

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Union, held at the Imperial Hotel, 138 Collins Street, Hobart on Thursday 3rd March 1960, at 9.30 a.m. and resuming at 7.30 p.m.

LADIES:

Your Executive has pleasure in submitting its Eleventh Biennial Report and Financial Statement for your consideration.

We are proud that we are in a position to again report a maintenance of high standards, a goodly share of world records and the outstanding success of our competitors overseas during the period under review.

Not only has the Union retained its position athletically, but the fact that the administration of the athletic future of our girls has been in control of those clearly understanding their problems has materially assisted in our progress. In other countries where the administrative and athletic control of women is delegated to a lesser position by our male counterparts, they have not, as yet, reached our overall standard nor do such a large number of girls, juniors or seniors, enjoy their athletics each week, having regard to any population differences.

Finance was readily available for our largest team to have ever represented in the northern hemisphere, at the Cardiff Empire and Commonwealth Games, at which every competitor proved our confidence in her selection.

On the eve of yet another Olympic Games this year, we trust that public support will once more enable us to send all selected, as international competition has proven, in the past, the best medium for maintaining the high standard our sport enjoys in Australia.

Our very best wishes go to Tasmania, holding its first Australian championships on 5th and 7th March, and many interstate officials have rallied to assist in making the championships successful.

Tasmanian officials have been working continuously during the past two years, and have received tremendous financial support from well-wishers in that state, all auguring well for yet another successful National Championship meeting.

AFFILIATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

All states are affiliated with Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union, with a total registered membership of 2,632, and the Associations are as listed hereunder

<u>STATE</u>	<u>REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP</u>
NEW SOUTH WALES	756
QUEENSLAND	194
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	90
TASMANIA	84
VICTORIA	1,194
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	194

CONFERENCE

The Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Union was held in the Council Room, National Fitness Building, Bent and Macquarie Streets, Sydney, on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March, 1958 at 9.30 a.m.

In the absence of the President, Miss D. Carter, O.B.E., through illness, the chair was taken on the opening day by Miss N. Gould and on the second day by Union Vice President Mrs. M. Chambers, M.B.E.,

Affiliated Associations were represented by the following delegates:-

New South Wales	Miss N. Gould and Mrs. E. Magee
Queensland	Mesdames B. Mills and E. Mc Minn
South Australia	Mesdames C. Kavanagh & M. Cahill
Tasmania	Miss M. Triffitt
Victoria	Mrs. M. McQuiston & Miss L. Neville
Western Australia	Miss G. Bull.

OLYMPIC EQUIPMENT

In 1958 a stocktaking was made of Olympic equipment stored at the Melbourne Cricket Ground since the 1956 Olympic Games, and this Union was advised of equipment available for its use.

Details were forwarded to our affiliated Associations, and the gear was distributed to conform as closely as possible with the respective requests.

This gear was allotted with no charge, other than freight to the respective Associations, and despite the fact that much of the gear promised was no longer available when freighted to the Associations, most benefitted.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SYDNEY - NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales was indeed proud to be the host state, for the third occasion, for the Biennial Track and Field Championships of Australia.

The Championships were held over a two day programme on Thursday night, 20th and Saturday afternoon 22nd March, 1958, at the Sydney Sports Ground, in perfect weather.

Visiting teams were housed at the Canberra-Oriental the Imperial and the Y.W.C.A., all a convenient distance from the Sydney Sports Ground.

Visitors were entertained with a bus drive through northern beaches, and on the final night of the championships at a dance aboard the Show Boat.

The next night a farewell party was held at Mr. Chalwin's harbour side home at Cremorne, where the names of the eleven members of the women's athletics section of the Australian team for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff were announced.

Every state was represented at the biennial championships and results were well up to world standards, with two new world records, two Australian records, one Australian resident record, and two Australian resident and one junior record equalled.

THE 11TH BIENNIAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA.

Sydney Sports Ground, 20th and 22nd March, 1958.

RESULTS:

100 Yards

M. Mathews	(NSW)	time 10.3 secs.
B. Cuthbert	(NSW)	10.4 "
W. Hayes	(Vic)	10.4 "
R. Scott	(NSW)	

High Jump

M. Mason	(NSW)	Height 5'6"
H. Frith	(NSW)	5'6"
K. Atkinson	(NSW)	5'5"
C. Bernoth	(Qld)	5'4"

220 Yards

H. Mathews	(NSW)	time 23.4 secs.
B. Cuthbert	(NSW)	23.5 "
K. Johnson	(W.Aust)	23.9 "
H. Boyle	(Vic)	

Long Jump

B. Watson	(NSW)	Dist. 19'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
H. Borwick	(W.Aust)	19'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
B. Robbie	(S.Aust)	18'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
M. MacLean	(NSW)	18'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

440 Yards

B. Jones	(Vic)	time 57.0 secs.
M. Leedham	(S.Aust)	57.3 "
J. McDonnell	(Vic)	57.9 "
J. Christian	(W.Aust)	

Discus

L. Jackman	(Vic)	Dist. 135'6"
S. Cotton	(NSW)	134'8"
E. Serico	(Vic)	125'6"
C. Dyke	(Qld)	117'7"

880 Yards

B. Jones	(Vic)	time 2m.16.5 secs.
N. McDonald	(Vic)	2m.17.6 "
P. Dowsing	(Vic)	2m.18.2 "
D. Willis	(W.Aust)	

Shot

M. Woodlock	(Vic)	Dist. 39'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
J. Issett	(Vic)	38'0"
M. Breen	(NSW)	36'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
A. Pezera	(S.Aust)	35'2"

