

Australian Athletic Union



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO THE

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

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Jeff Lambert replaced Brian as Competition Director and Carolyn Talbot has recently joined Jeff in Sydney.

Dale Horrobin joined us in late June 1985 as Junior Development Officer servicing the Junior Development Commission and working closely with our major Sponsors the Australian Sugar Industry. Dale is doing an excellent job in this area with his work with the clinics and camps and now more recently the resource publications for schools.

In late July Fletcher Mc Ewen came on board as coaching Co-ordinator. Fletch's main task to date has been to formulate a National Development plan which we hope will come into effect within the next month or two.

The allocation of a \$300,000 grant from the Australian Bicentenary Authority to conduct the Around Australia Relay has allowed us to employ two people to undertake this task. Martin Noonan, National Director of the Relay started in January and Jane Allen came to us from Softball, as Assistant Director in April this year.

Your attention is drawn to the Financial position of the Union. As our activities continue to grow so do our costs. The recommendation by the Treasurer must be looked at closely as an alternate method of funding must be found if we wish to continue to develop and promote our sport as we have done in the past.

SPONSORS

Australia Sugar Industry

This year was the second year of the Australian Sugar Industry sponsorship. With Dale Horrobin starting, the planned programme for Junior Development speeded up. The conduct of the Junior clinics around the country was most successful and the introduction of a National Coaching Camp brought a response far greater than we all expected. Only initially catering for 30-40 athletes to attend, the September camp held at the Australian Institute of Sport saw 99 athletes in attendance.

As we move into the last year of our sponsorship with the A.S.I. the profile of our sport is increasing through our association with the industry and the programmes we are undertaking via their assistance. The Union looks forward to continued relationship with the A.S.I.

Adidas

A further three year arrangement was concluded with Adidas during 1985. Adidas has been a great supporter of Australian Athletics over many years first being associated with the A.A.U. in 1974. Our thanks are extended to Adidas and we look forward to an association that will last for many more years to come.

T.A.A.

The Unions domestic carrier, TAA continued to provide exceptional service to athletes, officers and staff. As is the case with most Member Associations the assistance from the airline goes well beyond the negotiated contract on many occasions and for this we are most grateful.

Mars

Mars Confectionary continued their Association with the Union and Member Associations through the Five Star Award. Mars are currently reviewing their involvement with the scheme and it is hoped that we will be able to extend this involvement throughout the country.

News Ltd.

Last year was the last year of the first three year contract with News Ltd. We are pleased to advise that a second three year period has been contracted and look forward to bigger marathons culminating in the 1988 Bicentenary Marathon.

COMPETITION

Both our Domestic and International competition continues to grow. The time has now come where athletes and coaches cannot say "there is not enough competition".

The coming 12 months sees a dearth of International competitions with 8 competitions and approximately 200 athletes, between June 1986 and June 1987.

AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Late 1985 saw the announcement by the A.B.A. of a \$300,000 grant to the Union to conduct the Around Australia Relay. Since then two staff have been employed to pursue the necessary initial planning of all stages of the relay, particularly the all important securing of sponsorship.

Planning is well advanced and on target, the major task now being to secure some sponsorship.

The A.B.A. has endorsed the Australian Marathon Championship as the Bicentenary Marathon and support has also be received for the staging of the IAAF Womens World 15K Road Running Championships in March in Adelaide.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Liaison between the AIS and the AAU has become much closer in the past 12 months.

The AIS has been generous in their assistance to the Union for coaching camps and clinics and through negotiation helped with some funding of AIS athletes to International meets held early in the year.

It is now five years since the Institute was established and we believe it is time to review the relationship of the AIS/AAU and the impact the AIS has on the development of athletics. Fletcher McEwen has included this aspect in his development plan and it is hoped that through negotiation we can introduce a programme which will best suit the AAU and AIS objectives.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Last year Phil Trenordon was appointed as the Athletics Liaison Officer. Phil has been most helpful since taking up this position and with his knowledge and experience in athletics we should be able to forge a better working relationship with the Commission.

CONCLUSION

In concluding, I would thank once again our honorary workers Lil Neville, Henri Schubert and Bert Gardner. Thanks are also extended to all staff for their co-operation and interest in their job.

ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS 1985-1986ATHLETES

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENIOR	5,071	1,147	6,199
UNDER 20	975	465	1440
UNDER 18	4,452	3,251	7,703
ATHLETES REGISTERED UNDER 12	1,369	1,127	2,496
OFFICIALS AND LIFE MEMBERS	<u>677</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>1,262</u>
TOTAL:	<u>12,544</u>	<u>6,556</u>	<u>19,100</u>

QUEENSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President: Mr. C.G. Stubbings
 Executive Director: Mr. R.H. Brandis



Registrations:	Senior Men	496
	Senior Women	127
	U/20 Men	132
	U/20 Women	70
	U/18 Men	888
	U/18 Women	738
	U/12	855
	Officials	<u>306</u>
	TOTAL	<u>3612</u>

The 1985/86 Athletic Year could best be described as one of consolidation and continued development for the Q.A.A.

Highlights of the year included a further increase in athlete registrations, another record financial turnover and the continuing affiliation of new clubs.

A major highlight was the formation of the Q.A.A. Winter Running Advisory Committee combining members of the Q.A.A. Board and representatives of outside running organisations. This Committee seeks to strengthen winter running, organise an overall events calendar and provide general guidelines for the conduct of fun runs and major events.

Queensland achieved a 4.3% increase in athlete registrations in a period of National decline. This increase was most evident in country areas with a 7.5% increase and female registrations increased by 8.5% and officials by 29.7%. There was a slight drop in senior athletes, however all other age groups showed increases.

In the schools area major steps have been taken toward a closer working relationship and the major highlight is the proposed combining of the Queensland State Secondary Schools Championships with the Q.A.A. All Schools Championships. Additionally the Q.A.A.'s State Coaching Director, Garry Brown, has embarked on a series of in-service courses for teachers which will have result in an upgrading of athletes groundings in the sport and will have further valuable returns in the recruitment of additional athletes and coaches to Q.A.A. ranks.

