quarter of an hour before the first goal was scored, and then young Davies, who was a shining light in the victorious St Dunstan's College team of two years ago, slipped in for Lee. French soon added a second goal. Martin eventually scored with a very hard shot for Catford, and Perceval retaliated for Lee, so the latter led 3-1 at half time. Early in the second half Lee made the score 4-1, but then Catford's turn came, and a smart shot by Hinton and another individual effort by Martin brought the totals to 4-3. That was the end of Catford's scoring, and Lee got through twice before the end."

March 1911

Other Matters – Flag Final Preview

The Sportsman – 8th March 1911

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

Oxford University has manufactured a reputation as the surprise team of the Southern season. It drew with Clapham when most people expected its victory, it vanquished Hampstead when the latter's success was generally assured, and it failed against Cambridge when all the preliminary games had pointed to its superiority. We are consequently left wondering what is going to happen at Lord's on Saturday next, when Lee and Oxford meet in the final of the Southern Flags. In all general attributes of a lacrosse twelve Lee have many advantages, and the chief among them the fine quality of its attack and the prompt and secure combination that exists among the players in that part of the field. It is an attack that should, and perhaps will, prove the real value of individualism. Every man is an individualist, but it is necessary that his characteristic moods should be supported by his confreres, and that he should back up theirs, and this is possible only when the understanding is as sound as it is with Lee. They are also tolerably persistent in going for the ball, but in this respect Oxford will excel them, and if the Oxonians play their true game the field work will be very fast and entertaining. Defensively, Lee is fairly sound; it keeps its collective head as a rule, but, following in the wake of most defences, it occasionally loses it.

The Oxford defence, on the other hand, is of a risky nature; it is prone to go too readily for the ball and to take the wrong man. 'A

man each' is an elementary instruction, but a very necessary one at all stages. Lee will play a sounder, steadier game in this quarter, but it will have a lot of work to do, and if the Oxford attack recovers its proper game it will have many difficulties to overcome. But Oxford must be more forceful on the home; the passing must be prompter and sharper, the free man must be found in the precincts of the goal-mouth, and not on the outskirts. The ability is there, but it needs to be made use of at the right moment and in the right place. I am asked to state that the face will take place at 3.15 pm sharp on Saturday. It is quite a number of years since one of the Flag finalists was not also the holder."

March 1911

Lee II vs Purley (Flags) (at Lords) Lost

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The Sportsman – 8th March 1911

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The match between Purley and Lee II, at Lord's last Saturday has been described as a typical Junior Flag final, and if that means that both teams were strung up to a high pitch and that play was keen, and hard, and vigorous, it certainly was so. I do not recall a twelve, junior or otherwise, and not expecting even the present Oxford University team, so persistently on the ball as Purley. From start to finish they never let up for an instant, and their enduring energy had a very large share indeed in their victory. In this connection it is necessary to single out H F C Skinner and L O Thornberry as excelling on a team that never grew tired. The work in the field that those two men accomplished was extraordinary in its quality and frequently very good indeed in its quality; Purley has much to thank them for. H J T Bannehr, M Dovey and J A Miller were very sure on defence, and it was their steadiness and resource that prevented the dangerous Lee attack from ever properly getting together. It was quite a good exhibition of defensive play and well above the average of junior teams.

Despite the ten goals it is not possible to speak so well of Purley's attack – a fact that accentuates the weakness of the Lee defences. The attack players were just as indefatigable as the rest of the team, but their success was due to the robust nature of their more or less individual work, and however well that particular game paid on the day it is, nevertheless, one that will be unsuccessful when opposed to sound defences. In saying this I assume (without authority) that Purley intends flying at higher game than the Junior Flag, because of the splendid material, on attack as elsewhere, that the club has under its control. The brothers Dolleymore and T D Marshall are players capable of the best games.

To my mind Lee played disappointingly. The team never gave in, of course, but except in two or three cases no attempt was made to emulate the dash of their opponents; the movements. Both for the ball and with it, were slow and hesitating when speed, decision, and promptness were so requisite. They were continually raced off and bounced off the ball, but seldom made the correct response. Lee started out with the advantage that the large majority of its team were practised crosse handlers from their St Dunstan's school days, and I think they should have made better use of it. The attack only now and again gave signs of the good game of which it is capable and of which it has given many instances during the season, and but for the admirable work of G H Nettleton in goal the defence would have gone down very badly indeed. I thought that T Cresswell, E S Lokander, R A Knight and D Basan did the best work, with a special reference to that fine old work horse, Basan, who

keeps fresh and retains his pace in a remarkable manner. He at any rate lacked nothing in the way of vigour and enterprise. It is as well to record here that the half time score was 4-2 in Purley's favour and the final reading 10-5."

The Field – 11th March 1911

"The success of Purley in the Southern Junior Flag Competition is the result of a persistent endeavour to play a correct game, and, of systematic training. There has seldom been a twelve taking, part in such a contest that has played with such sustained vigour. The Lee second team which played Purley at Lord's contains men who are generally expert crosse handlers, and whose knowledge of the game was gained at school, but the event proved that these advantages are insufficient, unless they are backed up by the athletic qualities. The victory of Purley by ten goals to five was mainly owed to the defences, M Dovey, H F C Skinner, S R Thornberry, and J A Miller, who showed very fine judgement.

The final round for the Flags at Lord's this Saturday afternoon between Lee and Oxford University can hardly fail to offer a very interesting spectacle, as the University team, whether or not it is strong enough to have a chance of victory, plays in a style that has attractions peculiar to itself. Lee have been the runners-up, for two years past."

March 1911

Lee vs Oxford University (Flags) (at Lords)

Won 12 6

Athletic News – 13th March 1911

"THE LACROSSE FIELD

(BY AN INTERNATIONAL)

LEE WIN THE SOUTHERN FLAGS

Woodford, Surbiton and Catford have practically monopolised the Senior Flags in recent years, so that it is quite refreshing to find the trophies passing into the hands of Lee, a club which has not been in existence many years and has not won the flags before. Their opponents on Saturday were Oxford University, and the game was played at Lord's. The opening half produced one of the best and hardest games seen in the South for several years, and when half-time arrived the score stood at five all. Afterwards the pace began to tell, and the Oxonians tired visibly. Lee kept going, and with their attacks never relaxing their efforts they gradually forged ahead and won 12-6. For the winners, McDonald, Steel, Clarke and French were the best of a very level, hard-working team. Oxford were best represented by their point, A B Mersevey, who played a sound game throughout. R Bryn was another good defence, and Logan was untiring at centre. Dart and Adamson were the most efficient attacks. The success will console Lee for the defeat of their second by Purley in the Junior flag final the previous week."

March 1911

Other Matters – County Matches Preview & Flag Final Report

The Sportsman – 15th March 1911

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

The Southern County matches to be played on Saturday are of interest in themselves, because coming now the sides will be fully representative of the season's play. A few new faces to County lacrosse may be welcomed, and direct comparisons with the quality of the games played in October and November will be possible. They are of interest also because, having won its matches against Kent and Middlesex, Essex is very hopeful of defeating Surrey and of thus returning to the position it occupied in 1901, 1902 and 1904, at the head of the Southern counties. Surrey, at its best, is by no means to be despised, a fact proved when Kent was met, and the last named, literally scraped home by three goals to two. If Cantab, N J Holloway, is included in the team (I do not know) he will strengthen the comparatively weak attack very much. Kent and Middlesex meet at Lord's and as each has a win and a loss as its records there will be a very keen struggle for supremacy. With Lee in such fine fettle and E P Jones back in the team, Kent are strong favourites, although Middlesex is a vastly improved side. These games will also provide the Southern selectors with a last opportunity of seeing the majority of representative players at work; whether they will tend to lessen or increase the difficulties is a very moot point.

The final for the Southern Flags, played, at Lord's on Saturday, provided at once a surprise, a treat, and a disappointment. The Oxonians created the surprise by playing so finely as they did in the first half and proving themselves quite the equal of their formidable opponents throughout that period; the treat – and it was a real treat – was supplied by both teams during the opening half, and it consisted of some of the fastest, hardest, keenest, and as a general rule, most correct lacrosse seen in the South for some years; I doubt if we have seen a more strenuous forty-five minutes. The disappointment was the falling away of the Oxonians and for some time the Lee men in the second half. The degeneracy, of course, and was due to the extraordinary efforts both sides had put forward to begin with, but however regretted the glorious even fight was not continued to the end, the disappointment was relieved by the capital play of Lee, and particularly its attack, during the last twenty minutes of the game. Lee had gone the very hot pace with Oxford throughout, and after a slack ten minutes or so they recovered finely, and with victory in view to spur them on, played some of the prettiest lacrosse of the match.

Lee's score of twelve goals to six of Oxford appears to indicate that the defences were not very good. The contrary was the case, however. Both the goalkeepers were excellent. J Sidebotham, who came from the attack to goal, had the larger share of work to do, and it is a noteworthy fact that he had stopped seven or eight times before Oxford made their first shot. As a matter of fact the game had lasted twelve minutes before Oxford made a shot at goal, although they were having quite as much of the game. F C Kessell also stopped well, and he had a better understanding with his fellow defences than his vis-à-vis, and was consequently helpful in relieving. One of the weaknesses of the Oxford game lies here. The fielders do not deploy with sufficient promptness, and the back in difficulties needs this kind of support badly. Alternatively, the Oxonians made short relieving passes that again and again brought the ball in front of their own goal, where it was frequently intercepted by the nippy Lee attacks. Defensively, too there was a lot of sound, stubborn work by H Baskett and F McDonell for Lee and A R Merservey and R Bryan for Oxford.

Despite his customary disinclination to hurry – a failing that prevents him from adding brilliancy to his capital repertoire – Baskett played really well. McDonell was quite good, checking intercepting, and relieving cleanly and well. Merservey played his best game; his restraint was admirable and he saved many a risky situation as only a good point can. The unruffled solidity of Bryan

was a great asset to his side. He came in as a substitute for sprinter, Lange, and was a great success. Of the other defences, I thought J F Steele (Lee) was a capital worker; very persistent, prompt to get rid of the ball to the right man, with a good knowledge of the use of his body. C D Dart was as sound as ever, and his absence from Oxford's defence in the second half was felt badly. Indeed, I think that the falling back of Lanctot and Yates and the going up of Dart on the attack was a very unwise movement, for its result was to weaken both ends of the field. It may be that it was imperative for both Yates and Lanctot were somewhat damaged, and in that case it was a great misfortune. L Beaudry again proved himself a heady, reliable player; indeed, the Oxford defence, with undoubtedly the superior attack – and superior chiefly because of its unity – to look after, gave an admirable display.

Against this defence the Lee attacks worked splendidly, never giving in despite the closest of checking and the opposition of greater weight. In the first ten minutes Lee had eight shots at goal, and all of them were kept out. It was disheartening, but the bombardment was maintained. And it was clear Lee understand the necessity of getting the ball on to the goal and throwing away no real opportunity of shooting. It would not be fair to single out anyone of the five, as they all – C Clarke, H W French, R C Bell, H E Davies and F C G Perceval – all played well. Their stick handling was of the best. Oxford's attack lacked the quality of cohesion to the extent that it was present with Lee and it bunched badly at times. The return of C A Adamson was a great help to them, and for a time G Lanctot's surprise appearance in the field was successful. He was unwise to attempt dodging and other things when nippiness was so necessary. A T Yates worked with his customary dash for a long time, but he had to retire temporarily as a result of an unfortunate check by R C Baskett, and never recovered his "go" afterwards. M W Davies worked very hard, and with more than his customary success. The centres were well matched, and as both were players of great energy the work they got through was tremendous. M Price, for Lee, was a big factor in his side's success, and he played a consistent, tactful game well above his own average. He lasted well, too, for his speed at the end of the game was undiminished.

Thus as the Southern Junior Flags last week found new holders in Purley, so the Seniors has gone in to fresh hands in Lee. This uprising of the younger generation – both of clubs and individuals – is a very healthy and satisfactory condition of things, because, they represent the steady advance that is being made of the quality of lacrosse that is being played, and because one feels assured that the traditions of the game – the traditions of clean, pure, wholesome sport – will be jealously upheld by them. Congratulations to Lee, and particularly to the clubs genial captain, R C Bell, will be universal among Southern players and their good wishes will be with the team on the Club Championship on 25th inst."

March 1911

Lee vs Oxford University (Flags Final) (Lord's)

Won 10 6

The Field – 18th March 1911

SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAG COMPETITION – Final Tie

Lee (10) v Oxford University (6) – the twenty-eighth annual competition was concluded on Saturday at Lord's and Lee added a new name to the winning clubs. The rain overnight had rendered the ground very slippery, but the conditions were otherwise of the best, and there was a customary crowd present. The opening play

saw defence well on their men, and although Davies soon missed a pass when close in on goal, the game was two minutes old before the first shot was made. This was accomplished by Lee and the save by Sidebotham was a good one. Another two minutes elapsed before the next attempt was made, and then Lee had a poster, and it was followed by a third shot, which was again well saved by the Oxford goalkeeper. Except that Lee had done all the shooting the game was very even, and was already becoming unusually fast. Oxford were more than holding their own in the field, but the ball was never worked into danger zone owing to the smart checking of Lee. In yet another two minutes Lee made two successive attempts, but both were wide of the mark; they were followed by two straight ones which Sidebotham accounted for: the eleven minutes from the start Clarke got close in and Lee scored the first point. A minute later Oxford was through for the first time, but Kessell saved, and then, after some persistent work by the homes Adamson made the scores level, and, continuing to press, Oxford quickly took the lead, Adamson sending Johnson in. The next goal fell to Lee by aid of Price, who was allowed a clear run in. Each goal was assailed after this, and another short game was ended by Yates dodging his man and scoring with a long shot, and Oxford led by three goals to two after about twenty minutes play. The Oxonians forced the pace and the ball was in their hands a great deal now, with the result that Lee defences had much work to get through. It was Lee who scored, however, Bell finding Price with a long judicious pass. Bell was right in unattended soon after this, but he hit the post, and then the injury to Yates delayed the game for a time. Lee scored again, and they were one up, and after Kessell had saved a stinging shot from Davies, Oxford made the record three all by the aid of Adamson, and as a result of some capital attack work. Thirty-six minutes had now gone by, with the sides so evenly balanced play became faster than ever, and the pace never dropped for an instant. The game was exhilarating and full of incident, some telling body checking by Lee being a prominent feature. The ninth game lasted barely a minute: it fell to Oxford who took advantage of Lees hesitation in getting rid of the ball, and Davies scored when close in. The tenth game was even shorter, and was ended by French for Lee, and the teams were once more level. The remaining seven or eight minutes saw Oxford in the ascendancy, but without further result. Kessell saved two shots in fine style, and kept two others out, whilst Oxford had a wide shot or two. It was a busy time for the Lee defences, and Oxford had the measure of them for the time being. Half time arrived with the scores level at five all. Both defences re-opened very steadily, and at neither end could attacks make any impression, It was a keen struggle for supremacy, but the close checking kept both man and ball out, and eight minutes went by before Lee succeeded, Percival scoring with a long shot. Oxford attacked with vigour and had a shot stopped well close in. When this game had lasted ten minutes play slackened up, and it was not surprising the tremendous pace could not be maintained. The Oxonians appeared to feel the strain most, and as both Yates and Lanctot dropped back their pressure on the Lee goal was lessened. Twenty minutes after half time Bell worked French in nicely, and then with a two goals lead and victory in sight the Lee attacks played a better game than at any other period of the match, and four well arranged and pretty goals were scored by French, Clarke and Percival. Oxford got through once more towards the end, but Lee added the last point within a minute of time. The match was well refereed by Mr A W Lavy."

March 1911

Other Matters – County Match – Middlesex vs Kent (at Lord's)
Middlesex won 13-5

The Observer – 19th March 1911

"MIDDLESEX V KENT

At Lord's yesterday, Middlesex created a great surprise by beating Kent by 13 goals to 5. The Metropolitan county too advantage of all their openings at the beginning of the game. They scored 5 goals in the first fifteen minutes, and led at the interval by 10 to 3."

March 1911

Other Matters – English Club Championship Preview

The Sportsman – 29th March 1911

"The Club Championship – Stockport v Lee – is to be played on the Manchester Athletic Ground on Saturday next, instead of last week, and the Lee team will not only introduce new faces but new methods to Northern players. I trust the Lee men will not be led into any by-paths of consideration as the special merits or demerits of their opponents individually, but they will just play their own club game, and play it hard right from the start."

April 1911

Lee vs Stockport (Iroquois Cup) Lost 5 15

The Manchester Guardian – 3rd April 1911

"STOCKPORT STILL UNBEATEN

The Northern Flagholders, Stockport, ended their season well on Saturday by giving a most handsome beating to Lee, the unbeaten champions of the South. They did this after an unpromising opening. The Stockport defence was helpless against the Lee attacks in the first ten seconds of the match. French put the ball in the net after three other Lee men and till then not a single Stockport back had touched it. It was a thousand pities that such a goal should not count, but a Lee attack was in the crease, and Stockport gave their opponents no chance of repeating such treatment. It was the kind of thing to rouse the Northern champions, and they very soon showed the weak spots in the Lee defence.

Most of the spots in the Lee defence were, in fact, weak, and it was not surprising that seven minutes or utter confusion, during which the Stockport attacks were busy, should leave the Lee goalkeeper apparently well-nigh un-nerved. To begin with it was not his fault. The Lee backs were all tackling their men too soon, and with speedy men like Hayes, Stockdale and Lister it is a bad policy to leave a big blank straight run to your goal. When Hayes bent his man, as he often did, the other backs were too far away to cover him, and the Stockport man wasted no time in getting in once he was past Steele. The other players played up to their loose men – Hayes was not the only one – splendidly, and the manoeuvring was as good as it could be throughout the first half and most of the second.

The rate of the Stockport scoring – eight goals in thirty-two minutes – shows how completely they mastered the opposing defence, but it must not be surprised that they were attacking all the time. The Lee attacks were really good, but the Stockport backs were again in their best form, and after that first fortunate miss they were not to be beaten, though there were one or two narrow escapes before Bell scored Lee's only goal of the first half. Clarke, Davies and French were all within an ace of scoring, and there were moments when the Stockport defence was very hard pressed indeed. G Mason and Baker made some exceptionally good intercepting, and their cleverness in front of goal, with some well-timed, decisive tackling outside by Yates and the Johnsons, kept the Lee men out.

Quite early in the second half French got a great goal after good work by Davies and Bell, and for some time the Lee defence held out much better than it had been doing, but at last Stockdale, always one of the best attacks on the field, beat R C Baskett completely, and his goal started the rot again. Before long the Northern team led by 14-2, and with less than a quarter of an hour to go the score was 15-3, but in that last quarter came the best of the match. Taking advantage of the fact that their backs had momentarily mastered the opposing forwards, the Lee men started to attack furiously. The Stockport defences fought desperately, and Mason, the Johnson's, and Baker excelled themselves, but the Lee attacks were not now to be held, and a great shot from Clarke which bent Scott completely was only the prelude to an assault fiercer than ever. The backs could not clear, Scott stopped three shots without being able to get the ball at once, and at last Bell taking a pass twelve yards from the goal whipped the ball out in the direction of a yell, for he had no time to look for a man. The yell came from Clarke tearing round from behind goal with Mason between him and the posts, and just outside the crease he jumped up to the ball, high above his head, and it was in the net before he touched the ground again – the finest goal of the match and a splendid way to end the game."

The Field – 8th April 1911,

"The English Club Championship game between Stockport and Lee was disappointing in one sense – Lee were too easily beaten – but it gave the spectators the chance of seeing the best attack work that any Southern team has shown in the North for many years. If the Lee defence had been of the same class as its attack – Stockport might still have won – their own forwards were quite as good as in the flags final of the previous week – but not possibly by more than a goal or two. The start was remarkable, for French beat Scott about fifteen seconds after the first face, four Lee men having previously handled the ball. There was unfortunately a successful appeal, and a determined dash by the Stockport forwards swept aside the Lee defence, and from that they never recovered. Steel, playing against Hayes, was beaten again and again; the Basketts both let their men in, and in seven minutes Stockport were three up. In half an hour they scored eight goals, though for this the Lee goalkeeper was not to blame. Some of the shots might have been kept out, but it must be remembered that so completely was the defence broken up, it was impossible to say from which quarter the final effort would come. No goalkeeper can do very much who only knows that the shot will come from one of two or three men dancing about just outside the crease. R Baskett and MacDonell made the fewest mistakes; the other three were practically helpless. At centre Price was not good enough for Cragg, and the spectators turned thankfully from the Lee defence to watch an attack second only to that of the Old Hulmeians, playing with almost unflagging courage against the best defence in the North in its best form. At one time in the second half they seemed inclined to give up, and lost form a little, but a quarter of an hour from time, with the score 14-2 against them, a splendid successful shot from French revived their failing energy, and for the rest of the game they gave the Stockport backs such a grueling as they have not had this season. Their passing had all along been good, but now it was perfect. Clarke and French, the inside homes, were in and out of the goal in the most bewildering fashion, and the outside men threw themselves into the business of putting a better face on the matter with an energy eloquent of good condition. They might have just been beginning instead of ending a game, and they had their reward in the shape of two good goals, one of them the best of the match, and they had moreover the satisfaction of knowing they had impressed a northern lacrosse crowd as it has not often been impressed by players from the south."

April 1911

Other Matters – South vs North (at Lord's)

North won 18-7

The Observer - 9th April 1911

"NORTH BEAT SOUTH AT LORD'S

The match between the North and the South - one of the chief fixtures of the lacrosse season - attracted a large crowd at Lord's yesterday, when the North won by 16 goals to 7. The Southerners got away with the ball at the start, and after the North had attacked without result, a shot by Jones opened the scoring for the South. The contest had only been in progress about two minutes when the score had risen to two goals all. Play continued to be of an even nature from this point, and neither side could secure more than a one goal advantage until nearing the interval, when the North, who, with about ten minutes to play, held a lead of 9 goals to 5, had scored 7 goals to their opponents 5.

On resuming the Northern representatives completely outplayed their opponents, and although adding 9 goals to their own score, prevented their rivals from securing more than 2. In attacking they were stronger, besides shooting with more accuracy and checking periodical runs by the Southerners in brilliant style."

April 1911

Other Matters – League Summary

Athletic News - 24th April 1911

"THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND CLUBS

The mild form of league competition which has been instituted in the South to lead up to the Flags has proved an unequalled success. The two Kent clubs Lee and Catford, have been the most consistent performers, but Hampstead and West London have run them very close. Lee with an unbeaten record won the flags as well, and the mystery is how it comes about that Kent, with two such brilliant clubs to draw upon, should finish below Essex and Middlesex in the County Championship. University College have had a successful first season, but the most improved junior club is undoubtedly Purley, who easily carried off the Junior flags."

October 1911

Lee vs Woodford (at Lord's)

Won

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The Field - 21st October 1911

"South of England players are beginning a new season with customary hesitancy, and the majority of last Saturday's results were more or less inconclusive because the teams were not always at full strength. By way of exception to this failing, the very successful Lee team turned out at Lord's to meet Woodford. For a time play was even, but the Essex club's attack developed their old weakness of playing anywhere but on the opposing goal. Lee always experienced difficulty in penetrating the sound defence, but led 4-1 at half-time, and won by 9-2. Some speculation had been rife as to the composition of the Woodford team, as during the recess Snaresbrook and Woodford have joined forces for the third time in their careers. In the only game of the newly arranged flags competitions, Clapham beat Willoughby by 15 goals to 2, The losers had several gaps in their team, and Clapham played a capital game, which will take them far if they will but regulate their attack work, and improve their shooting. Pike was the life of the attack, and both Houghton and Read did well. West London played the opening match on their new ground with Catford, and an enjoyable game ended in Catford's favour by 10-5 after West London led 5-4

at half-time. Catford had lost Muir, Hinton, and Balkwill of their regular twelve. Surbiton, with Fitzgerald out again, won by 7 goals to 4 against Croydon. University College (London) defeated Blackheath by 9 goals to 1, and Hampstead overcame Finchley by 11 goals to 3."

October 1911	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	18	1
November 1911	Lee vs Oxford University	Won	14	8
	Finchley vs Lee II	Lost	8	15

Sporting Life - 6th November 1911

"OXFORD UNIVERSITY BEATEN AT LEE

One of the most interesting matches in the London district, was that between Oxford University and Lee at Lee. The first half was a game evenly contested, and at the interval the Dark Blues led by 7 to 6. In the second half, however, the game underwent a complete change. The Varsity defence collapsed, and Lee ultimately ran out winners by 14 goals to 8. In the Senior Flag Tournament, Hampstead, after leading by 4 to 1 at the interval, which will take them far if they beat Willoughby, at Lord's, by 11 to 1. Clapham, playing on their own ground, gave west London a good game, but were beaten by 8 to 5."

November 1911	Catford vs Lee	Draw	3	3
	Croydon vs Lee II	Lost	7	10

Croydon Guardian & Surrey County Gazette - 18th November 1911

"Last week Croydon visited Lee II at Beckenham. Neither team was able to turn out its best team. Croydon felt the want of their regular goalkeeper very much, and Lee had to play two or three reserves on their attack. Under the circumstances it was fortunate for Croydon that the Beckenham teams weak spots were in their homes.

The result - Croydon 10, Lee II 7 - is no criterion to the game, Croydon having the best of it all through, and should have put on many more goals, and would have, had not some of the attack, finding a difficulty in getting inside their men, resorted to taking long shots. This is not lacrosse even though it may pay against a poor goalkeeper, but to persist in these methods against a clever custodian is uselessly wasting the ball; moreover, it gives the goalie a deal of practice and confidence, putting him all the time on the qui vive, and making it all the more difficult for you to score when you do not get in to a scoring position. This was not the combination there should be on attack; 1st home was almost ignored. It can only be with the help of these new members that the teams can be brought back to the senior level, and they must therefore be given more encouragement on the field. The defence played a splendid game; it's true they had a fairly easy time, but they were always there when wanted. Time after time they cheated the Lee attacks of the ball by playing well back and so compelling them to bunch."

November 1911	Oxford University us Lee	Won	15	3
	Lee II us Willoughby	Draw	4	4

The Field – 25th November 1911

“Lee visited Oxford and defeated the University by fifteen goals to three, after a fast game on a dry ground. The University defence players have much to learn, but the energy all places is undoubted and except against so well a balanced a twelve as Lee that will assuredly tell. There is a lack of system about most of the play. Lee were in a special happy mood on attack. The defence is rather shaky at times, and against stronger opponents their faults will tell to their great disadvantage.”

“OXFORD UNIVERSITY (3) V LEE (15)

The University played their first home game on Saturday, but gave a very poor display. There was a lack of combination forward, and with a weak defence the visiting side did much as they liked. Nine goals in succession were credited to Lee through the agency of D Blomfield (three), L Kessell (two) and Clarke (two), Bell and MacDonald, and it was not until just before the interval that Johnson scored for the University. On resuming the same player again beat the Lee custodian, but from this point the visitors went further ahead with a sequence of five goals obtained by D Blomfield (three), L Kessell and Martin-Price. Dart replied with a solitary point for the University, and with another goal from L Kessell the game ended.

Oxford University: J F Sidebottom (Hertford), L Dixon (Baliol), A Yates (St John's), J Daly (St John's), M K Pailee (Queen's), R W H Thomson (Baliol), R L Lange (St John's), C Dupres (St Catherine's), V Thorson (New College), W Burger (New College), C D Dart (St John's), and S Johnson (Oriel).

Lee: F Kessell, H Baskett, F McDonell, R C Baskett, J Steele, L G Blomfield, Martin-Price, H W Davies, D Blomfield, R C Bell, C Clarke and L H Kessell.”

November 1911	Other Matters – County Match – Middlesex us Kent			
	Draw 4-4			

The Observer – 26th November 1911

“MIDDLESEX V KENT

After a fast and very evenly contested game at Lord's, yesterday, the match between Kent and Middlesex resulted in a draw of 4 goals all. It was not until a couple of minutes before the interval that Middlesex opened the scoring. Kent at once responded with a goal by H E Davies. The score at half time was therefore 1 all. At one period in the second half Middlesex led by 4 to 2, but in the concluding stages of the game Kent had considerably the better of exchanges.”

December 1911	Lee us Finchley	Won	12	6
	Surbiton us Lee II	Lost	0	5

December 1911

Other Matters – Review

The Field – 30th December 1911

“In the South, Lee had no defeat recorded against them, and won their position by invariably good play. Catford ran a very close second, with Hampstead, Oxford University, and West London following. Cardiff and Clifton figured most prominently in the south-west.

The principal results of the season 1910-11 were as follows:

North beat South sixteen goals to seven.

Club Championship: Stockport beat Lee fifteen goals to five.

North of England Flag Competition (final tie): Stockport beat Old Hulmeians six goals to one, after a drawn game of seven goals had been played.

South of England Flag Competition (final tie): Lee beat Oxford University by twelve goals to six.

South West of England Flag Competition (final tie): Cardiff beat Clifton five goals to three

Yorkshire Flag Competition (final tie): Headingley beat Harrogate by fourteen goals to eight.

Cheshire walked over for the County Championship. The original date was usurped in consequence of the drawn game in the Northern Flags, and Essex could not respond to the change.”

January 1912

Lee vs Hampstead	Won	12	5
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Lee II vs Catford II	Won	7	4
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January 1912

Catford II vs Lee II (Flag)	Won	20	5
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January 1912

Lee vs Clapham (Flag)	Won	7	4
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January 1912

Lee vs Hampstead (Flag)	Won	15	5
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January 1912

West London vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	7	10
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Lee II vs Woodford II (Flag)	Won	9	7
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February

Lee II vs University College	Won	22	8
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February 1912

Lee vs Woodford	Won	11	4
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Lee II vs Surbiton	Won	15	6
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February 1912

Clifton vs Lee

The Sportsman – 22nd February 1912

“CHAMPIONS IN THE SOUTH WEST

Lee’s visit to Bristol should do the South Westerners a lot of good. It will doubtless instruct them – and there is no lacrosser more willing to learn than the South Westerner – that the first, and the last, necessity is good crosse handling, and they will realise that practice at hard, close passing and taking is essential. Such

practice as this entails is not sufficiently obtainable in a match. Half a dozen good, solid practices would profit more than a whole season's matches. They will have discovered also that fitness is required of the man who plays hard, over insistent lacrosse. In strenuous games no 'let up' is possible, nor should any be expected. A player is always doing something. If he is not looking after his man he is endeavouring to make his man look after him. In the matter of tactics, deploying on the part of the defence is of the greatest importance, and although one would not hold Lee up as the best of representatives in such movements he Cliftonians compared unfavourably with them. A failure to follow defence forcers is a weakness, but it is due rather to the failure of the conditions than desire."

March 1912

Croydon vs Lee II (Flag) (at Lord's)

Won 16 6

The Observer – 3rd March 1912

"CROYDON I V LEE II – At Lord's, yesterday. The final of the Junior flags, between Croydon and Lee II, was won by the latter side by 16 goals to 6. The ground was very slippery, but a fast game was witnessed. Lee opened in brilliant style, and by half time had compiled a score of ten goals as against Croydon's nothing. Play was more even in the second half, and each side found the net six times, the result being as stated."

The Sportsman – 6th March 1912

"SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLAGS

FINAL TIE

CROYDON V LEE II

At Lord's on Saturday Lee gained an easy victory by sixteen goals to six. From the start there was little doubt as to which team would be the winners. Considering the treacherous condition of the turf the Lee men played a remarkably good game. In the opening half they literally bombarded Croydon's goal with shots, and at the interval they held the commanding lead of ten goals, their opponents thus far having failed to net the ball at all. On the resumption, however, the exchanges were more even, and each side notched six goals. The goal scorers for Lee were Barclay (6), Kessell (3), Knight (3), Goldup (2), Cresswell and Schoenfelder, whilst for Croydon Turner (3), Gold, Jones and Beall scored.

Lee II: J P Stuart, C B Butley, D T Wood, T E Cresswell, H S Thirkell, N Bellam, D Basan, R A Knight, S L Schoenfelder, L H Kessell, W Barclay and S T Goldup.

Croydon: F E Whalley, H B Jackson, J R Beall, C G Jones, B Wareham, S Wareham, R C Gold, R F Roberts, E M Gover, L S Rogers, K Holman and B Turner."

March 1912

Lee vs West London (Flag) (at Lord's)

Won 15 4

The Observer – 10th March 1912

"SOUTHERN SENIOR FLAG FINAL

At Lord's yesterday the final of the Southern Senior Flag tournament was decided between Lee and West London. After

leading by 8 goals to 1, Lee ran out easy winners by 15 to 4. The winners were much the stronger both in attack and defence. The West London men, many of them, at least, failed to take their passes, and the shooting of E P Jines, first home, was not nearly so good as usual. M Price, at centre, played a brilliant game for Lee, and C Clarke and R C Bell, at third and first home respectively, were the chief goal getters."

Athletic News – 11th March 1912

"THE LACROSSE FIELD

(BY AN INTERNATIONAL)

THE SOUTHERN FLAG WINNERS

At Lord's, West London caused their supporters great disappointment by failing so signally against Lee in the final of the South of England Senior Flags. On form they should have been a very close thing of it, but the Kent club proved superior throughout in combination and pace, and leading 8-1 at half-time, ran out easy winners by 15-4. Jones and Collins worked hard on the London attack without receiving much support, and Spicer and Hollington were excellent in defence. The Lee defenders were not sorely pressed, but McDonnell and Baskett were prominent. The chief scorers were Clarke (5), Davies (4), Bell (3) for Lee and Jones (2), Spittle and Collins for the losers. Price played an ideal centre game for Lee."

March 1912	Lee II us St Dunstan's College	Won	10	7
March 1912	Lee us Stockport (Iroquios Cup) (Lord's)	Lost	8	18

The Observer – 31st March 1912

"STOCKPORT v LEE

The match between Stockport and Lee for the club championship of England, was played at Lord's yesterday, and resulted in an easy win for Stockport by 18 goals to 8. The game opened evenly, but after about a quarter of an hour Stockport began to assert their superiority. In attack the Northerners played a brilliant game. Their passing was excellent and their shooting was very accurate. At half time they had attained a lead of 9 goals to 3. S Heydon, S R V Stockdale and S N Hayes were in splendid form. R C Bell and H E Davies were two of the most prominent players in the Lee attack."

The Manchester Guardian – 1st April 1912

"STOCKPORT WIN THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Northern Flagholders added to their reputation on Saturday at Lord's, when they beat Lee very easily. Their defences were not completely successful. Indeed they never gained any mastery over the Lee attacks, but forwards were irresistible. Hayes and Heydon were again brilliant, and others played their usual hard, well judged game. Bell Percival and Clarke were the pick of a very hard working Lee attack, and on defence McDonnell was always noticeable, some of his clearing being particularly good."

London Evening Standard – 1st April 1912

"ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY STOCKPORT

At Lord's, on Saturday, the match between Stockport and Lee for the club championship of England and the Iroquois Cup resulted in an easy victory for Stockport by 18 goals to 8. Only once in the history of the match have the honours been won by a Southern club. This was in 1896, when Surbiton beat Stockport 2 to 1. Saturday's match opened evenly. Lee were the first to score through F C G Perceval. S R V Stockdale equalised, and then for some time it was a case of goal for goal. Ultimately, however, Stockport asserted their superiority. They were stronger than Lee in both attack and defence. Several magnificent bouts of passing were witnessed between S N Hayes, Stockdale, J B Lister and S Heydon. Lee played pluckily, but they were obviously out-matched, and at the interval the Northerners had made their position secure with a lead of 9 to 3. In the opening stages of the second half - indeed, up to within a quarter of an hour of the finish - Lee had to act almost entirely on the defensive. They did occasionally get within scoring range, but their delay in shooting lost them several opportunities. About a quarter of an hour before the call of time Stockport had attained a lead of 16 to 4. The Lee attacks rallied, and in the remaining time they scored four goals against two from their opponents. R C Bell & H E Davies were two of the best players on the losers' attack. For the winners Hayes and Haydon were responsible for most of the goals. Gerald Mason played a fine game in defence, and C H Scott, the old West Londoner, saved several dangerous shots."

Stockport County Express - 4th April 1912

"Stockport easily retained possession of the Iroquois Cup and English championship at Lord's on Saturday. As winners of the Northern Flags they met Lee, the Southern champions, and decisively beat them by 18 goals to 8. Last year Stockport beat their opponents by 15 goals to 5 in the final. The game was a very fast one throughout, and in the first half the scorers for Stockport were Heyes (4), Heydon (3), and Stockdale (2), while Bell (2) and Clarke scored for Lee. In the second half the Northerners had matters much their own way, and adding another nine goals through Heyes (2), Heydon (2), Stockdale (2), Lister, Cragg and Henshaw they won very easily. Perceval (3), Beer and Clarke scored for Lee in the second period."

April 1912

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)

North won 15-7

The Manchester Guardian - 15th April 1912

"AN EASY VICTORY FOR THE NORTH"

The North and South match at Fallowfield on Saturday was a quite interesting affair, and would doubtless have been even more so had the Southern backs proved a little more equal in their job. They were not very safe, for the reason that with two exceptions they sowed little or no power of anticipation. The same plan was tried by the North attacks time after time and always threw the Southern defence into confusion. A sudden dash by one of the outer men, a swerve inwards or outwards, and the backs were looking for the ball, completely lost. There were times when they seemed to have achieved some sort of mastery of the men opposed to them, but then a weal bit of goalkeeping would throw out and for minutes at a time the North forwards would have matters all their own way. It is true that at the other end the home defences did not impress with their stability. The South attack was decidedly well planned and very keen. The passing was almost invariably good and well judged, and the only real fault was a tendency to give up control of the ball by trying a hopeless shot or

a very difficult pass. With the Northerners so much on top, the visiting attacks had considerably less than a fair share of the game, but what they had enabled them to convince everyone that they were, in their own rather different way, little if any inferior to the winners. They were faced by a much stronger defence, and, above all, by infinitely superior goalkeeping, but they got 7 goals - no small performance this under the circumstances.

For some time it looked as though we were going to have a vey even game. Just at first the prominent people were all to be found amongst the defences, but in a minute or two the attacks began to busy themselves tremendously and for nineteen minutes the backs were more or less out of the game, though now and again one or other of them would do something so clever as to make one wonder why the attacks where ever allowed to score. Jones and Pearson each gave Scott a good shot to stop, and then Heydon got the ball and caught Symonds quite unready with one of his back slings. He let the South off badly just afterwards. Leigh got in, drew point, and Passed to Heydon, and with no one but the goalkeeper to beat, and all the time he needed for the business, the Stockport man missed. Then the South attacked really hard. Bell got a fine pass to Jones, who shot, and though Scott stopped that one, the ball went to Lavy, and a quick transfer to Pearson brought a lovely goal. Now came two goals from the North, Hayes racing W Johnson for one, and the other, a very neat one, to Stockdale. The South defence looked about as strong and about as likely to stop anything as a sheet of tissue paper, but there was always Ramsay, who kept intercepting at the last second, and his clearances went right. Most of the others did not. Symond's passes were continuously intercepted, and so were Chapman's and Johnson's, but Harrington was playing very well, and at last he and Ramsay got the ball away, a beautiful piece of combined play between Jones, Lavy, Pearson and Bell ending in a fine goal to Jones. A successful long shot from Heydon, which never ought to have scored, roused the South again, and Bell, Lavy and Davies combined to get the ball to Jones, who scored. Then Leigh got in without any help form the others - nor, did he seem to need any - and there were eight goals scored against first class defences in under nineteen minutes. In another two or three minutes the South were again within a goal of their opponents, but from then till the end of the half the home backs did better, and though often hard pressed they did not break. Leigh. Stockdale and Heydon all scored before the interval. At which point the North led 8-4.

The first few minutes of the second half led one to expect even scoring. Each side got a goal, but then for long enough the South could make no progress at all. Their defence was very shaky. No one could hold Leigh. He scored three out of the next five goals and the other two were equally his, for he passed his man each time and set one of his co-attacks free in front of goal. In eleven minutes the North added seven goals to their half time total, and then the pace slackened until the South attacks began to make matters really warm again for their opponents. Scott saved once from Jones, but the West London man beat him soon afterwards - a perfect goal this, - and another very fine assault by the South beat the opposition completely. With Scott out of goal Dutton intercepted one shot, but Lavy recovered the ball and with a well placed shot scored. Leigh got a goal which was disallowed, but in the last few seconds Cragg scored with a fine shot."

October 1912	Willoughby us Lee	Lost	10	14
October 1912	Lee II us Croydon	Won	21	0
	Catford III us Lee III	Lost	5	11

October 1912

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex

Kent won 13-1

The Observer – 27th October 1912

"KENT V ESSEX"

The county match between Kent and Essex was decided at New Beckenham yesterday. Kent gained an easy victory by 13 goals to 1. Essex scored in the first half through Alan Hough, but the Kent representatives combined with such good results that their opponents scarcely had any of the play in the second half. R C Bell, who captained the Kent side, played with his customary brilliance, and although he only found the net once, his game largely contributed to the success of Kent. The goal scorers for Kent were:- C Clarke (6), F C G Percival (1). H E Davies (2), A Silvester (2), R C Bell (1), and T Crafter (1)."

November 1912

Lee vs Clifton Won 15 6

November 1912

Lee vs West London Won 10 4

Highgate vs Lee II Lost 0 6

Lee II vs Purley II Won 12 2

November 1912

Lee vs Hampstead (Flag) Won 6 5

Lee II vs Catford II Won 9 0

Lee III vs Surbiton II Won 9 5

Daily Citizen (Manchester) – 28th November 1912

"Hampstead did very well to run the powerful Lee club to a goal in the Senior Flags. Lee led 4-3 at half time, but soon after the resumption Hampstead were on terms with them at 5 all, and the game was very even till at the close Lee scored in the gloom. The Hampstead defence marked their men very well. Both Thorne and Johnson did good work in the Hampstead attack. Once again the visitors had to lament the roughness of the Lee ground."

December 1912

Lee II vs Surbiton Won 8 5

Lee III vs Croydon II Won 7 3

December 1912

Lee vs Hampstead Won 9 3

Lee II vs Highgate Won 3 1

Lee III vs Hampstead III Won 12 3

December 1912

Lee II vs Woodford II (Flag) Won 9 0

December 1912

Lee vs Woodford (Flag) Draw 4 4

Athletic News – 23rd December 1912

"WOODFORD'S IMPROVEMENT"

(BY AN INTERNATIONAL)

No Southern club has come on so much during the past few weeks as Woodford, and they look like attaining once more the high position they used to occupy. On Saturday they visited the Flagholders at Beckenham, and showed such marked superiority in the first half that they gained a lead of 3-1. Later, Lee pulled themselves together, and a fine game ended in a draw of 4-4. Purley did not do badly to run Catford to 8-2 for this is their first season among the Seniors. Neither team was really representative."

January 1913

Other Matters – Mid Season Review

Pall Mall Gazette – 1st January 1913

"LACROSSE TOPICS

NOTES ON CURRENT FORM

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

The first half of the present lacrosse season has been noteworthy in many respects, but mainly by reason of its having season such an all-round improvement in the game. Lee continue to dominate the situation, and have undoubtedly the most well-balance side in the Metropolitan area. Other teams there naturally are which can always be relied upon to give a good display, but it is doing Lee bare justice to class them as the most powerful combination of the season. Lee are especially fortunate in having reduced all their defects to a minimum, both as regards the attack and the defence

Woodford's Improvement

Woodford has accomplished some fine performances this year, that of drawing with Lee undoubtedly ranking as the best. At the beginning of the season the Essex club were inclined to be very patchy, much good work being regularly spoiled by decided weakness in finishing off the various attacking movements, so that although the preliminaries down-field were executed with precision, when the time came for the final shot for goal was a lamentable weakness.

Latterly, however, there has been much more certainty in taking and giving passes, the latter all-important feature being carried out as a rule much more deliberately than in the early matches.

Of the Others, Catford's strong defence has been much in evidence, West London have, as usual, had to rely too great an extent on their two excellent homes, Jones and Lavy, while Hampstead cannot be classed as other than disappointing, in view of the excellent material available. One often thinks what a combination would be seen were the two last-mentioned clubs to join forces. Jones and Lavy, Pearson and Johnson would prove too clever for most defences.

Finchley is an improving side, but Willoughby, Clapham and Purley are hardly strong enough at present to trouble the leaders."

January 1913

Other Matters – Mid Season Review

Pall Mall Gazette – 6th January 1913

“LACROSSE TOPICS

SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

In the lacrosse world the latter half of the season is invariably of much greater relative importance than is the earlier period. The first few months, indeed, have a distinct “preparatory-school” air, and one can never fail to realise that with practically all the clubs – the Metropolitan ones, at all events – from October to the end of December consists of very little more than a series of “exercise-gallops”.

Juniors promoted to the senior ranks, novices in their first season – and of this class the present season has shown quite an encouraging number – are well taken in hand, taught to use their sticks in the correct manner, and initiated into the mysteries of team-work.

The arrangement of a lacrosse season is in many ways peculiar, for, in addition to the popular North v South match, to which all other events lead up, and the various county fixtures, there are three distinct classes of games which have to be arranged for.

First in importance are the “Flags” which constitute the main competition of the season, and which correspond roughly, to the fixtures in a football “League”. These, however, occupy about only half of the days available to play, and the rest are apportioned to a series of “friendlies” and games between teams from the same club, which one can hardly help feeling are of little use in improving the general standard of play. For there can be little doubt they induce to a slackness which is quite out of place, on a lacrosse field.

The great want of lacrosse in the Metropolitan district is that it should get a secure footing in a number of schools. On its feminine side, strange to say, this is the direction in which it is strongest, but beyond St Dunstan’s at Catford, hardly any of the boys’ schools take more than an academic interest in it. And this is more surprising in view of the excellent game which is played at St Dunstan’s, where the standard of play is quite high, and the results in the field have been of such an encouraging nature that one would have expected other schools would have been moved to emulate the example set. At Bristol, and in the North, of course, other schools play lacrosse.

In less than a fortnight one will be looking forward to the visits of the “Varsity” teams to town, and with Cambridge in all probability materially strengthened by the inclusion of some Rugger men the team should gain a great deal of necessary finesse and power, so that when the day arrives for the “Battle of the Blues”, Oxford even with the fine side at its disposal will have all its work cut out to win. But as to the “Varsity” match prospects it will be better to deal with at a later date.

In the Flags, Lee still seem to hold the strongest cards, with Woodford as, perhaps, strongest of the opposition. Catford’s defence will probably be severely tested, but may be relied on to emerge well from the various encounters; West London and Hampstead are too uneven to have much chance of deposing the leaders, and Finchley, Clapham and Purley will have to improve greatly on their showing in the first part of the season to have much of a chance. What one is looking forward to hopefully, however, is the North v South match at Lord’s when the Northerners should be as severely tested as ever before.”

January 1913

Lee vs Woodford (Flag)

Won

3

0

January 1913	Lee vs Woodford (Flag)	Won	8	0
January 1913	Lee vs Finchley	Won	13	5
January 1913	Catford vs Lee (Flag)	Won	10	5
	Lee II vs University College	Won	3	2
	Willoughby II vs Lee III	Lost	1	21

The Sportsman - 30th January 1913

"The meetings between Catford and Lee are always among the principle events of the Southern season, and their flag match on Saturday proved as keenly interesting as heretofore. At one time Catford got so well ahead that the chances of their ultimate success were at any rate possible, but it was not to be. This is how the game went, Hinton scored first for Catford, and Perceval was not long in equalising. Catford got away again, for both Dunn and Dickinson scored, but Lee crept up and made it three all. Catford again took the lead, and by half time had reached 5-3. For a while the even struggle continued, but Catford's attack slowly but surely degenerated, and failed to hold the ball, so that their hard worked defences had extra labour thrust upon them, and this they could not withstand. Lee, on the other hand, lasted well, and some of their best play took place in the last quarter of an hour or so, and it was then that they won. Both sides played excellent team games, and there are consequently no men to single out or special praise. It was a real good game - fast, correct and enthusiastic - played in the best possible spirit. It remains to be said that Catford had a somewhat depleted side, their captain, A Silvester, and both Morgan and Heading being away."

February 1913	Lee II vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	8	6
February 1913	Lee II vs Finchley II	Won	23	2
February 1913	Lee II vs Croydon (Flag)	Won	8	3
February 1913	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	10	4
February 1913	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	20	8
	Lee II vs Catford II	Won	9	3

Pall Mall Gazette - 26th February 1913

"As was to be expected, Lee soundly defeated Willoughby, scoring no fewer than twenty goals to the opposition eight, the well balanced attack of the winners seen to great advantage. Lee are in excellent trim, and seem very likely to add another to their list of successes in the Flags Competition. For when they are fully represented they are probably quite the best side in the South."

February 1913	Lee vs Hampstead (Flag)	Won	10	4
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Daily Citizen (Manchester) - 6th March 1913

"The other semi final was played at Purley. It was extremely hard luck on Hampstead that the non-arrival of a man should have forced them to include an old player in defence, but Hampstead, of course, suffered from a cumulative handicap. In the first half Lee had only a small advantage, so pluckily did their opponents play that they led by no more than the odd goal in seven. At half time, however, Hampstead struck a bad patch, and for twenty minutes the defence was unsettled, and during this time Lee piled on the goals. Then there was a rally, and, although the champions eventually won by 10-4 they had to go all out for the result. On Saturday next Lee and West London will fight out the final at Lord's, and I expect that Lee will once again secure the Senior Flag, but it will be a splendid game."

March 1913

Lee vs West London (Flags Final) (at Lord's)

Won 6 4

The Sportsman - 13th March 1913

"NOTES ON THE GAME

(BY FRANK SACHS)

LEE'S THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN

By winning the Southern Flag Competition on Saturday Lee accomplished a performance that had been carried out by two other clubs in the thirty years that the competition has been played. Besides Lee, only Woodford and Surbiton has won the flags for three years in succession; their records, indeed, are four years, so that Lee have not quite equalled them, although they are in advance of all other clubs in that respect. It is a fine accomplishment, and the fact that there have been very few new faces in the team since the first victory in 1911 has doubtless much to do with the successes, for it is the homogeneity of the twelve rather than the brilliancy of any member of it that has been and is its main source of strength. The team has now to meet either Stockport or Albert Park for the Club Championship on the 28th inst in Manchester. This major event has existed since 1880, and a Southern club has only once successful in that period.

THE FINAL AT LORD'S

An exciting end on the whole well played game was seen at Lord's last Saturday, when Lee and West London met to dispute the final for the Southern Flags. Throughout the first half West London had undeniable the better of the exchanges, and their lead of 2-1 at the interval represented their superiority very inadequately. Immediately after half time Lee attacked with much vigour, but West London than had rather the best of matters until within a quarter of an hour of the end, and for that time Lee were well in the ascendancy. There are two 'ifs' in connection with the game that, of course, avail nothing now, but accounted for much at the time. If C H Scott had not turned out for his old club again Lee would undoubtedly have scored more than six goals, and secondly, if E P Jones had accepted chances with his customary brilliancy West London would have scored many more than four. I merely put these 'ifs' forward as points of interesting consideration. After the more or less clean sweep that Lee had made of all their opponents throughout the season it was a surprise to many to see West London, who only just scraped into the semi-finals, holding them

as they did. Nearly half the West London team is represented by men who are reaching the veteran stage, but they one and all rose to the occasion finely. Their speed, their checking, and their determination were alike superior to the efforts of Lee for the greater part of the game, and, as I have inferred, they should have been quite three or four goals up at half time – ie, at least three 'sitters' were missed that would not have been neglected at any other period of the season. All this time Lee were excelling in one direction – their passes and throws up invariably found their men – and in this respect West London failed rather badly. I can recall certainly three occasions when the man was in – within a few feet of the goal – the pass came alright, but it was either too high or too wide to be of service. I am not saying that Lee's passing, though admirably correct in itself, was good tactically, for it was often and often quite meaningless. They made few of the chances that West London failed to bring off, for their work was carried on outside the danger zone. Doubtless the pertinacity of the West London defences had much to do with this, but, nethertheless, the Lee attacks lacked the aggressiveness that one associates with a champion team. I am drawing attention to these points because Lee is once more the South's representative club, and because I am convinced of two things – one, that such tactics that Lee employed on Saturday have no earthly chance against a Northern defence; and two, that Lee, with their ability in crosse work and other advantages, are capable of playing a much more paying game. Their field work was quite good, but it so frequently remained field work and so seldom became really home work. Perceval, their most forceful player, was particularly well looked after by West London's second team captain, P J Webster, but there are Websters up North, and alternative movements are necessary.

INDIVIDUAL FORM

Of the many duels that were in progress throughout the game those between Spicer and Clarke and Baskett and Jones were particularly interesting. It was something of a surprise to find Spicer, the apostle of opportunism, and the open 'go for the ball' game on defence, adopting shadowing tactics. His methods paid on Saturday, for he was in more senses than one all over Clarke, and he got through a certain amount of relieving work into the bargain. His throwing up was poor, but to have accounted for a goal-scorer like Clarke was something. Clarke was generally trying, but the height reach, and weight of Spicer were too much for him. At the other end H Baskett was not equal to Jones's many manoeuvrings. He intercepted well at times and checked successfully at others, but Jones got three goals, and it was no fault of Baskett's that he did not score three or four more. Jones was playing with a new crosse. Except in the last quarter of an hour the West London defences generally had the better of the opposing attacks. They were steady rather than brilliant. I have mentioned Webster on Perceval. The last named worked tremendously and had the ball oftener than any other of the Lee homes, but Webster was generally there. Percevall proved his value by scoring twice in the face of such persistent attention. T C Hollington was easily the best defender, and Bell could do nothing against him. Bell never gave in, but his tendency to work away from instead of into the danger zone was rather more pronounced than usual. H E Davies was again good, and Lokander and he are a capital pair of wings. Davies took his chances of scoring more readily, with the result that he twice defeated Scott – once with a longish shot. Martin Price and J E Collins were well matched at centre, and were well attentive to one another. They got through a lot of work, and Collins developed an unexpected turn of speed, but Price lasted the better, and took a goodly share in the final attacking of Lee. The Lee defence was also steady. McDonell came through once or twice, but he generally had quite enough to do in looking after Rodriguez. The last named played most prominently, and probably did more

work than anyone on the field. He came up from West London's second after Christmas. H H Scott was scarcely as dangerous as a season or two ago. His swerving runs were quite as disorganising to the opposing defence, but he carried them too far, and so robbed them of their full value. Both Blomfield and Steele were reliable, and as a rule kept their positions well. Edwards played wide on the left wing, and had much field work to do, and was always helping, though his crosse work occasionally failed. Blomfield and R Baskett held their bodies well, and the latter was responsible for one or two good checks. Lavy was capital; a little prone, as usual, to wander on defence, but very sure in his taking and passing and invariably emerging from a melee with the ball. Both the goal-keepers were very sound; Scott doubtless shone, but Cresswell was quite good."

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -15th March 1913

"LEE V WEST LONDON (SENIOR FLAGS)

About 1,000 persons were at Lord's on Saturday to see Lee beat West London, in the Final for the Senior Flag, by six goals to four. For quite two-thirds of the play there was nothing to choose between the two teams. Then the heavy going began to tell on the West Londoners, and towards the finish the Lee men easily held the mastery. West London opened in promising style, and did all have been to the early pressing, Davies, Lokander and Perceval were prominent, and the last two scored before the interval. H H Scott replied for Lee, so that ends were changed with West London leading by two goals to one. After the change of ends the Lee combination improved wonderfully, and they were constantly on the attack. E P Jones was in great form, and scored three goals, while Clarke played well for his side."

March 1913

County Match – Surrey vs Kent

Kent won 10-6

Croydon Guardian & Surrey County Gazette -22nd March 1913

"SURREY V KENT

Kent defeated Surrey by 10 goals to 6 on the Purley Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon. The games was contested at a fast pace, but throughout the Kent team were the more aggressive, and led at the interval by 3 goals to 2. In the second half Kent gave an excellent exhibition, and their forwards combined splendidly, seven goals being added. The goals corers were W Dickenson (3), L Baskett (2), F C G Perceval (2), C Clarke (2) and E S Lokander for Kent, and V P Pike (2), G N Watkins (2), R S Dolleymore and L W Bannehr for Surrey.

Teams:

Surrey: C E Symons (Clapham), M Dovey (Purley), A J T Bannehr (Purley), C GG Jones (Croydon), J A Miller (Purley), S H Keetch (Clapham), A B Pike (Clapham), R C Gold (Croydon), L W Bannehr (Purley), G N B Watkins (Purley), L S Rogers (Croydon), and R S Dolleymore (Purley).

Kent: T E Cresswell (Lee), C Clarke (Lee), F C G Perceval (Lee), R Dum (Catford), H E Davies (Lee), E S Lokander (Lee), W Dickenson (Catford), L Baskett (Catford), J F Steele (Lee), C G Blomfield (Lee), F K Morgan (Catford), and H Baskett (Lee),"

March 1913

Other Matters – Iroquois Cup Preview

The Manchester Guardian -28th March 1913

"TOMORROW'S IROQUOIS CUP FINAL

Tomorrow afternoon at Fallowfield Northerners have the opportunity afforded them this season of welcoming a South of England team. The occasion is the match for the Iroquois Cup and the club championship of England at present held by Stockport. This championship was instituted in 1890, and was first won by South Manchester who beat West London by 15-9, an unusually big score in those days. Since then the South have held the cup four times, Stockport nine, Old Hulmeians three and Surbiton once. Surbiton gave the Old Boys a shock in 1908, but in the last four games the Northern representatives have won fairly easily. The visitors this time are Lee, who like Stockport in the North, have this year gained their third consecutive success in the flags competition. Lee and Catford enjoyed a considerable advantage over the other South of England clubs in practically all their players learnt their lacrosse at St Dunstan's College, on the result of being a homogeneity in their style of play which tends to good combination. This season nearly all last year's players have been available, and there has been a marked improvement all round. The Southern flags competition is now played on the same lines as the North of England league. Each club plays each other club twice. And the four clubs which at the end of the season have the best percentage of points play off in the semi-finals. Lee's record in the competition is even finer than that of Old Hulmeians in the North, for, whereas the latter have one drawn game against them, Lee have won every match they have played, and finished accordingly with 100 per cent. West London, reinforced by the inclusion of C H Scott led against them at three quarter time in the final, but Lee's superior training stood them in good stead, and, finishing with splendid dash, they scored the last three goals and gained a fine victory by 6-4.

It is just this question of training which will most probably decide their fate tomorrow. Last time they came north to meet Stockport they played delightfully up to a certain point, but tired palpably towards the close and were beaten much more severely than on the general run of play they really deserved to be. Then they were opposed to the old Stockport defence - one of the most stubborn that there has ever been - and now that defence has been weakened by the withdrawal of some of its greatest players the Lee attacks, the cleverest crosse handlers in the South, should meet with more success. Their defences will need to be at their best to keep the Stockport score down to reasonable dimensions. They are inclined at times to take unwarranted risks, but if this tendency is curbed they are a good, powerful lot, with an excellent knowledge of the game. It is always interesting and instructive to study new styles of play, and recollections of Lee's display last time they were here are sufficiently pleasant to encourage the belief that the match will be well worth watching even though the chances are, as usual, in favour of Stockport. Both clubs expect to be at full strength, and the match is timed to commence at 2.30 in order to permit a league match being played afterwards."

March 1913

Lee vs Stockport (Iroquios Cup) (at Fallowfields)

Lost 4 22

Manchester Courier -29th March 1913

"ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Lacrosse players will be again at work today, with the exception of a few first division teams, who have already completed their season's programme. The most important game in the district is that between Stockport and Lee, the respective northern and

southern flag holders, who are meeting at the MAC ground, Fallowfield, to decide the fate of the Iroquois Cup, which carries with it the Club Championship of England. The same teams have played off for the trophy for the past two seasons, and on each occasion Stockport have won with ten goals to spare. The Northerners will, no doubt, be favourites, but they will not by any means have a walk-over, as the men from Lee as a team must be treated with the greatest respect. The match is to start at 2.30. half an hour earlier than usual, so as to allow the League game between Mauldeth and Cheadle Hume to be commenced at four o'clock.

Teams:

Stockport: R Lister, G A Baker, R Morley, A Heydon, T B Johnson, A C Yates, J S Cragg, A Henshaw, R Goodall, S R V Stockdale, J Lister and S Heydon.

Lee: Davies, H Baskett, Broomfield, R Baskett, Speele, McDonald, M Price, R C Bell, H E Davies, Percival, Clarke & Lokander."

The Referee -30th March 1913

"ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

At Manchester yesterday the English Club Championship for the Iroquois Cup, between Stockport and Lee, the respective winners of the Southern and Northern flags, was decided. From the start Stockport showed superiority, and after leading at half time by 12 goals, won by 22 goals to 4."

London Evening Standard -31st March 1913

"THE IROQUOIS CUP

The annual match between the winners of the Southern and Northern Senior flag competitions for the English Club Championship and Iroquois Cup was played at Fallowfield, Manchester, on Saturday, a one-sided game ending in a win for Stockport by 22 goals to 4. Stockport were greatly superior from the start, and after the game had been in progress for a quarter of an hour led by five goals to nil. Lee then scored, and at half time the Northerners led by 12 goals to 1. Stockport continued to press hard in the second half, and although Lee scored three times, ran out winners by 18 goals."

The Manchester Guardian -1st April 1913

"THE OVERTHROW OF LEE

Stockport have maintained until the end the brilliant form which they have shown since Christmas, and they wound up their season in a blaze of glory by administering to the South of England champions the most decisive defeat in the history of the English Cup competition. The heaviest score previously was the Old Hulmeians 20-8 against Catford in 1910, but Stockport surpassed this by scoring two goals more themselves and by keeping their opponents' score down to two less. This striking superiority of the one team over the other robbed the game of much of its interest. One was prepared to see Stockport score the first five goals, for that is a happy little habit they put into practice against teams like Old Hulmeians and South Manchester, and when, after this preliminary skirmishing, a clever goal from Percival that the visiting attacks had not forgotten how to score goals the spectators settled down to witness some interesting play. It was, however, not to be. During the remainder of the first half the Lee attacks did nothing at all worthy of their great reputation. Their actual work in midfield was good, but when they got near the goal they played into the hands of the Stockport defences in the most fatal manner. They

seemed to pass recklessly and at random, for times without number Baker, A Heydon and Morley, lying well back on goal, were presented with delightfully simple passes which they gratefully annexed, and then transferred the ball to the other end. The unfortunate Lee men are to a certain extent to be sympathised with, for this weakness near goal was almost entirely due to the fact that their regular first home, Clarke, was unable to play. Clarke is very nearly, if not quite, the best first home in the South, and it was evident that the other men had got into the habit of playing up to him, and continued to pursue similar tactics even though he was not there, and Barclay, who took his place, was hopelessly unaccustomed to the taking of difficult passes such as those with which they plied him. It was a pity that they did not realise this fact earlier and alter their tactics accordingly. At the other end Stockdale and his men went cheerily on their way collecting goals. Cragg, Henshaw, and the captain himself scored beauties from close quarters, but the majority came as the result of splendidly placed long shots at which these attacks are such adepts. Lister was too quick for McDonnell, and his shooting was the best of all. Seven goals were added, making the half time score 12-a.

THE SECOND HALF

Lee put up a much better fight in the second half, and for the first time in the game R Lister, in the Stockport goal, was kept busily occupied. The visitors had moved Barclay out to the wing, and he was obviously much more in his element in his new position. A glutton for work, he soon made his presence felt, and the goal which he score directly after the interval was the direct result of some fine determined work on his part. With a little luck they would have been through again in the next minute, but Lister saved very cleverly, and Morley, taking the ball down the field, sent it through the goal with a cross between a football and a hockey dribble after a remarkable run during which the ball was certainly never on his crosse for the last fifteen yards. After each side had scored another Stockport were successful with two shots from some distance out, and possibly in consequence of this, Cresswell was moved out of goal and P Baskett took his place. To change one's goalkeeper during the game is always a doubtful policy, and, as is generally the case, Lee did not profit by the experiment. Baskett had been playing an excellent game on Heydon at point and could be ill spared, while Cresswell had little experience of defence work, and although he had certainly not played particularly well in goal, it must be remembered that he had not received much support from the men in front of him. With the defence thus disorganised goals came rapidly, and although a sympathetic cheer greeted the rare occurrences of a goal being shot by Lewis Johnson, no one was sorry when the end came.

Lee did not play anything like the game they played two seasons ago against the same opponents, and it was difficult to realise that there were only two changes to the constitution of the side. These, however, were important ones, for Kessler was a fine goalkeeper and Clarke is a great first home. The luck, moreover, was against them on Saturday, and anyone who has seen them play in the South must realise that they are capable of much better things. R C Baskett was easily their best defence. He is just the right build and style for Stockdale, and he marked him exceedingly well. His brother was a good point and intercepted cleverly. Forward Percival has improved considerably, but he was not at his best, and the same remark may be applied to Bell. Among the winners it is not easy to individualise, for each man was at the top of his form, but Baker, Cragg and J A Lister stood out conspicuously."

Stockport County Express –3rd April 1913

“In spite of the fact that Stockport lacrosse team trounced Lee somewhat heavily both in 1911 and 1912, the game at Fallowfield on Saturday, which decided the English Championship, was looked forward to with considerable interest, and it was anticipated that the Southerners, who had a spotless record south of the Thames, would put up a good game. Viewed through Northern eyes, however, their play was distinctly disappointing, and lacked the dash and initiative which invariably characterises the work of the local champions. With two exceptions, Lee had the same team as last year, whilst Stockport were at top strength. The game was too one-sided not be exciting, and Lee were a beaten team from the start. Stockport scored almost from the face, and at the interval led by 12 to 1. Their opponents were very weak in defence, and the attacks lacked finish. There was, however, a noticeable improvement early in the second half, and the Southern partisans, of whom there were not a few present, cheered their drooping spirits in anticipation that things would be levelled up a bit. But Stockport eventually ran out winners to the tune of 22-4, and the best disinterested comment one can make is that the match was played with true sportsmanlike spirit, the utmost good feeling prevailed, and the Southern champions were ‘game’ to the finish.”

April 1913

Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian –4th April 1913

“THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the South of England against the North at Lord’s tomorrow week:-

L Lemo (Woodford), A N Other – point, W G Chapman (Hampstead), T C Hollington (West London), W A Johnson (Hampstead), L H Baskett (Catford), F A Raynes (Finchley), H E Davies (Lee), N Pearson (Hampstead), R C Bell (Lee), D Skinner (Clifton), and E P Jones (West London).

Reserves: C E Symons (Clapham), H C Hind (Hampstead), H Baskett (Lee), R C Baskett (Lee), A M Stephens (Oxford), H H Scott (West London) C G Percival (Lee) and C Clarke (Lee).

The point position will definitely be fixed on Monday. There are two new names in the team Lemo and Skinner, and both are to a certain extent surprises. Skinner has the distinction of being the first Gloucestershire player who has ever been selected for the South. He is a fine, hard working home, who should thoroughly justify his inclusion. Symons did quite well in goal last year, and rather expected to see him selected again, but Lemo is reported to have come on a great deal.”

April 1913

Other Matters – North vs South Preview

The Manchester Guardian –11th April 1913

“NORTH V SOUTH

The season comes to a close tomorrow afternoon, and, considering the fact that it is the last day, there is an unusually heavy programme of fixtures. First and foremost comes the North v South match at Lord’s. These games generally end in the favour of the North, and the last Southern success was gained so far back as 1902, when they won at Didsbury by 8-4. Of the players engaged in that game only two, G B Leigh and E P Jones, appear again in

tomorrow's match, but two other, A W Lavy and H C Hind, were included in the Middlesex team against Lancashire last week. It is a curious fact that the South generally do best when visiting Manchester, and it was at Didsbury again in 1908 that they effected a draw of 9-9 after appearing to have the game well in hand at 9-7. In the last two matches their attacks have done well, but the defences have been unable to cope with the cleverness of the Northern forwards, and the score has been 16-7 on each occasion. One of the South's great troubles has been to find a worthy successor to C H Scott and C J Mason in goal. Last year Symonds was tried, and he proved moderately successful, but this time he is superseded by L Leuw, of Woodford, who until recently was a prominent member of the Essex attack. He is reported to be very sound in his stopping, but to have a tendency to leave his goal too often. The position of point was left open when the team was originally chosen, presumably to see how Hind and Spicer acquitted themselves against the Northern homes in the County match. P Baskett has now been given the place, and probably the Lee man is the soundest player of the three. L H Baskett is already on the team, and there is a possibility that R C Baskett may be included in place of Johnson, who injured his ankle in last weeks match. The attack is much stronger than the defence. Skinner, the Bristol man, who gets his cap for the first time, is a splendid worker and clever crosse handler. Pearson is such a fine second home that it is a pity he has had to be moved out to the wing, but he has shown before that he can do equally good work out there. It is rather surprising to find Davies given the preference to an ideal wing like Hoffman Scott. The North team turns out as selected, and with such a brilliant attack it may be relied upon to render a good account of itself. One is not so sure of the defences, but the attacks should score enough goals to make the issue safe. The team travels up by the 5.30 Midland express this evening, and stays at the Waldorf Hotel. An English Union meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Leicester Square, after the match, following the teams will be entertained to dinner by the South of England Lacrosse Association."

April 1913

North vs South (at Lord's)

North won 7-4

Evening Mail - 14th April 1913

"NORTH V SOUTH

At Lord's on Saturday afternoon the North beat the South by seven goals to four, after a very fast and exciting game, the interest of which was maintained to the end.

During the first twenty minutes the Southern fields were constantly missing their catches, and their opponents, who were always in possession of the ball, scored three times in spite of excellent work of the Southern point and coverpoint. As it happened, the lead thus gained determined the result of the match, for the South could never get on terms, though they held the visitors during the remainder of the first half, and after change of ends were clearly the better side. In the second half the North were outpaced and out played in the midfield, and but for the wonderful skill of their goalkeeper, who stopped any number of shots at close range and generally succeeded in getting the ball away to one of his own side, they must have been beaten. It is clear, however, they have not yet found a successor to Gerald Mason, of Stockport, who was for so many years the mainstay of their defence. Each side scored three goals in the second half.