80 Metres Hurdles

N. Throver	(S.Aust)	time 10.6 secs.
G. Cooke	(NSW)	10.8s (W/asst. 2.9secs)
W. Hayes	(Vic)	11.0 secs.
B. McReavie	(NSW)	

Javelin

A. Pazera	(S.Aust)	Dist. 161'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
M. Wright	(NSW)	140'3"
H. Innes	(Tas)	137'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
J. Heath	(NSW)	136'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

440 Yards Relay

Now South Wales	time 46.0 secs.
Victoria	47.6 "
Western Australia	47.7 "
South Australia	

100 Yards (Junior)

H. Maloney	(Vic)	time 10.9 secs.
S. MacPherson	(NSW)	11.0 "
R. Chapman	(NSW)	11.1 "
N. Gilmore	(Vic)	

INVITATION EVENTS.

100 Yards

B. Watson	(NSW)	time 11.0 secs.
J. Hippocress	(NSW)	
P. Turner	(Vic)	

Junior 440 Yards Relay

N.S.W. No.1 Team	time 48.6 secs.
N.S.W. No.2 Team	
N.S.W. No.3 Team	

220 Yards

P. Kilborn	(Vic)	time 25.7 secs.
N. Fogarty	(NSW)	
P. Greacen	(NSW)	

880 Yards Walk

M. Gillard	(NSW)	time 4m.2.6 secs.
L. Hamilton	(NSW)	
E. Francis	(NSW)	

High Jump

R. Cramp	(NSW)	Height 4'10"
V. Diffey	(NSW)	
P. Lisson	(Tas)	

Long Jump

N. Borwick	(W.Aust)	Dist. 18'11"
A. Flood	(Vic)	
V. Jenkins	(NSW)	

The Doris Mulcahy Shield was won by New South Wales. Places gained by the respective states are set out hereunder:-

	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
New South Wales	5	6	2
Victoria	4	3	4
South Australia	2	1	1
Western Australia	-	1	2
Tasmania	-	-	1
Queensland	-	-	-

The Council of the N.S.W. Women's A.A.A. in conclusion desires to thank team managers and team members from visiting states for the sporting spirit throughout their participation, and to congratulate all taking part on the high standards reached in every event.

May we quote the sentiments expressed in the 1956 Olympic Games closing song:-

"With the sliprails down and the billy boiling merrily, Wide open arms will be waiting for you"

when next N.S.W. has the honour of presenting the Australian Championships in Sydney.

Doris I. Magee,
Hon. Secretary, N.S.W.W.A.A.A.

BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES - Cardiff

The Executive of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union extends congratulations to Mrs. A. Robinson (Manager) and her team of eleven athletes who represented us so outstandingly at Wales.

Placings were gained by ten members of the team, a total of five gold, five silver and three bronze medals.

Details of performances and records broken are listed hereunder, and particular mention must be made here of Anna Pazera's new world record in the Javelin of 188'4".

		<u>BELFAST</u>	8.7.58			
100 Yards	M. Mathews	1st	10.9 secs.	Northern Ireland record		
	W. Hayes	1st	11.1 secs.			
	G. Cooke	2nd	11.2 secs.			
	K. Johnson	2nd	11.2 secs.			
220 Yards	M. Mathews	1st	24.9 secs.	"	"	"
	K. Johnson	1st	26.1 secs.			
80 Metres Hurdles	F. Thrower	1st	11.0 secs.	"	"	"
	G. Cooke	2nd	11.2 secs.	"	"	"
	W. Hayes	3rd				
	B. Watson	4th				
440 Yards Relay	(Mathews, Hayes, Johnson Cooke)	1st	47.9 secs.	"	"	"
High Jump	M. Mason	1st	5'4"			
	H. Frith	3rd	5'3"			

Long Jump	H. Frith	1st	18'1"			
Javelin	A. Pazera	1st	163'11"	Northern Ireland record		
Shot	A. Pazera	2nd	36'4"			
Discus	L. Jackman	1st	133'4"	"	"	"

6TH BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES

CARDIFF - WALES 18th July - 26th July, 1958.

RESULTS.

<u>100 Yards:</u>	1st	M.J. Mathews - Willard (Australia) (British all-comers, British National and Games Record)	10.6 secs.
	2nd	H. Young (England)	10.6 secs.
	3rd	V.M. Weston (England)	10.7 secs.
	4th	B. Cuthbert (Australia)	10.7 secs.
<u>220 Yards:</u>	1st	M.J. Mathews - Willard (Australia) (British all-comers, British National & Games Record)	23.6 secs.
	2nd	B. Cuthbert (Australia)	23.8 secs.
	3rd	H. Young (England)	23.9 secs.
<u>30 Metres Hurdles:</u>	1st	N.C. Thrower (Australia) (British all-comers, British National & Games Record)	10.7 secs.
	2nd	N.C. Quinton (England)	10.7 secs.
	3rd	G.J. Cooke - Wigney (Australia)	10.9 secs.
	5th	W. Hayes	11.2 secs.
<u>400 Yards Relay:</u>	1st	England (World Record)	45.3 secs.
	2nd	Australia	46.1 secs.
	3rd	Canada	47.2 secs.
<u>High Jump:</u>	1st	M.M. Mason (Australia) (Games Record)	5'7"
	2nd	J.M. Donaghy (New Zealand)	5'7"
	3rd	H. Frith (Australia)	5'5"
<u>Long Jump:</u>	1st	S.H. Hoskin (England)	19'9"
	2nd	M.D. Bignal (England)	19'7"
	3rd	B.N. Watson (Australia)	19'7"
<u>Javelin:</u>	1st	A. Pazera (Australia) (World, British all-comers, British National & Games Record)	188'4"
	2nd	M. Swancpoel (South Australia)	159'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
	3rd	A. Williams (England)	153'5"
<u>Discus:</u>	1st	S. Allday (England)	150'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
	2nd	J. Thompson (New Zealand)	148'7"
	3rd	V. Sloper (New Zealand)	147'5"
	6th	L. Jackman (Australia)	134'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

BRITAIN V EMPIRE

White City, London
2.8.58.

