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CHAMPIONS IN BATTLE FOR 'GOLD'

Current Australian champions Steve Gall and Greg Primmer will battle for huge prizemoney in the CIG Golden Wheels round at the Pines Griffith Circuit on Sunday.

All the leading dirt-track and motocross riders will be competing including five former Australian champions.

CIG are heavily involved in dirt track racing by sponsoring this year's State Unlimited Championship.

The series is known as the CIG Golden Wheels Dirt Track Champion-

ships and is being run over five rounds with the first two rounds decided at Tamworth and Kempsey.

Griffith will host the third round which could be a turning point in the

title chase. Previous rounds have favoured the top motocrossers, while the faster circuit at Griffith should favour slider type machines.

Track supervisors

Ginge Davis and Bert Yates are pleased with the track surface.

Both have worked long hours with other club members and their work has paid off with the finest dirt-track in Australia.

A young woman will be judged Miss Golden Wheels and receive a cash prize donated by D & N Caravans.

Girls will qualify for the competition by buying and wearing a CIG T-shirt to the Griffith meeting.

While there will be many of Australia's leading riders at Griffith, they are expected to meet strong competition from Griffith speedway riders.

Having a good knowledge of The Pines should favour Griffith's top contenders, Paul Tyson, Peter Lee, Glenn Davis and Mick Fallon.

Another Griffith rider on the way up is Ray Patten having his last meeting as a C grader at Griffith. He was recently upgraded to B.

Several companies have given support: Alpen's Transport, Morrison's Engineering, Beltrame Bros and Elders Metals.

Fast field in marathon

By Peter Tuziak

Griffith Amateur Athletic Club officials are expecting fast times from all 28 runners in the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon on Sunday.

The big run gets under way at 10 a.m. and the flat course should be a great help to all athletes.

In a trial over the course last week, Geoff Sainty recorded an excellent solo time of three hours, 43 minutes and he reported that the route was more interesting than most.

The marathon distance of 26 miles, 365 yards has been split into

a 13 circuit journey around the village of Hanwood.

Apart from the obvious advantages of accessible feeding stations for the runners and close supervision by the first aid crew, this course will also enable spectators to have a close look at all runners.

Favourite for the marathon must be Geoff Moore from Canberra.

He is the A.C.T.

Marathon titleholder was 9th in the 1978 Commonwealth Games trial with a time of two hours, 29 minutes, three seconds. Apart from seventh place in the 1978 Australian Marathon title, he won the recent Canberra International Marathon in a fast 2:26.58.

Former N.S.W. representative Bob Talay has a good record in road races of up to 15 miles and should give Moore a run for his money.

Others in the battle for first prize of return air fare to New Zealand to contest the Hamilton Marathon include John Gilbert (2:38.04) and Graeme Small (2:44.45), also from the A.C.T.

Marathon men are often older than track runners and 40-year-old Arthur Brown will give the youngsters a shake.

The only woman in the event is Sue Gilbert from A.C.T. and she only has to complete the course to win the Gilbro Toyota wine goblet.

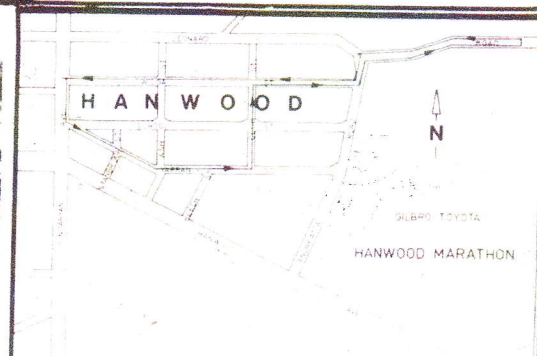
Ten Griffith runners will be in the field on Sunday. It will be interesting to see how many finish.

There should be a three way battle for first local home between Ron Burns, the most experienced marathoner, Steve Kocaj and Max Zan.

Roy Binks could surprise but he is reputed to be suffering a leg injury.

The marathon runners would welcome spectators, but not cars at the course.

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GREENIES DESPERATE FOR WIN

By Mike Donaldson

Defending Group 20 Rugby League Premiers, Waratahs, play Leeton at Griffith on Sunday in what is shaping as the most exciting game of the round.

Leeton is desperate for a win to stave off a challenge for its fourth position in the competition by Narrandera.

Narrandera is trailing by only one point and seems assured of victory on its home ground against Yenda on Sunday.

Waratahs are also eager to win and maintain their position as competition leaders. Waratahs are being pressed for the minor premiership by Yanco Wamoon, who are behind only on percentages.

Both sides have slick backlines and the ability to play fast, open football.

Waratahs appear to hold the edge in the forwards with players such as Len Bertoldo, the

Foster brothers and Trevor Mills in good form.

Their side will be strengthened with the return of hard running Tony Saxvik into the centres and they have a potential match winner in Riverina winger, Brian Rossetto.

Leeton are fresh from a bye and are hoping for a reversal of goal kicking form from captain, Rob Pilon.

Pilon kicked only one goal in his team's 14-11 loss to Yanco Wamoon a fortnight ago and he will have to improve if the Greenies are to defeat Waratahs.

Despite the importance of a win to Leeton, Waratahs should take control in the forwards and win.

Riders to watch

GREG PRIMMER, NO. 25 Godden Weslake: Greg is the current Aust. 500 cc champion and has won three other Australian championships, including the 1978 N.S.W. Unlimited Championship. Greg rides for the Wallsend club in Newcastle, and is a real favourite to take out the CIG Golden Wheels round here at Griffith.