The slippery ground and a bitter cold wind may have affected the play of the visitors – the subtleties of combination in their attack are impossible when the wrists are numbed and the turf is treacherous – but it is a long time since the South made so good a show in this annual encounter, and the closeness of Saturday's struggle will encourage the clubs in the London district to persevere with their game, which does not approximate so closely to the Canadian style as that of the Lancashire and Cheshire men.

North: T M Sparkes (Heaton Mersey), F Jefferis (Old Hulmelians), G A Baker (Stockport), W A Hobbins (Old Hulemlians), B F Robinson (Aston), H Shorrocks (Old Hulemlians), J S Cragg (Stockport), R Buckland (Old Hulemlians), G F Buckland (Old Hulemlians), S R V Stockdale (Stockport), G B Leigh (South Manchester), H Buckland (Old Hulemlians).

South: L Leuw (Woodford), H Baskett (Lee), W G Chapman (Hampstead), T C Hollington (West London), W A Johnson (Hampstead), L H Baskett (Catford), F A Raynes (Finchley), N Pearson (Hampstead), H E Davies (Lee), R C Bell (Lee), D Skinner (Clifton), E P Jones (West London)."

The Manchester Guardian – 14th April 1913

"NORTH BEAT SOUTH

The annual match between North and South was played at Lord's on Saturday in favourable weather and before a good attendance. Both teams were at full strength, and it was generally anticipated that the North would repeat their decisive victories of the last few years. The opening play pointed to this being the case, for in less than ten minutes, J S Cragg and R Buckland had given the North a lead of two goals. This early advantage was further increased by the Stockport centre, who dodged past Raynes and gave Leuw no chance with a hard, bouncing shot. In spite, however, of the substantial lead which they had thus acquired, the North had not by any means had matters all their own way, and they were really somewhat lucky in keeping their goal in tact for so long. Three times the South attacks had tested Sparkes with difficult shots from short range, but the Heaton Mersey goalkeeper was equal to all emergencies, and it was not until the game had been in progress for half an hour that he was beaten by a remarkable back hand sling shot by Skinner. Try as they would, the Southerners could not get past him again before half time, but at the other end a low, bouncing shot of R Buckland's from some distance out found its way past Leuw and the North accordingly crossed over with a useful lead of 4-1.

It was just as well for them that they gained this advantage during the earlier stages of the game, for they were subjected to severe pressure during the second half, and with a little luck the South might easily have got on level terms. Two abortive rushes were succeeded by a superb effort on the part of Pearson, who feinted to shoot, but instead of doing so dodged around Shorrocks and put in one of his favourite loft shots past the goalkeeper's head. Jones dropped the ball when well placed, and then the North had a spell of attacking, at the end of which R Buckland shot their fifth. With the ball bouncing about in front of goal the Old Boy's first home was again in evidence, for he pounced upon it and slung it backwards in to the goal, making the score 6-2. The close checking of the South defences seemed to put the other attacks off their game, and neither passes nor shots were so accurate as is usually the case with them. Bell and Pearson were very aggressive for the South and both gave much trouble, but Jeffries at point was steadiness itself and foiled them time after time. Raynes got a way in, midfield and put in a fine shot which beat Sparkes completely. Play became very fast, but the attacks were unable to make much headway, and some time elapsed before George Leigh, after several tussles with

Chapman, got the better of him and shot a clever goal. From now until the end the South pressed continuously, but they were only able to add one goal, a good one from R C Bell."

May 1913

Other Matters – Proposed Tour to Canada

The Manchester Guardian – 8th May 1913

"THE PROPOSED VISIT TO CANADA

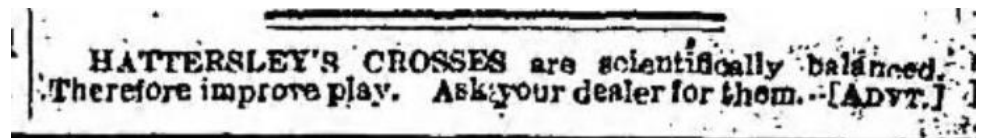
An informal meeting of the South of England Lacrosse Association was held in London on Tuesday in order to discuss the financial aspect of the proposed visit of a representative team of players to Canada this autumn. Mr F B O Hawes, the Deputy President, who occupied the chair, read a letter from the Canadian authorities received the previous evening, advising the English Union to postpone the visit until 1914, for owing to an exceedingly bad season, the Canadian local lacrosse associations were not in a position to guarantee their visitor's expenses. The meeting decided to act upon this advice, suggesting May or June next year as a possible date of departure.

The suggestion that a team should be formed by the Northern and Southern Associations to visit Stockholm in the autumn of this year in order to play exhibition games received the support of the meeting."

September 1913

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Guardian – 23rd September 1913



October 1913

Other Matters – Season Preview

Pall Mall Gazette – 6th October 1913

"LACROSSE TOPICS

SOME PROMISING TEAMS

Of the Metropolitan clubs Lee have lost three of last years twelve; Blomfield has left for India, while McDonnell is not likely to be seen wearing the club colours during the season. The side should not, however, be greatly affected by the losses, for the same lively forward division will again be available. It is hardly too much to say that on present (paper) indications Lee stand an excellent chance of repeating their 'Flags' wins of the last two seasons.

The most dangerous opposition could come from West London, Catford and Hampstead. Of these three Catford will probably take a much more prominent place than last year. All last season's men will again be in action, while a number of promising recruits have joined. Of these the best seems to be Ashby, form St Dunstan's, who with increasing years should nearly win Southern representative honours. In addition, Dickinson, of Eccles, will prove an acquisition. The defence will again be very strong, while two first rate goalkeepers are on hand.

Catford are in the present happy position of being the obvious club for the old boys of St Dunstan's, the great southern nursery of lacrosse. Some few years ago the positions of Catford and Lee were reversed; Catford started each season with the first twelve 'ready made' - consequently there were few openings for new men - while Lee secured the promising material. At present, however, it is the Lee team which has no openings for outside blood.

Hampstead can hardly be classed as likely winners of the Flags, but possess a sufficient sprinkling of experienced players to ensure an interesting game for the best sides in the Competition. West London, when the first twelve are available, are sure to take a good deal of beating. But Jones and Lavy want more support in the forward ranks than they had last year and seem likely to get during the present season. This is undoubtedly the weak spot in the side, for the opposition defence can always with safety concentrate on these two men."

October 1913	Lee vs Blackheath (Flags)	Won	19	3
	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee II	Lost	1	11
	West London II vs Lee III (Flag)	Lost	1	24
October 1913	Clapham vs Lee	Won	26	2
	Surbiton vs Lee II	Won	6	1
November 1913	Lee II vs Purley A	Won	16	0
November 1913	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	17	12
	Lee II vs Clapham	Won	11	6

Lewisham Borough News - 7th November 1913

"LEE V HAMPSTEAD

The Southern Flag Holders, Lee, were at home engaged in a high scoring match against Hampstead, winning by 17-12. Hampstead led off by scoring the first three goals, but Lee slowly wore them down, and led 9-5 at half time. The winners thoroughly deserved their victory, but credit must also be given to Hampstead for a plucky display."

November 1913	Woodford vs Lee (Flag)	Won	12	6
	Lee II vs Finchley II	Won	10	0

Walthamstow & Leyton Guardian - 14th November 1913

WOODFORD V LEE (SENIOR FLAG COMPETITION)

Woodford fought a gallant uphill struggle against Lee in the Senior Flag Competition at Wanstead last Saturday. Everything favoured a fast game. Woodford played up with much spirit, the defences kept the free scoring Lee men in check, especially 'Pat' Wiggins, whose experience, combined with consistent hard work, prevented Clarke, who played very prettily at 1st home for Lee, from doing

greater damage. Leuw was once again good in goal, with most of the shots that beat him he had no 'earthly'.

There appeared to be a better combination in the Woodford team, and it is hoped this will continue to improve. It was, however, very evident that the tactics and stick handling of Lee were far superior, although Woodford lost by 12 goals to 6. Lee's previous scores this season were :- 19-3 v Blackheath, 26-2 v Clapham, 17-12 v Hampstead.

The stand Woodford made was very creditable, at one time the score was 3 all."

November 1913	Lee vs Finchley (Flags)	Won	19	6
	Highgate vs Lee II (Flags)	Won	5	3

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 22nd November 1913

"LEE V FINCHLEY

Lee entertained Finchley in a Senior Flag match, but they had no difficulty disposing of their visitors, running out winners by 19 goals to 6, after having led at the interval by 11-1.

HIGHGATE V LEE II

In the intermediate Flag competition, Lee II paid a visit to the ground of the Highgate club, when superior finish in attack enabled the visitors to win by a margin of 5-2, after the teams having been level at 2-2 at half time."

November 1913	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	7	5
November 1913	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	0	14
	Catford III vs Lee III	Lost	2	22

November 1913 Other Matters – County Match Preview

Pall Mall Gazette - 26th November 1913

"COUNTY LACROSSE

MIDDLESEX V KENT

The meeting of the two unbeaten counties in the South, Middlesex and Kent, at Lord's on Saturday is anticipated to produce an excellent match, for apart from the honour of retaining their record they are playing to practically settle who shall represent the South against the champion Northern county next April for the County Championship. Two strong teams will be in the field for Saturday's match.

Middlesex: S A Gard (Hampstead), H G Hind (Hampstead), W G Lewis (West London), W G Chapman (Hampstead), W A Johnson (Hampstead), T C Hollington (West London), R W Roudknight (Hampstead), F R Raynes (Finchley), H H Scott (West London), A W Lavy (West London), N Pearson (Hampstead). E P Jones (West London).

Kent: S K Graham (Catford), H Baskett (Lee), P Silvester (Catford), T G Cresswell (Lee), L H Baskett (Catford), J F Steele (Lee), J Espir

(Catford), B G Ashby (Catford), H E Davies (Lee), R C Bell (Lee), G C Perceval (Lee), C Clarke (Lee)."

November 1913	Lee III us Buckhurst Hill II	Lost	12	15
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Woodford Times - 28th November 1913

"The second team, strengthened by the inclusion of a few first teamers, visited Lee III, and gained a welcome victory by 15 goals to 12. Undoubtedly the presence of the first team men had the effect of steadying the rest, and gave them more confidence. All the Lee teams are good fighters and take a lot of beating."

December 1913	Lee us Hampstead	Won	15	2
	Croydon us Lee II	Draw	6	6
	Croydon II us Lee III	Lost	0	7

December 1913	County Match – Middlesex us Kent
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Middlesex won 13-5

Lewisham Borough News - 5th December 1913

"MIDDLESEX V KENT

Although Kent started strongly in their match with Middlesex at Lord's on Saturday, the home attacks gradually asserted superiority and eventually, with a demoralised defence, Kent retired defeated by 13 goals to 5. Jones (first home) played a magnificent game for Middlesex, scoring six goals, and it was mainly through his brilliant efforts that from 2-2 Middlesex were leading 6-2 at half time. Middlesex had even more of the game after the interval, and scored on seven occasions to their opponents three.

Middlesex: S A Gard, H C Hind, W G Leuw, W G Chapman, T C Hollington, W A Johnson, R W Roadknight, H H Scott, F A Raynes, A W Lavy, N Pearson and E P Jones.

Kent: S K Graham, H Baskett, P Silvester, T E Cresswell, L H Baskett, J F Steele, J Espir, B E Ashby, H E Davies, R C Bell, G C Perceval and C Clarke."

December 1913	Other Matters – London Parks
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The Observer - 14th December 1913

"HOW LONDONERS PLAY

A return has been prepared showing the extent to which advantage was taken during the year ended September 30 of the facilities afford for the playing of games at the parks and open spaces under the control of the London County Council.

The number of places at which facilities were provided and the various kind of games played at each respectively were:- bowls 26. cricket 36; croquet 26; football 33; hockey 27; lacrosse 4; lawn tennis 43; quoits 22. The number of games played was:-

<i>Bowls</i>	<i>124,896</i>	<i>Hockey</i>	<i>2,837</i>
<i>Cricket</i>	<i>23,182</i>	<i>Lacrosse</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Croquet</i>	<i>1,912</i>	<i>Lawn Tennis</i>	<i>144,542</i>
<i>Football</i>	<i>15,514</i>	<i>Quoits</i>	<i>3,050</i>

Under an arrangement for playing of organised games by pupils and scholars, about 19,800 games were played at parks and open spaces, in addition to the figures given above."

December 1913	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	15	2
	Croydon vs Lee II	Draw	6	6
	Croydon II vs Lee III	Lost	0	7
December 1913	Lee vs Catford	Won	9	4
	Lee II vs Catford II	Won	10	6
	Hampstead II vs Lee III	Lost	4	9

January 1914	Woodford vs Lee II	Draw	9	9
January 1914	Surbiton II vs Lee III	Lost	6	12
January 1914	Lee vs Purley (Flag)	Won	12	4

The Field -22nd January 1914

"Purley put up quite a good game against Lee in the first half of this match. They went off strongly and scored twice early on. At half time Lee led by 4-3, and ultimately won out 12-4. The winners had to work all the time, but the pressure only Purley's defences prevented them supporting their attacks as they had done in the opening stages of the game."

January 1914	Surbiton II vs Lee III	Lost	6	12
February 1914	Catford vs Lee	Won	12	4
	Croydon vs Lee II	Draw	10	10

Lewisham Borough News -26th February 1914

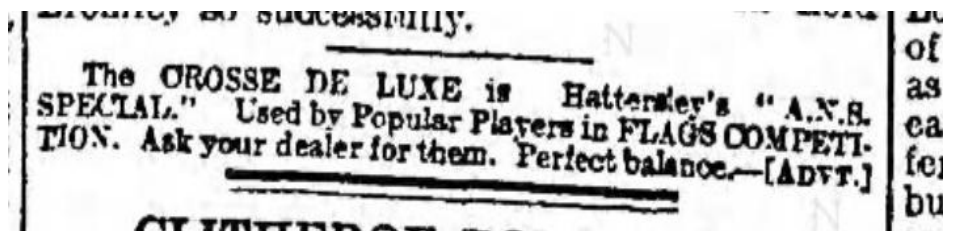
"CATFORD V LEE

The Flagholders, Lee, met their neighbours the ex-Flagholders, Catford, on the latter's ground, on Saturday, and won rather more easily than expected by 12-4. The half time score was 5-2. It was unfortunate for Catford that they were deprived of the services of so valuable and experienced defender as C O Lee."

February 1914	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	12	6
	Lee II vs Surbiton	Won	9	3
February 1914	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	16	2
February 1914	Lee vs Oxford University	Won	10	5
	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee II (Flag)	Lost	6	9
March 1914	Lee Vs West London (Flag)	Won	13	8
	Croydon II vs Lee III	Lost	9	11

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March 1914	Catford Vs Lee (Flag Final) (at Lord's)	Won	4	2
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March 1914	Lee vs The Rest of the Southern Clubs (Lord's)	Lost	5	9
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Sporting Life –23rd March 1914

"At Lord's Cricket Ground, St Johns Wood, on Saturday, the Lee Lacrosse Club (Southern champions) met a team representative of the Rest of the Southern Clubs. A very interesting game resulted in the rest winning by 9 goals to 5."

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –27th March 1914

"CHAMPION CLUB (LEE) V THE REST

It was unfortunate that the ground at Lord's was till in a distinctly muddy state for the match on Saturday between Lee, the Southern champions, and the Rest of the South, but in spite the uncomfortable conditions a fast and interesting game resulted. Play ruled very even in the first half, and both sets of defences put in some sound, steady work, the teams being level at the interval with the score 3-3. The attacks of the "Rest" team were much better together in the second half, and they quickly drew ahead with three good goals, making the score 6-3, and eventually they ran out fairly comfortable winners by 9-5. F C G Percival for Lee and Pearson for the "Rest" were the best attacks on the field, and Silvester played a sound game on the "Rest" defence. H Baskett, Ashby and Thomas were also prominent."

March 1914

Other Matters – English Club Championship Preview

Manchester Evening News – 25th March 1914

“THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

The final for the English Club Championship is also to be decided this weekend, but that game is to take place at Lord's. The contesting teams are the respective holders of the Northern and Southern Flags, Old Hulmeians and Lee, and the winners are entitled to hold the Iroquois Cup for the ensuing twelve months, This will make the twentieth time that the cup has been fought for, and during all those years the Southerners have only claimed it once, that being in 1896, when Surbiton conquered Stockport. Whilst the standard of play in the South has greatly improved this season, there is no danger of the Old Hulmeians leaving the cup behind. There are several clever players in the Lee team - who have been undefeated this season in club games - but they are not such a fine balanced side as the Hulmeians, who from goal to first home cannot be said to have a weak spot.”

Manchester Courier – 27th March 1914

“IROQUOIS CUP CONTEST AT LORD'S GROUND

(BY THE CRITIC)

The finalists of the English Championship and Iroquois Cup are Old Hulmeians (North champions) and Lee (South Flag Winners) and this match will be played tomorrow at Lord's Ground, London. The Lee club have had another very fine season, and, for the fourth year on running have won the South Flags. There is no doubt that the standard of play in the South is improving, but the players rely too much on haphazard cleverness rather than prearranged concerted skill. Davies, on the attack, is one of the finest attacks in the South, but it is in defence that the Lee men excel. Cresswell, Steele and the Brothers Baskett are very solid backs, while Barclay their custodian. Is a first class man. This will make the twentieth time that the cup has been fought for, and only once have the South won it, viz, 1896, and the Old Hulmeians being without doubt the finest twelve in England, they should certainly prove this tomorrow.”

The Manchester Guardian – 27th March 1914

“TO-MORROW'S ENGLISH CUP FINAL

The annual match for the Club Championship of England will be played tomorrow at Lord's cricket ground, the competing teams being Lee, the winners of the Southern Flags, and Old Hulmeians, who have won both Flags and League Shield in the North. At the beginning of the season it seemed unlikely that Lee would repeat their triumphs of the three previous years, but their team soon settled down, and in spite of the improved form shown by Oxford University, Catford and West London, they had won every match they played up to last week. With a view to providing themselves with some good, hard training for tomorrow's encounter they then indulged in a trial game against a powerful twelve representing the Rest of the South, and were beaten 9-5, this being their first defeat in the South for two years. The Old Hulmeians have also had a successful season, but in the Northern League they have had more severe opposition to overcome, and they have suffered defeats at the hands of South Manchester and Boardman. There is not much doubt that the Old Hulmeians will take the cup North again, for Lee, for some unaccountable reason, seem to be constitutionally incapable of showing anything like their true form when opposed to a Northern twelve, and considering how clever their players are individually, their last three performances against Stockport have been most disappointing. R C Bell, F C G Perceval and C S Clarke

are three brilliant attack players when at their best, but, so far they have never happened to be at their best in these matches. One interesting feature of the game is that each team is drawn entirely from the old boys of one school. The Hulmeians are, of course, the old boys of Hulme Grammar School, and all the Lee players were initiated into the mysteries of the game at St Dunstan's College. If Lee will play as they do in their stiff Southern matches it will be a good game, but they are not likely to win, for the Old Hulmeians are on of the finest club sides England has yet produced."

March 1914

Lee vs Old Hulmeians (Iroquios Cup) (at Lord's)

Lost 2 21

Sporting Life - 30th March 1914

"LACROSSE FINALS

OLD HULMEIANS WON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

At Lord's, on Saturday, Lee met Old Hulmeians in the final of the club championship and Iroquois Cup contest. Both teams were strongly represented, but it was apparent from the start that the Northerners were the much stronger side. In less than four minutes they had scored twice, and they increased the score several times with only one-minute intervals. At half time the Northerners were leading by twelve goals to nil. After the interval they continued to press the attack, and although Lee secured two points, the Northerners added a further nine goals to their total, the result being a decisive victory by twenty-one goals to two. The scorers were:- Old Hulmeians: Walker (4), Linfoot (3), G F Buckland (6), H Buckland (3), Barber (1), R Buckland (4). Lee: Clarke and Perceval.

Teams:

Old Hulmeians: C H Fox, A Merchant, H Shorrocks, W A Hobbins, G W Fox, A F Cooper, G F Buckland, R Buckland, J A Barber, J H Walker, H Buckland and H Linfoot.

Lee: W Barclay, H Baskett, D Wood, R C Baskett, J F Steele, T E Cresswell, S L Schoenfelder, H E Davies, E S Lokander, R C Bell, F C G Perceval, and C Clarke."

The Manchester Guardian - 30th March 1914

"THE ENGLISH CUP FINAL AT LORD'S

The large crowd which gathered at Lord's on Saturday to see the final for the English Lacrosse Club Championship was treated to a magnificent display of finished combined work on the part of Old Hulmeians, and it is doubtful whether any club side in this country has ever been seen to better advantage, but the game was so one-sided from start to finish that it was difficult to work up any great enthusiasm. The ground had dried up wonderfully well considering the fact that it had been under water a few days before, and it just suited the Old Hulmeians attacks, who got going immediately, and scored two goals in the first four minutes. Their passing was accurate to a degree, and the unselfish manner in which the ball was worked up to the free man just outside the goal crease evoked frequent rounds of applause. George Buckland was, as usual, the principal source of danger, and many goals came as a result of his dodging his man and drawing one of the others. Goal followed goal in quick succession in spite of some clever saves by the Lee goalkeeper, and at half time the Old Hulmeians were leading by 12-0. Lee showed a slight improvement in the second half, and scored twice through C S Clarke and F C G Perceval, but the Old Boys continued practically to monopolise the play, and

added nine goals to their score, chiefly through the instrumentality of G F Buckland, H Buckland, S H Walker and H Linfoot.

The winners were in wonderful form, and their was not a weak spot in their team. C Fox had comparatively little to do in goal, but did it in his customary finished style, his work behind goal being most useful. W A Hobbins stood out as the most finished defence player on the field, and the advantage of his early attack training was frequently in evidence when he forced the game from third man. R C Bell worked hard, but could make no impression upon the Old Hulmeian captain. Shorrocks rather took the Southerners by surprise, his methods being as effective as they were often apparently risky. The other defences all did well, and Cooper was particularly safe on the wing. The attacks were at their best - a criticism which is high praise when applied to the Old Boys. Their shooting was well timed and well directed, and the general quickness of the passing was continually getting the Lee defences in difficulties. The latter were somewhat weak in their body checking, and were too ready to go for the ball instead of watching the man, but they had a big strain thrown upon them by the inability of their attacks to hold the ball for any length of time, and it was in this quarter undoubtedly that the main weakness of the Lee team lay. They were very closely watched, it is true, but, making all allowances for that, it seemed that if they could have worked themselves free, much more often than they did if they had infused a little more energy and enterprise into their play. Perceval was the only one to do himself anything like justice, and the others were disappointing in the extreme. H Baskett was the most prominent on the defence, and Steele also got through a vast amount of useful work. Lee can do a great deal better than this, but they were opposed to one of the finest club sides which England has yet turned out. Result:- Old Hulmeians 21; Lee 2."

April 1914

Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian – 8th April 1914

"THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND TEAM

The team to represent the South against the North at Fallowfield on April 18 has been selected as follows:-

L Lemo (Woodford), H Baskett (Lee), H C Hind (Hampstead), T C Hollington (West London), W A Johnson (Hampstead, captain), L H Baskett (Catford), T G Ashby (Catford), F A Raynes (Finchley), N Pearson (Hampstead), A M Stephens (Oxford University), F C G Perceval (Lee), and E P Jones (West London).

On paper the team reads quite as strong as the one which gave the North such a shock at Lord's last year, only losing 7-4 and the attack is undoubtedly the best that could have been selected. H Baskett, Johnson and Hollington were inevitable choices on defence, but Hinds seems somewhat slow for the responsible position of cover, even though his experience will be very useful. The two new men are Ashby and Stephens, both of whom have played consistently well in their club games, and their inclusion is not likely to be criticised. Stephens is an old Manchester Grammar School boy, and has played several matches for the Old Mancunians during the University vacations. Pearson learned the game at Hulme Grammar School. Hollington and Jones are the only Old Leysians."

April 1914

Other Matters – North vs South Preview

Manchester Courier – 17th April 1914

“NORTH V SOUTH OF ENGLAND

THE FALLOWFIELD MATCH

(BY THE CRITIC)

When the North v South match is due then, indeed, the lacrosse season may be said to have approached its final stage, and tomorrow at Fallowfield, given a continuation of the glorious weather, a record crowd should gather. This will be the twenty-fifth occasion on which these sides have met, and although the South have only claimed victory twice, many of these games have been close, and all of them have been fought with good sporting keenness. The best game of recent years was undoubtedly that of 1908 (the Olympic team season), when the match ended in a draw 9-9. Last year the result was a victory of 7-4 for the North, the final spurt in the last fifteen minutes proving too strong for the South defence.

The North team to play tomorrow is of almost unique strength; criticism has been evoked owing to the fact that many men are playing out of their accustomed position, and although this point of view always deserves consideration, the fact is the men playing out of usual club position are so remarkably versatile that no qualms need or can be felt on this score. The North defence is particularly strong, and it will have to be a very powerful attack that is going to penetrate often.

The strongest part of the South team is the attack, and this department will certainly be given ample opportunity of struggling to break through. Men like Pearson and E P Jones are really class, and in Catby and Stephens two new caps are given to men of sterling ability. Stephens is the Old Mancunian who performed such splendid service for his club during the vacation.

SOUTH'S STRONG AND WEAK POINTS

The South defence is perhaps the very best available, and men like the Baskett brothers, Johnson and Hollington will give a fine account of themselves. The South back play is, however, not so capable of combination and backing up movements as the North. Too much reliance is placed on individual effort, and tackling is not the strong point. The North attack is suggestive of brilliant possibilities in the way of individual and combined action. George Buckland is capable of doing almost anything quite by himself, and with Cragg and R Buckland swooping down the wing, the South defence are in for a terribly hot time. And, further, anything at all likely in front of goal will be snapped up by the eager sharp shooters Marcus Fleeson or G B Leigh. The game ought to provide a fine exhibition of lacrosse, but there can be little doubt that a win for the North will result.

The teams are as follows:

North: S Everett (South Manchester), W Fleeson (South Manchester), H Shorrocks (Old Hulmeians), W B Hobbins (Old Hulmeians), P Brooks (Cheadle Hulme), B Robinson (South Manchester), N H P Whitley (South Manchester), J S Cragg (Stockport), R Buckland (Old Hulmeians), G F Buckland (Old Hulmeians), G B Leigh (South Manchester), and M Fleeson (South Manchester).

South: L Lemo (Woodford), H Baskett (Lee), H C Hind (Hampstead), T C Hollington (West London), W A Johnson (Hampstead), L H Baskett (Carford), T G Ashby (Catford), F A Raynes (Finchley), N Pearson

(Hampstead), A M Stephens (Oxford University), F C G Perceval (Lee), and E P Jones (West London)."

April 1914

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)

North won 20-5

The Manchester Guardian – 20th April 1914

"NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

FAST GAME AT FALLOWFIELD

The annual match between the North and South was played at Fallowfield on Saturday afternoon in glorious summer weather, the heat of the sun being prevented from becoming oppressive to the players by a cooling breeze, so the conditions were in every way ideal. The two teams turned out as selected, and both sides were regarded as being exceptionally strong. The ground was baked hard by the sun, and the ball came off very quickly, with the result that the game was played at great pace throughout. Straight from the face the North attacks bore down on the South goal, and a quick round of passing ended in the ball coming to M R Fleeson just outside the crease, but rather unaccountably he managed to miss the goal. He quickly made amends, however, snapping up the ball smartly after Leuw had stopped but failed to clear a fierce shot from Leigh. The South Manchester second home soon followed this up with a delightful goal from close quarters, and then at last the South players began to show something like their true form. During the next ten minutes they had the North defences in difficulties on several occasions and if they had been a little more careful in the final passes and their shooting they might have scored twice. They returned to the assault time after time, and eventually E P Jones, seizing his opportunity, changing hands smartly and scored with a well-placed left-handed shot. He was very nearly in again a moment later, but Everett saved magnificently and, the ball being rapidly passed down the field to Fleeson just wide of goal on the wing, he promptly shot the North's third goal. The next three followed in quick succession from Whitley, Leigh and Fleeson, Leigh's in particular being a triumph of clever opportunism, as he had the merest fraction of time in which to gather the ball high up in a crowd and whip it over the goalkeeper's shoulder.

The South defences had been playing rather loosely, and at this stage failed completely to appreciate the importance of falling back on goal when hard pressed. Their attacks continued to give trouble and Jones ought to have scored again, but shot weakly from a good position. Whitley scored the next at the outcome of some splendid unselfish combination among the other attacks, and less than a minute later George Buckland, dashing across goal, gathered the ball cleverly to score the eighth. Fleeson and Cragg took the score into double figures, the tenth goal being led up to by excellent work of Brookes, who intercepted a pass when almost in Pearson's crosse and then made a fine run half the length of the field, finishing up with a perfect pass to Cragg, who made no mistake. The South team then met their second success, which was thoroughly well deserved, some good passing culminating in a magnificent high wing shot from the Oxford player Stephens. This was quite one of the best goals of the day and was greeted with loud applause. North scored their eleventh through Whitley, and half time came with a score of 11-2 in their favour.

THE SECOND HALF

When the second half opened it became obvious that the leaders meant to leave nothing to chance, for they started off with a determined rush and Fleeson quickly scored another excellent goal. Perceval ought to have neutralised this at once, but he shot wide from close range, and George Buckland promptly increased the lead to twelve to two inimitable goals. To score the first he dodged right through three opponents, while the second was the result of a delightful back handed sling shot, which took the Southern goalkeeper completely by surprise. Perceval then rained three shots in quick succession upon Everett and the third was just good enough to beat him. This success seemed to put new heart into the South men, who played an improved game from this point, and it was not long before L Baskett made an excellent opening for Raynes, whose shot gave Everett no chance. The next goal was a curious one from Brookes, who either passed or shot from well out on the wing and the ball was apparently deflected into goal off some defence players crosse. Another dodging run by G Buckland produced a further goal, and Fleeson and Cragg took the score to twenty, Jones meanwhile shooting the South's fifth.

The result came rather in the nature of a surprise, but, although a Northern victory was anticipated with some confidence, the South team was thought to be sufficiently formidable to make a close fight of it, as they had done at Lord's last year. As the north captain said in his speech at the dinner afterward, the game was contested much more closely than the actual score would suggest, and the chief explanation of the wide disparity between the two teams lay in the fact that the South attacks were deficient in the finishing powers which were such a striking feature of the work of the winning team in front of goal. Their midfield work was keen, energetic, and accurate, but when the ball was worked into the homes they often failed to see and pass to the player who happened to be in the most favourable position, and many openings were thus lost. Jones, although the veteran of the attack, was still the most dangerous, and both in manoeuvring and shooting the others will have something to learn from him. Stephens made a promising first appearance, and Raynes also did quite well, although he sometimes wasted valuable time when he ought to have passed. Pearson could make no impression on Brookes, and one missed the dash and determination which have previously characterised his play. Possibly his recent illness accounts for this. Ashby is a neat hard working centre, a position in which his combination of speed, weight and staying powers is most useful. Leuw, in goal, has been better; he seemed to be much troubled by the sun in the first half. On defence L Haskett was easily the best, and to prevent Ronald Buckland from scoring was in itself a great achievement. Johnson and Hollington did much good work, but they might with advantage have played nearer the goal, so plenty of room in which to work was exactly what the North attacks wanted. H Baskett intercepted well, but gave Fleeson too much liberty, and Hind, though most persistent, was a little too slow for Leigh.

The last named played a delightfully unselfish game for the North, and the openings which he made were almost innumerable. Fleeson was a striking success at first home, and G Buckland was equally effective at third. Cragg showed that he is a great wing, just as he is a great centre. When they had once settled down the defences were admirable, and each played the ideal game for his position. Brookes was the most conspicuous, but the others were equally effective, and it is doubtful whether the North has ever turned out such a well balanced twelve."

April 1914

Other Matters – Prominent Lacrosse Players

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 18th April 1914

“PROMINENT LACROSSE PLAYERS

(BY E A C THOMSON)

Mr W E Davies is a recruit from that famous lacrosse school, St Dunstan's College. He was in the school team that reached the Junior Flags final in 1907 and 1908, losing to West London II in 1907 and winning the Flags in 1908 for the second time in the history of the school. In 1908 he joined the Lee L C, and played for the well known club in the Senior Flags Final in the following six years. In 1909 and 1910 Lee were defeated by Catford, but again a very powerful attack that is going won the flags for the next four years, defeating in 1911 Oxford University, West London in 1912 and 1913, and Catford in 1914. For the contest for the Iroquios Cup, Lee were defeated by Stockport on three occasions. Mr Davies has represented the South against the North in 1911, 1912 and 1913, being originally chosen as a reserve in 1911, but secured his place owing to a vacancy unexpectedly occurring. His place in the field is left attack wing, where he exhibits great brilliance and fine pace. In this particular position he is one of the finest exponents in the country, and has been on great form this year.”



September 1914

Other Matters – World War 1

Woodford Times – 18th September 1914

“LACROSSE AND THE WAR

The annual general meeting of the London centre of the SELA was held on Tuesday last, at Stone's Restaurant, Ludgate Hill.

The usual large attendance was not expected, as it was known that many players were already serving in the various fighting forces. Many of those present were 'under orders', and as Mr Hawes (President) remarked, 'including our worthy secretary, Mr Ludbrook'. Mr Hawes asked those present who had not done so, to send him the names of their members who were serving. It was known that many lacrosse men were holding Government positions, whilst other were compelled to carry on the spirit of 'business as usual', and many had home ties which certainly kept them from enlisting. Some of these men had joined an unofficial training corps. Which devotes several evenings a week and week ends to training for the defence of their homes should such occasion arise.

Another point was raised with regard to the schools, St Dunstan's being one of those mentioned. The SELA considered themselves bound to arrange some fixtures for them. A special committee was then formed, Mr C O Lee kindly consenting as secretary, and the secretaries of various clubs were asked to send in the names of all men not serving to him. They would then be better able to judge how far it would be practicable to arrange these matches. In the Lacrosse Clubs of both Woodford and Buckhurst Hill the response has been splendid. The following is a list of the members who are known to be serving. All have volunteered for foreign service:- Alan Hough and Harold Hough (2nd Lieuts. East Anglian R F A), N Ashbridge (7th Fusiliers), H J Sudell (2nd Lieut Army Service Corps), H V Poole (Army Service Corps), J Chappell, R Latham and B Latham (London Rifle Brigade), A Moller, Percy Ludbrook, F S Pinney and Norman Pryke (Artist Rifles), F B Brown and R S Lovesay (Queen's Westminsters), A E Webb and C S P Foot (Westminster Dragoons), John Muddiman and C N Jennings (London Scottish), H V Ramsey and Geoffrey Savage (H A C), S H Sharpe and C A Russell (R A M C), D Tuck, F Guy Houghton and Russell Webster (Middlesex Public Schools Battalion).

As such a large percentage of members of these two local clubs have been accepted for active service after having submitted to a severe and strenuous medical examination, emphasises the fact that central physical fitness prevails among players of lacrosse.”

September 1914

Other Matters – Disruption to Sport

Daily Citizen (Manchester) – 30th September 1914

“WHERE SPORT HAS FAILED

FOOTBALL'S EXAMPLE NOT FOLLOWED

If the crisis through which the country is passing has brought disruption in to most sport, and it has served to throw up in sharp relief the strong foundation on which professional football is set. It has served to show it immovable against its enemies, but willing to its friends and generous to a remarkable degree to a cause.

Apart from the personal moneys it is setting aside for war distress, such as percentages of gates, and percentages of players and paid official's salaries, football has also been the vehicle for the collection of very large sums of money. What did the Belgian refugees, who collected at Manchester last week, think about our playing football.

They thought it was magnificent, the way we watched, the way we played, and the enthusiasm and generosity with which we gave.

It is so characteristic of the Britisher that he should take matters coolly, that sporting instincts should be proof against panic. Remember, however, it is so easy to overstep the mark. We can be too easy going, too phlegmatic.

But other branches of sport done all they could; have they done anything like the valuable work of football; have they made sacrifices? Take, for example, the lacrosse clubs. A large number of their players have enlisted, not because they did not want to play lacrosse, but because there was little or no alternative. Their employers demanded enlistment.

CLOSED DOWN!

So with smug self-assurance the Lacrosse Association closed down the season. They had done their duty! Now, on the other hand, they could have got hundreds of men unfit for military duties, and could have kept the game going, even if in part only, with a view to aiding the relief funds. However small the amounts they would have been welcomed.

Nor can I see the athletic bodies have exactly covered themselves with glory in putting up their shutters at the earliest moment. All the athletes in the country are not members of Kitchener's Army. No, not by a long, long way. Hence the forming of athletic volunteer forces, in which there is a large proportion of men fit for service. The athletic authorities propose to make their championships void, or postpone them. There is no sacrifice in that, but there might be if they held them – they need not fear calumny as football has killed it – because the country would naturally look for part of the proceeds going to the fund. That would be troublesome with the very certain prospect that revenue would be less than formerly.

Public bodies governing branches of sport other than football have practically made no effort towards realising something tangible out of their organisation. Meanwhile the football clubs propose to amend their players' wages, yet give them more work to do. They intend playing extra matches, and if the profits be a mere matter of shillings from each club towards the strong financial needs of the present, these clubs will have accounted it worth while.

Impressionist."

July 1916

Other Matters – Cyril Clarke

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 15th July 1916



Sec Lt Cyril Clarke, East Surrey Regiment, who has been killed in action, had a distinguished athletic record at St Dunstan's College, Catford, as a cricketer, footballer, lacrosse player, and runner. He played lacrosse after leaving school for the Lee Club and for Kent, and helped them more than once to win the Southern Senior Flags and Southern County Championship respectively. He was generally considered a brilliant attack player, and was invited to play for the South of England. He was a member successively of New Beckenham and the Richmond Cricket Clubs and made many useful scores for them besides being highly valued as a wicket keeper."

June 1918

Other Matters – Dominion Day

The Manchester Guardian – 30th June 1918

"DOMINION DAY SPORTS

Dominion Day sports will be held tomorrow at the Duchess of Connaught Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden. The field events begin at 1.30, and the baseball match, Canada v America, at 3.30.

An athletic meeting in celebration of the day will also be held at the London branch of the Canadian Military Athletic Association in the grounds of the London and Provincial and South Western Bank, London Road, Norbury. The lacrosse game will begin at 1.30, and the athletic events and baseball at 2.15."

November 1919

Lee vs Buckhurst Hill

Won

8

11

November 1919

Other Matters – Lacrosse Revival

Daily Mirror – 14th November 1919

“LACROSSE REVIVAL

For five and a half years nothing has been heard in the South of England of lacrosse. That is to be altered. Blackheath, Buckhurst Hill, Hampstead, Finchley, Catford, West London, Lee and Surbiton clubs have resumed, and it is hoped to reorganise the South of England Association very shortly.”

December 1919

Lee vs Blackheath

Won

8

5

January 1920

Purley vs Lee

Lost

8

10

January 1920

Lee vs Buckhurst Hill

Won

7

5

January 1920

Other Matters – Lacrosse Revival

The Bystander – 14th January 1920

“THE FINE GAME REVIVED



The reconstruction of lacrosse has not been altogether easy. I am told that the actual percentage of casualties to lacrosse players in

the war was quite as high, if not actually higher than, the percentage in the case of Rugby football, and some of the clubs were at first very doubtful of their ability to get going. However, although the number of players is by no means large, their keenness is undoubted, and things have gone, on the whole very much better than was expected. This is certainly satisfactory, because lacrosse is one of the best games going. That it has such a limited following is due to its only being played at a few schools, and to the fact that it does not appeal to the onlooker unless he happens to have a pretty thorough knowledge of its tactics and the finer points of play."

March 1920	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	6	14
November 1920	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	12	4

March 1921 Other Matters – North vs South Match Details

Daily Herald -23rd March 1921

"NORTH V SOUTH AT LACROSSE

A lacrosse match is to be played at the Foxgrove C C ground, Beckenham, on April 2, when teams representing North and South will meet. Admission is 1s 6d (including tax). Tickets (covered stand, numbered and reserved) 4s; ring seats, numbered and reserved, 2s 6d, both including admission and tax, may be obtained from Thornton's Library, High Street, Beckenham, or from Mr E G Lee, 7 The Avenue, Beckenham."

March 1921	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee (Flag)	Won	12	6
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April 1921 Other Matters – North vs South (at Beckenham) North won 12-4

Daily Herald -4th April 1921

"Revived for the first time since 1914, the North v South lacrosse match took place at Beckenham on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the North by 12 goals to 4, after they led at half time by 7 to 3. The goal scorers were for the North, F Nield (Albert Park) (3), G B Leigh (South Manchester) (2), G Nicholson (Old Mancunians) (2), W Colliings (Headingley) (2), N Sutcliffe (South Manchester (2), and H Williams (Albert Park), while for the South three goals were scored by N Pearson of Hampstead and one by F C G Perceval of Lee."

The Manchester Guardian -4th April 1921

"NORTH BEAT SOUTH

After a lapse of six years representatives of the Northern and Southern Lacrosse Associations met again on Saturday, when the North were successful by 12 goals to 4. The match was played on the Beckenham (Kent) cricket ground before a good attendance of spectators. The ground was in perfect condition, and was very much appreciated by the Northerners after their experience of muddy turf for the last few weeks.

As was expected, the North men were much superior though the difference was more marked through the Southerners failing to take advantage of their opportunities. At times they worked the ball down in splendid fashion, but when near the goal they failed to finish off the work. One great fault was their crowding on to goal and not leaving themselves sufficient room. A G Knott, who in pre-war days played with Manchester University, was brilliant in goal and saved several shots which promised goals. Baskett at point also did well, W A Johnson was another good defender. Perceval and Pearson did good work in the home's, but were too slow in getting rid of the ball in comparison with their opponents. For the North Helme and Seed were the prominent players in a defence in which few mistakes were made. Leigh put in a lot of clever work, while Nield and Nicholson were responsible for fine passing movements. The last named who came into the team from the reserves and who is an Old Mancunian, fully justified the opinion of the selectors. The goal scorers were Nield (3), Leigh (3), Collinge (2), Nicholson, Sutcliffe and Williams for the North, and Pearson and Perceval (2 each) for the South."

May 1921

Other Matters - English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup Preview

The Manchester Guardian - 6th May 1921

"THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The final matches of the season will be decided tomorrow, when on the Manchester Athletic ground, at Fallowfield, Boardman and Lee, the Northern and Southern Champions, will meet to decide the English Championship. The winners of this match will, in addition, hold the Iroquois Cup. Before commencement of the game Brooklands and Blackley Park will meet in a test match.

With the exception of Surman, who broke his ankle during the match with South Manchester on Wednesday evening, Boardman will be represented by the team that won the Northern deciding game. The Lee players will be as follows:- J P Stuart, H Baskett, T E Cresswell, N Bolland, R C Bell, L H Kessell, S Fairfield, B Parker, H E Davies, H Noble, F C G Perceval and D J Blomfield."

May 1921

Other Matters - Boardman vs Lee (English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup) (at Fallowfield)

Won 11 8

Athletic News - 9th May 1921

"AFTER 25 YEARS

ENGLISH LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO THE SOUTH

(BY IROQUOIS)

After the English Championship has lived securely for 25 years in the North, a Southern club has at last been found to take the honour to other quarters. The two competing teams Boardman, the champions of the North, and Lee, the Southern champions, met on the Manchester Athletic Ground, Fallowfield, on Saturday, and after an extremely keen and fast encounter the Londoners won by the fairly substantial margin of 11 goals to 8.

A South country club has only won the championship on two occasions since its inauguration in 1890. In that year Surbiton just managed to beat Stockport by two goals to one. Since, however, the North has always held the ascendancy over their rivals so that

the result of this year's championship will undoubtedly cause a surprise in the lacrosse world.

The goals scorers were:- Lee: Perceval (4), Noble (3), Blomfield (2), and Parkes (2), whilst Butterworth (4), T Hallsworth (2), Snape and Dean netted for the Eccles team."



Stockport County Express – 12th May 1921

"Boardman and Lee, the champions respectively of the North and the South, met at Fallowfield on Saturday to decide the English Championship and the destination of the 'Iroquois' Cup. The result of the match was a complete surprise, Lee upsetting all calculations by winning by 11 goals to 8.

Boardman obtained a couple of goals in two minutes, but Lee rallied so well to secure the lead. The sides were evenly matched, however, in the first half, Boardman leading at the interval 6-5. In the second half the Southerners were invariably the masters. They showed wonderful speed and perfect management in short passing, but Boardman did not give the exhibition expected of them. Their attacks were rarely accurate in passing and also shot weakly.

The championship thus goes South for the first time in 25 years. Not since 1896 when Surbiton beat Stockport by two goals to one, has a Southern club won the honour."

The Manchester Guardian – 9th May 1921

"CHAMPIONSHIP GOES SOUTH

Lee, the Southern champions, were not expected to win the English championship and 'Iroquois' Cup from Boardman, the champions of the North, at Fallowfield on Saturday, but the Londoners won by 11 goals to 8. Not since 1896, when Surbiton beat Stockport by two goals to one, had a Southern club won the honour.

Though Boardman opened very strongly, securing a lead of two goals in two minutes, Lee rallied so finely that they soon held an advantage. The sides, however, were evenly matched in the first half, and the score at the interval was 6-5 in favour of Boardman. Later the Southerners were invariably the masters. They showed

wonderful speed and perfect management in short passing. Boardman did not give the exhibition expected of them. Their attacks were rarely accurate in passing and also shot weakly. Butterworth was the only player in the front division who showed any brilliancy. The goalscorers were :- Lee - Perceval (4), Noble (3), Blomfield (2) and Parkes (2); Boardman: Butterworth (4), T Hallsworth (2), Snape and Dean."

September 1921

Other Matters – Canadian Lacrosse

The Manchester Guardian - 7th September 1921

“LACROSSE IN CANADA

Lacrosse, once considered the national game of Canada, is said to be dying a slow death there. Soccer football is decidedly more popular in Canada than the game that for many years, was played and considered the national pastime. With the introduction of professional lacrosse (says 'The New York Herald') things began to change. Instead of trying to develop players, the club owners' went through the country picking up men who had already reached their senior class, taking away from the youngsters the local players, who formerly taught the game to the aspiring champions. Receiving little or no encouragement in the intricate national game their attention was moved to other sports, with football as a leader and baseball a good second."

October 1921

Catford vs Lee	Won	7	4
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Lewisham Borough News -26th October 1921

“KEEN LACROSSE

LEE WIN AT CATFORD

South of England Divisional Competition (Division 1) played at Forest Hill Cricket Club (Catford's) ground on Saturday. Catford opened the scoring and though Lee made several attacks, they found Goldup, in the Catford goal, too good for them. Catford added further goals through Stroud and Lawrence, and led at half-time by 3-0. Parkes scored for Lee soon after the resumption, and though Catford added a fourth goal, Lee did most of the attacking in the second half, and eventually ran out winners by 7-4. R C Bell, the Lee captain, played brilliantly, and Lee's success was almost solely due to him. For Catford, Goldup, in goal, L H Baskett and brothers Silvester were most prominent."

November 1921

Oxford University vs Lee	Won	8	7
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 11th November 1921

"LEE 8 OXFORD UNIVERSITY 7

South of England (Division 1) lacrosse competition. Played on Saturday. Lee went to Oxford one man short, but he Varsity very sportingly stood a man off, and played eleven a-side. The game was very close and enjoyable, and was fought at great pace. Lee scored first, and went to 3-0 before Hopkins scored twice for Oxford. Parkes sent Lee further ahead, but Oxford pulled up, and the half time score was 4-4. Oxford went to 5 soon after the restart, and the game became very fast indeed. Leet in the Oxford goal saved splendidly several times, and then Perceval scored two brilliant goals for Lee and Kessell brought the score to 7. Oxford

attacked and Naylen scored for them, but Davies increased Lee's score to eight goals. Hopkins added another for Oxford, but though they attacked again strenuously, the Lee defence held out and Lee just won a very close game by 8-7."

November 1921	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	6	4
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 25th November 1921

"LEE WIN AGAIN

BRILLIANT LACROSSE

S E L A Divisional. This match played at Buckhurst Hill Cricket Club on Saturday, was of some interest, as the two teams contested the final round of the SELA Senior Flag competition last March, when Lee won by 12-6. The match on Saturday was very closely contested game, though Lee would have had more than six goals but for the brilliant work of Knott in the Buckhurst Hill goal. Up to half time play was fairly even, but the home side crossed over leading 2-1.

Lee had far more that their share of the play in the second half, but found goals hard to get, though eventually they bought the score to 6-3. Buckhurst Hill cam on strongly in the last few minutes, but managed only one more goal, so Lee won a close game by 6-4. There was a very good attendance of spectators, and programmes were sold in aid of St Dunstan's, and a fair sum raised, by the Buckhurst Hill Club in aid of the Hostel for Blinded Soldiers."

December 1921	Lee us Oxford University	Lost	4	7
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January 1922	Lee II us Surbiton II	Won	16	6
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January 1922	Hampstead us Lee	Lost	9	13
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Westminster Gazette – 9th January 1922

"Hampstead and Lee lacrosse clubs met at Hampstead on Saturday, when the home side won by 13 goals to 9. Rain fell all through the game, and bad light did not help matters. Nevertheless, the game was very keenly contested throughout, the first half being exceedingly even. The teams changes ends sharing ten goals. Early in the second period, however, Hampstead began to show their superiority, and their attackers found the net on eight further occasions, while Lee could only score four more points."

Hendon & Finchley Times – 13th January 1922

"Hampstead met Lee at Willesden Green on Saturday. These two teams had not met since the opening game of the season, when Lee were victorious by 18 goals to 9. Since then there has been an improvement in the Hampstead team, who were looking forward to testing their strength against last season's champions. Unfortunately, however, owing to illness neither club was able to put its strongest team in the field, but in spite of this a keen and fast game resulted. Lee opened the scoring, but Hampstead soon equalised and then drew ahead 3-1. Some good work on the left wing enabled Lee to draw level, and at half time the score stood at

5 all. After changing over, however, Hampstead soon secured the lead, which they succeeded in holding til the end, eventually winning by 13 goals to 9."

January 1922

Buckhurst Hill vs Lee

Lost

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February 1922

Other Matter – Post War Revival

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News – 18th February 1922

"There is no more difficult task in the programme of game revival after the war than that which faced the small but devoted band of enthusiasts who control lacrosse. But they have every reason to be satisfied with the progress made in London, Manchester and Bristol centres of the game. A few old clubs have dropped out, and in the South such famous combinations as West London and Surbiton are no longer in the front rank, but there is genuine enthusiasm among the old players still in harness and the younger generation who have their county or district honours to earn. The game is going well at the Universities, and the proposed visit of Oxford to America will provide an interesting comparison. Unfortunately the South gets few school recruits, with practically only St Dunstan's College to draw upon; Cambridge University are handicapped particularly by the fact that the Leys no longer play. It is unfortunate for the progress of the game that more schools do not play, for lacrosse possesses all the attributes necessary to a perfect field game, and it is unequalled from the physical training point of view, as the most casual observation of a player's actions in catching and throwing will show. Ladies Colleges' have realised these advantages to the full, and as a girls' school game lacrosse has come along very rapidly, thanks in large measure to the well managed Southern Ladies' Association and to the training at lacrosse given at such physical training colleges as Dartford. One cannot pretend that the game as now played in the South has yet reached the best pre-war standard, in spite of the fact that last season Lee won the English Championship, a success only once before gained by a Southern club, when Surbiton beat Stockport in the first year that the Iroquois Cup was presented. A veteran who has watched several club games this season and the South team trial at Hampton Wick last Saturday may, perhaps, be pardoned a little criticism. As regards ordinary club play, the most satisfactory feature is the good progress made by most keen young players in crosse handling. The modern crosse is, of course, much easier to manage than the old clumsy tightly-strung weapon we used 30 years ago, but it still wants more than a little skill to use, and the necessity for constant home practice to get the "feel" of the crosse cannot be too strongly urged. There is noticeably good pace, too, in many teams but some who possess pace and fair skill in crosse work fail lamentably in tactics. Single-handed play is a fault not confined to juniors; there is on attack too much wild rushing on goal, and on defence many young players do not know the first elements of their game – the body check. This most effective method of stopping an opposing attack appears to degenerating into a feeble sort of shoulder charge. The body check should start from the hip, and the sooner young defences are taught this check properly the sooner will they be able to stop effectively the pacy attacks of to-day. A general reintroduction of the "field-captain" for a season or two, particularly if the said official was one of the old hard-checking defence type, would do good, and here is excellent work for old players.

Loose checking on defence is undoubtedly leading attacks to take liberties they would not have dared to attempt in the old days – not

only an ordinary dodge, but running over a defence or handling off a defence man's crosse, and swinging round him. These daring movements formerly were countered in such a painful manner that they were not persisted in.

The South trial on Saturday was quite a bright exhibition, although the teams were not fully representative. As in club games, the attacks generally showed up better than the defences, although there was a certain amount of "bunching" near goal; body-checking here, even, was not a strong feature with some of the men on defence. The South of England Association are to be congratulated on running two trial games this season, and everybody will hope to see a close match with the North result from the Selection Committee's efforts."

February 1922	Lee vs Catford (Flag)	Won	15	3
	Willoughby II vs Lee II	Lost	3	5

March 1922 Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian –2nd March 1922

"THE SOUTH TEAM TO MEET THE NORTH

The annual match between the chosen of the Northern and Southern Lacrosse Associations is to be played on Saturday, March 11, on the MAC ground at Fallowfield. The following have been selected to represent the South:-

A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), G H Bark (Willoughby), C B Clarke (Oxford University), T E Cresswell (Lee), W A Johnston (Hampstead), A J Phillips (Willoughby), A D Hough (Buckhurst Hill), B Parkes (Lee), H E Davies (Lee), N Pearson (Hampstead), F C G Perceval (Lee) and S Harrison (Hampstead).

Reserves: S Lett (Oxford University), T W Harrison (Cambridge University), M Sutton (Purley), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), C R W Jenkins (Cambridge University), C H Marsden (Hampstead) and H G Hopkins (Oxford University)

A G Knott and A J Phillips used to play with Manchester University and S Harrison with the Old Hulmeians."

March 1922	Lee vs Hampstead (Flag) (at Leyton)				
	Won	12	11		

Athletic News –6th March 1922

"For the sixth time in succession. Lee have won the South of England Flags. They defeated Hampstead at Leyton by twelve goals to eleven in the final on Saturday. The ground was in a slippery condition, but in spite of that some very good lacrosse was seen."

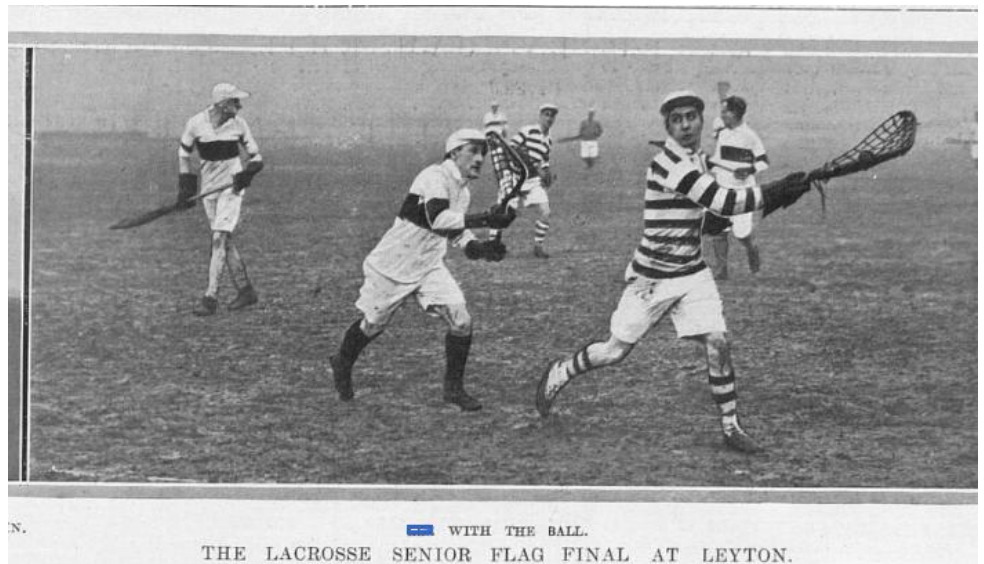
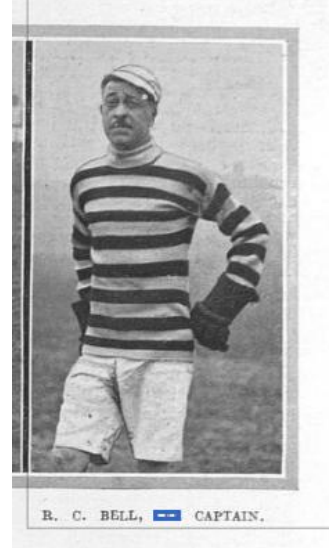
The Manchester Guardian –6th March 1922

"LEE AND THE SOUTHERN FLAGS

The South of England senior 'flags' final was decided at Leyton on Saturday, when Lee, the holders, defeated Hampstead by 12 goals to 11. This, the former's sixth consecutive success in the tournament, gave them the right to meet the winners of the

Northern 'flags' tournament. Hampstead had slightly the better of play in the first half, and with their attacks combining splendidly and making use of every opportunity in front of goal, they thoroughly deserved their lead of 6-4 at the interval. After the change of ends, however, Lee displayed superior handling and added three goals in quick succession. Hampstead rallied and took the lead at 9-7, Lee afterwards twice drew level, and with only three minutes remaining for play they went ahead, and retained the advantage until the end."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News - 11th March 1922



"Lee have again won the Southern Lacrosse Championship by their defeat of Hampstead in the final of the Senior Flags on Saturday, but the game was remarkably close, 12 goals to 11, and the scoring was high for such a level contest, and may be taken as further proof that defence play needs sharpening up in the South. The 'flag' is the oldest lacrosse competition, and is on the 'knock-out' principle; there is also a divisional competition, and county matches are played on Saturdays. Little time is left, therefore, in a season for ordinary games, and it is an open question whether it would not be better to have no divisional games for a year or two, and to transfer county fixtures to mid-week dates. This would give more

opportunities for bringing on young players in club matches, This weekend the South team are to meet the North at Manchester.

March 1922

Other Matter – North vs South Preview

Athletic News – 6th March 1922

“GREAT MATCH OF THE SEASON

With the absence of International matches nowadays the most important fixture in the lacrosse season is the annual encounter between the selected of the Northern and Southern Associations. For the first time since the outbreak of the war the game is being played in the North, and it takes place next Saturday on the Manchester Athletic Ground.

The teams are:-

North: C Garrett (Offerton), R Morley (Stockport), E R Richards (South Manchester), F S Helme (Cheadle Hulme), G P Seed (South Manchester), W Hallsworth (Boardman), J Hallsworth (Boardman), W D Stott (Monton), H Williams (Albert Park), W G C Nicholson (Old Mancunians), G B Leigh (South Manchester), and F R Nield (Albert Park).

South: A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), G H Bark (Willoughby), C B Clarke (Oxford University), T E Cresswell (Lee), W A Johnson (Hampstead), A J Phillips (Willoughby), A D Hough (Buckhurst Hill), B Parkes (Lee), H E Davies (Lee), N Pearson (Hampstead), F C G Perceval (Lee), and S Harrison (Hampstead).

Referee: Mr H Litherland.”

March 1922

Other Matter – North vs South (at Fallowfield)

North won 11-8

The Manchester Guardian – 13th March 1922

“NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH AT FALLOWFIELD

The annual match between the North and the South at Fallowfield, on Saturday, resulted in a victory for the North by eleven goals eight. It is just twenty years since South gained a victory in these matches, though they are invariably very near securing the honour. The home side deserved to win on the run of the play, for they always held a slight advantage, although the South were only one goal in arrears at the interval, when the score was 7-6.

The North attack was hardly a success, and there were only three players – Leigh, Nield and Williams – who were really brilliant. Leigh was the artist of the line, and his four goals were all the result of clever play. Nield worked well in conjunction with the South Manchester player, and Williams made several useful openings. Stott favoured individual methods too much, though he scored four goals. Henshaw was the most disappointing man in the line. The North defence contributed in no mean degree to the success of the side. Each man defended well, Robinson, Helme and Richard softening being conspicuous, while Garratt kept goal capitally.

The South attacks displayed clever combinations and would have made a bigger impression on another defence. Pearson, Perceval and Davies were a brilliant trio, and each was credited with two goals. The defence was weak in places, and only one player seemed to give trouble to the North attack. This was Clark, of Oxford University, whose tactics were one of the features of the

game. Knott, the Southern goalkeeper, gave a masterly display, and the defeat was certainly not due to him. Leigh (4), Stott (4), Williams (2) and Nield scored for the North, and Pearson (2), Davies (2), Perceval (2), Johnson and Harrison for the South."

March 1922	Lee A vs St Dunstan's College	Won	6	4
March 1922	Lee vs St Dunstan's College	Won	9	5

April 1922 Other Matter – Iroquois Cup Preview

Daily Herald -21st April 1922

"LEE V BOARDMAN

LACROSSE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH TOMORROW

The lacrosse season in the South of England ends to-morrow with the match for the Iroquois Cup and English Club Championship, which is played annually between the winners of the Northern and Southern Flag Competitions, instituted in 1896, the championship has only twice been held by a Southern team, in 1896 by Surbiton, and last year, by Lee, who gained an unexpected victory over Boardman by 11 goals to 8.

The same clubs meet this year, and an exceptionally interesting game is expected. The Boardman team comes down from Manchester. The London side is composed of old boys from St Dunstan's, the only great lacrosse playing school in the South.

The match will be played on the ground of the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank, at New Beckenham. The ground adjoins the station (SECR). Face at 3pm.

Teams:

Lee: Stuart (goal), Baskett (point), Cresswell (coverpoint), Bollam (third man), Bell, J B Davies (defensive wings), Fairfield (centre), Parkes, H E Davies (attack wings), Noble (third home), Perceval (second home), and Kessell (first home).

Boardman: Morris (goal), Allen (point), Lowe (coverpoint), J B Snape (third man), Hallsworth, Worthington (defensive wings), Hallsworth (centre), Royle, Dean (attack wings), F Snape (third home), Butterworth (second home, and Hallsworth (first home)."

Daily News (London) -21st April 1922

"BIG LACROSSE MATCH

FAMOUS NORTHERN TEAM TO PLAY LEE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The lacrosse season in the South of England ends tomorrow with the match for the Iroquois Cup and the English Club Championship, which is played annually between the winners of the Northern and Southern Flag Competition. Instituted in 1890, the championship has only twice been held by a Southern team - in 1896 by Surbiton, and last year by Lee who gained an unexpected victory over Boardman by 11 goals to 8.

The same clubs meet this year, and an exceptionally interesting game is expected. Boardman, who have not been defeated this season in a club match, must be regarded as favourites, but the Lee team are always dangerous opponents, and will certainly make a great effort to retain the trophy.

Boardman belong to Manchester where lacrosse is firmly established, and is beginning to rival rugby and hockey as a game for amateurs; the London side is composed of old boys from St Dunstan's, the only great lacrosse playing school in the South."

April 1922

Lee vs Boardman (Iroquois Cup) Lost

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The Manchester Guardian -25th April 1922

"BOARDMAN ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONS

Though Boardman still have two league matches to play to complete the programme, these cannot affect their position. They have taken all the honours possibly to a team in English lacrosse. Having won the northern flags and the league competition they were undisputed champions of the Association under whose jurisdiction they play, and on Saturday they defeated the South of England champions, Lee, a victory which gave them the English Club championship and the Iroquois Cup. Since the trophy was first provided for competition between the best of the respective Associations in 1890 it has been won by a Southern team on only two occasions, and one last year, when Lee beat Boardman at Fallowfield by 11-8. Since that day Boardman have not known defeat in a club match, and on Saturday, on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank ground, at New Beckenham, the Northerners avenged the defeat by scoring 14 goals to five.

The match was played in wretched weather, and in addition to heavy rain there was a bad light. The game, however, was well contested, and ,considering the handicap of wet crosse, the play was of a good standard. The Lee attacks were fast and handled well, but were weak in front of goal, Whereas the Boardman forwards worked the ball up the field to the homes, who put on their required finishing touches. At the interval Boardman lead by eight goals to two.

The Boardman men had not forgotten their defeat of twelve months ago, and how it was brought about. On this occasion R C Bell was not allowed to go too far down the field and force the game for the Southerners. He tried hard, but Dean kept him in check. In the later stages of the game he went from defence wing to third home, but the move was ineffectual. Davies and Perceval worked hard on the Lee attack, and put in a lot of good work, while Stuart, in goal, and Baskett, at point, were the best of the back division. The latter, however, was off the field for the last 25 minutes with T Hallsworth, who was injured. For Boardman Butterworth and Snape were the best of the attacks, and the latter being brilliant despite the close attentions of Cresswell. On the defence, Lowe was as steady and sure as usual, while W Hallsworth was sound. The backs made very few mistakes."

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News -29th April 1922

"The Club Championship in lacrosse went North on Saturday, when Lee, the holders, were defeated by Boardman by 14 goals to 5. The same two clubs, winners of Flags competitions in their respective districts, played in last year's game, which Lee won by 11 goals to 8. This was the only success of a Southern club since Surbiton won in the first year in which the Iroquois Cup was played for, beating Stockport. As the North have beaten the South and Lancashire has beaten Middlesex, the Northern players are back in their old position of supremacy, but the Southerners, with their smaller body of players, are not discouraged. The game as a whole has been revived very successfully since the war, and there are many useful young players coming along. Lacrosse, in the South in particular, needs the services of as many veterans as can manage

to help in the coaching of club teams. There have been frequent signs this season that men with quite good ideas of crosse-handling have very elementary notions of the tactics of the game, and more than one team would be improved by regular assistance of a "field captain", a thirteenth man on the side, who was fully recognised some years since."



April 1922

Other Matters – Brookland L C Ltd

The Manchester Guardian -28th April 1922

"The Boardman Lacrosse Club, which has won the English County and North of England Senior Flags and the First Division League Championship, has been formed into a limited company under the style of 'Boardman Lacrosse Club, Limited', with a nominal capital of £2.000 in 2,000 shares of £1 each. The minimum subscription is 600 shares, and the object of the company is 'to promote and practice and play of lacrosse'."

October 1922

Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	6	8
Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	6	11

November 1922

Other Matters – Advertisement

Surrey Advertiser -4th November 1922

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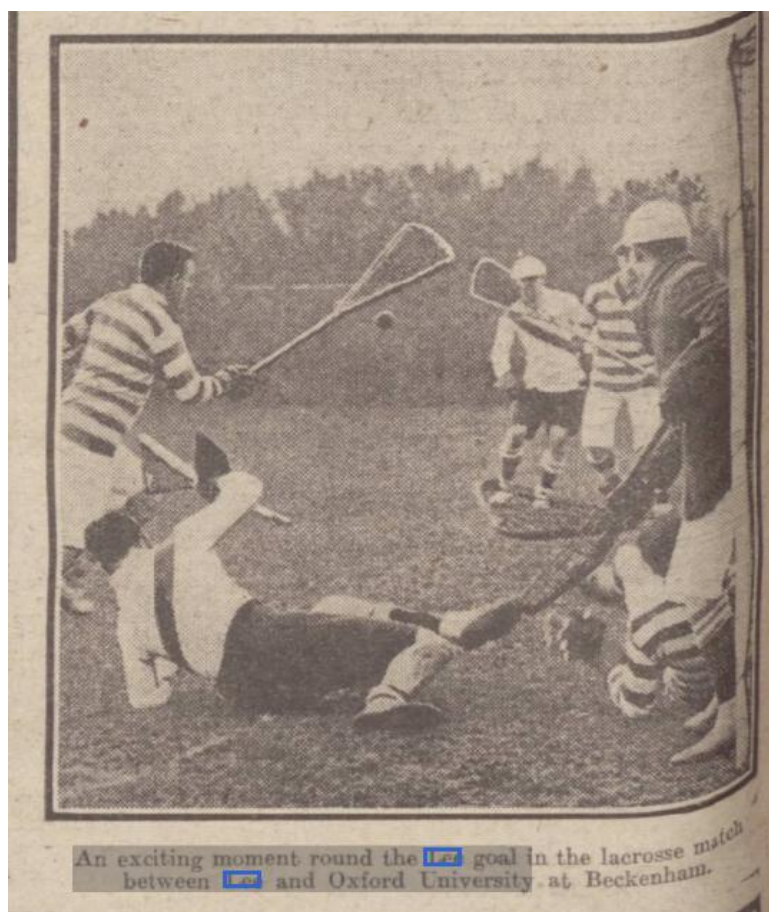
Lee vs Oxford University

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Sunday Illustrated -5th November 1922



November 1922	Hampstead II v Lee II	Won	13	2
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Hendon & Finchley Time -24th November 1922

“For this game on Saturday Hampstead, owing to a number of absentees through illness and other causes were unable to turn out a full team, but Lee kindly lent them Bell (their first team captain) to keep goal and Bezan, who assisted in the attack. Lee would have also been short but for the fact that their first team were without a game. The effect of this was they turned out a rather strong team, with the result that Hampstead were beaten by 13 goals to 2.

On or two more men (new and old hands) are turning out for Hampstead on Saturday, and a closer game is looked forward to against Blackheath II, on their ground.”

November 1922	Oxford University us Lee	Lost	3	15
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The Observer - 26th November 1922

“Oxford University, at Oxford yesterday, proved too good for Lee in a lacrosse match and, after leading at the interval by 4 goals to 1, added 11 more goals in the second half to Lee’s 2, thus won by 15 goals to 3.”

November 1922	Other Matters – Post War Lacrosse Revival
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Sporting & Dramatic News - 25th November 1922

“THE REVIVAL OF ENGLISH LACROSSE

In their efforts to restore lacrosse to it’s pre-war position in this country, the authorities were faced with a more difficult task than were the governing bodies of football and hockey, owing to the comparatively small number of lacrosse players, and to the fact the game is not native to the country, so that there are few schools to draw recruits. But the English Lacrosse Union, the North of England Lacrosse Association, the South of England Lacrosse Association, and the various subsidiary associations have tackled their uphill task well, and already the standard of ply is quite good, even if it has not yet reached the highest point attained during the past twenty years.