Australian Performances.

100 Yards	B. Cuthbert	3rd	11.0 secs.
220 Yards	B. Cuthbert	1st	24.1 secs.
	K. Johnson		25.1 secs.
80 Metres Hurdles	N. Thrower	1st	11.0 secs.
	G. Cooke	4th	11.4 secs.
	W. Hayes	5th	
440 Yards Relay	Empire	1st	47.7 secs.
	(team included B. Cuthbert & W. Hayes)		
High Jump	M. Mason	1st	5'6"
	H. Frith	5th	5'3"
Long Jump	H. Frith	6th	17'5 ³ / ₄ "
Javelin	A. Pazera	1st	162'9 ¹ / ₂ "

Invitation.

80 Metres Hurdles	N. Thrower	1st	11.0 secs.
	G. Cooke	3rd	11.2 secs.
	W. Hayes	5th	11.6 secs.
100 Yards	W. Hayes	4th	11.0 secs.
	K. Johnson	5th	

EDINBURGH

9/8/1958

100 Yards	B. Cuthbert	1st	11.0 secs. (eq.)	Scottish Allcomers Record.
220 Yards	B. Cuthbert	1st	24.7 secs.	Scottish Allcomers Record
80 Metres Hurdles	N. Thrower	1st	11.1 secs.	Scottish Allcomers Record

COLOGNE:	100 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	11.8 secs.
		N. Thrower	2nd	12.0 secs.
	200 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	24.1 secs.
DORTMUND:	100 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	11.7 secs.
		N. Thrower		12.0 secs.
STOCKHOLM:	100 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	12.1 secs.
OSLO:	200 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	24.2 secs.
	80 metres hurdles	N. Thrower	1st	11.1 secs.
GOTHENBURG:	400 metres	B. Cuthbert	1st	54.4 secs.
	80 metres hurdles	N. Thrower	1st	11.2 secs.

AUSTRALIA V FRANCE

Poitiers

7th August, 1958.

RESULTS.

<u>100 Metres</u>	1st	Mathews (Australia)	11.7 secs.	(French Record)
	2nd	Capdevielle (France)	11.7 secs.	
	3rd	Hayes (Australia)	12.0 secs.	

Australia V France (Results Contd.)

<u>200 Metres</u>	1st	Mathews (Australia)	24.7 secs.
	2nd	Fluchot (France)	24.8 " (French Record)
	3rd	Johnson (Australia)	24.9 "
	4th	Henry (France)	25.5 "
	5th	Piccardy (France)	25.5 "
<u>80 Metres Hurdles</u>	1st	Cook (Australia)	11.1 secs.
	2nd	Dijan (France)	11.1 " (French Record)
	3rd	Hayes (Australia)	11.3 "
	4th	Picado (France)	11.5 "
	5th	Thetu (France)	12.1 "
<u>4 x 100 Metres Relay</u>	1st	Australia (Hayes, Johnson, Cook, Mathews)	47.4 secs.
	2nd	France (Piccardy, Angenieux, "A" Fluchot, Capdevielle)	47.5 "
	3rd	France "B"	48.9 "
<u>Long Jump</u>	1st	Watson (Australia)	5.52
	2nd	Galli (Italy)	5.45
	3rd	Mieozzi (Italy)	5.42
	4th	Fazio (Italy)	5.38
<u>Discus</u>	1st	Ricci (Italy)	47.82
	2nd	Jackman (Australia)	41.67
	3rd	Nanetti (Italy)	39.64
	4th	Turbino (Italy)	38.92
<u>Javelin</u>		Exhibition Throw	
		A. Pazera (Australia)	55.48
<u>4 x 100 Metres Relay</u>	1st	Italy No.1 (Valenti, Bertoni, Musco, Leone)	46.2 secs.
	2nd	Australia (Hayes, Johnson, Cook, Mathews)	46.6 "
	3rd	Italy No.2 (Costa, Fassio, Greppi, Boscaro)	48.0 "

AUSTRALIA V ITALY

Sohio - - 10th August, 1958.

RESULTS.

<u>100 Metres</u>	1st	Leone (Italy)	11.9 secs.
	2nd	Mathews (Australia)	12.0 "
	3rd	Hayes (Australia)	12.0 "
	4th	Johnson (Australia)	12.2 "
	5th	Costa (Italy)	12.5 "
	6th	Greppi (Italy)	12.6 "
<u>200 Metres</u>	1st	Mathews (Australia)	24.7 "
	2nd	Johnson (Australia)	24.9 "
	3rd	Costa (Italy)	25.1 "
	4th	Boscaro (Italy)	26.4 "

Australia V France (Results Contd.)

