

# Slippery When Wet

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## Australian National Broomball Championships Gold Coast June 1997

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### Clean sweep for broomballers

By JAMES NICHOLSON

THE ACT teams have returned from the Gold Coast with two more titles to add to their growing collection of prizes in that most obscure and unheralded of sports — broomball.

The ACT Men's team, the Flames, beat North Queensland 3-1 in the final of the Australian National Broomball Tournament. The Mixed team, the Cougars won its title by beating North Queensland 2-0 in the final.

Two goals by Chris Lucas and assists by Tracey Martin, Deanne Lucas and Anthony Drabsch set up the Cougars' victory, while two goals by Shane Martin and one by Peter Mar-

shall and assists from Simon Gamlen and Trevor Banks were decisive for the Flames.

The ACT double was as certain as any sporting outcome can be. The Men's team has only lost twice since the tournament's inception in the mid-80s. The Mixed team has lost only once — in 1995.

Broomball is a game of Canadian origin which differs from ice hockey only in the equipment that is used. Specially moulded rubber shoes are used instead of skates, paddle-shaped sticks, or brooms, are used and a rubber ball the size of a volleyball replaces the puck.

Consequently it is a slower game than its cousin, and since a shake-up

in the Australian game seven years ago, much less of a blood-sport.

"The size of the ball makes it easier for spectators and it means anyone can get on the ice and have a go but the skill and excitement level is comparable to ice hockey," ACT Broomball's Peter Marshall says.

Since 1990 player numbers in Canberra have grown from 20 to 150, though a shortage of ice rinks is the biggest obstacle to further expansion.

Yet, so far ahead of the rest of Australia is the ACT in terms of administration and player numbers, that you wouldn't bet against the locals sweeping all before them again next year.

The ACT also a men's team, the ACT Blizzards and a mixed team ACT Griffins. Although these teams did not do as well as the Flames and Cougars, their sportsmanship and team skills over the weekend were a credit to those players. The four teams also highlighted that the ACT is a force to be reckoned with not only in skills, but also in sheer enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. Willing to travel considerable distances to play in a Nationals. Particularly by the Blizzards and Griffins who knew, there was little chance of coming home with a trophy.

The weekend contained the usual amount of fun and there are many stories to tell, which can be included in a later SWW if someone wishes to retell some. One in particular, is of our president and the flying Blizzard's player, who apparently dropped from the heavens in the early hours of one morning to appear directly beside our president, we nearly didn't have a president anymore..... Chris Jeacle

will also draw up a statistical sheet on the weekend, which will be distributed later.

### National Game results

#### Men's

ACT Flames	4	ACT Blizzards	0
North QLD	4	Gold Coast	0
ACT Flames	7	SA	2
North QLD	6	SA	3
Gold Coast	1	ACT Blizzards	0
North QLD	5	ACT Blizzards	0
ACT Flames	15	Gold Coast	1
SA	4	ACT Blizzards	1
SA	3	Gold Coast	2
North QLD	1	ACT Flames	0

**Mixed**

North QLD	4	NSW	1
ACT Cougars	6	ACT Griffins	0
NSW	5	Gold Coast	1
ACT Cougars	9	Gold Coast	1
North QLD	4	ACT Griffins	0
ACT Griffins	1	NSW	1
North QLD	4	ACT Cougars	2
NSW	2	ACT Cougars	2
North QLD	6	Gold Coast	1
Gold Coast	4	ACT Griffins	1

**Who were they?**

The ACT also appointed an ACT Coach and Administrator for this year's Nationals. These positions were non-playing so that they could concentrate on assisting the teams, and allowing players to play and not worry about other details. They were, Mark Heinrich as coach and Chris Jeacle as administrator.

**ACT Coach**

Mark 'the Moose' has had a long and colourful career with ACT Broomball and was one of the founding fathers of the sport in Australia. Mark also assisted in establishing the first Australian league in Canberra soon after returning from Montreal. While playing with the Canadian High Commission team, he broke his hip.

"Back in those early days, we were fairly rough, a bit akin to street-fighting, we were using a very old rule book from Canada, and interpreting them how we wanted", he said. To develop the sport and improve player skills, in 1988, Mark helped organise a Broomball tour of Canada. They toured from East to West playing games all along the way. Although lacking in skills compared to the more experienced Canadian teams, the Australian's quickly earned the respect of the opposing teams for their sportsmanship and heart with which they played. In 1991, Australia was invited to the 1st World Titles in Canada, based on our 1988 achievements.

