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RESULTS .. **Track and
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EDITORIAL

This is edition number 19 and sees the nearing of the close of the 1977/78 Season, hopefully this magazine will be in your hands just prior, or at, the Annual General Meeting being held on March 10th. In earlier issues you will have copies of the proposed new Club Constitution, my Secretary's Report also the Agenda for the A.G.M. it is hopeful that a good attendance will be at the Sports Clinic in South Terrace as this years A.G.M. will be one of the most important in the history of the Club.

After the A.G.M. it may be that the Womens Veterans Club will be a part of our own, however, we shall not know for sure until the evening of the 10th March when also a decision will be made on the question of what age one must be to join the Veterans Club.

This edition of the Magazine comprizes of only three topics, and these on their own have increased the size of the issue to 22 pages, the largest issue yet produced. Naturally the main topic is the Results of our own Club Track and Field Championships, with quite a few pages covering a review of "Gothenburg", which I am sure you will find interesting. Last but not least our good friend Dave Gratton has produced his one page article "World Athletics Round Up". Unfortunately space was not available for any other items, only by reducing the one's printed could I have varied the lay-out.

The most important article not produced is the results of the S.A. Amateur Athletic Association's Track and Field Championships, unforjunately I am completing the issue on the Sunday of the first week-end of competition and rather than include the results of just one or two events, I decided to leave them all out for a future edition. To have waited until the Champs. were completed would have meant you would not be reading this now. On the question of the State Championships the number of Veteran Nominations was disgusting, a few points can be blamed, firstly the late arrival of entry forms and details, my lack of notification in the Magazine and lastly the "pomp and ceromony" normally associated with Kensington's Big Meetings frightens the slow boys away. None of these points need have applied, had the events and forms been planned in plenty of time, had our Veterans been notified in plenty of time, had our Magazine included full details, had I stressed to our slow boys they were welcomed, then and only then would the Veterans events at this State Titles been well supported. BUT HAD ALL THIS BEEN DONE AND THE ENTRIES HAD BEEN LARGER, THEN WE WOULD HAVE EMBARRASSED THE S.A.A.A.'s AS THE PROGRAMME WAS (WITH ONLY A FEW VETERANS) OVERCROWDED, WITH ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN THE SUNDAY PRESS. To me it appears that lately, the only publicity Athletics can get in the Press is adverse publicity, we never seem to get good publicity.

On the question of publicity, our present Publicity Officer, Allen Gottschalk, must have one of the hardest jobs to get any results, this year has seen what must be the lowest form of Veteran Publicity we have ever experienced, but do not blame the Publicity Officer, he is a working man and as such has been unable to satisfy the Press Boys during the hours they need it. In Allen's own words he wishes the "knockers" would realise the frustration attached to Publicity Officer's job, when week after week, time is spent getting results, money is spent phoning in results, only to see nothing in print the next day. Allen now agrees with a comment I made last year, that Publicity Officer needs to be someone with time on his hand and plenty of good contacts.

THANKS A LOT :

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Editorial continued

I do not intend apologising for the length of my Editorial, as with the A.G.M. coming up views need airing and they need airing now.

At this point I am not sure who of our present Officers are willing to continue in office and who are not, from comments made I get the feeling that Allen Gottschalk may wish to change from Publicity Officer to something different. I have a feeling also that Ray Beaumont wishes to change, or perhaps split his job, retaining the Registrar's portion and passing the Records Officer's work onto someone else, also I understand that Ray and Jean Beaumont both wish to drop the Saturday drudge of going to Kensington, retaining their interest in the Winter Season and Tuesday evenings during Summer at the Adelaide Harriers track.

Al. Digance has increased his work load for the S.A.A.A.'s but now he has retired still wishes to continue with his assistance with the Veterans.

The biggest surprise to most of you will be the fact, in addition to my wishing to not stand for Club Delegate to the S.A.A.A. and the A.A.V.A.C. I also wish to stand down from my post of Club Secretary. I have been Secretary for four years now and feel that the time is right for me to stand down and let someone new take over, as I have said other years, a new person brings new life and new ideas into a Club, but whereas I have in the past accepted nomination when no one else has been prepared to stand, this year will be different, I do not wish to stand for nomination so request you all the time has come for enquiries to be made and a new name put forward.

I must mention in this article and extend a real big vote of thanks to LLOYD SNELLING for his work for the Veterans Club this year, his knowledge and assistance this last twelve months has been terrific and I am sure that no other member of the Club realises just what work and assistance, behind the scenes, Lloyd has done for the Veteran Movement. With this in mind I sincerely hope that Lloyd will accept nomination as President again, in my opinion we have no one to replace him yet with his deep knowledge, and I do not mean knowledge of running, which everyone knows he has.

My last comment on the A.G.M. is lets have a good Meeting on a real friendly basis, with no undercurrents that can exist at such a gathering.

I hope that as many members as possible will join the Club early this year. this helps the Officials a lot and also gives members a full 12 months value for their money. To those who have never competed in a Winter Season, why not give it a go, even if you do not wish to take it serious it must be good training. Not all the Winter events are long one's and don't forget the Relay events which the Veterans support.

Well that the lot for this time, best of luck to you all and here's hoping you have a good & full 1978/79.

Rowly Ferris (Editor)

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RESULTS

TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

110 Metres Hurdles

1. D. Brown	19.2	PV Invitation
2. G. Powell	20.00	1A
3. A. Lampard	25.00	3A

Pole Vault

1. R. Daniells	3.10	1A	2. G. Powell	2.00	1A
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1500 Metres Women Veterans

J. Daly	4.33.1	AW	B. McFarlane	6.15	BW
M. Thunig	5.46	1AW	N. Sutcliffe	6.20	1BW
J. Brown	5.48	BW	N. Young	6.38	BW
			S. Malbut	6.46	1AW

1500 Metres Veterans

M. Young	4.43	PV	G. Wenk	4.29.0	1A
N. Charles	4.55	PV	G. Adams	4.29.7	1A
R. Woodcock	4.36.8	1B	R. Auld	4.36.8	1A
F. Murphy	4.39.7	1B	D. Mallett	4.50.6	1A
R. Sutcliffe	4.42.2	1B	P. Pye	5.10.0	1A
G. Parkinson	4.46.9	1B	G. Seagrim	4.47.3	2A
P. Jenkins	5.52.0	1B	G. Inwood	4.49.3	2A
W. Caudle	5.01.6	2B	N. O'Neil	4/51.9	2A
F. Pine	5.39	2B	R. Sara	5.02.6	2A
A. Lampard	5.35	3A	W. Rust	5.07	2A
J. Groat	5.49	3A			