<u>80 Metres Hurdles</u>	1st	Musso	(Italy)	11.5	secs.
	2nd	Hayes	(Australia)	11.6	"
	3rd	Cook	(Australia)	11.6	"
	4th	Reudl	(Italy)	12.1	"
	5th	Watson	(Australia)	12.5	"
<u>High Jump</u>	1st	Mason	(Australia)	1.67	
	2nd	Frith	(Australia)	1.65	
	3rd	Giardi	(Italy)	1.55	
	4th	Bortoluzzi	(Italy)	1.55	
<u>Long Jump</u>	1st	Dijan-Lambert	(France)	6.11	(French Record)
	2nd	Scouffin	(France)	6.02	
	3rd	Thety	(France)	5.63	
	4th	Watson	(Australia)	5.57	
	5th	Frith	(Australia)	5.30	
<u>High Jump</u>	1st	Mason	(Australia)	1.68	
	2nd	Frith	(Australia)	1.65	
	3rd	Pareuty	(France)	1.53	
	Equal 4th	(Coppens	"	1.50	
(Thety		"			
<u>Discus</u>	1st	Jackman	(Australia)	40.18	
	2nd	Boutin	(France)	40.03	
	3rd	Thetz	(France)	21.92	
<u>Javelin</u>	1st	A. Pazera	(Australia)	48.62	
	2nd	Malsert	(France)	32.59	

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES - CARDIFF, WALES, 1958

REPORT BY M. ROBINSON - CHAPERONE.

PERSONNEL: Gloria Cook, Betty Cuthbert, Helen Frith, Wendy Hayes, Lois Jackman, Kay Johnson, Michele Mason, Marlene Mathews, Anna Pazera, Norma Thrower, Beverley Watson.

CONDUCT: The conduct of the team at all times was excellent. There was complete harmony and Australia can well be proud of the athletes of this team.

ACCOMMODATION: The athletes were accommodated in two huts, sharing one with the swimmers of the Australian team, and the other with the Australian fencers and an assortment of small teams from various countries. Whilst it is realised that a large team of athletes cannot always be housed under the one roof, I strongly recommend that team members whose competition takes place at separate venues and times, should not be accommodated in the one building.

Arrangement made for accommodation were otherwise very satisfactory. Rooms were comfortable and well furnished, each containing two single beds, and the provision of a lounge and kitchen for women only, where they could read, write, or view television and make themselves a hot or cold drink in the very well equipped kitchen at any time of the day or night, proved very popular.

TRAINING: Training facilities at the Village were excellent, with a grass and a cinder track, separate throwing areas, and all necessary equipment available at both grounds. All members trained thoroughly and conscientiously. Two coaches who visited Cardiff. Mrs. J. Ferguson and Mr. W. Harrison, were given permission by the General Team Manager, Mr. W. Young, to enter the Village, and assisted in every way possible. Their work made it apparent that a coach, or a supervisor of training could be of great benefit to future teams, to enable the athletes to retain the confidence that the presence of a coach normally inspires. Administration takes up a large part of the time of the Chaperone who cannot properly supervise training in addition to other duties, particularly when, as in Cardiff, the training grounds are within the Village area and athletes train at various times during the day.

The team members elected Norma Thrower as their captain and Beverley Watson as vice-captain, and their duties were carried out satisfactorily.

UNIFORM: The choice of a grey terylene and wool frock was an excellent one, as this could be laundered easily and required no ironing, nor did it crease after many hours of travelling, and at all times looked neat and tidy. The shoes, on the other hand, were most unsatisfactory and few were able to wear them with comfort. I would recommend that future teams be issued with softer shoes of a style and design available in all capital cities so that members could be fitted individually. The competition uniform was also very satisfactory, but I am strongly of the opinion that two track suits are necessary, so that one may be kept clean for use when competition commences.

COMPETITION: The outstanding performance was that of Anna Pazera, who not only broke the world's record with a javelin throw of 188ft, 4in, but improved on her personal best by more than 20 feet. Another outstanding performance was that of Marlene Mathews who won both the 100 and 220 yards events after having her training interrupted by spending 3 days in hospital with a severe cold and high temperature. The Australian athletes won the 100 yards, 220 yards, 80 metres hurdles, high jump and javelin, took second place in the 220 yards and 4 x 100 yards relay, and third place in the 80 metres hurdles, high jump and long jump.

INJURIES AND SICKNESS: Anna Pazera suffered a sprained back and arm, Marlene Mathews severe cold which necessitated a stay in hospital, Beverley Watson, ankle injury and cold. Gloria Cook cold with slight temperature which forced her to spend one day in bed. Michele Mason and Norma Thrower both developed colds and Kay Johnson sprained her thigh muscle in competition during the running of the 100 yards semi-final. Excellent hospital facilities were provided at the Village hospital, with doctors, masseurs and physiotherapists in attendance. Team members were very grateful to Dr. Benjamin, Manager of the Bowling Team, for his medical assistance.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

5 First Places:	-	100 and 220 yards	-	M. Mathews.
		80 metres Hurdles	-	N. Thrower.
		High Jump	-	M. Mason.
		Javelin Throw	-	A. Pazera.
2 Second Places:	-	220 yards	-	B. Cuthbert.
		4 x 110 Relay	-	B. Cuthbert, K. Johnson, W. Hayes, M. Mathews
3 Third Places:	-	80 metres Hurdles	-	G. Cook.
		High Jump	-	H. Frith.
		Long Jump	-	B. Watson.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES: (Contd.)

G. COOK: 1st in heat of hurdles, 11.1s.; 3rd in final, 10.9s.

B. CUTHBERT: 1st in heat of 100 yards, 10.8s.; 2nd in semi-final, 10.9s.; 4th in final, 10.7s.; 1st in heat of 220 yards, 24.5s.; 1st in semi-final, 24.0s., equalling B.E. & C.G. record; 2nd in final, 23.8s.