Queensland has shown its worth and its place in Australian Athletics by the selection of five (5) athletes, John Atkinson, Kerry Johnson, Ken Gordon, Simon Shirley and Sharon Jaklofsky-Smith in the Australian Team to the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games and a further seven (7) athletes have been selected for the Australian Team to the inaugural World Junior Championships in Greece. These athletes are Gai Kapernick, Leah Cranston, Sharon Jaklofsky-Smith, Dolph Francis, Tony Ford, John White and Michelle Adamson.

QUEENSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CONT'D)

Country athletics is a major and important part of the Q.A.A.'s activities providing some 61.5% of the States total registrations. The fact that six of the members of the National Teams for Edinburgh and Greece originate from Queensland country areas is testimony to the wealth of available talent awaiting encouragement and development.

To further assist the development of country athletes, a City-Country Under 16 Match will be conducted at Q.E.II in the 1986/87 year.

The financial results for the year were outstanding with a surplus of \$18,187 from a turnover of \$500,200 and the Association maintained a reserve on favourable interest rates of \$50,000.

In 1985/86 the Q.A.A. subsidised all members of Q.A.A. teams travelling to National Championships to 60% of their travel costs and further subsidies of the balance of 40% of travel costs were reimbursed to individual medallists with gold medallists being further rewarded by the reimbursement of their accommodation expenses.

Sponsorships and Government grants provided in excess of \$200,000 towards the Association's funds with major sponsors being the National Australia Bank, Castlemaine-Perkins (XXXX), Schweppes, T.A.A., Mars and the Courier-Mail.

The Queensland State Government's Department of Sport continues to lead the country in its assistance to sport through generous subsidies and grants towards coaching, staffing, team travel and seminars, and has arranged for reciprocal visits between Queensland and Japanese marathon teams at no cost to the Association up to 1990.

Retiring from the position of Board Chairman for 1986/87 is Everard Bartholomeusz, Chairman since amalgamation. He was the driving force behind the emergence and resurgence of Queensland Athletics and is largely responsible for the healthy position enjoyed by the Q.A.A. Long-serving Board Member, Pauline Stevens, also retires from the Board after making a contribution to the sport in this State that may never be equalled.

Plans for the Q.A.A. in 1986/87 include further development in country areas, a radical change to coaching programmes and competitions, further expansion of the Associate Club and Fun Run Programme and major initiatives in the Schools Programme. The Q.A.A. is determined to progress and will play its part in actively promoting the sport throughout Queensland.

QUEENSLAND REPORT

Coach of the Year Award

Toowoomba athletics coach, Paul Faithfull, has been named Queensland Coach of the Year, by the State Branch of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association.

The 54 year old Toowoomba high school teacher, first became involved with coaching some 25 years ago when he was transferred to a one-teacher school near Millmeran and continued to coach when he transferred to Toowoomba.

In those days he worked mainly with professional runners and competed successfully in sprints himself.

Twelve years ago he gave the professionals away and became involved with Amateau Athletics.

Paul has coached several athletes to National Junior Titles and lists the success of his daughter, Janeen, as the highlight of his career. Janeen, who won four National Junior Sprints Championships between 1977-79, went on to be selected for the Australian 4 x 100 Metres Relay for the World Cup in 1979.

Steering his club, Toowomba Garden City to be the Track and Field Premiers over more highly rated Brisbane clubs has been his glowing achievement this year. In addition having his latest pupil, Australian All Schools Under 17 Hurdles Champion, Jane Hotchin, represent Australia in the All Schools Tour of New Zealand and has now been named in the Junior Team to China, has capped off a fine season for Paul.

Paul was awarded his trophy by legendary Jamaican sprinter Don Quarrie.

Winter Grand Prix Leaders

Twenty year old Michael Inwood (Mt. Gravatt) and Kerry Jukes (Mayne Harriers) are the respective leaders in the current Q.A.A./Brooks Chariot Cup Winter Grand Prix Series.

Michael who is better known for his steeplechasing and after a slow start (8th in the Downtown Dash in April) has dominated distance running in Queensland this season.

He turned in a fast 14:06.0 (PB) to defeat Gary Briggs (14:06.7) and Tony Ford (14:28.9) over 5,000m on the Q.E. II warm-uptrack in May and has never looked backwards since.

Apart from several Interclub Cross Country wins he has taken out the River Run in June (15th) and the Queensland section of the Royal Life Half Marathon a week later.

QUEENSLAND REPORT (CONT'D)

Gary Mayor (Thompson Estate) who is running second to Michael in the Grand Prix series took out the Mathers Fun Run and the recent State 15km Road Race Title in a time of 46.57.

Eighteen year old Kerry who leads the Womens Section had a win over National Cross Country representative Jenny Lund (Southern Suburbs) in the Down Town Dash, but Jenny turned the tables on Kerry in the River Run.

Kerry scored over Jenny again by finishing second to Canadian, Toni Ruckle, in the Half Marathon and took out the State 15km Road Race in a time of 54:34.

Both Michael Inwood and Junny Lund were competing for Australia in New Zealand while the State 15km Road Race was being competed.

Life Membership

Long and Triple Jump official, Clive Hancock (Mayne Harriers) was honoured at the recent State Annual General Meeting when he was awarded a Life Membership of Q.A.A.

Clive who just retired as State Industrial Registrar (July 5th) was appointed to this position in 1976.

He is the Q.A.A. Chief Judge for the Long and Triple Jumps, a position he has held for most of his 16 years service on the arena.

He was also Chief Judge for the Long and Triple Jumps at the National Championships in 1978 and 1982 and appointed Chief Judge for the Triple Jump at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane 1982.

(FOUNDED 20th April, 1887)

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President: R.M. Durie, OAM
 Deputy President: C. Darvall, QC
 Vice President: Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM
 Hon. Treasurer: P.W. Lucas, FASA, FCIS

Registrations:	Senior Men	2709
	Senior Women	1545
	U/20 Men	267
	U/20 Women	107
	U/18 Men	1317
	U/18 Women	1111
	U/12	1280
	Officials	<u>320</u>
	TOTAL	<u>5854</u>

THE Sun 

The Association, completing its 99th year of activities, can be justly proud of a successful season.

