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LACROSSE, the game Brendan Fevola's mum wouldn't let him play because it was too rough, will be put on Melbourne's sporting map in October.

Two All-Star games boasting some of the best players in the world from the US National Lacrosse League will be played at Hisense Arena.

The Carlton star yesterday revealed his family had a long association with the sport and that the Malvern Lacrosse Club "was my second home".

"I loved lacrosse, but my mum wouldn't let me play. She thought it was too rough," Fevola said.

"Dad used to get stitches and have bloody noses and broken bones every week so Mum said I couldn't play and that's how I started playing footy.

"I wanted to play but you

Sticks and groans

Why Fev slipped through the net



Fevola described the sport as "the fastest game on grass".

"It's going to be a spectacle and I reckon they will fill it and it will probably be an annual event because it's such an exciting sport," he said.

The two games, on October 23 and 24, will be played between 12-man squads comprising nine of the best players from the US league and three of Australia's best.

Fevola said he would be happy to play in a celebrity match "but I'll have to ask mum first".

Asked how Sydney forward Barry Hall would go with a stick in the tough-checking contact sport, Fev said: "He goes pretty well with his fist."

had to listen to your parents in those days."

Fevola's father, Angelo, played for Malvern for 25 years and was a Victorian representative and

All-Australian. His uncle, David Joy, represented Australia and coached the national under-19 team.



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