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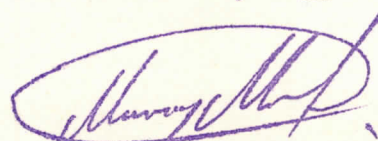
STATE SQUAD REPRESENTATIVES

In a recent report to the V.A.V.A. Executive committee, the Victorian coach of the U17 and U20 girls teams highlighted a problem which will become worse unless some action can be taken to overcome it.

In past years, the State squads have been made up of Melbourne representatives in the majority of cases. If a Country member gained a place it was a notable achievement. Last year and this year in particular, the composition of the squads representing Victoria, with the exception of the Open division, have been made up of a majority of Country members. Even with this being the case, the strongest team cannot be selected because of the un-availability of other country members mainly due to the in-ability to attend trainings.

It is an un-disputed fact that the strength of our future squads, both Junior and Senior, lies in the Country Associations at this point in time. The greatest problem is how to get them together for training. The purpose of this letter is to seek your opinion of how the problem of getting eligible players together can be overcome. If trainings are held in Melbourne, all country reps. must travel to attend training. If training is held in a country centre, then many country people have to travel as well as the Melbourne reps. If a rotating scheme is used, then country members will have as much travelling to do in the long run, regardless of where trainings are held.

The greatest problem occurs with the girls in the Junior ranks as these players have the greatest transport difficulties. For your own players sakes, would you please give this matter some consideration, and forward any suggestions you may have to me as soon as possible please.



Murray Mansfield

Secretary