Whilst the elimination by the New South Wales Government of the grants for team travel was disappointing, the replacement scheme initiated by the Government has brought something in the order of \$59,500 for the elite athletes in a nine month period. It is now clear that without State Government support of administration and coaching, the facilities provided by the Association would be drastically reduced.

The major private sponsors were again John Fairfax and Sons, through the Sun Newspaper, and Streets Icecream, with other worthwhile assistance gleaned from Sun Alliance, Rexona Australia, Commonwealth Bank, Sanyo, Shell, Pulsar Quartz, Tiger, T.A.A., Esso, Angus and Coote and Mars.

The amount of sheer hard work put in by our Coaching Director, Jackie Byrnes defies description. As a statistical example, Jackie

- travelled 31,000 kilometers
- visited 76 schools
- organised 17 clinics (Clubs)
- organised 4 live-in camps
- organised 6 Level I Preliminary Coaching Courses.

Regional Coaching Directors have again been appointed throughout the State to assist Jacqueline in her development plans, and these people have helped greatly in the various visits and clinics.

It would have been totally impossible for the Coaching Director to carry out her duties and travels without the tremendous sponsorship assistance given by Streets Icecream.

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CONT'D)

The year 1987 heralds a centenary of athletics in Australia, as the formation of the NSW AA took place on 20th April, 1987. The Association is indeed fortunate that it has copies of all Annual Reports and Minutes from that date until the present time. This has greatly assisted the production of the history of the Association, which will be published in hard cover form in October this year, due to the tremendous help given by John Fairfax and Sons. The book will be well worth acquiring and the likely price of \$13.99 should not prevent extensive sales.

A full programme of events to celebrate the Centenary has been planned, and include:

- Centenary Banquet - 11th April (booked out).
- International Meet - N.S.W. v England v New Zealand v Australia.

Imperial Distance Meet.

Australian Jockey Club Special Centenary Horse Race at Warwick Farm.

Sydney Turf Club - Special Cross Country event at Rosehill Race Course - site of the first cross country event in 1889.

1,000 yards track race - first Australian track event recorded; to be held in conjunction with Australian Interschool Championships.

Plus many other activities, including special receptions by the New South Wales State Government, Sydney's Lord Mayor and the New South Wales Olympic Council.

All in all, a most exciting year ahead.

VICTORIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Inc.

President: Mr. S. Guilfoyle
 Executive Director: Mr. J. Bruce
 Secretary: Mr. G. Mason
 Hon Treasurer: Mr. I. Williams

Registrations:	Senior Men:	2032
	Senior Women:	330
	U/20 Men:	439
	U/20 Women:	162
	U/18 Men:	1339
	U/18 Women:	877
	U/12 Men:	70
	U/12 Women:	42
	Officials &	
	Life Members:	430
		<u>5721</u>

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The 1985/86 Athletic year has been a very busy one and much work has been done to develop and consolidate the foundations in order to provide a strong base for the future.

The V.A.A. is following policies which attempt to bring all of Victoria's athletics bodies together so we can speak with the one voice. To this end the V.A.A. has sought and achieved the affiliation of the Victorian Athletic League and Melbourne Marathon Incorporated. These organisations will continue to control their areas of interest without hindrance, the V.A.A. has neither the resources nor the need to assume any of the roles currently filled by these organisations. The need for a closer relationship between the V.A.A. and the V.L.A.A. still remains a high priority. Both organisations recognise its importance and have continued their work in the Victorian Athletic Development Committee. The eventual aim is that there be one set of Championships conducted for this group under the control of the V.A.D.C.

The Association unfortunately lost its Coaching Director, Mr. Phil Trenorden, to the Australian Sports Commission in July last year, this meant the Coaching Committee volunteers had to re-assume full responsibility for this area. Acting on the recommendations of the A.A.U. Coaching Director and the obvious need for rationalisation, the A.T.F.C.A. affiliated with the V.A.A. and was given the responsibility for all coaching matters.

Computerisation of many of the Associations was further expanded over the year. We have been successful in attaining our policy goal of using computers to reduce the demands on Committee volunteers.

VICTORIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Inc. (CONT'D)

Andrew Jachno as the Athletics Development Officer, undertook some major projects last year, they were:

1. School/Club link development. The Mars 5-Star Scheme was used as the major vehicle to achieve this end.
2. Introduction of athletics to country communities.
3. The concept of an athletics day based on the 5-Star Scheme was developed and implemented.
4. Mars 5-Star Scheme. It has been encouraging to see the impact Andrew has had on the number of schools using this Scheme. The number of schools using the Scheme was lifted from 170 to 224. Indications are that these numbers will be approaching 300 by the end of this year.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA

President: Mr. G.T. Briggs AM JP
 Secretary: Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM
 Executive Director: Mr. N.J. Ruddock

Registrations:	Senior Men	243
	Senior Women	68
	U/20 Men	26
	U/20 Women	17
	U/18 Men	308
	U/18 Women	243
	U/12	156
	Officials	<u>102</u>
	TOTAL	<u>1163</u>

Once again the past year has been most interesting and exciting with many highlights both on and off the field.

On the competition side, Tasmania had the honour to organise and conduct two Australian Championship Meetings, one winter and one summer. The 1985 Road Walking Championships were held on the Brooker Highway in August and in March the Australian Sugar Industry's 1986 Under 18 and Under 16 Championships were held at the Domain Athletic Centre. The Senior and Under 20 Multiple Events Championships were conducted in conjunction with these necessitating a three day programme. Both these meetings were most successful with a Committee under the direction of Wayne Fletcher being responsible for the former and the Committee of Management with co-opted members from all branches organising the latter.

Following the success of the Cadbury Marathon, which had been part of the Tasmanian Fiesta for the past three years, it was decided to combine it with the State Marathon Championship in 1986. With the collapse of the Fiesta it was considered the opportunity was available to amalgamate the two marathons into one event which could be promoted very successfully, and such proved the case. It had become quite evident that the scheduling of the State Title provided problems in view of the Australian Championship being held early in June. The transfer to summer seemed well worth a trial and the response from runners showed that this was acceptable to them.

The support of Cadbury's was a tremendous advantage and the efforts of the Organising Committee, especially Alan Rider, assured a well organised and controlled event.