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R. Turner	7.05.7	J. Mirchell	8.52.9
J. Heath	7.28.5	S. Hobbs	8.56.6
P. Pascoe	8.22.8		

1500 Metres "OPEN RACE" sponsored by "SOMERSET MOTORS" of Unley

R. Lange	4.03.4	M. Thunig	4.53.5
S. Brown	4.07.5	D. Thunig	5.39.2
D. Kloosterman	4.22.5	L. Lange	6.03.3
A. Tremlett	4.53.4		

Shot Put - Veterans

D. Brown	8.34	PV Invitation	D. Paul	8.79	1B
D. Leadbetter	10.08	1A	S. McIntosh	6.99	1B
G. Powell	7.76	1A	M. Cotton	8.55	2A
P. Dalwood	9.98	2B	J. Slater	7.32	2A
A. Gransden	7.74	2B	N. O'Neil	5.56	2A
W. Horsnell	8.48	3A	P. Barnes	8.08	3B

Shot Put - Women Veterans

P. Leedham	7.09	AW	G. Boyce	6.85	BW
V. Fullager	6.80	AW	A. Miller	6.28	BW
E. Dollery	8.92	1AW	S. White	10.45	1BW
M. Thunig	5.68	1AW	M. Cahill	5.00	2BW

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D. Janssan	12.3	1A	N. Charles	12.5	PV
M. Schnyder	12.6	1A	M. Young	13.1	PV
G. Powell	12.8	1A	J. Liascos	12.3	1B
S. Grimm	13.0	1A	D. Paul	12.9	1B
D. Mallett	13.4	1A	S. McIntosh	13.5	1B
R. Wall	13.4	1A	R. Leedham	13.5	1B
P. Pye	13.4	1A	F. Murphy	14.0	1B
N. Main	13.1	2A	A. Gransden	14.0	2B
R. Clarke	13.3	2A	D. Kimber	14.5	2B
H. Barnes	13.7	2A	F. Pine	15.1	2B
J. Campbell	14.8	2A			
A. Lampard	14.1	3A			
A. Digance	15.2	3A			

100 Metres Women Veterans

V. Fullager	14.2	AW	A. Miller	14.9	BW
P. Leedham	14.8	AW	G. Boyce	15.8	BW
		B. Parkinson	14.1	1AW	
		E. Dollery	14.1	1AW	

60 Metres Paraplegic Athletes sponsored by the "LINCOLN BRUSH CO.,LTD." of 16 Streeter Street, Plympton.

S. Hobbs	17.6
J. Mitchell	18.3
R. Elliott	27.6
M. Kelly	27.8

1500 Metres Walk (all classes)

T. Nailer	7.23.5	1A	G. Holdworth	8.41.2	AW
F. Leonard	7.48.2	1A	V. Fullager	11.29.0	AW
S. Malbut	8.02.4	1B	E. McFarlane	9.36.5	BW
R. O'Neil	8.08.7	2A	M. Cahill	11.44	2BW
M. Cotton	11.48	2A			
J. Webber	8.28.5	3A			
G. Ross	10.28.4	3A			

3000 Metres Steeple Chase)Incorp/. S.A.A.A.A. Veterans State Title)

P. Afford	10.21.8	1A also 1st. State Champ.
P. Binns	10.35.7	1A also 2nd. State Champs.
G. Inwood	11.47.7	2A
R. Sutcliffe	12.02.4	1B
D. Mallett	12.22.3	1A

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The Winner :	Reggie Spiers	67.06	PV : Port Adelaide
2nd. :	G. Calvert	59.72	Enfield Harriers
3rd. :	D. Coulter	46.10	Westerns Districts
1st. Female and 4th :	J. Keiboon	43.04	Enfield Harriers
2nd. Female and 5th :	H. Wittesch	31.54	Adelaide Harriers

The Organiser wishes to congratulate Reggie Spiers on his fine performance and also thanks the other challengers for joining in the spirit of this contest.

Javelin Throw - Veterans

G. Powell	29.28	1A	J. Slater	27.31	2A
M. Schnyder	28.99	1A	R. Sara	25.40	2A
D. Mallett	26.20	1A	M. Cotton	23.00	2A
S. Grimm	24.73	1A	A. Gransden	22.84	2B
P. Pye	18.04	1A	P. Dalwood	20.03	2B
A. Gottschalk	20.87	1B	A. Digance	15.62	3A
			P. Barnes	21.26	3B

Javelin Throw - Women Veterans

P. Leedham	16.04	AW	E. Dollery	24.30	1AW
G. Boyce	21.50	BW	S. White	29.72	1BW
			M. Cahill	12.12	2BW



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400 Metres Veterans

P. Butler	55.8	1A	N. Charles	56.3	PV
G. Powell	57.4	1A	M. Young	58.5	PV
M. Schnyder	58.5	1A	D. Paul	56.9	1B
R. Daniels	61.5	1A	J. Liascos	57.6	1B
B. Grahame	61.6	1A	S. McIntosh	58.8	1B
D. Mallett	62.9	1A	F. Murphy	61.0	1B
M. Dollery	64.5	1A	M. Cubitt	67.1	1B
R. Clarke	58.6	2A	D. Kimber	65.4	2B
R. O'Neil	62.8	2A	W. Caudle	68.5	2B
H. Barnes	64.3	2A	A. Lampard	66.0	3A
J. Campbell	66.3	2A	J. Groat	71.6	3A

400 Metres Female Veterans

J. Daly	57.5	AW	A. Miller	68.8	BW
V. Fullager	72.6	AW	E. Dollery	71.9	1AW
			S. Malbutt	83.2	1AW

400 Metres Open Womens Event sponsored by A. Gottschalk of the Veterans

J. Nadebaum	56.5	K. Regan	59.0
J. Reid	57.6	C. Keewood	61.8
J. Gillett	57.9	K. Green	62.3
M. Burn	57.9	L. Lange	75.9

400 Metres Open Events (two grades) sponsored by the Veterans Club

"A"	T. Hodgins	48.4	"B"	W. Lowe	54.0
	R. Cocioloni	50.5		R. Manglesdorf	54.7
	P. Hodgins	51.3		D. Kloosterman	57.1
	G. Thurnwald	51.4		S. Brown	57.3
	P. Schnyder	53.0		A. Tremlett	64.5
	R. Weedon	53.0		R. Lange	66.0
	J. West	54.7		R. Everson	68.5

400 Metres Paraplegic Athletes sponsored by the "HINDMARSH BUILDING SOCIETY"

R. Turner	1.38.4
J. Heath	1.48.2
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R. Auld	9.83	1A	A. Lampard	9.23	3A
G. Powell	9.02	1A	D. Brown	11.57	PV Inv.
M. Cubitt	8.22	1B			

