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ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Twenty First Annual Report

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Distance: E. Williams

Starter

A. Gainsford, Deputy: H. Macpherson

Hon. Handicappers

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ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Twenty First and Twenty Second Annual Reports

Presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the Kogarah School of Arts on Wednesday the 11th August, 1943.

Gentlemen,

"We, the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club, have attained our majority."

This is an inspiring fact and an important milestone in our Club's history; naturally at such a time we glance around and find ourselves surveying as it were, the men - Officers, Athletes, Supporters, to whom the Club owes its progress.

It calls for celebration, but war has taken these men to all parts of our own continent and to overseas fighting fronts, what pleasure it would bring to us if we were able to gather them all together to-night; but we owe them a duty; that is to carry on and when they return, which we hope will be soon, only then will we feel our celebrations worthwhile.

In our twenty-one years we have seen some very fine athletes pass through our Club, most of whom were produced in the St. George District.

In detailing a list of track and distance men, we find the following, the outstanding competitors.

Track: Basil Dickinson, Ernie Austen, Jack Mumford, Bill Mackenzie, Albert Blyth, Bert Sheiles, Harry Gould, Ted Groves, Don McKay, Arthur Gould, Pat Eisman, Vernon Wallace, Oscar Matson, Gordon Keep.

Distance: Alleyn Gainsford, Charlie Weekes, Albert Blyth, Roy Wright, Bob Chadwick, Ted Brooke, Les Brodie, Gordon Keep, Stan Gainsford, Bert Button, Stan Morton, Tom Watters, Harry Gibbons, Owen Bond, Ray Mettam, Ern Evans, Wal Firth, Jack Hayes.

These men make an inspiring list and yet we may have overlooked some athlete of outstanding ability; if this is so, it is quite unintentional.

Outstanding Achievements

During our 21 years we have participated in many outstanding events, namely the organizing Australian Marathon in 1927, our Annual Carnivals at the Hurstville Oval, The B.C. Dickinson Fund, when your Club collected enough money in two weeks to send Basil Dickinson to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, our part in the 1938 Empire Games in Sydney when your club had more representatives than any other club in the British Empire, six athletes and four officials.

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Friendship

Since the formation of our Club and through the years until the present time, the St. George A.A.C. has been noted for the wonderful spirit and friendship that exists amongst its members; this has been instrumental in bringing about many close personal friendships.

We have extended this friendship to all our kindred Clubs and our relationship to the A.A.A. of N.S.W. has always been one of cordiality and co-operation. We also feel that we have given co-operation to all sporting organizations and Municipal Authorities throughout the district.

This is something we are proud of and we know that our Club is held in the highest esteem by these bodies throughout the St. George district.

Two ladies whose friendship with the Club has meant a great deal, Mrs. Colvin, who for many years in the early part of our existence provided dressing accommodation and meeting rooms for the Club, Miss N. Gould, whose work for the men's and the ladies' Clubs has been something to be proud of, and to her family, 7 members, all of whom have been, and some still are competing with your Club.

REVIEW OF THE DISTANCE SEASON

This season, two of our younger members proved themselves among the best novices in the State. I refer to L. Grinham and W. Firth, who finished 4th and 5th in the State Novice Championship. Les Grinham did not finish the season too well, but Wal Firth went on to finish 3rd, in the Senior 10 Mile Scratch Race - a good effort for a young runner. Our older members, Jack Hayes, still retains good form and A. Gainsford did well, despite interruptions in training.

TRACK SEASON

The Junior members are carrying on in this section of our Club. The most outstanding of these is Bob Ockenden who won the State Junior Discus Title, finished second in the Hop, Step and Jump and Broad Jump, third in the Javelin and in Club Championships he won all the Field Game Events. Stan Sheringham is another Junior who showed good form to run second to G. Campbell in the Mile event and E. Watson in the hurdles section.

In Open Competitions, we were not strong enough in Seniors to expect to do well, and, in the Interclub Series our young boys finished 9th in "C" Grade and 6th in "D" Grade - a fair effort in view of the strength of other teams.

The outstanding feature of our season was when, in conjunction with the 15 Mile Event at Hurstville Oval we were able to conduct our Schoolboys Championships on Saturday afternoon - there was a record for entries and performances.