Tasmanian athletes performed very well in Australian Championships during the past season, particularly in underage and school events, unfortunately not so well in the open competitions. Probably more medals were won than ever before, but only two medals were won by seniors in Track and Field and the Women's Road Walking Team placed third.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA (CONT'D)

As a result of their performances three Tasmanians were selected in Australian teams competing overseas. Jocelyn Cubit and Gain Millar were members of the Australian Pacific Conference Games with Jocelyn winning the Heptathlon in San Francisco. Troy Bennett was a member of the Schools Team which was selected following the Australian Schools Championships in Perth in December and toured New Zealand early in the New Year.

Administratively the highlights was the appointment of Bill Larsen as State Development Officer in September. The position is funded by a State Government Grant, to be matched dollar for dollar by the Association. After rather a lengthy period interviewing applicants, Bill was employed on a part-time basis under fairly stringent conditions imposed by the Department of Sport.

At its August Annual Congress the A.A.U. agreed to change the method of entry for Australian Track and Field Championships to an individual rather than a State basis. Tasmanian delegates first proposed this over twelve years ago and although there were teething problems, it certainly seems to be the way to ensure all the best athletes take part in what are the top meetings in the country.

The Council has agreed to alter its Constitution to delete the word "amateur" from it and also change its name to the "Athletic Association of Tasmania". The branches and most clubs have followed suit. This has necessitated a new logo and Wayne Mason is to be thanked for again using his undoubted skill in this regard and presenting a number of designs.

Tasmanian President, Graeme Briggs, A.M., was re-elected President at the Annual Congress and certainly he must have been very proud of the success of World Cup 4 held in Canberra in October. Eleven Tasmanians were appointed to be officials on what were three tremendous days of athletics.

Following lengthy negotiations, the Track and Field Committee produced a set of interclub standards which were used by all branches for their individual competitions. It took a long time, but has been worth the wait.

It would appear that the decline in registrations has been arrested as far as the men are concerned, but certainly not in the case of the women. Although with the commencement of Little Athletics on the North West Coast and a consequent decline in Under 12's in that area, the figures are rather heartening.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.

President: Mr. David Prince
 General Manager: Mr. Ian Rogers
 Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Sylvia Swift

Registrations:	Senior	568
	U/20	93
	U/18	417
	U/12	19
	Officials and	
	Life Members:	120
	Coaches:	62
		<u>1279</u>

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The last year was a year of mixed blessings, which saw times of pride and satisfaction with frustration and almost despair.

The negotiations with the Government over the replacement of the Olympic Sportsfield track surface turned into a battle for survival, with the Government accepting a tender of a material which was not considered suitable by the Association and terms and conditions which could have seen the Association stripped of its rights and privileges, not to mention the Association's property.

The great success of the Sugar Industry Australian Track and Field Championships was due to a very able team of dedicated people under the Chairmanship of Richard Carter. When you consider an event of this magnitude was organised with a lead up time of barely three months, it was nothing short of a superb job.

South Australia was successful this year with eight athletes selected for the Commonwealth Games, more than ever before, and four for the World Juniors.

The introduction of a formal South Australian Sports Institute Team, which competed in a series of International Meets held in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne was of great assistance in helping the South Australian athletes improve in performance and through the South Australian Sports Institute's financial support we believe even more can be obtained.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

President:	Mr. P. Druitt
Vice President:	Mrs. J. Hancy
Treasurer:	Mr. G. Garnett

Registrations:	Athletes	931
	Officials	122

The past athletic year has been one of change in Western Australia. At the Annual General Meeting in June, the foundation was laid by members for a far more flexible and responsive administrative system. This was achieved by a change of constitution not merely selective amendments to the existing apparatus. This new constitution states:

- A reduction in Board of Management numbers from eleven to eight.
- The establishment of a set of By-Laws which will encapsulate the day to day administrative and Committee procedures, rule of conduct, etc.
- The By-Laws may be amended at a Board Meeting as and if necessary, rather than an Annual General Meeting.
- The Committee structure is now such that greater input from interested members is solicited and acted upon by the Board.

On the track this season was very successful with the introduction of the Super League competition which pitted club against club on a graded basis with the accent on broad based competition. Cash awards were given to the most successful club with a larger award going to the premier club for the season.

Much administrative energy is being expended at present in planning for a major International Track and Field meet, to be held in conjunction with the Americas Cup in early 1987.

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The logo for SCIO, with the letters 'S', 'C', 'I', and 'O' in a bold, stylized, blocky font.

A.C.T. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.

President:	K. English
Hon Secretary:	W. Bailey
Senior Vice President:	I. Galbraith
Vice President:	D. Wilson
Hon. Treasurer:	C. Dawes

In terms of athletic performances, competition, presentation and junior development, 1985/86 was a year of continued improvement and development. On the administrative side, it was more a year of consolidation than of growth.

Registrations fell by 7%, on the face of it a bad let down after years of steady increase and the promise of an upsurge in interest deriving from the World Cup. On the other hand there was a feeling that the substantial improvement in registration numbers in the previous year had been somewhat artificial and might not be sustained. Of the total decrease of 64, 33 was accounted for by the lapse of interest at the Royal Military College. It is hoped that the latter will be more than offset in 1986/87 by the imminent affiliation of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

World cup came and went with far less trauma than had been feared. The many people associated with the planning, administration and presentation of World Cup are to be commended for their efforts. Those involved with the Association will have picked up and developed a great deal of knowledge and experience which hopefully can be drawn on for local and domestic competition in the future.

The A.C.T. continued to develop status as one of the major powers in winter athletics in Australia. Our 8 open teams brought home 3 gold, 2 silver (one on a count-back) and 2 bronze medals.

Much of the credit for the A.C.T.'s success in winter running must be given to the A.C.T. Cross Country Club for its consistent, competent and enjoyable organisation of winter competition.