Lacrosse has been played in England since 1876, and for many years the players in the country centred around Manchester and London, but there have been many important developments in Yorkshire and round Bristol, there is a small following in the Midlands, and at both Oxford and Cambridge the game is popular. The attempts to break new ground are always affected by inherent differences between lacrosse and the team games with which every athlete has some sort of acquaintance, and progress, except round established centres, is always difficult. But educational work continues, and Bristol affords an excellent modern example of what can be done by enthusiastic pioneers.

The English Lacrosse Union is the central parliament of the game, with a committee of eight, four from the North and four from the South. The hon secretary is Mr F B O Hawes, who for some thirty years has worked very hard for the game, as a player and legislator; he was one of the West London enthusiasts who founded the Surbiton club in the early “nineties”, and was the first hon secretary of it.



Mr W H Richardson is the president of the North of England Lacrosse Association, and the hon secretary is Mr Wilfred Scholes. The North is by far the strongest centre, and the following clubs are now affiliated to NELA:- Albert Park and Didsbury, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barton Hall, Birch, Blackley Park, Boardman, Brooklands, Cheadle, Cheadle Heath, Cheadle Hulme, Cheetham, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Davenport, Disley, Eccles, Heaton Mersey, Heaton Mersey Guild, Heaton Norris, Manchester Wacoboys, Marple, Monton, Offerton, Oldham and Werneth, Old Hulmeians, Old Mancunians, Old Trafford, Rochdale, South Manchester, Stockport, Stockport Sunday School, University, Urmston and Wythenshawe. Northern players have a complete programme of league matches, played in three divisions, and in the "Flag" game, on the knock out principle, the senior competition is for First Division Clubs, If the League Championship and Senior Flags goes to different clubs a match is played between the two, and the winners are the northern champions and qualified to play the southern champions for the Iroquois Cup for the English Club Championship. The cup dates from 1896, when Surbiton beat Stockport by 2 goals to 1, and only once since has a southern club won, Lee beating Boardman by 11 goals to 8 in 1921. Boardman are the present holders, beating Lee last season by 14 goals to 5.

North and South matches have been played since 1877, and regularly since 1882. The North have a big balance of wins in their favour, the South having only won three times, while two games have been drawn. In the County Championship, too, the North scores, Lancashire being the holders by their 18 to 5 win over Middlesex last season. No International games are possible now, as Ireland, who played lacrosse in the summer, as the Canadians do, dropped out in 1903, while there have been no matches with Wales since 1910.

In the North, too, there is a Yorkshire County L A, of which Mr C Cudworth is president, and Mr R Rimmer hon secretary. The clubs affiliated are:- Bradford, Headingley, Leeds, Moorlands Old Boys, Parkside, Roundhay, Sheffield University, Sheffield and Spen There are league and flag competitions, and County matches are played with Lancashire and Cheshire.

H R H the Duke of Connaught is Patron of the South of England L A, Mr F B O Hawes is President, Mr C O Lee Deputy President and Lord Desborough is a Vice-President. Mr H E Davies is the active hon secretary, and is doing excellent work at this critical period

for the Association and on the field; he has played regularly for Lee since 1908, and has been in six winning Flag teams, and has played for Kent and the South at wing attack since 1911. The following clubs are included in the London centre of the SELA:- Blackheath, Buckhurst Hill, Catford, Croydon, Hampstead, Lee, Purley, St Dunstan's College, Surbiton, West London and Willoughby. The clubs in the South Western centre, of which Mr S Fairclough is hon secretary are Clifton, Wills, Bishopston, Keynsham, Old Fairfieldians, Fairfield School, Horfield Institute A C and Bristol University. Divisional matches have been dropped in the South this year, but Flag matches will be played, Challenge, Intermediate and Junior, and the entry of several South Western teams will add to the interest and help to strengthen the South team.



MR. H. E. DAVIES,
Hon. Sec., South of England
Lacrosse Association.

The Oxford and Cambridge University teams will also play in the Flags. The University visit to America early this year, when eight games out of sixteen were won, showed a rising standard of University play; it is hoped that an American college team will visit this country shortly. Oxford are strong in Dominion players at present, and have a capital XII; the President is Mr C H Leach, and the captain is Mr F L L Neylan. The Cambridge President is Mr T S Spittle, and the captain Mr C W Harrison. Cambridge will miss Leys recruits they received in the days when the school played lacrosse and last year could only score two goals to the thirteen of Oxford in the University match.

It is satisfactory to learn that there are schemes on foot for the development of the game in Southern schools. Lacrosse is an ideal pastime for boys, and deserves every encouragement by those in authority; its introduction in a few schools would soon reduce the handicap of Southern clubs generally in having to build up their teams from practically raw material. The high position of Lee the present Southern champions, and Catford is due mainly to recruits from the one school, St Dunstan's College, now playing in the London area."

December 1922

West London vs Lee

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January 1923

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Manchester Guardian – 1st January 1923

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January 1923	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	11	10
January 1923	Lee vs Catford	Won	12	4
February 1923	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	3	15
February 1923	Lee A vs Croydon	Won	11	5
February 1923	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	19	0

March 1923 Other Matters – South vs North Preview

Daily Express – 9th March 1923

"NORTH AND SOUTH TO MEET AT HONOUR OAK

North and South lacrosse sides will meet for the thirty-sixth time on Saturday on Guys Hospital Athletic Club ground, Honour Oak. The first game of this character took place in 1877, when one of the two drawn matches was played. Of the other thirty-three meetings South have only been successful four times, and last year, when rota gave the venue to North, the home side won a close game by 11 goals to 8.

The South team for the present match is, however, a rather stronger combination than usual. Two members of the victorious Oxford University team in the Senior Flags (South) final, and also the inter-arsity match (L B Pearson and V C Wansborough) have received places, while H O Hopkins and J Farthing, both dark blues, are Southern reserves. The teams have been chosen as follows:

South: A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), G H Bark (Willoughby), T Phillips (Willoughby), T E Cresswell (Lee), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), B G Ashby (Catford), A Hough (Buckhurst Hill), L B Pearson (Oxford University), C A Marsden (Hampstead), V C Wansborough (Oxford University), F C G Perceval (Lee), and S D Harrison (Hampstead).

North: S E Everett (S Manchester), A Goodall (Stockport), E R Richards (S Manchester), F S Helme (Cheadle Hume), G P Seed (S Manchester), H Crofts (Eccles), J Kenyon (Old Mancunians), F Williams (Albert Park), A B Craig (Old Mancunians), H Williams (Albert Park), G B Leigh (S Manchester), and F R Nield (Albert Park)."

March 1923	Other Matters – South vs North (at Honour Oak)			
			North won 11-9	
	Daily Express – 12 th March 1923			
	“North retained their supremacy over the South in their thirty-sixth match, which was played on Saturday at Honour Oak, the Southerners losing by 11-9. A G Knott played a magnificent game in the South goal. Syracuse University team, the amateur champions of America, will visit England in June.”			
March 1923	Croydon vs Lee A	Won	18	3
March 1923	Other Matters – Olympic Games			
	The Manchester Guardian – 21 st March 1923			
	“CANADA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES			
	A Winnipeg message says that the inclusion of lacrosse, Canada’s national game, in future Olympic programmes will be urged by officials of the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse Association when the Olympic Committee meets here this month. The subject has already been taken up with P J Mulqueen, chairman of the Olympic Committee, by W J Hanley, president of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, and Abbie Coe, president of the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse Association, will press for action at the Olympic meeting.			
	Mr Hanley is of the opinion that the game will create greater interest than almost any other sport, and believes that a big entry could be secured, as the game is played not only in Canada, but has a strong following in the United States, Australia, England and South Africa”			
March 1923	Catford II vs Lee II (Flag Final)	Lost	4	5
May 1923	Other Matters – Syracuse University Tour			
	The Sportsman – 30 th May 1923			
	“VISIT OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY			
	The Syracuse University team, the amateur champions of the United States, are expected to arrive in Liverpool on June 1. The team which is under the direction of Prof L B Cox, the old Harvard College lacrosse player, will be met on their arrival by Mr F L Neulan, Pembroke, the Oxford Captain and Mr Scholes the secretary of the North of England Lacrosse Association.			
	They will open their tour of England with a game against Essex County on June 5, Oxford on June 7, the South of England in London. Cambridge at Cambridge, Cheshire at Stockport on June 15, Yorkshire at Leeds on June 16, Lancashire at Manchester on June 18, and finish up with a match against Combined Universities in London if it can be arranged.”			
October 1923	Catford vs Lee	Lost	4	9

November 1923	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	14	8
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Hendon & Finchley Times - 2nd November 1923

"HAMPSTEAD II V LEE II

This game was played on Lee's ground at New Beckenham on Saturday. Unfortunately, the home team turned up very short. But lending two men to Lee, Hampstead started with 10 to Lee's 9, with the result that they had the better of the game in the first half and led by 6-3 at half time. In the second half Hampstead lent their spare man, Jeffries, to Lee, and also changed over Mond and Edwards to their side. These circumstances, together with the facts that the Lee men combined well together and backed up keenly in fielding all missed passes, enabled them to score so frequently in the second half that they finally won by 14 goals to 8."

November 1923	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	8	5
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Daily Express - 28th November 1923

"SPLENDID PROGRESS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

NEW CLUBS

The outstanding feature of Saturday's Lacrosse matches in the South of England was the substantial victory of Cambridge University, by 12 goals to 0, over Croydon. The Croydon side of this season is far from weak, so the victory of Cambridge is all more noteworthy. The Light Blues showed decided superiority in pace, stick handling, and hard work. A continuance of this recent improvement will make them serious competitors in the flag competitions after Christmas.

Unfortunately Oxford found it necessary to scratch their game with Buckhurst Hill on Saturday. They must take every opportunity they can get if they wish to keep up their record in the inter-varsity matches of recent years.

It was hardly to be expected that Purley would be able to hold the strong side which Catford can put in the field this season, but registering four goals against the latter's defence they acquitted themselves in better style than in previous matches this season.

CAN DO BETTER

Lee beat Willoughby at New Beckenham by 8 goals to 5. One gained the impression that the Lee side were not at all roused in this match, and that they were capable of doing much better things. The Willoughby attack showed an improvement in liveliness and in holding the ball, and when they remember that the first object of their being in that part of the field is to get in and score they will do better.

Lacrosse players throughout the country will learn with gratification of the splendid progress of the game in the North of England. There are more players in the Manchester district than ever previously, and the clubs are more robust and healthy than at any time in the history of the game.

In Yorkshire new clubs have been formed at Holmfirth and Huddersfield, while clubs in Bradford, Sheffield and Cleakheaton (Spen) record a large increase in membership. Practically all this advance is due to the untiring energies of the schools committee of the North of England Lacrosse Association.

Another event of much importance takes place to-day at Bristol, when the University sides of Manchester and Bristol meet for the first time in the history of the game.

Fixtures between these Universities and Oxford and Cambridge have been arranged to take place after Christmas. This welcome extension to the inter-university activities marks a stage in the development of the game from which numerous advantages will secure."

December 1923	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	6	7
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Daily Express - 5th December 1923

"The Cambridge - Lee match resulted in a victory for the Light Blues by 7 goals to 6. The improvement in the Cambridge side is well-maintained, and with more experience in crosse-handling and a little more attention to the preparation of schemes of attack, so that each man knows definitely what he is expected to do, they will be able to test with some measure of success the strongest defence which any Southern club can put up."

December 1923	Other Matters - County Match - Kent vs Surrey			
				Kent won 13-1

Sutton & Epsom Advertiser - 13th December 1923

"KENT V SURREY

Kent and Surrey met on the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank's ground at New Beckenham on Saturday. Kent gaining an easy victory by 13 goals to 1.

Kent: S T Gold (Catford), R Farquhar (Catford), T E Cresswell (Lee), F J Graham (Catford), J B Davies (Lee), E G Silvester (Catford), S Fairfield (Lee), D G Ashby (Catford), H E Davies (Lee, captain), H Stroud (Catford), F C G Perceval (Lee), B Parkes (Lee).

Surrey: F D Ewen (Purley), F L Spicer (Surbiton), R S Dolleymore (Purley, captain), F T R Zimmermen (Surbiton), S H Keech (Purley), D Wareham (Croydon), E H Smith (Purley), R A Dunn (Surbiton), W J Lockett (Surbiton), A P Meredith (Surbiton). J Bannehr (Purley).

Surrey were weak consequent upon the temporary withdrawal of some fine players, but Ewen, in goal, played a fine game notwithstanding that Kent scored six goals in the first half, and seven in the second. Bannehr obtained Surrey's goal ten minutes from the finish, and the Kent scorers included Perceval (5), Parkes (3), Ashby (2), Stroud and Davies, Surrey's defence was so poor that they rarely had any relief, while the attack was never very dangerous."

December 1923	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	6	11
	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	10	13

January 1924	Catford vs Lee	Lost	3	4
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Daily Express - 23rd January 1924

"The chief interest in the south on Saturday centred in the games in the first round of the competition for the Iroquois Cup. Only six clubs were drawn in this round, the remainder having byes.

Catford and Lee met at Catford Bridge. These two clubs have been at the front rank of lacrosse for a large number of years, and have been mainly composed of old boys of St Dunstan's College, the occasions on which they have met in the annual club competition have provided spectacles unequalled in competitive spirit and good lacrosse. Catford have held the championship in the South for three and Lee for six years.

Play of a high standard was impossible on Saturday, the surface being deep in liquid mud, in which the ball was frequently missing. Rain also fell almost continuously, accompanied by a high wind. It was a pity the game was not postponed in the hope of more favourable conditions during the next fortnight.

IN THE FRONT RANK

Within two minutes of the start E Silvester, of Catford, came through the centre. Plimlott scored soon after this, and within ten minutes of the start Woollmer had put Catford three goals up. Lawrence scored a fourth goal for Catford. Things then quietened down, until a goal for Lee by Hapgood left the score at half time 4 to 1 in Catford's favour. In the second half, Lee had the better of the game, their attacks pressing continuously. They were unfortunate, however, in not finding the net more than twice more. The final score being 4-3 in Catford's favour.

H E Davies was the best of the Lee's attacks. Perceval being very well held by Graham. The latter has been playing an exceedingly good game this season, and his performance on Saturday clearly entitles him to a place in the front rank of defence players. Farquharson, at point for Catford, cleared excellently, and was always in the right place. Silvester and Fairfield, the centres, for Catford and Lee respectively, had a gruelling afternoon, and were evenly matched.

January 1924

Hampstead II us Lee II Won 5 4

Hendon & Finchley Times - 25th January 1924

"HAMPSTEAD II V LEE II

The game between Lee II and Hampstead II, on the ground of the former, on Saturday, was quite close and interesting. Although two factors militated against really good lacrosse. One was the awful weather and the other fact owing to Lee being rather short the game had to be played with ten men a side.

Lee opened the scoring. and Hampstead soon equalised, but after the scoring was slow, and the final result was 4-5 in favour of Lee. Lee kept a good open game, and had Hampstead - much of whose work was otherwise quite good - done the same they should have won. Their defence failed to fall back quickly enough on several occasions and their attack passed the ball into the crowd fairly frequently when handing it around and awaiting a chance to shoot would have been better."

Febrary 1924

Catford II us Lee II (Flag) Lost 2 3

March 1924

Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian – 6th March 1924

“TEAMS FOR THE NORTH AND SOUTH MATCH

The annual match between the chosen of the North and South at lacrosse will be played on Saturday on the Manchester Athletic Ground, Fallowfield. The following have been selected :-

South: A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), A Farquhar (Catford), A J Phillips (Willoughby), T E Cresswell (Lee), G H Bark (Willoughby), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), A Hough (Buckhurst Hill), H E Davies (Lee), N Pearson (Hampstead), F C G Perceval (Lee), B G Ashby (Catford).

North: S Everett (South Manchester), A S Goodall (Stockport), E R Richards (South Manchester), F Lister (Stockport), G P Seed (South Manchester), J V Wollam (Old Hulmeians), P L V Astle (Stockport), A B Craig (Old Manchesterians), F W Archer (Stockport), A M Henshaw (Stockport), G B Leigh (South Manchester, L Butterworth (Boardman).”

March 1924

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)

North won 18-6

The Manchester Guardian – 10th March 1924

“NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

The annual match between the teams representing the North and the South at lacrosse was played on Saturday at the MAC ground, Fallowfield. The North were again successful by 18 goals to 6. It is over 20 years since the South won one of these encounters.

The South were handicapped through the absence of three of their best players, and the North had to make two changes. At the interval North led 8-3, and the second half play was almost a repetition of that of the first. They were the better balanced side throughout. The South were brilliant at times, but there was too much individualism and they were weak in front of goal. P Astle, of Stockport, with seven goals, was the chief scorer for the North. The others were recorded by Craig (4), Butterworth (3), Fleeson (2), and Archer (2). The South scorers were Pearson (3), A Hough, Perceval and Ashby.”

The Manchester Guardian – 11th March 1924

“NORTH SUPREMACY OVER THE SOUTH

The North once again proved superior to the South at lacrosse on Saturday, when they won by 18 goals to 6, with one exception the biggest margin in the series of encounters between the chosen of the respective Associations which began in 1877. It was an interesting match throughout, but the Northerners always had the match in hand.

The game was played at Fallowfield on the Manchester Athletic ground, the condition was not conducive to play of the highest standard, and the North players, who have recently had experience of similar conditions, adapted themselves better than the visitors. In the circumstances the exhibition was a good one. The North men combined well together, with no selfishness.

Henshaw was unable to take his place at third home, but a very able substitute was found in S Fleeson, of South Manchester, who was taking part in his first representative match of importance. G P Seed, a regular member of the North team for many years, was

compelled by influenza to cry off, and his place was filled by A Whitworth, of Cheetham. Whitworth also justified the confidence of the selectors by playing a cool and forceful game and making many openings for the attacks. Another prominent member of the defence was J V Woollam, of Old Hulmeians, who was also passed over by his county for the match with Cheshire. Of the others Goodall and Richards were sound, while Lister did all that was required of him, though he was by no means over worked. Astle, of Stockport, was the chief goal scorer with seven to his credit. As a centre he proved that he has no superior. He is endowed with more than average speed, handles his crosse perfectly, and never fails to use an opportunity. He had a strong opponent in A Hough, who was inclined to pay too much attention to attack work. Each of the other North attacks did well. In the first half Archer, who had hardly recovered from illness, was not at his best, but he improved after the interval. Leigh, for once in a way, did not score a goal but was responsible for some very clever work.

There was some brilliant play by the South team, but it was spasmodic, and the finishing of the attacks was weak. Pearson was the most prominent of the front division, and was quite as good as any of the North men, but he did not obtain the support he deserved. Ashby, formerly a defence man, was occasionally good, but was handicapped by the heavy ground. Perceval scored the greatest goal of the game, Knott, in goal, gave a brilliant exhibition. He is an ex-Manchester University player, as is A G Phillips, who played at cover point and looked after Leigh very efficiently. C Hough was also a good defender, but the rest rarely rose above ordinary club form.

May 1924

**Other Matters – English Counties Championship – Kent
us Cheshire Cheshire won 10-5**

The Sportsman – 5th May 1924

“KENT V CHESHIRE

The English Counties Championship was contested on Saturday at New Beckenham, when Cheshire won by ten goals to five, after leading 4-3 at the interval. The Northern side, although perhaps less vigorous, were clever and faster, and, while Kent, relied on bustling tactics to obtain their goals, their opponents depended entirely on their skill. For the Kentish side F C G Perceval played a fine game, but the outstanding player was undoubtedly, A M Henshaw, the Cheshire third man, who gave a really brilliant display.

Cheshire: A S Goodall (Captain), F S Helme (Cheadle Hulme), F Lister, E V Bleakley (Cheadle Hulme), C Johnson, G W Slack, P L V Astle, F W Archer, W C Brierley, A M Henshaw, H Lister and G F Higson.

KENT: S T Goldup (Catford), A Farquhar (Catford), F J Graham (Catford), T E Cresswell (Lee), J B Davies (Lee), E G Silvester (Catford), G L Fairfield (Lee), H E Davies (Captain) Lee), B Parkes (Lee), H N Stroud (Catford), F C G Perceval (Lee), and B G Ashby (Catford).”

The Manchester Guardian – 5th May 1924

“CHESHIRE BEAT KENT

Cheshire beat Kent in the final for the English county lacrosse championship at New Beckenham on Saturday by 10 goals to 5. The visitors were the superior side and the score represented the difference between the teams, though it was not so pronounced in

the first half, when Cheshire scored four against three. Henshaw the most prominent attack on the field, scored six of the goals for Cheshire. The others recorded by Astle, Higson, Archer and H Lister. For Kent, Perceval (2), Parkes (2) and Ashby were the scorers."

October 1924	Lee vs Willoughby	Lost	5	8
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Daily Express - 15th October 1924

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW SEASON

Lacrosse players in the South have not yet got into their stride, and in several of the games last Saturday there was clear evidence that the season was not far advanced. It was a common spectacle, too, see a man with a brand new stick which had not proved. It would be too early, therefore, to try to 'spot' the winners of the flags, though perhaps a prophecy might be that there will be several dark horses among this season's teams.

Purley were at home to Catford and the latter won 8-3. The ground was rather slippery, and the passing of both sides consequently suffered. Catford had the better of the first half, scoring four times without response from Purley. The second half was more even, and Thornberry, Bannehr, and Grey scored for Purley. The Catford defence played a close game all through, and on attack Ashby, Woolmer and Silvester were prominent. The Purley defence would do well to remember that forcing must not be overdone.

Lee and Willoughby had a pleasant and even game at Beckenham, the Middlesex club eventually winning 8-5. Lee were not at full strength, several of heir trust veterans being away. Perceval and Davies did a lot of hard work on the attack, but the former was well marked by Needham. Who played very soundly on him. Willoughby improved in the second half, the defence especially, and a newcomer in the attack, Swallow, was in good form at second home. Waller, in goal, for Willoughby played pluckily."

November 1924	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	16	13
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November 1924	Lee vs Cambridge University	Won	6	2
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December 1924	Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex			
	Kent won 11-7			

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 12th December 1924

"KENT BEAT ESSEX

Kent beat Essex in a lacrosse match at New Beckenham on Saturday by 11-7 after the sides had stood level at five goals all at half time. The Kent team was drawn from the Lee and Catford clubs and Essex constituted of Buckhurst Hill players only.

Kent: J P Stuart (Lee), A D Farquhar (Catford), F J Graham (Catford), T E Cresswell (Lee), L H Kessell (Lee), E G Silvester (Catford), S Fairfield (Lee), B Parkes (Lee), J Lawrence (Catford), F C G Perceval (Lee) and B G Ashby (Catford).

Essex: A Knott, P Ludbrook, N Pryke, H Hough, C Hough, H Penith, G Yeoman, N Whalley, A Martin, A Hough (Captain), F Richardson and A Lavy."

December 1924	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	10	2
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February 1925	Oxford University vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	3	13
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March 1925	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	7	5
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March 1925	Other Matters – South Team Selection			
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The Manchester Guardian – 10th March 1925

“The South of England Association held a trial match on Saturday, following which they met to choose the team to meet the North on Saturday next at Honour Oak. They selected eleven players – all but first home – as follows:- A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), G H Bark (Willoughby), A J Phillips (Willoughby), T Cresswell (Lee), A C Valentine (Oxford University), B E Tomlinson (Willoughby), E G Silvester (Catford), A D Hough (Buckhurst Hill), N Pearson (Hampstead), F C G Perceval (Lee) and A N Other.”

March 1925	Other Matters – North vs South (at Honour Oak Park) North won 15-7			
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The Manchester Guardian – 16th March 1925

“NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

Though the margin at the finish in the North and South lacrosse match on Saturday was eight goals, there was not the difference between the teams that the score suggests. The match was played on Guys Hospital ground at Honour Oak, and the score was 15 goals to 7.

South scored the first goal within a minute of the start, but immediately lost the lead and were never in front again. There was every prospect of a keen struggle when the teams crossed over with the score at five-all, but although the game continued to be well contested the North attacks were the more successful.

The goalscorers for the North were F Nield (5), N Harrison (2), W Stott (2), W Brierly (2), E Richards, W Higson, C Johnson and F Lister, and for the South W Johnson (3), F G Perceval (2), N Pearson and E J Silvester.”

The Guardian – 17th March 1925

“LESSONS OF THE NORTH & SOUTH MATCH

The North prevailed over the South in the annual encounter at Honour Oak Park on Saturday by 15 goals to 7, a margin that gives the impression of a runaway victory. It was by no means a one sided game, and the South had quite a big share of the attacking, whilst the play was always interesting. It is twenty-three years since the South won one of the series, though they did manage to draw in 1908.

At the outset on Saturday it looked likely that the Southerners would at last break the long sequence of defeats. They started in very promising fashion, and, after scoring the first goal before the North

backs settled down, they were level at half time, although once they had been 3-1 behind.

In the second half the North attacks gave a brilliant display. There was a period of about ten minutes, about midway through the half, when they were irresistible, and after leading by 8-6 with every prospect of a close finish they carried their total to 13-6. With the exception of that lapse the South defenders all did wonderfully well. The South play a more open game than their rivals and give the opponents more latitude. Three of the North goals were scored by defence men, who were allowed to run through. Such a feat is not rare for C Johnson, of Stockport, or, in fact, any wing defence player, but when F Lister and E R Richards from point and cover point are allowed to go through there is a pointer to slackness somewhere.

On the South defence no one did better than the two ex-Manchester University players, A G Knott and A J Phillips. Knott made many wonderful saves in goal. Phillips has been in the team since 1922, and is worthy of a place in the list of first class cover points. He is a clever crosse handler and uses his reach to the best advantage in intercepting. Bark and Cresswell are good line men, while A C Valentine, of Oxford University, new to the team, is a very useful defence wing. He had the very arduous task of looking after W Stott, the North attack. There has been no more difficult wing player than Stott to hold for many years, and no one has done the work better than Valentine. He made a point of keeping inside his man and was never tempted to rush, with the result that Stott was able to make his shots only from a safe distance. E G Silvester, of Catford, another new player, who is the brother of a former international, proved an able centre and was quite as good as Astle in the first half. On the South attack Pearson, W Johnson and Perceval did a tremendous amount of work, Hough was very useful, but Parkes was not quick enough for the rest at first home.

In the North side there was not a weak spot. Everett played with his accustomed coolness in goal. Lister, Richards and Holme formed the steady line expected, and Johnson and Crofts forced the game judiciously. Crofts played one of his best games and more than justified the confidence of the selectors.

In the first half the attacks were too much inclined to individual work, but in the second there was a complete change, Nield was the chief scorer with five goals to his credit."

April 1925

Other Matters – County Match – Surrey vs Kent

Kent won 7-1

Sutton & Epsom Advertiser – 9th April 1925

"SURREY (1) V KENT (7)

Kent beat Surrey by seven goals to one at Purley on Saturday, the score at half time being 3-1 in Kent's favour.

Surrey: F Ewen (Purley), F L Spicer (Surbiton), S H Keech (Purley), H S Atfield (Purley), G A Greene (Purley), W J Lockett (Surbiton), A P Meredith (Surbiton), J Bannehr (Purley), C G Gummer (Surbiton), E L Bolton (Purley), L Thornberry (Capt) (Purley), and G Taylor (Purley).

Kent: B Ashby (Catford), R W Haigh (St Dunstan's College), L J Graham, (Catford), T E Cresswell (Lee). S Fairfield (Lee), S Clark (Lee), E G Silvester (Catford), H E Davies (Lee), D T Phillips (Catford),

L H Kessell (Lee), G C Bennett (Cambridge University), and B Parkes (Lee).

Surrey scored their solitary goal four minutes from the start, Taylor being successful, but Bennett once and Parkes twice scored for Kent before the interval. In the second half Kessell and Bennett scored twice for Kent. The winners showed better combination and they were far more dangerous in front of goal, while Surrey attacks were nullified by Kent's splendid defence."

May 1925

Other Matters – English County Championship –
Lancashire vs Kent Lancashire won 21-3

The Guardian – 4th May 1925

"NORTHERN LACROSSE SUPREME

LANCASHIRE'S EASY VICTORY OVER KENT

Additional proof was given on Saturday of the superiority of Northern lacrosse over that of the South, when teams representing Lancashire and Kent met in the final of the county championship on the South Manchester ground. Lancashire won by 21 goals to 3, and the score was just a representation of the merits of the teams.

From the start the game was played at a fast pace, and the Kent defenders were unable to cope with the brilliant work of the opposing attacks. Eleven goals were recorded for Lancashire in the first half, during which the Southerners had no success.

For a few brief moments the visitors rallied and two very clever goals were scored, but when the interval arrived Lancashire were leading by 14 goals to two. The second half was a repetition of the first, and the home men could have scored many more goals but were content with seven.

The Lancashire attacks included four members of the Albert Park team, and with Stott, of Monton, and Johnson, of Old Mancunians, at their best, they formed a formidable force. They gave one of the finest exhibitions of crosse handling and general tactics that has been seen for some time.

The work of Nield and Harrison was very clever, while the brothers Williams did the necessary field work, and Stott made his characteristic dashes at frequent intervals. On the defence every man was sound. T A Brown was brought in the side for J A Wollam and made a very promising debut. He gave a very fine display at third man.

For Kent the best of the defence were Silvester and Cresswell. Ashby did much good work in goal, but his was a most unenviable position against such a clever lot of attacks. Davies, Bell and Parkes did useful work, but were generally slow. Bennett at second home, did well, though he missed chances early in the game through over eagerness."

November 1925	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	6	3
November 1925	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	7	4
December 1925	Lee vs Catford	Won	16	1
December 1925	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	6	5
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	8	1

January 1926	Lee A vs Willoughby A	Won	17	2
January 1926	Lee vs Hampstead	Draw	6	6
January 1926	Purley II vs Lee II	Lost	7	9
February 1926	Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag)			
		Won	20	2
	Catford II vs Lee II	Won	6	4
January 1926	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	4	2
March 1926	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	5	9

March 1926 Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian – 16th March 1926

“The following team has been chosen to represent the South against the North on Saturday:- A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), A J Phillips (Willoughby), G H Bark (Willoughby), R E Cresswell (Lee), B T Tomlinson (Willoughby), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), S L Fairfield (Lee), M Learson (Hampstead), A Hough (Buckhurst Hill), F N S Melland (Oxford University), M L Formby (Oxford University), and F C G Perceval (Lee),”

March 1926	St Dunstan’s College II vs Lee A	Lost	1	6
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March 1926 Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)
North won 10-5

The Manchester Guardian – 22nd March 1926

“NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

The forty-second meeting of the representatives of Northern and Southern lacrosse took place on Saturday on the MAC ground at Fallowfield. The North, who have won every match played since 1908. Were again successful, the score being ten goals to five. Though they were deservedly winners, the exhibition of play was not a high standard, and certainly below what it has been in recent years. Individually there was much good work on each side. But combined play was scarce.

There was one change in each team. J G Adshead (Cambridge University) came in for S L Fairfield (Lee) on the South side, while S Eyres (Heaton Mersey) played in the place of A M Henshaw (Stockport).

The goalscorers for the North were Craig (3), Adshead, Brookes and Eyres (2 each) and Williams, and for the South Perceval and Pearson (2 each) and G Hough.”

The Manchester Guardian – 23rd March 1926

“HOW THE NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

MODERATE ATTACKS

As there is not an international match in lacrosse nowadays the game between the chosen of the North and the South is considered as the most important of the year, and the highest standard of play is expected. The latest of the series, played at Fallowfield on Saturday, was not one of the best in the quality of play, but if it did not fulfil expectations it was certainly well contested.

The north won by 10 goals to 5, and were entitled to the margin, which would have been much bigger but for the brilliant work of A G Knott, the South goalkeeper, who was the Manchester University custodian some years ago. The attacks disappointed because their combination was not good. The North were divided in to two sections - the home players and the rest. The three in the line were new to the honour, and they did well individually and worked together better than the others, although they did not get adequate support from the wings, both of whom clung to the ball too much. There was little wrong with any member of the front division. J M Adshead, of Ashton, fully justified his selection at first home, and throughout worked must unselfishly. S Eyres, of Heaton Mersey, was also very good, though in an unusual position at third home, where he was brought in for S M Fleeson at the eleventh hour, and R B Brookes (Eccles) at second home, was responsible for much clever work.

The Old Mancunian, A B Craig, was perhaps the most energetic player. He forced his way through the opposing defences on several occasions, but he might have rendered better service by paying more attention to the homes. P Williams (Albert Park), on the other wing, was not as dangerous as he usually is, but perhaps his usefulness was decreased by playing on the left instead of the right flank. F E Johnson (Old Mancunians) was too much inclined to attack and shoot when distribution was called for, and the general results were crowding of goal.

Of the defences J P V Woollam (Old Hulmeians) stood out above the rest. F Lister, now Moorland Old Boys, but formerly of Stockport, played well at point but S Wood, the young Stockport player, directly in front of him, was not as effective as he is with his club. He played the close game and gave Formby, the Australian Oxford University player, little latitude, but Formby was too quick for him on several occasions, Had Formby been able to shoot South's score might have been a bigger one.

For the South, A J Phillips, another Manchester University player, was very sound at point, and Cresswell was the best of those in front, on the defence. Of the attacks N Pearson and F C G Perceval were prominent, but they, like the North, were a disjointed force and not as good as last year's lot."

March 1926

Lee II vs St Dunstan's College II (Flag Final)

Lost

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Daily Express – 31st March 1926

"SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT BY ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

The Final of the Junior Flag Competition was won by St Dunstan's College II, who are to be congratulated on their excellent performance in beating Lee II by six goals to four. This achievement is indicative of a higher standard of play, which is the result of a growing popularity of the game, and keenness displayed throughout the school.

In previous years the schools first twelve have competed in the junior competition, and on several occasions they have won it. This is the first time that the school second have been in the final round of the competition, and also the school first twelve have entered the intermediate competition, which was inaugurated in 1913.

The final opened at good pace, in spite of somewhat "slippery" conditions. Both sets of defences were tested, before Rowbottom opened the scoring for St Dunstan's. Lee equalised almost immediately through Peak, who took advantage of a misunderstanding amongst the school defences. Just before half time Court scored for the school, who crossed with the lead of two goals to one.

Ding-dong play followed to the end, and the school owed their victory to superior combination in their attacks. Goals for the school were added by Edwards (2), Wood and Rowbottom. Peak scored for Lee and just before time Rowell added another."

September 1926

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Manchester Guardian - 28th September 1926

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October 1926	Lee us Purley	Won	6	1
October 1926	Willoughby us Lee	Won	7	4
October 1926	Catford X us Lee	Lost	7	9
	Lee II us Catford Y	Won	15	1
October 1926	Lee us Catford	Won	15	1
October 1926	Hampstead us Lee	Lost	4	6
	Lee II us Hampstead II	Draw	3	3

Hendon & Finchley Time -29th October 1926

"At the Lee club ground at New Beckenham on Saturday, Hampstead II met Lee II in a hard fought game. At half time the score stood 2-0 in favour of the home of the home side, mainly due to good goal-keeping on their part and poor shooting by the visiting attack. They added another goal soon after changing ends, the centre making an opening with a shot at goal which missed, and securing the ball behind the net finally scored round the post. Attacking hard, however, Hampstead scored three times during the last few minutes of the game, the final result thus being 3-3.

The Hampstead defence was better than in previous games, this being more noticeable in the second half, when adopting their opponents scheme of forming a semi-circle line of defence around goal, taking the attack as they approached, met with success. Body checking was more in evidence. Their attack was disappointing, having considerably more than their share of the ball, but, as is often the case, failing to make very effective use of their unmarked left-wing man. Shooting was wild, and passing far too slow, but the good defence of the opposing side probably made this more obvious."

October 1926	Purley us Lee	Won	12	3
	Lee II us Wallington Y	Won	10	2
November 1926	Cambridge University us Lee	Lost	0	9
November 1926	Lee Extra A us Buckhurst Hill X	Won	7	1

Daily Express - 17th November 1926

"Lee A beat Buckhurst Hill X by 7-1, Perceval and Parkes were too good for the "Bucks", while Haigh on defence was always sound."

November 1926	Hampstead us Lee	Won	6	3
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Daily Express - 24th November 1926

"NO SIGNIFICANCE

Lee beat Hampstead by 6-3, but the elements and absence of leading players from both sides rob the result of its significance. Still, if the question of the relative merits of the clubs remains unsettled, it was a surprisingly good game, the play often reaching a high standard. Hampstead were without any of their stars on attack, and Hunt did duty in the unusual position of second home with considerable success.

Lee always appeared to have the game well in hand, though they missed several opportunities in the second half which would have given them a larger margin. Cresswell continues to do good work on the Lee defence, and Perceval netted four of their goals."

December 1926	Lee us Oxford University	Won	4	2
	Surbiton us Lee II	Lost	5	7

Daily Express - 1st December 1926

"LEE DEFENCE FOILS THE OXFORD ATTACKS

There were some good lacrosse matches last weekend, that between Oxford University, who were without Sholl, and Lee who took the field without Perceval, being in many ways productive of the best play. Oxford attacked for two thirds of the game, and yet lost 2-4. The spirited duel between Oxford Attack and the Lee defence was the feature of the game. Both sides forced frequently, and this brought Lee two fine goals, through Kessell.

The Oxford forcing, on the other hand, was unfruitful, the Lee defence being very clever at breaking up these movements.

This was one of the reasons for Lee's victory; the other was a magnificent display by their goalkeeper, Moore, who returned to London covered with bruises and glory. Formby led the Dark Blues' attack well, and requires a lot of stopping. Plann, a newcomer, and Usherwood are good individually, but the attack all require more practice together, when they will be a force to reckon with, For Lee, in addition to the forcing efforts of Kessell, Haigh, Smith, Lambs and Cresswell all showed great determination on defence, and Girdlestone played the best game of the season at centre.

Lee led 2-0 at half time, and 3-2 fifteen minutes before the end. The closing stages were full of excitement, Oxford attacking almost continuously. But it was Lee who notched one more goal just on time - an effort typical of this side."

December 1926	Lee A us Purley A	Won	7	3
December 1926	Buckhurst Hill X us Lee	Won	16	10
	Lee II us Catford II	Won	12	5
December 1926	Lee us Surbiton	Won	28	7

December 1926 Other Matters – Flag Preview

Daily Express - 29th December 1926

"OPEN CHARACTER OF THE SENIOR FLAG EVENT

From Saturday nest lacrosse clubs will be selecting their teams with a view to the Flag Competitions which begin shortly. More than usual interest is attached to the senior event, which carries with it the South of England club championship, owing to the openness of the contest. Buckhurst Hill, who have held the title for the last two years, are not quite so strong as formerly, but on the two occasions they have represented the County they have given good accounts of themselves, and must be well in the running again. Their defence is as strong as formerly, but they are still missing the services of Mathew and Whalley on attack.

Hampstead, Lee and perhaps Wiloughby, in addition to Oxford and Cambridge, will all find backers. The universities frequently spring surprises during the second half of the season, and, though in recent years it has generally been Oxford who have upset calculations, Cambridge seem more likely to do so this season.

At the same time I do not feel to inclined to place too much reliance in the Light Blues' unbeaten record of last term, as they did not meet the full strength of such teams as Buckhurst Hill, Hampstead and Lee and consequently have not been fully tested. Although Oxford's record is not so good, they have had harder matches to play, and by the time the new term is in full swing they will, I believe, be quite as strong as their rivals.

STIFF TASKS

The Western district is represented by Keynsham and W D and H O Wills. Both are unfortunate in meeting strong opposition in the form of Oxford and Lee respectively in the first round, and will find these propositions formidable. Surbiton are back again in the senior division, after a good many years' absence, but their a little unlucky in having to oppose Cambridge in the first round. The improving Purley side are also unfortunate, as they have drawn Hampstead.

Willoughby are undergoing interesting changes in their team and I expect them to beat Catford by a small margin in the first round, but to go down to Hampstead in the second round. Lee always must be reckoned as a powerful fighting force. I am inclined to think that the Davies-Percival-Parkes trio are not quite so formidable as in recent years, but taken all round the team have practically no weak spots. If they overcome Wills, their second round encounter with Buckhurst Hill - who have drawn a bye - should be a great game. Hampstead have been a mixture of stars and weak links for some years past. Their stars remain and their weak spots appear to be getting fewer, and if they place their best side in the field - which is not always the case - they will take a lot of beating.

Having discussed some of the prospective winners I am tempted to give another forecast. I will leave the four places in the semi final to Cambridge, Hampstead, Lee and Oxford. To venture a further prophecy when one has to consider improving university sides is most hazardous, but I believe we shall see a repetition of the 1922 Final, Lee v Hampstead - and then a narrow Hampstead win."

January 1927	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	4	7
January 1927	Catford vs Lee	Won	9	5
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	9	6

Daily Express - 12th January 1927

"BUCKHURST HILL AND HAMPSTEAD IN KEEN GAME

LEE'S FLYING START

Hampstead and Buckhurst Hill took part in one of the most interesting lacrosse matches on Saturday's programme, the result being a win for Hampstead by 6-1. As the losers were without A D Hough and Richardson, their attack was considerably weakened, with the result that more work than usual was put on their defence, who, however, did exceedingly well to keep the Hampstead attack down to six goals, one of their lowest scores this season. Buckhurst Hill did almost as much attacking as their opponents, but never looked very dangerous, and their shooting lacked sting. This latter failing undoubtedly cost them two or three goals.

Only close marking by the defence and splendid goalkeeping by Knott, at the other end, Kept the Hampstead trio, Johnson, Hopkins and Pearson, from materially adding to the winner's score. Hampstead scored three goals in the first fifteen minutes by Pearson (2) and Johnson for Hampstead, while Lavy scored the loser's solitary point.



CREDIT TO SCHOFIELD

Catford have improved their team considerably of late, and but for the fact that they began badly and let Lee get away with a four goals start, there was not much between the teams. Lee led at half time by 8-2, but in the second half Catford actually kept the Lee attack down to one goal and scored three themselves, the match thus resulting in a win for Lee by 9-5. Chief credit for the second half improvement must be given to Schofield in the Catford goal, who was almost unbeatable. It was very noticeable that Catford players did not pick up the ball cleanly, and there was too much flicking and hockeying, instead of the quick pick up and pass of the Lee players, who frequently got possession of the ball when Catford should have had it."

"Catford II beat Lee II 9-6 in a game which was noticeable for far more than the usual amount of skill, generally found in a junior match, and it was evident that neither club lacks player who will soon be demanding a place in the first team. Both attacks on Saturday showed a tendency to shoot carelessly instead of aiming at the spot in the net they meant to send the ball."

January 1927

Purley vs Lee (Flag)	Won	8	3
Lee II vs Purley II	Won	9	4

Daily Express - 26th January 1927

"LEE'S STRONG FINISH TOO MUCH FOR PURLEY

SOUTH FLAG TIES

Frost and snow caused most of the lacrosse games arranged for last weekend to be cancelled. Purley were, however, able to carry out their fixture with Lee, although conditions were bad, and against good play. Influenza kept a number of players away from each side, Lee only having six of their regular team, but some of their substitutes from the second team proved very capable.

Purley playing with the slope, scored twice before Lee replied, and the score stood at 2 all for a long time. It was not until near the end

of the game that Lee drew away, and eventually won by 8 goals to 3.



Ewen played a good game in the Purley goal, and Moore, of Lee, was also frequently called on, and served his side well. Lack of finish deprived Purley of one or two goals, the last pass being too often delayed until too late, Green at centre and L O Thornberry at second home were conspicuous for Purley, while Luffingham on the Lee defence played a sound game, and Matthew was again in great form in the attack. Lee were lucky to win by so wide a margin."

January 1927	Lee vs W D & H O Wills (Flag)	Won	15	5
February 1927	Lee II vs St Dunstan's College II	Won	14	4
February 1927	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	7	8
February 1927	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	7	13
	Cambridge University A vs Lee II (Flag)			
		Won	13	10
February 1927	Lee vs St Dunstan's College	Won	18	5
March 1927	Lee vs Willoughby & Buckhurst Hill			
		Won	8	5
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	12	9
March 1927	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	4	9

March 1927 Other Matters – South Team Selection

Daily Express - 15th March 1927

"SOUTH'S LACROSSE TEAM

The South lacrosse team to meet the North at Lord's on Saturday next will be as follows:-

*A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), T E Cresswell (Lee) (Captain), A J Phillips *Willoughby), B J Brodie (Oxford University), B S Tomlinson (Willoughby), S L Fairfield (Lee), R R Sholl (Oxford University), N Pearson (Hampstead), E Matthew (Lee), F C G Perceval (Lee), H G Hopkins (Hampstead), M L Formby (Oxford University)."*

March 1927

Other Matters – Obituary – Captain J F Steele

Forest Hill & Sydenham Examiner – 18th March 1927

"CAPTAIN J F STEELE

We regret to announce that Captain J F Steele, son of late Marshall Steele, of Grove Park, Lee, died early last Sunday morning. Death followed an operation necessitated by the breaking out of an old wound received in France in 1917.

Captain Steele was one of the earliest members of the Territorial force, enlisting in the ranks of 20th London (Blackheath and Woolwich) in the year following their inception. He was mobilised in August 1914, and went overseas with the 1st Battalion of the 9th March 1915, with the rank of Sergeant. He was present at the battle of Loos, and left shortly afterwards with the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant, on being gazetted to a commission as and Lieut. In the 19th London.

He was subsequently seconded for service with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and while with them was severely wounded in an attack on a gun position. Although he never recovered sufficiently to enable him to go abroad again, he continued for some years after the war with the greatest courage, and in the face of continued ill health, not only to serve with the 19th London (eventually retiring with the rank of Captain) but also to take a prominent part in local affairs.

Educated at St Dunstan's College, Catford, he was for many years Secretary of the Old Dunstonian Club and helped enthusiastically in Old Boy affairs, particularly in the formation of the very successful Old Dunstonian Dramatic Society.

In sport, he continued as Secretary of the Lee Lacrosse Club, and, in spite of his physical handicap, played for the 1st team. He had represented Kent at lacrosse on several occasions.

He was regarded with universal affection and his loss will be most deeply felt in wide circles. The greatest sympathy will go out to his two sisters; Miss Olive and Miss Mildred Steele."

March 1927

St Dunstan's College vs Lee & Catford

Lost 8 21

March 1927

Other Matters – South vs North (at Lord's)

North won 26-2

Athletic News – 21st March 1927

"LACROSSE TEST

NORTH'S DECISIVE WIN AGAINST THE SOUTH

BY IROQUOIS

It is fifty years since the first match between representatives of the North and South met at lacrosse, and it was only fitting that this year's encounter should be played at Lord's, which has always been the most popular venue, but has not been available since 1914 until this season.

The conditions were all that could be desired, and there was some remarkably brilliant play, but from a South point of view it was disappointing. They were beaten by 26-2. Only once previously has a score of goals been recorded by one side, and that was in 1914, and also to the credit of the North.

The losers were made to look a very inferior side. They were beaten at all points, but if not as good as some teams that have represented the Association, they could not be called weak. On the other hand the North attacks gave one of the most brilliant displays of the series, and certainly the best of the post-war.

CROFT'S FOUR GOALS

For the North Woollam and Crofts exploited their forcing tactics with successful results. The latter was extra attack and scored four goals himself and Seed played his usual sound game.

But it was the brilliant attack work that caught the eye and was a revelation to the Southerners. Johnson, Knudsen and Craig worked on goal together in a line as they do in club games, and Scott was also there to finish off. The latter scored eight goals himself. Fleeson worked in well with the Old Mancunians quartette, but Sugden, the Leeds University player, rarely got a chance. He was neglected in a way, though not with design. There was never anything for him to do. The unselfishness of Johnson was evidenced in the fact that he did not score once, though he had a big hand in most of the goals, which included six by Knudsen, four by Craig, two by Woollam, and Fleeson and Sugden one each.

South: A G Knott (Buckhurst Hill), T E Cresswell (Lee), A J Phillips (Willoughby), B J Brodie (Oxford University), B E Tomlinson (Willoughby), S L Fairfield (Lee), R R Sholl (Oxford University), N Pearson (Hampstead), E Matthew (Lee), F C G Perceval (Lee), A D Hough (Buckhurst Hill), M L Formby (Oxford University).

North: E E Tweedale (Heaton Mersy), L Rogerson (Eccles), R H Mabbs (Heaton Mersey), J P V Woollam (Old Hulmeians), G P Seed (South Manchester), H Croft (Eccles), V E Johnson (Old Mancunians), A B Craig (Old Mancunians), C J Knudsen (Old Mancunians), S Fleeson (South Manchester), T Scott (Old Mancunians), J A Sugden (Leeds University)."

The Manchester Guardian – 21st March 1927

"26 GOALS FOR THE NORTH

By the big margin of 26 goals to two the North defeated the South on Saturday, in what is considered to be the premier lacrosse match of the season. The game was played on the Lord's ground at Marylebone, and the visitors were superior in almost every department, and were much quicker on the ball. The Southern side had very few spells of attacking, and they were brief. At the interval the score was 11-1, and after ten minutes of the second half there was no holding the north front division. All the north team played well, and gave one of the finest exhibitions of the game seen during the post war period.

The scorers for the North were Scott (8), Knudsen (6), Craig (4), Crofts (4), Woollam (2), Fleeson and Sugden. Matthew and Pearson scored for the South."

The Manchester Guardian – 22nd March 1927

“BRILLIANCE OF THE NORTH ATTACKS

RECORD MARGIN AGAINST SOUTH

After an interval of thirteen years there was a return to Lord's for the annual North and South lacrosse match on Saturday when the conditions were delightful and the crowd was larger than any that had watched a match in the South since the war. The South were beaten by a record margin – 26 goals to 2 – and the spectators saw one of the most brilliant displays of attack work ever given in this country. The South were beaten in all departments and did not appear as strong a combination as some of the teams in recent years. Most of the members have played for years, and, though their crosse handling was good, they had not the pace of the Northerners who were probably the youngest side that has ever represented the Association. Four members of the Old Mancunians were included in the attack – Johnson, Craig, Knudsen and Scott – and they were in their most brilliant mood. S Fleeson, of South Manchester, blended well with them at third home, and little was left for Sugden, the Leeds University first home, to do. He was neglected not intentionally. The attacks were given good assistance by Woollam, Seeds and Crofts, who forced from the defence. Crofts often went down the field and scored four goals, while Woollam claimed two. Scott found the net eight times, Knudsen six and Craig four, but each played most unselfishly. Johnson was the only attack who did not score, but he was quite as useful as any and led up to many of the goals.

In the first half the South attacks missed many opportunities through badly directed passes, and although they improved in their tactics they were always mastered. Pearson and Perceval did much good work, but Matthew was the best of the section. On the defence Phillips was not as effective as usual, but Knott, another ex-Manchester University player, made some remarkable saves. Cresswell at corner point has a big task in looking after Scott. His checking was hard and clean, but he was not quick enough. B A Tomlinson, who two seasons ago played with Old Mancunians, was another good defender, and Brodie, the Oxford University player, one of the worrying type, paid great attention to Fleeson. The other Oxford University players Sholt, at centre, and Formby, at first home, who put plenty of energy and vigour into their game. Formby, the biggest man on the field, was very thrustful, but the ball rarely reached him. Matthew and Pearson were the South scorers. There was one change in each team L Rogerson came in for F Lister in the North side, and A D Hough played for H O Hopkins, the Worcester county cricketer, in the South.”

March 1927

Lee II vs St Dunstan's College II (Flag Final)

Won

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April 1927

Other Matters – Advertisement – Harrods

The Manchester Guardian – 3rd April 1927

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October 1927	Lee vs Purley	Won	12	1
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	17	2

October 1927	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	17	7
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Daily Express - 12th October 1927

"HEAVY LEE SCORE

Lee pulled up the tall score of 17 to the 7 of Surbiton, though no blame can be attached to Gammer in the Surbiton goal. The full time of forty-five minutes each way was played, and this, of course, explains to some extent the large number of goals scored. Surbiton will not be at all discouraged by this large adverse balance. On the contrary they will probably benefit by their experiences.

TURN OF SPEED

They are a team who have been working their way steadily back to a better position among the senior clubs during the past few years. They had several men receiving trials in this match, noticeably Ross at centre, who had a good turn of speed. Lockett was playing in the usual position of cover point. Meredith on the attack, used his reach well, but was well marked by Haig. S V Court played a good game for Lee, but is surprisingly inconsistent with his stick work for one who learned his game at school."

October 1927	Lee vs Cambridge University	Won	6	3
	Lee II vs Wallington	Won	4	2
October 1927	Lee A vs Catford A	Won	13	2

October 1927	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	20	6
	Lee II vs Buckhurst Hill II	Won	13	2

Daily Express - 2nd November 1927

"Lee who fielded a strong side, were altogether too good for Buckhurst Hill, the score being twenty goals to six. There was a touch of irony in Knott selecting this match on which to appear for his new club Lee. The goals were hardly full distance apart, which might afford some excuse for the tall score, but the smart stick work of the Lee men stood out in marked contrast to the less finished work of the "Bucks".



Lee II are a strong junior side, and their victory of 13-2 over Buckhurst Hill II was well earned. Such players as Luffingham, Girdlestone, Court and Torr were above the average for second teams. They would be of much greater value if less selfish. Persistent individualism lacks the essential element of surprise, and, in addition, upsets the other members of attack. Ashbridge and Shelbourne did well for Buckhurst Hill. C Cohen will be of much greater value when he can spot the free man more quickly."

November 1927	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	13	5
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	11	2
November 1927	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	13	2
	Lee II vs Wallington	Won	10	3
November 1927	Lee II vs Battersea County School			
		Won	10	5
December 1927	Purley vs Lee	Won	9	8
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	13	4
December 1927	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	8	5
December 1927	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	8	4
	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Won	15	1

January 1928

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The People – 1st January 1928

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£125 for loss of one limb or one eye as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£23 per week up to six weeks during total disablement involving a fracture of a bone other than those of the hands or feet sustained in such accident.

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£250 for either.

£250 for loss of two limbs, or one limb and one eye, as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£125 for loss of one limb or one eye as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£23 per week up to six weeks during total disablement involving a fracture of a bone other than those of the hands or feet sustained in such accident.

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£100 should both the Registered Reader and his Wife be killed, or

£50 should either be killed by an accident arising out of and in the course of his or her occupation, vocation or employment, or while doing any work for which he or she is paid, or expects to be paid.

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£22 will be paid to the parent, being a Registered Reader in the event of an accident to his or her child over six and under sixteen years of age, causing a broken arm above the wrist, fracture of the skull, or other fracture of the skull, femur, tibia, or fibula, or fractured skull (cranium) as under.

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£22 per week up to four weeks during total disablement caused by fracture of the skull or of an arm or leg above the wrist or ankle sustained in such accident.

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£250 for either.

£250 for loss of two limbs, or one limb and one eye, as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£125 for loss of one limb or one eye as the result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£22 total disablement involving a fracture of a bone other than those of the hands or feet sustained in such accident.

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£500 should the Registered Reader and his Wife be killed by an accident to a motor-car (motorcycle excluded) or horse-drawn vehicle, which is privately owned or hired, in which they are travelling at the time of such accident.

£250 for either.

£250 for loss of two limbs, or one limb and one eye, as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

£125 for loss of one limb or one eye as the direct result of an injury sustained in such accident.

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£250 should the Registered Reader be killed by an accident to any aircraft while engaged in any flying, or while travelling as an ordinary fare-paying passenger.

CONDITIONS:

1. The scope of this scheme is restricted to accidents happening to or between persons of the British Empire, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.

2. A registered reader shall remain such person until 31 and under 70 years of age when the scheme is introduced.

3. Accidents, or which in an extraordinary case, or resulting from strikes, civil commotion, lawless acts, or war or terrorism.

4. Death, or loss of limb or eye, must result within 14 days after the accident, and in such cases.

January 1928	Lee II vs Purley A	Won	13	2
January 1928	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	10	5
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Won	13	1
January 1928	Lee II vs St Dunstan's College	Won	6	1
	Cambridge University A vs Lee A	Draw	8	8
February 1928	W D & H O Wills vs Lee (Flag)	Won	15	3
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	4	6

March 1928 Oxford University vs Lee (Flag) Lost

Daily News (London) - 1st March 1928

THE LACROSSE FLAG FINAL

The two semi-finals of the South of England Flags turned out much as expected, although Oxford University, the holders were sorely pressed at times by the speedy Lee side. Hampstead, who meet the Dark Blues in the final, won the Flag final in 1924, and will strive their utmost to depose the University, who last year had an almost unprecedented run of successes.

Besides beating Cambridge in the inter-varsity match, the Dark Blues won the Southern Flags and beat Leeds University in the English Universities Championship by 11-9. In the final of the Iroquois Cup Oxford were beaten by Heaton Mersey by nine goals to two."

March 1928	Lee vs Catford	Won	18	8
	Bristol University vs Lee II (Flag)	Won	9	5
March 1928	Lee II vs Purley (Flag)	Draw	2	2
March 1928	Purley vs Lee II	Lost	2	10

March 1928 Other Matters – South Team Selection

Stockport Advertiser & Guardian - 16th March 1928

"The South team has been selected as follows:-

A G Knott (Lee), R W Haigh (Lee), A T Thillits (Willoughby), B E Tomlinson (Willoughby), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), S L Fairfield (Lee), W B Skinner (Willoughby), E Matthew (Lee), R Cunningham (Oxford University), M L Formby (Oxford University), F Perceval (Lee), and B Powell (Lee)."

March 1928 Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)
North won 13-5

The Manchester Guardian - 19th March 1928

"NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH

North beat the South in the annual lacrosse match on Saturday at Fallowfield by 13 goals to 5. The margin was much smaller than that of last year, when the North won at Lord's by 26 goals to 2, but the display of the Southerners was not as good. They were weak, particularly on the attack, where there was little attempt at combination, and crosse handling was very moderate.

North were leading at half time by 7-1. Directly after resuming there were signs of a revival on the part of the visitors, who scored two goals in quick succession, but they fell away, and did not score again until near the end.

The goalscorers for the North were Fleeson (4), Higson (3), Knudsen (3), Johnson (2) and Rains, and for South, Formby, Matthews, Perceval and Parkes (2)."

The Manchester Guardian - 20th March 1928

"SOUTH'S POOR LACROSSE DISPLAY

AN EASY VICTORY FOR THE NORTH

There was very little to enthuse about in the annual North v South match at Fallowfield n Saturday. It was a disappointing game, and certainly not an exhibition worthy of the best of English lacrosse today. The South team may be the best available, but if that be true the standard has deteriorated considerably. It was the poorest that has taken part in these games for many years, and the North won by 13-5, a score which did not exaggerate their superiority.

The South had the advantage in physique, and played an energetic and bustling game, but their crosse handling left much to be desired. The passing on the attack was very weak and badly directed, the finishing was poor. The combination of Pearson and Perceval was missed. Pearson was left out for the first time for many years, and although the committee considered they may have a better player for the position, it is certain that both wings, Usherwood of Oxford University, and Matthew of Lee, are poor in comparison. Perceval is not as dangerous as he used to be, and is not up for his old form of linking the homes together, but Formby, of Oxford University, is merely an individualist, who relies on his bustling methods and weight. The defence, the better part of the South team, was overworked. Knott (Lee) in goal is always very good, and he did all a man could expect to do in keeping the score down, while Haigh (Lee) and Phillips (Willoughby) worked untiringly in front of him. B E Tomlinson (Willoughby), who is an Old Mancunian, was by no means weak, but Fleeson (South Manchester) was more than he could manage, Fleeson was in his most brilliant mood.

The work of the North attacks fell below expectations. There was too much individualism and too much play between club colleagues. Henshaw (Stockport), nominally at first home, had a roving commission, and was as much on the defence as anywhere else. Knudsen (Old Mancunians) was the best after Fleeson. Rains (Old Hulmeians) was played up to more than any other man, but he did very little owing to the close attention of Phillips. The North defence was not severely tested. Each member had the measure of his opponent, and their task was made easier by the South's attacks lack of combination. Seed (South Manchester) and Knott (Stockport) were the best. They played the orthodox game, but Woollam (Old Hulmeians) and Croft (Eccles). Though they made frequent spectacular runs, overdid the forcing and hampered their own attacks. The match was looked upon as a trial for the Olympic Games, but little was learned from it."

March 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games

Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser - 23rd March 1928

“THE OLYMPIC GAMES

A meeting of the English Lacrosse Union was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, in the morning, Mr WH Richardson being in the chair. The chief business discussed was the question of taking part in the Olympic games at Amsterdam in August next, with Canada and the United States, who had decided to send lacrosse teams. It was decided that an England team should participate. The English delegates and the Southern delegates to the English Union were appointed sub-committees for general purposes. Mr E G Lee and Mr W Scholes were appointed a sub-committee to look after the travelling and accommodation of the players going to Amsterdam. The following is the Selection Committee: Messrs D Davies, W H Richardson, W Scholes, J H Bark, H E Davies and W A Johnson; and the Rules Committee: Messrs H E Davies and D Davies. Trial games will be played in the North and South, eventually 18 players will be selected to go to Amsterdam.”

March 1928

Purley vs Lee II (Flag)

Lost

2

10

April 1928

Lee vs Willoughby

Lost

7

9

April 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games

The Observer - 29th April 1928

“OLYMPIC LACROSSE TRIAL

The first of the trial games for the selection of Southern lacrosse players for the inclusion in the United Kingdom team for the forthcoming triangular contest between Canada, USA and United Kingdom in Amsterdam was played yesterday at Oxford between Oxford University, the champion Southern club, and the Rest of the South.

Oxford University, for whom C S Campbell and M S Formby combined well won by 6 goals to 3, after leading at half time by 5-3. Campbell (2), D Grauer, G R Plann, R Cunningham and Formby scored for Oxford, A P Meredith (2) and F Mather for the Rest.”

July 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games – Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian - 9th July 1928

“BRITISH OLYMPIC TEAM

Following the final trial match at Manchester on Saturday in which the probable team was beaten 9-7 by the Rest, eighteen players have been selected for Great Britain to travel to Amsterdam for the Olympic lacrosse games in which they will meet the United States and Canada in a three cornered tournament. The players are:-

Goalkeepers: L Clayton (Albert Park) and E E Tweedale (Heaton Mersey), Defence: G P Seed (South Manchester), E R Richards (South Manchester), A J Phillips (Willoughby), J P V Woollam (Old Hulmeians), H C Johnson (Stockport), H Crofts (Eccles), and S Wood (Stockport), Attacks: F E Johnson (Old Mancunians), P L V Astle (Stockport), W D Stott (Monton), A B Craig (Mellor), S M Fleeson

(South Manchester), G F Higson (Stockport), C J Knudsen (Old Mancunians), E Parsons (Disley), and F C G Perceval (Hampstead).

The choice will cause some surprise as some of the players are regarded as having reached the veteran stage, and three, Stott, Richards and Craig, had before last season retired from representative matches. Sixteen of the number are Northern nominations, the exceptions being A J Phillips and F C G Perceval."

July 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games

Weekly Dispatch (London) – 22nd July 1928



August 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games

Stockport Advertiser & Guardian – 3rd August 1928

On the first three days of next week Amsterdam Stadium will stage the biggest international tournament in the history of the games.

When the schedule for the ninth Olympiad was originally planned lacrosse had no place in it, but the Dutch authorities subsequently invited Canada to arrange a demonstration of their national game. This was about two years ago, and at the outset Canadian opinion favoured approach to the United States to provide the opposition; but the opportunity which was presented to settle the world championship appealed to the governing body, and the scope was widened to include Great Britain as well as the United States.

Such a project involves a mass of correspondence and preparation, and right up to the opening of the Olympiad the negotiations have been the subject of unremitting attention by the several ruling bodies, viz, the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse Association, the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, and the English Lacrosse Union.



CODES OF PLAY

So far as the English Union are concerned, their principle occupation has been with the compromise of the divergent points in the rules governing the game in the three countries. Most of the rules are common to all three, but there are features in the Canadian and American codes which do not appear in the English rules and in some respects they vary in their incidences even in Canada and the United States. One notable such feature is called 'substitution', which provides for the bringing on of a stand by or reserve man to take the place of an injured man or one whose replacement may be of an advantage to the side. This is quite foreign to English custom, but common in hockey, lacrosse, and in some grades of football on the other side of the Atlantic.

The Canadians divide their games into four periods, and only actually playing time is counted. There are other points of minor importance, and while there is an inclination on the part of some of the ruling Councillors in English lacrosse to try out the substitution rule, its adoption at Amsterdam will undoubtedly be conceding an advantage to the Overseas teams. The final decision on the question will not be made until the accredited representatives meet in round table conference later in the week.

THE CANADIAN TEAM

There is one strong note running through the negotiations and correspondence, viz that the Canadians are over to resist to full extent of their powers, the challenge of America and Great Britain to the World title which they have held since 1908, when they won a memorable game against Great Britain by 14 goals to 10.

The honour of representing Canada is entrusted to the New Westminster's (BC) aggregation. They are the holders of the Mann Cup, which is emblematic of the senior championship of Canada. It is a big undertaking for the 'Salmon Bellies' as they are called in Canada, to make a journey of over six thousand miles and to raise 12,000 dollars to finance the trip. Dominion lacrosse supporters

are noted for their enthusiasm and leave for men is generously granted, while equipment in funds and comfort are provided on a scale which removes that anxiety which might detract from the object of placing the best team in the field. Truly, they have the World view and are prepared to spend no effort to attain their objective.

U S A

Our American opponents are noted faced with the same difficulty, as they are mostly still at the University and their organisation is more concentrated, but their can be no mistaking their intention to have a say in the destination of the Championship. They are a carefully selected and trained combination, with methods of play modelled on the lines demonstrated by the Syracuse University team which visited this country five years ago, but a vast improvement on the ability of that team. They are a heavier side than Great Britain, and the same remark applies to the Canadian team, with the additional advantage of greater speed.

THE BRITISH TEAM

Great Britain will rely on the combined work of the men. They have been carefully chosen to meet the style of play which will be opposed to them. A judicious blend of youth with experience, and men possessed of the 'big game temperament', they have undergone an ordered preparation, and will step on the field at Amsterdam trained to the minute. They have the team spirit highly developed, and Captain Percy Seed will have with him the finest team that has ever represented the Mother Country. They are determined to bring back the World title by exhibiting the game in its highest form of efficiency and sportsmanship. They have the team spirit highly developed - many of them have played great parts in winning local and national victories for their clubs in this country - and they maybe said to be the finest team that has represented the mother country. Under the management of Wilfred Scholes, whose services to lacrosse are a work of love, and the captaincy of Mr Percy Seed they are determined to bring back the world title by exhibiting the game in its highest form of efficiency and sportsmanship.

In the event of a tie at the Olympic games the Canadian authorities are in favour of a deciding match, and such a match for the world title will probably be played in England, as the Canadians do not return until August 21st. In any event it is unlikely that there will be a match between the Canadians and the British team in this country before the Canadians return.

The Northern party of the British team will leave Manchester Central at 4-35 today (Friday) and will join the Southerners in London.

The British team is as follows:

P L V Astle (Stockport), L Clayton (Albert Park), A B Craig (Mellor), H Crofts (Eccles), S M Fleeson (South Manchester), G F Higson (Stockport), F E Johnson (Old Mancunians), H C Johnson (Stockport), O J Knudsen (Old Mancunians), E Parsons (Disley), F C G Perceval (Hampstead), A J Phillips (Willoughby), F R Richards (South Manchester), G P Seed (South Manchester), W D Stott (Monton), E E Tweedale (Heaton Mersey), S Wood (Stockport), J F V Woollam (Old Hulmeians).

Referee: Mr A Wesley."

August 1928

Other Matters – Olympic Games

The Observer – 7th August 1928

“In a demonstration lacrosse match Great Britain beat the United States by seven goals to six.”

The Manchester Guardian – 9th August 1928

“OLYMPIC LACROSSE

THREE NATIONS TIE AT AMSTERDAM

The three nations – England, Canada and the United States – contesting the Olympic tournament have finished on level terms. The results being :-

USA beat Canada 6-3

England beat USA 7-6

Canada beat England 9-5

The President of the North of England Lacrosse Association received a cable from Amsterdam yesterday stating that all three teams were remaining to make another attempt to decide the world's championship. Owing to this fact the match between America and the North of England, which should have been played at Fallowfield, Manchester, this evening, has been cancelled. The following telegram was received yesterday by the North of England Lacrosse Association from the manger of the US team in Amsterdam :-

‘Unexpected three corner tie between England, Canada and the United States for world's championship compels us to remain in Amsterdam because of our intention to play off. We came to play for the world's championship, and strongly feel it should be decided. Exceedingly regret that these unfortunate circumstances forces us to cancel game tomorrow. Thanks for invitation. Hope to see you in the United States’.

October 1928

Lee vs Willoughby

Won

15

3

October 1928

Other Matters – Southern Preview

Daily Express – 17th October 1928

“SOUTHERN CLUBS IN THE THROES OF TEAM BUILDING

LEE'S LOSSES

Lacrosse has made its usual late start which is accounted for by many clubs playing on crickets grounds, and therefore being unable to take possession before the beginning of October. Though London club fixtures are now in full swing, the Universities have not yet begun their list, and it is at present difficult to ascertain their prospects, since both appear to have a good many vacancies in last season's teams to fill. The most welcome news from the London centre is the formation of a new club, the Old Dunstonians.



Catford have lost some of their members to the new club, and both they and Lee may possibly suffer to some extent in the future, owing to this important source of supply of recruits being diverted.

Old Dunstonians are at present troubled with an inability to find a suitable ground, which seems that for the present they are having to play all their matches on the grounds of their opponents.

Lee have suffered some severe losses, though they are not attributable to the formation of the new club. F C Perceval who is retiring from active participation in the game. Few men have done more to maintain the standard of attack play in the South since the war than 'Perky' as he is known among his intimates.

TRIUMPHANT MANNER

He finished his career at Amsterdam in August in a triumphant manner which little known to the lacrosse world owing to the 'off season' during which the Olympic games took part. Perceval and Phillips (Willoughby) were the only two representatives from the South in the England team.

His loss to Lee and the South is indeed difficult to estimate. Lee's other misfortunes include, J C R Percival, who has left for Canada, and B Smith, who is 'shortly' going abroad.