- DISTANCE SEASON -- RESULTS -

N.S.W. Novice Cross Country Championship

held at Ramsgate 2/8/41.

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| Result: | G. Bowden (Eastern Suburbs) | 28-11 | 1. |
| | G. Campbell (Randwick-Kensington) | 28-13 | 2. |
| | D. Campbell (Randwick-Kensington) | 28-28 | 3. |
| | L. Grinham (St. George) | 28-42 | 4. |
| | W. Firth (St. George) | 28-44 | 5. |

This event attracted one of the best junior field for some years and the winners will undoubtedly make a name for themselves in senior events in the very near future; our team ran very well and we were unlucky to be beaten for the Teams Race. S. Watson rather a good performer, received a setback in the early part of the race and could not finish any better than 23rd position to fill the team. L. Williams, our other team man, finished 12th, Botany 1st, St. George 2nd, Randwick-Kensington 3rd.

5 Mile Senior Scratch Race. (held Ramsgate 2/8/41).

Run over our cross country course prior to the Novice it was keenly contested and resulted in a win for D. Farnhill of Western Suburbs in 27-38. R. Mettam of the same club was second and our first man to finish was J. Hayes in fourth place in 28-14.

10.000 Metres Richard Coombs Memorial Senior Scratch Race.

Held Botany 10th August, 1942.

Result: R. Mettam (W.S.) 35-13, 1st, D. Farnhill (W.S.) 35-49 2nd.
J. Hayes (St. Geo) 35-55, 3rd.

rather an easy win for Ray Mettam. Our best man was Jack Hayes but our team did not perform very well and we finished in 4th place.

Junior 5.000 Metres Cross Country Championship.

This race proved another Novice title and the three boys filled exactly positions as in this former race.

1st, G. Bowden (E.S.) 17-25; G. Campbell (R.K.) 17-26; D. Campbell (R.K.) 17-39; Teams Randwick-Kensington 1st; Botany 2nd.

W.B. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL 10 MILE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAMS RACE.

Held Canterbury Racecourse, 23rd August, 1941.

Result: R. T. Mettam (W.S.), 57-13; C. Hensley (Bot.) 57-50;
W. Firth (St. Geo), 57-51; C. Cummings (S.S.) 57-53;
A. Gainsford (St. Geo), 57-54.

Teams: Botany - 54 - 1st; South Sydney - 77 - 2nd; St. Geo - 86 - 4th.

Again this race was an easy win for Ray Mettam, but the next four places proved somewhat of a duel as the time indicates. W. Firth did well to gain 3rd place, assisted by our evergreen member A. Gainsford in 5th place, but the rest of our team could not give much assistance.

15 MILE MODIFIED MARATHON (Held from Hurstville Oval to Lagarno and return) 13th September, 1941).

Result: C. Hensley (Bot.) 1h-27m.-19s. 1st; B. Doyle (S.S.) 1h-27m-45s. 2nd; R. Mettan (W.S.), 1h-28m-02s. 3rd; Teams: South Sydney 24 - 1st; Botany 27 - 2nd; St. George 43-4th.

This was the first occasion that this race has been held in our district and the course proved the hardest of any; the times showed this and C. Hensley deserved his win. He is a tough runner and the course was to his liking. A. Gainsford was our first man home in 7th place, he did not do as well as expected, but interruptions in training found him out on the day and again our team could not do better than fourth.

Club Championships

5 Mile Novice Championship held Ramsgate, 19th July.

Result: L. Grinham, 28-9s, 1st; W. Firth, 28-10s., 2nd; E. Johnstone, 30-51s. 3rd.

Our two Novice hopes ran together all the way and only Les Grinham, being the stronger over the last furlong, won him the race.

10,000 METRES CHAMPIONSHIP (Held in conjunction with the State 10,000 Metres Scratch Race Botany 10th August, 1941.)

1st, J. Hayes, 35m.55s.; 2nd, A. Gainsford, 37m.42s., 3rd, W. Firth, 38m.03s.

A nice win to the record of a popular club member.

10 Mile Championship (Held in conjunction with the State

10 Mile Scratch Race Canterbury Racecourse 23th August, 1941.)

1st, W. Firth, 57m.51s., 2nd, A. Gainsford, 57m.54s., 3rd, L. Williams, 62m.30s.

The first Championship win to a very promising club member and we wish him more successes in the future.