LEN NORRIS, NO. 2, Hagon Weslake: Len rides for the Wyalong club and is sponsored by McDonald Motorcycles of Bathurst. Len in his first year of racing went from C to A grade and in his second year of racing went on to win the 1977 N.S.W. Unlimited Championship. Len would have to be the favourite for the Grif-

fith round of the CIG Golden Wheels, as he is currently on form with a good win in the recent pay dirt series held at Nepean.

TONY LACEY, NO. 99 Hagon Jap: Tony at 19 years of age is one of Australia's top up and coming riders and recently won the State 250 cc Championship. Tony comes from Wollongong and is sponsored by Kevin Fraser who has won 32 State championships and three Australian championships. Tony is a former mini bike champion and should be one of the favourites for the CIG Golden Wheels here at Griffith.

GREG CADY, NO. 80, Maico 440: Greg is leading the pointscore in the CIG Golden Wheels and is one of Australia's top

motocrossers, after placing third in last year's Australian 125 cc motocross championship. Consistent placings from Greg should enable him to hold his pointscore lead.

STEVE GALL, NO. 3, Yamaha 400: Steve is the current Australian Unlimited and 125 cc champion as well as the current Mister Motocross. Steve is a professional rider living on his motocross and dirt track winnings. Steve won two of the Golden Wheels rounds last year and will be in there trying this year.

MIKE CADY, NO. 318, Godden Weslake: Mike won the first round of the Golden Wheels at Tamworth and has won three

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Soccer Shots



This weekend sees the last round of junior soccer competition matches and many teams will be out to consolidate their positions on the ladder.

The match draws are as follows:

Under 8's: Beelgali vs Redbacks 11 a.m.; Panthers vs Yenda; Hanwood vs Wolves; West vs Spurs.

Under 9's: Panthers vs Wests; Norths vs Redbacks; Beelgali vs Hanwood.

Under 10's: Panthers vs Wests; Norths vs Redbacks; Beelgali vs Yenda.

Under 11's: Wolves vs Wests; Spurs vs East; Beelgali vs Hanwood.

Under 12's: Yenda vs Wests; Norths vs East.

Under 13/14: Beelgali vs East 14; Wolves vs Hanwood 14; Hanwood vs Spurs; East have the bye.

Under 16's: Beelgali A vs Hanwood, 2 p.m.; East/North vs Beelgali B, at West End, at 4 p.m.

Tonight's draws in the Apolloni's Real Estate five-a-side indoor soccer competition are as follows:

S.R. Bakeries meet Salvos at 7 p.m. in a match that should see Salvos run out winners

through experience over a young but keen team in S.R. Bakeries.

Vio's Veterans play Trev's T-Shirts at 7.30 and this match will be very competitive with Trev's gaining more and more experience as they progress.

With vast experience in the presence of Gerry Vio, Vince Lal, Bruno Cadarin and company, Vio's Veterans should pick up the points.

Cosmos play Hawks at 8 p.m. and this will be keenly contested.

But Hawks have been putting it together really well and should prove more than a handful for Cosmos who try very hard.

Redbacks meet Buffers at 8.30 p.m. and this match should be a great sight to see as the 'boys' of both teams are all good spirit competitors.

The last two weeks have seen Redbacks come from virtually a forfeit position to put together a brilliant draw and one very good win.

However, Buffers will be out to do their bit of "hustling" as well.

It will be a good honest game with Redbacks to win.

S.A.M.E. meet Donaldsons-Easts and this should be another very keen and very competitive game.

Donaldsons-Easts have a brilliant young side and a very experienced leader in Don Milne.

S.A.M.E., however, will be there for every moment of the game and this could be the match of the night.

Donaldsons-Easts are favoured but not by such a great margin.

Eels play Pest Control and this will be another very keenly contested match that should finish off a fine night of soccer.

Pest Control have been playing well and Eels will be looking to avenge their defeat last Monday night.

Duty team is Trev's T-Shirts.

The women's soccer competition is there is a general bye.

There is a trial game at Yooqah at 11 a.m. for the girls to try out for representative honours.

Until some time in the very near future it seems I will hold onto my promise to referee a game for the women.

The men's senior competition draw is as follows: Hay vs East, at Hay; Wests v Trev's T-Shirts at West End.

UNDER 13/14
Spurs 13 defeated Hanwood 14 1-nil in a very good game.

Best players for Spurs were R. Karaka and R. Barber.

Best for Hanwood were F. Colloridi and D. Rossetto.

Easts 13 and Beelgali 13 played out a very exciting 1-all draw at Exes Oval.

Scorer for Easts was Joe Agresta the under 12 fill in player, and for Beelgali 13, J. Guardala.

Both teams played very good football.

Best players were not named.

Hanwood 13 defeated Wolves 13 1-nil.

A very even first half saw both teams trying hard against a difficult wind.

Scorer for Hanwood was Ross Panbianco. Best players were not named.

UNDER 16s
Beelgali A defeated East/Norths 7-nil.

Scorers for Beelgali were A. Monterosso (2), M. Monterosso (2), M. Catanzariti (2) and J. Nardi (1).

Best for Beelgali were M. Catanzariti, A. Monterosso.

Wind assists in pigeon race

Griffith Racing Pigeon Club men have hit the front in the aggregate scores with a brilliant win in the senior section by Jim Wright at the weekend.

About 140 pigeons were released at Tullibigeal at 9 a.m. last Saturday with a strong northerly wind blowing to help them on their 115 km journey home.

The results were as follows:

Seniors 1st Jim Wright, 1200.9 metres per minute, second Jim Wright, 1200.0 m.p.m., third Allen Storm 1189.8 m.p.m.

Allen Storm's little pigeon "Sparrow" certainly excelled herself, and proved that size means little.

The Porter loft has made its presence felt with young Adam Porter's resounding win in the juniors.