5000 Metres (All classes one race)

G. Hicks	16.45.9	1B	D. Mallett	20.41	1A
P. Afford	16.47.6	1A	A. Gottschalk	20.41	1B
W. Beames	17.57.4	2B	F. Pine	21.09	2B
G. Seagrim	17.59	2a	M. Thunig	21.59	1AW
T. Nailer	18.25	1A	J. Brown	21.59	BW
N. Scott	18.35	1A	F. Toye	22.00	1B
L. Frisby	18.36	2A	P. Jenkins	22.46	1B
J. Devereaux	18.56	1A	L. Merrett	23.05	2A
P. Pye	18.58	1A	M. Barnes	23.26	2B
R. Sara	19.10	2A	A. Digance	23.40	3A
R. Auld	19.13	1A	N. Young	24.32	BW
W. Caudle	19.27	2B	N. Sutcliffe	24.35	1BW
G. Parkinson	20.26	1B	E. MacFarlane	26.01	BW
L. Hart	20.28	1A			

400 Metres Hurdles

D. Brown

G. Powell	62.8	1A
D. Brown	64.2	P.V. Invitation
D. Kimber	72.5	2B
A. Lampard	80.8	3A

Discus

D. Brown	29.16	PV Inv.	S. McIntosh	18.82	1B
D. Leadbetter	26.85	1A	D. Frawley	32.55	2A Queensland
G. Powell	25.35	1A	J. Slater	23.70	2A
M. Schnyder	20.85	1A	P. Dalwood	25.90	2B
S. Grimm	17.25	1A	A. Gransden	15.90	2B
W. Horsnell	25.94	3A	P. Leedham	19.88	AW
A. Digance	17.28	3A	V. Fullager	17.36	AW
P. Barnes	26.30	3B	G. Boyce	19.06	BW
E. Dollery	20.96	1AW	A. Miller	19.04	BW
M. Thunig	12.10	1AW	M. Cahill	13.94	2BW
S. White	32.66	1BW			

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V. Fullager	29.7	AW	E. Dollery	29.3	1AW
A. Miller	31.0	BW	M. Thunig	31.6	1AW

200 Metres Veterans

P. Butler	25.2	1A	J. Liascos	24.7	1B
D. Janssan	25.6	1A	D. Paul	25.4	1B
M. Schnyder	25.6	1A	S. McIntosh	26.4	1B
G. Powell	26.0	1A	R. Leedham	26.8	1B
S. Grimm	26.7	1A	F. Murphy	27.1	1B
R. Daniels	27.1	1A			
R. Clarke	26.3	2A	A. Gransden	29.7	2B
R. Sara	27.7	2A	F. Pine	30.4	2B
H. Barnes	28.1	2A			
J. Campbell	30.3	2A	A. Lampard	29.1	3A
			A. Digance	31.2	3A
N. Charles	24.8	PV	J. Groat	31.3	3A
D. Brown	25.0	PV			
M. Young	25.9	PV			

200 Metres Open sponsored by the "HINDMARSH BUILDING SOCIETY"

I. Coles	22.3	J. Reid	25.3
P. Schnyder	24.2	M. Burn	25.5
R. Lange	25.2	J. Keewood	26.8
D. Kloosterman	26.0	K. Green	27.7
S. Goldring	27.8		

200 Metres Paraplegic Athletes sponsored by Alex Lampard (Veterans Club)

R. Turner	48.1
J. Heath	54.0
S. Kosmala	54.4
P. Pascoe	59.8
S. Hobbs	61.4
J. Mitchell	64.7
S. Werfel	67.7

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D. Leadbetter	45.10	1A	P. Barnes	23.90	3B
A. Gordon	43.58	1B	W. Horsnell	20.26	3A
D. Frawley	39.16	Queensland 2A			
P. Dalwood	28.60	2B			

High Jump

D. Brown	1.55	PV Inv	A. Lampard	1.32	3A
G. Powell	1.36	1A	R. O'Neil	1.26	2A
R. Clarke	1.34	2A	S. McIntosh	1.24	1B
G. Adams	1.28	1A	S. White	1.24	1BW

3000 Metres Walk

T. Nailer	15.57.4	1A	G. Holdsworth	17.58.1	AW
F. Leonard	16.23.1	1A	M. Cahill (800 Metres)		
G. Ross	21.24.1	3A		5.49.5	2BW

5000 Metres S.A. WOMENS A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP WALK

No details of the results of this event were made available to the Veterans for publication in this magazine.

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800 Metres Veterans

N. Charles	2.11.0	PV	D. Paul	2.10.1	1B
M. Young	2.11.3	PV	R. Woodcock	2.12.2	1B
P. Binns	2.12.1	1A	F. Murphy	2.12.5	1B
R. Auld	2.14.2	1A	G. Parkinson	2.19.2	1B
G. Adams	2.15.7	1A	R. Clarke	2.15.9	2A
R. Daniells	2.20.2	1A	R. Sara	2.24.0	2A
			R. O'Neil	2.25.0	2A
W. Caudle	2.29.4	2B	J. Campbell	2.35.1	2A
D. Kimber	2.33.0	2B			
A. Lampard	2.42.0	3A			

800 Meters Women Veterans

J. Daly	2.13.7	AW	M. Thunig	2.44.1	1AW
A. Miller	2.42.6	BW	B. Parkinson	3.05.6	1AW
J. Brown	3.00.0	BW	S. Malbutt	3.06.3	1AW

800 Metres Paraplegic Athletes sponsored by the HINIMARSH BUILDING SOCIETY

R. Turner	3.24.1
J. Heath	3.51.8
S. Kosmala	4.03.0
P. Pascoe	4.29.6
J. Mitchell	4.30.9
S. Werfel	5.16.2

800 Metres Open Event sponsored by Johnie Cahill of JOHN CAHILL TOYOTA PTY.LTD.

R. Lange	1.58.3	D. Kloosterman	2.07.4
P. Schnyder	1.59.5	G. Ball	2.11.9
R. Corringe	2.01.4	O. Harvey	2.12.7
W. Clarke	2.02.0	J. Gillett	2.13.3
		A. Binns	2.13.9
		A. Tremlett	2.27.1
		R. Everson	2.34.1