Buckhurst Hill who have started the season with wins over Purley and Catford, should have affair season. On defence they will have the services of last year's Cambridge half blue, Stansfield, and they have a new first home in Evans, who hails from Cheadle Hulme, though it seems doubtful whether an old knee injury to Evans will stand the strain of consecutive games.

Willoughby are meeting difficulties in building their side, the severest blow to them being that their mainstay of defence. Phillips, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, and will, of course, be off the field for a considerable time. Catford seem fairly well of numerically, but have lost several of last year's team to the New Old Dunstonian club."

October 1928	Purley vs Lee	Draw	1	1
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Lost	7	8
October 1928	Lee vs Surbiton	Lost	5	9
October 1928	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	5	8
	Lee II vs Buckhurst Hill II	Lost	7	13
November 1928	Cambridge University vs Lee	Won	8	5
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Draw	12	12
November 1928	Lee vs Catford	Won	9	5
November 1928	Willoughby vs Lee	Won	6	3
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	7	1
November 1928	Oxford University vs Lee	Lost	15	0
	Catford vs Lee II	Lost	9	18
December 1928	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	6	2
December 1928	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	8	4
	Wallington vs Lee II	Lost	4	7
December 1928	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	5	3
	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	6	10
December 1928	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	9	2
December 1928	Hampstead A vs Lee A	Won	6	3
	Lee II vs Old Dunstonians	Won	13	5

January 1929

Other Matters – Southern Flags Preview

Daily Express -2nd January 1929

“TEAMS IN THE RUNNING FOR SOUTHERN FLAGS

Now that the first half of the lacrosse season is over, it is possible to view the prospects of some of the southern clubs for the more important New Year games. These include the flag competition matches, which begin at the end of the present month.

Oxford University, who have only lost one match, and that against Manchester University, look like repeating their successes of last season, and winning both the Inter-Varsity match and the southern flags.

Buckhurst Hill, who are stronger than for several seasons past, are probably the next best. The meeting of these teams in November resulted in an easy win for Oxford, but unfortunately Buckhurst Hill were poorly represented. It is quite on the cards that these two teams will meet in the flag final in March.

Surbiton are another club who have improved since last year, and it is just possible they spring a surprise when they meet Buckhurst Hill in the first round. Cambridge University may also accomplish

the unexpected in the flags, but they will have to improve considerably before they meet Oxford if they are to hope for success in the, to them, most important game of the year.

Lee have done fairly well, but have not been able to make up for the loss of Mathew and the brothers Perceval, They have consequently fallen from the high position they have held for so many years in Southern lacrosse.

The return of Pearson to Hampstead last week-end evidently inspired them to unusual heights, as they won their first match of the season - and that against Lee, Both teams were well represented and Pearson showed more of his old-time form than for two or three seasons. Lamb, who had the task of marking him, acquitted himself very well, as is shown by the fact that Pearson only scored two of his sides eight goals, although he had a hand in several of the others. Craighead was at the top of his form in the Hampstead goal, while Knott his usual self at the other end. Davies was the brains of the Lee attack, and his well timed passes were responsible for most of their goals. Lee lead 5-4 at half time, but Hampstead ran out winners by 8-6.

Buckhurst Hill received Catford, whom they beat by 9-5 in a game which was scarcely representative, as both sides included a number of reserves."

January 1929	Lee us Buckhurst Hill	Won	6	4
	Buckhurst Hill II us Lee II	Lost	2	11
January 1929	Lee us Willoughby	Won	7	3
January 1929	Catford us Lee	Won	10	4

Daily Express -23rd January 1929

"Lee visited Catford, and defeated them by 10-4. This margin was due partly to a member of the home team arriving late, so that for a considerable part of the first half they were at a disadvantage. Lee led 6-3 at end of this period. The Catford attacks fell away badly in the second half, whereas the visitors improved, and goals fell to them at regular intervals, in spite of good consistent work by Straughan and Timmis on the loser's defence, while Goddard was also very good in goal."

January 1929	Hampstead II us Lee II	Lost	3	10
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February 1929 Other Matters – London Team Selection

London Daily Chronicle -6th February 1929

"LONDON LACROSSE TEAM CHOSEN

The London team for the annual lacrosse match between London and West of England at Bristol on Saturday February 11, has been chosen as follows:-

F D Ewen (Purley), R W Haigh (Lee), A Harker (Hampstead), J W Stansfield (Buckhurst Hill), T E Cresswell (Lee), C Lamb (Lee), G Yeoman (Buckhurst Hill), J H Browne (Lee), A Rose (Surbiton), B E

Tomlinson (Willoughby), A P Meredith (Surbiton), and A Evans (Buckhurst Hill)."

February 1929	Lee vs Cambridge University	Won	7	0
February 1929	Lee vs Oxford University	Lost	1	5
	St Dunstan's College II vs Lee II	Lost	2	12
February 1929	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	14	3

March 1929

Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian – 7th March 1929

"SOUTH TEAM TO MEET THE NORTH

The South team for the annual match with the North on the Guy's Hospital Athletic ground, Honour Oak, on March 23, had been selected as follows:

A G Knott (Lee), R W Haigh (Lee), A E Grauer (Oxford University), J W Stansfield (Buckhurst Hill), S L Fairfield (Lee), R N Cunningham (Oxford University), G Yeoman (Buckhurst Hill), J H Brown (Lee), E Williams (Oxford University), L H Farinholt (Oxford University), S D Usherwood (Oxford University), and C S Campbell (Oxford University)."

March 1929	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	14	6
	Lee II vs Old Dunstonians	Lost	4	13
March 1929	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	7	5
	Purley II vs Lee II	Lost	1	6

March 1929

Lee vs Oxford University (Flags Final) (at Hampton Wick)
Won 3 2

The Observer – 17th March 1929

"SOUTH SENIOR FLAGS FINAL

Lee gained an unexpected victory in the final of the South of England Senior Flag competition at Bushey Park, Hampton Wick, yesterday. By beating Oxford University, the holders, by 3 goals to 2)."

The Manchester Guardian – 18th March 1929

"SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAG FINAL

Lee recorded a surprising victory over Oxford University. The holders, in the final of the South of England lacrosse senior flag competition at Hampton Wick on Saturday by three goals to two. Oxford opened the scoring through Farinholt, but Lee secured an interval lead, three goals by Parkes. Although Oxford scored in the second half through Grauer they failed entirely to play up to their season's fine form, and could not get on terms."

Oxford Chronicle & Reading Gazette – 22nd March 1929

“LEE BEAT OXFORD

Lee and Oxford University met at Hampton Wick on Saturday in the final match of the South of England Senior Lacrosse Flag. Lee one by the odd goal in five. Farmholt scored for Oxford, and after Parkes had equalised, the same player scored again. The Lee goalkeeper saved brilliantly from Farmholt, Usherwood and Cosgrain, whose interpassing and general work was obviously superior to that of Lee but they were unable to score, and shortly before the interval Lee got another goal by Parkes. Soon after the restart Oxford University scored through Graver.”

March 1929

**Other Matter – North vs South (at Honour Oak)
North won 14-1**

The Observer –24th March 1929

“THE NORTH BEAT THE SOUTH EASILY

The North gained a decisive win over the South in the annual lacrosse match on the Guy's Hospital Athletic ground at Honour Oak Park, yesterday, by 14 goals to 1. The North scored six times before L H Farinholt (Oxford University) got, which proved to be the South's solitary goal, and at half time the North lead by 7 goals to 1.

During the second half the North added seven more goals. The South were the more robust side, but were cruder in their methods. P L V Astle (Stockport) (4), R Knott (Stockport) (2), F E Johnson (Old Mancunians) (2), R Scholes (Boardman) (2), R Crofts (Eccles), O J Knudsen (Old Mancunians), E Edge (Boardman), and S Fleeson (South Manchester) scored for the winners.”

The Manchester Guardian –25th March 1929

“THE NORTH CONTINUE THEIR RUN OF VICTORIES

NORTH 14, SOUTH 1

The North continued their long run of successes against the South at Honour Oak Park, London, on Saturday, when they won by 14 goals to 1, a score which does not correctly represent the difference between the two sides. In actual play there was little between the two, and the South had quite as much as the opposition, but there was a decided difference in the finishing. It was not until twenty-five minutes had gone that the North opened the score, but once they got through they gave a fine display of attacking and scored at regular intervals. They crossed over leading by seven goals to one, their goals having been scored in the last twenty minutes of the first half. The goal scorers for the North were P L V Astle (Stockport) (3), H Scholes (Boardman) (3), R Knott (Stockport) (2), H Croft (Eccles) (2), S M Fleeson (South Manchester), V G Knudsen (Old Mancunians), E Edge (Boardman), and F E Johnson (Old Mancunians), F E Farinholt (Oxford University) scored for the South.”

Daily Express –28th March 1929

“NORTH CONTINUE THEIR WINNING SEQUENCE

The South of England lacrosse season wound up with the annual match between North and South. The North continued their long sequence of successes by winning by fourteen goals to one.

The most noticeable difference between the teams was in the attacks, for whereas the winners combined finely, and were constantly pressing on goal, the South attacks were hardly more

than a number of individuals who rarely attempted to pierce the opposing defence, and tried far too often to score from long range with shots that were generally badly directed.

The result of all this was that the South defence had far too much work thrust on it, and though it held up manfully for the first twenty minutes, once the North had scored their first goal others followed at regular intervals until seven were reached at half time. Five minutes before this the Scored its one and only goal.

The second half was more or less a repetition. Knott, in goal for the South, saved all he could be expected to do and many he might reasonably failed to stop. Haigh did many good things, although at times Astle was rather too much for him. Graner was the best of the defences, but his passing up field, particularly in the second half, was frequently faulty. Stansfield justified his selection, while Cunningham and Fairfield were sound.

Yeoman and his opposing centre, Johnson, were a well matched pair, but the attacks can only be described as disappointing. Most of them played too much on the defensive and first home was generally nearer centre than in his proper position. Tweedale, in the North goal, was very good the few times he was really tested, and Woollam, Crofts and R Knott, besides defending well were able to help their attacks constantly, and were directly responsible for many of their side's goals."

April 1929

Other Matter – Iroquois Cup Preview

London Daily Chronicle – 27th April 1929

"FOR LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

One of the most important lacrosse matches of the year will be played at Manchester this afternoon, when Boardman, the champion club of the North, meet Lee, the Southern club champions, for the Iroquois Cup and the club championship of England.

Each team has figured in the final in former years, Lee having won the cup in 1921, when they beat Boardman, while the latter won in the following year, when they beat Lee. Last year the cup was won by Stockport."

April 1929

Boardman vs Lee (Iroquois Cup)

Boardman won 7-2

The Observer – 28th April 1929

"IROQUOIS CUP MATCH

In the final of the Iroquois Cup match for the club championship of England at Manchester yesterday, Boardman beat Lee by 7 goals to 2. Boardman were the superior team throughout, and only a fine display by A G Knott in the Lee goal prevented a much heavier margin of victory.

At the interval Boardman lead by 4 goals to 1. The winner's goals were scored by H Scholes (3), R Hallsworth, F Duckworth, E Edge, and H Snape, while Lee's were obtained by B Parkes and F C G Perceval."

The Manchester Guardian – 29th April 1929

"BOARDMAN WIN ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

BOARDMAN 7, LEE 2

Boardman, the North of England lacrosse flagholders, completed their season on Saturday. They gained the highest club honour in the game – the English Championship, which carries with it the Iroquois Cup. The match is played annually between the flagholders of the North and South. Lee were the representatives of the South, a distinction they earned by beating Oxford University, who for the last three years were considered the strongest side in the South. Boardman have won the flags three times – the first being in 1921 – and Lee have held the corresponding title the same seasons in the South. On the first occasion when the two met Lee were successful. This caused some surprise, as the title had been held by Northern teams since 1897. Boardman reversed that decision, and on Saturday they won the rubber by seven goals to two.

The match was played on the MAC ground, Fallowfield, and though the margin was not great for a lacrosse game, there was a marked difference in the play between the two teams. The game was not by any means a finished exhibition, and at times was uninteresting and scrappy. The Boardman attacks were far ahead of their opponents, and their clever combination, short, accurate passing and superior crosse handling was always a source of worry to the Lee defenders. The latter played the close checking game and kept the scoring down to a certain extent by those methods, but they were also indebted to A G Knott, the ex-Manchester University goalkeeper, who saved his side repeatedly. On the defence R W Haigh and T E Cresswell were the best.

The Lee attacks worked hard when in possession, but there positional play in comparison with the opposition was poor. Many of the passes were wild, and there seemed an eagerness to get rid of the ball, no matter where it went. F C G Perceval and B Parkes were the most enterprising, and made several good attempts, but their opportunities were few. For Boardman, F Leather, although not overworked in goal, was very sound. A Worthington was steady and reliable at point, and J Walsh and F Ireland were two safe defence wings. On the attack F Duckworth was forceful at centre and H Scholes also conspicuous on the wing, but each worked well and most unselfishly.

Boardman opened the score after five minutes play, and by the time the interval was reached they lead by four goals to one. Lee began well in the second half, and made a desperate attempt to reduce their arrears. For a time they more than held their own, but the attack was not long sustained. Boardman added another three goals before Lee got their second.

The goal scorers for Boardman were Scholes (3), Duckworth, Edge, Snape and Hallsworth, and for Lee, Parkes and Perceval,

Boardman: F Leather, A Worthington, N O’Gara, P Howard, J Walsh, F Ireland, F Duckworth, H Scholes, R Hallsworth, E Edge, H Snape and J Mellor.

Lee: A G Knott, R W Haigh, T E Cresswell, L J Luffingham, L T Lamb, T H Hopkins, S L Fairfield, H E Davies, R S Widdowson, S V Court, F C G Perceval and B Parkes.”

Athletic News – 29th April 1929

“IROQUOIS CUP

BOARDMAN REGAIN ENGLISH LACROSSE TITLE

Boardman, the North of England lacrosse flagholders for the second time gained the English Club Championship, which entitles

them to hod the Iroquois Cup. In the final against Lee, the South of England flagholders, they won by 7-2.

The game was uninteresting, and at times play was very scrappy. After the first five minutes there was no doubt as to Boardman being the superior team, and from that point Boardman kept up a constant attack.

In the circumstances, it was surprising that the Boardman score was not doubled. The visitors have to thank their goalkeeper, A G Knott, for keeping the score down.

Leather, in the other goal, had little to do, especially in the second half. Nevertheless he gave a confident display.

In attack Boardman were far ahead of their opponents, and their clever combination and accurate crosse handling was a bundle of trouble to the Lee defenders. When the Lee attack did get going, which was only occasionally, they scarcely made any headway, and their movements were broken up by the keen Boardman defence before they became at all dangerous.

For the winners goals were scored by Scholes (3), Edge, Duckworth, Hallsworth and Snape, whilst Parkes and Perceval scored the Lee goals."

London Daily Chronicle - 29th April 1929

"LACROSSE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Boardman beat Lee in the Iroquois Cup match for the lacrosse club championship of England at Manchester on Saturday by 7 goals to 2."

October 1929	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	5	2
October 1929	Purley vs Lee	Won	6	4
	Lee II vs Purley II	Lost	2	8
October 1929	Lee vs Catford	Lost	6	7
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	3	9

October 1929 Other Matters – Season Preview

Daily Express -24th October 1929

"LIGHT BLUES SHOULD DO WELL WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER

Most of the lacrosse clubs are again in full swing, and the prospects of several are distinctly more promising than in recent years. Last years champions, Lee should have another good season when they are able to put their full strength in the field, but for the first few weeks they will be without Cresswell, Brown and Parkes. Fairfield has retired, but this will be more or less equalised by the inclusion of Evans, who has migrated from Buckhurst Hill.

Oxford University are at present an unknown quantity, and have yet to play their first match. This will be on Saturday against Buckhurst Hill at Oxford.

Cambridge University have six of last year's team in residence, and when they have got together the new side should give a good account of itself. Their defeat by 9-4 last weekend by Surbiton, for whom Ross gave a brilliant display and scored five goals, should

not be taken as any indication of their future prowess. The team showed a lack of understanding, particularly on defence, but this will disappear after a few more games.

As the inter-college flag competition grows in popularity year by year there will be no lack of candidates for the "Varsity" team. Jesus College, the holders, who have been unbeaten for two years, will probably have difficulty in retaining their record, having lost the best part of last season's team."



October 1929	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	4	11
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Lost	7	14
November 1929	Lee vs Surbiton	Lost	5	8
November 1929	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	2	7
December 1929	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	8	9
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Lost	3	15

December 1929	Lee vs Willoughby	Lost	11	14
December 1929	Lee vs Purley	Won	11	2

January 1930	Willoughby vs Lee	Won	11	9
	Lee II vs Wallington	Lost	4	14
January 1930	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	9	13
January 1930	Oxford University vs Lee	Lost	1	17
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	7	3
January 1930	St Dunstan's College vs Lee	Won	12	6
February 1930	Lee vs Cambridge University (Flag)			
		Won	6	2
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Lost	4	16
February 1930	Lee vs Purley	Won	9	2
	St Dunstan's College vs Lee I	Lost	1	15
February 1930	Catford vs Lee	Lost	6	11
	Lee II vs Wallington	Lost	7	9
February 1930	Lee vs Hampstead (Flag)	Lost	4	15

Daily Express -26th February 1930

"HAMPSTEAD TO MEET OXFORD IN SENIOR FLAG FINAL

The lacrosse Senior Flags semi-finals were decided at the weekend. The winners were Hampstead and Oxford University, so these clubs will meet in the final on March 8. Hampstead defeated Lee, the holders, surprisingly easily, the score in their favour being 15 goals to 4. In the other game Oxford University beat Buckhurst Hill by 7 goals to 2.

Lee were unfortunately without Cresswell, but his absence would hardly account for more than a few of the large number of goals between the scores. The game was fast and open, with the Hampstead attack always rather too much for the Lee defence. The half-time score was 6-1, and at no time did the losers look like making a close fight of it. Pearson, Phillip, Mercer and Johnson all had a share in the Hampstead goal scoring, although the major portion were due to Mercer and Pearson."

March 1930	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	11	10
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March 1930	Other Matters – London Team Selection			
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Daily News (London) – 5th March 1930

“COUNTY LACROSSE

The match between the champion Northern county, Cheshire, and London, virtually the English County Championship, will be held on March 15 at Hampton Wick. The team to represent London has been chosen as follows:-

R Lister (Willoughby), R W Haigh (Lee), R E Jefferies (Hampstead), L Beaman (Buckhurst Hill), B E Tomlinson (Willoughby) Captain, E L Mercer (Hampstead), G Yeoman (Buckhurst Hill), A Exley (Willoughby), A Nairn (Willoughby), A Hough (Buckhurst Hill), J Lawrence (Catford), and E B Bennett (Catford).”

March 1930

Other Matters – Flags Final Preview

Daily News (London) -8th March 1930

“To-day provides many attractions for the lacrosse enthusiast. The finals of both the Senior and Intermediate Flags competition will be decide, as will the first round of the Western Senior Flag tournament, and the last match in the women’s territorial series.

In the Senior Flag final at the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank ground, New Beckenham. Oxford University will oppose Hampstead. Although the result is no foregone conclusion, Oxford should win and thus regain the title that they held in 1928, 1927 and 1923. Hampstead knocked out the holders, Lee, in the semi-final.”

March 1930

St Dunstan College II vs Lee A	Won	12	6
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March 1930

Other Matters – London Team Selection

Daily Express - 19th March 1930

“WORKMANLIKE DISPLAY OF THE LONDON TEAM

The southern lacrosse trial at the week-end showed that the team chosen to represent London is not likely to be improved on. This applies particularly to the attack, which gave a workmanlike display, not only in the first half, but also in the second, when the defences were rearranged, and the players were handicapped by rain.

The Catford Lacrosse Club are arranging a tour at Easter to Bristol. They will play matches on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday, against W D & H O Wills, Clifton & Keynsham respectively.

The team to represent London against the West of England at Bristol on Saturday will be as follows:- F D Ewen (Purley), H R Wilson (Buckhurst Hill), D E Jefferies (Hampstead), I Beaman (Buckhurst Hill), H S Widdowson (Lee), W Lazenby (Surbiton), G Yeoman (Buckhurst Hill), R O Ross (Surbiton), A D Hough (Buckhurst Hill), J Lawrence (Catford), E B Bennett (Catford).”

March 1930

Lee vs St Dunstan College	Lost	3	6
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March 1930

Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	7	9
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March 1930

Other Matters – London vs Cheshire

Cheshire won 12-0

The Manchester Guardian – 31st March 1930

"CHESHIRE BEAT LONDON

LONDON 0, CHESHIRE 12

Cheshire, the Northern county champions, beat London in the English county lacrosse championship at Hampton Court on Saturday by twelve goals to none. In the earlier stages the play was fairly even, but Cheshire opened the score through C Harroway. Following that the visitors took the measure of their opponents, and before the interval Harroway, T Knott, G F Higson and J L Garside (2) made their lead 6-0.

In the second half the London side did better, but Cheshire were still obviously the superior twelve. When London attacked resolute tackling by W H Brady and H R Mills broke up promising movements. The visitors put on goals in this period through Garside (3), Harroway, Higson and Knott."

April 1930

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)

North won 14-1

The Manchester Guardian – 31st March 1930

"ANOTHER NORTH VICTORY OVER THE SOUTH

NORTH 14, SOUTH 1

The North continued their sequence of lacrosse victories against the South on Saturday, when the score of 14-1 was one of the most decisive in the long series. The Match was played on the Manchester Athletic Ground.

The South made a good fight, and the difference between the sides was not as great as the score suggests, but the superior finish and pace of the home attacks, well backed up by a forceful defence, allowed the opposition little time to settle down. The South were not as quick on the ball and relied more on individual play and long shots, which were often intercepted by Wheatley Jones at point or easily dealt with by Wood in goal.

The North attacks combined splendidly, and there was no sign of selfish play. Scholes and Knudsen on the wings relied on their speed and did not hamper their homes, where Fleeson and Holmes were very effectual, with Henshaw, as usual, a hard worker and content to make openings for the rest. Scholes scored five goals, Fleeson three, Holes two, and Smith, Knudsen, Henshaw and Wheatley Jones one each, the latter going through neatly the length of the field with one of his characteristic efforts.

Hough was the scorer of the South goal, and he and Pearson were the most enterprising of the attacks. Yeoman was good at centre, while Haigh and Mercer were the best of the defenders. Lister in goal - he played some years ago for Stockport and Cheshire in that position - brought off many clever saves and could not be blamed for any of the goals, as they were scored when play had been taken well up to the crease and the shots were made from short range. E Knott, of Stockport, was unable to play and his place was taken by Brown, of Old Mancunians."

April 1930	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	13	15
October 1930	Surbiton vs Lee	Lost	5	11
October 1930	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	6	8
	Lee II vs Hampstead	Lost	7	11
October 1930	Oxford University vs Lee	Lost	4	14
October 1930	Lee vs Cambridge University	Draw	3	3
	Wallington vs Lee II	Lost	5	10
November 1930	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	7	3
	Purley II vs Lee II	Lost	3	7
November 1930	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	8	5
November 1930	Catford vs Lee	Won	6	5
	Lee II vs Catford II	Won	6	2
November 1930	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	11	2
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	7	14
November 1930	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	5	6
December 1930	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	8	6
December 1930	Lee vs Purley	Won	13	2

January 1931	Lee vs Willoughby	Lost	2	6
	Willoughby A vs Lee A	Won	12	5

Daily Express - 7th January 1931

"Lee lost to Willoughby by 6 goals to 2, but for the losers it must be said that owing to some unavoidable occurrence only ten men turned up, while Willoughby had a full side.

In the circumstances the Lee defence did very well, and they adopted admirably the tactics of packing the goal. Moore, as usual, was very good in the Lee goal. Unfortunately, Lee were without Parkes, which restricted their scoring powers very considerably."

January 1931	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	3	5
January 1931	Lee vs Purley	Won	8	1
January 1931	Lee II vs Catford II (Flag)	Won	12	4

February 1931	Lee vs Catford	Lost	7	8
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Daily Express - 5th February 1931

“Catford met Lee at New Beckenham in the last senior division match of the season. Both clubs fielded their possible flags teams., and the game was very even. The score at half time was 5-4, in favour of Catford who ran out winners by 8-7. The goalkeepers were good, particularly C T Moore of Lee. Catford are second in the league, having won eight out of twelve. Oxford University are at the top.”

Bromley & West Kent Mercury –6th February 1931

“CATFORD LACROSSE CLUB

Catford beat Lee in their local “Derby” match by 8 goals to 7. The game was very even, as the score suggests, but Catford were slightly superior in finishing of the attacks. Goals were scored for Catford by Andrews (3), Lawrence (2), Bennett (2) and Milstead.

As Catford were without a fixture for tomorrow, a return match has been arranged with Lee, and will be played at Bromley.”

February 1931	Lee us Catford	Won	3	2
February 1931	Lee us Cambridge University (Flag)	Won	6	3
March 1931	Lee 2 us Purley	Won	6	3

March 1931 Other Matters – North us South (at Honour Oak Park)
North won 16-9

The Manchester Guardian –16th March 1931

“NORTH’S EASY WIN

SOUTH BEATEN BY SEVEN GOALS

NORTH 16, SOUTH 9

The North continued their long sequence of victories over the South at Honour Oak on Saturday when in the annual lacrosse match they were successful by 16 goals to 9. The visitors always had a little in hand and finished in superior fashion. The Southerners play a fast and vigorous game, but were not as good as their opponents in front of goal. At half time the North led by 7-3, after having been five clear goals ahead, but in the second period the South had an equal share of the attacking.

The scorers for the North were: P L V Astle (Stockport) 5, T Knott (Stockport) 3, K E Rains (Old Hulmeinas) 2, R E Howard (Old Hulmeians), E Brown (Heaton Mersey Guild), and E T Fielden (Old Mancunians). For the South: L P Gidden (Oxford University) 3, L H Farinholt (Oxford University) 2, F N S Melland (Hampstead) 2, J Lawrence (Catford), and R D Usherwood (Oxford University) scored.”

The Manchester Guardian –17th March 1931

“NORTH SUPREMACY OVER SOUTH

North once again proved their superiority over the South at lacrosse on Saturday, when the representatives of the two Associations met at Honour Oak Park. The South, who have not been successful in one of these encounters since 1902, though they drew n 1908, made one of their best fights of recent years, and were not disgraced by a 16-9 defeat. The number of goals suggests the

defences were weak, but the fact that the firm ground helped to make the play very fast was partly responsible.

The Northerners were prepared for a hard game, and they were given no opportunity to slacken their efforts. They gained a flying start by scoring the first five goals, but after that there was not much between the two. The South defenders played a close checking game, and though their work was hardly as finished as that of the opposition it was effectual.

The South side included five of the Oxford University team - the Southern flagholders and champions - all hard and thrustful players. Farinholt, Usherwood and Giddens on the attack kept the North defenders continuously on the move, and they had valuable assistance from F N S Melland, the ex-South Manchester player, whose knowledge of Northern methods was very useful. A J Phillips, the veteran of the South team, who many years ago played at Manchester University, was prominent on the defence. He kept P Astle, who is always dangerous, in subjection for the greater part of the game, but the Stockport player got the upper hand in the closing stages, and scored four of the last five goals. On the North team R E Howard and O J Knudsen often got the better of their opponents. Rains was the more dangerous of the homes until he was closely watched by Jeffries (Hampstead), after which T Knott became the more prominent. Fielden was hardworking, and generally had the measure of O'Connor (Hampstead), who was a very energetic centre. There was no weakness on defence, though some goals might have been prevented by closer methods. Woollam, Ainsworth and Knott stood out well in that department. Wood (North) and Lister (formerly Stockport and Cheshire), the goalkeepers, each played well."

March 1931

Other Matters – Olympic Games

The Manchester Guardian -17th March 1931

"ENGLAND AND OLYMPIC GAMES

The English Lacrosse Union at the annual general meeting following the North v South match discussed the invitation to participate in a competition at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1932. After thoroughly examining the proposition the Union decided that, as it the competition would be only a demonstration series and not possess full Olympic status, they could not see their way to participate. It was, however, decided to intimate to the Canadian and United States authorities that England would like to consider favourably participation in a competition under the auspices of the International Federation of Amateur Lacrosse at a place convenient for participating countries."

March 1931

Wills vs Lee II (Flag) (at Hampton Wick)

Lost 4 14

Western Daily Press -18th March 1931

"SUCCESS OF WILLS' IN SOUTHERN FLAG COMPETITION

BY "OLD INTERNATIONAL"

The final in the SELA Intermediate Flag Competition took place at Hampton Wick on Saturday, and Wills' are to be congratulated on defeating Lee II, by 14 goals to four. This result goes to prove that Wills' are up to the standard of several teams that competed for the

Southern Senior Flag this season and emphasises the progress their younger players have made since last October.

After the game the team were guests of the South of England Lacrosse Association at the annual dinner given to the Northern and Southern teams. It was the first occasion on which any club team had received an invitation."

April 1931	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	6	4
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April 1931	Other Matters – Tour from the North			
		Won	10	9

Daily Express – 9th April 1931

"TOURING SIDES

LEE TEST VISITORS FROM THE NORTH

A Northern touring lacrosse side, which included W N Ainsworth and E Brown of this year's North team, visited London during the holidays.

Catford should have been met on Good Friday, but with some of the club players on tour in the west and others on holiday this was found impossible. A team was raised after some difficulty, but proved no match for the visitors, who won 25-5.

Lee provided a better test on Saturday, the home team winning by 10-9.

The tourists defeated an Old Dunstonian side by 10-4 on Monday.

Moore excelled in goal for both Lee on Saturday and for the old boys on Monday.

Points in which the North showed to great advantage were in consistent backing up when the ball was being cleared from the defence, and superior stick handling."

October 1931	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	5	7
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October 1931	Lee vs Oxford University	Lost	8	9
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November 1931	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	14	6
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	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	22	3
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November 1931	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Lost	8	9
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November 1931	Catford vs Lee	Lost	7	13
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	Lee II vs Catford II	Won	6	0
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Lewisham Borough News – 18th November 1931

"CATFORD AND LEE RIVALS

Catford 13, Lee 7

The Catford and Lee clubs engaged in the first of the series of meetings this season at Ravensbourne and Beckenham

respectively. These matches are always looked forward to as among the most enjoyable of the season. The first teams were unable to start to time at Ravensbourne, owing to the late arrival of Moore, Lee's goalkeeper. The Veteran England player, F C G Perceval, the referee deputised until his arrival. Lee started strongly, and scored two quick goals through Parks and MacEachran. Catford who were not quite at full strength owing to injury to S Lawrence, and made experiments with their attack, reverted to their normal formation, and scored six times without reply by half time, the score thus being 6-2. Play in the second half was even, Catford scoring seven more goals to five by Lee. In the Catford attack J Lawrence and Milstead were the best, S Bennett making a creditable first appearance. Of the defence P R Humphrey and R H Bennett were soundest, saving awkward situations repeatedly. Catford therefore won a splendidly contested game by 13 goals to 7.

CATFORD II O, Lee II 6

At Beckenham, Catford and Lee second teams played the best game of the season so far. Catford were not at full strength owing to injuries and other causes. Lee attacked practically throughout the first half. The Catford defence defended stubbornly, with the result that Lee lead by only 3 goals to nil at half time. The second half was more evenly contested, but the Catford attack, several of whom were playing their first game of the season, finished poorly. Towards the end, Catford's defence tired, and Lee scored three more, running out worthy winners. For Lee, Josephs, at first home, played well, and had hard luck in hitting the posts several times. For Catford, Everist, in goal, played one of his best games. Tratt and Ford were the best of the attacks."

Daily Express -18th November 1931

"Catford defeated Lee at Ravensbourne by 13-7. A closer game had been anticipated owing to the reorganisation of the Lee XII. but the Lawrence-Bennett combination again took its toll."

November 1931	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	10	6
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	20	2
November 1931	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	10	3

December 1931 Other Matters – South of England Trial

Daily News (London) -5th December 1931

"SOUTHERN LACROSSE TRIAL

TEAMS FOR TODAY'S MATCH ON THE SURBITON CLUB CROUND

The second Southern lacrosse trial will be held today on the Surbiton's club ground, at Hampton Wick. The teams are:-

Colours: C T Moore (Lee), R W Haigh (Lee), R H Bennett (Catford), W M Lazenby (Surbiton), C Hough (Buckhurst Hill), T H Carr (Catford), E Barnes (Willoughby), N Leithed (Buckhurst Hill), R H Baird (Surbiton), S V Court (Lee), P Bowden (Buckhurst Hill), J H Lawrence (Catford).

Whites: A P Meredith (Surbiton), A J Phillips (Willoughby), T R V Parkin (Hampstead), L Beaman (Buckhurst Hill), R Hull (Willoughby), B E Tomlinson (Willoughby), J O'Connor (Hampstead), N Pearson (Hampstead), D F Andrew (Catford), N

Melland (Hampstead), W H Bennett (Old Dunstonians), E B Bennett (Catford)."

December 1931	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	11	2
December 1931	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	7	11
December 1931	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	5	1
December 1931	Catford vs Lee	Lost	12	16

January 1932	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	10	2
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January 1932	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	8	6
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Daily Express -13th January 1932

"DUNSTONIANS IN A HURRY

IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY AGAINST LEE

Old Dunstonians Lacrosse Club amply demonstrated their greatly improved form this season when they met the strong Lee side.

They set a fast and furious pace, and within a few minutes had opened the scoring. When they added another before Lee got a look in I began to wonder what was going to happen. Lee were undoubtedly slow in feeling the weight of their opponents, but as they warmed up they drew level. And by half-time secured a lead of 4-3.

Shortly after the interval Old Dunstonians again drew level, and this achievement they repeated when Parkes had notched a fifth goal for Lee. Some clever work by Widdowson, of Lee, in combination with Parkes, then gave Lee the lead, which they retained, running out winners at 8-6.

It was the best fight I have seen Old Dunstonians put up, and they are to be congratulated on it.

Catford, as becomes League leaders, gave an exhibition of their strength when they met Surbiton at Ravensbourne, and gained a decisive victory of 16-6.

Opening with an impressive goal by Jack Lawrence, they stung Surbiton into equalising by Ross. Another Catford goal from Milstead called forth another from Surbiton, but there-after Catford secured the lead, increased it to 8-2 by half time, and ran out good winners.

Buckhurst Hill entertained Hampstead. and were beaten 12-4. The vacancy in the Hampstead attack caused by the return of H O Hopkins to the far east has been filled by Philp, who got some very neat goals.

Hampstead had complete command all the way through. They led 6-3 at half time, and shortly after the interval the Buckhurst Hill defence struck a bad patch, the visitors adding five goals without reply.

Kemp, the Hampstead goalkeeper, played well and Hawes at wing defence was prominent. Bowden and Beaman were the best on the Buckhurst Hill side."



January 1932	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	11	5
January 1932	Lee vs Catford (Flag)	Won	8	7
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	7	13

Daily Express -27th January 1932

"THRILLING FLAG MATCH

LEE'S SPLENDID VICTORY OVER CATFORD

Lacrosse flag competitions in the South of England are maintaining their reputation of providing surprises, and people in search of thrills could not do better than follow the fortunes of the clubs which enter for this knock-out competition.

The curtain went up on this season's senior competition when Lee and Catford met at New Beckenham. The hopes of one of these clubs to have their name inscribed this season on the flag trophy were to be blighted. Was it to be Catford or Lee.

Catford have done exceedingly well this season, and fought their way gallantly to the position of leaders in the first division of the league. Lee have not played up to their reputation in league fixtures this season, but they were determined not to cede their position in the flag competition without a fight.

They opened the scoring against Catford from Brown, but during the first half was unable to keep the lead. Catford having a margin of 5-3 at change over.

Catford appeared to have settled down and to have the game well in hand. This may have been their undoing, for in the second half, though they increased their lead to 7-4, they defeated their chances of adding to the score by crowding the Lee goal mouth.

To add further to their discomfiture, the stamina of the Lee side appeared to be the more lasting and, with the exertion of increased pressure on the Catford defence, the Lee attack steadily wore down the resistance and, having equalled to 7 all, added a winning goal in the last minutes. The final score was 8-7.

MOORE SUPERB

It was a magnificent struggle, and McEachran, Widdowson and Brown are to be congratulated on their prominence in this notable victory for the Lee club. Moore in the Lee goal was superb, and his opposite number, Humphrey, deserves great credit on the afternoon's play."

February 1932	Surbiton vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	5	7
	St Dunstan's College II vs Lee II	Lost	0	12
February 1932	Old Dunstonians vs Lee II (Flag)	Lost	4	8
February 1932	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	18	2
March 1932	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	19	9

March 1932 Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)
North won 22-1

Daily News (London) – 14th March 1932

"NORTH V SOUTH LACROSSE

North proved easy winners in the annual North v South match at Manchester on Saturday, scoring 22 goals against 1. Two Lee men, Parkes, the only scorer, and Moore in goal, were outstanding for the South."

The Manchester Guardian – 14th March 1932

"SOUTH OUTCLASSED

NORTH SCORE 22 GOALS

NORTH 22, SOUTH 1

The North again proved too good for the South in their annual lacrosse match at Fallowfield on Saturday and won by 22 goals to one, after leading 7-1 at the interval. The North received a great shock in the first minute when the South attacks went down from the face and scored. Afterwards, however, the visitors were overwhelmed in all departments. Their trouble was not that they lacked individual merit but were unable to combine successfully.

The scorers for the North were: K Rains (Old Hulmeians) 6, T Knott (Stockport) 5, O Harroway (Stockport) 4, A Waterfield (Heaton Mersey Guild) 3, R Knott (Stockport), S M Fleeson (South and Wythenshawe), R E Howard (Old Hulmeians) and N R Coe (Old Hulmeians). B Parkes (Lee) scored the only goal for the losers."

The Manchester Guardian – 14th March 1932

"SOUTH'S WEAK PLAY AGAINST NORTH

In the annual match between the North and South on Saturday at Fallowfield the superiority of the Northerners was again demonstrated, as they won by 22 goals to 1. The last time the South won was 1902, but they never have provided such a one-sided game as that of Saturday. The South opened by scoring in the first minute, and for about a quarter of an hour there were visions of a close game. Then the challenge weakened, and following a half time score of 7-1, the game resolved into a series of 'faces' following the scoring of goals. The South made occasional individual bursts,

but there was very little cohesion or method on the attack, and the defenders were overwhelmed.

A much better display was expected from the Southerners, who held a series of trials during the season without finding young players. A J Phillips of Willoughby, a former Manchester University player, who has been in the team since 1921, except in 1929 and 1930 when he was kept out by leg trouble, was one of the best defence, but was too slow. Norman Pearson, of Hampstead, who retired in 1927 but came back three years later, is nothing like the player he was. B Parkes, of Lee, who scored their only goal, made his last previous appearance in the team in 1925. Of the South attacks no one did better than F N S Melland, who when at Oxford University in 1926 got his place, and, after a term with South Manchester, returned South and played last year and this. He was a great fielder, but received little support. B E Tomlinson, who many years ago played for Old Mancunians, was one of the most prominent defenders."

April 1932

Other Matters – Exhibition Match

Herts & Essex Observer - 2nd April 1932

"LACROSSE AT SAFFRON WALDEN SCHOOL

On Easter Monday, following the Old Boy's hockey match, an exhibition lacrosse game was played on the Saffron Walden School ground. The match was arranged by the South of England Lacrosse Association and many well known players from some of the best clubs in the South took part.

The game, in spite of stormy weather, proved of considerable interest to the large number of spectators, who were greatly impressed by the players deft manipulation of the ball. The scores were: Whites 10 goals, Colours 7 goals.

Teams:

Crosse (Buckhurst Hill), Harker (Hampstead), Parkin (Hampstead), Mercer (Hampstead), Hough (Buckhurst Hill), Hawes (Hampstead), Sallito (Oxford Univ), Pearson (Hampstead), Usherwood (Oxford Univ), Archer (Willoughby), Molyneux (Willoughby) and Bennett (Catford).

MacFarlane (Buckhurst Hill), Haigh (Lee), Cresswell (Lee), Bark (Willoughby), Goddard (Catford), Fairfield (Lee), Widdowson (Lee), Titley (Catford), Lasenby (Surbiton), Lockett (Surbiton), Mollett (Old Dunstonians) and Court (Lee).

The game was refereed by Mr J R Wilkes."

April 1932

Lee vs Catford	Won	6	5
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Lewisham Borough News -19th April 1932

"CATFORD SEASON CLOSES

LEE 6. CATFORD 5

The Catford club concluded their season with the postponed Sen or competition game with Lee at New Beckenham on Saturday. Games between these clubs are usually close, and Catford were hoping to avenge their unexpected defeat in the Senior Flag competition in January. This game was no exception and resulted in one of the best games of the season. Lee started strongly and scored through Mitchelmore, Catford equalised through Goddard.

Play continued evenly, Catford leading at half time by 4-3. Lee forced with good effect in the second half and ran out winners by 6 goals to 5. The game was of good standard. Goals were scored for Catford by Goddard (2), Milstead, Titley and E B Bennett and for Lee by Mitchelmore (2), Widdowson (2), Court and Brown."

October 1932	Lee vs Catford	Lost	3	5
October 1932	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	8	5
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	17	3
October 1932	Old Dunstonians II vs Lee II	Lost	6	9
October 1932	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	6	5
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Lost	14	16
November 1932	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	13	4
November 1932	Willoughby vs Lee	Won	10	4
November 1932	Catford vs Lee	Won	10	9
	Lee II vs Catford II	Won	22	8
December 1932	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	7	5
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	12	1

December 1932	Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Essex			
	Kent Won	8	6	

Lewisham Borough News – 13th December 1932

"KENT 8, ESSEX 6

The South of England Lacrosse Association have revived the County championship this year in modified form, and Kent met Essex in the first round at New Beckenham, on Saturday. The most effective player on the field was Andrews at centre for Kent. He scored three times and was largely responsible for Kent's lead of 6-2 at the interval. Kents goals were scored by Andrews, J Lawrence, E B Bennett, and J H Brown. The Essex goals were scored by Evans (5) and Bowden.

Kent team: C T Moore (Lee), R W Haigh (Lee), R H Bennett (Catford), H C Scopes (Old Dunstonians), J Cowam (Catford), R S Widdowson (Lee), D H Andrews (Catford), J Lockyer (Lee), A R Mollett (Old Dunstonians), E B Bennett (Catford), J H Brown (Lee) and J H Lawrence (Catford) Captain."

December 1932	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	6	5
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Won	4	3

January 1933	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	16	11
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January 1933	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	14	7
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	20	6
January 1933	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	13	7

January 1933

Other Matters – One Handed Checking Debate

The Manchester Guardian – 27th January 1933

“ONE-HANDED CHECKING IN LACROSSE

A SYMPOSIUM OF OPINIONS BY PLAYERS PAST AND PRESENT

A few weeks ago an article of ours on one-handed checking in lacrosse roused a storm of controversy and drew many letters, of which we were able to publish only a few. It occurred to us that it would be interesting to take a cross section of the opinions of those best equipped by practical experiences to judge in the matter, and we reproduce them here. All the authors have played with distinction in the highest class of lacrosse.

J P Bamber (defence)

I consider that one-handed checking properly controlled is perfectly fair. It would be a retrograde step to make it illegal. Whenever possible, two hands should be used to maintain the maximum control over the crosse.

E Brown (Wing Defence)

The one-handed check, often used without any control over direction and with far too much vigour by a player in a desperate attempt to retrieve himself when beaten, is extremely dangerous. I am in favour of abolishing one-handed checking, as I think it would make the game more attractive to both players and spectators.

D Cardwell (Cover Point)

I see no reason to distinguish between the one-handed and the two-handed check. Either may be used with perfect safety or may be abused. Referees already have the power to penalise dangerous checking of any kind.

E T Fielden (Centre)

One-handed checking is quite fair, but recently too much wildness has been associated with it. Referees should be more strict. A good rule to adopt is to send a man off for two minutes, as they do in the United States.

F S Helme (Third Man)

The abolition of one-handed checking would be disastrous. Referees have it in their power to confine it to safe limits. Play today is clever than ever. It would be more spectacular than ever if midfield play could be increased.

A Henshaw (Attack/Referee)

I cannot see any case whatever for the abolition of one-handed checking. To abolish such checking would put a premium on size and practicality put the small defence player out of the game.

G F Higson (Third Home)

To abolish the one-handed check entirely would tend to increase individual play and lessen the team game, thus spoiling lacrosse as a spectacle. Referees should be definitely instructed to penalise, and severely caution, players checking in a dangerous manner.

F Wheatley Jones (Point)

In my opinion the abolition of one-handed checking would not improve the game, and I consider the authorities would be ill advised to make any changes to the existing rule.

R Knott (Wing Defence)

Downward checks directed from the wrist are effective and not likely to create serious injury, but half circular swings at advancing players should be abolished. Upward checks can be dangerous if made by careless players, but should be left to the referee to discriminate.

Norman Welland (Cover Point)

The rules give Referees full power to punish any variety of really reckless checking, whither one-handed or two-handed, However, a one-handed check, if delivered horizontally, about waist high, presents little danger to the recipient and is unlikely to incur the displeasure of the referee.

S R Oddy (Point)

In my experience as a member of NELA Special Committee and as a spectator at many matches during the last few seasons, I am fully convinced that one-handed checking should not be permitted. If this alteration in the rules were made I feel sure that there would be a big diminution in the number of head injuries and also the bad feeling which is apt to be displayed.

F C Oldham (Centre)

One-handed checking is, in my opinion, the direct response of a defence player to the shortening of the crosse by a clear 14 inches. Nowadays it is almost impossible to imagine how a game would be played without it. The chief objection to this method of defence is not in the check itself but in the player who, blind to any personal injury he may inflict, administers it carelessly.

K Rains (Second Home)

This check is a detrimental effect on the game which is not controlled by a referee, and only first class matches have such officials appointed. The present rule governing it is inadequate and should be abolished.

J Ridyard (Defence & Second Home)

One-handed checking is not necessarily dangerous, and if it was prohibited defence play would be unfairly penalised. What, however, is dangerous and should be strictly forbidden is the upward one-handed check from behind an opponent; if the crosse is missed the check invariably finishes in the opponent's face.

G P Seed (Defence Wing)

I cannot recollect having heard this subject discussed by any leading players of this period 1903-1929. I think the referees are fully competent to deal with dangerous checking, and I should not like to see the present rules altered. An alteration would take us out of line with other lacrosse playing countries.

A Wesley (Referee, at Olympic Games Amsterdam, 1928)

In my opinion the abolition of the one-handed check is neither necessary nor desirable. I admit readily that one-handed checking can be dangerous – the two-handed variety equally so. Obviously, the remedy is in the hands of the players themselves.

An Old Defence Player and Present Vice President of NELA

As a general thing one-handed checking is not good for the game. Of course, it only came into being with the shorter and less weighty crosses, but I still consider it impossible to control the swing, especially if started below the shoulder, when the whole weight of his body is behind the swing. I am not a spoil sport, but if it came to a vote for a definite ruling I would side with the abolitionists."

January 1933

**Other Matters – South Trial Match – South vs Combined Universities
South won 11-6**

The Observer – 29th January 1933

"SOUTHERN TRIAL MATCH

The second Southern lacrosse trial. Played at Bushey Park. Hampton Wick, yesterday, resulted in a win for the South of England over combined Universities by eleven goals to six, after they lead by four to two at half time.

D P Evans (Buckhurst Hill) and R B Widdowson (Lee), with three goals each, J H Brown (Lee), the captain, who obtained two, D R Baird (Surbiton), E D Andrews (Catford), and J Lockyer (Lee) scored for the winning side. For the Universities O E L Sampson, Bristol's only representative, and C Cousens, the Cambridge secretary, each scored twice, the other goals being due to E A Shillito (Oxford), and R L Moss the Oxford captain."

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 3rd February 1933

"SOUTH OF ENGLAND BEAT COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

In the second Southern lacrosse trial, at Bushey Park, South of England beat the Combined Varsities by 11 goals to 6, after they had led by 4 to 2 at half time. D P Evans (Buckhurst Hill) and R S Widdowson (Lee) with three goals each, J H Browne (Lee), the captain, who obtained two, D E Baird (Surbiton), E D Andrews (Catford) and J Lockyer (Lee) scored for the winning side. For the varsities C E L Sampson, Bristol's only representative, and C Cousen, the Cambridge secretary, each scored twice, the other goals being due to E A Shillito (Oxford) and R L Mess, the Oxford captain."

February 1933	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee (Flag)	Won	9	4
February 1933	Lee vs Catford	Won	8	5
	St Dunstan's College vs Lee II (Flag)	Lost	9	16
February 1933	Oxford University vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	1	11
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	8	12
February 1933	Purley vs Lee	Lost	5	7

February 1933

Other Matters – Rules of Lacrosse

The Manchester Guardian – 28th February 1933

“At the beginning of the month the South of England Lacrosse Association appointed a special sub-committee to consider the desirability of revising the laws of lacrosse and submitting their opinions to the English Lacrosse Union, which holds its annual meeting on March 11. The report has been presented, and the most contentious aims at omitting the law governing reckless play and substituting a new law with a wider scope, which, it is hoped, will eventually abolish the reckless play which in some quarters is having an injurious effect on the game. The North of England Lacrosse Association have appointed a sub-committee to deal with this subject in collaboration with a similar committee appointed by the referees. Whatever the outcome of this movement, it is hoped that the English Lacrosse Union will become more of a governing body and that the laws of lacrosse as officially recognised will be easily available to all players and followers of the game.”

March 1933

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Won 11 8

March 1933

Other Matters – North vs South (at Honour Oak Park) North won 10-3

The Manchester Guardian – 13th March 1933

“NORTH BEAT SOUTH

LOSER'S STOUT RESISTANCE IN FIRST HALF

SOUTH 3. NORTH 10

The annual North v South match ended in a victory for the North, who scored ten goals to three at Honour Oak Park, London, on Saturday. This was the North's forty-first win and their nineteenth in succession. The South went down with colour's flying, however, and at half time the North led by only two goals to one. Afterwards their admirable attack gave them the mastery. C Harroway (Stockport) and W L Clarke (Old Waconians) shot three goals each for the winners, G Johnson (Mellor) two, and T Knott and J L Garside, both Stockport. One each. O E L Sampson (Bristol University) was in fine form for the South and scored all their three goals.”

The Manchester Guardian – 14th March 1933

“SOUTH'S GOOD PLAY

STRONG DEFENCE AGAINST THE NORTH

(BY OUR LACROSSE CORRESPONDENT)

The North and South match, played in London on Saturday, resulted in a win for the North by ten goals to three. This game is the nearest possible to an international that is possible in lacrosse, and it is unfortunate that the result has come to be regarded as a certain victory for the North. The South this year, however, produced a much higher standard of lacrosse on attack as well as defence than any shown in recent years, and the margin was the smallest of the last six years.

So determined were the South defence that they prevented the North attacks, who failed to show any signs of constructive combination, from scoring more than two goals in the first half.

The South scored once in that period, and shortly after the interval they were on level terms at two goals each. A free position for the North, from which W L Clarke scored, appeared to give the north attack renewed strength, and they improved in speed and combination. A P Meredith's goalkeeping for the South equalled the best standard of Northern goalkeepers. Lazenby also good on the South defence, and on their attack F N S Melland was an excellent pivot at third home; he kept the ball moving continually. O E L Sampson (Bristol University) scored all the goals for the South, one of them from a difficult angle, Lut Deiter (Oxford University) held the ball far too long. Of the North team W L Clarke (Old Waconians) was the best attack. The places of F Burgess (Heaton Mersey Guild), K Rains and M D Pearson (Old Hulmeians) were filled by S Austin (South Manchester and Wythenshawe), T Knott (Stockport) and G Johnson (Mellor) respectively."

March 1933

Other Matters – Lacrosse Rules

Daily News (London) – 18th March 1933

"TIGHTENING LACROSSE RULES"

ENGLISH UNION TAKE STRIDES TO ALLEVIATE INJURIES

Important alterations to their rules made for next season by the English Lacrosse Union are aimed at preventing dangerous play.

A player must not deliberately strike, with the crosse or otherwise, or recklessly check another player or threaten to do so in any circumstances. Reckless checking will be held to include the use of unnecessary violence or slashing, following through with a check after the ball has been passed, and the use of any check which is dangerous to the person of an opponent, whether his crosse be struck or not.

The referee has the power to suspend a player whose conduct he considers to be detrimental to the interest of the game."

March 1933

Lee A vs Purley A	Draw	6	6
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March 1933

Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	9	6
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June 1933

Other Matters – Olympic Games

The Manchester Guardian – 9th June 1933

"OLYMPIC GAMES

BOWLS AND LACROSSE NOT ADMITTED

Vienna, June 8

The question of sham amateurism was referred back for further discussion at today's meeting of the Olympic Games Committee.

It was definitely decided not to admit bowls, ice sailing, canoeing, lacrosse or model yachting amongst the sports on the Olympic programme.

Japan was given three delegates on the Olympic committee instead of two as hitherto.

Press Association – Foreign Special"

October 1933	Lee vs Leicester	Won	8	2
October 1933	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	10	9
	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	2	8
October 1933	Lee vs Hampstead	Draw	6	6
October 1933	Catford vs Lee	Lost	6	9
	Lee II vs Catford II	Lost	8	15
October 1933	Lee vs Oxford University	Lost	2	9
	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Draw	4	4
November 1933	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	15	9
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Won	13	1

November 1933 Other Matters – South Trial

Western Daily Press – 8th November 1933

“S.E.L.A. – TRIAL AT COOMBE DINGLE

LOCAL PLAYERS CHOSEN

(BY “OLD INTERNATIONAL)

Unfortunately the selection committee of the SELA have only sent me one of the sides that will appear in the opening trial match of the season at Coombe Dingle, on Saturday. The team, the Whites, which consists of eight Western and four London players – one of the latter, E D L Sampson, is a product of the west – is: – goal C T Moore (Lee), point E J Westcott (Fairfield), cover-point D E Pope (Wills), 3rd man S J Thomas (Brislington), def wings G P Birnie (Brislington) and F G Moul (Buckhurst Hill), centre F T Squire (Bristol University, late St Dunstan's College), attack wings R A Holloway (Fairfield) and T G Lockyer (Lee), 3rd home E O L Sampson (Hampstead), 2nd home A W Reed (Wills) and 1st home J H Brown (Lee). Moore, Sampson and Moul have already played for the South.

Mr T J Davies will be in charge of the game, which id=s due to start at 2.45.”

November 1933	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	10	5
November 1933	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	11	5
November 1933	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	13	4
December 1933	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	4	13
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Draw	5	5
December 1933	Lee A vs Catford A	Won	5	4

December 1933

Other Matters – Lacrosse Rules

Western Morning News – 15th December 1933

“CHANGES IN RULES

Two important changes in the lacrosse rules have been adopted by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, say a New York message. The playing field has been increased in length from 80 to 90 yards. Another change in the code permits three players behind the centre line both on the attack and on the defence.

The expansion in the size of the field is a result of several experiments. The old lacrosse field measured 110 yards. The three man offside rule alters the former regulations which made compulsory the use of two men. This change revives a rule that was formerly in effect.”

December 1933	Willoughby vs Lee	Won	6	5
	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	4	2
December 1933	Lee vs Purley II	Won	13	4

January 1934	Lee vs Catford	Won	9	6
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	6	14
January 1934	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	6	9
	Lee II vs Willoughby II	Won	18	0
January 1934	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	9	4
	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	7	9

January 1934

Other Matters – South Trial

Daily News (London) – 27th January 1934

“LACROSSE TRIAL

Teams for the South of England lacrosse trial to be played on the Willoughby’s club ground, at East Molesey today (2.30), have been chosen as follows:

Whites: J McCormack (Oxford University): L H Rogers (Oxford University): J Mark (Cambridge University): P G Seed (Cambridge University): J Eva (Cambridge University): G A Carlson (Oxford University): E Barnes (Willoughby): J H Brown (Lee) (Capt): C Cousen (Cambridge University): R L Moss (Oxford University): R D Usherwood (Oxford University): A Nield (Oxford University).

Colours: C T Moore (Lee): D E Pope (Wills): W M Lazenby (Surbiton): C A Meek (Willoughby): G Yeoman (Buckhurst Hill): B E Tomlinson (Willoughby): F G Moulton (Buckhurst Hill) (Capt): H E Goddard (Catford): T G Lockyer (Lee): A W Reed (Wills): J H Lawrence (Catford): E B Bennett (Catford).”

January 1934	Lee II vs Henry Thornton School	Won	17	9
January 1934	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	5	15
February 1934	Lee vs Oxford University (Flag)	Won	7	4
February 1934	Henry Thornton School vs Lee II (Flag)	Won	11	3
February 1934	Lee vs Surbiton (Flag)	Won	10	5
	Old Dunstonians vs Lee II	Lost	6	7
February 1934	Lee II vs Buckhurst Hill II	Lost	8	14

March 1934	Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag Final) (at Bushey Park)	Lost	7	11
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Daily News (London) – 5th March 1934

“SOUTH LACROSSE CHAMPIONS

Cambridge University became the South's champion lacrosse club when they beat Lee by 11 goals to 7 in the final of the Senior Flag tournament at Bushey Park. The Light Blue's only previous success was obtained in 1886.”

The Manchester Guardian – 6th March 1934

“Cambridge's victory was their first over Oxford since 1910, and on Saturday they win the Southern Flags, defeating Lee 11-7, and so qualified for the first time to meet the winners of the Northern Flags, Stockport or Old Mancunians, thus year's finalists, in the English Club Championship, the only official occasion in the season, when North and South clubs are in opposition. Cambridge in their Flags match made one change from their team in the University game, J E Steel (Cockburn and Queen's) coming in for J Mark, injured. They led 6-5 at the interval, after which they were the better team. The Cambridge scorers were O Cousens (3), G Clayton (3), J E Steel (2), P G Seed, J Eva, and G A Cooke; for Lee the scorers were J H Brown (3), T G Lockyer (2), V B Mitchell and S V Court.

In achieving such a vast improvement the Cambridge side owe a great deal to the fact that this season they have had four games against Northern sides, an experience that must have speeded up their game considerably. In addition they have had the benefit of a week's coaching from J A Barber. If therefore the influence of Northern lacrosse can contribute so much to the success of one team, there is little reason why it should not do likewise for others. The old argument of congested fixture lists will doubtless make its reappearance, but even this does not excuse the lack of enterprise so necessary for the advancement of the game. The greatest trouble of lacrosse is that it is too parochial, and until the sending of teams to outlying districts is organised as a continuous effort and it is not left to clubs to make spasmodic trips little progress will be made.”

March 1934	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	3	9
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March 1934

Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)
North Won 14-9

The Manchester Guardian – 12th March 1934

"NORTH BEAT SOUTH

GOOD GAME IN POOR CONDITIONS

BETTER FINISHING

NORTH 14, SOUTH 9

The North lacrosse team beat the South 14-9 on Saturday on the MAC ground, Fallowfield, after what was most probably the most interesting encounter for some years. The North were without S Wood (Stockport) in goal, R E Oehlcke (South Manchester and Wythenshawe) taking his place and J L Garside (Stockport) for whom W L Clarke (Old Waconians) was brought on. The poor conditions considered - surface water covering large patches of the ground - the game was of a high standard, the South being on average a little inferior in handling to their opponents.

As a result of better finishing the North in the early stages gained a superiority, but persistent efforts by the South reduced the North's lead to 6-5 at the interval. Throughout the second half the South defence did well, and their attack, particularly Nield, were constantly dangerous. In addition to their own work, however, the North defence put in some helpful forcing, which contributed much to their success. The North's scorers were Knott (5), who again demonstrated his unequalled quickness and accuracy, R W Ainsworth (3), G Johnson (2), N R Coe (2), W L Clarke and R Knott; W Nield (3), C Cousen (2), E Barnes (2), Tomlinson, and P G Seed replied for the South.

Nield, on the South attack, was always dangerous with his persistent twists, and gave N R Coe much trouble. C Cousen was also good, especially in handling. Of the defence P G Seed and Moulton, were the best, the latter holding the usually dangerous Hopkins admirably. The North defence played well as a whole and lent their attack, of whom T Knott and G Johnson were much the best, valuable assistance. The two centres Harroway and McClachlin, gave one another little chance of being dangerous."



Stockport Advertiser & Guardian - 16th March 1934

"NORTH'S WIN OVER THE SOUTH

A WELL CONTESTED GAME

The game on the MAC ground, Fallowfield, on Saturday was one of the best seen for some years between representatives of the North and the South. And this notwithstanding that the ground conditions were all against good play, the sodden and slippery turf making it difficult for the players to keep their feet. The pleasing aspect of the game was the improved standard of play shown by the South. The North had two changes - S Wood (Stockport) goal, and J L Gartside (Stockport) first home, being unable to play, their places being taken by R E Ochleke (South Manchester and Wythenshaw) and W I Clarke (Old Waconians). The North had the better of the early part of the play and scored six goals, mainly through the cleverness of T Knott and G Johnson, but so well did the South respond and so persistent were they, that they reduced the North's lead at half time to 6-5. The second half was very similar, the North, getting the majority of the goals, with the South always strongly contesting the position. The result 14-9, was a fair reflex of the game, the North having the advantage through the strength of their defence and good finish of their attack. The South did not appear to quite realise the danger arising from forcing defence men, for no fewer than six of the North's goals were scored by North defenders who took the ball down and made themselves loose.

Moore gave a fine exhibition of goalkeeping for the South and compared more favourably with Ochleke. Lazenby, as usual, rendered good service on the defence, but Seed stood out by himself as a class defender. This young player, formerly of Manchester Grammar School, is a nephew of Percy Seed, the Old South Manchester and England Olympia Captain, and should have a brilliant future in lacrosse. Moulton kept Hopkins well in hand, and McLachan at centre played a useful game, Harraway never getting far away from him. Nield, who is a Stockport player, caused a great amount of trouble to the North defence. He has a body twist which is hard to meet, and is persistent and courageous. Coe found him hard to cope with, and he was South's leading scorer. Cousen was clever with his stick work, speedy, and always ready to take advantage of openings, and Barnes, who formerly played centre for Old Hulmeians, gave these two very useful support, and was well worth his place.

Of the North defence Burgess, Ainsworth and R Knott took the eye, and T Knott and Johnson were easily the best of the attacks."

March 1934	Purley II vs Lee II	Won	12	4
March 1934	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	3	9
October 1934	Surbiton II vs Lee II	Lost	10	13
October 1934	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	8	10
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	6	2
October 1934	Purley vs Lee	Won	6	1
	Lee II vs Old Dunstonians	Won	13	8
November 1934	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Lost	4	7
November 1934	Catford vs Lee	Won	8	6

November 1934	Lee vs Cambridge University	Lost	10	11
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November 1934	Other Matters – Olympic Games			
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The Manchester Guardian – 27th November 1934

“OLYMPIC GAMES?”

Lacrosse may yet be played at the Olympic Games in August 1936, at Berlin, but the final decision will not be known until February. Dr Diem, the general secretary of the German Olympic Council, during his recent visit to this country discussed the matter with officials of the International Federation of Amateur Lacrosse and the English Lacrosse Union. Two demonstrations are permitted, and for the 1936 games baseball as an international sport and gliding as a national sport have been selected. Gliding will have to take place away from the Games grounds, and for this reason lacrosse may receive new consideration as a demonstration game.”

December 1934	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	6	8
	Catford II vs Lee II	Lost	7	10
December 1934	Willoughby vs Lee	Lost	3	4
December 1934	Lee A vs Buckhurst Hill A	Won	3	2

January 1935	Purley vs Lee	Won	14	2
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Lost	8	16
January 1935	Lee II vs Old Thortonians	Lost	3	12
January 1935	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	6	5
January 1935	Lee vs Surbiton	Won	11	7
January 1935	Old Dunstonians vs Lee II (Flag)	Lost	2	22
February 1935	Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag)			
		Lost	2	5
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Lost	10	16
February 1935	Catford A vs Lee A	Won	14	10

February 1935	Other Matters – South vs North Preview			
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Evening News (London) – 28th February 1935

“A LACROSSE OCASSION

The South (Men’s) lacrosse selectors are meeting on Saturday to choose the team to meet the North at Kennington Oval on March 16. This annual match is the most important played in England, and it is hoped that a good crowd will be attracted to the Oval. In the South is confined to about four centres. There are about twelve

clubs in London, Oxford and Cambridge Universities run teams, and recently the game has caught on in Bristol.

THE SOUTH'S YEAR

These meetings between the North and South started in 1877. And after a lapse of a couple of years have been continued from 1882 without interruption except for the war years. With their greater numerical strength, owing to the popularity of the game in Lancashire and Cheshire, the North have had more or less a monopoly of the matches so far, and, in fact, the South have not won since the war. I am told, however, that there is a distinct chance they will break the North's run of successes this year.

SELECTORS BUSY

The South selectors have been very busy watching all the likely talent. There is likely to be a good sprinkling of Londoners in the team, and the Surbiton club which has by far the best record in the South, will provide two or even three of the players. Jack Brown of Lee, who was last year's captain is almost certain to get in.

Cambridge University, who were champions last season, may have a representative in Peter Seed, while the inclusion of the Oxford player Alan Nield is almost a certainty. There is a probability that Bristol will have their third representative since the series was started."

March 1935

Other Matters – North vs South (at The Oval)

North won 10-4

The Observer – 17th March 1935

"NORTH EASILY BEAT SOUTH

NORTH 10, SOUTH 4

North once again demonstrated their superiority over the South when in the annual match at the Kennington Oval yesterday they were successful by 10 goals to 4. It was one of the best games in recent years, and it was only the fact that the South defence fell away in the closing stages that enabled the visitors to score such a convincing victory.

North had two changes from the selected teams. Howard (Old Hulmeians) appearing at centre, and Johnson (Mellor) on the wing attack; both justified their inclusion. The first half was fairly even, for the South, after scoring the first goal of the match, were only 5-3 behind at the interval. The South scored the first goal again in the second half, but then in the final stages the North took the game into their own hands to run out easy winners.

Scorers for the winners were T Knott (Stockport) 3, N Coe (Old Hulmeians) 2, H Scholes (Oldham) 2, R Howard (Old Hulmeians) 2, and G Johnson (Mellor), while D McClachlin (Oxford) 2, D R Baird (Surbiton) and J Brown (Lee) replied for the South."

March 1935

Lee II vs St Dunstan's College	Won	9	7
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March 1935

Catford A vs Lee A	Lost	5	10
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April 1935

Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	10	12
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Lee II vs Henry Thornton School	Won	18	6
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April 1935	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Lost	5	10
	Old Dunstonians II vs Lee II	Won	16	12

May 1935 Other Matters – English County Championship –
Lancashire vs Kent Lancashire won 19-2

The Observer – 5th May 1935

“LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Lancashire beat Kent by nineteen goals to two in the English County Lacrosse championship at Manchester, yesterday. Lancashire led 7-1 at half time chiefly due to individual good play. Kent were best served by Lazenby and Brown. The scorers for Lancashire were Scholes (7), Mills (4), Hallsworth (3), Barber (3), Fielden and Howard, while Brown and Millett replied for the losers.”

The Manchester Guardian – 6th May 1935

“KENT WIN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

LANCASHIRE 19, KENT 2

Lancashire defeated Kent 19-2 in the final of the English county lacrosse championship on the MAC ground, Fallowfield, on Saturday. The game was not as one sided as the score suggests. Kent's chief trouble being poor finishing, and the uncertainty of the catching and passing of their attack. Hard ground demanded accurate handling, and in this respect Lancashire had a tremendous advantage, although they allowed the ball to reach the ground too often. Although Kent held their own in the early part they contributed in first half to their own undoing as too many attacks played behind goal and they made long, slow passes. In the second half forcing from defence brought them trouble as their passing and catching were uncertain and the Lancashire defence quickly profited from the mistakes.

The Kent defence did quite well and they forced the Lancashire attack to play hard throughout to gain their goals, most of which came from accurate return pass. The Lancashire attacks' passing could, however, have been better. Mills scored several nice goals and again combined well with Scholes. Fielden cleared excellently on the Lancashire defence, and Meadows and Edge were as sound. Norbury again proved his class in goal. Honour, the Kent goalkeeper, had a busy time, but in spite of the score he did well and made many excellent saves. Of the losers' defence Lazenby was the best; he intercepted shrewdly. Brown, who scored both Kent's goals, was the best attack; R B Bennett was good up to a point, but missed chances through slow finishing. Lancashire's scorers were: Scholes (7), Mills (4), Hallsworth (3), Barber (3), Howard and Fielden.”

June 1935 Other Matters – Lacrosse at the Olympics.

Stockport Advertiser & Guardian – 7th June 1935

“LACROSSE AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

After the shields had been presented some interesting topics were dealt with by Mr David Davies. Asked if he could explain why lacrosse had been omitted from the programme of demonstration games, at the Olympic Games, at Berlin, next year, Mr Davies said he had been in touch with their representative on the Games Committee, and he learned it had been decided to omit lacrosse in

view of the fact that lacrosse was included in 1928 and 1932. He had also communicated with Lord Aberdare, who told him that the demonstration games so far arranged include gliding and baseball, and he feared nothing could be done about lacrosse.

However, we have suggested to both America and Canada that the International Federation of Amateur Lacrosse should stage an international tournament in this country in 1936. But this matter is still only in the very preliminary stages.

Mr Davies also mentioned that lacrosse was to be represented in the Festival of Sport, to take place at Wembley Stadium in July, in honour of the King's Jubilee. Although lacrosse would be in its 'close' season, it was hoped that lacrosse players would take part in the march past the Prince of Wales, and Mr Davies invited those wishing to take part to communicate with him immediately after Whit Week."

