

KANGAROO KUP



CANADA vs. AUSTRALIA
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO
OCTOBER 3, 1987



WELCOME AUSTRALIAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION

1987 KANGAROO KUP ITINERARY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS ARRIVE AT PEARSON AIRPORT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

GOLDEN HORSESHOE TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NELSON STADIUM

9:00 a.m.

"C" DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

10:30 a.m.

"B" DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

12:00 p.m.

AUSSIE WOMEN vs AUSSIE MIXED TEAM

12:30 p.m.

WOMENS DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

2:00 p.m.

AUSSIE MEN vs AUSSIE MASTERS

2:30 p.m.

"A" DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

KICKOFF BARBEQUE AT LA SALLE PARK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

9:15 a.m.

TOUR OF NIAGARA FALLS

6:00 p.m.

NELSON STADIUM

MIX UP TEAMS, PLAY AUSTRALIAN TOUCH RULES

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

WOMENS

6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

MASTERS

7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

MIXED

8:15 - 9:00 p.m.

MENS

9:00 p.m.

SOCIAL AT GOOD TYME CHARLIES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

7:45 a.m.

BUSES LEAVE FOR GOLF DAY AT GLEN ABBY
(HOME COURSE OF THE CANADIAN OPEN)

5:00 p.m.

NELSON STADIUM

MIX UP TEAMS, PLAY CANADIAN TOUCH RULES

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

MENS

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

MIXED

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MASTERS

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WOMENS

9:00 p.m.

SOCIAL AT CLANCYS RESTAURANT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

10:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m.

TOUR DAY IN TORONTO
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME
TORONTO BLUE JAYS vs MILWAUKEE BREWERS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

1:30 p.m.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT NELSON STADIUM
AUSSIE WOMEN vs MEDIA
(EXHIBITION GAME)

5:00 p.m.

FIRST ROUND KANGAROO KUP GAMES, USING F.I.T. RULES - NELSON STADIUM

5:00 p.m. MIXED
6:10 p.m. WOMENS
7:20 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES
7:50 p.m. MENS
9:00 p.m. MASTERS

9:00 p.m.

SOCIAL AT DAVIDS RESTAURANT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN DEMONSTRATION AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS
(M.M. ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL - CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

9:00 a.m.

SECOND ROUND KANGAROO KUP GAMES - SHERWOOD PARK

9:30 a.m. MENS FIELD A
9:30 a.m. MIXED FIELD C
10:40 a.m. WOMENS FIELD A
10:40 a.m. MASTERS FIELD C

12:50 p.m.

THIRD ROUND KANGAROO KUP GAMES - SHERWOOD PARK

12:50 p.m. MENS FIELD C
12:50 p.m. MIXED FIELD E
2:00 p.m. WOMENS FIELD C
2:00 p.m. MASTERS FIELD E

NOTE: FIELD "D" AVAILABLE AS WARM-UP FIELD ALL DAY CHANGEROOMS AVAILABLE IN CLUB HOUSE.

4:30 p.m.

BUSES LEAVE HOLIDAY INN FOR AWARDS BANQUET AT MOHAWK COLLEGE

5:00 p.m.

GOLDEN HORSESHOE TOUCH FOOTBALL / KANGAROO KUP AWARDS BANQUET

5:00 p.m. COCKTAILS
6:00 p.m. DINNER
7:30 p.m. AWARDS
9:00 p.m. DANCE

11:30 p.m.

ONE BUS RETURNS TO HOLIDAY INN

12:30 a.m.

TWO BUSES RETURN TO HOLIDAY INN

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

12:00 p.m.

TWO COACH BUSES FROM BURLINGTON HOLIDAY INN TO CLEVELAND, OHIO (APPROX. 5 HOURS)



CANADA

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings and sincere best wishes to all those taking part in the Kangaroo Kup Touch Football Tournament taking place in Burlington. Canada is very proud to be hosting this first tournament of the Federation of International Touch, and on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, may I extend a special word of welcome to all the visitors to our country and wish you a pleasant stay with us.

Sporting events of an international character go a long way in bringing our countries closer together and serve to benefit us all. Not only does this tournament offer an opportunity for challenging and high quality competition, but it also provides a casual forum for the exchange of ideas and friendships between international neighbours.