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Long Jump

D. Brown	5.93	PV Inv.	R. Leedham	5.18	1B
M. Schnyder	5.51	1A	G. Parkinson	4.72	1B
P. Butler	5.28	1A	S. McIntosh	4.25	1B
G. Powell	5.10	1A	R. Clarke	4.71	2A
V. Fullager	4.10	AW	D. Frawley	4.66	2A Queensland
G. Boyce	3.52	BW	A. Lampard	4.12	3A
B. Parkinson	4.43	1AW			
E. Dollery	4.09	1AW			
S. White	3.77	1BW			

10000 Metres (All Grades one race)

G. Hicks	34.04	1B	R. Auld	41.28	1A
P. Afford	34.26	1A	L. Hart	43.07	1A
R. Sutcliffe	35.51	1B	W. Rust	43.08	2A
W. Beames	36.49	2B	F. Pine	43.34	2B
G. Inwood	37.29	2A	M. Barnes	47.36	2B
G. Seagrim	37.56	2A	P. Jenkins	47.36	1B
R. Woodcock	39.03	1B	J. Brown	47.56	BW
W. Caudle	39.55	2B	A. Digance	48.44	3A
T. Nailer	40.55	1A	E. McFarlane	51.10	BW
			N. Sutcliffe	52.36	1BW

PARAPLEGIC 5 EVENT MATCH CONTEST RESULT

1st.	R. Turner	16 points
2nd.	J. Heath	12 points
3rd.	J. Mitchell	8 points

OPEN EVENT 4 EVENT MATCH CONTEST RESULT

1st.	R. Lange	11 points
2nd.	P. Schnyder	7 points
3rd.	D. Kloosterman	5 points

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WORLD ATHLETICS' ROUND-UP ***** By D. Gratton

Veterans' News..... Jack Foster lost his chance of a remarkable world age-45 record when the extraordinary times recorded at the Auckland (NZ) marathon on November 13th had to be discounted as the course was found to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles short. Jack was timed at 2 : 04 : 53 to finish 5th behind the Australian winner, Dave Chettle. John Farrington finished 11th in a time of 2 : 08 : 16.

Other News.....Raelene Boyle served notice that she is far from being a spent force in world athletics when she soundly defeated two current world record holders in the recent KB Games held in major Australian centres. Her victims were Annagret Richter (WG) and the redoubtable Pole, Irena Szewinska. Raelene is toying with the idea of turning to the 400 metres. The biggest disappointment of the KB's was the quadruple Olympic gold medallist, Lasse Viren. Viren finished well down the field in the several races in which he completed.

Franklin Jacobs (USA) cleared 2.32m ~~2.28~~ ($7'7\frac{1}{4}"$) in New York to set a new world indoor high jump record. Jacobs, aged 21, is only 5'8" in height!! Dick Buerkle, a 30 year old American, ran 3:54.8 to establish a new world record for the indoor mile. In the process he beat Filbert Bayi into a distant second place. Bayi, on his honeymoon, recorded 3:58.4. Buerkle is also a marathon runner of some note having a best time of around 2:22.

Several Australian athletes figured in the leading world performers list of 1977. Dave Fitzsimons was ranked 6th in the 5000 metres (13:17.4).

John Higham received an 11th placing in the 800 metres with a time of 1:45.6.

Graham Grouch recorded 3:56.8 to rank 19th in the one mile. In the field events Don Baird pole vaulted 5.53 and ranked 9th. In women's athletics

Denise Robertson ranked 10th in the 200 metres with a time of 22.87 and

Raelene Boyle was five places lower in 23.09. Lynn Jacenko, Oceania's only winner in the Dusseldorf World Games, long jumped 6.60 to gain 11th spot. How does it feel to record a new British record in an indoor 2 miles race with a very fast time of 8:20, and only finish in third place! This was the unfortunate lot of Nick Rose in the USA recently.

Marian Fisher (Aus) set a new Commonwealth record of 57.28 in the 400 metres hurdles in the 3rd Pan Pacific Games. Unfortunately this event has not been included in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games scheduled for Edmonton, Canada later this year.

Finally, to end on a sad note. Harold Abrahams, the only Englishman to win an Olympic gold in the 100 metres sprint, died recently in London. Truly one of the 'greats' of athletics, Abrahams was an active administrator up to a short time before his death.



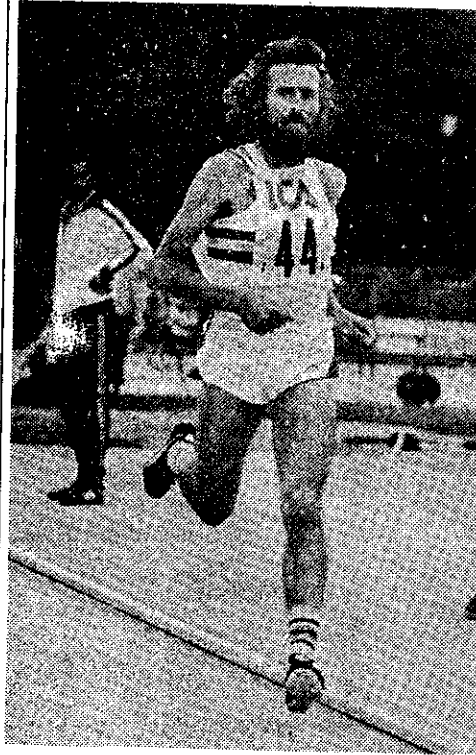
**The Second
World Masters
Track and Field Championships**

GOTHENBURG

AGE GROUPS	
1A	40 to 44 yrs
1B	45 to 49 yrs
2A	50 to 54 yrs
2B	55 to 59 yrs
3A	60 to 64 yrs
3B	65 to 69 yrs
4A	70 to 74 yrs
4B	75 to 80 yrs
5	Over 80 yrs

THE WOMEN

AGE CLASSES	
Class 1A	35-39 years
Class 1B	40-40 years
Class 2A	45-49 years
Class 2B	50-54 years
Class 3A	55-59 years
Class 3B	60-64 years
Class 4A	65-69 years
Class 4B	Over 70 years



GASTON ROELANTS (BEL), Olympic Gold Medalist, International Cross Country Champion, Double champion at Bruges, Triple champion at Gothenburg (3000 s/ch., 5000, X-cty.)