October 1935	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	5	7
October 1935	Lee vs Catford	Won	7	6
October 1935	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	4	7
November 1935	Lee vs Wallington	Won	20	7
November 1935	Lee vs Bristol University	Won	13	5
	Old Dunstonians II vs Lee II	Lost	1	15
November 1935	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee A	Won	5	3
December 1935	Surbiton vs Lee	Won	9	2
	Lee II vs Purley II	Won	4	3
December 1935	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Lost	7	8
December 1935	Lee vs Surbiton	Lost	5	7

January 1936	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	11	6
January 1936	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	4	5
January 1936	St Dunstonians College II vs Lee II			
		Won	12	2
February 1936	Surbiton vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	6	13
	St Dunstan's College vs Lee II (Flag)			
		Lost	6	10
February 1936	Lee vs Oxford University	Won	6	2
	Wallington vs Lee II	Lost	8	14
February 1936	St Dunstan's College vs Lee	Won	8	6

February 1936

Other Matters – South Trial

Daily News (London) – 25th February 1936

“LACROSSE TRIAL

SOUTH V THE REST TEAMS

These teams have been chosen to take part in the Southern lacrosse trial match on the Surbiton's club ground at Hampton Wick next Saturday.

South: A Hobson (Surbiton), L Dawkins (Hampstead), W Lazenby (Surbiton), J Eva (Cambridge Univ), F Rogers (Cambridge Univ), F N Melland (Hampstead), A McLachlin (Oxford Univ), P G Seed (Cambridge Univ) (Capt), R Moss (Oxford Univ), D Board (Surbiton), G Barlow (Oxford Univ), H Hopkins (Hampstead).

The Rest: G Moore (Lee), N Scopes (Old Dunstonian), A Greenwood (Fairfield), C Meek (Willoughby), G Iden (Lee), M Mercer (Surbiton), E Walker (Purley), R McLernon (Cambridge Univ), E French (Old Dunstonian), E Barnes (Willoughby), E Bennett (Catford), J P Sutcliffe (Cambridge Univ).

South meet the North at Kennington Oval on March 14.”

March 1936

Lee vs Purley	Won	8	4
Purley II vs Lee II	Won	9	7

March 1936

Other Matters – North vs South (at The Oval)

North won 19-8

The Manchester Guardian – 16th March 1936

“NORTH OUTPLAY SOUTH

LOSERS' GOOD START

NORTH 19, SOUTH 8

The North defeated the South 19-8 at the Oval, Kennington, after leading 8-3 at half time. The wide margin of goals for the North hardly gives credit to the South's performance. The loser's started well and led 2-1; the South attack were allowed several openings, and deceived the winner's defence by some good dodging, notably on Baird's part.

The South defence were unable to cope with some excellent combined moves, and the covering was not prompt enough to stop Hodgson's dodge and a free run in. Twice he beat Eva in this manner with great ease. R Hallsworth, too, confounded the South defence by two characteristic goals from apparently impossible positions from behind the net. In the second half the North improved on the standard of their first half play, that attack scoring from some first-rate combined moves. After the North had increased their lead by five goals, without reply, misfortune befell them. Following a body save S Wood rushed out to clean, collided with an opponent, and suffered an injured shoulder, which kept him from the field for the remainder of the game. R Knott took his place in goal, and the South promptly took advantage of any scoring opportunities which arose.

With the South scoring the game was enlivened considerably, and the North were so put on their mettle that they dominated the rest

of the play. The game was hard and fast throughout and the North team maintained their fast pace, whereas the South were slower in the second half than the first. Especially was this notable in attack. There was no evidence of continued striving or of anticipating combined moves, as was shown by the North, who were greatly superior in their hard passing and finishing powers. The South's best attack was Baird, who shot five goals. Seed was out of place at wing attack and was more effective at centre in the second half, from where he scored twice. E Walker, who handled well, also scored. F N S Melland and W M Lazenby were the best defenders, and Hobson in goal made many fine saves. All the North defence played as they were expected and the scorers were C H Hodgson (5), H Scholes (4), T Knott (3), N A Barber (2), G Clegg (2), R Hallsworth (2), and R Knott."

March 1936	Lee vs Willoughby	Won	14	6
	Henry Thornton School vs Lee II	Won	8	4
March 1936	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Lost	3	7
October 1936	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	5	4
	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Won	17	6
October 1936	Lee vs Surbiton	Draw	3	3
October 1936	Cambridge University vs Lee	Draw	5	5
November 1936	Buckhurst Hill II vs Lee II	Lost	8	13
November 1936	Willoughby & Hampstead (Combined Team) vs Lee	Lost	10	14
November 1936	Hampstead vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	7	8

Harrow Observer - 4th December 1936

"HAMPSTEAD 8 V LEE 7

This game, played on Stanmore cricket ground, was to decide which club should pass into the semi-final of the Senior Flags competition. Hampstead were the first to settle down and Norman Pearson opened the scoring for Hampstead, to be followed by three more goals, two by Pearson and one by Barrow. Lee then got going with a goal by Lockyer, to be followed by two others, and at half time the score was 4-3 in Hampstead's favour. Lee exerted further pressure in the second half and eventually equalised. Each side the scored alternately and with five minutes to go Lee were leading 7-6. But Hampstead were not to be denied and with Dawkins forcing from defence, they again drew level and then with only a matter of seconds to go, Pearson scored the winning goal for Hampstead. Scorers for Hampstead were Pearson (5), Barrow (2) and F Presland, and for Lee, Lockyer (3), G Presland (2) and Josephs (2)."

December 1936	Catford vs Lee	Lost	1	9
December 1936	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Lost	7	13
	Lee II vs Old Thortonians	Won	5	4
December 1936	Old Dunstonians II vs Lee II	Lost	6	8

January 1937	Wallington vs Lee	Won	25	11
	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Lost	8	10
January 1937	Willoughby A vs Lee A	Won	13	5
January 1937	Lee II vs Hampstead II (Flag)	Won	11	5
February 1937	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	14	5
February 1937	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	7	3

February 1937 Other Matters – South Trial

The Observer - 28th February 1937

“Whites, which included the probable defence, and Colours, containing the probable attack, drew six goals each in the Southern final lacrosse trial at Molesey yesterday. N Pearson (Hampstead) 3, E B Bennett (Catford) 2, and E Barnes (Willoughby) scored for the Colours, and C T Howard (Willoughby) 2, W E Walker (Purley), G Josephs (Lee), F N S Melland (Hampstead), and H L Morgan (Hampstead) replied for Whites.”

March 1937	Willoughby vs Lee	Lost	7	17
	Old Thortonians vs Lee II (Flag)	Lost	3	17

March 1937 Other Matters – English Lacrosse Union Meeting

Stockport County Express - 18th March 1937

“THE ENGLISH UNION MEETING

The annual meeting of the English Lacrosse Union was held at the Constitutional Club, Manchester, on Saturday morning; Mr H W Connell presiding. In addition to the delegates a score of prominent officials attended. Mr David Davies referred to the absence of an old and valued member of the Union - Mr W H Jefferies, from the South-West of England - and announced that the game had received a great set back by being dropped at Bristol University. In fact, the game had almost died out in the West, and is no longer played by Messrs Wills, of Bristol.

Mr C O Lee, in presenting his report of the work of the international Federation of Amateur Lacrosse, spoke of the amazing popularity of the game in Australia. In Melbourne alone there are 152 teams, and there, in Victoria there are some 2500 players. Incidentally, said Mr Lee, there are five Australians playing for London teams.

Mr David Davies, honorary treasurer, and Mr G H Bark, honorary secretary, were reappointed and Mr Bark was also appointed to represent the Union of the British Olympic Council.

A proposal to law ix, section 15, to the effect that at the ‘face’ the ball shall not be played by any but the opposing centre until it passes outside the ‘circle’, was received favourably, but it was decided it would be better not to alter the rule without an extensive

trial. It was thereupon decided to authorise the constituent association for experiment to substitute any alternative to the existing rule they may think advisable during the season 1937-38.

The English Club Championship match for the Iroquois Cup was fixed for April 10 on the Lee Club ground, at New Beckenham, when either Mellor or Old Waconians will meet Hampstead, the Southern champions."

March 1937

Other Matters – Six-a-Side Lacrosse

Evening News – 27th March 1937

"SIX-A-SIDE LACROSSE IN LONDON

The South of England Lacrosse Association is making a great drive to widen interest in the sport. The members are especially keen to see schools take up lacrosse as an additional game to soccer. As part of their missionary work they have arranged a six-a-side knock-out tournament to be held at the Bromley Country Club headquarters of the Old Dunstonians on April 17.

The idea originated with the honorary secretary of the Association, Mr A R Mollet, himself an Old Dunstonian. It is not entirely a new one, for six-a-side lacrosse was played before the war.

TEN COMPETITORS

Mr Mollet tells me that the response to the tournament has been very good. Ten teams at least will be competing, including some of the best in London and the South. Buckhurst Hill, one of the oldest clubs in the country, Catford, Hampstead, Lee, Old Dunstonians, Old Thortonians, Purley, Surbiton, Wallington and Willoughby are among the entries, and will be represented by their strongest sides.

ON A SHORTER PITCH

Lacrosse is a twelve a side game ordinarily. For the six-a-side game clubs pick their fastest players, much in the way that Rugby teams depend mainly on speed in the seven-aside. The only difference with lacrosse is that the pitch is shortened from 100 yard to 66 yards. This also tends to speed up the play and make the game more exciting.

HAMPSTEAD FAVOURITES

Hampstead are likely to be the favourites for the tournament. They can call on F N S Melland, the former ice hockey star, and two Australian players, L C Dawkins and R W Boswell who have been very successful in English lacrosse this season.

Old Dunstonians are fortunate in having F T C Honnor, the South of England goalkeeper, while Willoughby have two South attack players E Barnes and J Swindells."

October 1937	Surbiton vs Lee	Lost	3	7
October 1937	Willoughby II vs Lee II	Lost	4	13
October 1937	Lee vs Catford	Lost	6	9
	Hampstead & Lee Combined vs Surbiton II			
		Won	7	5
November 1937	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	8	5

November 1937	Lee vs Oxford University	Lost	4	14
November 1937	Cambridge University vs Lee	Won	5	0
November 1937	Old Thortonians II vs Lee II	Lost	6	7
December 1937	Surbiton vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	5	6
December 1937	Lee vs Old Thortonians	Lost	7	10
	Old Thortonians II vs Lee II	Lost	4	9

December 1937

Other Matters – Ten or Twelve a-Side

The Manchester Guardian – 14th December 1937

“THE FUTURE OF THE GAME

TEN A SIDE OR TWELVE?

The almost complete postponement of lacrosse matches on Saturday does at least provide an interval for reflection on the game's future. The important decision to change to the American ten-a-side play taken last summer is not likely to prove any less contentious as to the future at the close of the season. It must be remembered that the English Union granted permission for the new laws to be tried experimentally for the past season only. Lacrosse in the South of England is still twelve-a-side, and the South of England Lacrosse Association do not view the new type of game sympathetically. The North and South are equally represented on the English Lacrosse Union committee, and it is possible therefore at the union's annual meeting in March permission to continue with the new laws may be withdrawn. It is obvious therefore that some hard thinking must be accomplished in the North before this meeting.

The great problem before Northern clubs is whether the ten-a-side game shall be continued or whether a return shall be made to the twelve-a-side game. An opportunity to discuss the position will be provided at a meeting which the North of England Lacrosse Association will hold early in the new year. Before they attend that meeting clubs should have made their individual decisions as to what they want for the future. The problem is complex and can be viewed from the purely material standpoint of a club's ability to produce full teams each week, or as to how many members they are now able to provide games for in consequence of the lower number of men per team required.

Other clubs' decisions may be arrived at on less material grounds – considerations whether lacrosse is improved as a game or as a spectacle by the changes. Other factors, such as revenue from subscriptions, the availability of additional grounds, and the ability of players to maintain the high standard of physical fitness which the new style of play demands and many other circumstances must all be duly thought over before the North can decide. If the opinion is in favour of a continuance of ten-a-side lacrosse, then a first rate case will have to be placed before the English Lacrosse Union before a permanent change can be granted. Once a decision on the type of play required has been made the desirability of retaining such changes as the off-side law or the four separate periods should prove comparatively simple. Now is the time for reasoned thinking on the matter, not immediately before the meeting of the NELA. A false step may jeopardise the whole future of lacrosse.”

December 1937	Lee II vs Old Dunstonians II	Lost	2	18
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January 1938	Lee vs Purley	Lost	8	12
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January 1938	Wallington vs Lee	Won	10	6
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January 1938	County Match Preview – Kent vs Surrey			
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Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 14th January 1938

“LACROSSE COUNTY FINAL IN BROMLEY TOMORROW

At the Bromley Country Club, Crown Lane, tomorrow, Kent oppose Surrey in the Southern Counties final, at 2.30pm.

The match is an open one and undoubtedly it will be a tight game. Both sides are strong in defence. Each attack has one or two young players new to County honours, on whose form the result may rest.

Kent Team :- F T Chandler-Honour (Old Dunstonians), H C Scopes (Old Dunstonians), R H Bennett (Catford), E Berrett (Old Dunstonians), W R G Baker (Old Dunstonians), D F Andrews (Catford), F Josephs (Lee), G H Forster (old Dunstonians), A F Gould (Catford), A R Mollett (Old Dunstonians), S Bennett (Catford), and E B Bennett (Catford).”

January 1938	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Lost	2	17
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February 1938	Willoughby vs Lee	Lost	2	16
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February 1938	Catford vs Lee	Won	19	6
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February 1938	Lee II vs St Dunstan’s College	Lost	5	17
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March 1938	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	8	6
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March 1938	Other Matters – North vs South (at The Oval)			
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North won 14-6

The Manchester Guardian –14th March 1938

“NORTH OUTPLAY SOUTH

LITTLE’S SIX GOALS

The North defeated the South 14-5 at lacrosse at Kennington Oval, and so maintained their customary supremacy in spite of having a team which included six reserves. The losers started well. The attack combined excellently and showed handling ability well above the average. The South gained a 2-1 lead while the North were still attempting to settle down to the old twelve-a-side type of game. The winners’ attacks overcrowded badly in the early part of the match and the South defence took full advantage of this, aided by the addition of an extra attack falling back.

J H Little, who shot six goals for the North, was the best attack on the field and demonstrated the advantage of good handling by rarely filing to take the final pass when going in free. Clegg was

always dangerous although he scored only twice. The best North defenders were Edge and Viles. The other scorers for the winners were Barber (3). R Hallsworth (2), and Viles. The South played good lacrosse and the defenders supported one another well. The best were Eva and Rogers, who scored two fine goals after having forced cunningly. Walker, who worked tirelessly at centre and did well at getting the ball from the face, and J R Howard (2) on attack. N Pearson also shot two goals for the South."

The Manchester Guardian -15th March 1938

"The North and South match, which the North won 14-6, was played with the old twelve-a-side laws, but it provided the supporters of the new laws with no additional arguments favourable to a case for universal change. The game was in every way as interesting to watch as ten-a-side play, and proved that skilful combination on attack and the use of constructive passing are more necessary with the more crowded field. It also demonstrated the value of a specialist as opposed to the jack-of-all-trades type of player required for the ten-a-side game. Many of the South players were men who have until recently played in Northern lacrosse, and for this reason the losers produced more handling skill than they have for a number of years."

March 1938	Lee vs Woodford	Won	8	2
March 1938	Lee II vs Surbiton II	Lost	3	7

August 1938

Other Matters – Kent's Lacrosse History

Lewisham Borough News -23rd August 1938

"KENT'S FINE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

Lacrosse, which is said to be of ancient Indian origin, and is now the national game of Canada, first came to the borough in 1890 when the game was introduced into St Dunstan's College, Catford, by Mr C M Stuart, their great pioneering headmaster. With the support of Mr C J Pugh the game became popular.

The history of the three local men's clubs is interesting, Catford (second oldest club in the South) began in 1893. In 1903 their second team (except one member) left to form the Lee club. And, in 1928 four Catfordians resigned to start the Old Dunstonians.

Blackheath also had a club. In 1921 Catford amalgamated with them for a second team under the nom-de-plume of "The Black Cats". In 1923, however, Blackheath came to an end, the remainder joining Lee.

ELEVEN TIME SUCCESSFUL

Kent (which is formed from these three clubs) has a fine record. Since 1900, twenty-seven Southern Championships have been run, and Kent has won eleven times.

The great man behind lacrosse is Mr C O Lee. To say his support and achievements are magnificent is inadequate. He was a schoolboy at St Dunstan's when the game was introduced.

It is to St Dunstan's that we look for the future, which promises to be very bright. For Mr J F Usherwood (who recently retired from the headship) has consolidated its position by his keenness and enthusiasm. Last season he called in Mr F C G Percival to act as

coach. And he is recognised as the greatest player the South has produced.

Still further, it is pleasing to learn that the new headmaster, Mr W R Hecker (as reported in the "Lewisham Borough News" on March 29) was introduced to lacrosse during his lecture tour of America and Canada. So his support can be counted upon."

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October 1938	Lee vs Surbiton	Lost	5	12
October 1938	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Lost	6	19
October 1938	Lee vs Cambridge University	Lost	7	27
October 1938	Purley vs Lee	Lost	8	10
November 1938	Lee II vs Old Thortonians Hawks	Won	12	3
November 1938	Lee vs Willoughby	Lost	5	15
December 1938	Catford vs Lee	Lost	6	17

December 1938 Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Surrey
Kent won 14-7

Sutton & Epsom Advertiser – 15th December 1938

"KENT BEAT SURREY IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Kent, who have their best team for many years, made an excellent start in the lacrosse County Championship when they beat Surrey, the Southern title holders, by 14 goals to 7 at Ravensbourne on Saturday. The winners attack showed excellent combination and rapidly mastered the opposing defence to lead by 8-3 at the interval. Their scorers were J R H French (Old Dunstonians) (5), E B Bennett Catford (4), G H Forster (Old Dunstonians) (4), and L Josephs (Lee). Surrey obtained their goals through Cochrane (Old Thortonians) (3), D MacFarlane (Surbiton) (2), W E Walker (Purley), and A C Gregory (Surbiton)."

December 1938	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Lost	5	8
December 1938	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	4	17
	Hampstead II vs Lee II	Lost	3	5

January 1939	Catford vs Lee	Draw	10	10
January 1939	Lee vs Wallington	Won	11	6
January 1939	Lee vs Old Thortonians	Won	10	8
January 1939	Hampstead vs Lee	Lost	4	14
January 1939	Purley, Lee & Catford vs Henry Thornton School			
		Won	12	2
February 1939	Wallington vs Purely, Lee & Catford			
		Lost	9	15
February 1939	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Lost	5	14
March 1939	St Dunstan's College vs Lee II (Flag)			
		Lost	8	15
March 1939	Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)			
				North won 12-5

The Manchester Guardian – 13th March 1939

"NORTH VICTORIOUS

SOUTH OFFER SPIRITED RESISTANCE

NORTH 12, SOUTH 5

The North defeated the South by 12-5 in a lacrosse match at Cale Green. The winners' margin of victory is an injustice to the South's play. On a ground devoid of firm foothold the game failed to produce any notable lacrosse. The losers' stubborn resistance, however, created more than usual interest. The North in the first half were repeatedly attacking, partly because the loser's attacks failed to hold the ball. When they were in possession, however, they were dangerous. The North's half time lead of 4-3 reflects great credit on the indomitable spirit of the losers' defence, which gave the opposing attack few opportunities of goals.

The South equalised early in the second half and for a period were the superior side. Only good goalkeeping and determined defence play denied them a lead for they showed fine spirit and were the quicker team on the ball. The losers' finishing was their weak link, and only hard work enabled the North to struggle to a lead of 6-4. At this stage came the climax, and in the closing minutes the winners added six further goals with ease. The South's tactics and handling were probably the best they have produced in recent years. All the attacks were virtually Northerners, and though each contributed some clever play Stones (1) was the most dangerous and Ginn (2) indefatigable. Pear and Alquist both shot clever goals.

The best of the South defence were E Barnes, who gave Hodgson little scope, and Robson, who deprived Harroway of his attacking chances by persistent forcing. On the North attack, Whitaker, who slowly became indistinguishable from the ground itself, was the most dangerous and shot four goals. The other scorers were Harroway (2), Renshaw (2), Barber, Knott, Whitehead and Seed. The defence revealed no weakness, and it would be invidious to single out any particular player."

March 1939 Henry Thornton School vs Lee Lost 12 14

March 1939 Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex
Middlesex won 9-5

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 31st March 1939

"KENT'S RECORD BEATEN

KENT 5 V MIDDLESEX 9

John Dryden wrote :- 'they can conquer who they believe they can'. And had Kent played with this quotation on their lips, at St Dunstan's College, on Saturday, the scores in this Southern County final would have been reversed.

Middlesex contained the senior flag finalists, some of whom played lacrosse in the North of England and Australia, but Kent also have fine players, all of whom learnt lacrosse at St Dunstan's and should not have lacked confidence.

However, in the opening stages of the game, Brian Bennett of Kent scored with an excellent flick-back shot. But Middlesex mustered themselves and took the lead within five minutes, Baird forced to equalise; Riches netted the second; Pearson, the never say die of Hampstead, netted; to be followed by Riches six minutes later. And so half time came with Middlesex leading 4-1.

In the second half, Middlesex played steadily, packing their goal and were greatly helped by Harker and Barnes. Kent, however, gradually improved, and played more behind goal.

But Kent could not stop Corbett and Simpson from netting two more for Middlesex before they produced their long waited retaliation. For this Titley earns credit. He passed to Forster from behind goal, who netted, and then he (Titley) snapped up a bouncing pass and added Kent's third.

Middlesex replied with two from Corbett and Presland and twenty-seven minutes later Gould netted a good goal for Kent from a top corner shot. Titley was awarded Kent's fifth two minutes later. Finally, Corbett put another in for Middlesex.

On defence Berrett and Andrews must be mentioned. The latter stuck to Simpson like a piece of ivy. In attack Gould and Titley must be congratulated on their tireless scheming.

So Middlesex won for the twelfth time, which is once more than Kent who previously held the record. Still further, Middlesex have been champions five times over the last seven years."

February 1946 Other Matters – Cambridge University vs London
Cambridge won 22-6

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 22nd February 1946

"CATFORD LACROSSE CLUB

Cambridge University played a London side at Addiscombe last Saturday, which included three members of Catford club. This was the Londoner's first game since the war and the Varsity team won by 22 goals to 6. Andrews, of Catford, played well on defence as did Josephs, of Lee, on the attack."

March 1946

Other Matters – Old Dunstonians vs London

Old Dunstonians won 9-5

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 29th March 1946

“OLD DUNSTONIANS BEAT LONDON

AN OLD DUNSTONIANS XII 9, LONDON 5

Dio Lewis wrote: ‘the building of a perfect body crowned by a perfect brain is at once the greatest earthly problem and grandest hope of the race’. And when witnessing this game at Addiscombe Cricket club ground on Saturday on felt that every man who played in this very enjoyable game had achieved that aim of playing lacrosse. The speed, energy, keenness and fitness displayed was magnificent.

The London team was made up of lacrosseurs drawn from several South of England clubs. While the Old Dunstonian XII consisted of players from the OD’s, Catford and Lee.

The game was played at a high tempo. The OD’s lively and active attack was a little too strong for the London defence. Walker, whose speed and manoeuvring is a danger to any defence, kept his attack milling back and forth and engineered most of the goals. Hughes of London was always ferreting, and sent in several award sizzling shots. But Leal in the OD goal was hard to beat. Josephs, at centre, gave a fine display; his energy was untiring. Half time came with the OD’s leading 5-3. Andrews, Josephs, Forster, James and Walker had scored, while Hughes, Adler and Mann had netted for London.

In the second half the OD’s increased their lead, but London tried hard to beat Leal in the OD goal; only Hughes managed to beat him, twice. Leal was spotted by the ‘Borough News’ before the war. He is developing a professional touch reminiscent of Frank Chandler-Honnor. The OD attack kept the ball swinging round very well. Shillito, Forster, Marsh and Tomkins added to the score, as the game came to an end.

During this year several lacrosse matches have been played, and the keenness to revive interest in the game has been most heartening. It is hoped that many more lacrosseurs will rally to their clubs by the time the next season commences.

On April 6 the Six-a-Sides will take place. This will be the last meeting of the season. Watch these columns for further announcements.”

April 1946

Other Matters – Six-a-Side Tournament

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 12th April 1946

“SIX-A-SIDES AT MORDEN

At Morden Playing Fiels, St Helier, Morden, present home of Henry Thornton School sport, on April 6, 10 teams competed and 12 lacrosse clubs were represented. Some very exciting games were enjoyed and witnessed by a large crowd of enthusiasts, almost as great in pre-war years. The standard of lacrosse was good, but it was obvious that some players were suffering from the cobwebs of war. Practice, however, will clean them away. To many this was their first game since 1940.

This meeting the SELA to see if it was possible to draw up a programme for next season. They can, because there is so much

enthusiasm to keep alive a game noted to be one of the finest for maintaining physical fitness.

A combined Surbiton and Willoughby team won this six-a-side contest. Their speed, sting and endurance could not be matched."

October 1946

Other Matters – Lacrosse Programme

Lewisham Borough News – 1st October 1946

"A FULL PROGRAMME PREPARED

Lacrosse has been played in this country for 70 years. It was introduced to the British Isles from Canada in 1876. Over there it was the favourite game of the early Indians, who called it Baggatway and often mustered as much as 1,000 men in full war paint to play this sport between goals sometimes half a mile apart.

When this new lacrosse season opens on October 5 the residents of this peaceful Borough need not fear any such disturbance to public law and order, however, lacrosseurs every where will enjoy themselves in their usual quiet way. But it is a pity we no longer call the game 'Baggatway', as this Indian word describes it very well, for, as any player knows, once you have got the ball you 'Bag-it-and away' you go.

The South of England Lacrosse Association have drawn up a full programme equal to that enjoyed in pre-war years. There will be the Championship and County matches, the Flags and Iroquois Cup competitions and the North v South, and ever popular six-a-sides at the conclusion of the season. It is hoped that the North v South match will be played in London. It used to be held at Kennington Oval. And there is a possibility that the Oxford v Cambridge match will take place in London.

A new interest in lacrosse has sprung up since the war ended. Many players, tired of modern life with its restrictions, look forward to playing again with great keenness, as lacrosse is a game possessing few rules, no 'off-side' rule few boundary lines and the ball is not out of play when it has passed outside the goal and behind the goal-line. And it can also be played without a referee.

It is a game especially suitable for boys in their middle teens, as has been proved recently, Mr John Leal, an Old Dunstonian, introduced lacrosse to St Mildred's, Lee, Youth Club. The sprinting opportunities that the game presented attracted the boys. And now they have formed a club and will play all London clubs."

Lewisham Borough News – 1st October 1946

"PRACTICE MATCHES AT PURLEY

Saturday, September 21, featured, on their ground at Addiscombe Cricket Club, the first of two practice sessions before Purley Lacrosse Club open the coming season's fixture list. Every opportunity was taken during the first part of the afternoon to concentrate on instructional movements, stickhandling practice and to 'loosen up' by both the attack and defence. Alan Hodgson – now supposedly too old for active participation – is looking after the defence and Freddie Ewen – still as ever green as always – concentrates on attack. The skipper this year – Eric Jones – is to be congratulated on this 'tactic' and everyone benefited from his advice and hints.

The afternoon was rounded off with a scratch match against Lee and some members of the new St Mildred's club. Although those

who 'get no younger' had ample proof before the afternoon was out that the 'Old Man with the sickle' had indeed taken his toll over the last six years considerable evidence was visible that all the efforts which have been, and are still being, made to put lacrosse 'back on the map' will be highly successful.

With season 1946-47 come more old faces complete with demob suits and the club were pleased indeed to welcome them! To Metcalfe - who hails from the North - they extend a sincere greeting and trust his first season will be the commencement of a long and happy association with Purley.

This season are full scale league and 'Flags' competitions and fixtures with both Universities. There is the County Championship to look forward to and the North v South match is to be held in London.

With Lee sharing the ground lacrosse will be 'on view' every Saturday at Addiscombe and all old members and those interested are the recipients of an open invitation to come along."

November 1946

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Draw 12 12

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 15th November 1946

"LEE 12, OLD DUNSTONIANS 12

From the opening face off, it was obvious that the whippy Heath-Peachey-Price combination of the Lee attack meant business. Peachey opened for Lee, then OD's equalised each side adding alternately until 3-3, when Birch gave the OD's the lead. French pushed them one more ahead a minute later. The OD's held a 7-6 lead when half time, Batchelor (2), French (2), Barker, Birch and Mollett having netted for them. Lee had scored through Peachey (3), Heath (2) and Price.

In the second half, the Lee attack were more dangerous. Heath used his height and strides to advantage and netted three. French added one for OD's. Peachey then made it 10-8 in Lee's favour. Then for OD's French, Birch and Batchelor crashed home beauties. Peachey notching another for Lee making it 11-11. Then French, hero of many games, sent the OD's supporters cheering as he went through the Lee defence, and scored as he fell. Heath did the same for Lee just before the final whistle.

OD's would have done better if the attacks had not missed some passes in front of goal, and tried to run round their men and shoot more often. Batchelor and French deserve mention, while on defence Sizmur is playing well."

November 1946

Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News - 19th November 1946

"KENT TEAM PICKED

Kent selectors were present at Wallington Cricket Club ground on Saturday when a Kent XII played The Rest. During the game positional switches were made, players were shuffled from one side to the other, and general tactics were observed and improved. This year the selectors have had difficulty in choosing their defence and a suitable centre. In the latter position Kent have lost G P Josephs of Lee, who is unfit. J R H French (old Dunstonians) has stepped into the breach.

From this workout at Wallington C A Shewell of Catford earned his place at first home. He gave a fine exhibition, taking the ball and shooting under check and eddying past his man effectively. He worked in well with E V Bachelor (Old Dunstonians), who was spotted by a "Boroughs News" photographer in 1939, when playing for St Dunstan's College. A F Gould of Catford was also prominent, passing and catching smoothly and accurately, while K O Peachey of Lee worked in excellently with the rest, "cradling" the ball and shooting with deadly accuracy.

The Kent team picked for the first round of the Southern County competition is shown below. They will meet Middlesex on November 30 at Henry Thornton School ground, Rose Hill, Morden, Surrey.

Team: goal, J Leal (O D's); point and captain, S V Court (Lee); cover point, J A G Sizmur (O D's); third man, D F Andrews (Catford); left defence, G H Forster (O D's); right defence, A J Millstead (Catford); centre, J R H French (O D's); left attack, K O Peachey (Lee); right attack, R B Heath (Lee); third home, A F Gould (Catford); second home, E V Bachelor (O D's); first home, C A Shewell (Catford).

This year Kent stand a good chance of beating Middlesex, a team which has always been their bogey in the past. Kent's strength is in their attack, the best for many years."

December 1946

Other Matters – Kent vs Middlesex

Kent won 20-16

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 6th December 1946

"Kent lacrosse team beat Middlesex by 20 goals to 16 at Morden last Saturday in one of the most exciting county lacrosse matches seen in the South of England for many years."

December 1946

Other Matters – Post War Development

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –27th December 1946

"Lacrosse suffered severe blows after the 1914-18 war, when many clubs failed to re-form, due, we believe, to the lack of some central organisation to give them assistance. The possibility of a repetition of this was foreseen by the South of England Lacrosse Association, so they formed a Development Committee to nurse the game through this difficult post war period. From this Committee there sprang the publicity, finance, and schools committees, and they proved themselves worthy of their existence.

In the early part of the year many enjoyable games were played, but a great fillip was given when the Six-a-Sides Contest was held at Morden in April. Here were gathered the nuclei of all clubs. The meeting was a great success and vital links were forged.

During the summer the development committee sent representatives from all clubs to Wembley on July 6 to demonstrate lacrosse before the Duchess of Kent in the National Festival of Youth Rally.

When the season commenced in early October a full programme had been mapped out, equal to that of the pre-war days. At first it seemed too ambitious, but only to those suffering from the lethargy of the post-war period. Up to date this programme has been carried out. Only the weather has interfered. The development committee are to be congratulated on such fine work."

January 1947

Lee & Hampton Court vs Old Dunstonians

Won 17 11

Lewisham Borough News – 7th January 1947

“O DUNSTONIANS DEFEND WELL

LEE & HAMPTON COURT 17, OLD DUNSTONIANS 11

At Addiscombe on Saturday a combined Lee and Hampton Court team met Old Dunstonians in a fast and enjoyable game. The strength of OD's attack was greatly enhanced by the welcome return of Maurice Granger, whose craft has mellowed over the war years. Their opposing attack, however, was stronger, but OD's defence played a good game. At half time, Lee and Hampton Court led by 6-4, their goals having been netted by Gregory and Hughes (2 each), Peachey and Bailey. OD's scored through Granger, French, Batchelor and Barker.

In the second half the best play was seen in the OD's defence zone. OD defenders broke up many attacks with good interceptions. Lee and Hampton Court added goals through Price and Hughes (3 each), Peachey (2), Heath, Gregory and Bailey. OD's notched the remainder of theirs through Granger, French and Batchelor (2 each) and Tomkins.”

January 1947

Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 7th January 1947

“KENT TEAM FOR COUNTY FINAL

The final of the Southern County Lacrosse Championship will be played at Chislehurst and Sidcup County Grammar School for Boys on January 18 at 2.30pm. Kent will play Surrey in what promises to be the most exciting match of the year. Both teams possess fine players. Kent are favourites, due to their magnificent win over Middlesex in November.

Kent: J Leal (Old Dunstonians), S V Court (Lee) (Captain), J A G Sizmur (OD), D F Andrews (Catford), A J Milsted (Catford), W P Shewell (Catford), G H Forster (OD), J R H French (OD), R B Heath (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), A F Gould (Catford), and C A Shewell (Catford).”

January 1947

County Match – Kent vs Surrey

Kent won 15-8

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 24th January 1947

“LOCAL PLAYERS TAKE KENT TO VICTORY

Players from local clubs comprised the Kent team which won the South of England County Championship on the ground of Chislehurst-Sidcup Grammar School for Boys, Sidcup, on Saturday. Kent will now meet the Northern Counties champions in the England final.

In a moderately good contest, Kent won by 15-8, and were as deserving of their success as the score suggests. Not only were they more often on the attack, but their passing and combinations were superior to that of Surrey. Getting the lead straight from the

start, Kent were soon three up, but Surrey fought back to level the scores. More Kent pressure was awarded with four goals in a row, to give them a 7-3 lead, but Surrey netted twice more before the interval, when the reckoning was 7-5.

Again Kent opened well with a couple of quick points, and the Surrey staged a revival and scored two goals. Kent showed their best form after this, and smart work led to them adding six goals in succession before Surrey notched their final goal of the match.

Scorers for Kent: C A Shewell (5), R Heath (3), A F Gould (3), C H Forster (3), and D F Andrews. The Surrey goals came from W E Walker (2), G Metcalfe(2), L H Bristow, P Chandler, and S Gregory.

Kent: J Leal (Old Dunstonians), A J Milstead (Catford), J A G Sizmur (O D's), S V Court (Lee), D F Andrews (Catford), F Leal (O D's), C H Forster (O D's), J R H French (O D's), R Heath (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), A F Gould (Catford), C A Shewell (Catford).

Surrey: F D Ewen (Purley), D Marsh (Old Thortonians), J H Goodwin (Purley), K King (Wallington), J G Lee (Wallington), H Tatnell (Purley), W E Walker (Purley), G A Brown (Henry Thornton School), L H Bristow (Purley), P Chandler (Wallington), G Metcalfe (Purley), S Gregory (Old Thortonians).

Kent have now won the championship of the Southern Counties 12 times since 1900, and equal Middlesex's record. They now qualify for the English County Final, which may be played in London in April."

February 1947

Other Matters – South vs Rest

Lewisham Borough News - 11th February 1947

"SOUTH V REST TRIAL

The South v Rest trial will be played on February 22 at East Molesey Cricket Club ground, Hampton Court. Teams :-

South: F D Ewen (Purley), A Dennis (Cambridge University), A M Harker (Hampstead), F G Moulton (Buckhurst Hill), A B Maddocks (Hampstead), E P Wommersley (Hampstead), N Plews (Hampstead), J Eastwood (Cambridge University), J Swindells (Hampstead), N Robson, Capt (Hampstead and Melbourne, Australia). A Zimmern (Hampstead), and K Shewell (Catford).

Rest: H J Leal (Old Dunstonians), D Marsh (Old Thortonians), D F Andrews (Catford), J A G Sizmur (Old Dunstonians), W P Shewell (Catford), J C Goodwin (Purley), G Metcalfe (Purley), W Thompson (Cambridge University and Canada), J R H French (Old Dunstonians), G H Forster, Capt (Old Dunstonians), A F Gould (Catford), and E F Gregory (Old Thortonians).

Eight of the champion Kent county side are in the trial. Zimmern is a doubtful starter in the South side, as he is still in the Service, but Gould could easily replace him as he combines so well with Shewell. There will probably be some reshuffling in the South attack to include Thompson, it is not certain who will play centre."

April 1947

Other Matters – Six-a-Side Tournament

Hampstead News - 17th April 1947

"HAMPSTEAD WIN SOUTH CUP

Hampstead Lacrosse club won the South of England six-a-side knock-out competition at Morden on Saturday, beating Lee 13-1 in the final.

R Zimmern and J Swindell's were the sides top scorers, Neil Robson, an Australian international, captained the side and received the cup for the Hampstead team."

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 18th April 1947

"SIX-A-SIDES AT MORDEN

The lacrosse season was brought to a very successful conclusion at Rose Hill Playing Fields, Morden on Saturday, where the ever popular six-a-side knock-out contest were played. Twenty-two teams took part, eleven in each of the senior and junior competitions.

Each round was played five minutes each way, with the exception of the final, which was ten minutes each way. In the event of a draw, the game was continued until a goal was netted.

In the senior competition the Old Dunstonians entered two teams, one being called the Older Dunstonians. The latter comprised of 6 of their pre-war first XII. This team had a hard tussle with Catford, who beat them 3-2 after extra time. Then Lee beat Catford 3-2, but lost to Hampstead in the final. Old Dunstonians lost 5-2 to Hampstead in a previous round. Hampstead outshone all others for speed and stick handling; four of their men played for the South at the Oval this year.

The junior contest was very close. St Midred's did well to beat Sidcup Old Boys 3-1 and then beat Henry Thornton School B 2-0 and narrowly lost to Clarke's Nondescripts, a team of veterans captained by T H Clark, ex Catford player and pre-war editor of "Lacrosse". They beat the school 6-4 after a hard game in which the school never gave up."

May 1947

County Match – Lancashire us Kent

Lancashire won 22-0

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 16th May 1947

"LANCASHIRE BEAT KENT

LANCASHIRE 22, KENT 0

Although Kent were well beaten in the English County lacrosse final at Manchester on May 10, they came away from the Heaton Mersey Guild ground retaining their reputation of being a game, fighting side. The large score does not give a true picture of the game. Owing to last minute changes Kent's attack was severely weakened, Gould and Heath being unable to play. Kent's defence, however, earned great praise for the doughty show they displayed throughout the match. The game was played in four quarters of twenty minutes each, instead of two halves, an innovation which could be introduced in the South.

In the first quarter Kent mastered the whole game, although they rarely gained the ball from face-off. They were unlucky not to score. However, the whippy Lancashire attack, led by Jack Little, the crack North of England tactician, weaved his attack around the Kent goal repeatedly. But the checking of F Leal, Sizmur and Taylor was the most exciting defence seen for some time. Also J Leal, Kent's net-tender, saved so many shots that the Lancashire attack were shooting wildly, but they netted one near the end of the first

quarter. In the second quarter Lancashire increased the pressure. J Leal was slightly shaken when, in saving a shot, the ball swept his eye guard and spectacles from his face. He continued to play doggedly. At half time Lancashire led 6-0.

In the third quarter Kent went in with great determination, but the Lancashire side pressed back their opponents attack by forcing defence in rotation. It was also clear that the fitter and younger Lancashire side were tiring Kent. Kent's attack were now disjointed, but their defence ringed the goal zone, beating off wave after wave of attacks, which increased the momentum as soon as Lancashire perceived a weak spot. Their lead increased to 13-0. Then, when the fourth quarter commenced, bad light and blinding rain added to Kent's difficulties; Lancashire did not let up and added nine more goals in rapid style.

At the reception afterwards, N Coe, Lancashire and England captain, praised J Leal for his net-tending. He, with F Leal and J A G Sizmur played such first class defence lacrosse that all should be assured of a place in next year's South of England side. F H Taylor of Lee also played well.

A R Mollet, secretary of SELA, said that it was hoped that more matches between northern and southern clubs would take place, as lacrosseurs in the South would learn the finer points of the game.

Next year, this County final will be played in London, as will the Iroquois Cup match, while the North v South classic will take place in Manchester. This match finally closes the lacrosse season. But practice will commence at Old Dunstonian club. Beckenham Hill in July, through August and September, until the season opens in October."

October 1947

Other Matters – Friendly Match

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –3rd October 1947

"Purley Lacrosse Club commence their season at Addiscombe tomorrow (Saturday), with a friendly match against Lee."

October 1947

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Draw 13 13

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –17th October 1947

"A GREAT TUSSE

LEE 15, OLD DUNSTONIANS 13

In this exciting, hard fought, friendly game at Addiscombe on Saturday, where both sides displayed champagne lacrosse, and were as frisky as chipmunks, there was never a dull moment.

The Shewell-Gould combination was split. Peachey, Lee's new captain, played a polished game on the inexperienced Sadler, netting four goals in the first half. Josephs, who often cleeked the ball from the face off, scored another.

French, now an ambidexter of renown, cleverly dunched his way through to feed the whippy elusive Batchelor. Both netted two goals, while Forster (2) and Watts added to give the OD's a 7-5 lead at half time.

After the interval Lee hit out quickly levelling the score with two rapid goals from Peachey and Price. Then followed a ding-dong struggle, a neck and neck rush for goals.

Lee were leading 13-11 near the end of the game, but a converted effort by the assiduous, beaver like OD attack, enabled Batchelor and Forster to draw level again.

Lee added through Shewell and Josephs (3 each), while the OD netters were Batchelor and Forster (2 each), Watts and Barker.”

October 1947	Lee vs Hampton Court	Draw	17	9
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November 1947	Lee B vs Old Dunstonian B	Lost	7	11
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 14th November 1947

“LEE B 7, O DUNSTONIAN B 11

In a fast moving game on Addiscombe Cricket club ground on Saturday, the OD's turned defeat into victory, after being 5-2 down at half time.

In the first period they played in to the cramped end of the arena, where manoeuvring was difficult. Only French and Batchelor could beat Humphrey on the Lee net.

The Lee attack with Shewell-Gould pace makers, fizzed across the OD goal zone after face off man Josephs had jet propelled the movement. Each one netted. So did Newdick and Titley – the last named making a welcome return to lacrosse having played for Catford pre-war.

In the second period, however, the OD attack gave their best exhibition this season. The Lee goal gainers in this period were Shewell and Titley. The OD scorers were Forster (3), French and Batchelor (2 each), Tomkins and Newdick.”

November 1947	Lee vs Purley	Won	11	6
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Lewisham Borough News – 18th November 1947

“TOO FAST FOR PURLEY

LEE 11, PURLEY 6

Purley Lacrosse Club were beaten 11-6 by Lee in a friendly match played at Addiscombe, on Saturday.

With Heath, Shewell and Gould in their attack. Lee were a far faster side than their opponents. After two minutes, Heath opened the account for his side and within another minute Lee scored again.

Lee held the initiative and at half time the score was 7-4 in their favour. Metcalfe, Walker and Lamb had scored for Purley before the interval.

After the resumption Lee piled on the pressure but good goalkeeping by Ewen kept many attacks at bay. Heath, Shewell and Goddard combined well with the result that the Lee attack scored four further goals in the second half.

Purley went near on several occasions but the Lee defence held and Metcalfe and Walker scored their only goals in the second half.”

November 1947	Hampstead us Lee	Won	14	6
<p><i>Harrow Observer - 27th November 1947</i></p> <p><i>"On Saturday at Stanmore, Hampstead lost to Lee in a championship game. Hampstead played a man short throughout, a weakness which was cleverly exploited by the visiting side, who scored most of their goals forcing from the defence. The final score was 14-6."</i></p>				
December 1947	County Match – Kent us Essex	Kent won	21-6	
<p><i>Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 12th December 1947</i></p> <p>"KENT'S EASY WIN"</p> <p>KENT 21, ESSEX 6</p> <p><i>A strong Kent side produced an easy victory at Wailington ground, on Saturday, but Essex are to be congratulated for their spirited resistance.</i></p> <p><i>Kent goal-gainers were Forster (6), Peachey (5), Bachelor (4), Josephs (3), Lewis (2) and Gould. Essex goal-getters were Shillito (4), and Hodgkinson (2).</i></p> <p><i>Kent now meet Middlesex in the final of the Southern Counties Championship on January 10, 1948. The winners will meet the champion northern county at Lord's cricket ground on March 20, 1948."</i></p>				
December 1947	Lee us Old Thortonians	Won	9	7
<p><i>Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 12th December 1947</i></p> <p>"LEE RALLY TO WIN"</p> <p>LEE 9, OLD THORTONIANS 7</p> <p><i>Owing to County calls both teams were below full strength at Morden on Saturday. But nevertheless it was a close and enjoyable game.</i></p> <p><i>The OT's scored two quick goals, Lee being unable to cope with the 'free man', and the half time score being 4-2 in the OT's favour.</i></p> <p><i>During the second half although the OT's played well, Lee played even better. Defence and attack combining perfectly resulted in their scoring 7 goals to the OT's 3."</i></p>				
December 1947	Hampton Court us Lee	Lost	7	12
December 1947	Other Matters – Old Dunstonians us Lee Preview			
<p><i>Lewisham Borough News - 30th December 1947</i></p> <p><i>"History will be made this Saturday when the Old Dunstonians meet Lee in a championship match at the OD headquarters, Beckenham Hill. A lacrosse match has not been staged there before. A Lively game is forecast.</i></p>				

The Lee team comprises players who learnt the game at St Dunstan's College, Catford, this season they have already met the OD's fighting them to a 13 all draw. Face 2.15 pm."

December 1947

Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 30th December 1947

"The team to meet Middlesex in the final of the Southern Counties competition at the Chislehurst and Sidcup County Grammar School for Boys, on January 10, will be :-

P B Humphrey (Catford), S V Court (Capt) (Lee), J A G Sizmur (OD), D R Archer (OD), P H Leal (OD), H F Heath (Lee), G P Josephs (Lee), J R H French (OD), G H Forster (OD), K O Peachey (Lee), A F Gould (Catford), and C A Shewell (Catford).

The selection of Humphrey is welcomed. His play this season is marking him for South of England honours. Josephs, Kents pre-war centre, replaces Lewis, the OD, whose centre play has helped the OD's to success this year. If Josephs is not too individualistic the balance of the Kent attack will not be upset."

January 1948

Old Dunstonians vs Lee Lost 6 10

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 6th January 1948

"FRENCH OUTWITS LEE

OLD DUNSTONIANS 10, LEE 6

The Old Dunstonian club, Beckenham Hill, was the venue for this championship match on Saturday, where O D's scored a first rate win over a strong Lee side.

This was the first time lacrosse has been staged there, and the meeting was a great success.

O D's netted first through French (who continuously outwitted them), Lee equalised, then O D's made a 3-1 lead before their twelfth man arrived. At half time they led 5-1.

At the start of the second half Lee's attack looked dangerous, but their combination was upset by the well timed interceptions of the Brunner-Sizmur-Archer-Leal combination. Meanwhile, the O D attack lead by the cool, deadly play of John French, notched good goals, keeping their four goal lead. Their goal-gainers were French (5), Forster and Bachelor (2 each) and Barker. Lee goal-getters were Shewell (2), Goddard, Peachey, Titley and Josephs."

January 1948

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Draw 8 8

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 16th January 1948

"Old Dunstonians drew 8-8 with Lee on Saturday at Addiscombe. Play was of a high standard. Dunstonians swung the ball about with more freedom than Lee, who tended to hold until an opening presented itself. Scorers for the Old Boys were Barker (3), Feltham (2), Marsh, Tomkins and Watts."

January 1948

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex

Middlesex won 19-12

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 16th January 1948

“After a hard, even struggle Kent lost to Middlesex by twelve goals to nineteen, in the Southern Counties final on Saturday at the Chislehurst and Sidcup County school for Boys ground. With each side netting alternately Middlesex led 7-6 at half time. Kent equalised and fought strongly and the score reached 12-12 before Middlesex took control and netted another seven in the failing light. Kent scorers were Shewell (4), Gould (3), Peachey (3), French and Forster.”

January 1948

Wallington vs Lee

Won

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February 1948

Old Dunstonians vs Lee

Won

12

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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 20th February 1948

“SECOND HALF SWAMPING

OLD DUNSTONIANS 6, LEE 12

Beckenham Hill was the scene of this friendly game played last Saturday between the Old Dunstonians and Lee.

Lee netted two quick goals through Josephs, followed by a perfect first home flick from the edge of the crease by Goddard, who took a pass and shot under check, and soon established a 3-1 lead. By half time the OD's had fought back to 5-6 thanks to four determined goals by Barker, despite the close attention of Taylor of Lee defence. Brunner scored the other goal by a well judged forcing run.

In the second half the Lee attack swamped the OD defence at times, and scored six goals, including two grand shots by Titley, to the OD's one. This was due to persistent forcing by the Lee defence, which repeatedly gave their attack a free man.

OD's scored through Barker (4), and Brunner (2), while Lee piled up their score through Josephs (4), Goddard (3), Titley (3) Newdick and Price.”

February 1948

Other Matters – North vs South Preview

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 27th February 1948

“LACROSSE GAINING POPULARITY

This year a fair sprinkling of local lacrosse players from the Old Dunstonians, Catford and Lee should fill the South of England team to meet the North in Manchester on March 13. Last season only one Dunstonian and one Catford player gained places. I understand the goalkeeper problem is still a headache for the selectors. J Leal, the Old Dunstonian keeper, is one of the three contestants for honour. The final South trial will be played at Hampton Court on March 6. The game is slowly but surely gaining popularity and the South of England Association have so far conducted a very satisfactory season. Mr A R Mollett, the secretary, deserves special praise for keeping the game on an even keel and providing an interesting programme. I was interested to learn that Oxford University have formed a lacrosse side, and include several Canadian players.”

February 1948 Cambridge University vs Lee Won 5 12

March 1948 Other Matters – South Team Trial

Lewisham Borough News – 9th March 1948

“LOCAL MEN IN THE SOUTH TEAM

THE SOUTH 15, THE REST 6

The lacrosse classic of the season takes place this Saturday, when North meets South at the Cheadle Hulme ground, Cheshire. Top ranking players in the game have been sifted, shifted and shuffled in the two trial games played this year. Last Saturday, the Addiscombe Cricket Club ground, East Croydon, was the venue for the final, in which the South beat the Rest.

The South team selected is F D Ewen (Captain) (Purley), J A Shercliffe (Cambridge University), J A G Sizmur (Old Dunstonians), G W Pickworth (Hampton Court), G H Forster (Old Dunstonians), R F Heath (Lee), G Metcalfe (Purley), W E Walker (Purley), J Swindells (Hampstead), J H Eastwood (Cambridge University), A F Gould (Lee), and R D Zimmern (Cambridge University). “

March 1948 Other Matters – North vs South (at Cheadle Hulme)

North won 17-1

Lewisham Borough News – 19th March 1948

“NORTH 17, SOUTH 1

The classic lacrosse game of the season was played at the Cheadle Hulme ground, Cheshire, on Saturday, where the North whipped the cream of the South with a wily, whippy well balance attack.

The South attack did not impress. They lacked leadership and combination; also their stick handling was poor, although it contained many proficient crosse wielders.

The game was played in four quarters, and at half time the North led 8-1. Walker, who netted the South's only goal, played untiringly throughout. So did Alan Gould of Lee. But the Eastwood-Zimmern-Swindells element were eclipsed by the superb North defence.”

July 1948 Other Matters – Americans Arrive for the Olympic Games

Lewisham Borough News – 13th July 1948

“AMERICANS AT ELTHAM

The American lacrosse team from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, arrived at Southampton on Sunday.

During August Bank Holiday week they will play three matches in London. On Monday the South of England play them at the City of London College ground at Eltham. Then they play All England at Wembley Stadium on August 5, rounding off their tour by playing London Iroquois at the London University Athletic ground at Motspur Park, on August 7.”

September 1948

Other Matters – Old Dunstonians Season Preview

Lewisham Borough News – 14th September 1948

“OD’s CONFIDENT

The Old Dunstonians lacrosse team are confident about the season’s prospects.

Some of them have already practised during the Summer prior to the Americans. One, J A G Sizmur, was picked for All England at the Wembley Stadium during the Olympic Games.

After last season’s successful record, all will go into the field on October 2 with great confidence. They meet Buckhurst Hill at the Elmers End Sports Club, Elmers End. This new ground will be shared with Lee lacrosse club.

On Friday the club held their annual meeting at Beckenham Hill. A R Mollett, SEMLA secretary, took the chair. A large part of the evening was taken up discussing the revised rules of the club, which were passed with a few amendments.

The captaincy of the club has been strengthened by the election of J R H French and G H Forster as captain and vice-captain respectively. They are the remaining regular players of their pre-war first twelve. H J Tomkins continues as secretary, C James becomes team secretary and R F Sedgebeer is the new treasurer.

New members will be welcome, and those interested should write to H J Tomkins, 180 King’s Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent.”

September 1948

Other Matters – Season Preview

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 24th September 1948

“LACROSSE SEASON OPENS

The South of England Men’s Lacrosse Association officially opened the 1948/49 season when the general committee met last Thursday. This year SEMLA hopes the game will further establish itself. There is a feeling of optimism and plenty of activity in the clubs. Oxford University have reformed and will be a formidable side. Both Oxford and Cambridge Universities have now entered the Southern Counties Championship contest as separate counties. This will infuse new life and interest into the competition. Lord’s cricket ground will again be used for eight important matches this year. The Old Dunstonians meet Purley there in a league game on October 9. A referees panel is being formed in the capable hands of P B Humphrey of Lee. The season opens tomorrow with a six-a-side contest at Rose Hill Playing Fields, Green Lane, Morden. All are invited.”

October 1948

Old Dunstonians vs Lee

Lost

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Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 8th October 1948

“The Old Dunstonians and Lee met in a friendly on Saturday in their joint home ground at Elmers End. The game which was modified to allow reserves to participate, provided a good workout for both teams. After an even first half, Old Dunstonians went ahead and won by nine goals to five. Scorers were Batchelor (3), Barker (2), Forster (2), Feltham and R Phillips.”

October 1948

Other Matters

Lewisham Borough News – 12th October 1948

“The ‘wig-waggers’ – ‘Lacrosseurs’ – to you Philistines who play with a big blown up ball – are looking forward to a successful season in this part of the world.

Heartened by the interest shown in the recent Yankee tour, the South of England Men’s Lacrosse Association is forming a body to associate itself with the International Lacrosse Association. Yes, the game is played in other countries – Australia, Canada and USA included.

Old Dunstonians, Lee and Purley. All of whom draw their players from our domain, have already started a full season. On Saturday the OD’s and Purley met in a league game at, of all places, Lord’s Cricket ground. Shades of WG!”

October 1948

Lee vs Hampton Court	Lost	3	7
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October 1948

Wallington vs Lee	Won	12	4
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October 1948

Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 26th October 1948

“KENT VS ESSEX

The team selected for Kent to play Essex on Saturday at Elmers End Sports Club, Elmers End, is:

K A B Holland (OD), P H Leal (OD), J A G Sizmur (OD), D R Archer (OD), R B Heath (Lee), D N H Parrott (Lee), J A Newdick (Lee), L W Feltham (OD), G H Forster (OD), K O Peachey (Lee), A F Gould (Catford), and J R H French (OD).

This side has been picked following the trial played at Elmers End on Sunday. J A G Sizmur, the All England player in the Olympic Games, has been selected as captain, a decision which should be very popular. The newcomers to the team are Holland, whose goal minding shows great promise,; Feltham, the fast OD winger who should go far; Newdick, Lee’s whippy centre; and Parrott of Lee.”

November 1948

Hampstead vs Lee (at Lord’s)	Lost	7	23
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Hampstead News – 11th November 1948

“HAMPSTEAD WIN AT LORD’S

Playing at Lord’s Cricket ground on Saturday, Hampstead Lacrosse Club beat Lee by 23 goals to 7.

Lee who were unsettled by Hampstead’s early rush of goals, were expected to make a close game of it, but their attacks were spoiled by inaccurate passing and faulty catching.”

November 1948

Lee vs Old Thortonians	Lost	3	4
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November 1948

Other Matters – Cambridgeshire vs Kent

Kent won 11-7

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 26th November 1948

“Old Dunstonians played a big part in Kent’s 11-7 win over Cambridgeshire on Saturday at the Trinity College ground, Cambridge, in the semi final of the Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship. The better balanced side, Kent led 5-4 at half time, and went on to consolidate their position. Kent goalkeeper, Holland, played steadily, and Feltham at centre was in good form. Kent scorers were French (3), Shewell (3), Feltham (2), Peachey, Gould and Forster.”

November 1948

Lee vs Purley

Won

6

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December 1948

Other Matters – Kent vs Oxfordshire (at Lord’s)

Oxfordshire won 7-6

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 10th December 1948

“KENT UNLUCKY

Kent were unlucky to lose 7-6 to Oxfordshire in the Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship final at Lord’s on Saturday. Kent gave a good display both on attack and defence, and led 4-3 at half time. Oxfordshire gained the upper hand and scored three times. Then Kent rallied and equalised. Almost on time Oxford cleared their line and scored the decider. Kent scorers were Gould (2), French (2), Peachey and Forster.”

December 1948

Lee vs Old Dunstonians

Draw

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Lewisham Borough News – 21st December 1948

“FRENCH SHINES AGAIN

LEE 9, OLD DUNSTONIANS 9

Johnny French, the OD’s top rung stick wielder, is still goal minded. After his eight goal show at Elmers End on December 11, he notched another five on the same ground in this fast, exciting championship game on Saturday.

Cracking into attack from the first face off, Lee displayed balanced play, flipping the ball around smoothly and accurately. Gould was especially prominent for his stick work and manoeuvring in the OD goal zone. He opened for Lee, Barker equalised, but Gould put Lee back ahead again. They held this until the interval.

The OD’s exhibited better team work in the second half, chiefly through French’s leadership.

Lee goal gained through Gould (4), Shewell (3), Peachey and Parrot. The OD’s had French (5), Barker (2), Tomkins and Feltham as their goal scorers.

On Boxing Day the annual meeting between Purley and the Old Dunstonians will take place at the Elmers End Sports Club, Elmers End at 11 am.”

January 1949	Lee vs Hampton Court (Flag)	Lost	5	6
February 1949	Lee & Hampton Court vs Sidcup School			
		Draw	7	7
March 1949	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	13	8

March 1949 Other Matters – South vs North Preview

Weekly Dispatch (London) – 20th March 1949

“At Lord’s next Saturday is the annual men’s lacrosse match between the North and South. Lacrosse is increasing in popularity: there are five times as many playing today as in 1945. Profits from the London match will go to providing equipment to schools and clubs.”

March 1949	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	12	2
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Lewisham Borough News – 22nd March 1949

“OD’s POOR DISPLAY

OLD DUNSTONIANS 2, LEE 12

In their last championship game of the season, the Old Dunstonians gave a disappointing display against a strong Lee side at Elmers End on Saturday.

The O D defence bore the brunt of the game, but their clearances were inaccurate, often being easily intercepted by a Lee opponent. Holland net tendered for Old Dunstonians, admirably acting as a sheet anchor to a demoralised and uninspired Old Dunstonian side.

Ironically enough, it was the Old Dunstonians in the Lee side who did most of the damage. Their goal gainers were Heath and Peachey (3 each), Gould and Newdick (2 each), Goddard and Shewell, Forster and James scored for Old Dunstonians.”

April 1949 Other Matters – South vs North (at Lord’s) Drawn 9-9

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 1st April 1949

“SOUTH DESERVED VICTORY

SOUTH 9, NORTH 9

The South of England lacrosse team gave their best display for many years against a strong North side at Lord’s cricket ground, St John’s Wood, on Saturday, and deserved victory. They led for most of the game.

The North opened through Renshaw, but the South soon equalised through Cheetham, and gained a 3-1 lead with goals added by Zimmern and Bowett – all of Cambridge University.

The North then replied through Kershaw and Whittaker to level at three all, but Bowett gained the lead, and the South lead 4-3 at the interval.

The South commenced the second half with match winning tactics. Within five minutes, Gould and Heath, of the Lee club (both old boys of St Dunstan's College), gave the South the biggest thrill for years, Gould scored from a fine flip-back shot, then Heath intercepted a pass on defence, forced and scored with a powerful shot.

The North replied through Buckland, but Swindells of the South made the score 7-4. Gill and Kershaw netted to reduce the lead to 7-6, but Zimmern came from behind goal and netted for the South.

The North attacked with new verve and vigour, but the South defence held, and Hobson made some brilliant saves. By concentrating on the centre of the South defence, Lowe, the North centre, netted two fine goals to draw them level at eight all.

Gould of Lee netted another goal from a flip-back shot, but Gill hockeyed in the equaliser for the North."

April 1949	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Won	21	11
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October 1949	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Draw	4	4
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 7th October 1949

"NEWCOMERS PLAY WELL

OLD DUNSTONIANS 4, LEE 4

The Old Dunstonian and Lee clubs staged a joint trial in Regent's Park on Saturday. Neither selection committee could have been too well pleased by the form displayed, although due allowance will no doubt for beginning of season lack of match practice.

Lee can congratulate themselves on having found several energetic young players, who are going to prove useful when they get more polished on their stick-handling and have assimilated the tactics of the game.

Of the more recently joined OD members Schwer foraged well, and like Sedgebeer, be a dangerous attack, when he passes and shoots with more punch. Sizmur did two defenders work, anticipating and intercepting passes brilliantly. Holland in the OD goal used his body well to save a number of stinging shots. Lewis (2), Forster and Schwer scored for the Old Dunstonians."

October 1949	Other Matters – Kent Team Selection
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Lewisham Borough News - 18th October 1949

"CHOSEN FOR KENT

The following team has been selected to play for Kent against Middlesex at Lords on Saturday :-

K A B Holland (Old Dunstonians), P H Leal (OD's), D R Archer (OD's), C Lamb (Lee), R B Heath (Lee, Captain), J A G Sizmur (OD's), F A Newdick (Lee), L W Feltham (OD's), G H Forster (OD's), C A Shewell (Lee), A F Gould (Lee), J R H French (OD's, Vice Captain). Reserves: P G Humphrey, K O Peachey, P H Lewis and J Leal."

November 1949	Old Dunstonians us Lee	Won	12	6
	Henry Thornton School us Lee Hurons	Lost	6	9

Lewisham Borough News – 1st November 1949

“EXPERIENCE TOLD

OLD DUNSTONIANS 6, LEE 12

The Old Dunstonians were beaten by Lee in an enjoyable friendly match at Elmers End last Saturday. Although play was even territorially the score reflects the superior skills of the Lee attack, who were all experienced players.

In the first half the enthusiasm and dash of the younger Old Boy's side did something to balance Lee's experiences, and the score at the interval was OD's 4 Lee 6.

But in the second half Lee's scheming, accurate passing and hard shooting split the OD defence repeatedly, so that Holland, in goal, did not have a happy afternoon.

Scorers for Old Dunstonians were French (4), Bickerton and Grainger; and for Lee Peachey (4), Shewell (3), Titley (3) and Goddard (2)."

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 4th November 1949

"Old Dunstonians were beaten in an enjoyable friendly at Elmers End on Saturday, by 12 goals to 6. Although play was even territorially, the score reflects the superior skill of the Lee attack. The score at the interval was OD's 4 Lee 6. In the second half Lee's scheming, accurate passing and hard shooting, often split the OD defence.

Titley was outstanding on the Lee attack, and Terry playing in his first game with the OD's, did well to hold him to three goals. French scored from a pass that bounced twice before it reached him. Granger sold a perfect dummy, to make the final score for Old Dunstonians."

November 1949	Lee us Wallington (Flag)	Won	21	7
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November 1949 Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 29th November 1949

“KENT AT HOME

Kentish lacrosse supporters, will have an opportunity to see a first class lacrosse match on Saturday, when Kent meet Cambridgeshire on the Elmers End Cricket Club ground, at Elmers End, at 2.30 pm.

Kent will be represented by :-

K A B Holland (Old Dunstonians), J A G Sizmur (OD's), P H Leal (OD's), C Lamb (Lee), R B Heath (captain, Lee), G H Forster (OD's), J A Newdick (Lee), L W Feltham (OD's), J Titley (Catford), K O Peachey (Lee), F Gould (Catford), J R H French (vice-captain, OD's). Reserves: W H Brunner, P B Humphrey, P H Lewis and C A Shewell."

November 1949	Purley Kings vs Lee Hurons	Lost	1	7
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Lewisham Borough News - 29th November 1949

"PURLEY KINGS 7, LEE HURONS 1

Meeting for the first time at Addiscombe, the Purley side gained an easy unexpected victory.

Campbell the spearpoint in the Purley attack, netted six of the goals, three of these during the absence of the Lee goalkeeper through injury in the second half.

Lee's weakness lay in their defence, where the marking was not close enough."

December 1949	Lee vs Wallington	Won	20	0
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December 1949	Lee vs Old Thortonians	Won	16	6
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January 1950	Purley vs Lee	Lost	11	22
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January 1950	Lee vs Hampton Court	Won	10	8
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January 1950	Oxford University vs Lee	Lost	1	17
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February 1950	Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag)			
		Lost	3	12

February 1950	Lee vs Cambridge University	Lost	4	10
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February 1950	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	12	6
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March 1950	Other Matters – Kent Team Selection
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Lewisham Borough News - 14th March 1950

"KENT TEAM

The following lacrosse team has been selected to represent Kent in a county championship match at Lord's Cricket Ground on Saturday at 2.30pm.

J R H French vice-captain (Old Dunstonians), M F Grainger (OD's), F Gould (Lee). G H Forster (OD's), J Titley (Lee), J A Newdick (Lee), Dunlop-Brown (Lee), J A G Sizmur (OD's, C Lamb (Lee), R H Heath captain (Lee), D R Archer (OD's), and K A B Holland (OD's). Reserves: A Bickerton, P H Humphrey, P Leal, K O Peachey and C A Shewell."

March 1950	Other Matters – England vs Lord Robinson's XII Preview
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Bromley & West Kent Mercury - 24th March 1950

"The English Lacrosse Union stage the most important event of the season at Lord's Cricket ground tomorrow (Saturday), when England meet Lord Robinson XII. John Sizmur, the brilliant defender, whose uncanny anticipation has been the linch- pin of the Old Dunstonian and Kent defence, has again been honoured

with an England cap. Roy Heath, of Lee, who also learnt his lacrosse at St Dunstan's College, deserves his place in Lord Robinson's XII. The object of the fixture is to keep the best men in trim for future international matches.

March 1950

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Surrey (at Lord's) Draw 7-7

Bromley & West Kent Mercury – 24th March 1950

"Lord's Cricket ground was the stage for a most interesting and thrilling match. On Saturday, when two closely marked sides gave an entertaining display of good lacrosse. Kent drew 7-7 with Surrey. In the last quarter the struggle was tense, and the issue still in doubt. Both sides netted then Surrey tried to play out time but French gained the equaliser."

April 1950

Other Matters – Northern Team Matches Preview

Lewisham Borough News – 4th April 1950

"A Kent lacrosse XII will be hosts to the Old Waconians at Elmers End on Easter Saturday afternoon.

The Old Waconians were formed in the early 1920's, calling themselves for the first three or four years 'The Old Waco Boys', by former pupils of the Warehouseman's and Clerks School of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

In their comparatively short existence the visitors have compiled a distinguished record, having been winners of the Northern Senior Flag competition and Iroquois Cup in 1938, 1939 and 1947. The Northern First Division championship has also gone their way since the war.

On Easter Monday Morning an Old Dunstonian team will receive the Old Hulmeians on the OD ground at Beckenham Hill at 11 am.

The Old Hulmeians founded in 1895, stem from the famous William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, where lacrosse has been played since 1888, for most of the time under the guidance of that great coach Mr J A Barber.

Two years later lacrosse was introduced to St Dunstan's College by the late Mr C M Stuart, the first Head Master, who joined Blackheath (now Lee) in order to learn the game."

August 1950

Other Matters – Yale University Tour

Lewisham Borough News – 9th August 1950

"Londoners will have a golden opportunity this evening (Wednesday) of seeing one of the finest lacrosse teams in the world, when Yale University lacrossemen meet the South of England at London University Athletic ground, Motspur Park at 7.00 o'clock.

Nine local men have been selected for the 18 man squad to represent the South. A substitution system is being used with an arrangement with the Americans.

The South of England squad will be :-

Goalkeepers - K A B Holland (Old Dunstonians) and D Coppock (Purley); Defences - J A G Sizmur (Old Dunstonians), N Collier (Hampstead), A Livesley (Hampstead), J P Chilton (Cambridge University), A Rodgers (Leicester), L H Bristow (Purley) Capt, and A Boyle (Hampstead); Attacks - F Farrall (Lee), J Swindells (Leicester), G Metcalfe (Purley), P Marland (Cambridge University), A Johnson (Purley), C A Shewell (Lee), J Lord (Hampton Court), R H Pear (Hampstead), and J Jemmett (Purley).

Yale University have been on tour in Britain since July 21 and have enjoyed a trail of victories in Scotland, the North of England and the Midlands, They have beaten Manchester University (10-5), Oxford and Cambridge XII (17-4), Cheshire (11-1), Combined English Universities (18-5), Great Britain (9-5), Lancashire (12-8) and England (9-5)."

October 1950	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	4	14
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Lewisham Borough News - 17th October 1950

"VARSITY ATTACK DOMINATED

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 14, LEE 4

Lee defenders had a busy afternoon. Despite their fine efforts, the university attack combined well and scored freely in the first and last quarter. The Lee attack never really got into it's stride and had a most disappointing game.

Goal scorers for Lee were Peachey (2), Shewell and Titley. Next week's game will be against Old Thortonians at Penerley Road, Catford."

October 1950	Lee us Old Dunstonians	Lost	7	8
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November 1950	Hampstead us Lee (Flag)	Won	10	3
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	Lee II us Henry Thornton School	Won	6	1
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November 1950	Lee us Buckhurst Hill	Won	15	5
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	Beckenham us Lee II	Lost	5	10
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Lewisham Borough News - 14th November 1950

"VISITING DEFENCE WAS KEPT BUSY

LEE 15, BUCKHURST HILL 5

Lee were worthy winners of this somewhat scrappy game. They scored freely but made little attempt to develop any combined play, relying mainly on individual effort.