H. FRITH: 3rd in high jump, 5'5". Did not qualify for final round in long jump, best jump, best jump being 17'8½"

W. HAYES: Not quite up to Australian form although 1st in heat of 100 yards, 11.0s.; 4th in semi-final, 10.9s. The first five place-getters in this event recorded 10.9s.; 2nd in heat of 80 metres hurdles, 11.2s.; 5th in final, 11.2s.

L. JACKMAN: Could not reproduce Australian form and finished 5th in discus throw, with 134ft. 0½in.

K. JOHNSON: Was unfortunate enough to sprain a muscle when competing in the semi-finals of 100 yards, and because of this injury was withdrawn from 220 yards. 2nd in heat of 100 yards, 11.1s.; 6th in semi-final, 11.6s.

M. MASON: 1st in high jump, 5'7", won on count back.

M. MATHEWS: 1st in heat of 100 yards, 10.9s.; 1st in semi-final, 10.7s.; 1st in final, 10.6s., B.E. & C.G. record. 1st in heat of 220 yards, 24.3s.; 1st in semi-final, 24.0s., equalling B.E. & C.G. record; 1st in final, 23.6s., B.E. & C.G. record.

A. PAZERA: 1st in Javelin throw, 188'4", world record.

N. THROWER: 1st in heat of 80 metres hurdles, 10.8s.; B.E. & C.G. record, 1st in final, 10.7s., B.E. & C.G. record and equalling British Empire and Commonwealth record.

B. WATSON: 4th in heat of 80 metres hurdles, 11.8s. Qualified for final of long jump at first attempt in elimination round; 3rd in final, 19'7"

4 x 100 YARDS RELAY: B. Cuthbert, K. Johnson, W. Hayes, M. Mathews. 1st in heat, 46.6s.; B.E. & C.G. record; 2nd in final, 46.1s.

PRE-GAMES COMPETITION: Two days after reaching Cardiff, the team, with the exception of Betty Cuthbert who had been invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and attended with Mr. Young and Mr. Eve, travelled to Belfast with members of the men's athletic team to compete against Northern Ireland. Although not recovered from the effects of the long plane journey, all members performed creditably, creating new N. Ireland records in the 100 yards (M. Mathews, 10.9s.) 80 metres hurdles (N. Thrower, 11.0s.), 4 x 110 yards relay (N. Thrower, K. Johnson, W. Hayes, M. Mathews), 47.9s., javelin throw (A. Pazera, 163'11"), discus throw (L. Jackman, 133'4").

On return to the Village, further competition was arranged at the training track against members of New Zealand and Canadian teams, and again performances were satisfactory.

Because of the long distance to be travelled, and the fact that Australian athletes are competing out of season, it is becoming more than ever necessary that the Australian team should reach its destination at least four weeks before the major competition takes place. This would enable them to become acclimatised and to obtain the competition which is so necessary before reproducing their best form. In relay races in particular, when the race is won by the change-over, many weeks of practice are necessary to perfect the baton change. The members of the team are

PRE-GAMES COMPETITION: (Contd.)

invariably drawn from all States and not brought together for training until reaching their destination, and in the short period before the Games commence it is not possible to mould the perfect team, particularly when, as at the Cardiff Games, sickness and injury tend to prevent the four athletes from being on the training track at the one time.

POST-GAMES COMPETITION: After the completion of the Games, all teams spent one week in London as guests of the British Commonwealth and Empire Games Committee, and at the end of this week, at White City, British Isles v. Rest of the Commonwealth competition was held. All Australian members were selected, several as reserves only, but because of sickness, M. Mathews and B. Watson did not compete. B. Cuthbert finished 1st in the 220, 24.1s., 3rd in 100 yards, 11.0s., A. Pazera won the javelin with a throw of 162'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "", M. Mason won the high jump with 5'6", and N. Thrower won the hurdles in 11.0s.

Before leaving Cardiff I had arranged for the team to compete in France and Italy on their return journey, and the day after the White City competition, the girls, with the exception of Betty Cuthbert and Norma Thrower who had been granted permission to travel to Scotland and Sweden with Mrs. J. Ferguson, left London by air for Paris. We were met there by a woman official of the French Athletic Federation who took us for a bus tour of the city before sending us off by train to Poitiers where we were to stay for several days and compete against a French team. This team, both boys and girls, were in residence at a large chateau owned and financed by the Ministry of Sport, and to which all sporting teams are sent for final preparation before important competition. In this case, the team were preparing for the European Championships to be held in Sweden in a few weeks time, and were naturally at their peak and provided keen competition for our girls, who were by this time feeling a little tired after many miles of travel with few opportunities for training. However, M. Matthews won the 100 and 200 metres, G. Cook the 80 metres hurdles, M. Mason the high jump, L. Jackman the discus, A. Pazera the javelin, and the relay team of W. Hayes, K. Johnson, G. Cook and M. Mathews finished first, and in doing so helped the French girls in the 100, 200 and hurdles to create new French records. We found the French were not able to teach us anything about the conduct of a meeting, but they have a very charming custom of presenting flowers to each competitor and we were impressed by the fact they had three Australian flags flying; had made them themselves and copied the design from an encyclopedia.

One of the highlights of our stay in Poitiers was a long drive through the very beautiful Valley of the Loire and a visit to a very famous Chateau built across a river. On our return to Paris we were again met by the Athletic Federation official and several others who took us for a more extensive tour of the famous sights of Paris. We were quartered at a hotel in the heart of the city, and during the whole of the stay in France the French Athletic Federation were responsible for our expenses and the officials treated us with the utmost courtesy.