5 MILE ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP (Held Ramsgate 30th August, 1941.)

1st, J. Hayes, 27m.16s.; 2nd, W. Firth, 27m.29s; 3rd, A. Gainsford, 27m.30s.

Jack Hayes proves he is the better man over the shorter distance on the road, and his time is about the best over this distance.

15 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP (Held in conjunction with the State Modified Marathon Hurstville Oval 13th September, 1941.)

1st, A. Gainsford, 1h-30m.24s.; 2nd, J. Hayes, 1h-33m.45s.; 3rd, E. Johnstone, 1h-34m.58s.

Our old Club member still maintains his record over this distance.

OPEN HANDICAPS

As was expected, the fields for the various club open handicaps were not as large as previous years, but members of our Club, making good use of the marks allotted to them, were very successful.

Eastern Suburbs Open 3 Mile Handicap (Held Bondi Beach 17/5/41)

Result: A. Henderson (St. Geo.), (4m.55s.) 18m.12s. - 1st.
C. Grant (S.S.) (2m.45s.) 16m.34s. 2nd.; C. Rochfort (S.S.)
(2m.30s.) 16m.27s. - 3rd.

Fastest Time: F. Flanagan (Bot.) 15m.36s.

R.D. Norman Shield (Held in conjunction for attendance, finishing places and general appearance.)

Eastern Suburbs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ points - 1st; Botany, 9 points - 2nd.
St. George, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ points - 3rd.

South Sydney Open Three Mile Handicap (Held at Sydney Sports Ground 31/5/41).

Result: H. Smith (S.S.) - 1st; E. Denman (St. George) - 2nd.

Fastest Time: F. Flanagan (Botany).

St. George Open 4 Mile Handicap (Held Ramsgate 14/6/41)

Result: J. Mathieson (S.S.) (4-0) 24m-27s; D. Farnhill (W.S.)
(1-20), 22m.-24s.; W. Firth (St.G.) (1-50), 22m-59s.

Fastest Time: C. Hensley, 22m-00s.

Teams Race: Compiled on the six fastest men of each Club.

Botany, 2hrs.13m. 56s.; St. George 2hrs. 23m.29s.

Western Suburbs, 2hrs. 23m.35s.

Open 4 Mile Handicap Controlled by the A.A.A. of N.S.W. at Kensington Racecourse 28/6/41)

Results: L. Williams (St.G) (3.05) 21m.12s - 1st; L. Grinham
(St.G.) (2.35) 20m.52s.-2nd; E. Barnard (E.S.) (5.00) 23m.27s -

Teams Race for the Bartley Cup:

Botany - 57 points; St. George 66 points; Western Subs.- 110 pts.

Western Suburbs Open 4 Mile Handicap (Held North Strathfield 12/7/41)

This event was divided into three scratch groups and the handicaps compiled afterwards.

"A" Grade: F. Flanagan (Bot.) 21m.53s; J. Bowden (E.S.) 21m.59s.

Our first man was W. Firth in 17th place in 22m-46s.

"B" Grade: S. Delamottie (Bot.) 23m.03s.

A. Gainsford was our first man to finish in fourth place in 23m.30s.

"C" Grade: J. Phillips (Randwick-Kensington) 24m.18s.

B. Dunkley in 14th position was our first man home in 26m.38s.

The handicap was won by three Botany men also fastest time prize.
Result: S. Delamottie (Botany) (2.20) 20m.43s.; L. Delamottie
(Botany) (3.5) 20m.47s.; J. Smith (Bot.) (2.10), 20m.54s.
F. Flanagan (Bot.) Fastest 21m.53s.

W. Firth of St. George received a pennant for the best handicapped
man of the Club.

Botany Open 5 Mile Handicap (Held Booralee Park Botany 26/7/41).

Result: R.T. Fletcher (S.S.) (4.45) 31m.20s.; W. Hozack (S.S.)
(5.5) 31m.45s.; C. Patterson (Botany) (1.40) 28m.31s.
Fastest Time: F. Flanagan (Bot.) 28m.09s.

Our first man to finish was L. Grinham in 5th place in 29m.04s.
while Jack Hayes was our fastest man in 10th position in 28m.27s.