**31 WORLD
BESTS!**

100M				10,000M			
4A 13.9	J. Packard	USA		4A 40:48.5	E. Nordin	SWE	
200M				400M H			
1A 21.9	R. Austin	AUST		1A 54.3	N. Clough	AUST	
3A 26.0	F. Assny	GER		3000M SC			
4A 29.2	J. Packard	USA		1A 8:56.6	G. Roelants	BEL	
400M				1B 9:39.0	H. Higdon	USA	
1A 49.5	N. Clough	AUST		2A 10:18.6	A. Taylor	CAN	
2A 52.9	J. Greenwood	USA		High Jump			
4A 64.6	J. Packard	USA		3A 1.57	E. Stai	NOR	
800M					1.54	I. Hume	CAN
1A 1:54.8	A. Blue	AUST		3B 1.45	I. Sand	NOR	
	N. Clough	AUST		4A 1.31	G. Holbek	DEN	
1B 1:57.9	J. Hasselberg	NOR		Triple Jump			
1500M				1B 13.90	H. Strauss	GER	
1B 4:05.6	P. Majoor	HOL			13.77	D. Jackson	USA
5000M				3A 10.70	E. Seater	NOR	
4A 19:59.3	E. Nordin	SWE			10.50	I. Hume	CAN
				3B 10.42	I. Sand	NOR	
					9.79	T. Miyata	JAP
				Discus			
				2B 50.57	K. Jouppila	FIN	
				Javelin			
				1A 78.66	U. Von Wartburg	SWIT	
				3A 53.00	W. Morales	USA	
				4A 37.48	E. Curtice	USA	

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GOthenBURG. Special section

There is no doubt that the Second World Masters Track & Field Championships, held in Gothenburg Sweden in August, was a tremendous success.

Roland Jerneryd and his organising committee deserved all the praise that came their way; and although there were a few controversies, no event of this enormity could fail to be free of some minor differences.

The World Veterans Movement is expanding at such a remarkable rate that each World Championship has to tread new ground, and already the logistical problems are fast reaching Olympic proportions.

The presence of Olympians Oerter, Danek, Larsson, Roelants and others will produce the further impetus we forecast some time ago in this column. Indeed, the incredible improvement in standards since Toronto (as illustrated by John Hayward's table in our supplement) gives a clear indication of what lies ahead in future Games.

Gothenburg was another milestone on the road to a truly world movement and the I.A.A.F. cannot fail to have been impressed by the spirit of the World Movement in Sweden.

Whatever impressions the I.A.A.F. may have taken away, one thing is certain. It is not just this column which has pressed for the principle of "Eligibility for all athletes over 40 years of age". The World Veterans Congress was unanimous that I.A.A.F. Rule No. 53 be amended to make veterans a special case, and that this proposition be put to the I.A.A.F. together with the request that the Federation forms a Standing Veterans Committee to rank alongside its present specialist committees.

It was necessary for the Steering Committee set up at Toronto to be replaced by a formal establishment and, after the Chairman's casting vote broke a 46-46 deadlock, it was resolved to re-name the organisation the WORLD VETERAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (W.V.A.A.). The Canadian and American associations will, of course, continue to use the term "Masters" on a national basis.

While the Executive Council of the W.V.A.A. go about their business on a world-wide scale, the six Regional Councils (one for each continental area) will be working towards maximum representation of their respective continents, and the staging of regional championships in the years between the World events.

The first Regional Championships will be the European - to be held in Viareggio, Italy during September 1978. North America and Oceania should also establish championships very soon, but Asia, South America, and particularly Africa, are likely to require more time before they can follow suit.

So another gigantic step has been taken towards the next milestone. There will be many pit-falls along the road, but if the spirit of 1977 continues to prevail we shall not lose our way.

The Track and Field side of the Gothenburg Games, with which this report is concerned, can claim to have been successful and well organized with warmth and enthusiasm - so continuing the standards set in Canada two years ago.

Of course individuals found points to complain about but within the confines of a five day programme and unrestricted entries, things went amazingly well and the end results were a credit to Roland Jerneryd and all who worked with him.

Some competitors did not appreciate having to compete at 09.00 hours, or in areas outside the main Slottskogvallen Stadium - but the massive entries forced that. If a Class had to be relegated to early hours, or the outfield, it was spread around and not always the same age group.

The 'winner only' principle, with fastest losers, was the best way out of a problem in the middle distance races, but it reminds one of difficulties that growing numbers will bring. With 80 to 90-odd competitors in both 1A and 1B 1500m events it was just possible to get away with six or seven large heats and therefore avoid semi-finals. But when the numbers top 100 odd - what then? Already the

longer track races have been staged away from the main venue - and field events part-relegated to outfields. If numbers go on increasing, soon a separate stadium will be required for each age group. That would be impossible, so how long will it be before we are compelled to set standards, even soft ones of say 4m25.0 for the 1A 1500m? Or to cut out certain events in some of the older classes, rather than increase them to a full programme as was done this time? Unpopular maybe, but a question not to be avoided for long.

Americans Show Class

The U.S.A. contingent was characteristically strong and they came away with a fair share of the medals. Top performer in the men's team must surely have been Jack Greenwood (51) who came to Sweden fresh from setting two world records in the A.A.U. Masters Championships in July (400m and 110m hurdles, 53.5 and 15.1 respectively). He took five individual gold and incidentally improved on these times while he was about it! Add to those his relay medals and one imagines he must have had a sizeable trunk to take his haul back home!

Ex-Champions Still Champions

As might have been expected, ex-Olympians were well amongst the medals, those two former Olympic champions, Gaston Roelants and Al Oerter, for example. One readily thinks of the flowing style of the Belgian, Olympic steeplechase champion in 1964, as he dominated the steeplechase, 5000 metres and cross-country 1A events. In the 5000 metres Roelants asserted himself from the gun, built an early lead, reeled off 67-68 sec. laps with relentless regularity and finished in a championship record of 14:03.00. In the cross-country he had to counter a strong challenge from England's Roy Fowler, the reigning champion from Toronto, while in the steeplechase the master had a relatively comfortable win from Ida of Germany. Reportedly Gaston had been putting in 150 miles a week in preparation for these races and had turned in an 8:46.0 steeplechase in training. To the relief of other competitors, he did not go for the 10,000 and marathon. As for the discus ace from the U.S., the only athlete in Olympic history to win four gold medals in successive Games (1956-60-64-68), he took the 1A discus with a throw of 60.36m.

Another two ex-champions met in the 1A 800 metres where Tony Blue, 1960 Olympic semi-finalist at this distance, had a slender victory over fellow Australian Noel Clough, the 1966 Commonwealth 880 yds Champion. Noel came away with two golds though, from the 400m (49.5) and the 400m hurdles (54.3).

Rising Standards will Make Medals Difficult

From a review of the results one could say it would almost certainly be possible to put together a veterans team capable of beating many a club or collegiate team and, in some cases, being a match for national teams! As standards improve in masters competition, multiple medals are bound to become increasingly difficult to win, particularly in the younger classes. We all look forward to events at the next championships; will there be multiple-medal winners? Who will be the outstanding performers there? Will there be a continued advance in women's events? And what kind of political in-fighting will there have been during the intervening two years?