Race results as follows, 1st Adam Porter 1077.0, Mike Penski 1047.1, Rose Penski 1047.0.

The aggregate scores have changed considerably this week with Nicki Wright and Becky Watts failing to score for the women.

Senior aggregates are: J. Wright 25 points, V. Wright 23 points, Werner Penski 18 points, Allen Storm 16 points, Mike Watts 12

points, Bob Porter 11

Junior aggregates: Becky Watts and Mike Penski 26 points, Mark Watts 19, Rose Penski 17, Adam Porter 14, Monique Storm 11, Michelle Storm 10.

Members should note that a general meeting will be held at the clubroom under the grandstand at the showground at 7 p.m. on Friday, before basket-

ing birds for the first

Condobolin race, a distance of 168 km.

Pigeon racing is and has been a way of life in many European countries for centuries. Lofts range from simple timber structures to elegant two storey houses fully equipped with central heating. In Belgium pigeon racing is the national sport and Belgian pigeon fanciers number 123,000.

Marathon field

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The marathon starts at 10 a.m.

The start and finish are in Yarran Street near the Hanwood Catholic Club, with the top runners expected to finish at about 12.24.

Those who wish to follow the event should take the number list below to identify the runners and give them encouragement.

4 BARBER Wal, 257
BINKS Roy, 289
BRENTNALL John, 296
BROWN Arthur, 321
BURNS Ron, 334
CUN- DY Dave, 428
ER- BACHER D.R., 439

GILBERT John, 445
GILBERT Sue, 614
HARRISON Bob, 616
HOPE Alan, 717
HUT- CHISON Ian, 719
JOHNSON Chris, 733
KEENAN Peter, 735
KOCAJ Steve, 749
LAWRENCE Bill, 781
MCARTHUR Bill, 781
McGUINNESS Phil, 823
MERRON Michael, 829
MOORE Geoff, 838
O'MEARA Ross, 840
OSBORNE Robert, 846
SALMON Ian, 849
SMALL Graeme, 879
TALAY Bob, 913
TASSELL John, 926
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Swim Corner



By Bill Webster

Do you remember several years back when Gosford Club completely dominated country swimming?

It was during the period when Les Lazarus managed the pool at Gosford and he built up a squad comprising Peter Reynolds, who held a world yards backstroke record, Christine Deakes who with Peter became an Olympic competitor, the Orren twins, Helen Pannowitz and several other outstanding competitors.

Les left Gosford after becoming a partner in a syndicate which built the Hunter Pool at The Junction, in Newcastle.

Here he produced Sonya Gray another Olympian, and again took charge of country swimming but over the past three or four years Les slipped into the background and eventually has left the coaching of the Hunter Club to Mike Stanton, a former New Zealand coach who bought the pool.

Now Les has moved back to Gosford and apparently intends to start from scratch and put the club back on top.

He has a new indoor pool and although he told me when he moved to Newcastle that Gosford had become a haven for old-age pensioners and the number of schoolchildren had diminished greatly, he now says the town has had a new lease of life and with new housing development, the future of age group swimming is secure.

I have known Les for 30 years and I know his determination when he puts his mind to a project and unless I am sadly mistaken, by 1981 Gosford club will again be the top club in country and maybe N.S.W. swimming.

One of the not so well known competitors who competed for Griffith at the recent Country Winter championships at Bathurst was Kristina Saxby.

She had a terribly hard struggle to qualify for the 12 years 100 breaststroke but eventually she did, with a time which didn't indicate she would win a medal but still, she proved she was better than just a Riverina competitor.

She must have been very nervous at Bathurst but with great tenacity she lowered her qualifying time considerably and quite frankly, wasn't all that far from qualifying for the N.S.W. championships.

She is a tall girl for her age which is a tremendous advantage, especially in breaststroke where many seconds can be chopped off on the turns.

I believe Kristina has a future as a breaststroker and if I have anything to do with it she will compete at both Country and N.S.W. summer championships.

The good news is that Tony Jones will return to swimming soon, after suffering a painful burn to the foot at work.

Tony is a better than average breaststroker and with a personal best of about 2:51 for 200 breaststroke he needs very little improvement to be a constant State finalist.

He is very tall and has a style which lends itself to the longer distance event, the long gliding but energy saving method.

I think he should set himself a very tough target of 2:40 for the 1980 N.S.W. championships and maybe even swim in the Olympic trials if he reaches his target times.

It must be remembered that the championships in the older age groups attract very few competitors and as breaststrokers are born, not made, I encourage those good at the stroke to continue on in competition longer than those who prefer the other strokes.

Test of stamina

The beginning and the end of the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon, on Sunday.

At right: Mr. Don Galloway fires the starter's gun to send the field away in the marathon.

Below: The winner of the gruelling event, Geoff Moore of Canberra, as he crosses the line. He won a trip to New Zealand and trophy.



MOORE WINS MARATHON

By Peter Tuziak

Geoff Moore of Canberra won the Gilbro Toyota Marathon on Sunday after an absorbing duel with Arthur Brown.

Moore was placed 7th in last year's Australian Marathon title and made it clear in the early stages that he was not after a fast time with this year's Australian title coming up in two weeks.

Realizing this the 41 year old Brown surged to the front at the start to try to break up the field.

The 13 lap Hanwood course proved to be a winner for the spectators as they were able to see the runners at each two miles and hear their lap times.

Brown led for most of the 26 miles, 385 yard journey but Moore had made his move up through the field at 14 miles and was looking strong.

At the 22 mile mark, Moore burst past Brown and won going away in two hours, 47 minutes and 25 seconds to Brown's two hours, 48 minutes and 18 seconds.

Graeme Small and Dave Cundy had shared the early pace with Brown and did well to finish third and fourth respectively.

The Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon was not without drama.

Caroline Vaughan (Wollongong) was hoping to run under three hours for the distance to make her one of the top five women marathoners in Australia.

During the early stages, with support from the crowd, she was within schedule but as the race developed her pace slackened.

Like a clock running down her lap times were slower until at the 22 mile mark, her badly blistered feet forced her to withdraw.

While Moore and Brown used different tactics out in front, Ross O'Meara and Roy Binks were waging a battle for the Gilbro Toyota goblet

for the first local runner to finish.

O'Meara looked strongly in the early stages and had a lead of 1½ minutes at 10 miles but Binks was loping along nicely.

At 16 miles, Binks and O'Meara were running together but from then it was all Binks.

Binks came home strongly in the excellent first up marathon time of three hours, 38 minutes, 38 seconds, with Steve Kocaj finishing brilliantly over the last mile to edge O'Meara out of 11th place.

Binks himself was seventh overall.

If he took his marathon running seriously he could expect to place in the top 19 in the N.S.W. marathon title.

In all 25 runners faced the starter and 19 finished.

The most courageous performance of the day came from John Brentnall, of Griffith who started his first two mile lap in 15 minutes, 29 seconds and struggled to the finish with 26 and 23 minute laps.

Mr Don Galloway of Gilbro Toyota presented the prizes and certificates for the Gilbro Toyota Marathon at the Hanwood Catholic Club.

Geoff Moore was presented with a wine goblet and a return air fare ticket to contest the Hamilton Marathon in New Zealand on October 20.

Griffith Amateur Athletic Club officials and Gilbro Toyota are to

be complimented on an excellently staged marathon.

The residents of Hanwood were also most cooperative.

They are already planning next year's Gilbro Toyota Marathon with a likely field of 60-100 starters.

Final results - 1. MOORE, Geoff (A.C.T.) 2:47:25; 2. BROWN, Arthur (A.C.T.) 2:48:18; 3. SMALL, Graeme (A.C.T.) 2:28:34; 4. CUNDY, Dave (A.C.T.) 2:49:39; 5. ERBACHER, Darrell (A.C.T.) 3:01:17.

6. MERRONY, Michael (A.C.T.) 3:02:01; 7. BINKS, Roy (Griffith) 3:04:38; 8. HOPE, Alan (A.C.T.) 3:07:16; 9. HUTCHISON, Ian (A.C.T.) 3:09:39; 10. SHERRY, Vince (A.C.T.) 3:12:14.

11. KOCAJ, Steve (Griffith) 3:16:06; 12. O'MEARA, Ross (Griffith) 3:16:20; 13. HARRISON, Bob (Armidale) 3:22:03; 13. VAUGHAN, Neil (Armidale) 3:22:03; 15. TASSELL, John (Melbourne) 3:25:47.

16. BURNS, Ron (Griffith) 3:29:16; 17. SALMON, Ian (Griffith) 3:36:04; 18. TONKIN, Jack (A.C.T.) 3:43:47; 19. BRENTNALL, John (Griffith) 4:12:21.

Non finishers - ZAN, Max - 22 miles; LAWRENCE, Bill - 20 miles; KEENAN, Peter - 20 miles; VAUGHAN, Caroline - 22 miles; JOHNSON, Chris - 8 miles and SMITH, Michael - 6 miles.

DARTS COMP. DRAW

The second half of the Griffith darts competition started off lively with good darts thrown.

Yenda Diggers are still on their winning streak with a big win over Griffith Hotel.

Yogali Catholic Club also had a good win. Black and Whites had to forfeit all their games when the required number of players failed to turn up.

Yenda Blues and Yenda Hotel No. 2 played well and put their opponents down 9/4.

Scores last week: LC1 9 def. Coro (w) 4, YCC1 11 def. AH 2, HCC 13 def. B & W, nil, YD 11 def. GH 2, YCC2 7 def. Coro1 6, YH2 9 def. YH1 4, YB 9 def. LC2 4, YC 8 def. Coro2 5.

Progressive score: YD 133, LC1 117, YB 107, YH1 104, B & W 101, GH 100, YCC1 100, LC2 95, HCC 95, YC 91, YH2 83, YCC2 82, Coro1 81, AH 79, Coro2 77, Coro (w) 67.

Draw for tomorrow night: LC1 v YD, Coro

(w) v AH, GH v Coro2, YCC1 v LC2, YC v Coro1, YB v YH2, YCC2 v HCC, YH1 v B & W.

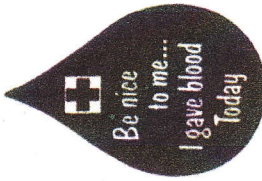
Junior b'ball draw

Junior boys' basketball will continue Wednesday afternoon and the draw for this week is:

5 p.m., De-Bortolis v Area Builders, 5.30 p.m., Hot Shots v Falcons, 6 p.m., Cavaliers v Globetrotters.

It has been decided to enter an Under 16 year team in the C grade night competition with a view to providing a top line Griffith Under 16 years team to compete in inter-town games and Riverina competition later this year and early 1980.

The team is being sponsored by the Griffith Squash Centre.



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30 RUNNERS TO CONTEST HANWOOD MARATHON

More than 30 runners have entered for the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon to be held on Sunday but there has been a poor response for the 10,000 metre fun run held at the same time.

Griffith Athletic Club officials are surprised at the poor response to the fun run from locals who took part in the longer Bacchus 12,000.

First prize for the 10 kilometre fun run is a set of six pewter wine goblets and so far only a handful of entries have been received.

The fun run was introduced to provide the opportunity for joggers to attempt a part of the 26 mile, 385 yard marathon course and to provide some pacing aid for the runners in the longer event.