We left Paris for Milan and on the way flew across the Swiss Alps, which must surely be one of the most magnificent sights in the world. We were met at Milan by several officials of the Italian Athletic Federation, one of whom spoke good English. The weather was hot, and we were taken by bus to Schio, a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive through wonderful scenery and along perfect roads, and at Schio found the Italian team also in residence under similar conditions to the French team. We were taken to the best hotel, and next morning were tendered a Civic

POST-GAMES COMPETITION: (Contd.)

reception. Competition was held that afternoon, once again against a team of girls at their peak. The Australians, with many more miles of travel behind them, and even less training than in France, were still tired. M. Mathews was unexpectedly beaten in the 100 metres by Leone of Italy whose time was 11.9s. However, Marlene won the 220, M. Mason the high jump, and H. Frith 2nd, B. Watson won the long jump. A. Pazera gave an exhibition throw of the javelin. The Italian girls won all other events, including the relay, but things considered, the Australians performed creditably.

The highlight of our Italian trip was a two day visit to Venice as the guests of the Italian Federation, and they sent two of their officials to look after us during the stay there. We were taken to a first class hotel which was very comfortable, and are very grateful indeed to the Italian Athletic officials for their generosity.

From Venice we returned to Milan by train, and from there flew to Rome where we stayed for several days before returning to Australia. Before leaving London I contacted the Australian Embassy in Rome to seek their assistance in obtaining accommodation whilst there, and on arrival at the airport were met by an official from the Embassy, who conducted us to a hostel for young people, in the older part of the city. The Embassy officials entertained us during our stay and took us all for a tour of the Olympic venues.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the members of the A.W.A.A.U. for having elected me to chaperone the team, and my thanks to the members of the team, whose co-operation assisted greatly in making my task easier.

FINANCE: The £30 granted by the A.W.A.A.U. was expended as follows:-

Thos. Cook & Son of Sydney tendered the sum of 67 dollars in exchange for the £30, and on presentation of this at Cardiff, I was handed in return, the amount of £23. 2. 0. It was a little difficult to keep track of exact amounts in foreign countries because of rates of exchange, but as far as possible, I calculated expenditure in sterling.

Received from A.W.A.A.U. £23. 2. 0

Expenditure:

Taxis for training and to air terminals		
Belfast	4. 6. 0	
London	1. 7. 0	
Rome	4.13. 6	10. 6. 6
Phone Calls to --		
London	1.10. 9	
Paris	16. 0	
Rome	1.19. 0	
Local Calls	6. 0	4.11. 9
Telegram to Rome		12. 0
Meals, fruit and drinks		6.18. 0
Medical supplies		5. 0
Tips on Continent		1. 5. 0
		<u>£23.18. 0</u>

MABEL ROBINSON

AUSTRALIAN PENTATHLON AND 880 YARDS WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Australian Pentathlon and Walking Championships were held at Royal Park Melbourne on Saturday, 28th March, 1959 and Sunday, 29th March, 1959.

Entries were received in the Pentathlon from N.S.W. (3), Victoria (3), Western Australia (1) and South Australia (1) - no entry from Queensland or Tasmania.

For the 880 yards Walking Championship entries were N.S.W. (3), Queensland (3), Victoria (2) - no entry from South Australia, Western Australia or Tasmania.

As suggested at the previous conference a Metric meeting was held in conjunction with these Championships and entries invited from all States, but N.S.W. was the only State interested. As a result many of the metric events were cancelled and others proved to be little more than invitation events for our own girls.

My State was very disappointed with the entry received and feel that the metric meetings are not successful, and that some State may have some other suggestion for a programme or time to conduct the Pentathlon and Walk.

EILEEN WATT

Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association.

The Australian Pentathlon and 880 yards walking championships were allotted to the Queensland W.A.A.A. for Easter 1959. Unfortunately, Queensland Association was unable to secure the use of a suitable oval on which to conduct the championships.

The Championships were then transferred to the South Australian A.A.A., whose turn it was to hold them, in order of rotation in 1961. Again, that Association was unable to secure the use of a suitable Oval for the time of the year.

Offers were then made by Victoria and New South Wales, and the latter state withdrew in favour of Victoria, who conducted the Championships, with the following results.

RESULTS:

PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND POINTS.

	<u>SHOT PUT.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>	<u>HIGH JUMP.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>
A. Allen	29'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	626	4'11"	836
N. Borwick	29'2"	629	4'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	814
H. Frith	30'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	659	5'6"	1017
V. Jenkins	30'7"	662	4'3"	584
P. Kilborn	32'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	706	4'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	756
C. Lang	32'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	702	4'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	733
M. MacLean	30'6"	659	5'1"	891
S. Maxwell	39'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	855	4'3"	584

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND POINTS (Contd.)

