

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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and the Tasmanian Olympic Council.

50TH

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1960-1961.

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held in the
Friends' Preparatory School Hall, Hobart on Friday, 28th April,
1961 at 8.30 p.m.

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OFFICE BEARERS:

PATRON	- His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Lord Rowallan.
PRESIDENT	- Mr. E. W. Barwick.
VICE-PRESIDENT	- Mr. N. G. Hutton.
COMMITTEE	- Messrs. R. C. Porter, T. C. Allen, T. Chaplin (resigned), W. Denholm, L. Mills, G. Norris.
LIFE MEMBERS	- Messrs. M. L. Round, E. R. Tinning, N. G. Hutton, F. A. Rose, C. A. Wise, N. J. Ruddock.
HON. MEDICAL OFFICER	- Dr. Paul Dorney.
DELEGATES - TASMANIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL	- Messrs. E. W. Barwick and N. G. Hutton.
DELEGATES - TASMANIAN SPORTS COUNCIL	- Messrs. L. Spears and N. J. Ruddock.
HON. RECORDER	- Mr. J. Caulfield.
HON. SECRETARY-TREASURER	- Mr. N. J. Ruddock.

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GENTLEMEN,

Your Council has much pleasure in presenting this, the 50th Annual Report of the Association, and is very happy to be able to advise members that the past season has been most successful and one worthy of the Golden Anniversary year. Unfortunately registrations have dropped slightly on last season's record 383, to 335, the main loss, and one which must cause some concern, being in the Northern Branch, where only 89 athletes and officials registered as against 155 in 1959/60. However, Southern registrations increased by almost 50% from 118 to 169. In the North-West there were only 77 compared with 110.

Your Council has met at least once a month, and was very pleased to have the two Launceston Committeemen, Messrs. Mills and Chaplin, present on so many occasions. Unfortunately Mr. Chaplin was forced to tender his resignation late in the season, and it was accepted with regret. The presence of Northern members was certainly beneficial to the Council in its work and it is to be hoped that in the future all branches can arrange representation.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the season, from the Association's point of view, was the decision to try and help to improve the sport by practical means and assist in coaching. For this purpose John Landy was invited to Hobart last October, and as a result of the success of this visit he was brought back again at the New Year. It is felt that the benefit gained by the athletes and coaches who attended his lectures and demonstrations was well worth while but the response was just a little disappointing.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

All branches have run the major part of competition as efficiently as usual. North organised both days of the State Track and Field Championships and South was allocated the Triangular contest. In addition all these have their own regular competitions and carnivals. Special mention must be made of the first Hobart v Melbourne match held in Hobart on 31st December, 1960. Although not a financial success, it was the first inter-city athletic contest held in Australia and was very enthusiastically received by both teams and officials. Your Council wishes it well and better weather next season.

TRACK AND FIELD.

As mentioned before, the Hobart-Melbourne match was the feature of the Track & Field Season in the South. In addition St. Stephens Harriers brought a team to Hobart in March and competed against the Southern Branch. Schoolchildren's Championships were conducted in conjunction and the result was a very successful day. In Launceston a team from South Bendigo competed at an invitation meeting, also in March.

The Triangular Contest was reduced to a one day meeting and held in Hobart in January. It was used by the State Selectors as a trial for the State Team, but unfortunately neither visiting branch had full representation, and so the home side had an easy victory.

The Northern Branch conducted both days of the State Championships in Launceston, on 4th and 11th February, 1961. Light entries and heavy scratchings marred the programme, which should have been a highlight of the season. Athletes should remember the Olympic ideal and not compete when they feel they can win or gain a place. It seems that the old idea of the State Championships being the climax of the season, with every athlete anxious to compete and gain points for his club is fast disappearing, which is unfortunate.

Congratulations are extended to the Eastern Suburbs Club on their victory in the Senior and Junior Competition, and to the Newstead Club in winning the Sub-Junior.