As Prime Minister of Canada, may I wish you all the best of success in this and future competitions.

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OTTAWA
1987





The Premier
of Ontario

Parliament Buildings
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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October 1987

On behalf of the people and the Government of Ontario, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone in attendance at the Kangaroo Kup Touch Football Tournament in Burlington.

I offer a special welcome to our visiting athletes from Australia, as well as a word of congratulations to the Federation of International Touch on the occasion of your first tournament.

Competitive sports provide us with a valuable source of recreation and entertainment, while fostering bonds of friendship with others.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for the success of the Kangaroo Kup Tournament and for a most enjoyable week of activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Peterson".

David Peterson





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GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

On behalf of Burlington City Council and all our citizens, I am most pleased to welcome the four teams of Australian players for the Kangaroo Kup Touch Football Tournament.

The City of Burlington is dedicated to the promotion of sporting activities having a wide range of programs and facilities in the City. We are most pleased when sporting and cultural events like this takes place on international level.

Having visited the great Country of Australia for the recent America's Cup event, I am anxious to meet and to return the great hospitality which I experienced from coast to coast on your continent.

Congratulations to all of the hard working people on the organizing committee in both countries and for bringing about this very special event.

Sincerely,

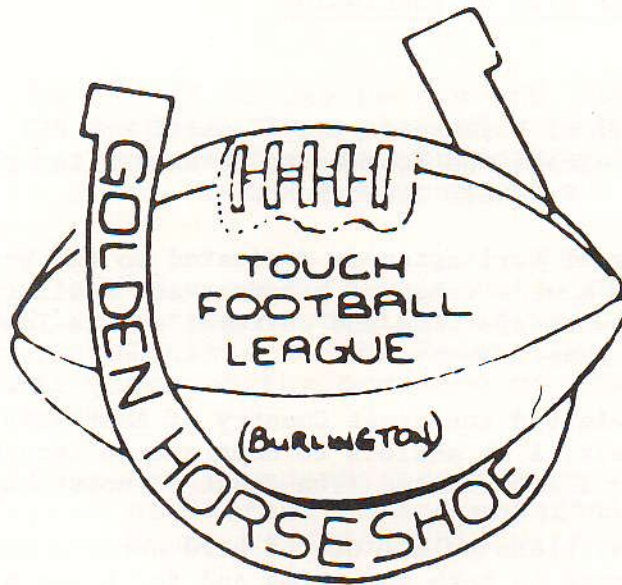
R.L. BIRD, MAYOR



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The History of Canadian Touch Football

It really all began in 1923, in England of all places. The game being played at that time was the one that we Canadians know as soccer. A young gentleman by the name of William Webb Ellis tired of the rule which stated that the ball was "never to be handled." Well, it seems that William displayed a "fine disregard for the rules of football" and simply caught one of those passes, tucked it under his arm, and ran on down the field towards his opponents' goal line!

As young Ellis took off down the field, you can bet that his opponents added a new meaning to the word tackle!

Seven years later, a Canadian by the name of Warren Stevens instigated the forward pass thereby laying the foundation for the game of Touch Football. A few adjustments here and there have taken the sport to the one that is played today.

One would presume that a form of recreational touch Football has been played ever since. No detail is known but when you look at a football, you just have a tendency to pick it up, give it a little spin and feel the need to throw it around.

In 1958 a man by the name of Ron Shipp felt such a need. Ron was washing his car and Frank Bolla was fulfilling an age old tradition of watching someone else work. As Ron was finishing his work he reached inside the trunk and noticed his old football. Frank, up on the balcony, immediately got that feeling and yelled down to Ron - "Hey Ron, want to throw the ball around? I can get some guys from my building."

Ten businessmen were rounded up and the first documented game of Touch Football was played. The fellows enjoyed the first game and arranged to play on subsequent Saturday mornings in the park.

The rules at that time were fairly simple. They were basically made up of the tackle rules with two variations - one hand touch replaced the tackle, and three steamboats allowed the quarterback sufficient time to get the pass away. No field goals were used but kicking for a single point was accepted. At that time, the snap was taken directly from the center by the quarterback.