The Griffith Athletic Club hopes some fun runners contesting this year's 10,000 fun run will be inspired to take up the challenge of the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon next year.

So far the only local entries in the marathon are Ron Burns and Ross O'Meara.

Last year's first Wade Shire finisher, Roy Binks, has not yet entered.

Sets of six pewter goblets will be awarded to the first finisher, first female finisher and first Wade Shire finisher and to two runners who improve on their previous best marathon time.

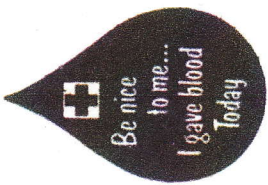
Entries for the Gilbro Toyota Marathon and the 10,000 metre fun run are available at the Vocational Guidance Bureau, 324 Banna Avenue. Both runs start at 10 am on Sunday.



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Record to go in marathon

By Peter Tuziak

The winner of Sunday's Gilbro Toyota Handwood marathon will need to set a course record to win the 26 mile, 385 yard classic.

This is the strongest field ever with at least four interstate runners with best times under Geoff Moore's 1979 record of two hours, 47 mins, 25 secs.

Moore will not be defending his title but Garry Hand, fresh from his third place in the recent Nike Marathon in 2-25-25, will set a cracking pace.

Main dangers to Hand will be Michael Kennedy, Dave Cundy and Danny Dawes.

Last year's runner up, Graeme Small, will ensure a fast early pace in an effort to shake off the faster finishers.

The Gilbro Toyota Marathon will be full of interest right from the 10 am start as the runners cover 13 circuits of the course around the Hanwood village with the finish near the Hanwood Catholic Club.

Behind the leading bunch there will be a great contest with the other runners all trying to improve on their previous best times to be eligible for the two improvers awards.

One of the unusual runners in the marathon is ultra marathoner, Ian Hutchinson who started his running career as a "fun runner".

Hutchinson is training for the 100 kilometre road race to be held in Sydney on July 23 and recently ran 62 miles on a 400 metre track (that's 488 laps) before retiring with ankle strain.

Last year I predicted Caroline Vaughan would win the women's title. She failed to finish.

Barring similar misfortune, Clare Wall, of ACT will be the first (and only) female to finish. If he runs, Roy Binks should retain his Wade Shire resident title.

In his absence Ross O'Meara should beat Ron Burns to the line for local honours but Michael Nolen is an unknown over this distance and could surprise.

Spectators at the finish should also see a good contest in the 10,000 metres fun run which also starts at 10 am.

Local runner Chris Robertson should have a good chance of winning this event.

For the benefit of spectators here is the list of Gilbro Toyota Handwood marathon runners and their chest numbers: BINKS, Roy (370), BROWN, Arthur (177), BURNS, Ron (180), CARNEY, Doug (183), CASTRISSON, Jim (192), COLE, Matthew (343), CUNDY, Dave (344), DAWES, Danny (345), GILLARD, John (346), HAND, Garry (347), HARVEY, Peter (348), HUTCHISON, Ian (349), KEARNS, Michael (350), KENNEDY, Michael (354), KLIJN, Nico (355), MARIN, Robert (357), MAY, Tony (358), MER-RONY, Michael (359), MITCHELL, Tony (360), MOORE, Hugh (361), NOLEN, Michael (362), O'MEARA, Ross (363), SHERRY, Vince (364), SLY, Gary (365), SMALL, Graeme (366), TASSEL, John (367), THWAITES, Laurence (368), WALL, Clare (369).

AT MERCY OF BLUES

By Ted Scobie

Griffith Black and Whites have been further hit by serious injury to a key player, and followers of the club cannot recall such a string of setbacks in a Rugby League season in the club.

Also out is the club's regular fullback Renzo Surian, and the loss of these two players comes hard on the heels of last

week's win over Nardera, and reports of

his first full season in the top grade sustained a broken leg in last week's win over Nardera, and reports of

ELDORADO FOR TROT PUNTERS

By Halwes

Punters should start on a winning note at the Griffith Trotting Club meeting tomorrow if they back Eldorado Lad in the opening event.

Eldorado Lad was a good second at Griffith two starts back but at his last start he galloped away and this run should be forgotten. His main dangers will be Yankee Mission and Gayita.

Cameo Adios appeals in the Novice Handicap. She was second at her last start at Grenfell and the run should have brought her to her peak.

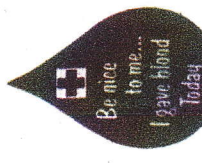
Selections

- Race No. 1: Eldorado Lad 1, Yankee Mission 2, Gayita 3.
 - Race No. 2: Cameo Adios 1, Kyvalley Dell 2, Micaemic 3.
 - Race No. 3: Perfect Butler 1, Yankee Pay 2, All Dees 3.
 - Race No. 4: Lomond 1, Regal Teen 2, Gollando Red 3.
 - Race No. 5: King Dillon 1, Ho ming Hanover 2, Cool Classic 3.
 - Race No. 6: Jemadroit 1, Railrod 2, Shakath 3.
- Best bet: Eldorado Lad
Each way: King Dillon
Special: Perfect Butler

AUSWILDS MOTORS

- TWO YEAR OLD HANDICAP
- FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE
- 1750 METRES TO START 3 15 P M
- 1 Common Trade
- 2 Boree Girl
- 3 Gollando Red
- 4 Norvinden 2nd res
- 5 Jerza Kowan
- 6 Glenmorgan
- 7 Vangipani
- 8 Mark's Pride
- 9 Sea Faring 1st res O/D
- 10 Lomond
- 11 Katie Rogue
- 12 Rockout Boy
- 13 Regal Teen
- 14 Nanny Reynolds

BILL ROSE PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP 2150 METRES TO START 3 45 P M
1 Sensery Spring



LATE NEWS NO TRAINS

The only train services operating out of Griffith since a strike by members of the Australian Federated Locomotive Enginemen (A.F.L.E.) on Sunday night are the daily 5.15 pm South West Mail which terminates at Temora and the 5 pm Temora Mail on Thursday which will terminate at Coolamburra. The union is expected to meet today to further discuss the issue.