	<u>220 YDS.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>	<u>HURDLES.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>
A. Allen	27.9 sec.	695	13.0 sec.	759
N. Borwick	26.4	811	12.4	835
H. Frith	25.6	878	12.6	809
V. Jenkins	27.8	702	12.7	796
P. Kilborn	25.9	851	11.8	918
C. Lang	26.7	787	12.2	862
M. MacLean	28.6	646	12.7	796
S. Maxwell	29.4	590	13.7	679

	<u>LONG JUMP.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>	<u>FINAL POINTS.</u>	
A. Allen	FFF	-	Helen Frith (N.S.W.)	4250
N. Borwick	18'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	934	P. Kilborn (Vic.)	4039
H. Frith	18'3"	887	N. Borwick (S.A.)	4023
V. Jenkins	---	---	M. MacLean (N.S.W.)	3863
P. Kilborn	17'2"	808	C. Lang (Vic.)	3755
C. Lang	15'4"	671	S. Maxwell (S.A.)	3242
M. MacLean	18'	871	A. Allen (Vic.)	2916
S. Maxwell	13'8"	534	V. Jenkins (N.S.W.)	2744

880 YARDS WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP

L. Renalson (Queensland)	1
M. Gillard (N.S.W.)	2
M. Crookall (Queensland)	3
TIME: 3 min. 37.5 sec.	
Australian Record.	

INTERSTATE INVITATION EVENTS

<u>80 Metres Hurdles</u>	- H. Hughes (N.S.W.), P. Johnson (Vic.), M. Evans (Vic)	12.0 secs.
<u>400 Metres</u>	- B. Jones (Vic), M. Bergman (N.S.W.), P. Dowsing (Vic)	57.5 secs.
<u>100 Yards</u>	- P. Turner (Vic), H. Hughes (N.S.W.), H. Miller (Vic)	11.4 secs.
<u>200 Metres</u>	- P. Turner (Vic), B. Jones (Vic), M. Tonner (N.S.W.)	25.5 secs.
<u>800 Metres</u>	- P. Dowsing (Vic), J. Cleary (N.S.W.) J. McDonald (Vic)	2m. 18.3 secs.
<u>440 Yards Relay</u>	- N.S.W. (M. Bergman; V. Elliott; J. Cleary; H. Hughes) Victoria	48.6 secs.

RECORDS

These records, made during the past two years, have been approved by your Records committee as Australian records, and are submitted to the Biennial Conference for endorsement:-

AUSTRALIAN - Open

100 Yards	10.3 secs.	M. Mathews (NSW)	Sydney	20. 3.58
220 Yards	23.4 "	M. Mathews (NSW)	"	22. 3.58
440 Yards	55.6 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	17. 1.59
	55.6 "	M. Chamberlain (NZ)	"	14. 3.59
	54.3 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	21. 3.59
400 Metres	55.6 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	17. 1.59
	55.6 "	M. Chamberlain (NZ)	"	21. 3.59
	54.3 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	21. 3.59
880 Yards	2.11.8 "	B. Jones (Vic)	Melbourne	6.12.58
	2.10.9 "	B. Jones (Vic)	Sydney	8. 3.59
800 Metres	2.11.8 "	B. Jones (Vic)	Melbourne	6.12.58
	2.10.9 "	B. Jones (Vic)	Sydney	8. 3.59
1 Mile	5.10.4 "	B. Jones (Vic)	Melbourne	18.10.58
880 Yards Walk	3.37.8 "	L. Renalson (Qld)	"	28. 3.59
Pentathlon	4,271 Points	H. Frith (NSW)	"	7/8. 5.59

Resident

High Jump	5'6" (eq.)	H. Frith (NSW)	Sydney	22. 3.58
	5'6" (eq.)	M. Mason (NSW)	"	22. 3.58
	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	H. Frith (NSW)	"	4. 1.59
	5'8"	M. Mason (NSW)	"	10. 1.59
	5'8" (eq.)	M. Mason (NSW)	"	1. 2.59
	5'8" (eq.)	M. Mason (NSW)	"	14. 3.59
	5'8" (eq.)	M. Mason (NSW)	"	31.10.59
	5'8" (eq.)	H. Frith (NSW)	"	31.10.59
Long Jump	19'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	S. Mitchell (NSW)	"	21. 3.59
Javelin	161'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	A. Pazera (S.A.)	"	20. 3.58
	167'3"	A. Pazera (S.A.)	"	28. 2.59

Junior

100 Yards	10.9 secs.	H. Maloney (Vic)	Sydney	10. 3.58
	10.9 "	R. Bainbridge (NSW)	"	13. 2.60
220 Yards	24.2 "	K. Johnson (W.A.)	Perth	11. 1.58
High Jump	5'6"	R. Woodhouse (NSW)	Sydney	24.10.59
	5'6" (eq.)	R. Woodhouse (NSW)	"	13. 1.60
Discus	126'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	R. Williams (NSW)	"	24. 1.59
	129'11"	R. Williams (NSW)	"	24.10.59

World and British Empire

100 Yards	10.4 secs.	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	Sydney	1. 3.58
	10.3 "	M. Mathews (NSW)	"	20. 3.58
220 Yards	23.5 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	8. 3.58
	23.4 "	M. Mathews (NSW)	"	22. 3.58
440 Yards	55.6 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	17. 1.59
	55.6 "	M. Chamberlain (NZ)	"	14. 3.59
	54.3 "	B. Cuthbert (NSW)	"	21. 3.59
Javelin	188'4"	A. Pazera (S.A.)	Cardiff	24. 7.58

Confirmation has now been received of the ratification of the above records by the I.A.A.F., and the British Empire & Commonwealth Games Association, and your executive desires to extend congratulations to these, and our new Australian record holders in all sections.

APPRECIATION.

The Executive of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union desires to take this opportunity of expressing its sincere appreciation to the Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for his assistance and co-operation throughout the past two years, and to our Hon. Auditor Mr. George Carruthers for his valued assistance

CONCLUSION

The performances of our athletes recorded in the preceding pages is one of which we can be justly proud, and with the inspiration of the Olympic Games at Rome later this year, coupled with top athletes from the various states keenly contesting every event, at the Australian championships beginning this weekend at Hobart, we are confident that many more records will be broken.