On one of the Saturdays, another group of fellows who lived in Lachine watched for a while and finally came over to talk to the players. From this discussion came a challenge for the following Saturday and a two team league was formed.

Then came the next step which has become a tradition synonymous with our game. The two teams went down to a tavern after the final game of the season. The breweries in Canada owe a real debt of gratitude to these guys!

While in the bar, contact was made with players from two baseball teams who were wrapping up their season. The principals agreed to discuss the possibilities for playing and arrangements were made to have a meeting in 1959.

The four teams formed the Lakeshore Touch Football League and began playing a series of scheduled games that summer. For the record, the four teams were: The Dorval Dukes, Lachine, Proctor & Gamble and Pulp & Paper. The Dorval Dukes won the first league championship with a record of 6 wins, one loss, and one tie.

By 1963 the league had expanded to six teams and obtained sponsorship from O'Keefe Breweries for trophies and sweaters.

Referees were introduced in 1964, at a rate of \$3.00 per hour. (Inflation affects everything).

In 1965 Ron moved to Ottawa and worked with Larry Williams to start up a Fall league in the area. Four teams began play that year. The Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association was convinced to try the game in 1966 and a twenty-four team league was formed. The official rules at that time included a combination of basketball and football disciplines. The game included unlimited forward passing, three downs for the field on a field measuring 40 by 30 yards.

In 1966 Touch Football was fortunate enough to find Ron in Toronto. Once again the game was introduced to a large group of participants and a new league was formed. Ten teams were started in that first year and arrangements were made to have the winning team in each of the three leagues meet for a championship tournament at alternating sites.

People kept relocating and the gospel of Touch kept spreading until in 1971, the Canadian Touch Football Association recognized the sport and formed a committee to help direct the development. In 1971 the Canadian Touch Football Association was formed with John Glatzmayer as the chairman.

Leagues continued to spring up all over Canada and by 1974 interest was sufficient to allow Larry Williams to obtain a \$15,000 grant from National Health and Welfare to conduct a development tour across Canada. Six cities were covered with this tour, including; Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo. Two teams were involved in the clinics - the 1973 National Champion Hamilton Picton Tavern and the C.T.F.A. All Stars. The sport was demonstrated to phys. ed. teachers, recreational departments and interested participants in each of the cities.

John continued as Chairman of the C.T.F.A. until 1974 when Jim McCarfny succeeded him. By that time, many leagues had been formed and a variety of levels of play had developed. The C.T.F.A. organized a Touchbowl tournament for the Canadian championship and teams from all over Canada participated.

In 1979 a new organizational structure was developed under the guidance of the Canadian Amateur Football Association, now Football Canada. The development of Touch Football was directed by a Touch Working Committee with Fred Vickers as Chairman. This new committee continued the development of the sport in the manner of the previous organizations but, with Fitness Canada support, was able to take the game to other participants than the original audience.

Touch Football is now being played by most segments of Canada Athletes - Youth, Women, Masters, Wheelchair as well as Men. The new interest in the sport is attributable to the efforts of each of the Provincial Associations who have devoted so much time and effort in implementing Touch programs within their province.

In 1986, Jim Hurd assumed the role of Chairman of the Touch Working Committee which continues to develop programs to take the sport to new participants.

One of the most exciting new developments has been the participation of Canada in the Federation of International Touch. Led by Dave Nelson of Burlington, Ontario, Canada is participating in games with Australia in 1987 and plans on competing with other countries in 1988 and beyond.

Touch Football has come along way since the first days back in the sixties. The development is a tribute to the efforts of the organizers and administrators but, is really attributable to the kinship that the game promotes. Watch, play, administer, officiate, coach - just STAY IN TOUCH.

Fred Vickers
September 1987

A TOUCH FOOTBALL PERSPECTIVE

WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN THOUGHTS ON THIS GAME THAT WE CALL "TOUCH FOOTBALL". WE HAVE EITHER PLAYED, COACHED, REFEREED OR MANAGED. EVERY PERSONS THINKING PATTERN IS DIFFERENT AND THEIR MINDS, THEIR DECISION IS THE CORRECT DECISION OF THE GAME. TAKE FOR INSTANCE ON A TYPICAL FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NITE IN THE LOCAL PUB THAT YOU FREQUENT, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU HEARD, "TOUCH FOOTBALL! - PLAY A REAL GAME", "WHAT! YOU BROKE WHAT?" "THAT'S NOT A SPORT, IT'S TOUCH!"