The pick of the dual winners has to be Noel CLOUGH (Aust.) who having had the tape lifted off his chest by compatriot Tony Blue, in a sizzling World Best 800m (1m54.8) came back over the next three days to prove himself a real champion - by taking the 400m and 400mH in World Best runs of 49.5 and 54.3 - and so remove Jim Dixon's two outstanding records from the books.

GOTHENBURG:

Impressive were the margins of victory and returns for AUSTIN (Aus), in the 1A (10.8, 21.9 W.B.), WILLIAMS (GB) in the 1B (11.2 22.9), HOGAN (USA) in the 2B (11.9, 24.6) and PACKARD (USA) in the 4A (13.9, 29.2 -- both W.B.). But none could take away the spotlight from the remarkable 61 yrs old FRITZ ASSMY of Germany in the 3A finals with victories in 12.5 and 26.0 -- for he was BLIND!! He powered to victory attached on a lead to a younger man in the outside lane!

triple champion John GILMOUR certainly At fifty-eight he was in the form of his life in taking hotly contested victories at 800m (2m14.5), 1500m (4m28.3) and 5000m. (16m29.0). The 5 Km was a satisfying win for the Australian, but not quite in the fashion hoped for. Erik OSTBYE (Swe) had two weeks previously inflicted rare defeats on him in the Bruges Road Races -- but on the morning of the 2B 5000m., at Ullevi, for some strange reason one of the Games eagerly awaited clashes did not materialise -- for Ostbye was placed in the B race! John, determined not to be outmanoeuvred, laid his challenge on the table by front running a fast 16m29.0 which the Swede took up but failed to match by some six seconds.

Jack Greenwood's dominance was no surprise, for the fiftyone years old American had started to improve the 2A records in 1976, his first year in the class. He won five events out of five, although more than once he had a real fight on his hands. The sprints in 11.7 and 23.7, plus his world record 400 in 52.7 --

The 'Thrower of the Games' would have to be Von WARTBURG from Switzerland. He outclassed a fine field with a new W.B. of 78.66 -- KULCSAR (Hun) was there to see his record go and finished third with 67.34 to HASTEDT's (Ger) 68.96. Phil CONLY (USA) upped his form in defence of his title, but with 63.30 had to settle for 4th. When Bill MORALES (USA) set his outstanding 3A World Best of 50.22 late last year, he used the 800g javelin. At the Games he consented to use the lighter one of the Class. Inevitably the result was a record 53.00. OJANRANTA the Finn did a great 47.06, worthy of a Champion himself had not the fine American been around.

The Pole Vault scene produced all that could have been expected of it, for HOUVION (Fr) did show up in the 1A and in an exciting contest only won on the count back from NIEMELD (Fin) with 4.50. Roger RUTH (Can) defended his unbeaten record at major Games by winning the 1B at 4.00 and 67 year old Herbert SCHMIDT (Ger) performed for everyone's pleasure and cleared 3.40 -- and it should go without saying that no rival got any where near that!

The Scandinavians did stir their ranks and impose a presence, for in Track and Field they won 34 titles. The Germans did come across the Baltic in enough numbers and prove their sprinters and field veterans were as good as their excellent yearly ranking lists suggested, for they won 14 titles. The boys from the States took 44, and over-all 21 different nations provided at least one winner -- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gr. Britain, Holland, Israel, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, U.S.A. & Yugoslavia. All proving that the Veteran movement is becoming more and more widespread and may not be able to confine itself at the top level to a 'fun and games' atmosphere much longer -- and in many ways that will be a pity.

Andy Smith (3A), Australia, has an interesting approach to middle distance running, and writes the following: On the road to Gothenburg I turned over in my mind the need for a friendly and courteous approach to fellow competitors as opposed to the win-at-all-costs syndrome. Language is the great communicator but even on the basis that money speaks all languages I was practically speechless. A little research into the Swedish/English dictionary produced some gems for use during the 1500m which I had entered. Firstly, if by any chance I should pass a competitor, a delicately intoned 'Are you waiting for someone' would no doubt generate an aura of friendship and show appreciation of my concern for the welfare of fellow runners... especially those behind me. In all fairness this phrase was only likely to be used if those in front should wait on a bend for traffic lights to change or lose count of the number of laps completed. A much more useful phrase to be used, if by some dire mischance one or more competitors should pass me during the course of the race, is 'Where is the nearest railway station?' After all, if others surpass me athletically it behoves me to train a little more! The shame of this tale is that Andy did not get to the start of the 1500 in the World Masters... he was busy running in the final of his 400m.

I met Doug Worling the Australian Steeplechaser at our national vets championships last summer. He explained that his temporary loss of form was due to the fact that in his job as a builder a house had fallen on his leg... Thunderstruck by this calamity I questioned further to discover that it was in fact his horse that had fallen on him and trapped his leg. His nearest track is over 200 miles from his home and he enjoyed his two days of competition with the British vets. So much so that he got third in the chase in Gothenburg.

Incidentally Doug finds Veteris a great mag but could only just remember the Shrinkle ramblings...

The scene... Sunday morning three-quarters through an 18 mile steady run. Vet to youngster: 'How far had you run before today then sonny? Over-awed lad: 'I've been up to 7½ miles once'. Vet: 'You won't be training with us on Tuesday then'. OAL: 'Why, not Sir?' Vet (smoothly drawing away to the front of the pack): 'You'll still be in intensive care'. It happened I tell you, it happened.

Chalky White decided to run the 400m in the National Vets Championships and confided to a friend that he had not run over the distance for over 32 years and was a bit worried about how it would all go. 'Simple, Chalky' said his friend, 'Just keep turning left'.

GASTON ROELANTS and PIET MAJOOR both won titles in Gothenburg and set what we thought were World Bests. Not so -- the Belgian wonder strung up a fine series over the 3000m Steeple Chase prior to the Games -- 8m43.4, 8m44.8, 8m47.5 and 8m41.5 at Oslo on the 6th June. The Dutch man, now 46 years of age, was just as busy with a 1500m series of 4m06.1, 4m07.2, 4m05.8, 4m03.4 and a record 4m03.2 at Papendal on 8th June.

Have you heard about the wife who had never seen her husband's best friend with his clothes on?... or so the story goes.

The sight of all those old legs in new shoes in the Gothenberg marathon was relieved by Bill Watts of Sussex whose 1948 feet were firmly encased in a pair of 1948 shoes from the Laws Shop. Eat your hearts out Nike, Tiger, Reebok, Puma and Addidas.