It is gratifying to note the fine standards produced by junior competitors in the various states, and the introduction of a junior 100 yards to the Australian Championship programme has proved a far-sighted move, which, it is felt, will assist materially in maintaining a constant supply of good sprinters for the future.

Australia is fortunate in having a fine band of officials both in the administrative and athletic spheres. Without the enthusiasm of these people, our progress, whilst no doubt continuing, would not have been so outstanding. It is largely on account of their efforts in conjunction with the high athletic standards and co-operation of our competitors that the various states are able to provide not only first class grounds for competition, but also control of such events in a manner equal to international standards.

On behalf of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union.

DORIS I. MAGEE,

Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

Once again we have come to an Olympic year. With keen interest and excitement we look forward to our Australian Championships to be held in Hobart in March. At these meetings we shall see in action those who will be our Olympic representatives in Rome later in the year.

These are the first Olympic Games since they were conducted in our own country. For that reason alone many eyes will be turned in the direction of our women athletes.

As the world will well remember, at the Melbourne Games they had excelled themselves. I am sure you will agree with me that we have every confidence that at the Rome Games the performances of our women athletes will be of the same high standard, and that at the same time they will be wonderful ambassadors for our country.

Once again it is my pleasure to say thank you to our Hon. Secretary for her continued and untiring efforts on our behalf.

Our sincere thanks go also to the Hon. Treasurer and to the members of the Executive who have carried out so capably the business of the Union since the last Conference.

DORIS CARTER, O.B.E.,

President,

Australian Women's Amateur
Athletic Union.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1ST MARCH, 1958.
TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1960.

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balance as at			
1st March, 1958	£126. 8. 3	<u>AAU of A</u>	
<u>Affiliation Fees -</u>		BEG Team Exp.	£3712. 0. 0
NSW	6. 6. 0	Wld. Rec. Plaq.	87. 4. 6
Tasmania	6. 6. 0	Affil. ABEGA/AOF/ IAAF	30. 0. 0
Victoria	6. 6. 0	Ath. Annual	11. 0
W.A.	6. 6. 0	Cables	1.15. 6
S.A.	6. 6. 0	I.A.A.F. Handbooks	26. 7. 0
Q'ld	6. 6. 0		<u>3857.18. 0</u>
	<u>37.16. 0</u>	Postages & Petty Cash	8. 4. 7
<u>Capitation Fees -</u>		Pntg. & Stationery	13.17. 0
NSW	147. 2. 0	Ph'grams/Trunk Calls	7. 0. 0
Victoria	249.14. 0	Capit. Fees transferred to Teams' A/c	524. 0. 0
Tasmania	19. 4. 0	<u>BEG Team Refund</u>	
W.A.	40. 4. 0	VWAAA	26. 0. 0
S.A.	15. 6. 0	ABEGA (Vic)	13. 0. 0
Q'ld	52.10. 0	ABEGA (W.A.)	13. 0. 0
	<u>524. 0. 0</u>	NSWVAAA	78. 0. 0
<u>AAA of NSW</u>			<u>130. 0. 0</u>
Profit Combined Carnival	43.14. 0	Amenities BEG Team	30. 0. 0
<u>NSWVAAA</u>		<u>Sundries</u>	
1/3 Profit Aust. Champs	162.12. 0	Team Exp.	7. 3. 3
<u>BEG Team Expenses</u>		Flowers	1. 1. 0
City Tatt.	10.10. 0	Exp. Confer.	6. 3. 0
NSW	2052. 0. 0	WVAAA Refund	
VWAAA	950. 0. 0	Capit. Fees	15. 9. 0
ABEGA (MR)	233. 7. 0		<u>29.16. 3</u>
W.A.	485. 0. 0	Bank Charges	8. 9
Addit. Grant	130. 0. 0	Balance at Bank	928. 4. 1
	<u>3860.17. 0</u>		
Transfer from Savings A/c	615. 9. 0		
<u>AAU of A</u>			
Re-imb NZ Exp.	63.14. 0		
<u>Sundries</u>			
Sale Olymp. Sagas	22.15. 0		
" Handbooks	27.19. 1		
" Constit.	8. 6		
" Rec. Forms	1. 1.10		
	<u>52. 4. 5</u>		
Bank Interest	42.14. 0		
	<u>42.14. 0</u>		
	<u>£ 5529. 8. 8</u>		
			<u>£ 5529. 8. 8</u>

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY, 1960.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
International Teams' Fund	710.11. 4	Medallion Dies	6. 0. 0
Futurian Press	22.15. 0	<u>Commonwealth Bank</u>	
Accumulated Funds	911. 9. 1	Trading Bank	928. 4. 1
		Savings Bank	710.11. 4
	<u>£ 1644.15. 5</u>		<u>£ 1644.15. 5</u>

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS' FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 1st March, 1958.		Transfer to General A/c	600. 0. 0
General A/c	600. 0. 0	Refund Capit. Fees	15. 9. 0
Teams' Fund	179.13. 0	Bank Adjustment	8
	<u>779.13. 1</u>	Balance at Bank	710.11. 4
<u>Capitation Fees</u>			
1958/59	272.16. 0		
1959/60	251. 4. 0		
	<u>524. 0. 0</u>		
<u>Bank Interest</u>			
1958/59	17. 3. 2		
1959/60	5. 4. 9		
	<u>22. 7.11</u>		
	<u>£1326. 1. 0</u>		<u>£1326. 1. 0</u>

There is a contingent liability of £130 for Olympic Sagas, which have not yet been sold or returned.

(SGD.) N. GOULD - Honorary Treasurer.

(SGD.) H. G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A. - Honorary Auditor.

17th February, 1960.