When asked "why Moose?" He said, "at the time I was playing in the Phillip ice rink team, the Animals, and each of us had a nickname. Ever seen a moose running on ice!"

**ACT Administrator**

Chris, who has represented the ACT for the past six years, was unable to play this year and kindly donated her time to organise and do all the administrative work for the weekend. Her experience of administrative work spans over ten years of working in the Public Service and for six years as secretary for the ACT Street Machine Association. Giving her extensive experience in organising major events and travel arrangements for participants.

Chris has played with the Animals and when they retired, she joined FOOD.

**National Video**

A video of the Nationals will be available shortly. It includes 5 to 10 minutes of every game and the entire games of both finals. Vanessa Muller and David Tuckfield filmed this. It also includes a variety of snippets and the presentations taken by Kevin Jeffrey and Linda Thornton. Orders will be taken until 21 July at \$20.00 each. See Vanessa or David.

**National's shirts raffle**

During March and April this year, as most of you would know, we ran a raffle to fund the purchase of playing shirts for the National's. The Association decided that all players representing the ACT at the National's would have their shirts to keep, and some fundraising was required to cover the cost of those shirts.

A raffle was then set up with prizes of a four-litre bottle of Johnie Walker, four litres of Jim Beam, and two litres of Jack Daniels. Two thousand tickets were printed and distributed to members of the association, who were asked to sell only twenty tickets each.

The final result was 1082 tickets sold, with a profit from the raffle of \$530. That was enough to fully fund one set of playing shirts.

I would like to thank all of the members who sold their tickets, especially the high sellers Kevin Jeffery (140 tickets), Ian Easterbrook (80 tickets), Simon Gamlen (75 tickets), Linda Thornton (72 tickets), and Bridget Barriera (65 tickets).

Congratulation to the winners of the raffle:

One important message that came from this raffle was the problems arising from people changing their address and not letting the Association know. Over 200 tickets were mailed to old addresses for various people, and they could not be sold because they were not returned in time. Please notify the Vice President - Administration as soon as possible when you move, as we mail many notices to keep you informed.

**Reminder**

As advertised 12 months ago, a new rule comes into force at the beginning of the summer season. The three on three rule. That is, three men and three women on the ice at all times. This will bring the ACT league in line with current international rules. So if you haven't already start finding your players. The ACT Publicity officer has brochures on broomball that you can give away. Please see Vanessa for some.

## Your Broomball Committee

President	Peter Marshall	Ramjets
Vice President-Technical	Bruce Davidson	Vipers
Vice President-Administrative	Ian Easterbrook	Thunderbirds
Treasurer	Kevin Jeffrey	Loony Toons
Secretary	Linda Thornton	Ducks
Development Officer	Jodie Brandon	Ducks
Equipment Officer	Karen Thornton	Loony Toons
Publicity Officer	Vanessa Muller	Ducks
Fundraising Officer	Jodie Brandon	Ducks
Committee Member	Vacant	

Committee meetings are held second Tuesday of each month at the Football Park Club at 7.30 PM.

Committee Address:

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Woden ACT 2606

## How to destroy the club spirit

Every time you come to a game, moan about something. You probably don't know what you're talking about, but you will help to cause friction and discomfort.

If you do take the trouble to attend meeting, find fault with the work of officers and other committee members.

If asked by the committee to give an opinion regarding an important matter, say nothing. After the meeting, tell everyone what ought to have been done.

If you don't attend the meetings, get a garbled account from someone, and adversely criticise the decisions made by those who did attend.

Never accept office, as it is easier to criticise than do things, but air your views at the rink, at the pub, or anywhere where someone will listen.

Do nothing helpful or constructive yourself, but when other members take the initiative, howl about how the committee is run by a clique.

Be arrogant, overbearing, egotistical and rude to committee members and endeavour to make the voluntary hours they devote to working for the club as disagreeable as possible.

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## It's the law!

Did you know?

- In New Mexico:  
females are strictly forbidden to appear unshaven in public.
- In Iowa:  
Kisses may last for as much as, but no longer than five minutes.
- In Florida:  
Men may not be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.

I didn't either but now that I have your attention, I need to remind you of the following.

Annual Membership to the Broomball Association is \$55.00, and is due 1 July.

## Wanted

Players willing to submit themselves for a player profile section to the newsletter. Just send the following details to the Newsletter Editor:

Name  
Age  
Team currently playing  
Length of play, including short  
Position normally played  
Best moment of Broomball

## Newsletter

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## Competition page

The winner of the February's newsletter was:

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