**LATE
FLASH**

The National Athletic Federation of Germany have applied for the 1979 World Veterans Track and Field Championships to be held at Hanover. Their proposal dates are end of July beginning of August.

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TORONTO GOTHENBURG COMPARISONS

BASED ON AVERAGE OF FIRST
SIX IN EACH EVENT

Only four events failed to improve upon standards set in Toronto, the 3A 800m, 1A 3000 SC, 2A Shot and 2B Javelin.

The underlining of the two most improved classes in each event, generally suggests that in the flat races the older classes seem to have improved most, while in the throws it's the younger. In the jumps it's spread around.

On the track, nine classes threw up 'better averages' in Gothenburg than achieved by the younger class below them at Toronto. 2A and B 200m, 2A 400m, 3B 1500m, 2A, B and 3B 5000m and the 2A and 3B 10,000m. In the jumps it was also nine - 2A, 3A and 3B High Jump, 1B, 2B and 3A Long Jump and the 1B, 2A and B Triple Jump. Because of differing weights and sizes it is not so easy to comment on the throws or Hurdle events.

The most spectacular advance came in the 1A and 1B Javelin averages - up more than 12m and 13m - over 20%!

Flat Races		1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B
100M	Toronto	11.18	11.80	12.25	12.75	13.30	14.28
	Gothenburg	11.12	11.51	11.95	<u>12.41</u>	<u>12.78</u>	13.55
200M	T	23.37	24.58	25.65	27.12	28.03	31.52
	G	22.95	23.81	24.32	<u>25.48</u>	27.62	<u>29.00</u>
400M	T	52.20	55.50	57.37	60.53	64.00	71.11
	G	50.77	<u>53.67</u>	<u>54.82</u>	58.83	63.77	70.90
800M	T	2:00.85	2:05.83	2:10.50	2:25.91	2:29.00	2:36.05
	G	1:56.28	<u>2:01.00</u>	2:09.25	<u>2:15.76</u>	2:29.23	2:35.55
1500M	T	4:03.03	4:20.90	4:30.96	5:02.80	5:43.00	5:50.33
	G	3:56.78	4:10.68	4:24.91	4:34.37	<u>5:05.83</u>	<u>5:21.16</u>
5,000M	T	15:30.3	16:58.9	17:06.8	18:06.4	20:22.3	20:33.2
	G	14:40.1	<u>15:33.9</u>	16:18.4	16:55.8	<u>18:21.9</u>	19:13.1
10,000	T	32:13.8	25:41.7	35:02.4	36:58.0	41:14.0	44:06.7
	G	32:08.9	<u>32:36.1</u>	35:00.5	36:12.1	38:51.7	<u>40:15.9</u>

Hurdle Events		1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B
110 H	T	16.70	19.33	18.60	20.34	-	-
	G	16.06	18.61	<u>17.51</u>	<u>18.75</u>	-	-
400 H	T	61.31	65.45	66.63	77.32	-	-
	G	57.83	<u>61.51</u>	63.20	<u>68.60</u>	-	-
3000 S/C	T	9:37.4	11:05.3	11:58.7	12:19.3	-	-
	G	9:44.0	<u>10:05.7</u>	<u>10:57.9</u>	11:53.8	-	-
Throws		1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B
Shot	T	15.09	11.26	15.03	12.53	11.40	8.76
	G	15.80	<u>13.87</u>	14.70	12.91	13.86	<u>12.31</u>
Discus	T	44.32	38.49	43.62	40.54	33.59	24.63
	G	<u>51.86</u>	42.69	45.88	41.02	41.89	<u>39.24</u>
Javelin	T	54.34	44.24	43.92	41.09	34.50	28.76
	G	<u>66.62</u>	<u>57.48</u>	45.73	38.86	44.35	31.88
Hammer	T	52.68	44.45	34.01	31.66	37.84	31.33
	G	55.96	46.89	<u>41.13</u>	<u>37.29</u>	39.79	34.40
Jumps		1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B
High Jump	T	1.71	1.57	1.52	1.42	1.35	1.22
	G	1.82	1.67	1.58	1.51	<u>1.48</u>	<u>1.36</u>
Long Jump	T	6.08	5.93	5.17	4.80	4.69	3.68
	G	<u>6.68</u>	6.36	5.49	5.32	4.99	<u>4.38</u>
Triple Jump	T	12.83	11.83	10.45	9.85	9.65	-
	G	13.21	<u>12.93</u>	<u>11.24</u>	<u>10.64</u>	9.83	-
Pole Vault	T	3.76	3.50	-	-	-	-
	G	4.18	3.67	-	-	-	-



Who was the winner? Tony Blue (9) gains the verdict over fellow-Australian Clough (10) in the 1A final of the 800m at Gothenburg — time 1:54.8. Mainka (267, Germany) Huysssen (37, Belgium) and Nat Fisher (114, GB) chase them home.

SPOTLIGHT (Cont'd)

impression on the National scene until 1964 when narrowly missing Olympic selection for the 400 hurdles. By this time he was a member of Coburg Harriers and was being coached by Neville Sillitoe, who has coached several of Australia's International sprinters. He was 29 when he reached the zenith of his career in Jamaica, but unfortunately appendicitis and leg injuries curtailed competition for some time after and he was never to regain his golden form of 1966. Although it is doubtful whether he could have gone on to even greater things at the age of 30 plus, who can be sure? Anyway we now know that he was saving it for the veteran scene.

He continued to contest the National's until 1971 when he decided to stand down from that level of

competition, but carried on training and competing at club level until 1974, at which point he virtually retired from open competition. Naturally enough he could not kick the lifetime habit of training and with the aid of a few games of squash and the odd pre-vets race managed to keep reasonably fit during his late thirties.

Noel believes that the three 'easy' years prior to Gothenburg may have helped his body to recover somewhat from the many years of hard training, without allowing too much deterioration. He says, "When I started training again, I found settling down to programmes almost equal in quantity and quality to those of 10 to 15 years ago no great problem".

It would be presumptuous to try to describe his character after only one meeting but his thoughtful response to questions gave one the impression of a rather placid and composed personality, that is except when the finish of the 800 is mentioned!

Physically he certainly looks the part, six feet tall and slimly built he runs with an erect carriage and long powerful stride. His appearance is quite distinctive too, with his lean bearded features and hooded track-suit top he would have made a passable Robin Hood in one of those old movies.

Regarding the future, Noel was uncertain whether he would be around to defend his titles in 1979. He mentioned the toughness of training to the sort of standard needed and of course the expense of travelling the distances that Aussies and New Zealanders must to compete in World Masters events. This is probably the feeling of anti-climax we all have after a big event has come and gone. However, who knows, by '79 Kerry Packer may be moving into Veterans athletics!