The Buckhurst Hill defence had a busy afternoon and brought off several good interceptions between members of the somewhat nonchalant Lee attack.

Lee defence, ably led by R B Heath, were always solid and gave their opponents very few chances. They repeatedly hustled them out of possession.

Goal scorers for Lee were Titley (5), Goddard (3), Steele, Court (2), Farrall and Peachey."

December 1950	Purley vs Lee	Won	14	11
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Caterham Mirror - 8th December 1950

"PURLEY LACROSSE CLUB LOSES LEAGUE HONOURS CAHANCE

Purley lacrosse club suffered an unexpected defeat at Addiscombe on Saturday when they were beaten 14-11 by Lee in a Southern Championship fixture and said good-bye to hopes of league honours.

Within a minute of the start the home side were two up through goals by Metcalfe but Lee soon settled down and took command.

Their fast moving attack, with Peachey and Grant outstanding, worried the Purley defence to such an extent that Lee were leading 10-8 at half time.

Immediately after the restart MacFarlane, Purley's best player of the day, went through on his own to make it 10-9 and raise his teams hopes.

However, despite some good efforts by the attack, their defence was very shaky under pressure and they gave away several goals - three in succession - by poor clearances which were snapped up and converted by the goal hungry Lee attack.

BRISTOW SHINES

Purley's only defender to shine was Captain Bristow, who always had the measure of Shewell and took time off to come up field and score a good movement initiated by Walker.

In the gathering gloom Lee pressed home their attacks to advantage and increased their lead in the last quarter to bring the final score to 14-11.

Scorers: Purley - Johnson (3), Jemmett and Metcalfe (2 each), England, Bristow, MacFarlane and Walker. Lee - Peachey (5), Grant, Titley, Shewell and Steele (2 each) and Farrall."

December 1950	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	8	4
	Lee II vs Hampstead B (Flag)	Won	11	7

Lewisham Borough News - 12th December 1950

"ENERGETIC, BUT WITHOUT SKILL

LEE 8, OLD DUNSTONIANS 4

The game was energetic, if not skilful. Great enthusiasm was shown by several younger members, who were making their debut in the first team. Prominent among them was Vincent, on the OD's attack.

Goal Scorers: Lee - Goddard (3), Fairman and Shewell (2 each), and Heath. Old Dunstonians - Feltham (2), Franch and Vincent."

December 1950	Lee vs Old Thorntonians	Won	12	2
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Bromley & West Kent Mercury - 29th December 1950

"EASY FOR LEE

LEE 12, OLD THORTONIANS 2

Lee proved their superiority over their opponents, who were weakened by absentees. Lee attack moved smoothly and scored freely in both halves, and their defence broke up the Old Thortonians' attack time after time. Laurels for the match should go to Boyce and Heath in defence, and Grant in attack. Goal scorers for Lee were Peachey, Grant, Goddard (3 each), Shewell (2) and Littey."

January 1951	Dulwich vs Lee II	Lost	5	19
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South London Observer - 4th January 1951

“LEE II 5, DULWICH 19

Dulwich fairly trounced Lee at Catford. Lee started well and scored first and for the first ten minutes extended the Dulwich defence. But, with the score at two all, the Dulwich attack showed it paces and scored seven more goals before half time. Lee scored first after the interval, but this proved to be a "flash in the pan". Dulwich piled up another 10. The Dulwich forwards have shown vast improvement this season. Though they have never had their strongest team out yet, they will soon be a force to be feared by all clubs in the South. Scorers: Read (6), Hudson (6), Lawrence (4), Marrow (2) and T Miles."

January 1951	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	13	5
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Lee II vs Beckenham	Lost	4	12
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January 1951	Lee vs Purley (Flag)	Lost	10	11
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Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -26th January 1951

“LEE BEATEN BY ONE IN FLAG SEMI-FINAL

LEE 10, PURLEY 11

The Senior Flag Semi-Final was a ding-dong struggle from the start, played at high speed throughout. Purley stood up to the pace much better than their opponents, however, and deserved to win.

After the first quarter the score was level at two all. Purley attacked vigorously, but despite their efforts the score at half time was six all.

Lee rallied in the third quarter, and after an excellent goal had been made possible by Steele's timely passing they built up a two goal lead of 10-8.

In the final quarter Purley threw in all they had, the pace increased, and as a result of their great efforts they scored three without reply from Lee.

Special credit went to Jemmett of Purley, and Peachey. Both scored four goals. Lee scorers were Peachey (4), Court and Shewell (2 each), Grant and Titley. Purley now meet Oxford University in the final."

January 1951	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	16	13
February 1951	Leicester vs Lee	Won	16	11
	Lee II vs Chislehurst & Sidcup School (Flags) (at Purley)	Won	11	5

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –9th February 1951

“LEE II REGAIN JUNIOR FLAG

LEE II 11, CHISLEHURST AND SIDCUP SCHOOL 5

Oldest trophy in Southern lacrosse is the South of England Junior Flag, which was presented to the captain of Lee II at Addiscombe Cricket Club ground, East Croydon, on Saturday. The team scored a fine victory over their gallant and hard fighting opponents.

West London II were the first club to receive the flag in 1890. Lee first won it in 1912.

Chislehurst and Sidcup fought hard to retain the trophy. They drew level in the first quarter, after Lee had led them by three goals to one. Lee went ahead again in the second quarter, but the school rallied and were leading 5-4 at the interval after profiting from Lee's defences lapses.

By altering their tactics, Lee produced fieldcraft that upset the school's spirited and lively attack. They formed a phalanx across the goal zone and broke through to gain an 8-5 lead by the last period.

The final period was full of exciting incidents but Lee only succeeded in adding one more goal.

Prominent for Lee was Vincent, who netted four goals, He was assisted by Newdick (2), Clarke, Philips and Miles. The school scored through Moss (2), Ellard (2) and McKinley.”

February 1951	Lee vs Oxford University	Lost	6	13
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Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –16th February 1951

“LEE WORRIED BY SKILFUL ‘VARSITY MEN

LEE 6, OXFORD UNIV. 13

The university began at full pressure and were leading by five goals to one after the first quarter. Lee defence gradually settled to countering the skilful and unorthodox tactics of the opposing attack.

Lee attack did not attempt to scatter the packed defence, however, and were failing badly. At half-time the score was 9-1 and the outlook for Lee looked grim.

After the change-over the Lee attack began to move correctly and displayed great gaps in the static defence. Oxford began to get worried as the score crept up to 11-6.

Lee's effort died in the last quarter, however, and the visitors scored another two goals.

Great credit should go to the Lee defence, who held Oxford's fast skilful and individualistic attacks throughout the second half. Time and again their checking broke up dangerous movements.

Goal scorers for Lee were Titley (4), Newdick and Steele."

February 1951

Other Matters – Kent Squad Selection

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –16th February 1951

"KENT MEET OXFORD ON SATURDAY

Adopting county status on Saturday, Oxford University will visit the Elmers End Sports Club, Elmers End, to challenge Kent in the semi-final of the Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship.

The winners will appear at Lord's on March 17 to meet Surrey, the other finalists. Kent's selected team for Saturday will include:- K A B Holland (Old Dunstonians), D R Archer (OD's), J A G Sizmur captain (OD's), R B Heath (Lee), C J Lamb (Lee), R G Boyce (Lee), F Farrall (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), J R H French (OD's), C A Sherwell (Lee), M F Granger (OD's), and J A Titley (Lee)."

March 1951

Other Matters – South vs North Preview

Lewisham Borough News –6th March 1951

"Local lacrosse enthusiasts already know that all roads lead to Lord's this Saturday, for the 66th South v North match. The event first took place in 1877, ten years after Canada introduced the game to England.

Among the local men selected for the South team is K A B Holland, of Old Dunstonians, who was first capped last August, when he played against Yale. His goalkeeping skill is well known.

The O D's J A G Sizmur - already twice an International - will play at point again, and Lee's R B Heath will be at cover-point. Should the MCC decide the ground is unfit for play the match will be transferred to Regent's Park."

March 1951

Other Matters – South vs North (at Regents Park)

North won 17-6

The Manchester Guardian –13th March 1951

"NORTH TOO QUICK FOR SOUTH

The North beat the South 17-6 in their lacrosse match at Regent's Park. The only change from the sides selected was on the North defence, where Whatley came in for Clayton. Play was fast throughout and little effected by the ground's slope, but the poor light made goalkeeping difficult. The South had a fair share of the ball and played hard and well individually, but lacked cohesion, particularly on attack, and finished poorly. The North on the contrary, combined most effectively, were much more adept at creating openings, passed the ball accurately, and shot with speed and precision. The South defences repeatedly were beaten by Kershaw's and Wilson's quickness in front of goal. Bancroft and Buckland were most accurate and timely feeders. For the South, Marland was superior in gaining possession at the face and was thrustful on attack, Swindells and Metcalfe worked untiringly on the wings. The goalscorers were Kershaw (6), Wilson (4), Buckland

(3), Bancroft (3), and Whittaker for the North and Marland (2), Swindells, Collier, Rosier and Gregory for the South.”

March 1951	Lee vs Urmston	Won	11	9
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April 1951	Other Matters – England vs Lord Robinson XII Preview			
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 6th April 1951

“The English Lacrosse Union are to hold their major fixture of the season at Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, on Saturday, when England meet Lord Robinson’s XII.

Five Southerners appear in the teams. J A G Sizmur. Of the Old Dunstonians, and G H Metcalfe, of Purley, are capped for England again.

R B Heath (Lee), P G Marland (Cambridge University), and J Swindells (Leicester and Birmingham) will appear in Lord Robinson’s ‘The Rest’ side, the next best twelve players in the country.”

April 1951	Other Matters – England vs Lord Robinson’s XII			
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Lord Robinson’s XII won 14-9

The Manchester Guardian – 10th April 1951

“ENGLAND TEAM SOUNDLY BEATEN

SLOWNESS IN DEFENCE A TELLING FACTOR

In a representative lacrosse match at Cheadle Hulme Lord Robinson’s Twelve unexpectedly beat the England team by 14-9. Though the game was played in pouring rain players, crosses and the ground became sodden, it became a fine exhibition of lacrosse. As a lesson to the selectors it was highly instructive.

In individual skill the England attack could not have been bettered, but it lacked a pivot and distributor and so it was unable to employ its ability to the full. Combination on attack is often the basis of success at lacrosse particularly when a defence covers up with such good understanding and anticipation as Lord Robinson’s side did. The winners’ attack scored most of its goals with support passes, chiefly from Mark to either Coop or Marsland, whose anticipation was often too quick for the England defence, which in comparison with the winners’ was slow moving and lacked cohesion. Two other factors contributed to England’s defeat, the attack lacked service of the ball from the centre, where Marland, although too one handed in his picking up, mostly beat Metcalfe for possession; and the excellent goalkeeping of Griffith who played his best game for some time.

The England sides play was not as keen at the start as it should have been, a short coming from which it never recovered. The scoring was opened by Coop who after being checked regained possession off the ground and shot Lord Robinson’s team’s first goal. England, whose goal was repeatedly threatened, rallied and gained a 2-1 lead, but at quarter time it was 2-6 down. An England defensive switch – Foy dropping back to mark Coop – reduced the first home danger, but uncovered Marsland, at second home, who scored twice and increased the winner’s lead to 8-2. The England

attack fought back hard, and determined individual efforts by Kershaw, twice, and Buckland, had by half time reduced the oppositions lead to 8-5.

The third period was the hardest fought of all and every player gave his best, Lord Robinson's team increased its lead to 10-5, but again England rallied splendidly and more determined individual efforts pulled back the winners' advantage to three goals. A further goal early in the last period brought promise of a fine England recovery. However, the defence was unequal to its task and the winners finished the game by shooting three more goals without reply.

Coop, at first home, was the outstanding attack of the game and shot five goals for Lord Robinson's team. Other scorers were Marsland (4), Marland (3), who played well at centre, Longworth and Rigby. The best England attacks were Kershaw and Buckland who each shot three goals, Whittaker (2) and Gill also scored. Of the England defenders Clayton, who knocked down many passes, Makin and Jackson in goal were best. The winners defence were sound to a man.

England: F Jackson (Ashton), J A G Sizmur (Old Dunstonians), F B Fot (Mellor) captain, A B Clayton (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), B C Makin (Old Waconians), J C Smeeton (Cheadle Hulme), G Metcalfe (Purley), J Buckland (Old Hulmeians), S Bancroft (Mellor), R N Whittaker (Old Waconians), S Gill (Old Hulmeians), E R Kershaw (Offerton).

Lord Robinson's XII: J Griffith (Stockport), H A Whatley (Old Hulmeians) captain, R B Heath (Lee), P Bradburn (Cheadle), G D Gleave (Old Waconians), A J Rigby (Old Mancunians), P G Marland (Cambridge University), J Swindells (Birmingham & Leicester), J H Longworth (Old Mancunians), R Mark (Old Hulmeians), A E Marsland (Stockport), D Coop (Ashton)."

April 1951

Purley vs Lee (Sixes) (at Morden)

Won 6 5

Lewisham Borough News – 17th April 1951

"SOUTHERN TITLE GOES TO LEE

PURLEY 5, LEE 6

Lee Lacrosse Club became South of England Senior "Sixes" Champions for the first time on Saturday, in a six-a-side tournament played at the Ross Hill Playing Field, Morden.

By beating the holders 6-5 after extra time, Lee avenged the narrow defeat Purley gained over them in the Senior Flag semi-final, last month.

Jubilant Lee supporters poured on to the field to congratulate skipper Roy Heath, who scored the winning goal following tense moments that had kept the crowd in a perpetual state of suspense.

Lee entered three teams for the competition, but the two entered for the Junior and intermediate sections were beaten in the first round. The senior team received a bye from Leicester and beat Buckhurst Hill before meeting Purley in the final.

Members of the winning team were: Higginbottom, Heath, Boyce, Farrall, Grant and Peachey."

Lewisham Borough News – 17th April 1951

"SOUTHERN TITLE GOES TO LEE

At the South Bank on Sunday, five members of Lee Lacrosse Club celebrated an important date in the club's history.

Not only were they honoured by demonstrating the game to Festival of Britain crowds, but the occasion marked the entry of the club into its 50th year. It was formed at Stamboul Café in Fleet Street on September 23, 1902.

R B Heath, K O Peachey, J G Titley, A Grant and S V Court took part in the demonstration, and Court organised the routines. With the exception of Grant, all are old boy's of St Dunstan's College, Catford, where lacrosse has been played for 50 years.

Lee will open their season on October 6 at the Catford C C ground, Penerley Road – and their tails will be up. They aim once more to become "Cock of the South" as they were between 1911 and 1921 when no other Southern club could touch them.

The man Lee will look to in their new quest for honours is newly elected captain R B Heath, who was also skipper in the 1949-50 season.

He joined the Old Dunstonians in 1934 and was in their Junior Flag winning team as a defence. He then transferred to Surbiton, a fine club famed for their robust lively play.

With the outbreak of war Heath entered the 91st Field Regiment (TA) at Hither Green (now the 91st Airborne) that formed part of the B I F.

After Dunkirk his boots marched through South Africa, Madagascar, India, Transjordan, Iraq, Iran, Persia, North Africa and Sicily before he was in the Anzac beachhead "party" for nine months.

Then it was France, Belgium, Holland and Germany before his boots changed to those with fabric uppers and rubber studded soles.

He joined Lee in 1946 and has been first choice for Kent ever since. From 1948 he has been a regular member of the South of England team. Over the last two seasons Heath has also been a representative of the Rest in England v The Rest match.

Enthusiasts will remember the sensational result last season, when The Rest beat England by 14-9.

Anyone who saw that game will recall what a tower of strength six-footer Heath proved to be. This year he is in the running for the England team.

Many know Roy ("And the best of luck") Heath as a Battery Sergeant Major at the 291st Airborne Regiment unit at Emmersdale Road."

October 1951

Other Matters – Six-a-Side (at Morden)

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 5th October 1951

"LEE MEN SHINE IN SIXES

South of England lacrosse made an attractive opening at Morden on Saturday, when the Old Thortonians staged their annual invitational six-a-side tournament.

It might have been called a lacrosse Youth Rally, for some 80 per cent of the entries were from schoolboys or young players. Most pleasing was the success of two Lee and two Beckenham players.

The winners were R J Smith's team who beat T E Cresswell VI by 8-3.

The winners owe their thanks to R B Heath, of Lee, who inspired the side to victory. B J Vincent of the same club is turning into a useful attack, while the excellent centre play of A A Hanson and the improved positioning of R Cole, both of Beckenham, did much to earn the side their victory.

On Saturday all the lacrosse sides in the Borough will be engaged in club trial games."

October 1951	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Won	13	4
	Lee II vs Buckhurst Hill II	Lost	1	6
October 1951	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	17	10
	Purley Kings vs Lee II	Lost	5	12
November 1951	Kenton vs Lee (Flag)	Won	16	3
November 1951	Purley vs Lee	Lost	20	9
	Lee II vs Hampstead II	Lost	0	1

Lewisham Borough News – 27th November 1951

"Lee were decisively beaten by a Purley side which at one time in the second half did exactly as they pleased. The first half was played at good pace, and first class lacrosse was seen. At half time Purley led by seven goals to five."

Caterham Mirror – 30th November 1951

"PURLEY FIRST CLUB TO DEFEAT LEE

Lee were the visitors to Addiscombe on Saturday and they arrived keen to maintain their unbeaten record in the Southern League this season. Purley, after leading 7-5 at half time, struck their best form and trounced the league leaders 20-9.

Lee scored first, and following some fast attacking movements, both sides were at 3-3 for a considerable time until the home team gradually began to get on top.

A switch at the interval, however, brought a great change to the Purley attack when Jemmett replaced Metcalfe in the centre, who went on to the left wing. Bristow dropped back to defence.

Immediately from the restart Purley piled on the pressure and after Church had netted within 30 seconds, Wilson scored three in quick succession. From then on it was nearly all Purley and the harassed Lee defence could find no answer to their fast play in front of goal. Only occasionally did they break away and then they found themselves up against a resolute defence.

Purley goal scorers were Church (6), Metcalfe (4), Wilson (4), Johnson (3), Walker (2) and Jemmett."

December 1951	Leicester & Birmingham vs Lee (Flag)			
		Won	8	5

Lewisham Borough News – 4th December 1951

"LEE PASS ON TO SECOND ROUND

Lee got through the first round of the Flag competition at Solihull on Saturday. The match was not a good one and play at times was very scrappy. Leicester played well considering they were one man short.

The issue was never really in doubt, despite the fact that the Lee attack was leaden footed and just failed to combine.

A better performance was given by the defence, the members of which presented the attack with opportunities which were not often accepted.

Special mention should be made of Fairman, who kept Leicester's star man, Swindells, well under control.

Goal scorers for Lee were Titley (2), Peachey (2), Farrall, Heath, Newdick and Shewell."

December 1951	Lee vs Hampstead	Draw	7	7
	Buckhurst Hill Juniors vs Lee II	Won	15	5

December 1951	Kenton vs Lee	Draw	5	5
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -21st December 1951

"LEE DRAW WITH TWO MEN SHORT

KENTON 5, LEE 5

A depleted Lee side did well to hold a much improved Kenton to a draw on Saturday.

The visitors commenced with three men missing. After half an hour another member of their team arrived, and they continued the rest of the game two short.

Playing under such a great disadvantage their normal game was restricted.

The play was fast and the Lee attack gave their defence good support.

The whole team played well and special mention should be made of Shewell, who made his debut as goalkeeper, and Vincent, a young attack player who was playing defence on this occasion.

Goals were scored by Gould (2), Grant, Newdick, and Peachey."

January 1952	Lee II vs Henry Thornton School	Won	14	3
January 1952	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Won	16	3
	Lee II vs Beckenham	Lost	2	16

January 1952	Other Matters – John Francis Steele
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Lewisham Borough News – 29th January 1952

"John Francis Steele, honorary secretary of Lee lacrosse club, shares with other local lacrosse clubs the view that the survival or

development of any sport depends on the care taken of its youngest participants, even at the expense of the senior side.

The other week when fixtures were cancelled through waterlogged grounds, the Old Dunstonians v Lee game at Elmers End was impossible, as was Lee II v Purley II game at Catford. Purley first team were using their East Croydon ground for practice – yet the Elmers End game (a championship fixture) could have been transferred there, as it was last year. Hearing of the plight of the junior sides, on John Steele's suggestion, the senior teams stood aside and let Lee II play Purley II at East Croydon.

John Steele's policy is something that would have pleased his uncle – the late Julian Francis Steele – whose name is remembered at St Dunstan's College, Catford, through the Julian Steele Memorial and the Julian Steele Athletic Cup. He, too, was a secretary of the Lee lacrosse club and did much to try to interest other schools in the game. Then came the 1914-18 war.

John Steele was also at St Dunstan's, in Lane House, from 1928-34, and gained school colours for lacrosse, rugby and athletics. During the war he gained a commission from the ranks as Captain in the RASC. His election as Lee hon secretary should augur well for the club.

As a sideline, John Steele finds time to be the stage manager for the Old Dunstonians Dramatic Society – with his wife Margaret assisting in no small manner as wardrobe and property mistress, and jointly with her husband as scenery designer. And as followers of local dramatics know, this Old Boys' society is gaining more recognition and going from success to success – a happy state now also hoped for in the Lee Lacrosse Club."

January 1952

Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag)

Lost

7

9

February 1952

Other Matters – South Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 12th February 1952

"LOCALS IN SOUTH'S TEAM

Over the weekend the South of England selectors announced the teams for the final South trial, which will take place at the Kanton C C ground, Kanton, on March 1.

Playing for the colours team will be K A B Holland (goal), and J A G Sizmur (point) of the Old Dunstonian Lacrosse Club, and R B Heath (cover-point), of the Lee Lacrosse Club.

In the White's side will be K O Peachey (wing attack) and A F Gold (first home), of the Lee Lacrosse Club. Also published on the reserve list are G H Forster (Old Dunstonians), and J A Newdick, A Grant and F Farrall (Lee).

The South team will meet the North in Manchester on March 15. This match will also be an England trial.

Those who graduate to England status will be awarded the England badge – now an annual honour – and will form the England team to meet the Rest at Lord's on March 29.

At a time when the nation mourns the death of King George VI, the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association honours the passing

of one who was not only himself a great sportsman, but who took a keen interest in sport throughout his realm.

As a mark of respect the Association has asked clubs to postpone all matches and functions on Saturday. Next Saturday the normal lacrosse programme will be resumed."

March 1952

Other Matters – South Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 11th March 1952

"SOUTHERN CAPS FOR 6 LOCALS

Taking place in Stockport on Saturday will be the 50th North v South men's lacrosse match. Half of the South team will travel to the Stockport Lacrosse Club ground at Cale Green will come from Old Dunstonian, Lee and Purley Lacrosse Clubs.

K A B Holland and J A G Sizmur are members of the Old Dunstonians, R B Heath hails from Lee, R V Wilson, G H Metcalfe and J R Church belong to Purley.

Bearing the brunt of the North attack will be K A B Holland, in goal, who has been chosen for the second year running. On his day he is difficult to beat, and it is hoped that the Stockport air will bring out his best qualities.

He used to be the 1st XII goalie for St Dunstan's College, Catford, before the war.

Also former pupils of St Dunstan's are J A G Sizmur and R B Heath who are captains of their respective clubs and have held their positions on the South defence since 1948.

J A G Sizmur is also an international, and is the only Southerner to have been chosen for England every year since the 1948 Olympics.

The real bite in the attacking half of the South team is the Wilson-Metcalfe-Church element, from Purley. Wilson and Metcalfe are both internationals, and they learnt the game in the North.

Wilson is an ace first home with an amazing goal record. His tally for the season reached 99 on Saturday, when his club beat Hampstead 26-7, the season's highest defeat.

He hopes to score his 100th goal against the North this Saturday. He played at first home for them last season.

Metcalfe will gain his fourth South cap on Saturday, and J R Church his first. Church is an Australian who joined Purley this season, he is a great player, and tipped for an England badge.

From the North-South clash the England team of the year will be determined. It will meet the Rest at Lord's on March 9."

March 1952

Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)

North won 17-3

The Manchester Guardian – 18th March 1952

"SOUTH BEATEN BY NORTH

LOSERS' HANDICAP

In a representative lacrosse match at Cale Green the North defeated the South 17-3. The South were by no means as weak as the score suggests for they were fast on the ball and played keenly to the end.

They challenged tirelessly for possession, but were unable to bring the ball under control as quickly as did the North with their more skilful handling. This handicap was noticeable on the South defence, the North, in contrast, cleared cleanly from defence. The North's greatest advantage was in goalkeeping, for J Griffith's catching and clearing were excellent. Had he been less steady, particularly in the first ten minutes when the South's attack was more aggressive the North might well have been hard pressed. The North's early attack play was poor fortunately it quickly improved and the visiting defence was repeatedly beaten both by an individual and combined skill much superior to that of their own forwards."

March 1952	Lee II vs Henry Thornton School	Won	15	4
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March 1952	Kenton vs Lee	Won	14	4
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Harrow Observer - 27th March 1952

"Kenton lost 4-14 to a strong Lee side on Saturday. Kenton were without Hundleby and Balkin.

Next week the main interest is centred on England v Rest game at Lord's (3 pm) to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the English Lacrosse Union."

April 1952	Other Matters – Six-a-Side Tournament			
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Lewisham Borough News - 8th April 1952

"LEE LOSE A TITLE TO PURLEY

Purley Lacrosse Club gained two of the three trophies competed for at the South of England six-a-side tournament at Morden on Saturday.

In the final of the senior contest they beat Cambridge University 4-2 and Purley IV won the Junior Cup 4-3 by beating Chislehurst and Sidcup Schools' A team.

In the senior contest Old Dunstonians beat Nottingham University 3-2 but fell 6-0 to Purley.

Lee, the holders, met Leicester and Birmingham in the first round and won 3-1, but were later beaten 4-2 by Purley.

Lee II did extremely well in the intermediate contest, beating Purley III 2-1 and Beckenham 3-0. They had a terrific struggle with Hampstead II in the final. Extra time had to be played, and Lee II lost 3-4.

Purley II who beat Buckhurst Hill II 2-1 in the first round, fell to Hampstead II 6-0 in the semi-final.

Purley IV's progress in the junior contest was no easy matter. They beat Kenton III 3-2 in the first round, then Henry Thornton School B 2-1 and Henry Thornton School A 4-2 in the semi-final."

April 1952	Other Matters – Kent Selection			
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Lewisham Borough News - 16th April 1952

"KENT SIDE INCLUDES LOCAL MEN

Kent County's lacrosse team will meet Middlesex in the Southern Counties Championship on Saturday at 3pm the General Electric Company's ground, at Preston Road, Wembley, will be used.

Kent's defence is very sound, while their attack possesses A F Gould, South of England cap and a promising combination.

R B Heath, Kent captain, has a South of England cap as has J A G Sizmur, the England international. A surprise choice is C A Shewell for goal, but his consistent play this season has earned him his place.

Surrey and Essex also compete in the competition, and the final will be on April 26, on a ground to be announced.

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May 1952

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Surrey

Kent won 13-12

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 2nd May 1952

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September 1952

Other Matters – Best Position for Captain

Evening News (London) -26th September 1952

"WHAT IS A SKIPPER'S BEST POSITION?"

In few team games do players think it is a good idea to appoint a goalkeeper as skipper. Frank Swift led Manchester City from goal, but such examples are rare.

Lacrosse players have other ideas. They believe the best place for the skipper is in goal - mainly in their game rigid control over the defence is imperative. This season three new goalkeeper-skippers have been appointed, K A B Holland will lead Old Dunstonians, C A Shewell is in charge of Lee and captain of Kenton will be L Attenborough.

D I Downes who captains Old Thortonians, has goalkeeping experience, and perhaps the best known goalkeeper-captain is F D Ewen, of the Purley A team, who led the South of England in 1948.

BACK TO LORD'S

Lacrosse is launching one of its most ambitious seasons at Lord's. On October 11 there will be a trial match between Cambridge University and a London side followed on November 8 by another between London and Oxford University. Both trials will help the selectors form the nucleus of a South team to meet the North next March.

Each Saturday until November 22 when the ground will probably be unfit for further play Lord's will echo with the shouts of eager lacrosse fans spurring on such teams as Buckhurst Hill, Hampstead, Kenton, Lee, Old Dunstonians, Old Thortonians and Purley."

October 1952

Other Matters – Captain Selected

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -3rd October 1952

"YORKSHIRE CAP TO LEAD LEE LACROSSE CLUB

C A Shewell, the South of England and Kent cap, has been selected as the captain of Lee Lacrosse Club. Over the weekend he and several other members were busy on their new ground at 4Orpington Sports Club, Goddington Lane, Orpington.

In Alan Shewell Lee have a player of class with vast experience of the game. He is a Yorkshireman and proud of it, having learnt lacrosse at Woodhouse Grove School in the North.

Between the years 1931 and 1935 he was capped for Yorkshire several times at lacrosse, and in the summer played in Bradford league cricket.

During a period before the war he played rugby in Birmingham, later joining the RAF.

He became a wing commander and in 1945 was appointed chairman of the RAF sports board in Egypt, where the chief sports were cricket and soccer.

After the war he came to London and joined Catford Lacrosse Club before it disbanded. He went over to Lee and played at first home for the South of England at the Oval in 1947. He also represented Kent every year since then.

By profession, Shewell is a solicitor, so visiting teams can expect fair play. But knowing that Lee were runners-up in the Southern championship table last season, they may also experience justice!

Lee will have their first practice match at Orpington Sports Club on Saturday, followed by another on October 11. They meet Old Dunstonians at Lord's Cricket Ground on October 18. The first visitors to Orpington will be Cambridge University on October 25."

October 1952

Other Matters – Match Preview

Lewisham Borough News – 14th October 1952

"LOCAL DERBY TO BE HELD AT LORDS

Old Dunstonians and Lee will meet in their first Senior Championship game of the season at Lord's cricket ground on Saturday.

As most clubs have supplied most, if not all players for Kent, the match is likely to take on the spirit of a trial game.

Captains K A B Holmes (O D's) and C A Shewell (Lee) will each play in goal.

Neither defence is likely to be at full strength. The O D's will find it difficult to replace John Sizmur, now with Kenton, and Peter Leal, who will not be available until November 1.

The most notable place in defence Lee will have to fill will be that of Dickie Boyce, who is still in the services. The club will also miss Frank Farrall, at centre, for a few weeks. He was married on Saturday and is away on honeymoon.

Lee have had a trial at their new ground at Goddington Lane, Orpington, and look forward to a happy season there."

October 1952

Lee vs Old Dunstonians (at Lord's)

Lost 7 9

Beckenham vs Lee II Lost 8 9

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 24th October 1952

"LEE FAILED TO KEEP THEIR LEAD

LEE 7, OLD DUNSTONIANS 9

The lacrosse season opened in earnest on Saturday, when local rivals met at Lord's Cricket Ground. The game was marred by the fact that Lee played with one man short throughout, but their defeat cannot be completely attributed to that fact.

Lee began at a cracking pace and as a result of good goals by Peachey they were soon three ahead. They continued to worry the Old Dunstonian defence and at half time were leading 6-1.

In the second half Lee faded and allowed the Old Dunstonians to score steadily. The extra man may have contributed to the OD's success, but they were aided by the fact that the Lee attack lost all

cohesion and time and time again dashed their chances by hurried action.

The Old Dunstonians gained confidence and went on to win. It was a fine performance on their part.

Goal scorers for Lee were Peachey (3), Newdick (2), Titley and Steele and for the Old Dunstonians French (4), Gregory (2), Forster, Goddard and Lewis."

October 1952

Lee vs Cambridge University Lost 8 10

Lewisham Borough News - 28th October 1952

"PUNCH LACKING IN LEE ATTACK

LEE 8, CAMBRIDGE UNIVVERSITY 10

Cambridge fully deserved their victory against the local side on Saturday. Lee's attack, depleted by sickness, lacked punch and time and time again were hustled right out of their game.

The defence played well, especially Shewell in goal.

The Cambridge attack moved easily and quickly and found time to assist their own defence, which often faltered.

Lee's attack did not have that little extra power that would have enabled them to turn these lapses in to goals.

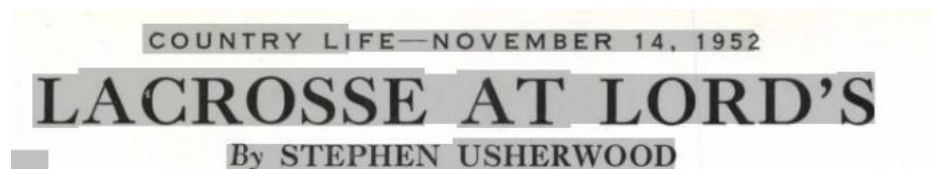
Special mention should be made of Newdick and Farrall in the Lee attack, who played vigorously throughout the game.

Goal scorers for Lee were Peachey and Steele (2 each), Farral, Morrow, Newdick and Titley."

November 1952

Other Matters – Lacrosse at Lord's

Country Life - 14th November 1952



"No Shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds -

November!

So sang Thomas Hood, and many a cricketer, passing by Lord's this month, must have echoed his words; but, for the followers of another game - men's lacrosse - it was the scene last Saturday of a most interesting match between Oxford University and a XII selected from clubs in the London area. The South of England Lacrosse Association, with the co-operation of MCC, is arranging a number of matches at Lord's this winter and selected the London players with a view of finding a side to represent the South of England against the North next spring. The Oxford v Cambridge match is played in February and the Oxford captain welcomed this severe test for his side as a help for picking potential half-blues for next term.

Lord's, even in winter, has such an aroma of history that some notes on the story of lacrosse and a description of the principles behind the modern game, may not be out of place before this particular match is described.

Lacrosse is an ideal sport for the English winter. The small, solid rubber ball is airborne most of the time, and can be caught and thrown with the lacrosse stick almost as easily in wet, muddy weather as in dry. The players wear light rubber studded boots, and passes are given and taken at full running speed. Lacrosse is, in fact, the fastest of all team games played on grass - except polo! - and like polo ponies, lacrosse players need frequent intervals - four quarters, instead of two 45-minute halves.

Lacrosse has been developed from the North American Indian game of Bagbatway, which the French Canadians renamed lacrosse because each player had a stick that resembled a bishops crosier. It became the national game of Canada, and brilliant teams from Ottawa and Toronto gave English clubs a great fillip in 1902 and 1907. Her Majesty the Queen saw a game in Vancouver last year. It also spread to Australia, where a number of fine players have been produced, and is popular in the universities on the eastern seaboard of the USA, whence two college teams have come here since 1945. One of these played a memorable draw against the England team in Wembley Stadium during the 1948 Olympic Games. In England lacrosse has flourished around London and Manchester, where two big grammar schools play. Manchester and William Hulme's are enthusiastic supporters of the game. There are over two dozen clubs in the North and about half that number, as well as two schools, in the London area.

In the original Red Indian game all the men of one village - say 800 - played all the men of the next; the pitch was often half a mile between goals (it is now 90 to 110 yards); there were no side boundaries; and the squaws encouraged their menfolk by beating them with switches. Fortunately the modern game has not lost the gay-free atmosphere of its Indian ancestor. It has no offside rule, and play goes on even in the area behind the goals. This means that very few are the stoppages compared with those in Rugby and Association football. Unfortunately lacrosse has the reputation - among those who have never played it - of being Red Indian in its savagery. This is humorous exaggeration. Injuries are no more frequent than in football or hockey. A lightly padded jockey cap with a stiff brim, and gauntlet gloves, padded on the knuckles, are all that English players need. Players who wear glasses ought to have a face guard, and many goalkeepers have a body pad.

The evolution of the modern lacrosse stick from the primitive one is a debt that we owe to the skilled craftsmanship of the stickmakers. Cricketers owe a similar debt to the batmakers. The Indian stick provided no easy target, so was best suited to a game where players preferred to run with the ball rather than pass. The first English sticks were long and narrow and adapted to a game of long, high passes. Sticks today, however, have shorter, broader nets and are suited to a game of quick, short passes. The stickmakers have also improved the standard of catching by shaping the stick and strings to form walls on two longer sides of the net. To enable the players to pick the ball up at speed they have also given a wedge-shape to the top of the stick. Some goalkeepers and defence players - especially in the USA - favour heavier, broader sticks, but it is doubtful whether they gain by this, since such sticks are more difficult to move quickly. Nor can they be used for that most devastating form of attack - the sudden infiltration of defence players into an attacking movement.

When play is due to begin, the two sides do not take positions in opposite halves of the field, as footballers do. They pair off in a long

line stretching from one goal to the other. Every player is thus much more closely marked than in other field games. In the middle of the field, and on the flanks of this line, each side has two wing defences and two wing attacks. The goalkeeper is allowed to stop the ball with his hands, but not to handle it – he needs every part of his body to stop shots, which come with more speed than a good fielder at cricket can give to his returns ! Although the goal mouth is only 6 feet square, scores of over 15 goals in a match are quite common, and play moves quickly from one end of the field to the other.

The game at Lord's last Saturday opened with a typical interchange of this kind; a goal for London at the end of five minutes was followed a minute later by one for Oxford, scored by Bruce Rosier, who comes from Western Australia. But from then on, until the third and fourth quarters, Oxford could make no impression on the London defence. Rosier added another two goals and Wilkinson, the Oxford captain, one more. Wilkinson played a captain's game – fast, energetic and skilful to the end, when his team seemed a little dispirited by the excellence of their opponents. The attack players on the London side gave a beautiful exhibition, taking passes at full speed and shooting from both sides of the body.

The final score was London 23, Oxford University 4; but the game, although one sided, was never dull. Many of the London goals were due to the ability to take immediate advantage of an opponent's mistakes which only comes with match experience. The most brilliant payer on the London side was R V Wilson, an Old Waconian who plays for Purley. He scored 14 goals. Another Purley man, J R Church who learnt the game in Adelaide, also played stylishly, and scored five. The remaining goals were scored by their captain, W E Walker an Old Dunstonian from the Purley side-one; K Peachey, another Old Dunstonian from the Lee club-one; and G H Metcalfe, an Old Mancunian who plays for Purley-two.



AN INCIDENT IN THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOAL-MOUTH DURING THE MATCH WITH A LONDON XII AT LORD'S

The London team, which had not played together before, set up a zone defence, waiting for their opponents to get fairly close to goal before trying to deprive them of the ball. It was completely successful against the Oxford attack, and was a fine example of team work, but more is required of a good defence. Each player must keep his eye on the ball as well as on the man with the ball. To intercept the pass is still the most perfect way of breaking up an

attack. Nor were the London clearances sufficiently quick or safe. The formation near goal should break up and help get the ball to the attacks, by short, safe passes. A static defence is very costly in time and ground, and a match-winning team playing a North of England side will want to spend every possible second near the Northern goal. If, however, these lessons can be learned by next spring a most exciting North v South match should result.

When Oxford players have had more stick practice and can find one another with short passes, they will make quite a formidable team."

.November 1952

Purley vs Lee (at Lord's) Lost 8 18

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 21st November 1952

"SOUND BEATING FOR LEE AT LORD'S

PURLEY 18, LEE 8

Lee were soundly beaten by a strong Purley team in their game at Lord's Cricket ground on Saturday. The Purley attack set the pace throughout, and the issue was never in doubt.

Lee's attack several times had bad luck early in the game, but compared with their opposite numbers in the Purley team they were never very effective.

The Purley attack moved clean and quickly. Making goals and scoring freely. The Lee defence, despite the score, played well against their skilful opponents.

At half time Lee were losing 10-1, but they rallied to bring the score to 12-8. In the failing light, Purley then scored six goals in rapid succession.

Goal scorers for Lee were Gould (3), Farrall (2), Grant, Peachey and Steele."

December 1952

County Match – Kent vs Surrey Kent won 13-12

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -2nd December 1952

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December 1952

Lee vs Cambridge University (Flag)

Won 10 8

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 5th December 1952

"FIRST POST WAR WIN FOR LEE OVER 'VARSITY

LEE 10, CAMBRIDGE U 8

Lee fully deserved their win against a strong University side in the first round of the Senior Flag competition on Saturday.

The game was played at a fast pace, despite the fact that the weather conditions deteriorated in the second half the standard of lacrosse was high.

Cambridge combined smoothly at the start, and it was not long before they scored. They were three goals up before a somewhat ragged Lee replied.

Lee's defence was kept fully occupied by the lively opposing attacks, and time and again they were lucky to stop them. At half time the visitors were leading 6-4.

The Lee attack played more together in the second half and steadily gained the upper hand. The Cambridge defence was fully tested and was found wanting.

By moving the ball freely the Lee attack gained control. Its members soon finding time to help their own defence in the closing stages.

It was the first time Lee have beaten the University since the war. Goal scorers for Lee were Peachey (4), Newdick and Titley (2), Farrall and Grant."

December 1952

Old Dunstonians vs Lee

Won 20 7

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 19th December 1952

"LOCAL DERBY WIN FOR LEE

OLD DUNSTONIANS 7, LEE 20

Lee convincingly defeated a somewhat depleted Old Dunstonians team in their local derby on Saturday. The issue was never really in doubt, despite the Old Dunstonians efforts early in the game.

Lee put their strongest attack on to the field. This moved smoothly and after settling down became a very dangerous scoring machine, which the Old Boys' defence could not hold.

Prominent among the Lee attack was Gould, who made a welcome reappearance and scored six with his accurate snap shooting.

For the Old Dunstonians French and Barker appeared dangerous at times, but the Lee defence was never unable to cope with each situation.

Special mention should be made of Gregory, who played in goal for the Old Boys.

Scorers for the OD's were French (2), Barker (2), Batchelor, Forster and Tomkins. Titley (5), Newdick (4), Farrall (2), Peachey (2), and Grant were the other Lee scorers."

January 1953	Lee vs Purley A	Won	5	1
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January 1953	Other Matters – Colts Trial
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -16th January 1953

"The South of England Men's Lacrosse Association will hold a trial on Addiscombe Cricket Club's ground at East Croydon on Saturday.

Whites and Colours will meet so that the South London Colts team to play North London Colts in March may be determined.

The Whites' team is the most promising, containing as it does all past and present members of the Chislehurst and Sidcup School at Footscray, Kent.

Colours will be represented by R G J Wood, J C Cassley, N A Wright, G E Pennington (Capt), and R J Smith of Henry Thornton School, R J Burns, A A Hanson and T Miles of the Old Dunstonians, W Ross, C Ellery and B Starr of Lee, and R Reid of Purley."

March 1953	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	13	6
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March 1953	Lee vs Kenton	Won	17	4
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April 1953	Other Matters – Kent Selection
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Lewisham Borough News -21st April 1953

"LOCAL PLAYERS IN KENT SIDE TO MEET ESSEX

Kent County lacrosse men will meet Essex in the first round of the Southern Counties' Lacrosse Championship at Orpington Sports Club, Goddington Lane, Orpington at 3 pm on Saturday.

Kent are the holders, and if they retain the trophy in the final a new record will be created. Since 1900 both Kent and Middlesex have been champions 13 times. The date of the final has yet to be fixed.

Colours beat Whites 13-5 in Saturday's trial. Last minute cancellations prevented several prominent players from attending, but the experience was of benefit to the players from Old Sedcopians and the Chislehurst and Sidcup school.

Lee, Old Dunstonians and Beckenham were also represented.

Colours won through period scores 4-2, 6-2 and 9-5.

Those representing Lee were the best players on the field. Such players as J R H French and A C Gregory, of the Old Dunstonians, were sure of a place, but were unfit.

The Kent team will be as follows: K A B Holand (Old Dunstonians), A Picton (Beckenham), D R Pope (Lee), R B Heath (Lee) capt, R G Boyce (Lee), G F Henry (O D's), F Farrall (Lee), A Grant (Lee), J A Newdick (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), C A Shewell (Lee), and J H Titley (Lee). Reserves are: G H Forster (O D's), J F Steele (Lee), and A Grasby (Old Sedcopians). D R Pope and A Picton are Kent new caps."

April 1953

County Match – Kent vs Essex

Kent won 16-0

Lewisham Borough News -28th April 1953

"PEACHEY PUT IN EIGHT FOR KENT

KENT 16, ESSEX 0

Kent scored a convincing victory over Essex in the first round of the Southern Counties' Championship at Orpington on Saturday, and will now meet Surrey in the final at Goddington Lane next Saturday.

It is the second successive year that Kent and Surrey have been finalists, and if Kent win a new record will be established. At present both Kent and Middlesex have been champions 13 times since 1900.

Passing frequently went astray in the opening stages, when Essex might have scored, but Kent eventually settled down and displayed better skill in all departments.

Kent's scorers were: Peachey (8), Grant (3), Forster, Sargent, Newdick, Heath, and Henry.

The Kent team for the final will be as follows: C A Shewell (Lee), D R Pope (Lee), A Picton (Beckenham), R B Heath (Lee, Captain), J F Steele (Lee), F Henry (Old Dunstonians), F Farrall (Lee), G H Forster (O D's), J A Newdick (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), A Grant (Lee), and J H Titley (Lee)."

October 1953

Other Matters – Lee Captaincy

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -9th October 1953

"GRANT WILL LEAD LEE THIS SEASON

Lee Lacrosse Club, who celebrated their 51st anniversary on September 23, have chosen Alan Grant to lead them through this season, that opens tomorrow (Saturday).

The club meet Purley at East Croydon in a championship match.

Had it not been for the enthusiasm of secretary J Newdick, Grant might never have taken up the game again when he came to London from Cheshire.

Newdick met him at a tennis club in Sidcup in 1949. At that time Grant did not know the game was played in these parts.

Although ten years away from the sport. Grant soon recovered his skill. He quickly gained promotion from Lee II, and over the last two seasons has represented Kent.

Last March he gained his first South cap, playing in the match at Lord's against the North.

On September 23, at The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, one of Grant's first duties will be to present a silver salver to T E Cresswell, who has been with the club since 1909, and is still President.

Mr Cresswell was also Southern Association President over the last two seasons."

October 1953

Other Matters – South London Team Selection

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –23rd October 1953

"A South London XII is to meet Cambridge University in a lacrosse match at Lord's tomorrow (Saturday) at 3 pm. The local side will be as follows :-

E L D Darke (Old Thortonians), D R Pope (Lee), R B Heath (Lee) Capt, G P Henry (Old Dunstonians), J Jemmett (Purley), E A Mann (OT's), F Farrall (Lee), J A Newdick (Lee), E P Gregory (OT's), G H Metcalfe (Purley), A Grant (Lee) and C A Shewell (Lee)."

November 1953

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Lost 26 8

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –6th November 1953

"OD's BIGGEST LOCAL DERBY DEFEAT?"

LEE 26, OLD DUNSTONIANS 8

Lee scored a great victory over Old Dunstonians in Saturday's senior championship match at Orpington. It was probably OD's heaviest defeat in all the years the match has been staged between the local clubs.

Bad weather caused the game to be transferred from Lord's cricket ground, where it was originally arranged to take place.

The score reflects on the smooth working, speedy, well positioned and punishing play displayed by Lee's attack, without casting too unhappy a light on the OD's defence.

They played one short throughout, and Lee took advantage of this to the full.

The OD's. nevertheless, made a good start, chiefly through the punch of Batchelor, who gave them a 3-1 lead. Lee drew level at 4-4, and then led 7-4 at half time.

In the second half Lee's skill at the face accounted for several goals.

Farrall's skilful centre play, his deft flicks to cleverly positioned attackmen, sent Lee battling through the OD defence again and again.

Without a leader to hold them together, the OD's defenders were outclassed. Bickerton was the exception, and he made some good interceptions.

Holland also made some grand saves against the barrage of shots, but often Lee followed up to convert, not losing an opportunity to score.

The OD attack also they were defeated by Lee's forceful play.

Given leadership on attack and defence, the OD's will do better in the future. Several members of the team must remember that two hands on the crosse is always the best policy.

Lee scorers were Peachey (9), Newdick (6), Morrow (3), Steele (3), Farrall (2), Grant, Starr and Heath. Batchelor (4), Lewis (2) and Forster (2) scored for the OD's."

November 1953

Cambridge University vs Lee Lost 5 18

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -27th November 1953

"LEE EASILY BEATEN BY VARSITY MEN

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 18, LEE 5

Cambridge University beat Lee in easy style at Cambridge on Saturday and remain undefeated this season. The visitors met a defence that marked closely, was cohesive, and prevented smooth attack work.

Farrall, the Lee centre, battled hard against Armstrong, but found him full of drive and punch.

Cambridge were soon four goals up and they led 9-1 at the interval.

Lee settled down in the second half and play was more even, but Cambridge doubled their score.

Lee scored through Newdick (3), and Peachey (2). Cambridge scorers were Carr (6), Armstrong (5), Smith (3), Reeve (2), Lee and Chisholm."

December 1953

Hampstead us Lee (Flag) Won 9 5

Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 4th December 1953

"LEE GIVE THEIR BEST DISPLAY OF THE SEASON

HAMPSTEAD 5, LEE 9

Lee gave what was undoubtedly their greatest display of the season at the North Middlesex CC ground, Hornsey, on Saturday, in a South of England Senior Flag tie.

Not only did they find a Hampstead 12 of tip top strength but they faced off with only eight men. Four players were held up by traffic difficulties.

Pope took goal and the remainder played defensively, but for all their star line up Hampstead failed to pile up a great lead.

Lee scored first and kept going in a goal for goal exchange until half time when the score was 3-3. By this time the full team were on the field.

Hampstead drew level at 5-5, but Lee's smoothly working attack, aided by good defence forcing, finally rocked them out of the competition with four fine goals."

December 1953	Old Dunstonians us Lee	Won	12	6
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Lewisham Borough News – 8th December 1953

“SELECTORS SEE LEE DEFEAT THE OD’s

OLD DUNSTONIANS 6. LEE 12

Lee visited the Old Dunstonians at their Elmers End ground on Saturday and added further glory to the season’s record.

Although stickwork was untidy on occasions, play was lively throughout. Lee’s mobile, quick passing, sharpshooters attacked in waves.

It was an education to the OD defence, who did well and made several good, unexpected interceptions. Lee led 5-2 at the interval.

Pressing from defence in the second half, the OD’s were more menacing, but they tended to bunch and a packed Lee defence prevented many shots from going home.

Burns and Kiely checked and cleared well for the OD’s, while Lee’s Boyce eclipsed Batchelor and Heath forced from the Lee defence with drive and daring. Sargent, Lee centre, had the measure of Hanson.

The game provided a convenient trial for the Kent selectors to watch, three Old Sedcopians – Grassby, Toon and Parsons – being invited to play.

Lee scorers were Grant (3), Farrall (3), Heath (2), Peachey (2), Starr and Morrow. Gregory (4), Lewis and Parsons replied for the OD’s.”

December 1953

Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 8th December 1953

“Kent’s lacrosse team to meet Middlesex on the Orpington Sports Ground, Goddington Lane, Orpington, on Saturday at 2.30 pm, will be as follows:

C A Shewell (Lee), D R Pope (Lee), R B Heath (Lee) Captain, G F Henry (Old Dunstonians), G H Forster (OD’s), R G Boyce (Lee), F Farrall (lee), J A Newdick (Lee), E V Batchelor (OD’s), A Grant (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), and A C Gregory (OD’s).

At the same time as the Southern Counties championship match, Kent Juniors will meet Middlesex Juniors, probably on the Kenton CC ground, Kenton.

In both championships the winners will meet Surrey, who eliminated the Essex teams on Saturday. The finals will probably be played on April 10.”

December 1953	Purley A us Lee	Won	12	8
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January 1954	Buckhurst Hill us Lee	Won	15	5
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Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette –8th January 1954

“LEE HOLD THIRD PLACE IN CHAMPIONSHIP

BUCKHURST HILL 5, LEE 15

Lee Lacrosse Club continued to show good form on Saturday. Visibility was from 40 to 50 yards at the start of the match, and it gradually deteriorated.

Lee are now third in the Senior championship competition, equal with Hampstead but with a game in hand.

Peachey, Newdick and Grant were well on form, and they proved too good for the Buckhurst Hill defence.

The Buckhurst Hill attack could not finish, only having Gray as spearhead. The strong Lee attack moved easily, gaining an 8-3 lead by half time.

Lee then went ahead comfortably as the fog thickened and neither defence was able to anticipate the next possible angle of attack.

Lee's scorers were Newdick (5), Peachey (5), Grant (4), and Pope, Gray (2), French, Roberts and Lightfoot replied.

Lee welcomed a new defenceman to their ranks in Ian Grant, brother of Lee captain Alan Grant. He has played in Cheshire trials and for Stockport Lacrosse Club."

January 1954

Lee vs Hampstead

Lost

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Lewisham Borough News - 12th January 1954

"HAMPSTEAD WORTHY VICTORS OVER LEE

LEE 9, HAMPSTEAD 11

The Senior championship match at Orpington on Saturday aroused more interest than any other Southern lacrosse fixture that day, for both clubs are keen contestants for championship honours.

Hampstead were worthy winners of an interesting and sometimes over robust encounter.

Lee sadly missed Heath, their linch pin on defence, but they did well against the Hampstead attack.

Thawed snow made footwork uncertain at times, Pear frequently had Lee worried.

The home side narrowed Hampstead's lead to 8-7 in the second half. They fought strongly, but Hampstead's defence held."

January 1954

Lee vs Old Thortonians

Won

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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 22nd January 1954

"THORTONIANS FORCED LEE TO FIGHT

LEE 9, OLDTHORTONIANS 6

Old Thortonians fought splendidly in Saturday's Senior championship match at Orpington and often ran Lee close. The home side were one short throughout.

Lee began uphill and forced the pace. The OT defence met the onslaught with keen tackling, but soon Steele broke through to net with a neat shovel shot.

From then on Lee had the edge, but the OT's provided spirited opposition, their attack containing young, keen players. Among them Pennington did particularly well.

Play swayed backwards and forward in interesting fashion until Lee led 4-3. Then the home side added two more.

In the second half Lee again forced, but the OT defence continued to do well, breaking up several moves and hitting back hard.

Gregory distributed the ball to the tireless OT attack, but they could not finish.

The score rose to 8-6 before Lee added another goal.

Alan Grant worked hard and was often aided by his brother, Ian, who forced dangerously. Mann held Peachey well, and Drake, the OT goalie, saved several point blank shots.

Lee's continuous drive and superiority in shooting power won the day. Farrall being the most successful attack and collecting four goals. Grant (2), Heath, Steele and Peachey also scored. Gregory (3), Jones, Pennington and Wilson scored for Thortonians."

January 1954

Old Dunstonians vs Lee Won 19 2

Lewisham Borough News - 26th January 1954

"LEE SECOND IN SENIOR LEAGUE

OLE DUNSTOINANS 2, LEE 19

Lee Lacrosse Club climbed to second place on goal average in the South of England Senior League after soundly beating the Old Dunstonians at Elmers End on Saturday.

The final score did not do justice to the hard fight put up by the ODs. One short on attack throughout, they could not overcome the spare defence.

Again and again the ball was worked up well, only to be intercepted by Heath, who cleverly broke up many Dunstonian drives. Thorburn did well, however, feeding and moving the ball well into the open spaces.

Lee's attack did not find the going easy, Henry hit down many Lee passes, and Holland kept goal with admirable aplomb. At half time Lee lead by 7-1.

In the second half the OD defence did not bind tightly, and gave Lee's expert stickmen too much room.

Holland again was excellent, saving many close-range shots and being particularly good in clearing to the wings.

The OD attack pressed hard again but still could not finish, so well did Lee defenders cove. Boyce and Pope stuck closely to their men, and Steele forced dangerously.

The Lee goal had a few escapes, but Durrant was confident. Lee's overall superiority told in the end, and they were worthy winners.

Peachey (6), Farrall (4), Grant (2), Newdick (2), Morrow (2) and Heath scored for them, Forster and Gregory netted for ODs."

February 1954	Oxford University vs Lee	Lost	8	13
<i>Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 5th February 1954</i>				
<i>"AND OXFORD BEAT WEAKENED LEE</i>				
<i>OXFORD UNIVERSITY 13, LEE 8</i>				
<i>Lee were under strength for their friendly match at the Parks, Oxford, on Saturday, and a transport hitch caused them to be one short throughout.</i>				
<i>Heath, Farrall and Pope, all regular players, were not in the team.</i>				
<i>Fighting on a hard and slippery ground, Lee could not overcome the extra opposing defence at first, and Oxford led 3-1 at quarter time.</i>				
<i>Picking up proved difficult, the ball the ball bouncing at unexpected heights and angles.</i>				
<i>Lee settled down and fought through two even periods, however, but they were unable to reduce Oxford's lead. The home side went to 7-5 and then to 10-6.</i>				
<i>Oxford's team then stepped up the attack potentially and shot three more goals by defence forcing.</i>				
<i>Lee's scorers were Peachey (3), Newdick (2), Titley, A Grant and Steele. Ian Grant did well in the Lee defence."</i>				
February 1954	Lee us Cambridge University	Lost	3	12
February 1954	Purley A us Lee	Lost	9	12
March 1954	Other Matters – South Squad Selection			
<i>Lewisham Borough News - 2nd March 1954</i>				
<i>"LEE'S HEATH CHOSEN TO LEAD SOUTH</i>				
<i>Local players did well in the final South of England trial at Elmers End Sports Club, Elmers End, on Saturday, when the colours defeated the whites 17-9.</i>				
<i>Those who took part in the match included Lee Lacrosse Club's R B Heath, K O Peachey, J A Newdick, F Farrall, R G Boyce and A Grant and Old Dunstonians' G H Forster and G F Henry.</i>				
<i>As usual strong opposition was provided by several promising University players - notably those from Cambridge.</i>				
<i>R B Heath and K O Peachey gained places in the South XII which is to meet the North on March 13 at Stockport Cricket Club Ground, Cale Green, Stockport.</i>				
<i>Heath who will be playing in his seventh successive North v South match, has now been appointed captain. He has also skippered Lee.</i>				
<i>Peachey, for many years on the fringes of the South team, wins his first cap. During Saturday's game he shot six goals.</i>				
<i>Newdick, who played centre, played extremely well against J Gray, and his success at the centre faces accounted in no small measure for the even distribution of the ball between the team.</i>				
<i>Boyce and Henry also did well on the Whites' defence.</i>				

Grant, Farrall and Forster were among the White's attack, which at times displayed good rapid passing. Forster (3) and Grant netted four of the White's nine goals.

The selected South team is: E L D Drake (Old Thorntonians), J A G Sizmur (Kenton), G W Pickworth (Kenton), R B Heath (Lee, captain), H L Booth (Hampstead), J Jemmett (Purley), J Gray (Buckhurst Hill), K B Armstrong (Kings, Cambridge), K O Peachey (Lee), G H Metcalfe (Purley), C S Smith (Christs, Cambridge), and R Carr (Jesus, Cambridge)."

March 1954

Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)

North won 19-5

The Manchester Guardian -16th March 1954

"NORTH COMBINE WELL

The North beat the South 19-5 in their lacrosse match at Cale Green, Stockport.

At the start the South set the pace and their young attack repeatedly had the North defence beaten for possession. The ball was worked round quickly and full use was made of the ground behind goal. However, the North defence survived three combined movements, all of which with a little luck might have produced goals, before the South opened the scoring through Metcalfe. The South defence started steadily and it took two individual runs by Buckland to give the North a lead. Later the North's accurate passing and unselfish combination quickly revealed the South defence's weak spots, with the result the North led 5-1 at quarter time, and increased their lead to 10-3 by half time, and were 13-3 ahead at the final interval.

The Majority of the North's goals were scored from combined play. Buckland's well timed support passes gave Crofts five out of his six goals. Gill's six goals were mainly quick conversions. The North's other scorers were Buckland (3), Ward (2), Kershaw and Walkden. Of a uniformly sound defence McClinton and Clayton were the best. The difference in the quality of the goalkeeping of the two teams exaggerated the North's superiority. Griffith's goalkeeping for the North was almost faultless whereas Drake too often failed to get his body on front of shots. The South scorers were Armstrong (2) and Smith both of whom worked untiringly throughout and constantly helped their defence. Metcalfe, who was always thrustful, and Grey, who played a lively game at centre. The soundest South defenders were Sizmur and Heath."

March 1954

Other Matters – England vs the Rest Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian -16th March 1954

"The teams for the England v the Rest match to be played at Lord's on March 27 have been selected as follows:-

England: J Griffith (Stockport), F M McClinton (Old Hulmeians), H A Whatley (Old Hulmeians), A B Clayton (South Manchester & Wythenshawe) captain, B E Tweedale (Heaton Mersey), D W Booth (Stockport), C D Walkden (Old Waconians), J Buckland (Old Hulmeians), W Crofts (Boardman & Eccles), G H Metcalfe (Purley), A A Gibbon (Heaton Mersey), E R Kershaw (Offerton).

Rest: A A Johnson (Old Waconians), J A G Sizmur (Kenton), R James (Mellor), R B Heath (Lee) captain, P J Thorpe (Ashton). J Chapman (Mellor), J Gray (Buckhurst Hill), K W Armstrong (Cambridge)

University), R V Ringham (Old Waconians), C R Ward (Offerton), S Gill (Old Hulmeians), R W Deacon (Old Mancunians)."

Lewisham Borough News -16th March 1954

"LEE MAN TO LEAD THE REST

Another local man to be honoured over the weekend was Lee Lacrosse Club's Roy Heath. After captaining the South of England lacrosse team against the North at Stockport on Saturday, he was chosen to lead the Rest against the England team at Lord's on March 27.

The North beat the South 19-5 on Saturday, but the score does not do justice to Heath's men. Although they did not possess the polish, brilliant team work, and scoring ability of their opponents, they managed to get a large share of the ball."

March 1954

Kenton vs Lee

Won

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Lewisham Borough News -16th March 1954

"Despite the fact they were two short and had also been weakened by the demands made upon them by the South of England team. Lee won their away senior championship match with Kenton by six goals to four.

Kenton placed their faith in A Wilkinson, the speedy winger and Oxford half-blue, but he was well and truly eclipsed by I Grant. At half time Lee led 4-2, and they kept their two-goal margin to the end.

Visiting scorers were Newdick (2), Morrow (2), Steele and A Grant."

March 1954

Other Matters – England vs the Rest

England won 16-4

The Manchester Guardian -30th March 1954

"ENGLAND TOO GOOD FOR THE REST

England beat the Rest 16-4 in a representative lacrosse match at Lord's after a fast and interesting game. Perfect weather and an ideal playing surface provided faultless conditions and the England side, which was as selected, outclassed the Rest, whose team included Bradburn for Sizmur on defence and C S Smith for Gill on attack.

The Rest defended keenly at the start and England opened the scoring through Buckland only after some time. Slowly but surely, however, England established a superiority and at half time led by 7-2. The game was played in two halves of 45 minutes instead of in the customary four periods of twenty minutes. The second half opened evenly and an early goal by Gibbon was quickly followed by one from Gray for the Rest. England's attack then confirmed its superiority by scoring seven goals before the Rest could reply.

A marked contrast in methods of attack was the game's most notable feature. Whereas England's attacks constantly endeavoured to score by combined thrusts which moved directly towards the goal, the Rest's attack kept moving the ball wide and frequently combined movements ended with the ball farther from the goal than it was when such movement began. The difference in the quality of the defence play contributed to this contrast. England's defence was excellent and Griffith's polished display of

goalkeeping gave the Rest's attack no encouragement; McClinton, who cleared well, and Clayton were also outstanding.

In England's attack Buckland, who shot five goals, was in his best form; his passing was particularly accurate and contributed to all three goals scored by Crofts and most of the six scored by Gibbon. Kershaw also scored twice for England. The Rests defence played hard but was never equal to its task; Thorpe was the outstanding defender. Gray who shot two goals played well and tirelessly at centre, and Ringham, who also scored twice, was the most dangerous of a Rest attack on which C S Smith was the hardest worker."

March 1954	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	11	5
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April 1954	Lee vs Purley	Won	14	8
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Sydenham, Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 9th April 1954

"LEE WRECK PURLEY'S RECORD

LEE 14, PURLEY 8

Lee Lacrosse Club have had a most successful season in the South of England senior championship competition.

They are runners-up to Purley, whom they beat in a great game at Orpington on Saturday by good teamwork and skilful, fast play.

The victory smashed Purley's cherished record of being undefeated in any league game since November 16. 1951.

Farrall, the Lee centre, played a great part in the victory, displaying great skill at the centre face.

Lee led 5-4 at the interval, and in the final 10 minutes the Purley defence cracked and Lee made certain of victory.

Man-of-the Match was Morrow, who took many passes at top speed and shot five good goals, Grant, Peachey and Farrall (3 each) also scored for Lee."

April 1954	Other Matters – Lee Northern Tour
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Lewisham Borough News – 13th April 1954

"LEE TO VISIT THE NORTH

Lee Lacrosse Club are to make their first tour in the North of England since before the war over the Easter holiday.

Such tours are always useful in making contacts should Northern players come to London to work and wish to continue their lacrosse.

Lee's opponents over the holiday will be Heaton Mersey Guild (Good Friday), Urmston (Saturday), and Stockport (Easter Monday).

An Old Dunstonian XII will meet the Old Hulmeians at the O D Rugby Football Ground, Beckenham Hill, at 11 am, on Easter Monday. It will be the Old Hulmeians' fourth visit since the war.

Among the Old Hulmeians - who have one of the best teams in the country - will probably be Jonny Buckland, one of the cleverest wing attacks in the game today.

Although the team will not contain all their regular first XII players, and may have one or two boys from William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, it will be seen that from the youngest to the oldest they are trained to play hard throughout, and play to win.

Playing in the home team will be Old Dunstonian R B Heath, of Lee Lacrosse Club. This year he captained the South against the North, and a few eeks ago he led the Rest against England at Lord's Cricket Ground.

The Old Dunstonian XII will be made up of members of the Old Dunstonian Lacrosse Club and several guest players."

July 1954

Other Matters – University of Virginia Tour

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 18th June 1954

"VIRGINIAN LACROSSE TOURISTS TO PLAY AT HERNE HILL

Cycling will make way for lacrosse at Herne Hill next month, when a team from the University of Virginia play the final match of their tour there.

The party, 22 strong, is due to arrive in this country from Charlottesville, Virginia on June 27. They will travel via Canada to Southampton.

Virginia are ranked fifth or sixth best University team in the USA. On June 29 they travel to the Iffley Road Rugby ground at Oxford, to meet an Oxford and Cambridge Universities team before facing sides in the North.

They return to London on July 10 to meet the South of England team at the London University ground, Motspur Park on the evening of July 11. Five days later they conclude their tour at Herne Hill with a match against England on the London Welsh Rugby Club pitch. The game is due to start at 3 pm.

Twenty-Seven South of England players have been selected to attend the weekly trials in Regent's Park, London, which began on Wednesday. The local clubs of Lee, Old Dunstonians and Purley are well represented.

Some players have not been included on account of the distance they would have to travel, especially the promising material at Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Local men selected are R B Heath, K O Peachey, A Grant, I Grant, J A Newdick and R G Boyce of Lee Lacrosse Club; H Smith, G F Henry, A C Gregory and G H Forster of Old Dunstonian Lacrosse Club; and G H Metcalfe, J Jemmett and W Walker of Purley Lacrosse Club.

The Virginians have concluded a good season, and I am told that they should be just as impressive as were Rensealaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, who played at Wembley, Motspur Park and Grove Park in 1948, and as polished as Yale University were two years later.

For the visit the Americans will play entirely according to English rules. Substitution was allowed in previous tours, but it was felt that it upset the rhythm of the game.

The Virginians will travel back to the States on July 21."

July 1954

Other Matters – South vs University of Virginia

Lewisham Borough News – 6th July 1954

“LEE BSM WILL LEAD AGAINST VIRGINIANS

The touring American lacrosse team from the University of Virginia will play the South of England at Motspur Park on Monday evening.

Leading the South of England Team will be Roy Heath of Lee Lacrosse Club, who is also Battery Sergeant Major of the 291st Airborne Unit at Hither Green.

Although lacrosse is out of season the South of England has mustered a strong side.

New caps are H Smith (Old Dunstonians) and F A Spooner of the Hampstead club, who lives in Beckenham.

The team is:- E L D Drake (Old Thorntonians), J A G Sizmur (Kenton), G W Pickworth (Kenton), L H Booth (Hampstead), J Jemmett (Purley), F A Spooner (Hampstead), R B Heath (Lee, Capt), J Gray (Buckhurst Hill), F A Spooner (Hampstead), G H Metcalfe (Purley), H E Reeve (Cambridge University), K B Armstrong (Cambridge University), and H Smith (Old Dunstonians).

University of Virginia have beaten a combined Oxford and Cambridge team at Oxford 16-2, but in their first two matches in the North they met stiffer opposition. In rainy and gloomy conditions they beat Manchester University 5-1 at Fallowfields, and in a brilliant game only beat Cheshire 6-4.”

October 1954

Lee vs Cambridge University Lost 4 24

Lewisham Borough News – 19th October 1954

“20 GOAL DEFEAT FOR LEE

LEE 4, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 24

Lee Lacrosse Club went down with a bang at Orpington Sports Club on Saturday, when they entertained Cambridge University for their first match of the season.

In spite of the one-sided score Lee fought gamely, but missed Heath on defence and Peachey on attack.

Grant, the captain, began well by notching two clever goals for Lee, but thereafter the machine like precision of the Light Blues, aided by good feeding by Colin Smith (the Lancashire and Cambridge cricketer) and Ron Carr split Lee's defence with lightening movements and piled up the goals in grand style.

Cambridge gained quarter time leads of 7-2, 12-2. And 18-4.

Most notable freshmen on the team was Robin Coffey, a five feet four player who shot eight, Armstrong (7), Nield (5), Carr (2), Smith and Pope (og) netted the remainder. Grant (2) and Morrow (2) replied for Lee.

Steele played pluckily in goal, but the defence in front of him lacked cohesion and agility, except for Don Pope who made some outstanding interceptions.

In attack Grant and Morrow worked particularly hard, the latter not being afraid to shoot.

This Saturday an interesting tussle is promised between Lee and Purley at Orpington. Lee should be strengthened by the return of Heath and Peachey and there may only be a goal or to in the result."

