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## 29th ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET SEASON 1935-36.

For presentation to Members at the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 30th April, 1936.

Gentlemen,

Your Council has pleasure in submitting to you Report and Balance Sheet for the Season 1935-36.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON.

The following is a resume of the events held during the Cross-Country Season.

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

**10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship.**—This, the premier event of the season, was held at Elwick Racecourse on 27/7/35, and the Hobart Amateur Athletic Club retained the title and the R.J.A. Cup. The individual honour in the event went to D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.), the time being 35min. 5½sec., second and third placings went to W. J. Gunn (H.A.A.C.) and I. Cracknell (H.A.A.C.).

**10 Miles Cross-Country Championship,** held at Elwick Racecourse on 14/9/35, was won by D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.), from W. J. Gunn (H.A.A.C.) and I. Cracknell (H.A.A.C.), the time being 58min. 50 3-5 sec. The Teams Race for the Perpetual Shield was again won by the Hobart Amateur Athletic Club.

**6 Miles Cross-Country Championship,** held at Elwick Racecourse on 22/7/35, resulted in a win for D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.), with W. J. Gunn (H.A.A.C.) second and C. Banks (H.A.A.C.) third, the time being 33min. 27 2-5sec. The Teams Race for Perpetual Shield was won by the Hobart Amateur Athletic Club.

**5 Miles Cross-Country Championship,** held on Mowbray Racecourse (under the control of the Launceston Harrier Club) on 13/7/35, was won by D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.), with W. J. Gunn (H.A.A.C.) second and R. J. Clark (S.B.) third, the time being 27min. 52sec. The Teams Race for Memorial Shield was won by Hobart Amateur Athletic Club.

**5 Miles Novice Cross-Country Championship,** held on Mowbray Racecourse (under the control of the Launceston Harrier Club) on 13/7/35, was won by K. O'Toole (N.A.A.C.) in 29min. 28 2-5sec., from L. Marsh (N.A.A.C.) and L. Dell (L.H.C.). The Teams Race for Perpetual Trophy was won by Newstead Amateur Athletic Club.

**7 Miles Road Championship**, held at Newstead (under the control of the Newstead Amateur Athletic Club) on 31/8/35, resulted in a win for L. Marsh (A.A.C.), with M. Sice (L.H.C.) second and D. Sullivan (L.H.C.) third, the time being 38min. 33sec.

**2 Miles Road Championship**, held on the Domain Road on 7/9/35, was won by D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.) in 10min. 04-5sec., from C. Banks (H.A.A.C.) and L. G. Cates (N.T.).

**Southern Tasmanian Associated Public Schools' 5 Miles Cross-Country Championship**.—As is customary, this event was controlled by your Association, and took place at Elwick Racecourse on 14/9/35, being won by J. Burbury (Barnes College), with T. Calder (St. Virgil's College) second, and N. Creese (Friends' School) third. St. Virgil's College won the Teams Race.

**Tasmanian State Schools' 11 Miles Cross-Country Championship**, held at Elwick Racecourse on 14/9/35 (under the control of your Association), was won by T. Cashion (Moonah) in 7min. 4½sec., from — McQueen (Bowen Road) and Brazendale (Moonah). The Teams Race for the Perpetual Cup was won by Moonah State School.

**Australian 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship**.—This event was held at Sydney on 17/8/35.

The financial position of the Association hardly warranted the sending of a team; but it was felt that all States should endeavour to be represented at the Biennial Championships. A special effort was made to raise funds, and a team comprised of W. J. Gunn (Capt.), D. H. Cato, I. Cracknell, and R. J. Clark was sent to Sydney.

Although our representatives did not figure very prominently in the race, it is hoped that the experience gained will be advantageous to the members of the team, and through them, to your Association.