OH CONTRARE!

UNTIL YOU HAVE PLAYED AND UNDERSTOOD THE GAME IT IS PASSED OFF AS IF IT WERE JUST ANOTHER BOARD GAME. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THESE PEOPLE, OTHERS AROUND THEM AND MAYBE EVEN YOURSELF INTO THE "REAL WORLD OF TOUCH FOOTBALL". THRU OUT MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE THREE "S's" OF TOUCH FOOTBALL. THE "SPORT", THE "SITUATIONS" & "SCENERIOS" MANY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN MADE AS WELL AS MANY ENEMIES. SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE, WHICH LEADS ME TO THE THREE "T's". THE "TOURNAMENTS", THE "TOUCHES" AND THE "TURMOIL". YOU MAKE THE TOUCHES TO MAKE IT TO THE TOURNAMENTS. YOU MAKE IT TO THE TOURNAMENTS AND YOU MAKE THE TOUCHES. AND AFTER THAT, IT ALL LEADS TO TURMOIL.

YET EVERY YEAR WE'RE ALL BACK FOR MORE OF THE SAME. I HAVE SAT MORE NITES THINKING TO MYSELF "WHAT FOR?". WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE THREE "F's". "FREINDS, FUN & FITNESS".

THE FUN - HEY! THAT'S SELF EXPLANATORY. THE FRIENDS I HAVE MADE OVER THE YEARS, SOME WHO ARE THE MOST SINCERE & COMMITTED PEOPLE I HAVE EVER KNOWN, IN FACT, MOST OF WHOM SHOULD BE COMMITTED!

FITNESS, WELL MY DOCTOR TOLD ME IT'S GOOD FOR MY HEART & MY LUNGS, BUT IT'S TOO BAD THE REST OF MY BODY REJECTS IT.

WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE THREE "D's". DEDICATION, DESIRE & DETERMINATION.

DEDICATION IS WHAT YOU HAVE, BUT YOUR SPOUSE OR MATE DOESNT.

DESIRE IS SO VITAL TO WINNING AS WELL AS TO LIVING.

DETERMINATION EXPLOITS ONE'S ABILITY TO OUT DO HIS OR HER OPPONENT ON THE FIELD AS WELL AS IN THE LOCAL BAR.

WHICH BRINGS ME NOW TO THE "M" WORDS. THIS ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE MY MOTHER PHONED ME AT HOME WHILE I WAS WRITING THIS ARTICLE.

NOW FOR THOSE FAMOUS "M" WORDS.

MANAGERS, MILITARY COUP & MISS-E-LANEOUS.

MANAGERS ARE THE KEY TO A TEAM, UNFORTUNATELY THEY SOMETIMES BRING THE WRONG KEY.

MILITARY COUPS, WHO CARES, I'M TOO BUSY PLAYING TOUCH FOOTBALL.

AS FOR MISS-E-LANEOUS, WE ALL REMEMBER HER WELL!

ALL THATS LEFT NOW IS THE "C" WORDS, AND I'LL LEAVE IT THAT WAY.

ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE, I STARTED PLAYING THIS GAME 10 YEARS AGO IN BURLINGTON. AT THAT TIME IT WAS A SMALL LEAGUE IN TRANSITION. SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE SEEN THIS LEAGUE MAKE LEAPS & BOUNDS, IN SO MANY WAYS.

PERSONALLY I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE MOST ASPECTS OF THE GAME, FROM PLAYING TO ADMINISTRATING TO COACHING WHAT I FEEL ARE THE BEST GROUP OF WOMEN PLAYING THE SPORT.

NOW WE ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, NOT JUST FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS BUT WITH PLAYERS FROM HALF WAY ACROSS THE WORLD. IN MY HEART I FEEL WE HAVE FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED A GOAL. BRINGING TWO CONTINENTS TOGETHER TO HAVE SOME FUN AND PLAY SOME FOOTBALL. GOVERNMENTS CANT WORK THAT WELL TOGETHER, MAYBE WE SHOULD TEACH THEM HOW TO PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL.