October 1954	Lee vs Purley	Won	11	4
November 1954	Lee vs Old Dunstonians	Won	13	7

November 1954 Other Matters – South London vs Oxford University Preview

Sydenham Forest Hill and Penge Gazette -19th November1954

"What should be the best lacrosse game to see in the London area tomorrow (Saturday), is the South London - Oxford University match at Addiscombe Cricket Club ground, East Croydon.

It has been arranged by the South of England selectors in their quest to form a nucleus around which to build a possible South team for 1955.

The South London team selected is :- C D Coppock (Purley), R B Heath (Lee) (Captain), G F Henry (Old Dunstonians), R G Boyce (Lee), F Marsh (Purley), I Grant (Lee), F Farrall (Lee), G H Metcalfe (Purley), K O Peachey (Lee), G H Forster (Old Dunstonians), A Johnson (Purley), and J R H French (Old Dunstonians)."

November 1954	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	18	2
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November 1954 Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Evening News (London) -29th November1954

"COUNTY LACROSSE TEAMS

Kent and Surrey lacrosse teams to meet at Orpington Sports Club, Orpington, on Saturday (2.30 pm) are:

Kent: A C Gregory (Old Dunstonians), R B Heath (Lee) (Capt), R G Boyce (Lee), I Grant (Lee), G F Henry (OD's), A Briggs (OD's), F Farrall (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee), G H Forster (OD's), A Grant (Lee), T Morrow (Lee), and J R H French (OD's).

Surrey: C D Coppock (Purley), J Lee (Purley), R F Ensor (Old Thortonians), A E Mann (OT's) (Capt), F March (Purley), J Epps (Purley), S Freshville (Purley), M Coppack (Purley), D Ewen (Purley), G H Metcalfe (Purley), A Johnson (Purley), and E F Gregory (OT's)."

December 1954 Other Matters – South Team Selection

The Manchester Guardian -8th December1954

"SOUTH TEAM CHOSEN

The North v South match, the lacrosse season's most important fixture, will be played on December 18, in Regents Park, London. The change in date has been made so that the game can be televised. The match will start at 2.15 pm and viewers will see the second half from 3 pm.

South: B E Reeve (Cambridge University), H L South (Hampstead), R B Heath (Lee) captain, W M Adams (Oxford University), P Nield (Cambridge University), J Gray (Buckhurst Hill), C S Smith (Cambridge University), R Carr (Cambridge University), G H Metcalfe (Purley), K B Armstrong (Cambridge University), R S Coffey (Cambridge University), H Smith (Hampstead)."

December 1954

Other Matters – North vs South (at Regents Park)
North won 12-6

The Manchester Guardian – 19th December 1954



The Manchester Guardian – 21st December 1954

"NORTH TOO GOOD FOR SOUTH"

The North beat the South 12-6 at Regents Park, in an excellently contested match, and although the North were the superior side the difference in the scores was largely due to Griffith's excellent goalkeeping for the North, particularly in the first half, when his stopping and body work were first class.

The South soon opened the scoring through Armstrong after play had been switched rapidly from the left wing to the right. Gibbon quickly equalised, but the South attacks, passing and catching well on the move, kept the North defences at full stretch and gained a well deserved 3-1 lead. Forceful attack play by Gibbon, Croft and Buckland, and Ward's powerful long shots put the North 6-4 ahead at half time.

An early second half goal by Armstrong suggested a close second half. Unfortunately, the South attacks altered their tactics H Smith, always dangerous when at first home, fell back to assist his defence and was wasted. The depleted attacks then had to pass and shoot without movement. Against a defence as sound as the North's this was fatal. Both McClinton and Clayton, who were outstanding throughout, repeatedly stopped shots before they reached Griffith.

Gibbon was the most dangerous North attack and shot six goals; Ward (4), Kershaw and Crofts also scored. For the South Reeve did well in goal. Heath marking Croft, and Grey and Buckland, were soundest defenders and Armstrong (3) best on attack. The South's other scorers were H Smith, Carr and C S Smith, who was well matched with Walkden at centre. The game was admirably refereed by R Baird."

December 1954

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Surrey

Kent won 7-3

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette -10th December 1954

"KENT WIN, BUT THAT WAS POOR STUFF

KENT 7, SURREY 3

The Kent team, made up entirely of players from Lee and Old Dunstonians, won this first round tie in the Southern Counties championship at Orpington on Saturday.

But Kent did not leave the ground with any laurels for good stick play or attack technique. Indeed, it was the worst display of lacrosse seen between two county sides for years.

However, the game promised to be close in the opening stages as Kent, with the slope in their favour, notched a 2-0 lead by quarter time.

The score should have been higher but Kent's shooting was poor.

Surrey were better in the second period. They scored twice and kept Kent out to level at 2-2. Metcalfe working hard but lacking support.

Kent then pressed and some good goals by French and Peachey gained a 6-3 three quarter time lead before French left the field with a wrenched knee. This depleted the attack of its scoring link, and Kent only added one in the final period.

Peachey was outstanding for Kent, nullifying the forcing tactics of Epps, and shooting five goals. French shot two. Surrey scorers were Metcalfe (well held by Boyce), Freshville and Gregory.

Kent made one change bringing in J F Steele, Lee, in goal to replace Gregory unable to play for business reasons.

The chief faults of both teams were their inability to pass the ball around in the air swiftly and usefully, and bad stickwork that lead to ground scruffles that were not helped by the heavy and restricted pitch."

December 1954

Old Dunstonians vs Lee (Flag)

Won

12

6

January 1955

Lee vs Old Thortonians (Flag)

Won

14

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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 28th January 1955

"CAN LEE BEAT THEM AT LAST?

LEE 14, OLD THORTONIANS 3

The South of England Senior Flag is a trophy Lee Lacrosse Club have wanted to display at their clubhouse for many a long year. They have always fought hard for it.

They did at Orpington on Saturday to eliminate Old Thortonians. Now, for the fourth time since the war, they meet Cambridge University in the semi-final of the competition on February 5.

Can Lee beat their hoodoo team? The light blues have beaten Lee in all previous semi-finals. Yet in 1952 Lee beat Cambridge 10-8 in the first round, and way back in 1948 Cambridge only won the flag in the final after Lee had taken them to two periods of extra time!

However, the flag resided at Cambridge for three other seasons after that and is there now.

At Orpington on Saturday Lee did well, as their defence missed Heath and Boyce and had to cope with a new Old Thortonian team, who gave them their toughest and closest game for a long time.

Indeed, Old Thortonians gained an unexpected 4-3 lead by quarter time that looked ominous until the Lee attack speeded up, equalised and led 7-4 at half time.

Yet had some Old Thortonian shots not hit the post so often Lee might still have been in trouble.

Lee drew away well in the third quarter, but had to struggle all the way for Drake, O T's goalminder, was in dazzling form.

At three quarter time Lee led 11-6, then improved in the final period. Ian Grant doing well at centre and R Hughes a new defenceman fitting in well.

Morrow (3), Peachey (3), Farral (3), A Grant (3), and Hart (2) scored for Lee and Gregory (4), Humphrey (2) and Ensor (2) for Thortonians."

February 1955	Cambridge University vs Lee (Flag)			
		Lost	5	10
February 1955	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	28	0
February 1955	Lee vs Oxford University	Draw	12	12
March 1955	Lee vs Hampstead	Lost	8	10

Lewisham Borough News – 15th March 1955

"THEY WILL TALK ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME

LEE 8, HAMPSTEAD 10

One of the most talked about senior championship games of this 1954-55 season will undoubtedly be this top-of-the-league clash at Orpington on Saturday. Hampstead strong contenders for league honours, scooped up two valuable points and may have upset Lee's chances of gaining the Senior Championship Cup.

Strengthening their team with Cambridge half blues R E Reeve and D W Jones, Hampstead began with real confidence.

Lee opened through Peachey but soon Smith, the American, notched two for Hampstead. But Hart had equalised by quarter time.

Hampstead, however, were moving well. Reeve being a great asset to the attack. They led 7-4 at three quarter time, then 9-4 before Lee produced strong retaliation that rallied the whole team.

Farrall, always superior at centre face, shot two fine goals for Lee quickly, then Peachey added another. But Hampstead still lead 9-7.

Smith scored another for Hampstead, then Boyce forced from defence to score for Lee.

Peachey (2), Farrall (2), Morrow (2), Hart and Boyce netted for Lee. Smith (4), Reeves (4), Booth and Spooner goal gained for Hampstead."

Hampstead News - 17th March 1955

"ONE STEP NEARER THE LACS CUP

Hampstead Lacrosse Club improved their chances of winning the Senior Championship Cup when they beat Lee at Orpington on Saturday by 10-8.

Hampstead were strengthened by the inclusion of B E Reeve and D W Jones, Cambridge half blues, who have now joined the club. Hampstead fought well throughout, closely marking their men.

Lee scored first through Peachey and although Smith soon shot two goals for Hampstead, Hart equalised and at half time the score was 2-2. Hampstead then went ahead 4-2, but Morrow did well for Lee and by half time he had added two goals to make the score level.

Later, however, Hampstead took command and the score was 9-4 before Lee rallied. Farrall always better at the face, quickly shot two fine goals for Lee, and Peachey added another. Before the end both teams scored again."

March 1955

Purley vs Lee

Lost

6

9

April 1955

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex (at Hurlingham)
Middlesex won 8-6

Lewisham Borough News - 5th April 1955

"KENT CAN'T QUITE HOLD THEM

KENT 6, MIDDLESEX 8

Middlesex retained the Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship title at Hurlingham Park, Fulham, on Saturday, when they beat Kent, whose entire team were drawn from the Old Dunstonian and Lee Lacrosse Clubs. Middlesex, however, were lucky to achieve victory. Kent gave far and away the better exhibition of lacrosse. Also had they not suffered injuries in the closing stages defeat may have been averted.

The match began at a brisk pace. Middlesex soon scoring through Smith. Then Boyle added a second.

Kent, however, combined well. A Grant fed well from behind goal, and Peachey and Batchelor featured prominently. Suddenly Pearson was drawn out of goal and Booth falling back to cover failed to stop Forster scoring.

Middlesex led 2-1 as an exciting second period began, Kent moving the ball around beautifully, and from a fine movement Kent worked the ball to A Grant behind goal, from whose pass Forster equalised.

Then from a well placed shot Peachey gave Kent a 3-2 lead. Shortly before half time, however, Smith equalised.

In the third period Middlesex had the upper hand and Kent lost some of their punch. Wilkinson, flashing in from the wing shot two and Smith another, but from a good Kent movement, Peachey slipped his man, took a pass from Forster and shot at close range. Pearson made a magnificent save, but Farrall following up hockeyed the ball in.

In the final period Kent pressed again in grand style and Peachey shot two to draw level at 6-6. With Kent going well, Heath then left the field with a cut nose. This deprived Kent of their linch pin on defence. Middlesex fed Smith, and although Boyce harried him persistently, the American, shot the last two goals for Middlesex, the last being scrambled in when the ball stopped on the goal line."

April 1955

Lee vs South Manchester & Wythenshawe (Friendly)

Lost 4 19

The Manchester Guardian - 14th April 1955

"South Manchester and Wythenshawe's young side had a successful first post war tour of the London area. Against Buckhurst Hill it was never tested and won 19-4. Superior speed on the ball gave South Manchester the greater share of the ball. Dalton, marking Gray at centre, Drake, goal, and O'Brien, attack, played outstandingly for the touring side. After a slow start, which put them 1-3 down, they defeated Old Dunstonians 14-5 in what proved the hardest game of the tour. Butterworth, Speak and Fleeson played well for South Manchester. In the final game against Lee they won easily 19-4, a large part of this success being due to the admirable forcing by their wing defences Barber and Smith."

October 1955

Lee vs Kenton

Lost 4 14

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 7th October 1955

"LEE LOSE FIRST GAME

LEE 4, KENTON 14

Lee Lacrosse Club lost their first senior championship game of the season at Orpington on Saturday with an under strength team.

Grant and Peachey made some good approach work, but the Kenton defence thwarted many promising movements and repeatedly rocked Lee of their balance. Indeed, it is now possible. Kenton have the most talented defence of all in the South.

Scorers for Lee were Hart (2), Grant and Morrow. Wilkinson (4), Campbell (3), Martin (3), Green (3), and Richardson netted for Kenton."

October 1955

Other Matters – South London Team Selection

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 28th October 1955

"S. LONDON'S TEAM

At Elmers End Sports Club on Saturday South London will meet Cambridge University in the first of the season's trials.

The light blues have a strong team, but those interested to see a team that has already been declared the best since the war, and probably of all time, this match should provide on-lookers with a fine exhibition of lacrosse skill.

The South London team chosen is: A C Gregory (O D's), J Lee (Purley), G F Henry (O D's), R B Heath (Lee), W D Briggs (Purley), J Epps (Purley), S Freshville (Purley), G H Metcalfe (Purley, capt), T Morrow (Lee), G H Forster (O D's), K O Peachey (Lee) and A Grant (Lee).²

December 1955	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	12	6
December 1955	Old Sedcopians vs Lee	Won	14	8

January 1956	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Won	19	4
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January 1956	Purley vs Lee	Lost	7	16
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 20th January 1956

“LEE LOSE A VITAL GAME

LEE 7, PURLEY 6

Lee met Purley their contenders for the league leadership, on Saturday, at Goddington Lane, and lost an important match by 16-7.

Purley frequently broke through Lee's defence, who were two men short for a time in the first fatal quarter, and scored six rather easy goals.

In the second and third quarters Lee managed to penetrate the strong Purley defence and the play appeared to be turning in Lee's favour, scoring 7 goals to Purley's 3, but every goal was well earned.

However, Purley's accurate passing, anticipation and frequent use of a 'free' man enabled them to squash Lee's hopes of victory, scoring 7 further goals against Lee's 2.

Scorers for Lee being – Hart, Morrow and Farrall (2 each) and A Grant – for Purley Tomkin and Metcalfe (4 each), Walker (3), Johnson and Epps (2 each) and Freshville.”

January 1956	Old Dunstonians vs Lee (Flag)	Won	12	6
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February 1956	Oxford University vs Lee	Won	6	5
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 3rd February 1956

“LEE JUST PIP THE VARSITY

OXFORD U 5, LEE 6

Lee met Oxford University at Oxford on Saturday and won an extremely close and exciting game by 6-5 – the first time Oxford has been beaten this season by a Southern club.

Oxford opened the scoring but Peachey soon equalised for Lee and Titley, a 'star' Lee player up to three seasons ago, now living at Cheltenham, was more than welcomed back to the side when he gave Lee a 2-1 lead.

Pope, one of Lee's regular defencemen, unfortunately had to retire from the game with a cut head in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Oxford's quickness on the ball earned them the lead, scoring three further goals without a reply from Lee.

Although Lee's passing and shooting were not up to standard, the resolute checking and interception of the Oxford defence made penetration difficult but Lee's defence, particularly Drake's excellent goalkeeping prevented Oxford from scoring more than one goal in the third quarter. Farrall scoring for Lee.

The final quarter was played with grim determination and when Morrow and Titley scored for Lee it was anybody's game.

Against a much younger side, a tired Lee must be congratulated in scoring the deciding goal through Morrow and two minutes before time.

Scorers for Lee Titley (2), Morrow (2), Peachey and Barratt, for Oxford Boyce, Robertson, Jones, Hebblethwaite and Lawrence."

February 1956

Lee vs Buckhurst Hill Lost 7 10

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 10th February 1956

"NOT SO GOOD THIS WEEK, LEE

BUCKHURST HILL 10, LEE 7

Lee met Buckhurst Hill at home at Goddington Lane on Saturday and lost by 10 goals to 6.

This was a disappointing result, after last week's magnificent win over Oxford University, but Lee, although one man short until nearly half time were playing poor lacrosse and the defence were not coping with the extra Bucks man effectively. Bucks led by 4-1 at quarter time.

In the second quarter play was more even although still erratic but Bucks goalkeeper saved many excellent shots dampening the morale of Lee attacks, at half time the score being 7-3.

Lee delayed their effort for too long and only scored 4 further goals against Bucks 3."

February 1956

Lee vs Oxford University (Flag) Lost 3 6

February 1956

Hampstead vs Lee Lost 9 12

March 1956

Lee vs Hampstead Won 10 9

March 1956

Buckhurst Hill vs Lee Lost 5 12

April 1956

South Manchester & Wythenshawe vs Lee (Friendly)
Lost 6 12

April 1956	Heaton Mersey Guild vs Lee (Friendly)			
		Lost	7	8

April 1956	Stockport vs Lee (Friendly)	Lost	4	5
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The Manchester Guardian – 5th April 1956

“Lee were not successful on their Northern tour. They lost 6-12 to South Manchester & Wythenshawe and 7-8 to Heaton Mersey Guild, who opened well and led 7-2 at half time. Lee lost their last match against Stockport 4-5.”

July 1956	Other Matters – Washington & Lee Tour
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Lewisham Borough News – 24th July 1956

“AMERICANS’ REGALIA COST £20 PER MAN

Why is it that American lacrosse teams have to come to Britain so often since the war? Is it because they like our game or is it our club life, or find it a convenient way of visiting this country? It may be a combination of all three.

Anyway the Washington and Lee touring lacrosse team can be seen playing at Purley at the Addiscombe Cricket Club, Sandilands, East Croydon, in an exhibition match tonight (Tuesday) at 7 pm.

Purley will be led by that popular England cap George Metcalfe and his team will have several Surrey caps.

Many will be asking ‘is all that armour necessary?’ To clad the Americans in their complete regalia, helmets with face guards, padding, gloves, sticks and boots costs over £20 per man.

The Americans complete their tour at Hurlingham Park on Friday when they play the South of England.”

October 1956	Lee vs Purley	Won	15	6
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November 1956	Other Matters – South London vs Oxford University
	Oxford won 17-10

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 16th November 1956

“A YANK AT OXFORD SHAKES SL

S LONDON 10, OXFORD UNIV 17

It was probably ‘Breakfast in Bed’ for all South London participants after this South of England trial at East Croydon over the weekend.

Oxford University surprised all prophets by a good display of rapid attack play which South London were long in countering. They were duped, dumbfounded and unexpectedly defeated.

Emerging from this enjoyable game, however, came Bob Pirie, a young American, who showed why he was a member of the champion US Naval Academy team in the United States two years ago. He could become a prominent player during his stay in England.

South London began confidently and Metcalfe opened with a good goal, but soon Oxford equalised, then moving through the South

London defence, with admirable cohesion, notched a 5-1 quarter time lead.

For South London the second period was disastrous. Oxford, with more room to move, made fine penetrating passes through the South London defence, and although closely checked, Pirie displayed some excellent powerful shooting from several angles. He shot five in a row, one an extremely fast overhead snap shot that fizzed in from a ground level pick up - the mark of a class player, and at half time Oxford led 11-3.

In the third period, however, South London were steadier and able to reply to the stimulated and keen drive of the Dark Blues.

Oxford kept up a steady onslaught, but South London did better, often forcing from defence usefully, to shoot four while Oxford registered three, two from the class play of Pirie. Oxford led 14-7 at three quarter time.

The game drew to its close with both teams adding three more goals to the total.

G H Metcalfe (4), T Morrow (2), I Grant (2), J F Epps and K O Peachey netted for South London. Pirie (7), Rowell (4), Heap (3), Baker, Gee and Hebblethwaite scored for Oxford.

The South London team was made up of players from Old Dunstonians, Lee. Old Thortonians and Purley lacrosse clubs."

November 1956	Lee vs Purley	Won	13	9
December 1956	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Won	13	4
December 1956	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	7	5

December 1956 Other Matters – County Match – Kent Team Selection

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 14th December 1956

"This Saturday club lacrosse takes a breather to make way for the opening of the Southern Counties Championship. Kent will have a hard task when they tackle a strong Middlesex team at Orpington.

Since 1900, Middlesex have been champions 15 times, two more than Kent. Surrey will meet Essex in the other tie at East Croydon.

The Kent team will be: A C Gregory (Old Dunstonians), G F Henry (OD's), D E Pope (Lee), I Grant (Lee), R Hughes (Lee), G H Forster (OD's), A A Hanson (OD's), K O Peachey (Lee), R Okill (Old Sedcopians), A Grant (Lee) (Captain), T Morrow (Lee) and E V Batchelor (OD's)."

December 1956 Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex Middlesex won 12-2

Lewisham Borough News - 18th December 1956

"BRAVE KENT GO DOWN

KENT 2, MIDDLESEX 12

Ever since the 1900-1901 season, when the first Southern Counties lacrosse championship was held, there has grown up with every generation of lacrosse enthusiasts a keen County rivalry that has not changed, although the unwieldy long netted sticks and uncomfortable lacrosse dress of those dying Victorian years has improved.

On Saturday, at Orpington this keenness was again seen when Kent went down gallantly to superior opponents Middlesex, while at the same time, at East Croydon, Surrey, the title holders, were beating Essex 9-5. The final will be on April 12, 1957.

At Orpington the ground was heavy and throughout the threat of chilly, driving rain persisted. It did not come, but the conditions were no conducive to good lacrosse.

Middlesex began at a great pace and were two goals up in a short time, but then Kent settled down and battled admirably with a quick moving attack.

With talented players like England cap Peter Marland, Oxford half blue Alan Wilkinson, and talented stickmen Alan Richardson and Brian Smith, all of whom cannot be given an inch. Middlesex had every confidence. But no further score came in the first period.

At centre face Hanson (Kent) was having an even tussle with Richardson, but too often Kent's probing movements were upset by scrappy play and lack of cohesion.

In the second period, with the slope in their favour, Middlesex gave an improved display of attack craft, but Hughes held Marland well, and Ian Grant – who constantly stymied the approach of whippy, wily Wilkinson – then forced to score a fine goal from an angle. But at half time Middlesex led 6-1.

TALENTED

The Kent attack could still not make an impression on the talented Middlesex defence in the third quarter, many of their shots going straight to the goalkeeper's crosse, instead of being bounced on the slippery surface.

Middlesex attack again gave Kent defence a busy time, but Gregory, in goal, saved well, especially with several shots near his head. At three quarter time Middlesex lead 10-2. Kent scoring through R Toon (Old Sedcopians), who replaced Batchelor, who was unfit.

In the final period the Kent defence continued to give a good display, and Middlesex could only add two more goals. Their scorers were Marland (3), Inman (3), B Smith (3), Richardson, Wilkinson and Martin.

MIDDLESEX ii 7, KENT II 2

At Kenton, Kent II also went down after a good game, which was exceedingly close in the first half, when at the interval Middlesex only led 3-1, with a team that could have given many senior teams a good game. N Thomas (Old Dunstonians) and B Vincent (Old Sedcopians) who scored for Kent, worked hard throughout, and Davey (Lee) kept goal excellently."

“MORROW’S THE NAME; HE ACTS TODAY

Terry Morrow is a name that may soon find a niche in the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. At least his work will make interesting reading in the annals of the Lee Lacrosse Club, for whom he is their honorary secretary this season. Indeed, his motto seems to be: My name is Morro, but I believe in acting today”.

Quiet and unassuming, Terry once listened with great interest to the great South “cap”, Joe Swindells, when he taught him to play lacrosse at Walworth Secondary School some years ago.

Terry was soon a prominent player, and when he left played a useful part in the success of the Dulwich club, before the calls for National Service and the discontinuance of the game at the school brough about its end.

Terry then joined Lee. Here he gained valuable experience and was always a useful member of the team. Gradually he became more noticed and appeared in trials, gained his Kent cap, and is now certain to be included in the Association trials to determine the 1957 South of England team.

But Terry is not really in the game for the laurels. He wishes to pass on the experience he has gained, and realises that the future of the Lee Lacrosse Club will one day rest in the hands of the younger players of today.

So this season he has devoted much of his time to building a junior team, recruited from homes near the club’s ground, Goddington Lane, Orpington and has had encouraging success.

The average age of the boys is about 12, and they have already arranged fixtures with Purley Juniors, Kenton Juniors and Buckhurst Hill Juniors. Indeed, the growth of these junior teams this season has been a feature of Southern lacrosse, and Terry Morrow’s contribution has been valuable.

When playing for Lee, Terry is one of the most feared players - by goalkeepers, For not only has he shot 42 goals this season so far (the best of any player in the south), but his play has contributed greatly to Lee’s success, who are at present top of the South of England Senior Championship table. So whether as a player or trainer, Terry seems to be well on target!

And it all began in the Walworth Road.”

January 1957	Lee us Kenton	Lost	5	11
January 1957	Lee us Old Sedcopians	Won	14	9
	Lee Juniors us Chislehurst & Sidcup School			
		Lost	0	9
February 1957	Old Dunstonians us Lee (Flag)	Won	13	7
Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 1 st February 1957				

“RESERVES FITTED WELL

OLD DUNSTONIANS 7, LEE 13

Old Dunstonians never die. They don’t even fade away.

That must be the new slogan for the Old Dunstonians Lacrosse Club after this first round proper Southern Senior Flag tie at Elmers End on Saturday. For not only did the OD's have to call on several reserves for this important local derby, but they did a fine job as well.

With Gregory, Johnson and Thomas, their possible goalkeepers absent, Kendall ill, and without their new star defence Hill, the OD's might have felt like throwing their crosses in the air in desperation.

Instead they held them firmly in their hands and successfully blunted Lee's early attempts. The first quarter ended 2-2 and then Lee led 3-2 before the OD's equalised near half time.

Leal, in his first game in goal this season, did quite well. From the outset an interesting clash all over the defence none took place between Joe Kiely and Lee's harassed Alan Grant.

Then, much to Lee's astonishment, but deservedly, the OD's went into a 4-3 lead. Lee followed the tactic seen too often in lacrosse these days, they defence forced in strength (it could be stopped by an off-side rule), in which Peachey was arch schemer.

Lee piled on the pressure and played good stickwork and fizzed the ball through the OD defence, who in the heavy goal zone, found it arduous to trail their men.

A hit-the-net parade followed and Lee ended the third quarter contentedly, leading 9-4 and greatly relieved.

But the OD's closed their ranks in the final period, and a keen battle continued, Lee just having the edge, but the OD's notched some good goals by passing quickly upfield.

At centre Hanson played a wonderful game, and helped in many movements. His services may now be missed for a while as he is to concentrate on his studies.

Clarke was always good when he was in possession, and Batchelor made his usual, useful contribution.

The OD's scored through Clarke (2), Batchelor (2), Hanson, Forster and Goddard. Lee goalgainers were Hart (5), Peachey (3), Morrow (2), Knight, Starr and A Grant."

February 1957

Lee vs Old Thortonians

Won

15

3

February 1957

Other Matters – History of Lacrosse in Lewisham

Lewisham Borough News – 5th February 1957

"LACROSSE HISTORY IN LEWISHAM AREA

How old is lacrosse? And how long has it been played in the Borough of Lewisham and it's environs? The first question may never be answered but recent information has come to light which may settle the second.

In a sports supplement of the Lewisham Borough News published on August 23rd, 1938, it was stated that lacrosse first came to the Borough in 1890 when the game was introduced into St Dunstan's College, Catford by Mr C M Stuart, the great pioneering headmaster.

Since that date, of course, that famous school has produced many famous lacrosse players and officials who have become known internationally in the sport.

However, it can now be recorded that lacrosse was played locally before it came to St Dunstan's. As far back as 1882 the London Lacrosse Club had a ground at Lee.

Indeed, the club was represented at the inaugural meeting of the South of England Lacrosse Association on March 16, 1882, which was held in a room at Leadenhall House, EC. And this coming March 16 the Association will be celebrating it's 75th anniversary, when the South play the North at Hurlingham Park, Fulham, on that day.

What is interesting is that after Captain W D B Johnson came to Britain in 1867 with a team of Indians to introduce the game, recent discovered history tells us that a Dr T Archer, of Wandsworth, who had resided in Canada for some time, was an active member of London Lacrosse Club at Lee, also introduced it later, and was such an energetic missionary in propagating the game, by July 1882, there were some 30 to 40 clubs in the United Kingdom.

However, the exact date when the London Lacrosse Club was formed is not known. But it can be said that the spirit to give lacrosse to Britain emanated from this very Borough of Lewisham in those rural, leafy days of 75 years ago.

Following the introduction of lacrosse at St Dunstan's College in 1890, the Catford Lacrosse Club was formed in 1893.

In 1903 their second team (except one member) left to form the Lee Club. And in 1923, four members of the Catford Club, W H Brunner, M F Granger, R E Gray and H T Maskell left to form the Old Dunstonians.

Today, W H Brunner is President, both Granger and Gray are often around the clubhouse. H T Maskell lost his life in the last war.

Blackheath also had a club. In 1921 Catford amalgamated with them for a second team under the nom-de-plume of "The Black Cats".

In 1923, however, Blackheath came to an end, the remainder joining Lee, as did the remainder of Catford who had disbanded, following a plucky attempt to restart after the last world war."

February 1957

Oxford University vs Lee (Flag) Lost 3 19

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 15th February 1957

"OXFORD NOT DREAMING IN CITY OF SPIRES

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 19, LEE 3

Some 60 miles from London there is the City of Dreaming Spires and Lost Causes. Lee went there on Saturday - then returned weary, whacked and wondering. Oxford, however, were not dreaming, neither was their cause lost in the Southern Senior Flag semi-final.

They hope their next victory will be in Cambridge in the University match at Iffley Road, Oxford on February 21, which is also now the Senior Flag final.

In the pleasant Parks, the heavy rainfall of the past week, made one goal zone heavy, but the pitch was better than expected. Lee began quite well.

Oxford had opened, when Jack Titley, who travelled up from Cheltenham, shot a beautiful over-the-shoulder goal to level.

This worried his American defender, and he was followed like he was his shadow for the remainder of the game. Oxford then led 3-1, until a pass from Goodie was allowed to travel on and beat Johnny Hamilton, their American army officer goalminder, who led his defence by a monotonous chant, giving them the location of the ball with a 'ball right, ball right' or 'ball centre, ball centre' or 'ball left, ball left' cry.

From leading 3-2, however, Oxford then went to 5-2 by quarter time.

ONSLAUGHT

Then came a terrific onslaught from the Dark Blues in their determination to crush the Lee defence. But neither team could move well in the heavy goal zone, and Oxford led only 6-2 at half time.

Oxford displayed some excellent combined play in which the gargantuan American Baker whisked the ball away from the Lee centre at the face and set in motion some fierce attacks.

With the Lee defence tired, but were like a beaten team being pulled over in a tug-of-war. With excellent mobility, fitness and better tactics, Oxford drew the Lee defence, then nipped into the open spaces giving the Lee goalkeeper little chances.

They shot eight goals without reply. And were ahead 16-2 before Lee replied with a typical A Grant goal, a reach round from behind the net.

The Oxford added three more, the Lee defence being overwhelmed.

For Oxford Pirie, Hebblethwaite and Rowell shared 12 goals, Heap (3), Baker (2) and Gee (2) also scoring.

Outstanding on the Oxford attack was Bob Pirie, a US Navy Officer, who has a wonderful shot, and Gerry Hebblethwaite the captain. For Lee Pope and Hughes were sound defences, and brothers Ian and Alan Grant worked tirelessly throughout, but rarely did Oxford allow them to force, thereby weakening their lines of communication to their attacks."

March 1957

Other Matters – South vs North at (Hurlingham Park)
North won 12-1

Lewisham Borough News – 19th March 1957

"WHAT A PUZZLE THIS WAS

SOUTH 1, NORTH 12

Robin Coffey, who has become a household name in Southern lacrosse during his years at Cambridge, must have been puzzled when leading his team off the old Hurlingham Polo ground at Fulham on Saturday.

Not since he went up to the university has he played in a team which has scored only one goal.

The reason was the brilliance of the North defence and the almost unbeatable Jack Griffith in the North net. Rarely did the South attacks penetrate. And when they did Griffith took the ball off the ground, out of the air, or around the crossbar with admirable skill.

Another reason was the guile, manoeuvring and jinking of the player the best English player seen by the American touring team last July.

Ian Grant, of the Lee Lacrosse Club, was selected to mark Gibbon because of his brilliant play when blotting out Coffey in Southern games this season, was surprisingly switched to mark Bennett, and did well. A pity he wasn't left with Gibbon as selected.

IMPOSING

The first half was a keen and promising struggle, after Gibbon had opened with a one-handed shot when he came from behind the goal.

For 16 minutes the South defence did well, their attack experimenting, but looking smaller in stature to the imposing tall array of Northern defencemen before them.

At quarter time the North led 2-0, then 4-0 at half time. Clapham, the new South goalie, was saving well and displaying delightful agility.

In the third period the North looked the more polished team and in seven minutes doubled the score, then led 9-0 at three quarter time.

Jackson then scored for the South, forcing from defence and taking a good support pass, but Gibson soon replied.

Griffith then retired hurt, but the South attack had lost its sparkle, and the North shot two more. Gibbon (6), Bennet (2), Leach (2) Winfield and Crofts scoring.

The South made one change bringing in J Gray (Buckhurst Hill) to replace Nield of Cambridge, who injured his shoulder in a recent inter-collegiate match."

March 1957

Other Matters – English Lacrosse Union A G M

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 29th March 1957

"ENGLISH LACROSSE UNION

At the Annual General Meeting of the English Lacrosse Union in Chancery Lane, London, on March 16, Mr S V Court of the Lee Lacrosse Club was elected president for the ensuing two seasons.

Lieutenant-Colonel E E Jones of Purley Lacrosse Club continues as hon secretary.

It was also announced that a further experiment is to be made with the size of the centre circle next season. It is to be of eight yard diameter instead of the experimental five yards used this season. The object is to speed up play at centre face.

The official size is still one of 15 yards diameter, which will almost certainly be altered by the start of the 1958-59 season.

The English Lacrosse Union are also making arrangements for the arrival on tour in England during the summer of 1958 of the Johns Hopkins University team from the United States."

April 1957

Purley vs Lee	Lost	4	13
Purley Juniors vs Lee Juniors	Lost	10	14

October 1957	Purley vs Lee	Won	7	6
	Purley Juniors vs Lee Juniors	Lost	7	13

November 1957	Lee vs Kenton	Won	12	11
	Kenton Juniors vs Lee Juniors	Won	4	1

Harrow Observer - 14th November 1957

"KENTON LOSE NARROWLY

After their toughest and most thrilling match of the season to date Kenton Lacrosse Club were beaten 12-11 by Lee at Orpington. Exchanges were even with the Lee forwards showing slightly the better combination. Handicapped by the absence of Pickworth in defence, Kenton fought hard all the way and in a late rally only just failed to save the game. Sizmur played gallantly in defence and Fox (5 goals), Richardson (3) and Wilkinson were always prominent in the Kenton attack. Smith also scored twice.

Kenton Juniors were also beaten by Lee, who scored four times to Kenton's solitary goal by M Burbridge."

November 1957	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Won	7	6
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 22nd November 1957

"LEE PERSEVERE AND TOPPLE OD FINALLY

OLD DUNSTONIANS 6, LEE 7

Some men give up when they have almost reached the goal; others attain victory by asserting, at the last moment, more vigorous efforts than before. Polybius wrote that. He was an Ancient Greek, But he would have had a word for it, had he seen Lee's exciting last-minute win at Elmers End on Saturday in the Division One encounter. It would have been - PERSEVERENCE.

Lee without Alan Grant, attack, and Pope and Hall defences, but the OD's did not have their best defence, and badly missed their incisive attack Paul Marlton.

However, all went well at first. OD's scored first through Forster, then Lee equalised through Peachey, Tomkins then made it 2-1 for OD's at quarter time, then made it 3-1.

Lee were able to force effectively from defence, and add drive and punch to their attack. They then took the initiative, and through Knight and Morrow (2) took the lead at 4-3, but Thomas equalised for OD's, 4-4 by half time.

The OD attack did not seem so cohesive as they have been in recent weeks, and Lee pressed again. But the OD defence held. Back came the OD attack, and then Clarke, from a penalty, gave the OD's a lead. Then, after another good movement when the Lee defence were out manoeuvred, Tomkins notched a 6-4, three quarter time lead for OD's.

At this point OD's should have held the ball and packed the defence. Instead they tired with the victory goal in sight, and Lee's quick moving attack, beating the OD defence to the loose ball, exerted more vigorous efforts than before.

Aided by two defence errors, Davy and Morrow crashed through to equalise.

Then, with the excitement intense, Clarke scored for OD's, but a second before the whistle had gone as Bachelor fell injured. The goal was disallowed. Then, ploughing through from defence. Hart shot the winner for Lee from an angle shot.

Lee goal gainers were: Morrow (3), Peachey, Knight, Davy and Hart, and Tomkins (3), Forster, Clarke and Thomas replied for OD's."

November 1957	Cambridge University vs Lee	Lost	0	28
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 29th November 1957

"LEE DOWN, TOO

Another local club who also hit rock bottom on Saturday was Lee, who have also done quite well this season. On the Trinity College New Ground, Cambridge, the University giants crushed their understrength team 28-0, the biggest defeat of the season."

December 1957	Purley Juniors vs Lee Juniors	Draw	10	10
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January 1958	Kenton vs Lee	Lost	4	10
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	Kenton Juniors vs Lee Juniors	Lost	0	7
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Harrow Observer - 9th January 1958

"REVENGE FOR KENTON

"Determined to secure revenge for a defeat by Lee earlier in the season, Kenton Lacrosse Club succeeded by winning 10-4. Early exchanges were even, but the Kenton attack gradually gained command to score through I Smith (3), B Smith, Wilkinson and Fox (2 each) and Richardson. Green, Sizmur and Tiley were outstanding in a sound defence penetrated by only Morrow (2), Davy and Peachey.

Kenton Juniors completed a good day by beating Lee Juniors 7-0."

February 1958	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	8	4
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	Lee Juniors vs St John's School	Won	13	0
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February 1958	Old Thortonians vs Lee	Won	16	10
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	Chislehurst & Sidcup School vs Lee Juniors	Lost	4	6
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March 1958	Lee vs London University	Draw	7	7
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	Lee Juniors vs Buckhurst Hill Juniors	Won	8	5
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April 1958

Other Matters – SEMLA Six-A-Sides

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 3rd April 1958

“DUNSTONIANS UNSUCCESSFUL

Old Dunstonian and Lee Lacrosse Clubs were unsuccessful in the South of England Six-a-Side tournament at Kenton on Saturday, where Purley II, Centurions and Kenton Juniors won the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Cups respectively.

Lee, however, can be satisfied with their performance, in the Senior competition their second six won through to the semi final, losing 2-0 to a strong Buckhurst Hill team, who lost 3-5 to Purley II in the final.

In the Junior competition the Lee Junior II team did excellently, winning through to the final, then losing 3-0 to Kenton Juniors, who were a bigger and older team.

Old Dunstonians, who were unable to play either A C Gregory or N A Thomas in goal, because the latter was ill, and the former still on his way from Australia, had little chance against a strong Oxford University team, who scored whenever they shot.

Rarely did the OD's gain the ball, in the swift, tearing ten minutes that Oxford blazed at them. Only two shots from Marlton and Forster were made at the Oxford net.

EASTER LACROSSE

The Old Dunstonians will be entertaining the Old Hulmeians touring team at the OD Association Headquarters ground, Beckenham Hill, on Easter Monday morning at 11.

Lee Lacrosse Club will be touring in the North of England during Easter, and playing South Manchester and Wythenshaw, Heaton Mersey Guild and Stockport.”

August 1958

Other Matters – South vs Johns Hopkins University

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 1st August 1958

“BATTLE-DRESSED AMERICANS WIN

SOUTH OF ENGLAND 1, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY 13

On a very pleasant evening at London University Sports Ground, Motspur Park, last Wednesday, the popular Johns Hopkins University touring lacrosse team, from Baltimore, USA, completed their four week tour of England. To the uninitiated the spectacle could have been a little puzzling, but to the connoisseur it was enjoyable.

Probably nowhere else in the world that evening did two teams look so different. The Americans, helmeted, shoulder padded, with leather guards down their arms to their gauntlets, seemed ready for that grid iron football game.

But this was lacrosse, and although the helmets the Americans wore had face guards also, their crosses were longer, the English were not dismayed by this formidable array of leather. They played without padding – just the familiar white peaked cap, which looks more useful for keeping the sun out of their eyes!

In deed the South defence held out well against the various drills and movements the Americans exhibited, until their All-American star Mickey Webster shot the first goal. Eight minutes later,

however, Paul Marlton the ace attack of Old Dunstonians, whose speed worried the Yank defence, shot the equaliser. And it was still 1-1 at quarter time.

Hopes rose when a fine assist from Marlton, Mike Warrington of London University, whose home ground this was, went through with only the goalkeeper to beat, and Collins the Yank goalminder saved brilliantly – the shot coming out of the sun.

Then the Blue Jays – as Hopkins are called in the USA – showed why they are the top team under the stars and stripes. They found Eddy Skoglin, at second home, able to position dangerously, and act as a pivot, and he assisted in most goals scored in the second period.

In a drive, Hopkins added three goals in six minutes, were held, then walloped in another three in three minutes, to lead 7-1 at the interval.

It was then all John Hopkins who shot three more in each period. But this could have been more had not Archer, in the South net, made some excellent saves, skying the ball spectacularly as he took the shots off his feet.

Paul Marlton, the South's only scorer, hurried away from the game to his fiancée, who was at home making arrangements for their wedding last Saturday in Manchester.

Eddy Skoglin was the hero of the Blue Jays who assisted in eight goals. He wore shirt 13– fortunate for Hopkins, but bad luck for the South who conceded 13 goals.

Johns Hopkins rounded their tour off at dinner with the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association aboard 'The Royal Princess'. On Thursday evening as it cruised on the river from Westminster to Richmond. The team have now split up and many are now on the continent before returning to Liverpool to return home next month.

They have won all matches beating Manchester University 16-7, Oxford and Cambridge Universities 18-2, North of England 5-0, Lancashire 15-4, Cheshire 12-3, England 18-1, Kenton 13-7 and South of England 13-1."

September 1958

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex Preview

Evening News (London) – 22nd September 1958

"MIDDLESEX FOR LACROSSE TITLE

Kent and Middlesex replay the Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship Final at Orpington Sports Club, Goddington Lane, Orpington, on Saturday at 3 pm, before the season opens on October 4. The final last April was drawn 7 all.

Middlesex without H Booth and G Fox, attacks, and A Richardson, centre, have good replacements in D Jones, D Smith and F Spooner, and should win.

Kent have not beaten Middlesex in a final since 1935.

In 1939, 1948 and 1955 Kent were beaten 9-5, 19-12 and 8-6. Since 1900, Middlesex have been champions 15 times, Kent 13.

Kent: A Gregory (Old Dunstonians), G Henry (OD's), J Storey (Old Sedcopians), R Hufghes (Lee), K Peachey (Lee) (Capt), P Gahan (OS's). P Marlton (OD's). A Johnson (OS's). G Forster (OD's), A Grant (Lee), T Morrow (Lee), R Price (OD's).

Middlesex: D Archer (Kenton), J Sizmur (Kenton) (Capt), G Pickworth (Kenton), E Green (Kenton), M Delany (Hampstead), V Forward (Hampstead), F Spooner (Hampstead), A Wilkinson (Kenton), R Lowe (Hampstead), D Jones (Hampstead), D Smith (Kenton), I Smith (Kenton)."

October 1958

Other Matters – Changes to Rules

The Manchester Guardian – 3rd October 1958

"REVISED LAWS ISSUED

One of the blessings of English lacrosse is that the game has few rules, so that play can continue smoothly and almost continuously. This has not been altered by the revised laws of lacrosse which the English Lacrosse Union brought into operation on September 1.

Although the measurements of the ground markings, the shape of the crosses, and the dress of the participants has changed over the years since the laws were first modelled on those of the Amateur Lacrosse Association of Canada, the playing of the game has hardly altered at all. Briefly, the existing laws have been clarified and tidied up but some changes have been inevitable.

Outstanding features and interpretations of the new laws are:

- 1. The crosse must be not less than three feet in overall length.*
- 2. Footwear must be of non-metallic construction: studs must be of rubber not metal or leather.*
- 3. Elbow pads and goalkeepers body pads must be worn beneath the shirt.*
- 4. The goals must be between 90 and 100 yards apart, and a playing area of ten yards depth must be behind each.*
- 5. After experimenting with several sizes of centre circle, the Union has decided on one of four yards radius.*
- 6. The referee will start play with the command 'Are you ready? Play!' and stop it by a whistle and by no other means.*
- 7. Playing time will be four periods of twenty minutes, and the alternative of two halves has been removed.*
- 8. When 'facing' opponents must face each other; no left handed face, when players crouch beside each other shoulder to shoulder will be allowed.*
- 9. Any upward checking will be regarded as 'reckless and dangerous checking'.*

The present laws were re-written by G Wilkinson, a former secretary and captain of Oxford University Lacrosse Club, and were finally approved after amendments by the English Lacrosse Union at its annual general meeting in March."

October 1958

Other Matters – County Match – Kent vs Middlesex

Kent won 8-6

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 3rd October 1958

"UNUSUAL OPENING TO SEASON

The 1957-58 Southern Counties Lacrosse Championship Final was being replayed. after a 7-7 draw last season, on one pitch, while next to it this season's league fixtures were already underway. This unusual hiccup of seasons took place on Saturday at Orpington Sports ground.

Kent beat Middlesex in a Southern Counties Lacrosse Final for the first time since 1935, when they won the championship by 8-6.

Scorers for Kent were: Pirie, Marlton, Starr and Peachey, all two each, while Jones (3), Wilkinson, Spooner and Delaney replied for Middlesex.

For this winning match Kent had made three changes, bringing in C D Coppock (Old Sedcopians), N A Thomas (Old Dunstonians) and B Starr (Lee). These replaced J Storey, A Johnson and A Grant, the latter not yet recovered from a car accident.

Middlesex also had to make changes, replacing D M Archer, in goal, and D R Smith, a forward, at the last minute by R F Reeves, a former South goalkeeper, and J Fenney (Hampstead)."

October 1958

Lee vs Old Dunstonians Lost 5 12

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 10th October 1958

"OD'S BEAT LEE AT LAST

"This year, next year ,,,," That old chant has been heard around the Selection Room of the Old Dunstonians Lacrosse Club every season since, October, 1952, when last the OD's beat Lee in a league encounter. The time came on Saturday at Orpington Sports Club, where the game was transferred when the Elmers End ground was declared unfit for play.

"It was at Lord's. Remember?", the old timers were saying around the bar afterwards, but what is more interesting was that some of the players for OD's had to be redirected at the eleventh hour from such places as Oxford, Walton-on-Thames, Eastcote, and Hornchurch to make victory possible.

Fortunately, the chalk drained pitch at Orpington remained in excellent condition throughout, and an enjoyable game resulted. Lee were not as strong as hoped and missed their regular goalkeeper, but their fighting spirit never died.

The OD's did not impress at first, their play in midfield being scrappy, but after two minutes Forster forced to score, Marlton added, and the Forster scored again to give OD's a 3-0 quarter time score.

Then Marlton became the man of the match, His superb handling, jinking and hard shooting notched three more goals, and one for Thomas made it 7-1 for OD's at half time.

Lee then came back strongly and displayed more combined attack play, which looked promising, but the steady OD defence, although slow in clearing, prevented much penetration.

Lee scored twice, but Pirie and Marlton (2) replied for OD's.

In the final period honours were even, but Lee were attacking with some of their old zest, and Peachey, forcing from defence, shot two, but again Marlton eeled his way through to score twice for OD's.

Marlton (8), Forster (2), Thomas and Pirie goal gained for OD's and Morrow (2), Peachey (2) and Starr for Lee."

October 1958

Lee vs Buckhurst Hill Lost 8 16

Purley Juniors II vs Lee Juniors Won 10 1

November 1958	Old Dunstonians vs Lee (Flag)	Lost	2	11
	Lee Juniors vs Purley Juniors	Lost	6	7
November 1958	Lee vs Cambridge University	Lost	4	18
November 1958	Lee vs Old Thortonians	Won	10	4
	Lee Juniors vs Henry Thornton Scholl III	Won	11	6

December 1958 Other Matters – Kent Team Selection

Lewisham Borough News – 2nd December 1958

“KENT TEAM

Kent County Lacrosse Club, title holders of the Southern Counties Championship for the first time since 1952, are to meet Surrey in the first round on Saturday, December 13, at Addiscombe Cricket Club ground, Sandilands.

The Kent team will be :- C D Coppock (Old Sedcopians), G F Henry (Old Dunstonians), I Linklater (OS's), R Hughes (Lee), K O Peachey (Lee) (Captain), G H Forster (OD's), P Marlton (OD's), A Grassby (OS's), A Johnson (OS's), T Morrow (Lee), A Grant (Lee), and R B Pirie (OD's).

New caps are I Linklater and A Grassby. C D Coppock, who played defence in the replay of the county final last September, is chosen in place of A C Gregory the first class keeper of Old Dunstonians.

A Johnson and A Grant, who were selected for the final last September but could not play, have again been selected instead of N Thomas (Old Dunstonians) and B Starr (Lee) who replaced them.

P Marlton who has notched up 32 goals so far this season, again plays at centre and will probably be the fastest man on the field.”

December 1958	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Lost	3	16
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Lewisham Borough News – 9th December 1958

“WEAKENED LEE WERE BEATEN EASILY

OLD DUNSTONIANS 16, LEE 3

At Elmers End on Saturday Old Dunstonians beat Lee by 16 goals to 3 goals in a league match. Lee were greatly weakened by the absence of Peachey, their captain, who was in Manchester, Hoggart, Hughes and Ellery. They were helped by Tomkins and D Thomas, both Dunstonian players, but nevertheless were still a player short.

Dunstonians fielded their normal side apart from N Thomas and Tomkins.

From the first face, Lee gained possession but their attack was foiled. After a brief attack by Dunstonians, Morrow of Lee hit a goal post with a hard shot.

Then Dunstonians went into the attack and an easy goal came from Forster. Lee continued to play with one man short in their defence,

and as their defence persisted in forcing play Lee gained possession, their half of the field was nearly empty when a breakaway came.

Lee might have been better advised to crowd their defence, making it difficult for the Dunstonians to score.

In the remainder of the first quarter, three more goals were added by Dunstonians.

The pattern of play in the second quarter was similar to that in the first quarter. Lee had their share of the ball but their efforts were thwarted by a solid defence. Starr scored for Lee with a hard shot, which just beat Gregory, in goal. Bachelor, of Dunstonians, had a good day and scored twice in this quarter with good shots. The half time score was 8-1.

The second half saw Lee tighten up in defence and almost immediately scored a quick goal by Morrow. He beat his man running in towards goal and scored at short range.

Dunstonians, however, were very confident and scored another four goals in this quarter.

In the final period, Knight scored for Lee with a solo effort from behind goal.

Scorers for Dunstonians:- Marlton (6), Bachelor (5), Forster (2), Kendell (2), and King. Starr, Knight and Morrow scored for Lee."

December 1958

Other Matters – County Match – Surrey vs Kent

Kent won 16-9

Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette - 19th December 1958

"SURREY COULD NOT HOLD TOP-GEAR KENT TEAM

KENT 16, SURREY 9

At Purley's ground in Addiscombe a fine display of lacrosse was seen on Saturday, when Kent beat Surrey in the semi-final of the South of England Counties championship by 16 goals to nine.

Despite the conditions, accurate and quick passing were the order of the day.

Kent and Surrey had teams incorporating a sound balance of experience and youth, and throughout, half chances were snatched up and made into goals.

It was difficult to pick out individual goals as more worthy to mention than others.

Despite the high scores, the two defences played well, but the attacks were fast to seize the opportunities.

Kent, picked equally from Lee, Old Dunstonians and Old Sedcopians, were more of a scratch side than Surrey, all of whom except on player came from Purley, but Kent combined better.

The first quarter saw Kent go rapidly ahead, scoring six goals to one for Surrey. T Morrow of Kent, scored five of these. He was in brilliant form and the man of the match, snatching every opportunity.

The other Kent score by A Johnson came from a brilliant shot from the right wing and a very narrow angle. J H R Lee scored for Surrey.

The second quarter produced five goals by each side. G H Metcalfe, in his usual good form, scored three for Surrey, and R B Pirie scored for Kent from a brilliant shot out on the right wing. The half time tally was 11-6 for Kent.

In the third quarter Kent, scored another four goals, while Surrey notched two. A Grant, P Marlton (2) and R B Pirie were the Kent marksmen, and P J Lees and J H R Lee replied for Surrey.

Each side scored once in the final period.

T Morrow (6), P Marlton (3), A Johnson (2), R B Pirie (2), A Grant, A Grassby and K O Peachey scored for Kent.

G H Metcalfe (3), J H R Lee (3), S Freshville (2) and P J Lees scored for Surrey.

Kent, in the South of England Counties final, will meet Middlesex on April 18.

The Kent County second team matches on Saturday were cancelled because of water logged pitches."

January 1959	Lee us Hampstead	Won	12	6
	Lee Juniors us Beckenham	Won	11	0

January 1959 Other Matters – Milsted Trophy

Lewisham Borough News – 13th January 1959

"OLD DUNSTONIANS' TROPHY

Old Dunstonians recent win over Old Sedcopians at Elmers End gained them the Milsted Trophy, presented by A J Milsted, President of Kent County Lacrosse Club and a former Kent "cap".

The trophy, aimed to stimulate competition between all senior teams in the county, is decided on the home and away league matches between Old Dunstonians, Lee and Old Sedcopians, the only clubs so far competing. It was presented for the first time last season when Lee were the winners.

This season's results are:

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>
<i>Old Dunstonians</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Old Sedcopians</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>

The trophy is a silver figure of a lacrosse man in peaked cap, in the action of throwing a ball – his crosse being in the over-shoulder position. It is mounted on a plinth."

February 1959	Lee us Purley	Lost	7	19
	Lee Juniors us Chislehurst & Sidcup School II	Won	15	1

February 1959	Lee vs Kenton	Won	13	10
March 1959	Purley A vs Lee	Won	10	5

April 1959 Other Matters – North vs South (at Elmers End)
North won 12-4

The Manchester Guardian – 7th April 1959

“SOUTH LOSE TO NORTH BUT DO THEMSELVES HONOURS

The North won their representative lacrosse match with the South by 12-4 on the Old Dunstonian ground at Elmers End.

The score by no means does justice to the South's play, which was of a much higher standard than for many years, and the match, in spite of the North's superiority, provided a first class exhibition of lacrosse. It was hard fought throughout, but the North always had the advantage in handling and were certainly the faster side in recovering the loose ball.

The North led 3-0 at quarter time and 6-0 at half time was in part due to the excellence of Griffith's fine goalkeeping. The South's play certainly merited some reward, but the attack failed to find any weak spot in Griffith's defence of the goal. The third period finished with the North 9-0 ahead, but in the final quarter Pirie, with a low shot, opened the South's scoring and Carr quickly followed with a further two goals. A well timed pass from Lyons gave Eardley, who forced from the defence, the South's fourth goal.

The North's goals were in the main the result of skilful combined play. J Deacon played tirelessly in spite of the heat and was the outstanding attack on the field. He shot four of the North's twelve goals. Bennett also scored four goals, distributed the ball skilfully round the attack. The North's other goalscorers were Cuthbert, who at centre controlled a large part of midfield play, Marshland, Kershaw and R Deacon. Of a sound North defence, Clayton and James, who marked Marlton closely even in midfield, were the most effective. Sizmur and Jeans, goal, were the best of a hard working South defence.”

October 1959	Old Dunstonians vs Lee	Lost	9	10
	Lee Juniors vs Buckhurst Hill Juniors	Won	8	6

Lewisham Borough News – 6th October 1959

“OD'S GET ODD GOAL IN NINETEEN

OLD DUNSTONIANS 10, LEE 9

The Old Dunstonians and Lee Lacrosse Club opened their 1959-60 season at the Elmers End Sports Club with a friendly on Saturday, and a record was created. Never before had any of the players taken part in an October game with the temperature at almost 80 degrees.

Neither the sun, the hardness of the ground, nor the heat affected the keenness of the players. They seemed happy to be back chasing the yellow sphere.

Lee were the first to produce any successful combined play, and they led 6-2 at half time. Then OD's began to wake up and play with

more cohesion. They levelled at 6-6 and went steadily ahead. Lee retaliated but near time OD's led 10-8, then in the closing seconds Lee narrowed the gap.

Marlton (5), Forster (3) and Henry (2) scored for OD's and Morrow (4), Clark (3), Knight and Hyson for Lee."

November 1959	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	3	10
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December 1959	County Match – Kent vs Middlesex Preview
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Lewisham Borough News – 1st December 1959

"KENT OUT TO BEAT RECORD

The Kent County lacrosse team, who have gained the Southern Counties lacrosse championship for the last two seasons, will meet their old rivals, Middlesex, in the eliminating round of the 1959-60 championship at the Orpington Sports Club, Goddington Lane, Orpington on Saturday (2.30pm).

Both counties have been keen contenders for many years, and Kent by their victory last season drew level with Middlesex's record of 15 championships. Now Kent are aiming to get their noses in front.

The Kent team will be:- C D Coppock (Old Sedcopians), G F Henry (Old Dunstonians), I Linklater (OS's), K O Peachey (Lee) (Captain), G H Forster (OD's), D J Goodwin (OD's), A A Hanson (OD's), R Burchell (OS's), A Grassby (OS's), P Marlton (OD's), T Morrow (Lee), and A Johnson (OS's).

R Burchell, the new cap, learnt his game at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Boys at Hurst Road, Sidcup."

January 1960	Lee vs Kenton	Won	5	2
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January 1960	Lee vs Purley	Lost	2	16
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Croydon Times – 5th January 1960

"LACROSSE HONOUR COMES NEARER

With a 16-2 away win over Lee at Orpington last Saturday, Purley Lacrosse Club took another step towards winning the first division championship. Although starting shakily at first, they had a 3-0 lead by quarter time. Purley's attack was never particularly brilliant, but they could not help scoring against a defence which pursued a policy of consistent forcing. Scorers were Metcalfe (6), Smale (3), Trickey (3), Lyon, Lee J, Toon, Clarke. Clarke and Morrow replied for Lee."

March 1960	London University vs Lee	Lost	3	15
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March 1960	Lee vs Kenton (Flag)	Won	11	1
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October 1960	Lee vs Purley	Lost	6	12
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October 1960	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	15	5
	Lee Juniors vs Buckhurst Hill Juniors			
		Draw	10	10
November 1960	Lee vs London University	Lost	9	11
November 1960	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	8	7
	Lee Juniors vs Henry Thornton School III			
		Won	16	1

January 1961	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	11	4
January 1961	Lee vs Bristol University (Flag)	Won	8	7
	Lee Juniors vs Chislehurst & Sidcup School II			
		Won	10	0

March 1961	Beckenham vs Lee	Won	11	1
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Sydenham Forest Hill & Penge Gazette – 3rd March 1961

“LEE WERE ALWAYS ON TOP

BECKENHAM 1, LEE 11

With Elmers End ground unfit and the last minute change of venue affecting their team strength, Lee still showed at Orpington on Saturday what a gulf there is between teams from First and Second Divisions.

Playing in the Milsted Competition for Kent clubs, they were never in danger in this deciding match of losing their grip on a cup that they won the previous season.

Beckenham were outclassed. Their attack was without ideas and lacking support, the normally dangerous Gregory had little chance against the tight marking Lee defence.

The Beckenham rearguard, on the other hand, allowed their opponents to wander at will and, giving no indication of the wealth of experience that they possess, were continually out thought and out manoeuvred by excellent team play of Lee.

BECKENHAM FADED

Down 1-3 by quarter time, Beckenham had started promisingly and gave little sign that they would fade so completely from the match. As the game progressed, however, so did Lee tighten their grip and by half time, although they led only 5-1, they had put the result beyond doubt.

Without any need for urgency, they scored two more goals in the third quarter and with their forcing defencemen adding further to Beckenham's discomfort reached double figures before he close.

Scorers:- Beckenham: King. Lee: Morrow (2), Peachey (2), Knight (2), Davy (2), Haysom, Grant and Hart.”

March 1961	Buckhurst Hill vs Lee	Lost	4	10
	Lee Juniors vs Chislehurst & Sidcup School (Flag)			
		Won	8	1
November 1961	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	9	1
December 1961	Purley vs Lee	Lost	1	19
	Selhurst Grammar School vs Lee Juniors			
		Won	11	0

January 1962	Lee vs London University	Lost	3	17
January 1962	Old Sedcopians vs Lee	Won	8	5
	Lee A vs Canterbury (Flag)	Draw	6	6
March 1962	Lee vs Bristol University	Won	13	4
March 1962	Lee vs Kenton	Lost	6	13
March 1962	Kenton vs Lee	Lost	4	8
March 1962	Beckenham vs Lee	Draw	4	4
April 1962	Lee Juniors vs Canterbury School			
		Draw	1	1

April 1962 Other Matters – North vs South (at Fallowfield)
South won 9-5

The Guardian – 17th April 1962

“OUTCLASSED NORTH GET OFF LIGHTLY AGAINST THE SOUTH

The South gained a well-earned victory, 9-5, over the North in a representative lacrosse match at the Stadium, Fallowfield, a success that confirms that their surprise win last season, the first since 1902, was not wholly fortuitous. Indeed, the score in the latest match flattered the North, who were outclassed for three quarters of the game.

The South throughout were the faster and more purposeful side and played with a spirit and fervour which their opponents never equalled. The North's play at times was poor, individually and collectively, and lacking in imaginative combination both on attack and defence. The South took the initiative from the start, and against a wide open defence, in a complete state of confusion, scored in the first minute. The North defenders harassed as they were by a fast moving attack, repeatedly fumbled clearances, and the handling, apart from McClinton, was never very competent and they also covered weakly.

The South led 2-0 by quarter time, the North having made only one dangerous penetration, which Allsop, in goal, saved finely. The North's attack play in the second quarter deteriorated in that the emphasis was on individual, but unsuccessful attempts to break through the South's very compact defence. In the absence of a pivot

little constructive effort was made to draw out the opposing defence by combined play, and it was the exception for a movement to be initiated from behind goal. Possession was repeatedly lost by inaccurate passing and attempts to score from long shots.

Meanwhile the lively South attack took every advantage of the North's slow defensive covering, and, by half time led 5-0. The North's attack moved the ball better at the start of the third quarter and J Speak, from Marsland support pass, opened the scoring. The South. However, continued to play at a faster pace and followed up every loose ball determinedly for possession.

The North made more openings, but the shooting lacked the accuracy necessary to beat Allsop, who saved with first class anticipation. With a lead of 7-1 at three quarter time a South win was practically assured. Nevertheless, the North made a great effort to save the game. The attack began to look as though it was worthy of representative honours. The shooting was more accurate, the ball was bounced and in consequence were more effective, and there were two clever conversions by J Speak from Eric Dalton's passes. Although the South lost their grip on the game their game continue to play enterprisingly and shot two goals against the North's four in the final quarter. The goalscorers were Hall (4), who was always dangerous with his individual thrusts, Warrington (3), Brearley and Johnson for the South, and J Speak (3), Eric Dalton and Marsland for the North.

North: J Griffith (Stockport), T M McIntosh (Old Hulmeians), D Makin (Old Waconians), D T Wilkinson (Offerton), R M Threfall (Old Hulmeians). E N Rodman (Old Stopfordians), R Hodgson (Mellor), Eric Dalton (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), D F Borland (Old Hulmeians), J Speak (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), A J Deacon (Heaton Mersey), A E Marsland (Old Hulmeians).

South: T Allsop (Cambridge University), T J Newton (London University), L C Keyes (Oxford University), G D Arnold (Purley), H L Lord (London University), R Haysom (Lee), A Richardson (Kenton), J H Hall (London University), J M Brearley (Cambridge University), P W Johnson (London University), G H Metcalfe (Purley), M Warrington (London University)."

April 1962	Cheadle vs Lee (Friendly)	Lost	5	6
October 1962	Lee vs Hampstead	Won	4	1
	Purley A vs Lee II	Lost	13	20
November 1962	Kenton vs Lee	Lost	2	5
November 1962	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	7	6

November 1962 Other Matters – New Rules

The Guardian – 27th November 1962

"NORTH WILL USE THE NEW RULES

With the object of improving the quality of play the English Lacrosse Union has invited its constituent bodies to experiment with the use of agreed boundaries both at the sides of the playing area and behind goal.

The North of England Lacrosse Association has agreed to give the scheme a trial, and it will be used in all competitive matches, league and flags, in which both sides are either first or second division teams, with effect from December 22 until the end of the season. The final details of the new experimental laws have not yet been completed, but basically they will be that after a side has put the ball by any means over the side boundaries, possession will be given to the opposing side when play is restarted. The same will apply when the ball passes over the boundary behind the goal, except from when it does so from a genuine shot at goal, the ball will be given to the player, irrespective of side, nearest the point at which it went out of play.

A controversial point will be what happens when a goalkeeper puts the ball over the boundary by a deflected or flick save. It is obvious for a side to retain possession the standard of individual handling will have to be higher. No longer will it be possible for a defender to be merely a stopper; he will now have to learn to clear accurately to a free man."

December 1962	London University vs Lee	Lost	4	20
December 1962	Lee II vs Purley B	Draw	7	7
December 1962	Lee vs Beckenham A	Won	9	5
	Beckenham B vs Lee II	Draw	3	3

Lewisham Borough News – 18th December 1962

"LEE TOO STRONG FOR BECKENHAM

LEE 9, BECKENHAM 5

Playing in complete contrast to last week, Beckenham showed enthusiasm and confidence in this Milsted Trophy game for Kent lacrosse clubs.

Lee took a quick three goal lead with Beckenham, as usual, taking time to settle down. However, with Tomkins returning to strengthen the defence, the visitors at last began to play as a team. Then Walmsley finished one particularly good move by beating the very experienced Lord to score a fine goal.

The attack was working really well with B Inman showing up strongly against South of England representative Haysom, and T Hughes apparently having little regard for the 1st Division leaders.

Beckenham finished the first half with the score five goals each.

In the third quarter play was even but with the light fading the home team began to force the pace. Their greater experience finally told and three goals in the last quarter took the score to 9-5.

Beckenham scorers were King (2), Walmsley, Govus and T Hughes."

SIX GOALS SHARED

BECKENHAM B 3, LEE II 3

Both teams turned out below strength in this Second Division game at Elmers End.

The young Beckenham team, largely through lack of experience, showed little punch in a rather poor first half, and only the usual

promising display from D Bagwell, in goal, prevented the visitors from taking a firm grip on the game.

In the second half the Beckenham Captain, A Mannock, inspired his team to a better display.

Beckenham scorers were Waterhouse, Haylock, Rendall."

March 1963	Purley vs Lee	Lost	1	12
March 1963	Lee vs Old Sedcopians	Won	9	6

April 1963	Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park) North won 11-6			
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The Guardian – 22nd April 1963

"NORTH GAIN REVENGE

SOUTH 6, NORTH 11

The North lacrosse team beat the South 11-6 in a first class game at Hurlingham Park. Conditions were far from ideal, and before the end, the almost continuous rain had made the ground's surface very treacherous. That the standard of play was maintained was a tribute to the players ability and stamina.

It was soon obvious that the North were determined to make amends for their surprise defeats of the last two seasons. Indeed, they proved superior in both attack and defence almost throughout.

Within the first minute, Oxley, in his first game for the North, made a quick break from defence and opened the score. The South soon equalised, but the North at once regained the lead, and for the remainder of the game stayed ahead. After leading 3-2 at quarter time, the North went to 7-3 at half time. Early in the second period Speak shot three goals in all but as many minutes and this proved to be the decisive phase of the game. Both in this quarter and the third, only Allsop's fine goalkeeping saved the South from collapse. By three quarter time the North led 11-4, but in the final period they eased the pressure and to the South's credit they took quick advantage and scored two goals.

For the North all the attacks made valuable contributions to the success. Speaks (3), McAllister (3), Eric Dalton (2), Marsland, J Deacon, who was ever willing to help his defence, and Oxley were the scorers. On defence the forcing play of Oxley and Stockdale was well timed. MacDonald who overshadowed Bennett and Makin also had good games. O'Brian played soundly in goal although he had less to do than his opposite number.

Allsop was outstanding for the South for whom Haysom and Thomas (defence) and Metcalfe on attack excelled. Pritchard (2), Winterbottom (2), and Metcalfe (2) shot the South's goals."

October 1963	Hampstead vs Lee	Won	12	1
November 1963	Lee vs Buckhurst Hill	Won	8	5
	Selhurst vs Lee A	Won	10	4

November 1963	Lee vs Old Thortonians	Won	3	2
	Purley A vs Lee A	Lost	7	10

For detailed information on the period going forward from here please refer to Ian Henderson's, excellent, History of Lee Lacrosse Club. This is available on the Centurion Lacrosse Club website – www.centurionlacrosse.org.uk

The following articles are supplementary to this work and hopefully provides some different variation or reports.

But before we go to the additional parts upon reading Ian Henderson's great piece of work Gerry Paine pointed out a couple of items which are greatly interesting to add – here they are.

April 2025

Additional Elements – Courtesy of Gerry Paine

Email to me – March 2025

"Your research is a major project and I see you've got to 1954 so far. I think I went to watch a Senior game in 1955, after my next door neighbour had a friend visit him with a strange looking weapon. When I asked him about it, he said he was on his way to a home game and as it was being played only a mile away he suggested I could watch it. Which I did. After the game Terry Morrow asked if I would be interested in playing for the junior team. When I said I would, he asked if could play in a game next week. I replied that sounded that sounded a bit optimistic as I knew nothing about the game and hadn't even picked up a stick yet. Terry said that didn't matter and they were often short so I could just make up the numbers and learn as I went. And the rest as they say is history."

Email to me – March 2025

I noticed your remark about researching the history of Lee Lacrosse Club and the extract from the newspaper article. I don't remember reading that, but I was nearly 3 at the time! I presume that you may have seen Ian Henderson's brief history of Lee (116 pages).

On page 9 there is a report of the 1962 North v South (Juniors) game and the names of the scorers were given. Ian wasn't involved in the game and was not aware that I played.