#### HANDICAP EVENTS.

The following were the winners of the principal handicap events held during the Cross-Country Season:—

- 2 Miles Road Handicap, 8/6/35.—W. H. Dunn (S.B.).
- 4 Miles Road Handicap, 15/6/35.—J. Quill (N.T.).
- 5 Miles Sealed Handicap, 29/6/35.—I. Cracknell (H.A.A.C.).
- 6 Miles Sealed Handicap.—22/7/35.—W. J. Gunn (H.A.A.C.).
- 2 Miles Sealed Handicap, 7/9/35.—D. F. Parsell (S.B.).
- 10 Miles Sealed Handicap, 14/9/35.—D. H. Cato (H.A.A.C.).

A number of other handicap events were held, good entries being received. Handicap sprint events were held at most of the principal meetings.

#### HARRIER RUNS.

The usual popular Harrier runs were held, attendances being very satisfactory.

**Consistency Trophy, Cross-Country Season**.—This trophy, kindly donated by Mr. R. Darcey, was won by C. Banks (H.A.A.C.).

#### TRACK SEASON.

**Track and Field Games Championships of Australia**.—The 4th Biennial National Track and Field Games Championships of Australia were held at Perth on 15th and 18th January, 1936. For the first time since the inception of these Championships, all States of the Commonwealth were represented by competing teams. It was particularly pleasing to be able to welcome a West Australian team to our State.

The Championships were opened by the Patron of the Association, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E. The competing athletes, grouped in States, marched past His Excellency, and the Declaration of Amateurism was made on behalf of all competitors.

A very high standard was reached in most of the events, which were keenly contested in a friendly sporting spirit—the spirit which one feels is symbolical of amateurism. A number of Tasmanian records were broken, and an Australian record was established by Gerald Backhouse (Vic.) of 1min. 55sec. for 880 yards.

The Richard Coombes Championship Shield was retained by Victoria, with 11 wins; New South Wales being second with 8 wins. Your Council heartily congratulates Victoria on the meritorious win gained by a remarkably strong team.

All Members of the Association were glad to welcome a number of well-known stalwarts of amateurism to Hobart, including Alderman E. S. Marks, Mr. R. Heathwood (Sydney), Messrs. H. R. Weir and G. E. Langford (Melbourne), and Mr. J. I. Brown (Brisbane). It was regretted that the President of the Union (Mr. A. G. Fenner) was unable to come to Hobart for the Championships.

Your Council endeavoured to conduct the Championship Meeting and the entertainments, etc., connected therewith in a manner worthy of Tasmania; but could not possibly have been done but for the generous support given by Government, the City Council, the Press, various business firms of Hobart—particularly the timber merchants—and many others. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance received, and would also express our thanks to the State and Local Officials who so ably carried out the duties allotted to them.

The respective winners were:—

- 100 yards.—T. E. Hampson (N.S.W.), 10 1-5sec.  
220 yards.—R. W. Moffatt (Vic.), 22sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
440 yards.—H. S. Yates (Vic.), 49sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
880 yards.—G. I. Backhouse (Vic.), 1min. 55sec. (Tasmanian and Australian record.)  
1 mile.—G. I. Backhouse (Vic.), 4min. 24 1-5sec.  
3 miles.—J. Sheaves (N.S.W.), 14min. 44 4-5sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
1 mile Walk.—W. B. Marston (Vic.), 6min. 45 3-5sec.  
3 miles Walk.—W. B. Marston (Vic.), 21min. 59sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
120 yards Hurdles.—S. G. Stenner (N.S.W.), 15 2-5sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
440 yards Hurdles.—A. J. Watson (Vic.), 54sec. (Tasmanian record.)  
High Jump.—D. F. Shetliffe (N.S.W.), 6ft. 2 3-8in. (Tasmanian record.)  
Broad Jump.—J. G. Lobban (N.S.W.), 23ft. 0½in.  
Pole Vault.—F. I. Woodhouse (Vic.), 12ft. 8 5-8in. (Tasmanian record.)  
Throwing Discus.—H. E. Wilson (Vic.), 129ft. 4½in.  
Throwing Javelin.—B. W. Shieles (N.S.W.), 172ft. 9½in.  
Throwing Hammer.—M. E. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), 133ft. 1½in. (Tasmanian record.)  
Putting Shot.—H. B. Wilson (Vic.), 43ft. 1 7-8in.  
Hop, Step, and Jump.—E. C. Dickenson (N.S.W.), 49ft. 8 3-8in. (Tasmanian record.)  
1 mile Medley Relay.—Victoria, 3min. 30sec. (Tasmanian record.)

#### BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control held its usual Biennial Conference at Hobart on 17th January, when many important matters were dealt with. In the absence of the President, Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) was elected Chairman.

The T.A.A.A. was represented by Messrs. N. G. Hutton and M. L. Round, who were very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting in conference Executive Officers of the Mainland Associations. Your delegates were impressed with the desirability, in the interests of Amateur Athletics generally, of maintaining the closest contact between the various controlling bodies. The Conferences provide excellent opportunities for the exchange of ideas and the gaining of much valuable knowledge.

It is felt that there is much information, e.g., the interpretations given to certain Rules, etc., which could, with advantage, be passed on to State Associations in a routine manner. It is the intention of the Union to do something in this direction by the issuance of quarterly bulletins. Furthermore, the contemplated revision of the Union Handbook will probably lead to a clearer exposition of the aims and objects of amateurism and the rules regarding status, with particular reference to the many ways in which the amateur status can be infringed.

#### TASMANIAN TRACK AND FIELD GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These were held on the North Hobart Oval on the 7th and 14th March, 1936. Following are the results:—

##### Senior Events.

- 100 yards.—J. Henry (L.H.C.), 10 2-5sec.  
220 yards.—J. Henry (L.H.C.), 23sec.  
440 yards.—R. Cockshutt (S.B.), 51 3-5sec.  
880 yards.—E. Muntling (L.H.C.), 2min. 4 1-5sec.  
1 mile.—E. Muntling (L.H.C.), 4min. 43 4-5sec.  
3 miles.—R. J. Clark (S.B.), 16min. 6 2-5sec.  
1 mile Walk.—G. C. Northcott (S.B.), 7min. 50 2-5sec.  
3 miles Walk.—G. C. Northcott (S.B.), 25min. 51 3-5sec.  
120 yards Hurdles.—F. V. Wicks (N.T.), 17 4-5sec.  
440 yards Hurdles.—R. J. Cockshutt (S.B.), 59 1-5sec.  
High Jump.—F. V. Wicks (N.T.), 5ft. 5in.  
Throwing Javelin.—L. Wingrove (L.H.C.), 143ft. 8½in.  
Throwing Discus.—J. H. Smallhorn (S.B.), 87ft. 6in.  
Putting 16lb. Shot.—A. W. Briggs (U.), 33ft. 1in.  
Hop, Step, and Jump.—J. H. Smallhorn (S.B.), 42ft. 7in.  
Running Broad Jump.—F. V. Wicks (N.T.), 19ft. 3½in.  
Pole Vault.—L. Wingrove (L.H.C.), 7ft. 11in.  
1 mile Medley Relay.—Sandy Bay Harrier Club, 3min. 47 2-5 sec.

##### Junior Events.

- 100 yards.—J. V. Frier (S.B.), 11 3-5sec.  
220 yds.—J. V. Frier (S.B.), 24 4-5sec.  
440 yards.—J. V. Frier (S.B.), 55sec.  
1 mile.—M. Parker (S.B.), 5min. 19 1-5sec.

##### Women's Events.

- 100 yards Open.—J. Gilley (N.T.), 12sec.  
220 yards Open.—J. Gilley (N.T.), 27 3-5sec.  
440 yards Relay.—New Town Harrier Club, 54 3-5sec.  
100 yards Junior (under 17 years).—R. Norris (S.B. and Franklin), 12 3-5sec.

