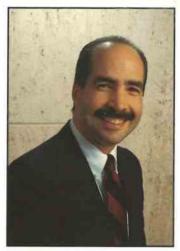
## THE AMERICAN LACROSSE LEAGUE



Comes of Age

# A vision moves—foreward







**Terry Wallace** 

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#### The year is 1972.

All-Americans Terry Wallace and Bruce Meierdiercks slosh tiredly from muddy Boswell Field at Hobart

Although Wallace scored six times and Meierdiercks has held Hobart Great Rich Gilbert scoreless there is no sign of jubilation on the weary faces of the two Adelphi stars as they shuffle toward their locker room together after a 14-13 sudden death loss at the hands of Hobart.

It isn't just an end to a game or a season. But it is the end of the careers of two well-established collegians because there is no tomorrow for these lacrosse stars!

#### $\mathbf{T}$ he year is 1987.

Fifteen years have passed since

that rainy day at Hobart. Although Wallace and Meierdiercks have pursued separate business interests they have remained friends and are now spectators at Michie Stadium in West Point. Both men quietly comment on Adelphi's performance against Army and as the game comes to an end they think of their last game at Hobart knowing that they have the answer. Yes, there will be professional field lacrosse for those more fortunate than yesterday's stars!

The American Lacrosse League was in its infancy. The two partners made a plan and are methodically following it through. They traveled the countryside discussing their plan and were concerned about how it would be received. At times

their days and nights came together; their excitement ran high.

Months passed and after signing contracts in Boston, Baltimore, Denver, Long Island, New Jersey, and Syracuse they began to leak their secret to those they could trust. Soon familiar names like Bock, Walsh, Pappas, Griebe, Scofield, Devine, Booth, Lowe, Ucci, Garvey and Esposito filled the air and their vision became clearer. They were certain that lacrosse people would have to believe as they did and pull together for their vision to become reality!

Today many months, many miles and many dollars later Meierdiercks and Wallace push forward with their vision



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AMERICAN LACROSSE LEAGUE



BALTIMORE TRIBE

### World class players sign contracts, ready to take the field

On November 1st at the Saddlebrook Marriot in New Jersey, General Managers representing the league's six cities submitted their player draft choices to Wallace and Meierdiercks. Players were selected geographically to fit into the direct marketing plan of the American Lacrosse League.

Each General Manager submitted a list of 30 players to the Executive Directors that became protected property of each team. From that list 23 players could be signed.

Later in November on the 21st at the same Saddlebrook Marriot, Greg Fisk (Boston) became the first player to sign an American Lacrosse League contract.

During the next two days over 70 percent of the league's 138 players were signed to either one or two year contracts. More than 80 percent of these players had achieved All-American status on the college level, with many of these players having been chosen as the Outstanding Player, Attackman, Midfielder or Defenseman in their respective collegiate division. In addition, among these players are a large group that have participated or are potential players on the United States World Team.

The signing of these players has ensured that the competitive level of the American Lacrosse League will be of the highest caliber anywhere in the world!





**Greg Fisk** 

Chris Walker





**Jeff Fritz** 

**Randy Powers** 







Brian Wood



Pat O'Hara





Tom Cormean Bill Naslonski



Tom Rosa



Tom Grimaldi



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BOSTON MILITIA

### **Ticket Information**

Stadiums have been selected in suburban communities condusive to a family atmosphere. The Stutler Bowl (Denver), Tufts University (Boston), Hofstra Stadium (Long Island), Griffin Stadium (Syracuse), Montclair State (New Jersey) and U.M.B.C. (Baltimore) will host American Lacrosse League teams.

Regular admission for each game is \$8.00 per ticket while season tickets are priced at \$58.00 for 8 home games at Long Island, New Jersey and Baltimore or \$51.00 for 7 home games at Boston, Syracuse and Denver.

Group tickets are available for groups of 15 people or more at \$1.00 off regular admission.

For further information regarding season or group admission, please mail the coupon below.