I sent him an email on 11/12/2015 advising him how I ended up in goal and I enclose a photo of that email, which I had inserted next to page 9 in my copy. In that low scoring game, which I believe to be the only time the South won, Mottershead scored for the North. Another game with the same 7 - 6 scoreline is featured on pages 21 to 23 where Lee beat London University in the Senior Flags Final in 1964. The second march report referred to the "abnormally young Lee players": Alan Furby and I were 17 or 18 and Steph Butcher, Ian Henderson, Roger Kemsley and Dave Gaines would have been 16 or 17. Once again Mottershead scored and was on the losing side. His losing run ended shortly after when he joined Lee (as London University had a rule stipulating the maximum number of seasons a player could represent them). Another strange fact about those two games is that Alan Furby who was playing in attack in the Junior game had changed position and was in goal in the Senior game.

As I concluded in my email to Ian : "Thanks for the memories".

PS. Ian refers in error to the World Championships in Australia occuring in 1973 rather than in 1974.

December 2015

Additional Elements – Courtesy of Gerry Paine

Email to Ian Henderson - December 2015

"However, one season I do remember, was my last season as a junior, which culminated in the only winning North v South Junior game. I had been captain of Lee for three years and I think it was to be my third North v South game. The selectors named me as captain of the South quite early in the season and invited me to be on the selection committee. At one selection meeting the position of goalkeeper was discussed at length, since there were no outstanding candidates. When asked for my opinion I said I don't think any of our goalies were up to it, which brought a retort along the lines of 'and I suppose you think you can do better' - to which I replied 'Yes'. This caused something of a problem, because I played forcing wing defence (and over the season went on to score over 60 goals). Therefore if they played me in goal, they would probably get a better goalie, but at the expense of my defending and goal scoring abilities. No decision was made at that meeting, but subsequently all the others agreed that our goalie position was very weak and decided to go with me. From then on Alan Furby, who at the time played attack, and I spent a lot of our spare time in front of the concrete wall at the old Goddington Lane ground, with Alan shooting at me.

The report states that the North took a 3 goal lead within the first five minutes, but my recollection was that at one stage in the first quarter we were 4 nil down. To say I was worried about my decision at that stage would be an understatement! Anyway, I started making a few saves, the defence tightened up and Dave and Alan started scoring goals. My recollection that it was Roger Doig of Beckenham, who scored the winner. I don't think I can even name any other South player. However, I was amused to see the report that a certain Mottershead was top scorer for the North with 2 goals - can it really be Derek?

Anyway, the reason I remember that season was that I was Club Captain, played defence and scored 60 plus goals, which made me an automatic selection as goalkeeper for the South! To this day I believe that it is the only time the South Juniors beat the North.

Thanks for the memories."

April 1964

Other Matters - Lee vs Old Hulmeians (English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup) (at Hurlingham Park)

Lost 5 21

The Observer - 26th April 1964

"Old Hulmeians, the Northern champions, won the English men's lacrosse Club Championship, the Iroquois Cup, at Hurlingham Park, London, yesterday, when they defeated the Southern champions, Lee 21-5. This was the fourth win for the Old Hulmeians in 18 post war finals."

The Guardian - 27th April 1964

"OLD HULMEIANS WIN IROQUOIS CUP MATCH

Old Hulmeians defeated Lee 21-5 in the final of the English club lacrosse championship for the Iroquois Cup at Hurlingham Park.

Conditions were perfect, and the Old Boys gave a first class exhibition of lacrosse throughout. They established an early superiority and were five goals ahead after ten minutes play. Lee played hard and determinedly but were outclassed by the Hulmeian's combination on attack. The speed and accuracy with which Hulmeians mounted their thrustful movements were far too good for the less experienced Lee defence. Borland in particular was not only dangerous with his individual thrusts but he frequently had the Lee defence nonplussed when, having drawn it out of position, he gave finely conceived support passes to his unmarked colleagues.

The Old Boys led 7-1 at quarter time, and in spite of some excellent saves by Lee's goalkeeper, went ahead 12-2 before half time. In the third period Lee's attack worked hard to penetrate the Hulmeians defence but lacked the skill to create openings by combined movements. Haysom was persistent in his efforts to score and was well supported by Gains, but rarely were Lee able to come within close shooting distance of Hulmeians' goal. At three quarters time the winners' lead 17-4, but Lee never gave up trying. The scorers were Marsland (6), Borland (5), Buckland (3), Marlton (3). Bryans (3) and Cocker for Old Hulmeians, and Haysom (2), Morrow, Henderson and Brelsford for Lee."

May 1964

Other Matters – Festival of Sport

Streatham News – 22nd May 1964

"LACROSSE IN FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Highlight, lacrosse wise, in the Croydon Festival of Sport will be a match between Purley and Lee, on Saturday, May 30, at Purley Way (3 pm) in which six international players will be on view.

Lee, the top team in the South, having won the South of England Falg's Championship, having three England players in their side.

Purley will have seven times capped George Metcalfe and the current England Captain George Arnold as tow of their three international caps.

The first film ever made on lacrosse will be shown at the Opening Ceremony of the Festival (May 23). Made by the Purley Lacrosse Club three years ago, it lasts for twenty minutes."

April 1965

Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park) North won 7-4

The Guardian – 12th April 1965

"NORTH ATTACK IS TOO GOOD FOR THE SOUTH

The North defeated the South 7-4 in a representative lacrosse match at Hurlingham Park, after a fast, hard fought game but one in which there were few momentous events.

From the start the defences were on top and neither set of attacks held possession long enough to create openings by imaginative and accurate passing movements. The North attack, on balance, was more effective and four of their seven goals were the outcome of clever conversions of well timed support passes. Not one of the South goals came from penetrative passing play, in spite of

Hague's untiring efforts to keep the ball moving with purpose. The North defence. However, was only once really caught in disarray, and that was when it conceded the first goal. The South defence did well but it was helped in its task by the North attacks' repeatedly crowding of the goalmouth. There was no real pivot on North's attack. The South's defenders were quick to check and mark closely, but it was mainly due to Shaw's quick covering and excellent clearing, combined with Allsop's fine goalkeeping, that kept the North's score low. Indeed, the high quality of goalkeeping both by Allsop, and Lawson for the North, was one of the features of the game.

PRITCHARD'S EFFORT

In the early play of the North's attack, faced by enthusiastic defence play, finished poorly and the only first quarter goal was a good opportunist effort by Pritchard for the South. A long shot through a crowd put the South two goals up, but in the latter part of the second quarter, which was the North's attacks best spell, the North gained control and at half time they led 4-2. A fine goal, the best of the match, by Dalton, increased the North's lead early in the third quarter, but the South held on determinedly and by the last interval the North led only 6-3. Although the scoring was even in the final period it was by far the duller quarter and the North's supremacy was never seriously threatened.

South: R T Allsop (Lee), J L Frost (Kenton), C S Adams (Cambridge University), B I Lord (Lee), C A Shaw (Hampstead) capt, K Corcoran (Lee), A A Jackson (Cambridge University), J Pritchard (London University), K F Winterbottom (London University), D C Shipley (Cambridge University), J D Hague (Purley), G H Metcalfe (Purley).

North: G B Lawson (Old Hulmeians), F M McClinton (Old Hulmeians), A J Jordan (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), G MacDonald (Mellor), E R Trickey (Heaton Mersey), W Oxley (Mellor), R Hodgson (Mellor) capt, E Dalton (South Manchester & Wythenshaw), T Gare (Old Stopfordians), J Hall (Mellor), M A Williams (Mellor), A E Marsland (Old Hulmeians)."

July 1965

Other Matters – England Team Selection

The Guardian – 19th July 1965

"ENGLAND'S TEAM

England lacrosse team to meet the United States (as represented by the Lancers) at Cale Green, Stockport, tonight, face 6.30 is:-

R T Allsop (Lee), G D Arnold (Purley), C A Shaw (Hampstead), J A Jordan (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), E R Trickey (Heaton Mersey), W Oxley (Mellor), R Hodgson (Mellor) capt, T Gare (Old Stopfordians), J Pritchard (Purley), B Costello (Cheadle), J Hall (Mellor), B McAllister (Mellor)."

July 1965

Other Matters – England vs United States

England won 8-5

The Guardian – 19th July 1965

"ENGLAND DEFEAT UNITED STATES

England defeated the United States, represented by the Lancers of Baltimore, by 8-5 at Cales Green, Stockport, last night.

The game was hard fought, play good without being outstandingly effective, and the defences generally dominated play. England's defence, in particular, played very soundly and was skilful in tackling and covering. The American defence played openly at the start but packed the goalmouth well in the closing stages, when England's attack found great difficulty in producing any combined penetrative moments. Indeed, the final quarter was almost without incident.

England's handling on attack in the first period lacked accuracy and several good openings were missed with the result that America led 2-1 at quarter time. Improved play by England's attack in the second quarter, in which it gained a marked superiority over the American defence, produced a lead of 6-3 at half time. Although the Americans attacked for long spells in the second half, they were well held by the sound England defence, in which Oxley and Arnold were outstanding. At three quarter time England were deservedly ahead 8-4 but were unable to score in the last period."

February 1967

Other Matters – American Tour Trial Match

The Guardian – 6th February 1967

"AMERICAN TOUR

The American tour trial match at Cale Green, in which the Whites beat the Colours 14-10 proved of much greater value to the selectors than the earlier trial. Players and officials were more conversant with the American rules this time and therefore a more accurate assessment of a player's potential on the tour was possible.

The English Lacrosse Union selectors have chosen the players for the tour. The party which leaves for America on April 29, is:-

R T Allsop (Lee), G B Lawson (Old Hulmeians), G A MacDonald (Mellor) capt, M Moore (Stockport), J R Murgatroyd (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), J D Shuttleworth (Oxford University), J A Jordan (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), N Towes (Rochdale), J M Roberts (Urmston), H Bickerton (Cheadle), T Gare (Old Stopfordians), R Hickson (Manchester University), W Oxley (Mellor), A F Thomas (Disley), M A Williams (Mellor), M Warrington (Boardman & Eccles), J Hall (Mellor), B McAllister (Mellor), J A Speak (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), B Costello (Cheadle), M Fleeson (Cheadle). Reserves: J Griffith (Stockport), D Trainor (Rochdale), D Shipley (Purley), K Brooke (Boardman & Eccles)."

April 1967

Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park) North won 10-7

The Guardian – 17th April 1967

"NORTH TURN TABLES ON SOUTH

The North beat the South 10-7 in a representative lacrosse match at Hurlingham Park, London, after a hard fought game in which the South were by no means outclassed. Indeed, the South, in the first half, were much the better side with their livelier combination and greater determination in gaining possession of the loose ball.

During this period South's defence covered well and the ball was moved on attack with purpose and accuracy. By contrast North were lethargic.

South deservedly led 3-2 at quarter time, but in the second quarter the North's covering improved and in the second half the North were certainly superior. They led 8-4 at three quarter time and went ahead 10-4 in the final period although by no means dominated play. The South shot the last three goals in the final five minutes when the North's defence played too openly. The scorers for the North were Oxley (2), McAllister (2), Speak (2), Roberts, Gare, Warrington and Thewlis, and for the South Nicholls (3), Jones, Jackson, Gamble and Gaines, a promising young player who fully extended the more experienced Murgatroyd.

North: G B Lawson (Old Hulmeians), J R Murgatroyd (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), J A Jordan (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), G A MacDonald (Mellor) capt, N Thewlis (Rochdale), W C Oxley (Mellor), M Warrington (Boardman & Eccles), R B Hodgson (Mellor), T Gare (Old Stopfordians), D M Roberts (Urmston), B McAllister (Mellor), J Speak (South Manchester & Wythenshawe).

South: R T Allsop (Lee), K Corcoran (Lee), J D Shuttleworth (Oxford University), D C Shipley (Purley), E Johnson (Kenton), N G Waite (Purley), G Paine (Lee), A A Jackson (Cambridge University) capt, N W Gamble (Oxford University), E Nicholls (Purley), J N Jones (Cambridge University), D Gaines (Lee).

Referee: G D Arnold (South)."

May 1967

Other Matters – American Tour & First World Championship

The Guardian – 22nd May 1967

"DIFFERENT ATTITUDE TO THE RULES

The record of the England lacrosse teams first ever tour of the United States and Canada must be considered as very satisfactory. In the US they won three matches, lost three, drew one, and scored 72 goals against 62.

In the World Championship series in Canada the English lost all three games, They were handicapped by the fact that they were playing under strange rules which, because of their inexperience, they frequently interpreted differently from the Americans. For example, other sides did not hesitate to incur a penalty in order to gain a tactical advantage, whereas the English sides psychological reaction to the rules was that an infringement was like a foul and therefore something to be avoided.

The best feature of the England play, and one which surprised the Americans, was the greater speed of their midfield players and the ability to score by quick passing and unpremeditated shooting. The American pattern of play is more towards the scoring of goals from well drilled movements. Evidence of this difference in the English play is confirmed by the high number of different goalscorers in a single match.

In the World Championship Series, the touring side were defeated 11-9 by Australia, 15-3 by the United States, and 11-8 by Canada. The last two games were played under floodlights, of which the English side had no experience. The England side, which returns to England today, should, however, do better in their match against Australia to be played at Cale Green on Friday (6.30)."

April 1968

Other Matters – Old Hulmeians vs Lee (English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup) Lost 3 13

The Guardian - 29th April 1968

"OLD HULMEIANS WIN IROQUOIS CUP FOR TENTH TIME

OLD HULMEIANS 13, LEE 3

In the English club championship final at Erdington Park, Old Hulmeians defeated Lee 13-3 and so won the Iroquois Cup for the tenth time in their history. Lee, Southern Senior flagholders, included six South players in their side and were expected to fully extend Hulmeians, whose victory in the Senior Flags final over Mellor was only by the odd goal.

Old Hulmeians gained an authority over Lee and they never lost it. Lee, who must be the smartest turned out side in the country, were faster at covering the loose ball in midfield. Their defence, however, lacked depth and was repeatedly surprised by accurate support passes from behind goals to an apparently well covered opposing attack.

At least half Hulmeians goals were shot from quick, skilful conversions. Lee's attack, on the other hand, was never able to penetrate the strong, skilfully positioned Hulmeians defence by combined thrusts. Lee's neat approach play eventually dissolved into unsuccessful individual thrusts or a final pass which was ill directed. In brief, Lee's play lacked confidence which only experience at top level will give.

The game never lacked interest. Lee never gave up trying and the ball moved constantly from end to end. Old Hulmeians controlled the speed of play skilfully in the first quarter and gained a 3-1 lead. The second period was more even and at half time Hulmeians were 5-2 ahead, a lead which became 9-3 by three quarter time. For Hulmeians Martin was the best defence, Heywood did well to limit Gaines to one goal. On Lee's defence Haysom played well in goal and Corcoran and Kemsley also played soundly.

The goalscorers were Maraland (5), Bryans (3), Cocker (3), Irving and Borland for Hulmeians and Kemsley, Gaines and Morrow for Lee.

Old Hulmeians - G D Lawson, R M Threlfall, R Heywood, J Kershaw, F Martin, H R McCallum, M H F Cocker, P Marlton, C E Bryans, K Irving, D F Borland, A E Marsland.

Lee - R F Haysom, K Corcoran, S E Butcher, D W Hart, R F Kemsley, G N Paine, P Tranter, D Gaines, I A Henderson, J Medlock, T Morrow, D N Mottershead."

September 1968

Other Matters – Changes of Laws

The Guardian - 24th September 1968

"NUMBERING LAW PROBLEM

The new lacrosse season, which opens this week, promises to be one of considerable controversy because of the introduction of new laws. Uniformity of interpretation between players and referees will not in the early stages be easy. It is hoped that the innovations will not bedevil the progress of the game.

The simplest of the new laws is that any strike on the head or head gear by an opponent's stick is an offence, the penalty for which is an award of a free position. The referee is the sole arbiter of what constitutes a definite strike as opposed to a brush of a stick on the head. For the latter there will be no penalty.

The other mandatory law is that every player throughout a club shall wear a number in a contrasting colour both on the back and front of his jersey or shirt, and that no player shall change his number during a game. This law appears simple observation, but there is already considerable evidence that many clubs have taken no steps towards its implementation for the reason that considerable expenditure is involved.

EXPERIMENT

The new ground markings and the method of facing are proposed alterations to rules and are to be used experimentally for one season only. The ground markings are considerably changed. The old centre circle should be abolished. In its place there will be two lines marked at right angles across the field 20 yards each side of the centre spot. The areas formed by these lines and the back lines behind the goal will be known as the goal areas. A further two lines will be marked 20 yards from the centre spot parallel to the side lines and will extend 10 yards each side of the centre of the pitch. The areas between the lines and the side lines are to be known as wing areas.

At the start of play from the centre spot each team shall have four players, including the goalkeeper, within their own goal area, and three players within the goal area of the opposing side. A further two players a team must be in the wing area when the referee starts play. The wing areas are released to play the ball being faced by the two centre players. The remainder of the players of both teams will be confined to the goal area until the ball is properly under control in a players' crosse when they will be released by the referee signalling possession. They will also be released if the ball should go out of bounds or by some means enter a goal area.

OBJECT

The whole object of this complicated procedure is to get the ball into play from a centre face more quickly than under the present rules. The effect, however, of this experimental law may well be to penalise a side who contravene the law in that they may well have their defence wide open when a penalty for a free position is awarded to the opposing side.

Finally the new law requires that the player facing shall have both hands on the handle of his stick, not touching the netting and at least 18 inches apart, and his feet are to be to the left of the throat of the stick and not touching the stick. The ball will then be placed between the backs of the nets but clear of the ground. The best way of putting the ball into play is then left to the ingenuity of the centre player after the referee has signalled the start of play."

March 1969

Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park)

North won 16-7

The Guardian – 17th March 1969

"NORTH REGAIN THE INITIATIVE AND OVERCOME SOUTH

In a representative lacrosse match at Hurlingham Park Stadium, North beat South 16-7.

The North began the game full of zeal and energy, and the North in consequence were slow to develop any real constructive combination, North's handling, indeed, frequently was faulty and a lead of 3-2 at quarter time was no better than they deserved. The outcome was put beyond doubt in the second quarter in which North's play was remarkably superior. From the start of the period,

the attack combined well and showed a skilful individual thrust against a South defence which lacked adequate depth and an ability to cover quickly. At half time the North led 10-3.

In the last period, North regained the initiative, and were the more resolute side. South, however, continued to have a fair share of the possession. Gare, at centre, who shot four goals, played finely for North, and Rice (3), McAllister (3) did well on the attack. The North's other scorers were Hall (2), R Hodgson (2), Brookes and Oxley.

For South, Shuttleworth and Paine were the steadiest defenders. Gaines (3), Beaumont (3), and Metcalfe shot the goals.

South: A M Rose (Hampstead), J D Shuttleworth (Hampstead), J B Bickford (Lee), G N Paine (Lee), S E Butcher (Lee), R F Kemsley (Lee), J N Jones (Hampstead), E R Trickey (Buckhurst Hill) capt, I A Henderson (Lee), D Gaines (Lee), C E Beaumont (Hampstead), G H Metcalfe (Purley).

North: V Wilcock (Sheffield University), D Wilkinson (Offerton), M Moore (Stockport), R Murgatroyd (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), W Oxley (Mellor) capt, P Bennett (Mellor), T Gare (old Stopfordians), R Hodgson (Mellor), P Rice (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), K Brookes (Nottingham University), A McCallister (Mellor), J Hall (Mellor)."

April 1970

Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)

North won 10-5

The Guardian – 20th April 1970

"HAYSOM CURBS NORTH"

The North defeated the South 10-5 at Cale Green, Stockport, but in spite of the high scoring the game was mainly unexciting.

The most notable feature of play was Haysom's fine goalkeeping for the South. In the first half he had good fortune with his stopping of weak and poorly directed shots. But after half time, when the North led 7-2, Haysom's first class saves almost destroyed the North's confidence in their shooting ability. That there was a gap of half an hour between the North scoring their eighth and ninth goals is a fair measure of the South's goalkeeper's effectiveness.

The North opened the scoring within seconds of the face off, but the South refused to become dejected. Although the North increased a quarter time lead of 3-1 to one of 7-2 by the interval, the South had a fair share of the first half play. Their attack, however, was unable to penetrate the strong North defence. It was the fact that the defences dominated the game for much of the second half that there were considerable spells of goal play.

The South's defence play improved after half time, and Booth, Paine and Yates were outstanding. For the North, Parker, who marked Henderson effectively, Williams and Oxley were the best of a sound defence. The scorers were M Hodgson (2), McCulloch (2), M Roberts (2), McAllister, Parker, J Speak, and Rice for the North, and Kemsley (2), Beaumont, Henderson and Gaines for the South.

North: G C Lester (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), C Parker (Old Waconians), J L Williams (Old Hulmeians), W C Oxley (Mellor) capt, R Higson (Urmston), H Bickerton (Cheadle), P J McCulloch (Sheffield University), M J Hodgson (Mellor), P Rice (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), J M Roberts (Urmston), A McAllister (Mellor), J B Speak (South Manchester & Wythenshawe).

South: R E H Haysom (Lee), D W Booth (Buckhurst Hill), K Corcoran (Lee) capt, G N Paine (Lee), S E Butcher (Lee), S Yates (Buckhurst Hill), B Daniels (Hampstead), R F Kemsley (Lee), C E Beaumont (Hampstead), B Wilson (Purley), D Gaines (Lee), I A Henderson (Lee).

Referee: H Smith (Rochdale)”

October 1970

Other Matters – Changes of Rules

The Guardian – 14th October 1970

“ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TEN A SIDE

The opening Southern league lacrosse matches provided encouragement for advocates of the 10-a-side game that is to be played as an experiment for a year. In the traditional game 12 members of a team have been free to move anywhere on the pitch. Now a team will consist of 10 players, at least three of whom in addition to the goalkeeper must be on the defensive half of the field, and at least three in the attacking half at any one time.

These modifications constitute not so much as a new version as a formalised return to the original concept of a free flowing game legislated for in the 1868 rules when the goals were between 150 and 250 yards apart, and the players, not surprisingly, specialised in defence or attack.

The present distance of only 80-90 yards between the goals combined with greater emphasis on fitness has led to the development of more ‘generalist’ players. A team on the defensive can therefore derive strength from numbers, but with few players up field it can only switch slowly to attack. This enables the opposition, in turn, to retire to a deep defensive entrenchment. Most midfield play has therefore been eliminated and most activity confined to the two overcrowded goal areas.

It is unfortunate that the laudable attempt to reverse this trend will not be tried out in the Northern league, but this should only delay, rather than prevent, the permanent adoption of changes that have already enhanced and expanded the game in the US and Australia. If the general favourable initial reactions of Southerners are maintained, further time will be needed for Northern players and officials to form an opinion. Meanwhile, two different styles of lacrosse will develop in the respective parts of this country.

A particular problem is posed for the Universities, who have their own additional mid-week competition, hitherto run on a knockout basis, for the English Universities Cup, but completely reorganised on a league basis this season to generate more interest and to provide more and better matches. They have been divided into a Northern and a Southern division and the top two teams from each will play off for the cup. As term is only just beginning, it is not yet clear which rules will be adopted. Either way, half the Universities will have to adjust to playing two codes, one on Saturdays and the other mid-week.

This induced schizophrenia could not have come at a worse time for them as a Combined Universities team is preparing to tour the US next spring. More than 40 candidates have been learning to play to the international code of rules which has recently been recognised by the English Lacrosse Union and forms the basis of the Southern league experimental rules. Now the trainees from Universities affiliated to the Northern league will revert to old rules, while their more fortunate Southern colleagues will play in a manner akin to their tour practices.

This picture does not presage a happy season for referees, nor for the administrators whose weak leadership, engendered by a faulty constitution at national level, has permitted unnecessary confusion to arise. Nevertheless, the Southern league experiment is to be welcomed as a bold move that could leave eventually to British lacrosse falling into line with the more successful and attractive American and Australian game."

May 1972

Other Matters – England Team Selection

The Guardian – 4th May 1972

"AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR BROUGHTON

Broughton Park RFC's ground at Chorlton will be the setting for the lacrosse international between England and Australia next Tuesday (face off 6.15).

The Australian team, whose average age is 25, arrive in Manchester on Monday after a tour of the United States. Both countries have named squads of 21 players.

England – W Horton (Disley), G Lester (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), V Wilcock (Old Stopfordians), M Moore (Captain, Stockport), R Murgatroyd (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), C Parker (Old Waconians), G Paine (Lee), R Higson (Urmston), P Rice (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), M Hodgson (Mellor), S Weaver (South Manchester & Wythenshawe), R Hodgson (Mellor), C Beaumont (Hampstead), H Bickerton (Cheadle), E Broadhurst (Sheffield University), P McCulloch (Old Waconians), M Roberts (Urmston), P Edmondson (Old Waconians), D Gaines (Lee), B Robinson (Disley).

Australia – J Carter (Captain), D Fox, R Attenborough, A Datson, D Falland, B Griffin, M Hislop, B Hobbs, J Kelly, G Antrim, M Raggart, K Read, R Scott, N Speck, P Stiglich, J Stubbs, R Thompson, D Thompson, L Toy, R Turnbull, R Twomey."

May 1972

Other Matters – England vs Australia

Australia won 19-3

The Guardian – 10th May 1972

"HIDING FOR ENGLAND

In a long drawn out game played to 10-a-side international rules, Australia defeated England 19-3 on the Broughton Park RUFC ground last night. Australia quickly established their superiority and led 7-0 at quarter time.

Australia's attacking play had a crispness and speed of execution which made England's defence look pathetically inept.

Australia led 13-2 at half time after which the pace subsided and England's defence held Australia's fast moving attacks to two goals in the third period. In the final stages of the game Australia reasserted their superiority and shot some splendidly conceived goals. The goal scorers were Griffin (7), Raggart (4), Scott (4), Stiglich, Hislop, Attenborough and Jackson for Australia and Broadhurst (2) and Roberts for England."

September 1972

Other Matters – Changes of Rules

The Guardian – 30th September 1972

“SEASON FOR EXPERIMENT

The season which opens today will be of more than the usual interest with the introduction of 10-a-side lacrosse, with an offside rule, for a trial period of one season, in the first and second divisions only of the North of England league and in all the North of England senior and junior flags. The object of the experiment is to assess by practical experience whether or not the game will benefit from having 10 players rather than the traditional 12.

The adjustment to the existing laws are not quite as simple as suggested by the alteration in the number of players in a team. In practice, however, it is expected that infringements and consequent stoppages of play because of transgressions of the offside rule will be minimal. The only alteration to the ground marking is the addition of a centre line drawn from sideline to sideline. Each team will therefore now have an attack, midfield and a defence zone. A team is deemed to be offside when it has less than three men in its attack half, or less than four in its defence half. A player is, however, permitted to reach across the centre line for the ball without penalty provided his feet are in the correct half of the field.

The penalties for offside infringements may well be a little confusing at the start. Basically, when a team has possession and moves into an offside position, the ball passes to the opposing side, but when a team is not in possession and becomes offside, the offending player or players are suspended for one minute by the referee. There are variations of this part of the offside law, when both teams are offenders. When a goal is scored and the attacking team is offside, it is disallowed; but if the defending team transgresses, the goal stands.

A player out of the game on penalty for offside has to re-enter play at the centre line on the instructions of the offside umpire. The provision of an offside umpire is the responsibility of the home team, and the duties are to notify the referee of offside infringements. If no umpire is available, then the home side will be required to stand a man down to fulfil the umpires place and play a man short.

The change to 10-a-side lacrosse should not materially effect the comparative strength of the senior sides.”

April 1973

Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park)
North won 22-8

The Guardian – 30th April 1973

“SOUTH ARE OVERRUN

SOUTH 8, NORTH 22

The North outplayed the South in a representative lacrosse match at Hurlingham Stadium, and won 22-8.

The North quickly established their superiority which they held until late in the final period when the result was beyond doubt. The North defence's skilful covering offered few opening to a South attack which contributed to its own undoing by running into and crowding the opposing goalmouth, and rarely attempting to open up the opposing defence by the use of support passes from behind goal.

In the absence of a sufficiently experienced pivot, the South's defence lacked solidity against the fast moving and skilful North attack. In addition, the bodying of the South's defence was

inadequate against the quick thrusts of the North attacks in which Gare and Rice were outstanding. Burnside was the most dangerous South attacker.

Gare (6), Rice (4), Hall (4), Roberts (4), Smith (2), Hickson and Thomas scored for the North; Burnside (2), Butcher (2), Norton, Kemsley, Tranter and Gaines for the South."

January 1974

Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)

North won 22-4

Alderley and Wilmslow Advertiser – 31st January 1974

"CALL FOR SUPER LEAGUE: NORTH CRUSH SOUTH

A call for a super league and the North's overwhelming 22-4 win over the South at Cale Green on Saturday provided the main talking points in the week's lacrosse circles.

The call for a super league was made by Mr Dennis Coppock President of the South of England Lacrosse Association, at the North-South dinner, at the Mile End hotel on Saturday night.

Mr Coppock said the game was dominated by two parishes of Stockport and three or four teams in the South.

'This is doing the game no good. I would like to see a national league formed.'

Mr Coppock said he was confident that teams like Lee, Hampstead and Purley could hold their own against the top clubs in the North.



**Mike Roberts scoring one of
his six goals.**

'After all Lee have beaten your champions Old Waconians and Urmston, this season' he said.

Mr Coppock said that the travel involved would be a drawback. 'We already travel 50 miles to a game in the South.'

Every North player must have booked his England ticket for the world tournament in Australia.

Saturday's game was so one sided it developed into something of a farce. The North, in killer mood, had the game sewn up long before half time.

The North were four goals in front before the South gained possession.

The South had no answer to the brilliance of the North skipper Mike Roberts who bagged six goals. On the rare occasions the South did break away they were unable to find away round keeper Graham Lester and Steve Weaver who did an excellent game in defence.

None of the midfield could be faulted and the attack speaks for itself.

The North adapted themselves well to international rules which allow substitutes at anytime from a squad of 19, led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter in which Roberts completed a hat-trick. The other goals came from Ben Daines, who later had stitches inserted in a lip injury, Peter Edmonson and Mike Newton.

Two brilliant goals by Fletcher, two more from Roberts and one a piece by Daines, Eric Broadhurst and Mike Newton in the second quarter completely demoralised a leaden footed South side.

HAT-TRICK

American Rik Koskella pulled one back for the South at the opening of the third quarter, but the North stormed back with seven including a hat-trick by Paul Smith. The others came from Broadhurst, Edmonson, Phil Rice and Roberts.

Newton and Edmonson extended the lead in the final quarter in which Richard Griffiths came on for Lester, before Dave Gaines got two consolation goals for the South and John Blake put through his own goal.



Frank Bedford goes close for the North.

Both sides had another workout at Urmston on Sunday. Now the selectors have the task of naming the party of 26 to represent England in the world tournament.

On Saturday's showing it is doubtful that more than three South players will make the trip.

England Manager, David Walkden, announced this week that Ferris Thompson, holder of one of America's top coaching awards, is to train the England squad along with coach Nigel Wayne. He is expected to arrive in England in April.

February 1974

Other Matters – Player Profile – Roger Kemsley

South Eastern Gazette – 5th February 1974

“ROGER'S CHANCE TO GO DOWN UNDER TO PLAY LACROSSE

PROFILE BY DICK GURD

Bearsted's Roger Kemsley is spending three weeks in Australia next summer by courtesy of lacrosse.

Roger, 26, has an excellent chance of being picked for the England Men's Lacrosse team to play Australia, USA, Canada and Hong Kong in a World Series 'down under' in June.

The squad of 30 for this trip is being named later this month and Roger must be high on the selectors' list after some good performances in a series of recent trials which have taken place all over the country. Now all he can do is keep his fingers crossed and hope.



SPEEDS

One of the misconceptions about lacrosse is that it's only a sport for women, but Roger was quick to emphasise the great differences between the two games.

'The women's game is almost completely static' says Roger 'the players are not allowed to move while the men move all over the pitch and the ball can travel at speeds of up to 120 mph'.

For the uninitiated men's lacrosse is played between teams of 13-a-side, although only ten a side can be on the pitch at any one time - ice hockey style. The pitch is about 100 long and the ball is carried by the players in nets fixed on the ends of poles.

CHALLENGE

The ball is made of very hard rubber - about the size of a cricket ball - and is propelled at the six foot square goal in a cumbersome-sounding fashion. The players heave the pole back over their shoulders and then hurl it forwards.

'It sounds very clumsy' said Roger 'but you soon get used to it'.

'It's quite a physical game because barging is allowed lost with reason. I once got a broken nose and I have teeth as well as a result of being struck in the face by the pole. I also know of a player who broke his leg in a challenge'.



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To complicate matters, the widths of the poles differ according to whether you are a striker, midfielder or defence player. The sizes of the various sticks are: attacker - six to eight ins; midfielder - eight to ten and a defensive player - a foot.

The idea behind the differing sizes which of course are not regulation is that an attacker has to be more mobile. Therefore a lighter stick will be more useful to him than say a defence man.

Roger himself plays midfield for Orpington, one of the top clubs in the country. He wants to see the game come to Maidstone in a big

way. Last year, Orpington were Southern League champions and they have high hopes of repeating the feat this term.

'There is also a Northern league which if anything is stronger as far as the standard of play is concerned' Roger added.

Lacrosse in the USA is generally reckoned to be the best in the world because there the game is on a professional footing.

'Although people might find it hard to believe, the sport was very popular before the war, but for some reason it declined afterwards. Now I am glad to say it seems to be picking up again,' he added.

'I would like to see more people interested in the game in the Maidstone area. Several of the Orpington team live in these parts and if we could get schoolboys round here interested, it might be the start of something'.

April 1974

Other Matters – World Championships

The Guardian – 28th April 1974

"WORLD'S APART

No world championship is likely to be submerged by the World Cup more surely than that of men's lacrosse, revived for the first time since 1967 and taking place simultaneously in Australia. England will be there, though they don't have that much more chance of winning the final in Melbourne than the Aussies do of beating Brazil in Munich on the same day.

There are only 42 lacrosse clubs in this country, most of them in the Rugby League area, and yesterday the Iroquois Cup brought the annual North v South clash to Hurlingham, the cup final that some people care the most about. The South have only won twice in the past 40 years, but Lee, the Kent team that dominates the Southern game, pulled it off in 1970. Though British lacrosse began in Glasgow more than a century ago, Manchester is its heart now, and Urmston its heroes."

April 1974

Lee vs Urmston (English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup) (at Hurlingham Park) Lost 6 13

The Guardian – 29th April 1974

"URMSTON TAKE CUP IN STYLE

In the English club championship final of the Iroquois Cup at Hurlingham Park, London, Urmston, the Northern Senior flags winners, decisively beat Lee, the Southern flags winners, 13-6.

It was an historic occasion for Urmston have never won the cup. From the start Urmston's tactics were designed to gain control of the game by constant possession. Their target achieved, Urmston dictated play almost throughout. Lee, unaccustomed to adapting their game to that of their opponents, were never at their best. Urmston led 7-1 at half time, and although Lee gained more of the ball from the faces in the second half they remained firmly in control.

Roberts who distributed the ball skilfully on attack, was outstanding for Urmston, while Smith's strong forcing from Urmston's defence posted repeated problems for Lee defenders. The goalkeepers Brister for Urmston and Gillett for Lee, both played well. The goalscorers were Smith (4), Roberts (3), Pollitt (2),

Wasciewicz (2), Attenborough and Bowen for Urmston and Scotton (3), Gaines (2), and Kemsley for Lee."

July 1974

Other Matters – World Championships – England vs USA

USA won 24-10

The Guardian – 1st July 1974

"ENGLAND GO DOWN TO US

In the opening game of the world lacrosse championship in Melbourne the United States defeated England 24-10. England started poorly and were 10 behind by quarter time. England improved in the second period and shot three goals against five but were down 15-4 at half time, and by three quarter time they were 18-9 behind.

England scorers were McCulloch (3), Thomas (2), Gare (2), Weaver, Broadhurst and Atkinson, in the other championship match Canada won 18-11 against Australia."



ENGLAND'S 1974 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM FOR MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Photographed at Lilleshall (the National Sports Centre in Shropshire) prior to departure "down under"!

July 1974

Other Matters – England vs USA Preview

The Guardian – 27th July 1974

"ENOUGH IMPROVEMENT TO TEST US



A full strength United States lacrosse squad, Winners of the recent World Championships in Melbourne, will be on view at Grove Park, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire on Sunday (face 2.30) when they meet the England side which recently returned from an Australian tour.

This is the first time since 1937 that a full US side has visited Britain, in the World Championships England were defeated 24-10 by the US. In that game England's comparatively inexperienced squad

were 10-1 down at quarter time, an early reverse from which they never fully recovered.

Tomorrow's game, however, is unlikely to see the US in such a superior position in England's second championship game they lost 15-3 to Australia but against Canada, who previously defeated Australia, they gained a magnificent 19-11 victory, in all England's players are much more competent in playing 10-a-side lacrosse to international rules and over the tour as a whole they gained five victories against two defeats. The England side won the two opening games 18-5 and 16-4 against South Australian squads and a full Australian State side, England gained a very worthy 14-13 victory. In the final game of the tour England won 19-1 against a Victoria State side.

England's players tomorrow will be the same as toured Australia except for Edmondson and Newton who are recovering from injuries and they will be replaced by M Hodgson (Mellor), P Smith (Urmston) and P Tranter (Lee)."

U.S.A.

Position	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
GOAL	22	Ruler, Robert	5'10"	200	24
DEFENCE	26	Chadwick, Sterling	6'0"	180	22
	11	Avena, Richard	5'10"	180	23
	3	Coy, Peter	5'11"	160	28
	19	Haugerik, Edward	6'0"	185	22
	10	Walton, Mike	5'10"	170	21
	34	Stacy, Larry	6'3"	205	23
MIDFIELD	12	Thearle, Mike	6'0"	180	22
	16	Arena, Bruce	6'0"	180	22
	8	Bauer, Theodore	6'11"	170	21
	15	Freder, Ron	6'2"	200	30
	17	Kowalchuk, Richard	5'10"	188	21
	20	Kowalski, Stanley	5'10"	180	26
	2	Potter, Jim	6'0"	180	26
	5	Schroeder, Doug	5'10"	175	22
	9	Schroeder, Steve	5'11"	170	28
	24	Shaw, Robert	5'10"	175	23
ATTACK	21	Urso, Frank	5'10"	185	19
	10	Werner, Richard	5'10"	162	20
	25	Cohen, Bruce	5'9"	180	30
	13	Supette, Tom	5'10"	160	21
	14	Low, Allan	5'10"	185	29
	23	O'Neill, Pat	6'0"	185	20
	4	Postell, Thomas	5'7"	170	28
	1	Thomas, Jack	5'11"	170	21
	6	Trenz, Jim	5'10"	170	21

Chief of Delegation: Mr. Tom Hayes
Team Manager: Mr. Joe Harlan
Head Coach: Mr. Bud Beaumore

Assistant Coaches
Mr. Jack Elmer,
Mr. Jack Kaley



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ENGLAND

Position	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
GOAL	1	Lester, Graham	5'10"	160	20
DEFENCE	2	Wilcock, Vaughan	5'11"	176	14
	3	Cundey, Ian	6'0"	175	26
	4	Gaskell, Dave	6'0"	160	25
	5	Palme, Gerry	6'2"	170	29
	6	Parker, Chris	6'1"	180	28
	7	Wolfenden, John	5'11"	176	24
	8	Abraham, Rick	6'0"	170	20
	9	Beaumont, Clive	6'0"	170	20
MIDFIELD	10	Bedford, Frank	5'11"	172	25
	11	Blake, John	6'0"	170	25
	12	Broadhurst, Eric	5'10"	154	25
	13	Daines, Ben	6'0"	172	25
	14	Higson, Roy	6'1"	210	30
	15	McCallisto, Peter(v.c.)	5'11"	175	26
	16	Hudson, Mike	5'9"	164	27
	17	Rice, Paul	5'10"	168	31
	18	Simpson, Graeme	5'11"	170	25
	19	Thomas, Dale	5'10"	168	25
	20	Weaver, Steve	6'0"	174	27
ATTACK	21	Tranter, Pete	5'10"	160	25
	22	Fletcher, Fred	5'9"	160	26
	23	Gare, Tom	6'0"	172	33
	24	Roberts, Mike(Capt.)	5'10"	170	28
	25	Scotton, Derek	5'10"	168	22
	26	Parker, John	6'0"	165	23
	27	Smith, Paul	6'0"	200	20



Paul Smith scores England's sixth goal.

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April 1975

Other Matters – North vs South (at Hurlingham Park)

North won 22-3

The Guardian – 28th April 1975

“NORTH IN CONTROL

The North of England beat the South 22-3 at Hurlingham Park, London, in a representative lacrosse match. The North had the advantage of a greater understanding in that several of their players were together on last summer's Australian tour.

The South played hard and gained a fair possession of the ball without being able to use it skilfully. The North's midfield players were cleverer in initiating attacking movements which the sharp understanding of Gare and Roberts on attack quickly converted to goals. The South attack lacked precision and coordination. When the South did create chances they were repeatedly blocked by Lester's immaculate goalkeeping.

The South's best performers were Cundy (defence), Beaumont (midfield) and Burnside (attack). The goalscorers were Gare (5), Roberts (4), Atkinson (3), Broadhurst (3), Battersby (2), Rice (2), Smith (2) and Clayton for the North, and Koskella, Burnside and Gaines for the South.”

May 1975

Lee vs Urmston (English Club Championship & Iroquois Cup)

Lost 5 23

The Guardian – 19th May 1974

“URMSTON OUTFRAN SOUTHERN SIDE

In the Iroquois Cup final for the English club lacrosse championship Urmston, the holders and Northern flags winners, beat Lee, the Southern flags holders, 23-5.

Lee, for whom this was the sixth successive final, were disappointing, Urmston being much the faster side in every respect. Urmston quickly recovered possession of loose balls and were very fast with their combined attack play and shooting. They led 14-0 at half time, after which Lee's play improved and the game became more interesting.

The goals were shot by Gare (6), Roberts (6), Airey (3), Harrison (3), Attenborough (2), Smith (2) and Blake for Urmston; and Scotton (2), Gaines, Tranter and Norton for Lee.”

January 1976

Hampstead & Lee Combined vs Denison University (Friendly)

Lost 10 9

The Guardian – 12th January 1976

“Denison University of America opened their tour in the South of England at the weekend, lost 10-9 to a combined Hampstead/Lee side on Saturday and drew 12-12 with a South of England team yesterday.”

April 1976

Other Matters – North vs South (at Cale Green)

North won 16-8

The Guardian – 26th April 1976

“NORTH’S BITE DECISIVE

The North once again proved superior to the South in their annual lacrosse match, but they were well tested before winning 16-8 at Cale Green, Stockport. The South, benefitting from practice afforded by the new regional tournament, held the North to 4-5 in the first quarter, and 6-6 in the second.

But Gare then scored four goals in 10 minutes as the North discovered the bite acquired in their more competitive league matches and ran out comfortable winners. The North’s goals were scored by Gare (5), Broadhurst (4), Swann (3), Short (3), Flowers and Hodgkinson. The South’s marksmen were Nash (4), Fiddian (3) and Edmonson. In the junior match the North were held to a draw 3-3.”

October 1976

London University vs Lee Won 14 4

The Guardian – 11th October 1976

“In spite of an energetic and brave performance, London University lost 14-4 to an efficient, if below strength, Lee side. The University’s zone defence performed well, offering Lee few scoring chances, and their general fitness was a great standby.”

October 1976

Bexleyheath vs Lee Won 17 4

The Guardian – 18th October 1976

“In spite of control in midfield, Lee experienced some difficulty at first in scoring against Bexleyheath. During the second quarter Lee found their rhythm, adding six goals without reply. Eventually Lee coasted home to a victory by 17-4. Norton was outstanding at centre and scored nine goals.”

November 1976

Lee vs Kenton Won 13 1

The Guardian – 1st November 1976

“LUCKY LEE

Derek Scotton celebrated his return to English lacrosse with a seven goal spree in Lee’s 13-1 defeat of Kenton, a somewhat flattering score. Henderson, with four goals also played well for Lee, while Andy Fishwick was outstanding for Kenton.”

November 1976

Lee vs Oxford University (Flag)

Won 16 12

The Guardian – 29th November 1976

“LEE FLAG, THEN RECOVER

Saturday’s quarter finals of the South of England Flag competition produced some surprising scores, but no major upsets. Lee

appeared to have things very much under control against Oxford University, leading 6-2 at half time and 9-4 after the third quarter.

However, during the last quarter, Lee went to pieces a combination of lucky goals and lack of effort by their midfield enabling the students to draw level at 11-11. Lee then proceeded to play the lacrosse that is expected of them, however, outscoring Oxford 5-1 in extra time to win 16-12."

December 1976

Hampstead us Lee

Draw

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The Guardian - 6th December 1976

"LEE HOLD ON TO DRAW CRUCIAL MATCH

The crucial match between Hampstead and Lee; leading contenders for the South of England title, ended in a 9-9 draw after featuring an epic struggle between the two centres, Nash (Hampstead) and Norton (Lee). Lee led 2-1 at quarter time but by the interval Hampstead had a 5-4 advantage.

In the first five minutes after the interval Hampstead scored three goals, but Lee gradually reduced this deficit and the third quarter ended with Hampstead's leading only 8-7.

In the 10th minute of the final period, Scotton equalised, and three minutes later, Henderson put Lee ahead. Nash shot the equaliser with three minutes left and the remainder of the match saw an all out attack by Hampstead. But Lee held out, thanks to some rather inaccurate shooting by the Hampstead attack.

Burnside (4), Penfold (2), Fiddian (2) and Nash scored for Hampstead. Lee's scorers were Henderson (3), Scotton (2), Bell, Partridge and Tranter, the best player on the field."

December 1976

Lee us Purley

Won

12

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The Guardian - 13th December 1976

"GILLETT GIVES LEE EDGE

End to end play, a brilliant performance by Gillett, in the Lee goal, and a storming finish by Lee highlighted Saturday's match against Purley. Play was even throughout, with the teams sharing possession equally. Lee led 6-5 at half time, but Purley pulled back to 9-9 at the end of the third quarter.

The last quarter was also evenly poised - until the 13th minute when Norton scored a fast break goal to give Lee the advantage. Further goals by Bell and Butcher put the result beyond doubt, but the 12-9 margin somewhat flattered Lee."

January 1977

St Helier us Lee

Won

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The Guardian - 24th January 1977

"St Helier's effective zone defence, in which Clements was outstanding, held out well against Lee, who were again below. The Lee attack lacked penetration, despite winning 11-4."

January 1977	Lee vs Cambridge University	Won	23	1
<p><i>The Guardian - 31st January 1977</i></p> <p><i>"Lee regained some of their usual sparkle as they tore apart Cambridge University's zone defence in fine style. A reserve centre, Hodgkinson, had an excellent match. The quarter scores were 5-0, 12-1, 19-1 and 23-1."</i></p>				
February 1977	Purley vs Lee (Flag)	Won	12	4
<p><i>The Guardian - 7th February 1977</i></p> <p><i>"The other semi final between Purley and Lee was much closer than is indicated by the final score 12-4. After a somewhat shaky start the game was dominated by the Lee defence of Kemsley, Butcher and Paine as their team fought back from 3-1 down at quarter time to 3-3 at half time. During the third period the Lee attack took their chances, scoring six times to their opponents' one. And the added three goals without reply in the last period.</i></p> <p><i>Heaton, the Purley goalkeeper, was in brilliant form but was unlucky on a number of occasions. The Lee scorers were Scotton (5), Tranter (3), Henderson (2), Partridge and Bell. Purley's scorers were Bryning (2), G Cattle and Hodgson."</i></p>				
February 1977	Hampstead vs Lee (Flag Final)	Lost	6	15
<p><i>The Guardian - 21st February 1977</i></p> <p>"HAMPSTEAD PULL AWAY</p> <p><i>Hampstead won a tense Senior Flag final 15-6 against Lee but the event was marred by some over robust play and a measure of very permissive refereeing, which culminated in the sending off of Scotton for a pointless piece of violence towards the end of the match.</i></p> <p><i>In the ninth minute of the second quarter, Nash scored the crucial goal that gave Hampstead the lead at 4-3 and they never looked back. Nash started to win possession clearly at the centre, while the Hampstead attack which had been curiously static, began to move with its accustomed rhythm. By the interval they held a three goal advantage.</i></p> <p><i>The third quarter saw Hampstead press their advantage as they scored seven times to take an unshakeable grip on the match. During this quarter, only inspired goalkeeping by Gillett kept the score within reasonable limits. In the last quarter the teams shared four goals."</i></p>				
February 1977	Oxford University vs Lee	Draw	6	6
<p><i>The Guardian - 28th February 1977</i></p> <p>"OXFORD ARE WELL HELD</p> <p><i>Lee fielded four reserve players against Oxford University for their lacrosse league encounter at the Parks, which resulted in a 6-6 draw. Oxford went into an early 3-0 lead, Lee fought back to 5-4 down at the interval and each side added one goal during the third quarter.</i></p>				

Five minutes into the last period Kemsley scored to tie the game at 6-6. The Lee defence played well under a great deal of pressure, while the Oxford attack moved the ball well in a series of good build ups towards the goal but lacked a powerful finish. Ballantine, a young reserve player, had an excellent match for Lee and has great potential."

April 1977

Buckhurst Hill vs Lee Won 25 2

The Guardian - 18th April 1977

"Lee, spearheaded by Henderson, who scored eight goals, and Tranter (6), overwhelmed a Buckhurst Hill side without a number of first choice players 25-2."

April 1977

Other Matters – Six-A-Sides

The Guardian - 25th April 1977

"LEE WIN SIXES

One of the complaints often made about lacrosse is the predictability of results. This certainly was not the case at the South of England 6-a-side tournament on Saturday. None of the favourites won, indeed, only Hampstead in the intermediate section reached the finals.

The Senior final between Cambridge University and Lee proved to be the best seen for many seasons. Cambridge were the surprise team of the tournament. They have a fast, skilful and energetic side, if lacking somewhat in experience, and in Bennett they have a goalkeeper of class.

Cambridge went into the lead with a goal via Wright in the first minute, Kemsley equalised Lee and Kerr put the students back into the lead. Just before interval Henderson came from behind goal to score the equaliser.

During the opening minute of the second half Bennett saved brilliantly on three occasions to keep his side in the match. Midway through the half, Henderson, who was unmarked, converted a precision feed from Tranter to put Lee into the lead. In the last minute Butcher for Lee scored a goal to put the result beyond doubt."

April 1977

Other Matters – North vs South Preview

The Guardian - 30th April 1977

"NEW RULES FOR CENTENARY GAME

The North and South, who play their centenary match at Orpington this afternoon, will use ad hoc rules to give the players a chance to play under a different system before the World Championships in England next year which will be based on international rather than local rules.

The first match in this event at the Kennington Oval in April 1877, was a 2-2 draw. After a break of five years the fixture was revived in 1882 and since then has been an annual event, with the exception of the war years.

The North, which have more players, have always been superior, winning 74 and drawing two of the 82 matches since 1882, and outscored the South by 1,024 goals to 392.

Last season the North gave an excellent display in the second half to win by 16-8 after being level 6-6 at half time.

South: A Gillett (Lee), I Cundy (Hampstead), G Paine (Lee), S Butcher (Lee), D Edgerton (Buckhurst Hill), S Nash (Hampstead), R Kemsley (Lee), P Tranter (Lee), A Hodgson (Purley), S Ball (Oxford University), P Edmundson (Buckhurst Hill), N Fiddian (Hampstead), H Burnside (Hampstead).

North: V Wilcock (Old Stopfordians), J Parker (Cheadle), J Wolverden (Stockport), S Weaver (South Manchester), E Broadhurst (Old Hulmeians), D Duxberry (Cheadle), K Flowers (Cheadle), D Homes (Cheadle), P McCulloch (Old Waconians), P Rice (South Manchester), P Smith (Urmston), M Roberts (Urmston), D Roden (Sheffield University)."

May 1977

Other Matters – North vs South (at Orpington)

North won 18-5

The Guardian – 2nd May 1977

"SOUTH 5, NORTH 8

NORTH AGAIN

The North gained their 15th consecutive win in the Centenary match of the annual North v South lacrosse fixture at Orpington by 18-5.

The North had scored four goals before Edmundson beat Wilcock, the North goalkeeper, whose stirring display during the opening quarter gave his side a flying start in this fast, skilful game that was closer than the final score indicates. In the second quarter the North gained in confidence and they extended the lead to 10-2.

The crucial difference between the two sides was the ability of the North to exploit the tactical possibilities of the somewhat unfamiliar international rules together with a measure of superiority in teamwork.

Scorers for the North were Roberts (5), Broadhurst (3), Homes (3), Roden (3), Smith (2), Flowers and Duxberry, Ball (2), Edmundson (2), and Nash scored for the South.



South Under 16's Squad

The North were also successful in the Under-16 match which preceded the senior event. The quarter scores were 6-0, 9-1, 15-1 and 21-2. Raecroft, with eight goals for the North, was the outstanding player."

October 1977	Lee vs Oxford University	Won	20	7
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The Guardian - 31st October 1977

"Lee, with Scotton back in the side to add stability to the attack, opened with four goals in the first five minutes and went on to overwhelm Oxford University 20-7. Kemsley and Scotton were the leading scorers, with six goals each."

November 1977	Lee vs London University	Won	15	5
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The Guardian - 7th November 1977

"Lee started well in their match with London University leading 4-1 at the end of the first quarter. But they fell away badly in the second and held only a 6-5 advantage at half time. After the interval, however, rediscovered their early form and added nine goals without reply to win 15-5."

November 1977	Purley vs Lee	Won	17	5
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The Guardian - 19th December 1977

"PURLEY SURPRISED

The surprising defeat of Purley by Lee has thrown the Southern league championship wide open. As Buckhurst Hill move into first place on goal average, with half the league programme played, five clubs are in with a chance.

Lee won 17-5. Aided by good attacking work and excellent goalkeeping by Gillett they led 10-5 by the end of the third quarter. Purley the resorted to some rather physical play but it was counterproductive as Lee out scored them 7-0 in the final period. Scorers: Lee: Gaines (7), Scotton (4), Tranter (4) and Bell (2). Purley: S Cattle (2), G Cattle, Little and Dewhurst."

January 1978	Kenton vs Lee	Won	16	9
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Harrow Observer - 13th January 1978

"KENTON LOSE TO LEE

After a promising start Kenton surrendered the initiative to Lee Lacrosse Club in Saturday's first division home fixture and eventually went down 16-9.

Early Kenton pressure gave way to a balanced second period with the home side 5-4 in front at half time through goals from Munn and Flynn. But a third quarter collapse in which Lee's outstanding player Scotton beat the keeper four times, left Kenton trailing 10-7. The deficit was mainly the result of the home teams ship shod defensive work.

In spite of heroic efforts by the Kenton midfield the pattern of the game continued in the final quarter with Lee running out

convincing winners. Kenton scorers were Munn (4), Flynn (2), Newton, Gilbert and Henshaw."

January 1978	Lee vs Croydon	Won	11	3
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The Guardian - 16th January 1978

"LEE CLOSE GAP

Lee's expected, if somewhat low key, 11-3 defeat of Croydon took them to second place in the South of England league between the leader, Buckhurst Hill and Purley, both of whom were without matches. All three clubs have the same points.

Last season's champions Hampstead leapfrogged over Cambridge University into fourth place by virtue of their 18-3 win over Kenton.

Croydon's match with Lee was dominated by the latter's experienced defence. Although starting slowly, Lee never looked in any danger despite wasting a number of chances and led 4-1 at the interval and 8-2 at three quarter time. Ballantine worked hard and seems to have settled down in senior lacrosse. Lee's scorers were Partridge (4), Tranter (2), Bell (2), Kemsley, Butcher and Ballantine."

February 1978	Lee vs Cambridge University	Lost	3	8
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The Guardian - 20th February 1978

"Lee, one of the quartet, were without some of their best players and lost 8-3 to Cambridge University. Only a brilliant performance by Gillett in goal prevented the students gaining an even bigger victory."

February 1978	Lee vs Hampstead (Flag Final) (at Crystal Palace)	Lost	6	14
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The Guardian - 27th February 1978

"STYLISH NASH

Hampstead, playing with confidence of men expected to win, won the South of England senior flag final at Crystal Palace, beating Lee 14-6. Lee looked a defeated side before the match started and, without wishing to detract from the talented Hampstead's side performance, It was not until half time that Lee realised they could score. But by then it was too late. No team can give away 10 goals in the first half and expect to win.

Hampstead opened in fine style, with four goals in the first quarter from Nash, Beaumont, Page and Penfold. A further six by Nash (2), Jones (2), Penfold and Walmsley came during the second period and it seemed that a landslide was to follow.

When Bell scored for Lee, however, his side gained dramatically in confidence. Partridge added a further two goals for Lee only for Penfold, Burnside and Nash to reply. The last was a superb solo effort - Nash scoring after been challenged by three Lee players. The last quarter, played in gathering gloom, saw Lee outscore Hampstead 3-1, but then, of course, the goals were of academic interest.

Nash scoring four goals and assisting another four, was in brilliant form and Beaumont was his usual impressive self and Emmott had an excellent game in goal."



March 1978

Hampstead us Lee

Lost

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The Guardian - 20th March 1978

"NASH TERRORS

Hampstead produced their worst performance of the season but still managed to edge out Lee by the odd goal in seven. An excellent solo goal by Kemsley put Lee into the lead and an opportunist goal by Burnside equalised. Lee regained the lead when Norton scored the only goal of the second quarter.

At the start of the third quarter Nash scored twice to put Hampstead in the lead. Scotton equalised and it was Nash who once again scored to give Hampstead the advantage. The last quarter was scoreless although Lee twice missed good chances."

April 1978

Hampstead us Lee (Flag Final) (at Crystal Palace)

Lost

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The Guardian - 10th April 1978

"HAMPSTEAD 8, LEE 7

LEE GOAL BEATS LEE

Hampstead beat Lee 8-7 in a hard fought Intermediate flag final at Crystal Palace. Lee drew level four times but Hampstead held the lead at the end of the first three quarters 2-1, 4-3 and 6-5.

At the start of the last period Hampstead extended their lead to 7-5, then Lee scored two goals to level the scores and at this stage looked the better side. However, Robin Lee scored the deciding goal with 10 seconds left to play.

For Hampstead Forsyth was outstanding with five goals. Other Hampstead scorers were Robin Lee (2) and Schofield. Their captain Roach played an excellent game. Paine was a tower of strength in the Lee defence and Henderson (3), Arnot, Ballantine, Kelly and Medlock scored the goals."

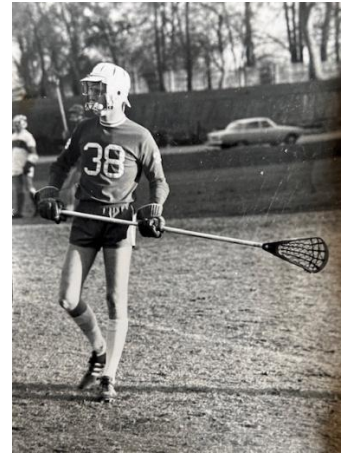
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Derek Scotton



Richard Norton & Steve Nash (Hampstead)



Gerry Paine



Gerry Paine & Allan Gillett



Richard Norton, Steve Nash & Gerry Barlow (both Hampstead) & Dave Wood (Referee)

October 1978

Lee vs Hampstead

Won

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The Guardian - 30th October 1978

"The surprise of the weekend in the league was Lee's 9-4 win over Hampstead who appear to have run out of positive ideas."

November 1978

Buckhurst Hill vs Lee

Won

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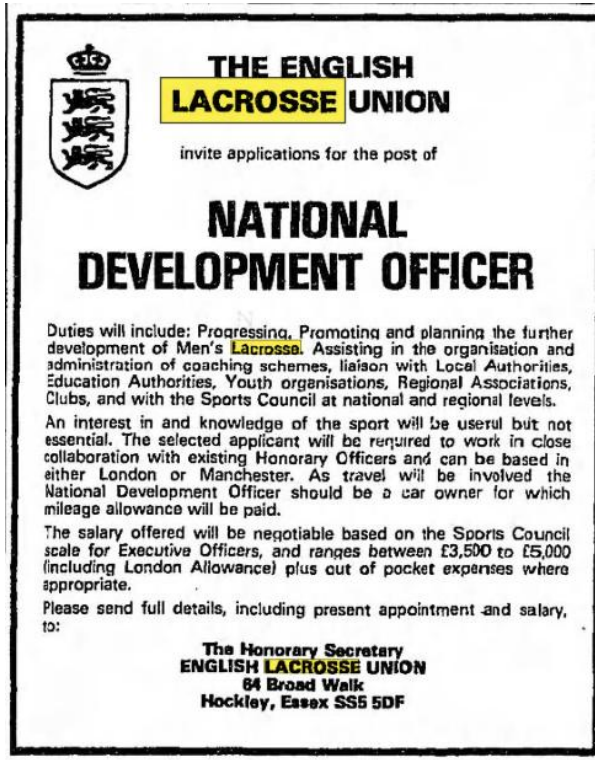
The Guardian - 6th November 1978

"The surprise of the weekend was Lee's 10-3 away defeat of Buckhurst Hill which has thrown the Southern championship wide open. Lee were quicker on the loose ball and in attack, they were aided by a number of defensive mistakes by Buckhurst Hill."


January 1979

Other Matters – Advertisement

The Guardian – 12th January 1979



The advertisement is enclosed in a rectangular border. At the top left is the Royal Coat of Arms. To its right, the text 'THE ENGLISH LACROSSE UNION' is displayed, with 'LACROSSE' in a yellow box. Below this, it says 'invite applications for the post of'. The title 'NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER' is in large, bold, black capital letters. The main body of text describes the duties, requirements, and salary for the position. At the bottom, it provides the contact information for The Honorary Secretary.

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April 1979

Other Matters – North vs South (at Orpington)

North won 14-9

The Guardian – 30th April 1979

"TIME TAKES TOLL

South still have to look back to the distant days of 1951 for their last defeat of the North, although on Saturday at Orpington they produced their most impressive display for years and might have ended their long run of dismal results had they been able to maintain their pressure for the last quarter. As it was, North eventually ran out comfortable winners by 14-9.

Scorers for North were Duxberry (3), Holmes (3), Swann (2), Roberts (2), Robinson, Hodgkinson, Anderson and Everard, and for the South Scotton (3), Sandy (3), Ball, Edmundson and Nash."

May 1980

Other Matters – Lee USA Tour



From Left to Right – Back Row: Roger Kemsley, Derek Bell, Steph Butcher, Gerry Paine, Andy Hudson, Roger Denman, Alan Hodgson, Steve Clarke, Les McKay. Middle Row: Terry Morrow, Allan Gillett, John Groves, Gary Arnot, Lenny Hudson, John Hudson, Peter Tranter, Harry Hudson. Front Row: Richard Norton, Derek Scotton, Remo Hanoman, Ian Ballantine, John Brown, Neil Haggerty, Neil Partridge.

November 1980

Lee vs Purley

Won

9 7

The Guardian – 10th November 1980

“Lee beat Purley 9-7 with a display of all round aggression and were particularly strong in winning loose ground balls.”

December 1980

Other Matters – Lacrosse in England

The Guardian – 8th December 1980

“BUTTERFLY-HUNTING TRIBE

MATTHEW ENGEL ON THE SAVAGE SIDE OF GENTILITY

The painter Michael Andrews, whose work is currently on show in London, has done one picture of an English family having tea in the garden which convinces you that the moment your back is turned, somebody will get up from his deckchair, walk to the other side of the canvas and break somebody else's neck.

The Andrews family must have played lacrosse. No other game so spans the gap between English gentility and total savagery. It was invented by the American Indians as a substitute for blood feuds; this weekend there was an important tournament for teenage girls from the Home Counties played at Roedean.

In America, lacrosse is regarded as one of the fastest and most dangerous sports of all. Over here, the 2,000 male players endure quips about St Trinian's, and outsiders who stumble on the game

sometimes see the netted sticks and assume they are witnessing a squabble between butterfly hunters.

On Saturday, the best team in the South, Oxford University, were in London to play Hillcroft, who have the corner of a soccer and rugby field down Tooting way. There was an attendance of six, including the scorer and the mandatory dog, a bull terrier. Among the non-attenders was the referee. That, however, was no problem. One player from each side was given responsibility and the game proceeded without a hitch. By an extraordinary process of consensus players were even regularly sent off to spend a minute in the sin bin.

'The referees are just players who don't have a game that week' explained Ray Nash, the Hillcroft Captain. 'So this often happens, sometimes we have a really good game up to half time, then the referee turns up and it degenerates'

It might have been more difficult had the match been closer. Oxford won 24-4 – not an outrageous score in lacrosse but convincing enough – to maintain their unbeaten record in the South of England league which goes back 2 ½ years. Julian Sandy, the Oxford Captain, scored six himself to keep up his own record of scoring more goals this season than the opposition combined.

Sandy, like all but one of the 10 Oxford players, is a Mancunian, five of the team went to William Hulme's Grammar, which is thought to be the only school in the world where lacrosse is compulsory. The game is far stronger in South Manchester and North Cheshire than anywhere else in Britain. In London, only half a dozen schools play. All the Hillcroft side went to Ernest Bevin Comprehensive in Tooting where Nash teaches geography and enthusiasm and runs six teams himself. There is some lacrosse in Yorkshire. In between, no man's land.

Everyone else is missing a game with glorious changes of pace. It stops dead as attackers assess the situation, then surges into life with a succession of aerial passes ending in a final hurl at the upturned cucumber frame of a goal. But the ball, cricket sized, is devilishly hard to follow. Neither the spectator nor the goalkeeper gets much of a chance to see it at the crucial moment. TV producers have gone away shaking their heads because the cameramen are not superhuman.

The English game is a compromise between women's lacrosse in which all physical contact is frowned upon (some of the teachers probably regard it as a metaphor for life) and the American game which permits direct charges on opponents. Most of the fouls come from accidental collisions between stick and head.

The players are not Saints – there was one cry of 'get the bastard!' – but they are well helmeted and padded. Goalkeepers only have to peel off one layer to attend a fancy dress party as the Michelin Man. The worst injury was a nose bleed, there was no real animosity.

Afterwards the players hung on for a quiet drink. The footballers probably went home scowling. The rugby team commandeered the centre of the bar for a beer swallowing race, which apparently was a change from their old game of worm eating. The lacrosse players are not keen on that. The Andrews family would certainly have disapproved. Come to that, so would the Indians."

February 1982

Hampstead vs Lee (Flag Final) (at Purley)

Lost

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The Guardian - 28th February 1982

"Lacrosse - Referees in the North of England, where they play this sport with few inhibitions, are getting very uneasy about the quality and quantity of violence in the men's game (40 sending offs in one game recently). Down South, they play it, too, and have done so for exactly 100 years next month. Yesterday, the Senior Flags final, the ultimate confrontation of the region, at Purley. Hampstead and Lee (Kent), for long among the only sides who could give the giants of the Manchester area even half a game, fought it out once again. Hampstead 14, Lee 10."

January 1983

Hampstead vs Lee (Flag) Lost 12 13

The Guardian - 30th January 1983

"Hampstead, holders of the Senior Flag trophy, were shocked at home when Lee twice took a two goal lead in the Flags semi-final. Hampstead snatched a last minute score to win 13-12. The other semi-final Kenton beat Purley 11-8. Hampstead and Kenton meet in the final on 26 February."

ROLL OF HONOUR

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Senior Championship: 1933 – Lee or Oxford University

Division One: Lee – 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975.

Division Two: Lee A – 1965, 1968, 1970, 1982.

Division Three: Lee B – 1978

Division Four: Lee B – 1982

SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAG

Senior Flag Winners: Lee – 1911 vs Oxford University 12-6; 1912 vs West London 15-5; 1913 vs West London 6-4; 1914 vs Catford 4-3; 1921 vs Buckhurst Hill 12-6; 1922 vs Hampstead 11-10; 1929 vs Oxford University 3-2; 1964 vs London University 7-6; 1968 vs Purley 17-4; 1970 vs Purley 17-0; 1971 vs Hampstead 19-6; 1972 vs Hampstead 17-8; 1973 vs Purley 17-3; 1974 vs Hampstead 17-7; 1975 vs Oxford University 15-4.

Senior Flag Runner Up: Lee – 1909 vs Catford 4-6; 1910 vs Catford 3-10; 1934 vs Cambridge University 7-11; 1948 vs Cambridge University 9-12 (Overtime); 1969 vs Hampstead 6-7; 1977 vs Hampstead 6-15; 1978 vs Hampstead 6-14; 1980 vs Oxford University 4-13.

Intermediate Flag Winners: Lee A – 1970 vs Purley A 11-9.

Intermediate Flag Runner Up: Lee II – 1913 vs Blackheath 7-9 (Overtime); 1931 vs W D & H O Wills 4-14;

Lee A – 1966 vs Purley B 6-9; 1978 Hampstead A 6-7.

Minor Flag Winners: Lee II – 1912 vs Croydon 16-6; 1927 vs St Dunstan's College 13-6; 1951 vs Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School (Score unknown).

Minor Flag Runner Up: Lee II – 1926 vs St Dunstan's College (Score unknown).

Lee B – 1975 vs Purley C 5-12.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SIX-A-SIDES

Senior: Lee – 1951; 1954; 1967; 1968; 1969; 1970; 1971; 1972; 1973; 1974; 1978.

Intermediate: Lee II – 1955

Lee A – 1963; 1965; 1966; 1971; 1973.

Minor: Lee B – 1978.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR FLAG

Winners: Lee – 1960; 1961

SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SIX-A-SIDE

Winners: Lee – 1960; 1962.

Lee Tigers – 1961.

ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & IROQUOIS CUP

Winners:	Lee – 1921 vs Boardman 11-8; 1970 vs South Manchester & Wythenshawe 10-7.
Runner Up:	Lee – 1911 vs Stockport 5-15; 1912 vs Stockport 8-18; 1913 vs Stockport 4-23; 1914 vs Old Hulmeians 3-22; 1922 vs Boardman 5-14; 1929 vs Boardman 3-7; 1964 Old Hulmeians 5-21; 1968 vs Old Hulmeians 3-13; 1971 South Manchester & Wythenshawe 6-15; 1972 South Manchester & Wythenshawe 4-17; 1973 South Manchester & Wythenshawe 10-12; 1974 vs Urmston 6-12; 1975 vs Urmston 5-23.