A.C.T. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC. (CONT'D)

World Cup was expected to herald a successful track and field season and in the event, 1985/86 must go down as the best standard of performance and presentation of track and field in our short history. Inter-Club competition attracted more athletes than ever before, with the mid week twilight meetings proving most popular. The switch from Wednesday to Tuesday evening was immediately successful and attracted many top athletes to regularly visit from Sydney. The Commonwealth Bank A.C.T. Track and Field Championships were an outstanding success with record entries, fine performances and a competent standard of presentation. The Sugar Invitational Meet on 6th March, produced no less than 16 Commonwealth Games qualifying performances. At the Australian Track and Field Championships in Hobart and Adelaide, the A.C.T. began to emerge as a major State and more medals were won than ever before.

All this success, however, was not without its problems and drawbacks and several major and worsening issues need urgent attention in the year ahead. The first is the provision of sufficient trained and competent officials for track and field competition. The second is finance where bigger representative teams, more frequent use of (very expensive) lighting and photo-timing facilities and the looming demand for a staffed office, will require a much more positive and vigorous pursuit of various sources of funding, particularly the elusive sponsorship dollars.

The A.C.T. Association is rapidly approaching the crunch decisions in regard to an Association office and paid staffing. Membership expectations continue to outstrip the current capacities of the Association to satisfy them, but the costs involved in establishing an office, demand that these decisions be carefully thought through over the coming months.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETIC CLUBS

President: Harry Stanley (NSW)
 Hon. Secretary: Peg Smith (VIC.)
 Registrations: 3001

A 25% increase in registered Veteran Athletes is an indication of the interest already being generated by the VII World Veterans' Games to be held 28th November - 6th December, 1987, at Olympic Park and nearby venues in Melbourne.

Serious and recreational athletes of all standards are being catered for in State, National, Regional and World Championships as well as low key local venue events throughout Australia.

A drive is being mounted in all states to attract the fun runner across to the clubs by catering to their needs and making them aware that they are eligible to take part in the World Games next year, the only criteria is that women are over 35 years and men over 40 years by the first day of the Games.

The death of Wal Sheppard has been felt keenly, but the tributes which came in from around the world and Australia have been a great comfort to Bonnie his wife. He was to have been nominated as President of the World Association of Veterans Athletes (WAVA) in 1987. He was also a representative on the IAAF-WAVA Veterans Committee.

We believe that the close co-operation which has developed with the AAU and the AAVAC has been important development and look forward to working together for the benefit of athletes of all ages.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNIONSYDNEY OFFICEREPORT BY COMPETITIONS MANAGER

The past twelve months has been a period of change for the Sydney Office of the Union:

- The creation of the new position of Competitions Manager and a new appointee.
- The delay in renewal of, and the eventual dropping of Wang's Marathon sponsorship.
- The (belated) signing of Budget Rent A Car as sponsors of the 1986, 1987 and 1988 Marathons.

The change from Special Projects Officer to Competitions Manager became effective after the 1985 Australian Marathon Championships. A major role of this position is the co-ordination/supervision of the winter racing programme by acting as the secretariat of the recently appointed Winter and Cross Country Commission.

The Commission held its inaugural meeting in March 1986, and a broad spectrum of the National winter running interest groups were represented. The results were encouraging, with much common ground being sought and found and many worthwhile recommendations being passed to the AAU Board.

U.N.I.C.E.F. and Sport Aid jointed forces to promote the "Race Against Time" on Sunday May 25 in all capital cities across the nation. At very short notice, this office organised the event in Sydney and in spite of concern from U.N.I.C.E.F. about the lack of early entries, a field of just under 6,000 assembled in the Domain to "Run for Africa".

The Australian Marathon Championships joined with Budget Rent A Car as principal sponsors up to and including 1988. Short lead time limited our promotion of the event and thus entries were down on previous years. However the quality of the field was as high as ever, with the vast majority of runners smiling at the finish.

The outstanding performance was that of New Zealand's Ngairé Drake in winning her third consecutive Australian Marathon, with Margaret Reddon of Queensland being second female home, to win the Australian Championship. Eloi Schleder from Brazil blitzed the favorites, and led almost from start to finish, winning by three minutes from Victoria's Steve Austin - who won his first Australian Marathon Championship crown with a very gutsy run.

The Marathon received Australian Bicentennial Authority endorsement as The Bicentennial Marathon for 1988. With the backing of Mr. Bob Ansett's Budget team and the support of the A.B.A. 1987 and 1988 will be exciting years for the Australian Marathon Championships.



ANNUAL REPORTNATIONAL COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

The last year has seen a consolidation and a more detailed development of the national development plans. The original five-year plan has been restated as a National Performance Strategy with the aim of providing an ongoing direction for the development of athletics in this country.

The major problems which face the development of the sport are the obvious ones of distance and finance. While this will always be the case, the national strategy has addressed the basic problem of fragmentation in funding which is rife in Australia. It outlines a framework of regional development which rationalizes the use of State, Federal and private funding by providing a network of regional centres throughout the country. The core element of the strategy is to reject a centralized developmental process and to replace it with a network of regional support for all athletes.

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee in line with the national strategy have re-focussed their activities away from the national level towards grass-roots development in the States. It was felt that the national programmes are now well established and that there is a need to upgrade the quality of the initial interaction between athletes and coaches. This programme was initiated by a policy of moving Coaching Co-ordinating Committee meetings around the States and combining these with meetings with local coaches. This has enhanced communication between "grass roots" coaches and the national administrators and is beginning to result in a better appreciation of regional problems and needs. In particular, for a trial period of 12 months from the last AGM of the AT and FCA, the National Coaching Board meetings have been suspended to allow for a programme of bridging courses to be held in each State. These courses will provide a link between Level I and Level II courses but who nevertheless wish to extend their coaching knowledge. We anticipate a big demand for these courses.

In the same vein a Summer School has been planned to run parallel to the Level II course in Canberra in January 1987. The theme of this course will be "Coaching Young Athletes" which should cater for a previously neglected area in our courses. This course should be of particular use to those coaches who wish to work only in the Little Athletics age ranges.

While these new plans are being implemented a considerable number of activities were undertaken in the last 12 months. It has been particularly pleasing to see that there has been an enormous amount of co-operation between the AAU and the AIS. To this end all National Event Coaches have been appointed as satellite coaches of the AIS and thereby have had not only financial support by they have been enabled to gain access to information services, sport science support and so on from the Institute. Similarly the AIS has supported all national A Squad members by providing them with visiting scholarships, a service which is being extended to a larger number of athletes each year. The extent and quality of services offered to both athletes and coaches increases year by year.