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HAND SETS NEW TIME FOR HANWOOD MARATHON

By Peter Tuziak

Garry Hand of the A.C.T. ran brilliantly to win the 1980 Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon in record time on Sunday.

Although Hand had competed in a tough 25 kilometre event in Canberra the day before, he took control of the race from the start and was never headed.

His winning time of 2 hours, 35 minutes — 29 seconds broke Geoff Moore's record by almost 12 minutes.

Nineteen-year-old Matthew Cull (A.C.T.), with little marathon experience behind him, ran a superb race throughout to finish only three minutes behind Hand.

Cull should improve considerably in the next year and develop into one of Australia's top marathon men.

This year, for the first time, a 10,000 metre fun run was held in conjunction with the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon.

The early pacing of the 10,000 metre runners was appreciated by the marathon competitors who went close to personal best times in most cases.

Winner of the 10,000 fun run was Garry Lee of Canberra in a fast 32 mins, 59 secs from pro-

posed to finish only three minutes behind Hand.

There were 31 competitors in the 10,000 m fun run.

Spectators were able to watch the entire race because of the 3.2 kilometres circuit of the Hanwood village and both runs were full of interest.

An interesting battle was fought for third place in the marathon with early leader Danny Dawes finally caught by Michael Kennedy at 34 kilometres.

Kennedy went on to win out by four minutes with Arthur Collins almost catching Dawes.

Six Griffith runners started in the marathon. It was obvious from the start that defending Wade Shire titleholder, Roy Binks, had not prepared adequately for this event but he ran a courageous second to last year's Wade Shire runner-up, Ross O'Meara.



Marathon order of finish

1. Garry Hand 2:35:29
2. Matthew Cull 2:38:29
3. Michael Kennedy 2:44:08
4. Danny Dawes 2:48:26
5. Arthur Collins 2:48:49
6. Hugh Moore 2:49:50
7. John Tassell 2:53:09
- Equal 8. Graeme Snaal 2:54:46 and Robin Yabsley 2:54:46
10. Tony Mitchell 2:57:32
11. Arthur Brown 2:59:08
12. Michael Kearns 3:06:18
13. Ross O'Meara 3:06:24
14. Jim Rice 3:08:37
15. Roy Binks 3:14:46
16. John Gillard 3:17:36
17. John Zampieri 3:20:05
18. Ian Hutchison 3:21:11
19. Rod Jaffry 3:25:52
20. Garry Sly 3:26:24
21. Lawrence Thwaites 3:29:05
22. Robert May 3:29:58
23. Michael Nolen 3:33:49
24. Clare Wall 3:34:35
25. Peter Harvey 3:36:50
26. Ron Burns 3:54:23
27. Doug Carney 4:06:33

Did not finish: Jim Costrosson 20 km, Jim Fuller 20 km, Pico Klijn 26 km, John Brentnall 30 km.

Garry Hand on his way to break the Gilbro Toyota Hanwood Marathon record on Sunday.

Five awards were made using the A.C.T. Cross Country formula for the first time. Winners were Arthur Collins of A.C.T. and Ross O'Meara of Griffith.

Garry Lee also won an award for his 10,000 metre run. The most exciting aspect of the 10,000 was the excellent finish by the diminutive David

Turnell just ahead of a last straight battle between the final finishers, Terry Maher and Ross Catanzariti. For the record Maher won by a metre.

Following the completion of both runs the athletes watched videotapes of their performances following the award presentation by Mr. Don Galloway of Gilbro Toyota.

World champ tosses Belford

By Beres Sexton

Champion squash player Robyn Belford headed the list of notable Griffith performers at the ACT State titles on the weekend.

She was one of six Griffith players contesting the championships.

In the quarter finals Belford defeated Robyn Friday of Queensland, in a tough five game match. Robyn finally got the upper hand in the match to win 9-7 in the fifth.

This was an important win for Robyn as it was the first time she had defeated Friday in two years.

Friday had been the junior woman champion of Australia for the last two

years and played in junior teams with Robyn.

Belford's next match was against world champion Vicki Cardwell and after a break of only three hours went down 3-nil.

It was an all Griffith final in the girls under 15 plate, with Tern Bell defeating Tracie Penning for the title 3-nil.

Bell and Penning also put in good performances

in other grades.

Bell did a good job to make the semi finals of B grade and Penning was runner up in D grade.

New South Wales women's A grade champion last year, Lesley Morris, also made a welcome return after injury.

In her second match Lesley defeated Kerry Alexander of Sydney, a State grade one player.

Lesley had a good win over Alexander, who had recently won the women's open at Dubbo.

Roy Ollier, who has been playing in Canada

for match practise took out the men's open in Canberra.

The women's open went to Vicki Cardwell, who defeated Jenny Irving of Queensland 2-nil.

Socceroos plans altered

The Socceroos youth team will not be playing an exhibition match against Riverina on February 18 next year, as previously planned.

Wagga Soccer Association representative, Mr Barry Sadlier, who attended the meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation, at Manly, on Saturday to discuss the proposal, said it was now not possible for the game to go ahead.

Mr D. Sadlier said the ASF had instead given the Wagga Association promotion committee three alternatives.

* That the Australian Soc-

ceroos senior team be put in a training camp in Wagga from before November and the youth side will be flown to Wagga to play against the senior team in an exhibition game.

