

1st VICTORIA Versus SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

2ND & 3RD DECEMBER 1979

HAMILTON SPORTS STADIUM

1. TEAMS

MEN

J. DeVries (C)
D. Watson
T. Khalkoven
W. Soltys
G. Stewart
R. Dew
J. Wong
M. O'Brien
R. Rosenow
J. Lavery
W. Leshak
W. Osborne

Coach T. Santamaria

Team Manager T. Clough

WOMEN

C. Roberts (C)
L. Martin
P. Walton
P. Dinsmore
J. Menzies
J. Van Der Stein
R. Godycki
H. Khalkoven
H. Wells
A. Pöllhock
J. Main
G. McIndoe

Coach M. Melnyk

2. RESULTS

MEN &.....

Victoria defeated South Australia 3 matches to 0

1st Match	Victoria 3-0	
	15-11,15-12,15-4	time 1.22 hr
2nd Match	Victoria 3-1	
	15-9,7-15,15-6,15-4	time 1.12 hr
3rd Match	Victoria 3-0	
	15-12,15-13,15-4	time 1.00 hr

WOMEN

Victoria defeated South Australia 2 matches to 1

1st Match	Victoria 3-2	
	15-9,12-15,12-15,15-12,15-8	time 1.46hr
2nd Match	South Australia 3-2	
	15-5,8-15,12-15,15-12,16-14	time 1.56 hr
3rd Match	Victoria 3-1	
	15-6,15-13,12-15,15-10	time 1.32 hr

A very successful weekend with both our Mens and Womens teams winning the Championships. The Mens team proved to be very strong and had little trouble in disposing of the opposition in each of the three matches in the series.

women. We definitely had the stronger of the two teams but, when on top, seemed unable to push home our advantage. While the tenacity of the South Australians was admirable, the strength and power of our women told in the end.

Both the Men and Women are to be congratulated on the high standard of play displayed throughout the series. Particularly pleasing, considering the limited amount of team practice, was the team work and cooperation shown by both teams.

3. REFEREES

The one set of match officials (T. Stevens & M. Mansfield) are to be congratulated on maintaining such a high standard of officiating throughout the series. The arduous task of officiating three groups of two consecutive matches was indeed done very well.

4. VENUE

The Hamilton Stadium proved to be an excellent venue in all but two aspects (see recommendations). The playing area was excellent. Seating for spectators was ample and a separate court was available for warming up.

5. ACCOMODATION

Both teams stayed at the Grand Central Hotel Hamilton. Accomodation was adequate and the breakfast provided satisfactory. A few players complained, perhaps unrealistically, that \$10 for bed and breakfast was unreasonable for the standard. On our arrival at the hotel it appeared that we were one bed short. A minor but annoying problem that was however, fairly readily resolved.

6. ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION

While I am uncertain of the 'behind-the-scenes' preparations, everything appeared to run smoothly. The Hamilton & District Volleyball Association should be thanked for providing the venue and officials necessary for the staging of the Championships.

Two problems are worth noting.....

- i) A disappointing turn up of 'locals' at the organized coaching sessions (only 3-4 players appeared.
- ii) The Mayorial buffet supper to be held at the Town Hall did not eventuate. The scheduled starting times for the Saturday evening matches was too late for this to be a realistic proposition.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. If the Hamilton Stadium is to be used again in the future the VCVC should try to ensure the following.....
 - i. Greater illumination of the court area. The level of lighting, while not particularly poor, did cause players some concern.
 - ii. More and better seating for substitutes and officials. The benches provided were too small and rather uncomfortable. Lightweight, plastic chairs would have been preferable to the wooden benches provided.

of the first match of the series. A moment of embarrassment occurred when the South Australian captains presented our captains with a gift while we had none to give in return.

- c. A greater number of referees, umpires, scorers be sent to officiate. The mammoth task performed by Tom Stevens and Murray Mansfield (with a lot of assistance from Richard Godycki) should not be overlooked. To officiate in consecutive matches not once but three times, is too much to expect.

8. CONCLUSION

The two teams of young, enthusiastic and very able players behaved responsibly and admirably throughout the series (both on and off the court). Their skill, team work plus cooperation with coaches and officials were a credit to themselves and the VCVC. It was an honour to be appointed team manager for these Country Victoria teams.

T.G. Clough

Marian Melnyk
VCVC Association
Womens Coach
19 December 1979

Dear Secretary,

This is my report on the recent Victorian and South Australian Country Volleyball Matches played in Hamilton on the 1 & 2 December 1979.

The Team:

Cathy Roberts (C) - Bendigo
Lyn Martin (VC) - Geelong
Helen Kalkhoven - Geelong
Pam Dinsmore - Latrobe Valley
Jenny Van Der Steen - Latrobe Valley
Pauline Walton - Warrnambool
Jo-Anne Menzies - Latrobe Valley
Rita Godycki - Geelong
Julie Main - Warrnambool
Anne Pollock - Bendigo
Heather Wells - Geelong
Gael McIndoe - Goulbourn Valley

Results:

Saturday 1 December - First Game

Vic defeated SA 3-2

15 - 9
12 - 15
12 - 15
15 - 12
15 - 8

Saturday 1 December - Second Game

SA defeated Vic 3-2

5 - 15
15 - 8
12 - 15
15 - 12
16 - 14

Sunday 2 December

Vic defeated SA 3-1

15 - 6
15 - 13
12 - 15
15 - 10

FINAL RESULT:

Vic defeated SA 2-1

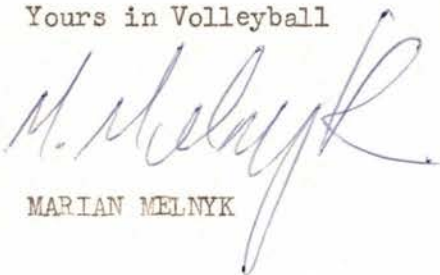
COMMENTS:

As can be seen by the results Victoria were victorious by winning two games to SA one game. The standard of the games was extremely high and both teams produced powerful and exciting Volleyball. As the Tournament progressed the Victorian Women improved with every game and proved too fast and strong in the end.

The women played the game hard and in a true determined fashion which is typical of Victorian Teams. On and off the court the women were perfect Ambassadors for Victoria and everyone can be proud of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank VCVC for giving me the responsibility of training and coaching the women and only hope things can develop from here and I am reappointed in the future. Last but not least my personal thanks to Tomas Santa Maria.

Yours in Volleyball

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Melnyk', written in dark ink.

MARIAN MELNYK