Coaches throughout the country have been serviced by two major event based conferences. The first, a jumps conference, had U.K. Coaching Director Frank Dick as its keynote speaker and the second, a sprints conference, had Olympic champion Donald Quarrie as its major contributor. Both conferences were attended by 20-30 coaches from throughout the country and provided a major stimulus to those who attended. In each case, the international coaches also ran a series of clinics in two States prior to the conference. A third, throws based conference, is planned for November 1986.

The annual Level II course and Level III assessments were held in January with the highlight being the awarding of a Level III certificate to the first female candidate to pass completely through the system in Anne Masters.

Jackie Byrnes, the N.S.W. Coaching Director, was awarded the Adidas Coach Development scholarship and studied the U.K. system as well as attended the International Summer School at Loughborough.

Planning for development was largely influenced by two extremely successful meetings of the National Event Coaches and the Group Directors. These conferences will be combined in the National Coaching Conference to be held in October 1987.

Planning for athlete development was undertaken after a national interview tour where the majority of international athletes were consulted, particularly with reference to the build up for the Commonwealth Games. The competitive build up was negotiated in the light of findings from this interview tour.

The major activities taken for athlete development with seniors were two relay squad weekends. A commitment has been made to make national relay squads a major priority with a view to ensuring that we can field four relay teams in Seoul. These weekends were extremely successful and point towards an ongoing development in this area.

In a similar light, the Junior Development Programme is going from strength to strength. The junior clinics are increasing in numbers and attendance and have been capped off with two excellent national camps with the nation's best juniors. The World Junior Championship team camp was extremely successful and should have provided the most professional preparation for any team to leave our shores.

Finally, it was very pleasing to note the large groundswell of improvement which was evident at the National Track and Field Championships. The greatly increased depth of performance augurs well for the future and indicates that our developmental programmes are now beginning to bear fruit. The challenge now is to channel that groundswell into the international arena and to make Australian athletes truly magnificent in that area.

Fletcher Mc Ewen

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Introduction

Over the last 12 months the Junior Development Commission has been very instrumental in initiating and instigating many programmes that have shown to be having a positive effect upon the performance of Australian junior athletes. The emphasis that has been put on the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme and the many programmes that have been developed as a result of the Commission, has given greater importance to the performance of junior athletes and have resulted in a greater level of commitment toward training and competition.

The second year of the Australian Sugar Industry's sponsorship of Athletics Towards 2000 saw a great number of programmes conceptualized during the first year coming to fruition. This included an increase in the number of coaching clinics from eight to fourteen, the introduction of a team training camp prior to overseas competition, the introduction of grant awards to outstanding junior and senior athletes, the production of resource material for schools, athletes and coaches and the selection of three National junior teams.

The major programmes conducted during 1985/86 were as follows.

Coaching Clinics

Approximately 1,100 junior athletes have participated in the coaching clinic programme in the ten clinics that have been held to date. The final four clinics for this year will be completed during September having provided 1,500 junior athletes high level coaching opportunities. The clinics held between October 1985 and September 1986 are as follows:

Canberra, October	- Two days, 200 athletes.
Sydney, December	- Three days, 140 athletes.
Brisbane, April	- Three days, 100 athletes.
Darwin, April	- Three days, 80 athletes.
Melbourne, May	- Five days, 150 athletes.
Adelaide, May	- Five days, 150 athletes.
Lismore (N.S.W.), June	- Two days, 80 athletes.
Launceston, June	- Three days, 80 athletes.
Hobart, June	- Three days, 60 athletes.
Bundaberg (Qld.), June	- Three days, 60 athletes.
Bendigo (Vic.), August	- Three days.
Adelaide, September	- Five days.
Perth, September	- Two days.
Bunbury (W.A.), September	- Two days.

To support the programmes and lectures conducted at the clinics, a new series of booklets were produced on training and technique for all events, sports injuries and nutrition for athletes. Many athletes, coaches and schools have shown interest in these publications. From the tremendous support and continued success of these clinics, the programme will again be expanded over the next 12 months to conduct 21 clinics throughout Australia.

Coaching Camps

Two five-day coaching camps have been held in the last year at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during August 1985 and May 1986. The former was the National Junior Squad development camp and the latter was the preparation camp for the World Junior Championship Team.

The Junior Squad coaching camp provided an intensive week of practical sessions to include technique training, weight training, conditioning, plyometrics and field testing, as well as lecture sessions on sports psychology, nutrition, sports injuries, periodisation and drugs in sport. Ninety nine athletes throughout Australia attended this camp including a large proportion of the World Junior Championship Team selected six months later.

The May camp gave all athletes leaving for Athens in the World Junior Championship Team an opportunity to get to know each other including the team management staff, develop group cohesion and establish their final preparation for departing overseas. Vital aspects of the tour including overseas travel, competitions available, the Games village situation, and the many peculiar difficulties that arise when travelling and competing overseas were discussed at length and greatly contributed toward team harmony and individual performances.

In light of the athletes performances, commitment to training and attitudes towards competition, both camps have played a significant role in the excellent performances of Australia's World Junior Championship Team.

An additional two-day coaching camp, not originally scheduled in the Junior Development Programme was conducted in Melbourne in May 1986, sponsored by the A.N.Z. Bank. This camp enabled 48 junior athletes throughout Australia to assemble for the weekend and gain a high level coaching from some of Australia's top coaches. The camp was found to be far too short and much information had to be crammed in. For the conducting of future A.N.Z. camps, it has been recommended by the A.A.U. that camps be held over at least a four to five day duration, that the programme should better compliment the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme and that the A.A.U. is given total responsibility for the conducting of the programme.

During the first week of September this year the Annual National Junior Squad Development Camp will again be conducted in Canberra. Approximately 90 athletes are expected to attend with a similar format being conducted as a result of last years successful Development Camp.

Schools Resource Programme

The first stage of the Schools Resource Programme has just been released to every secondary school and athletic club throughout Australia. The promotional brochure includes information about the first two books and video which have just been completed.