Results - First Day, 4th February, 1961:

<u>Senior -</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
100 Yards	I. Cashion (SB) 10.4 secs.	A. Beecroft (OL)	L. Penney (Darwin)
440 Yards	G. Blake (E.S.) 51.5 secs.	B. Parker (L)	E. Scott (N)
1 Mile	B. Wise (E.S.) 4 min. 29 secs.	D. Cox (Ulv.)	B. Wood (L)
6 Miles	J. Crossin (S.B.) 33 min. 9.2 secs.	P. Robertson (SB)	R. Peck (N)
2 Miles Walk	K. Green (Uni.) 16 min. 30.4 secs.		
120 Yards Hurdles	A. Davis (ES) 19.4 secs.	G. Crawford (ES)	
220 Yards Hurdles	I. Cashion (SB) 27.8 secs.	A. Davis (ES)	J. McArdle (OHA)
Pole Vault	J. Parish (OL) 10 ft. 4 ins.	J. McArdle (OHA)	
Javelin	K. Beresford (OHA) 184 ft. 10 ins.	C. Slater (SSH)	A. Davis (ES)
Shot Putt	P. Banach (SB) 38 ft. 4 ins.	A. Tauber (Uni)	
Long Jump	P. Hutchinson (Uni) 21 ft.	G. Hannon (Uni)	K. Curtis (Derwin)
4x110 Yards Relay	Old Launcestonians 46.1 secs.	Eastern Suburbs	University
<u>Junior -</u>			
100 Yards	A. Beecroft (OL) 10.5 secs.	N. Eley (N)	P. Eustace (ES)
440 Yards	P. Eustace (ES) 55.7 secs.	N. Gray (SB)	T. Bevis (ES)
1 Mile	J. Denholm (ES) 4 mins. 27.4 secs.	P. Boer	
120 Yards Hurdles	G. Armstrong (O.L.) 19.6 secs.	R. McArdle (OHA)	
220 Yards Hurdles	S. Bennett (SB) 28.3 secs.	J. McArdle (OHA)	
Javelin	K. Beresford (OHA) 162 ft. 6 ins.	J. Parish (OL)	B. Hollingsworth (OL)
Shot Putt	S. Bennett (SB) 39 ft. 10½ ins.	B. Thornton (ES)	B. Hollingsworth (OL)
Long Jump	J. Kelly (SB) 18 ft. 9 ins.	B. Thornton (ES)	L. Slater (Dar)
4x110 Yards Relay	Eastern Suburbs 50.5 secs.		
<u>Sub-Junior -</u>			
100 Yards	J. Snare (Ulv.) 10.7 secs.	J. Kelly (SB)	P. McGee (N)
440 Yards	J. Snare (Ulv.) 55.7 secs.	P. Church (L)	
1 Mile	L. Whish-Wilson (L) 4 min. 55.2 secs.	T. Church (L)	A. Roney (N)
Long Jump	J. Kelly (SB) 18 ft. 9 ins.	G. McLean (N)	
4 x 110 Yards Relay	Newstead 55.1 secs.		

Results - Second Day, 11th February, 1961:

<u>Senior -</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
220 Yards	I. Cashion (SB) 23.2 secs.	G. Darvell (ES)	K. Curtis (Darwin)
880 Yards	G. Blake (ES) 1 min. 56.2 secs.	D. Cox	R. Cooper-Maitland (OHA)
3 Miles	B. Woods (L) 15 mins. 13.6 secs.	J. Crossin (SB)	L. Linsell (OHA)
440 Yards Hurdles	S. Bennett (SB) 60.9 secs.	J. McArdle (OHA)	
Hop, Step & Jump	G. Hannon (Uni.) 42 ft. 3 ins.	P. Hutchinson (Uni)	W. Slater (Dar.)
Discus	G. L. Smith (SSH) (Vic.) 99 ft. 1 in.	A. Cameron (OL)	R. Wilson (OL)
Hammer	G. L. Smith (SSH) (Vic.) 128 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	A. Cameron (OL)	
High Jump	A. Sneazewell (Vic) 6 ft. 3 ins.	J. Thiessen (SB)	B. Hollingsworth (OL)
Mile Medley Relay	Eastern Suburbs 3 mins. 39.6 secs.	O.H.A.	North-West
<u>Junior -</u>			
220 Yards	A. Beecroft (OL) 23 secs.	N. Eley (N)	P. Eustace (ES)
880 Yards	J. Denholm (ES) 1 min. 56.6 secs.	R. Ginn (OHA)	P. Boer (OL)
Hop, Step & Jump	W. Slater (Dar.) 40 ft. 10 ins.		
High Jump	A. Sneazewell (Vic.) 6 ft. 2 ins.	J. Thiessen (SB)	B. Hollingsworth (OL)
Mile Medley Relay	Eastern Suburbs 3 mins. 48.1 secs.		
<u>Sub-Junior -</u>			
220 Yards	J. Snare (Ul.v.) 23.6 secs.	G. Nation (SB)	R. Howlett (ES)
880 Yards	A. Roney (N) 2 mins. 32.4 secs.		

POINTS:

<u>Senior -</u>	<u>Junior -</u>	<u>Sub-Junior -</u>
1st: Eastern Suburbs 25	1st: Eastern Suburbs 27	1st: Newstead 10
2nd: Sandy Bay 19	2nd: Old Hobartians 8	2nd: Ulverstone 9
3rd: University 18	3rd: Old Launcestonians	3rd: Launceston 7

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SCHOOLCHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS.

It was South's turn to conduct these this season, and after the success of the Southern programme it was anticipated that the State Championships would be better than ever. The response from the children was all that could have been desired, but unfortunately the weather was unkind and after only an hour or so the sports had to be abandoned.

CROSS COUNTRY.

In an attempt to lift the popularity of this branch of athletics, your Council decided to conduct all State Championships over a course at Campbell Town. This meant that all branches had to travel for each race, but the distances were much less and so more athletes would be encouraged to compete. General opinion was that the idea was successful - good fields competed in all races, and it is proposed to continue with the Campbell Town venue next season.

Appreciation must be extended to Mr. Ron Lyne for allowing his property to be used for the course, which is good, true cross-country running.

Results -

5 Mile C.C.C.

1. S. Goodman (Sandringham)
2. B. Wise (E.S.)
3. D. Thompson (Uni.)

Time - 27 mins. 41 secs.

Team - Newstead.

10,000 Metres C.C.C.

1. P. Robertson (SB)
2. C. Crack (N)
3. B. Wise (ES)

Time - 36 mins. 28 secs.

Team - Newstead.

10 Miles C.C.C.

1. B. Wise (E.S.)
2. P. Robertson (SB)
3. C. Crack (N)

Time - 59 mins. 27 secs.

Team - Newstead.

Marathon

1. C. Crack (N)
2. B. Campbell (Devon)
3. T. Nailer (N)

Time - 2 hours 51 mins. 44 secs.

5 Mile Novice

1. T. Cannell (ES)
2. R. Patterson (ES)
3. M. Porter (N.)

Time - 29 mins. 38 secs.

Team - Eastern Suburbs.

5,000 Metres Junior

1. T. Cannell (ES)
2. R. Peck (N)
3. T. Bevis (ES)

Time - 18 Mins. 19 secs.

5 Miles Junior

1. T. Cannell (ES)
2. T. Bevis (ES)
3. A. Turner (Friends)

Time - 29 mins. 40 secs.

4 Mile Triangular Teams Race

1. South
2. North

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Only two athletes were selected to represent your Association in the Australian Track & Field Championship meetings held in Brisbane on March 4th and 5th, Greg. Blake and John Denholm, both from the Eastern Suburbs Club, whilst Mr. C. A. Wise was appointed Manager.

Their performances were:

G. Blake - 1 mile : Unplaced
 880 yards : 2nd in Heat in 1 min. 52.7 sec.
 4th in Final in 1 min. 54.6 secs.
 (same time as 3rd.)