NOEL CLOUGH (Australia)

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Spotlight on NOEL CLOUGH

Australia

by Wilf Morgan

Born:	April 25th, 1937	Best Times:	<i>Under 40</i>	<i>Over 40</i>
Place:	Melbourne, Australia	400 metres hurdles	51.2*	54.3
Height:	1.83m/6'-0"	400 metres	46.6*	49.5
Weight:	70 kg/154 pounds	800 metres	1:46.2*	1:55.6
Occupation:	Research Dept, Tyre Company	*These times are rated equivalents from 440 yds and 880 yds performances.		
Club:	Coburg Harriers			

As a sports fan, I have for as long as I can remember stored away in my head various sporting facts and figures that seem to be of little use, except maybe in a pub where memory men are regarded with some esteem, to run through Rocky Marciano's title defences, remember Hobbs's record number of centuries, or give Lovelock's winning time in Berlin; the recollecting of such sporting trivia is for me mentally stimulating and I regret to say probably the height of my intellectual capability. Without wishing to bore you with my fixation about such things, an interesting fact emerged from my interview with Noel Clough. I wonder how many track athletes you can name who won championships at either Olympic, European or Commonwealth Games, but who never managed to win their own National Championship at any time in their careers. In fact the question is prompted by the discovery that Clough, who won the Commonwealth 880 yards in 1966 never won an Australian title at any distance. Incidentally, he has not yet won a National Veterans Championship, but we must give him time, he has only just turned 40.

Noel Clough's decision to compete in Gothenburg was made around Christmas and at the same time he was able to incorporate a visit to Israel into his plans. A track and field team of Australian Jews, Hakoah Ajax, were due to take part in the Maccabiah Games, and he accepted an invitation to accompany them as their coach.

So the first stop was Tel-Aviv, and then on to Scandinavia, to Copenhagen in fact where he found time to compete in a 400 hurdles race. Which all sounds very much like a carefully worked out plan to acclimatise gradually to the northern hemisphere. After finally arriving in Gothenburg Noel immediately showed his class by winning his heat of the 800 and setting up an interesting clash with fellow Aussie Tony Blue in the Final. The race was exciting with Clough making most of the running and Blue just getting home first on the tape. At least that is what the judges decided. The closeness of this race was a sore point with Noel, who perhaps with some justification claimed it was 'too close to call' and says a photo-finish camera should have been used at such an important meeting. Indeed a head-on photograph, although admittedly not a good guide, shows the tape creasing Clough's vest as he dips at the finish. He made the point that had he travelled the 13,000 miles from Australia solely for that one race, he would have returned home feeling very disgruntled. Happily the two 400 events were to provide compensation for what might have been a raw deal in the 800. The hurdles came first and on the Thursday afternoon he ran away from the field in a new record time of 54.3. Later that same day, as if for an encore, he won the 400 flat, again by a good margin and again in record time, 49.5.

As I understand it, Hal Higdon is writing a book about veteran athletes, well if he devotes a chapter to what motivates the star performer, he will find an interesting subject in Mr. Clough. It appears that the crushing disappointment of not being selected for the Australian Olympic Team of 1964 was the main factor behind his decision to stay with athletics up to the veteran stage. Of course it would be stretching the point too far to suggest that this disappointment has been carried from then until now, particularly as within two years of that failure he scooped one of the

major prizes in athletics. But Noel admits that he had always nurtured an ambition to compete at the Olympics, and sadly this ambition was unfulfilled. It is an interesting thought that perhaps some of us are motivated by a desire to deal with some of the 'unfinished business' of the past, and the comprehensive programme of veteran meetings give an opportunity to do just that.

But enough of the psychological analysis and on to the more concrete achievements of Clough's life in athletics. The Jamaica Games of August 1966 provided the high point, and the story of this episode began on March 26th of that year at the Australian National Championships. They were held in Perth, strangely enough at the same stadium that staged the 1962 Commonwealth Games. Noel made a last minute decision to go for the 800 metres rather than his usual event the 400 hurdles. He gained a place in the final running his heat in 1:51, and the following day finished second behind Ralph Doubell in 1:47.6. This was easily a personal best and knocked over 4 seconds off his previous best at the start of the season. More importantly this performance gained him selection for the Games Team. In Jamaica the track events were held for the last time over the Imperial distances, and in the 880 yards heat Noel moved through almost unobtrusively amongst a galaxy of star half-milers. Obviously the semi-finals proved to be a sterner test but he made the final placing second in his semi with 1:47.9. The final included most of the top half-milers of that time, Ralph Doubell (Aus), Bill Crothers (Can), George Kerr (Jam), Wilson Kiprugut (Kenya), and Chris Carter (G.B.) This description of the race is a shortened version from the Official Games Report: "The Final was a thriller. Yearwood set a frantic pace clocking 49.7 for the first lap, but he could not last and the field headed by Kiprugut started to overtake him just after the bell with Kerr, Carter and Clough at the back. With 220 yards to go Kerr moved wide and cut down most of the field, but Kiprugut still held the lead. Midway round the final bend Kerr challenged for the lead, but was held off. Kerr and Kiprugut battled it out until 10 yards or so from the tape when Clough came like a bolt from the blue to sweep past both of them and win in a new Games record of 1:46.9".

A measure of the significance of this victory can be gauged from the fact that the winner had beaten the men who had occupied the three places behind Snell (N.Z.) in the 1964 Olympics, and had also beaten the men who were to place first and second in the 1968 Olympics. Truly a win for Clough to cherish!

Noel was born and still lives in Melbourne. He went to Coburg High School, as did his father many years before, and recalled that his father had won a trophy for general sporting ability about 60 years ago. Strangely he did not have any sporting heroes in his youth and does not seem to have been particularly moved by any individual athletic performance. He does have a sneaking regard for the marathon — as a spectator that is, and thought the television coverage from Montreal was first class.

He seems to have developed slowly. His first serious efforts were directed towards the triple jump, but also did some hurdling and all the flat races from 100 yards to the half-mile. The first time he ran under 2 minutes for the half was during National Service in the Army in 1956, but he did not make any

annual general meeting

*Members are advised that the
Annual General Meeting will be held*

MARCH 10TH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Friday March 10th 1978

All members are requested to attend the Club A.G.M. to be held on the above date at 7.45pm in the Conference Room at the Sports Clinic Buildings, (formerly known at the National Fitness Council), 70 South Terrace, Adelaide.

NOTE: It is hoped members wives would be prepared to serve Tea, Coffee and Biscuits after completion of the Meeting.
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