WELL SURFS UP! LET'S PLAY BALL!
SEE YA AT THE BEACH.

JIM BLAKE



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DEAR KANGAROO KUP PARTICIPANTS

OCTOBER, 1987

LABATT'S BREWERY IS PLEASED TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE KANGAROO KUP TOURNAMENT.

AN UNPRECEDENTED EVENT SUCH AS THIS IS QUITE AN HONOR NOT ONLY FOR LABATT'S BUT ALSO FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND ALL THE PARTICIPATING PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS & REFEREES.

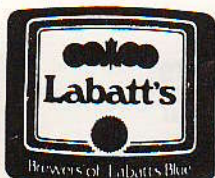
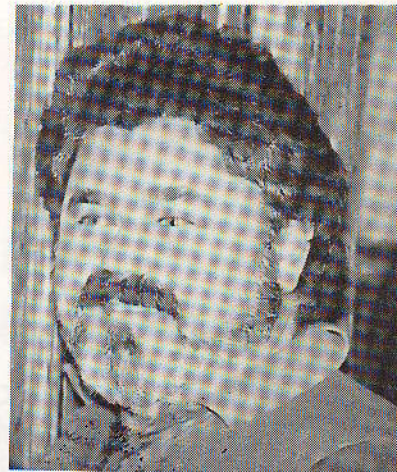
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A HARDY LABATT'S WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FROM "DOWN UNDER".

ON BEHALF OF LABATT'S ONTARIO BREWERY, I WISH ALL THE BEST OF LUCK.

YOURS SINCERLY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Murray Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MURRAY LLOYD
LABATT'S SALES REPRESENTATIVE



FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOUCH (F.I.T.) PRESIDENTS' REPORT

It is exciting and a real pleasure to be afforded the opportunity to witness the staging of the inaugural "Kangaroo Kup" Touch Football Series between Canada and Australia especially after such a short space of time since the formation of the Federation in Adelaide, Australia 14 March, 1986.



In accordance with the major Objective of the Federation of International Touch (F.I.T.) — "To develop International Relations through the Sport of Touch" — I am confident that the renowned hospitality of our Canadian hosts together with the positive attitudes of all persons involved will ensure that this Objective is more than satisfied during the Series.

In addition, I look forward with enthusiasm towards both official and informal Meetings/discussions which will facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences resulting in great advancement towards our common goals.

It is very encouraging at this stage of our development to receive the valued support and confidence of such well respected Corporations as:

- *Ansett Airlines of Australia*
- *Dunlop Sports Footwear*
- *Tadros Travel*
- *Steeden*
- *State & Metropolitan Sports Media*
- *Conrad International Hotel/Jupiters Casino
Gold Coast, Australia*

and our sincere gratitude must be recorded.

On behalf of the Federation of International Touch I thank everyone involved with the organisation and the staging of the "Kangaroo Kup" and extend a warm invitation to participate in the Inaugural World Series of Touch in 1987 where it is expected we will be joined by U.S.A., United Kingdom, Ireland, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Hong Kong.

Paul C. Eggers
President

WOMENS OPEN



FRONT ROW Left-Right ANGELA EBSWORTH, ROBERT TAYLOR (Coach), CHRIS BEAUPRE, JUDY MITCHELL
 BACK ROW Left-Right PAT FOLEY, CHRIS LANZA, JANET MISNER, CAROL KINGSTON, CAROL WILMOTT
 BACK ROW Left-Right CHARLENE MORKIN, JANE MORKIN, HEATHER McGUGAN, LAURIE BEAUPRE, CATHY MEADE
 MISSING - KATHARINE WATTS, COLLEEN COX, JOANNE URBAN, CARRIE GREIG

MENS OPEN



FRONT ROW Left-Right JOHN CLEETON (Manager), MARK BENNY, JOHN STEWART, GREG ANDREWS
 MIDDLE ROW Left-Right RICK LITTLE, DAVE NELSON, KEVIN POSAVAD, BRYAN MORAN
 BACK ROW Left-Right DON McGRAITON, JIM BLAKE, BRUCE MacDONALD, MURRAY MANSON
 MISSING — RICH LAFOY & NORM ABBOTT

Kangaroo Kup Programme

G'Day Mates. On behalf of the Australian Players and Tour Management may I say how exciting it is to be with our Canadian friends for this historic tournament. I first made contact with Steve Valeriotte in 1985 and the plans soon began for this tour. It has been my privilege to visit Canada twice to both foster Touch and to promote the concept of the Federation of International Touch.