The annual Club contests for the Challenge Cup, presented by the Hobart Harrier Club, were held in conjunction with the Track and Field Games Championships, and the Sandy Bay Club, by a comfortable margin of points, retained the Cup, the final points being:—Sandy Bay, 50; Launceston, 29; New Town, 12; University, 9; Newstead, 8; Hobart, 2.

Final Points for the Junior Division were:—Sandy Bay, 18; Scotch College, 4; New Town, 1; Launceston, 1.

And for the Women's Division:—New Town, 12; Launceston, 2; Hobart, 2; Queenstown, 1.

#### INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS.

These competitions between the Clubs were again held, the Sandy Bay Club winning both the "A" and "B" Grade contests.

#### NORTHERN CENTRE.

Very satisfactory progress has been made during the past year in Amateur Athletics in Northern Tasmania, both the Launceston and Newstead Clubs having provided regular events for their Members.

Acting on behalf of this Association, the Launceston Harrier Club successfully conducted the 5-miles Cross-Country Championship of Tasmania and the 5-miles Novice Cross-Country Championship of Tasmania, and the Newstead Amateur Athletic Club conducted their first Tasmanian Championship—the 7-mile Road Championship of Tasmania.

On 7th September, 1935, the Newstead Club ran a relay race from Launceston to Devonport, and covered the distance of approximately 66 miles in 6 hours 29min. 27sec.

#### TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The Women's Association has functioned throughout the year. Your Council is anxious to help the T.W.A.A.A. to become firmly established, and arrangements were made to hold several Women's Championship events in conjunction with our own State Championships.

Officers of the T.W.A.A.A. officiated during the Women's races, and gained experience which should be of value in the future.

#### OBITUARY.

The Association deeply regretted the death during the year of the late Sir N. E. Lewis and Mr. Wilson J. Bailey.

Sir N. E. Lewis had rendered very valuable service to Amateur Athletics in Tasmania, and was an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Mr. Wilson J. Bailey had been closely connected with the New Town Harrier Club, and was a Vice-President of the Association.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The usual monthly Council Meetings and a number of Special Meetings were held during the year, and were well attended.

#### ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

The Council recommends alterations to certain Rules, and these will be submitted to this meeting for consideration.

#### OFFICIALS.

During the year the Council appointed Mr. F. C. Morrell to the position of Assistant Secretary. Mr. Morrell showed marked enthusiasm for his work, and carried out his duties efficiently.

#### FINANCE.

The finances of the Association have been carefully husbanded during the year. Faced with the cost of sending a Cross-Country Team to Sydney, and the responsibility for conducting the Australian Track and Field Games Championships, Council Members entertained grave doubts as to whether the financial position warranted the undertaking of these obligations.

Efforts were made to raise funds by various entertainments, but the year's operations would have resulted in a loss but for the generous donations received on a direct appeal to the Government, various business firms, and the general public, for assistance.

The actual result is that we have just about broken even in ordinary finances, and we have in hand a complete set of modern equipment.

It is a matter of extreme regret to all Council Members that our cash position did not permit us to give medals to successful competitors in the recent State Championships. Despite careful advertising, and a very interesting programme of events, a substantial loss was sustained on the two days' sports.

The struggle to pay off old liabilities and establish the Association on a proper financial basis has necessarily entailed sacrifices being made, but it is hoped that the Members of the Association will endorse the Council's policy in this direction.

#### THANKS.

Your Council wishes to thank the Officers, subscribers, officials, and many others who have furthered the interests of your Association by ready and willing assistance. Special praise must be bestowed on the Press, who, during the past season, have helped us considerably by publishing full accounts of our sports meetings and other items in connection therewith.

For, and on behalf of, the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association Council,

N. G. HUTTON, Chairman.

M. L. I. ROUND, Hon. General Secretary.