Book 1 is on how to mark out an athletics field. Book 2 includes all the rules, basic requirements, safety aspects and organisational details in running a school athletic meeting. The video is motivational and encourages all school aged athletes to participate in track and field and is entitled "Personal Best".

Work will commence shortly on the final six books in the set which include teaching manuals for track, jumps and throws, sports injuries, nutrition for athletes and physiology of exercise.

International Competitions

To provide the motivational ingredient for a greater commitment from junior athletes, as well as the top tier in our Junior Development pyramid, greater International competition was provided.

Fifty athletes were selected in the Australian Schools Team which toured New Zealand in January participating in three successful competitions against the New Zealand Schools Team. Fifty athletes were selected in the World Junior Championship Team to tour Europe for five weeks before competing in Athens in the World Junior Championships. A further 34 athletes were selected in an Australian junior team to tour China for two inter-country competitions against China and Japan in August.

These competitive opportunities will greatly assist our senior athletes of the future who will be well experienced in travelling overseas and competing in major International competitions, as well as providing major incentives for our talented junior athletes.

Scholarships

To date almost \$17,000 has been distributed to senior and junior athletes throughout Australia under the Australian Sugar Industry Sports Scholarship Programme. Allocations have been made to individual athletes and squads and have been distributed to athletes who are not already receiving assistance from any other source.

National Junior Coaches

The recent appointment of David Smith as National Junior Event Coach for Walks now increases the Junior Coaching Panel to seven. Before the end of the year a National Junior Event Coach for Hurdles will also be appointed.

All National junior coaches attended major National junior championships throughout the season, attended National junior coaching camps and had regular contact with National junior squad members to assist them with their training and competition programme.

Many other programmes conducted under the Junior Development Commission included: The hosting of 27 junior cross country athletes from the United States in Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide during July and August this year. The production of a quarterly junior newsletter entitled "Fast Lane" for 200 of Australia's highest rank athletes. An investigation into the standardisation of all athletic specifications in junior age groups at school and club level.

Conclusion

Through the grateful assistance of the Australian Sugar Industry, Junior Development Commission, Australian Track and Field Coaches Associations and all State Associations, the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme has gained considerable momentum and is making a positive contribution toward the development of athletics in Australia at all levels. Having already achieved many short term objectives, continued support of the programme will certainly contribute greatly towards Australia's future International athletic success.

Dale Horrobbin, Junior Development Officer

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 1985-86 proved to be a quiet period for this Committee. Two meetings were held during the year - one at Canberra during the World Cup and the second at Adelaide during the National Championships.

Reports were submitted on the Adelaide and Sydney Athletic venues for the National Championships in 1986 and 1987 and the repairs needed to meet the standard required.

At Adelaide repairs and maintenance as listed were carried out and a very successful championship was conducted. Repair work and amendments are now in hand at Sydney.

Discussions at the Committee meetings highlighted the lack of uniformity of control of shoe and starting block spikes, as used on synthetic surfaces, at present allowed in various States

The Committee recommends that action be taken to again advise all affiliated bodies of the requirement and to see that such directives are adhered to at all Australian Championships and National or International meetings where conducted on synthetic surfaces.

Ray Frith, Convenor

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

It is pleasing to the Committee that States are now ensuring that all officials have an AAU grading, and there are very few of the officials who have given many years of service to the sport who are not graded.

With two theory examinations held each year, May and November, it entails a lot of work for the Committee members in each State. The Committee members really work all the year round. They not only have to organise the theory examinations, mark the papers (which are then sent to another State for checking), supervise the organising of practical examinations but also have many other duties including the appointment of "Chief" officials for Australian Championships. All members of the Committee have proved to be hard working officials who are dedicated to Athletics.

A register of qualifications of all technical officials is kept, as is also a register of the addresses of all qualified technical officials.

From now there will be no exemption from the theory examinations, all who wish a grading must first sit for the theory examination and then have a practical examination.

The Officials Committee feel that, with the grading of officials we are sure that they know their job, and this has been shown by the performance of our officials at the World Cup where the IAAF has been shown that Australia have qualified officials capable of running any athletic meeting.

My thanks to the members of the Committee for their work and their co-operation to me at all times.

Flo Wrighter, Convenor

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year several matters were referred to the Constitution Committee for recommendation to the Board, which were dealt with.

The up-grading of the By-Laws and the Rules of the Union was carried out by the Committee. This entailed a great deal of work and it was a combined effort of all three Committee members and was completed as quickly as possible so as to give States the opportunity of studying suggested alterations prior to the Annual Meeting of the Union.

Flo Wrighter, Convenor

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Australian Records list shows that some 72 new Australian Records were set during the 1985-86 year.

The highlights, of course, was the many outstanding performances at the World Cup meeting in October in Canberra. At this meeting two World Records (Women 400m and 4 x 400m relay) were set; one Commonwealth (Mens 100m); 28 All-Comers and two Australian National Records. It may be noted that many of the new All-Comers Records are only a little short of the current World Records and can be expected to remain in the Record Book for many years to come.

The Committee's main area of concern continues to be the excessive delay on the part of some States in forwarding completed Record Application forms. This delay can result in the granting of records only to receive an application many months later for a superior performance which was set at an earlier date. States are asked to IMMEDIATELY notify the AAU office when a Australian Record is broken, pending the completion and forwarding of an official application. It would be of great assistance in this Constitutional requirement were followed by all States.

The Committee also has concerns regarding the frequency of receiving inaccurate and incomplete information on Record forms, which of necessity are returned to the State of origin for correction/completion.

Graeme Nicholls, Convenor

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Selection Committee were involved in five major selections during the season:

- Lugano and Eschborn Cup Walk Teams to the Isle of Man.
- National Schools Team to New Zealand.
- Commonwealth Games Team to Edinburgh.
- World Junior Championships Team to Athens.
- Junior Team to China.

All teams were selected according to the published criteria except the team to China whose invitation was a late acceptance.

Difficulties arose with the junior teams due to different age limitations. The AAU still uses a different under age system to the IAAF. Many Australian juniors are not juniors according to IAAF rules. This created a difficulty in establishing who was eligible for selection as there is no centralized registration system.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. The AAU adopts the IAAF ages for juniors.
2. The AAU installs a computerized central registration system.