Our Players, Coaches, Referees and Managers leave Australia as pioneers of International Touch and for a sport as young as ours they are most fortunate. The fact that they have in the main funded the tour themselves indicates their enthusiasm. I am sure they will make many new friends and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

The Australian players were chosen at the National Championships held in April this year in Fremantle, Western Australia. Because of geographic problems of moving people around the players will first come together as they board the aircraft for Canada. Although our games are so different at this stage we should all look to the future and use this international exchange to experiment with our respective games with a look to the future and if we all adopt the attitude of 'Touch football is fun' then I feel sure the game at an international level will go from strength to strength.

In November, 1988, we Aussies are hosting the inaugural World Championships of Touch on the Gold Coast in Queensland. At this point in time there are nine Nations attending and I feel sure those of you who make the tour down-under will thoroughly enjoy our country and hospitality. This tournament will be played in the Men's, Women's, Mixed and Masters divisions and keep in mind that there is plenty of room for supporters to travel to Australia and enjoy a few weeks of our late Spring.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge Stephen Valeriotte for his encouragement in the early stages of planning this tour, and David Nelson who has worked tirelessly in the domestic preparation for the tournament. I must also acknowledge Mr. Don Mickelson and the O.A.F.A. for their support of David.

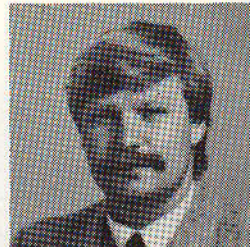
In conclusion and as spokesman for the "fellas" and "sheela's" from Australia we hope the memories of this tournament will live with us all for many years to come.



Kind regards,

Peter Rooney

The Federation of International Touch.



ON BEHALF OF ALL TOUCH PLAYERS IN CANADA I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE AUSTRALIAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TEAMS TO BURLINGTON FOR THE INAUGURAL KANGAROO KUP.

THIS EVENT IS BREAKING THE THRESHOLD FOR INTERNATIONAL TOUCH IN CANADA AND ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT OUR END ARE EXCITED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY COMPETE WITH AUSTRALIANS AT A SPORT WE MUTUALLY ENJOY, BUT ALSO, TO EXTEND OUR HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE MEET NEW FRIENDS.

CERTAINLY THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MAJOR CONCESSIONS AT BOTH ENDS AS WE AMALGAMATE THE RULES OF OUR DIFFERENT GAMES. THE INTENTION OF DEVELOPING UNIVERSAL RULES THROUGH THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOUCH WAS NOT TO REPLACE THE STYLE OF TOUCH IN EITHER COUNTRY, BUT RATHER TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THROUGH THE GAME OF TOUCH.

I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO ATTEND THE A.T.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. THIS WAS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS IT OPENED MY EYES TO THE OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES WE ALL HAVE TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD ENJOYING THE SPORT WE ALL TRULY LOVE. NUMEROUS MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE F.I.T. EXECUTIVE TO STREAMLINE RULES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION NOT ONLY FOR THIS YEARS KANGAROO KUP, BUT ALSO, THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF TOUCH TO BE HELD ON THE GOLD COAST IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA IN NOVEMBER OF 1988. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE A.T.A. FOR HAVING ME AS THEIR GUEST AT THEIR TOURNAMENT AND TO ALL THE PLAYERS I MET WHO MADE ME FEEL SO COMFORTABLE DURING MY STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY.

IN PARTICULAR I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO PETER ROONEY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE A.T.A. AND F.I.T. PETER'S FORSIGHT TO THE POTENTIAL OF THE SPORT INTERNATIONALLY BEGAN WITH HIM VISITING OUR ONTARIO "BUD BOWL" CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1985 AND 1986 HERE IN BURLINGTON. HIS LEADERSHIP, ALONG WITH THE DILIGENT EFFORTS OF THE A.T.A. EXECUTIVE WERE THE BRAINTHRUST TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE F.I.T. YOU CAN NOT IMAGINE THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT IT TAKES TO DEVELOP AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE THIS. THIS MAN IS TRULY AN INSPIRATION.