* That the youth team play a Riverina team on Wednesday night before November.

* That the youth team to play Riverina on a weekend before November.

He said ASF secretary, Mr Brian Emery, would meet with the Wagga Association

Wrong-way joggers disqualified

Last Saturday's cross country run on Scenic Hill was thrown into confusion when about 10 runners missed a turn and took a short cut home.

Newcomer Janet Dunbabin was first in over the

correct course.

She beat the consistent Brian Dorrell and backmarker Russell Glazebrook, who recorded fastest time.

Youngster Nathan Suine and last week's winner Sharon Pitcher also ran well again.

George Easey holds his lead in the competition pointscore from Russell Glazebrook, who has moved into second place ahead of Sharon Pitcher, Brian Dorrell and Bob Barbaro.

Next Saturday's race will start at 4.30 pm from the water tower opposite Pioneer Park.

Results: 1. Janet Dunbabin, 29.17; 2. Brian Dorrell, 23.19; 3. Russell Glazebrook, 21.11; 4. Nathan Suine, 29.33; 5. Sharon Pitcher, 29.04; 6. Bob Barbaro, 21.37; 7. Chris Blackshaw, 24.44; 8. Brendan Peters, 28.32; 9. Andrew Pitcher, 24.14

10. George Easey, 30.38; 11. Sue Williams, 30.11; 11. Steve Murray, 25.26; 13. Frank Skinner, 26.51; 14. Graeme Glazebrook, 28.32; 15. John Dickson, 32.44; 16. Ray Ceccato, 25.46; 17. Simon Dorrell, 30.19; 18. Matthew Bowe, 33.19.

Ten runners were disqualified for taking a short cut.

Top 10 in competition: 1. George Easey, 195; 2. Russell Glazebrook, 184; 3. Sharon Pitcher, 181; 4. Brian Dorrell, 176; 5. Bob Barbaro, 172; 6. Elizabeth Watson, 148; 7. Andrew Pitcher, 146; 8. Frank Skinner, 133; 9. John Dickson, 125; 10. Herb Egger.

c/b. N. Irving and M. Centofanti.

B grade: 1 J. Tyson -1, 2 M. Sully -2, 3 D. Coombe -3.

C grade: 1 K. Bock -1, 2 H. Langley -2, 3 L. Harmon -4 c/b T. Cameron and F. Piloni.

Putting A grade: N. Irving 27 c/b E. Graham; B grade: J. Chapman 33; C grade: L. McDonald 30.

Ball competition cut off -1 on c/b.

Nearest pin, A grade: R. Wyatt; B grade M. Dal Nevo, C grade L. Harmon.

On Sunday 18 players contested a stroke and monthly medal event.

Winners A grade: 1 E. Graham 73 net, 2 N. Irving 74 net, 3 P. Gilbert 75 net c/b A. Bowditch.

B grade: 1 N. Keely 70 net, 2 J. Tyson 76 net, 3 J. Miller 79 net.

C grade: 1 A. Mears 76 net, 2 H. Langley 78 net, 3 B. Parker.

Nearest pin, A grade: J. Saunders, B grade J. Miller, C grade H. Langley.

Schoolboy footballers on show

Griffith Junior Rugby League will conduct the annual Group 20 knockout on Saturday.

Fifty four teams will take part from eight to 16 years age groups.

Two ovals will be used. The eight to 12 years will play on Jubilee Park, and 13 to 16 years at the Ex-Servicemen's Oval.

Full catering will be at both grounds.

The last game of the day will be between Griffith High School and Yanco A in the 16 year division at 3.15 pm.

Griffith won all three encounters last year as 15 years.

They met in the final at the Yanco knockout two weeks ago.

Griffith were down 2-nil with one minute to go but scored a converted try to win.

The Noel Gale trophy for the best performed school will be at stake.

It is currently held by Yanco.

Griffith High School just failed last year to win it, so will be out to improve on that effort.

Big field for golf events

Last Wednesday the biggest field of Griffith golf associates this season hit off in an 18 hole stroke event for the D. Spence, E. Bell and R. Alpen Trophy.

Results A grade: 1 A. Bowditch 73 net c/b, 2 D. Spence 73 c/b, 3 M. Keenan 73 net.

B grade: 1 M. Sully 74 net, 2 D. Coombe 76 net c/b, 3 J. Tyson 76 net c/b, J. Irving 76 net.

C grade: 1 E. Medcalf 66 net, 2 M. Watson 71 net c/b, 3 K. Bock 71 net.

Ball competition cut off was 77 net on countback.

Nearest the pin, A grade: J. Saunders; B grade: B. Ross; C grade: C. Bight.

Preferred lies' are no longer on the course.

That includes all divots, sand filled or otherwise.

Ball must be played as it lies.

On Saturday 18 hole putting competitions were played.

Results, A grade: 1 A. Bowditch-1 c/b, 2 E. Graham -1, 3 A. Fawcett -3

Juniors provide football feast

Last Saturday was a feast of Junior Australian Football at the Ex-Servicemen's Oval with teams from the under 15s and under 13s playing each other.

Under 13s' teams one and two did battle with the team one winning.

But it took three quarters for them to get on top with the lead changing several times.

It was only in the last quarter that they took control and kicked four goals to one, the final's scores being 9.6.60 to 5.6.36.

Best players: team one, M. Woolnough, S. Taylor, T. Smith; team two, P. Whyte, A. Gannon, S. Marina and P. Woolnough.

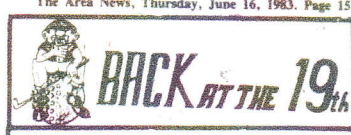
In the under 15s team one defeated team two by 15.9.99 to 2.3.15.

