

● Ollerenshaw's Title RUNNER AGAIN CUTS GAMES RECORD TIME

Keith Ollerenshaw's brilliant win in the State marathon championship yesterday marks him down as a good prospect for the Olympic Games this year.

Ollerenshaw's time for the 26 miles 385 yards of 2 hrs. 22 mins. 12 secs. is the best ever recorded in Australia, and is 51.2s better than Emil Zatopek's Olympic record.

This is the second time Ollerenshaw has beaten Zatopek's gold medal figure.

For the most part of yesterday's race Ollerenshaw ran into an upsetting north-westerly wind.

The world record time of 2 hrs. 14 mins. 14 secs. was recorded by Antti Viskari, Finland, on the virtual downhill course at Boston, U.S.A.

Considering the conditions under which he raced, Ollerenshaw's run was remarkable.

Did not stop for train

Ollerenshaw took a risk at the 16-mile mark when he sprinted downhill and across a railway crossing in front of the engine of an oil train.

He did not see the train coming until he was warned by a frantic shout from Athletic Association official, Adrian Dennison.

After the race Ollerenshaw said: "I couldn't wait for the train to pass because it would have cost me more than half a minute, and possibly put me off my balance."

Other hazards Ollerenshaw had to contend with were two screaming fire engines, a push bike race and heavy traffic on many points of the road where cars forced him to take corners wide or move to the edge of the road.

Diminutive Botany runner, Bryce Mackay, also gave a remarkably good performance.

Mackay ran in third place for 19 miles and then finished full of running to place second in 2 hours 24 minutes 28 seconds. His previous best time was 2 hrs. 27 mins. 40 secs.

At 20 miles, Mackay was 3 minutes 45 seconds behind Ollerenshaw.

After the race Ollerenshaw said that he had not judged the run as well as he would have liked.

He ran the first 10 miles too fast. He covered the first 5 miles in exactly 25



Keith Ollerenshaw grabs a piece of orange at the 22-mile mark.

minutes, and the 10 miles in 51.9 minutes.

If he could have continued at that pace he would have put up a time of 2 hrs. 14 mins. 28 secs.

He said he had taken too much out of himself over the first stage of the race, and it undoubtedly affected him for the remainder of the distance.

He said also that a stitch in the side at the 25-mile mark slowed him down over the finish.

John Russell, whose final two weeks of training had been hampered by a leg injury, did well to finish in third place in 2 hours 25 mins. 44 secs.

Western Suburbs runner, John Pendleton, competing in his first marathon, finished fourth and the effort won him a place in the State team for the

Australian marathon in Melbourne on September 8.

State selectors have chosen K. Ollerenshaw, B. Mackay, J. Russell, J. Pendleton, P. Fitzgerald, S. Chorlton to represent in the Australian marathon in Melbourne, on September 8.

Winner of the last Australian marathon, Roley Guy, who retired yesterday at 22 miles with stomach trouble and pains in a knee joint, said that he will compete in the Australian title.

STATE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP, 26 miles 385 yards (over Botany course).—K. Ollerenshaw (West. Subs.), 2h 22m 12s (Australian record); B. Mackay (Botany), 2h 24m 28s; J. Russell (Botany), 2h 25m 44s; J. Pendleton (West. Subs.), 2h 32m 37s; P. Fitzgerald (Botany), 2h 36m 26s; S. Chorlton (Randwick-Kensington), 2h 41m 30s; N. Ellison (Botany), 2h 41m 41s.

Team trophy was won by Botany.

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