TO THE PLAYERS ON THE AUSTRALIAN TEAMS, WE ALL KNOW THE DEDICATION YOU HAVE MADE TO REACH A LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE TO BE A NATIONAL SELECTION AND REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT YOU HAVE COMMITTED TO MAKE THIS TRIP. WE APPRECIATE THESE EFFORTS AND HOPE YOUR VISIT IS ONE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.

OUR COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD TO PUT TOGETHER THIS TOURNAMENT AND IT WOULD BE REMISS TO NOT MENTION A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SPONSORS; WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER. OUR MAJOR SPONSORS LABATT'S BREWERIES, AIR NEW ZEALAND AND TRAVELWAYS BUS LINES HAVE BEEN SIMPLY OUTSTANDING WITH THEIR GENEROSITY. AS WELL, WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A LARGE GROUP OF COMPANIES AND LOCAL BUSINESS'. THESE GROUPS ARE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THIS PROGRAM, A HARDY THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.

CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS HAVE PUT A LOT OF PERSONAL TIME INTO THIS PROJECT AND I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THEM, HOWEVER, AT THE RISK OF ACCIDENTALLY LEAVING SOMEONE OUT I WILL ONLY THANK THEM AS A GROUP RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY. THESE PEOPLE HAVE DONE A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING AND EACH ASSIGNMENT WAS HANDLED PROFESSIONALLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS. THEY HAVE WORKED HARD OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO TRY AND LEARN A NEW STYLE OF TOUCH AND NOT ONCE DID WE HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH REGARDS TO RULE ADAPTATIONS. A SPECIAL NOTE TO PLAYERS FROM OSHAWA AND ST. CATHARINES WHO TRAVELLED CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES FOR PRACTISE AND RARELY WERE ABSENT FOR THEM. ALSO, WE ALL OWE A GREAT DEAL OF THANKS TO ROBERT TAYLOR FOR HIS INPUT WITH DRILLS AND COACHING TECHNIQUES. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS STYLE OF TOUCH FROM PLAYING IN ENGLAND WAS VERY HELPFULL.

DON NICHOLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ONTARIO AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WAS ABOVE A BEYOND HIS ROLE AS HE JUMPED IN TO ASSIST IN EVERY FACET OF ADMINISTRATION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION DAVID WALSH OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE OFFICE FOR HIS INPUT IN VARIOUS AREA'S WHICH WAS VALUABLE TO US.

I'M SURE I SPEAK FOR ALL THE CANADIAN PLAYERS WHO HOPE TO BE APART OF OUR CONTINGENT TRAVELLING TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAYING THAT WE CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY IN 1988.

BEST WISHES FOR A GOOD TOURNAMENT AND WE HOPE THAT YOUR STAY IN BURLINGTON IS MOST ENJOYABLE.

SINCERELY,

DAVE NELSON
VICE PRESIDENT
F.I.T. CANADA

MIXED



FRONT ROW Left-Right

PAM BLACKWOOD,

WENDY SHOOTS,

CARRIE CLARKE,

LISA McCLENNAN

BACK ROW Left-Right

DOVE SYKES,

MARY FLEMING,

KIM DAAG,

PAUL WOUTERS,

PETE TODOROVICH

MISSING - ROBERT TAYLOR, RAY WHIRTER, ALISON ROGERS, NELLA IOUID,
SONNY FELKER (Coach), WARREN PEAKS, SANDY FOX, JIM RICHES

MASTERS



MASTERS

FRONT ROW Left-Right

WHITEY JEFFRIES,

JOHN McCOLL,

SCOTT McANDREW,

RAY DELEGAROE,

TERRY MAXNER

MIDDLE ROW Left-Right

DON GIROTTI,

JOHN TEGGART,

NELSON BEITZ,

DAVE DERBYSHIRE

BACK ROW Left-Right

JIM SWIRE,

FRED VICKERS,

BILL FOURNIER

MISSING - PETER FLATT, JEFF DENAHY, DAVID WALSH, STEVE DEADY,
PETER BUCKLAND, DON NICHOLSON