J. Denholm - 880 yards Junior : 2nd in 1 min. 54.8 sec.
 1 Mile Junior : 1st in 4 mins. 15.1 secs.

Conditions were good but the weather rather hot.

Your Association is very pleased with the result the team obtained and feels that the decision to send only athletes of the highest standard was justified.

Congratulations are extended to Queensland on the success of the meeting, and thanks and appreciation for the manner in which they assisted your team.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE.

Your Association was represented by Messrs. N. G. Hutton and C. A. Wise and it is with pleasure that we report that Mr. Hutton was re-elected Vice-President of the Union and also Track Referee for the Perth British Empire & Commonwealth Games in 1962.

Several motions were submitted by Tasmania, with the following results:

Motion 1. To provide that an athlete does not cease to be an amateur under the laws of the Union by receiving fees or expenses for acting as

umpire at football, cricket or similar games, was defeated 8-4.

Motion 2. To provide for Australian Junior Championships over 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile, on the basis of individual competition and held in conjunction with Australian Championships was defeated 8-4.

Motion 3. That the Union endeavour to arrange a visit to Australia of a Soviet Union Track & Field team as soon as possible was carried.

Tasmanian motions to brighten the Australian badge and costume were withdrawn by the delegates. The roster of the Australian Championships was altered again, with Tasmania's turn now being 1965.

TASMANIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL.

Your Association is affiliated with the Tasmanian Olympic Council, which consists of representatives of the bodies controlling in Tasmania sports or pastimes included in the programme of the Olympic Games.

The Tasmanian Olympic Council organised an appeal for funds, and sent £1,050 for the Australian Olympic Federation towards the cost of sending the Australian Team to Rome in August 1960.

The Council held a function to bid farewell to Gerald Freeman, Tasmania's only competitor, and officials Reg. Blundstone and Geoff Sorell, prior to their departure for the Games.

A Christmas party was held at which many of our athletes had the opportunity of meeting members of other branches of sport.

This organisation performs a very important function as the central body for a number of sports, and T.A.A.A. delegates feel that its activities and influence could with advantage be greatly extended.

COACHING.

As was mentioned before, your Association decided that the best means of helping athletes and bringing coaches up to date on modern coaching was to invite John Landy to Hobart to lecture and demonstrate. He readily agreed to come at the time of the North-South Independent Schools' Sports, and lectured and instructed a good number of athletes and coaches. The result of the move was so successful that your Council decided to follow it up by another visit over the New Year holiday period. This time John Landy demonstrated his training methods in a two hour session and all present certainly learnt quite a deal. The ready co-operation of Mr. Landy is greatly appreciated.

FINANCE.

Your Association, whilst attempting to keep its financial dealings to a minimum, has still handled over £400. Early in the year, after making an estimate of possible receipts and payments, it was decided to balance the budget by an affiliation fee of £25 charged to each branch. These estimates have proved substantially correct, for although the statement of accounts shows a loss of £38, depreciation on equipment of 962 has been charged.

Over £117 was spent on sending a team to the Australian Championships in Brisbane, but £110 was collected from the branches and athletes as their share of the travel and accommodation expenses. Only other unusual item of expenditure was a donation of 20 guineas to the National Heart Campaign Sporting Committee, and the presentation to each member of an autographed and framed photo of the Junior Mile Medley Relay team that broke the Australian record, at a cost of £11.18. 0. It is felt that this is little enough for such an outstanding performance.

APPRECIATION.

Any Annual Report would be incomplete without thanks being expressed to those many organisations whose co-operation has made the work of the Association easier. These include the Hobart City Council for the preparation and upkeep of the North Hobart Ground, the Tasmanian Racing Club for the use of Elwick Race-course, the Friends' School for the use of its Oval, all sections of the Press, Radio and Television for publicity, and to the National Fitness Council for help in typing and duplicating reports, programmes, etc.

Your Association's sincere thanks are expressed to them all, and to any others who have assisted in any way.

On behalf of the Council,

E. W. BARWICK, President,

N. J. RUDDOCK, Hon. Secretary.

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