The selection of the Commonwealth Games Team created problems that must be addressed to the AAU. The major problem is the blatant attempt at achieving a standard by athletes which either contravene IAAF rules or are blatant paced races, which are being ignored by officials.

The Selection Committee objects to the following practices to achieve standards because they are unfair to athletes achieving them according to the rules:

1. An athlete being paced by a group of runners, many who do not finish, e.g. an athlete jogs a lap then paces the leader on the next lap, etc.
2. Women athletes in mens races. This is a form of pacing and the IAAF does not recognise these as records. It is accepted that to achieve a standard, record conditions should apply.
3. A female athlete being allowed to compete in a mens event after having competed in their own event and not qualified. This could apply to a junior in a senior event or visa versa by invitation. This does not apply in qualifying rounds or properly entered athletes in an event.
4. Specially conducted paced trials for athletes who have not qualified and have not been selected for a team.

Many people believe that achieving the standards is automatic for selection and totally ignore other sections of the criteria. The Committee did not select three athletes for Edinburgh and one for Athens who had qualified and could have been selected. They were omitted because of other sections of the criteria.

It was disappointing to read public criticisms of the selections for Edinburgh and also criteria in the media by people holding official positions in their State Associations. These same people never have the courtesy of contacting the Committee and voicing their concerns about criteria prior to selections, or the standards, nor do they have an input when criteria and standards are being formulated.

The Committee does invite people to have an input into criteria especially athletes and coaches. Criteria has evolved out of constructive criticism and will continue to do so.

On a final note, the Committee has felt that the introduction of standards over the past few years have had a positive effect. The standards for Edinburgh were achieved by 79 athletes of whom 63 were selected.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee for their work, the National Coaching Director and those athletes and coaches who have contributed ideas and criticism.

Paul Jenés, Chairman of Selectors

RACE WALKING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the year the Committee had several phone links, culminating in the holding of a meeting during the Australian Track and Field Championships in Adelaide on Friday, 14th March, 1986.

Walk judges' gradings were the main topic for the meeting, because of the ruling passed from the Officials Committee that walk judges had to be graded the same as all other officials. All walk judges had to be upgraded and regarded where necessary.

A list of all walk judges' gradings was passed on to the Officials Committee for ratification.

Examinations for walk judges also had to be upgraded. There are now three examinations instead of the one which had been in vogue for a number of years.

The booklet, "Rules of Walking and Judging Procedures" compiled by the Walking Committee in 1982, was updated and passed on to the Union for printing and distribution.

Walk judges' log books have proven to be quite successful over the couple of years they have been used (to record the attendances of the walk judge during the year) and these have also been updated and sent to the Union for re-printing and distribution.

The Committee feels the work carried out by them during the year has been very productive and helpful towards fostering Walking in Australia.

Jill Huxley, Convenor

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The last 12 months has proved to be a comparatively busy period during which time the Committee have set new criteria for World Cross Country Selection, finalised criteria for the Womens World 15K Road Championship, World Cup Marathon and World Marathon Championships. Team selections have been made for World Cross Country (three teams), Commonwealth Games, New Zealand Cross Country event and other selections for participation in marathons, mainly in South East Asia.

Selectors did considerable research before the new criteria was drawn up. As always, we are striving to continually improve selection methods and criteria and thus ensure a high standard in our teams to be sent overseas.

I consider the three selectors have an excellent knowledge of performances throughout Australia and we have been kept reasonably well informed by athletes/coaches as to performances, state of fitness, etc.

The Committee had one major meeting held at the home of John Gilbert immediately after the Cross Country Trial. It was at this meeting that teams for World Cross Country were decided and future criteria decided. Most other communication has been by phone and letter.

The Committee reiterates its intention of using National Championships as major selection guidelines where ever possible.

A disappointing feature this year was the few qualifiers in the marathon for the Commonwealth Games and the general lack of depth in this area.

Pam Turney, Convenor

COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee has met four times during the year, and in accordance with revised A.T. and F.C.A. policy meetings have taken place on a rotational basis within the States. The meetings have been combined with general meetings of coaches in the Branches to provide them with direct lines of communication with National administration. States visited to date are Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales.

In its role of coaching arm of the A.A.U. the Committee's functions have dovetailed with A.T. and F.C.A. programmes and during 1986 co-hosted tours by International Sprint Champion Don Quarrie in May, and U.S.A. Throws Coach Dr. Paul Ward in November. Both coaches were invited to be keynote speakers at National Conferences in Canberra during their tour.

The Committee worked closely during the year with Dale Horrobin and the Junior Development Commission and continued to select and recommend to the A.A.U. Executive nominations for National team coach positions.

Coaches were invited to apply for funding to undertake an overseas study tour during 1986. The Committee selected Tom Hancock, Victoria, but because of another commitment he was unable to accept the offer and Jackie Byrnes, N.S.W. Coaching Director, was duly selected.

As Convenor of this Committee I would like to thank members for their co-operation and the A.A.U. for its continued support of the Committee and its coaching programmes.

Marlene Mathews, Convenor.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Work on the 1985/86 almanac has been completed and the end product should be available soon.

Throughout the season monthly ranking lists were sent to each Association which hopefully were of benefit.

I wish to thank the N.S.W. office of the AAU for their typing of the lists throughout the season.

There is still a desperate need for a computer to do the rankings. As present my output is far too limited because everything is manual. For example it takes three-five weeks to do the almanac at present which a computer could do in less than a day.

There is also a need for a centralised registration system so that information such as birthdates are easily accessible.

The advent of computers has made statistics far more available throughout the world. For those that are interested, in-depth rankings are available for the world, juniors, Europe, Asia Commonwealth, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific and of course individual countries. Shortly an 100-deep Commonwealth all-time list, progressive records and previous games results will be available. If people are interested please contact me.

I would like to thank all the Associations for their help in supplying results. I would also like to mention my gratitude for the great help I received from the late Bernie Cecins who regrettably passed away during the season. I know that the W.A. Association will greatly miss him.

Paul Jenes, Statistician