After a slow start team one took control and developed a handy lead in the first quarter.

Centre half forward R. Biron combined well with C. Morrison to score four goals each.

D. Murphy was able to show his coolness in a tight situation when he received the ball from the centre.

He brought the ball goalward with a series of



The forthcoming club championships see Ron Crowe as odds on favourite to win this year's event.

There has to be at least six golfers with the ability to make Ron work hard for the title this year.

Tony Sarvik produced his true form last Saturday with an off the stick score of 76. This result won A grade with a net 63.

Tony had rounds of 38 and 39 where he dropped shots on the both par three holes at the front nine with one over par on both the 12th and 18th holes on the back nine.

Murray Mingay returned a scratch score of 77 with a net 68 to be runner-up in A grade.

A countback between Roy Calabria and Barry Jones both with 68 net was needed in B grade which eventuated in Roy being declared the winner.

A very surprised "jumping Jack" Kloot won C grade with 73 net from Garry Wardle with a net 75.

Thirteen balls were handed out in the competition with the 'cut' off being 72 net.

Pro pins went to Bob Brown on the first and Norm Carroll on the 15th.

Nearest the pin winners were Bill Tyson on the fourth, Jimmy Bourke seventh, Rob Thomas 11th and Ron Crowe the 16th hole.

Only 25 starters turned out for the stableford event on Sunday.

Laurence Cappello continued his fine form of late when his 40 points won him the A grade event.

B grade went to Roy Graham with 38 points, and the most surprised golfer of the day had to be Jack McRae when his 30 points won the C grade prize.

Only two balls were handed out in the competition and Laurence Cappello 40 points and Roy Graham 38 points were the recipients.

Scott Perry was nearest the pin on the fourth, Steve Gushy 11th, Benny Cappello seventh and Gino Centofanti 16th.

Pro pins went to Gino Centofanti in the first and Joe Piloni 15th.

A mixed single stableford was contested on Monday which resulted in another fine round of golf by Bob Brown.

Bob had a par round on the front nine and four over on the back nine which gave him 42 points for the round to win the A grade event of the day.

Benny Cappello talked just enough to win B grade with 36 points on a countback from Ann Bowditch.

Gwelda Hicken won C grade with 37 points. Pro pins went to Col Sell on the first and Ronny Virago the 15th.

Ball winners were R. Brown 42 points and J. Bourke, L. Cappello and Gwelda Hicken all with 37 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Roma Whyott fourth, Buck Dal Nevo seventh, Ada Mears 11 and Jimmy Bourke 16th.

A par event held in the midweek competition last week was the lead up to a fine week of golf by Bob Brown.

Bob took out the event with a plus one on a countback from Ron Crowe.

Dino Baltocchio struck top form when he returned a card of plus five to win B grade with Roy Calabria on plus two runner-up.

Mine host Joek McDonald took out the C grade trophy with plus five from Neville Thompson on all square.

Nine trophies were awarded in the wine run with the cut off being all square on a countback.

The ball competition also finished on all square.

The handicap competition will be announced after the presentations on Saturday night.

The event will be conducted over the 72 holes and the directors are hoping for a large roll up of members and associates.

Last Friday night dart games were won by Bill Barnedy and Don Harrison with the pool tournament going to Brad Jones and Dave Emery.

Temora sports champ wins Lake marathon

Griffith and District Athletic Centre conducted its annual marathon at Lake Wyangan on Sunday.

There were only two competitors in the main 42 kilometres event.

The winner was Temora's 1982 Sportsman of the Year Doug Scott who ran a consistent race.

Griffith runner Trevor Ismay came second.

The 10 km run which was held simultaneously was keenly contested by the Saturday afternoon joggers with sprightly Brian McCann winning closely followed by Chris Robertson and Russell Glazebrook.

The hill joggers again contested the 20 kilometres run.

This was won by popular sporting identity Roy Binks with Wayne Meyer second and Bob Barbaro third.

The centre president, Mr Val Suine, thanked the people who helped with the

running of the marathon.

Mr Suine also thanked the sole sponsor Mr Ron Burns for his sponsorship of the marathon.

Results: Marathon 42 km: D. Scott 2.58.36 1; T. Ismay 3.38.05 2.

20 km run: 1 R. Binks 83.14; 2 W. Meyer 87.49; 3 R. Barbaro 89.01; 4 J. Campbell 91.06; 5 H. Egger 102.45; 6 P. Keenan 106.03; 7 I. Salmon 107.06; 8 F. Skinner 107.52.

10 km run: Ian Salmon and Frank Skinner were 3½ minutes late to start.

10 km run: 1 B. McCann 41.36; 2 C. Robertson 41.44; 3 R. Glazebrook 44.15; 4 A. Pitcher 47.11; 5 M. Zan 48.06; 6 R. Barker 49.07; 7 P. Hancock 49.15; 8 G. Easey 56.06; 9 R. Skeoch 61.23; 10 R. Catanzariti 69.29.

Bridge results

The Griffith Bridge Club played a 4½ Howell Movement at its meeting on Monday week.

Results: Mrs Aston Combe and Mrs Audrey Tarr, 93; Mrs P. Rowe and Mrs K. Smailes, 87; Mr and Mrs Don Harrison, 86; Mr Peter Butler and Mrs Niva Butler tied with Mr Frank Melhuish and Mrs Dorothy Morgan 79.

On Monday night the club played a 5½ Howell Movement.

Results: Mrs M. Oxenham and Mrs Peg Speirs, 108; Mr and Mrs Syd Riordan, 98; Mrs Aston Combe and Mrs Audrey Tarr, 97; Mr R. Cox and Mrs Pam Duff, 94; Dr Frank Melhuish and Mr G. Winder, 88.