CLUB HANDICAPS AND POINT SCORE

Club Handicaps was well supported by the men we had available
and much of the success is due to the work of our handicapper Mr.
E. Williams. The result of the point score shows how good the
work is. 1st - W. Firth, 48½ points; L. Williams 47½ - 2nd
A. Henderson, 45 - 3rd.

On behalf of the Club, I extend my thanks to him and to our
other officials: Mr. E. Pope, J. Critchley, G. Rootham and others,
who helped in promoting the races we had under our control. To
Mr. A. A. Pemberton for his assistance in allowing dressing accom-
modation in the Ramsgate Baths and our congratulations and thanks
to the winners and starters in all our open events.

TRACK SEASON - RESULTS

4th Annual Schoolboys Championships.

(Held in conjunction with the 15 Mile Marathon Hurstville Oval
13th September 1941).

This is the first occasion that we have had the opportunity
of conducting this carnival on a Saturday afternoon and it created
a record for entries and performances; it also helped to bring
back to the 15 mile marathon some of the glory of former years.

To the St. George Cricket Club, we owe our thanks for their
courtesy in allowing our club the use of the oval on this day.

Results: 100 yds. Under 14 yrs. - R. Garside (Canterbury High)
Time: 11.9 Record.
" " " 15 yrs. - P. York (Cant. High) 11.5s Record.
" " " 16 yrs. - K. Warn (Kog. Inter.High) 11.2s.
" " Open - H. Moore (Newington Col.) 11.5s.
★ 220 yds. Under 15 yrs. - F. McGovern (Marist.Bros. Kog.)
Time: 24.8s.
★ 220 " " 16 yrs. - K. Warn (Kog.Inter.High) 24.2s.
" " Open - H. Moore (Newington Col.) 24.9 Rec.
880 " " - A. Jenkins (Syd.Tech.High) 2m8.1 Rec.

Broad Jump Under 15 yrs. - P. York (Cant.High) 18'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Record.
" " " 16 yrs. - F. Reynolds (Cant.High) 19'2"
" " Open - K. Brown (Syd.Tech.High) 20'5" Record.
★ High Jump Open - F. Reynolds (Cant.High) 5'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
★ Relay 4x110yds. Sutherland Inter.High 1st, Sydney Tech.High 2nd,
Canterbury High 3rd.

★ Not previously held.

For members of the A.A.A. two Handicap and three invitation events were held on this programme.

Results: 100 yds. Handicap - N.Young (St.G) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. 10.1s.
- S.Taperell (S.S) 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. 2nd.
880 yds. " - L.Grinham (St.G) 40 yds. 1st.
- C.Grant (E.S.) 40 yds. 2nd.
Invitation Shot Putt - W.R.Mackenzie (St.G) 48'9"
- A. Button (Police) 48'4"
" Broad Jump - H. Gould (St.G) 20'6"
- K. Brown (St.G) 20'0"
1 Mile Walk Handicap - J. Helson (Cant.Bankstown) (1.55) 7-57.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results: 100 yds, K. Kennedy - 11s; 220 yds, K. Blakney - 25s.;
440 yds, K. Kennedy - 57s; 1 Mile, S. Sherringham - 4m 44.4s;
880 yds, S. Sherringham - 2m 11.8s; Hop, Step & Jump, R. Ockenden -
39'3"; Broad Jump, R. Ockenden - 20'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Shot Putt, R. Ockenden -
36'11"; Discus Throw, R. Ockenden - 98'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; High Jump, R. Ockenden -
5'1".

Our season at the Hurstville Oval was curtailed owing to the war position - banning night lighting; we were not able to complete it as we would have wished.

Blackshaw Trophy

This trophy is given each year to the Junior, who, in the opinion of Senior Club Officials, has to the greatest extent of deportment, track appearance and performance generally enhanced the prestige of the Club during the season.

This year's award goes to one of the finest athletes that the St. George Club has had - Bob Ockenden.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

ST. GEORGE LADIES' CLUB: Our thanks to our kindred Club for their help during the year and congratulations for their success attained in the various competitions they competed. Much of this is due to their very able secretary, Nell Gould.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH KINDRED CLUBS: I am pleased to record that during these very unsettled times, your Club is only too eager to support events controlled by our kindred clubs and always maintain the best of friendships; this also applies to our parent body the A.A.A. of N.S.W. Our officials, always do their best to attend all meetings and help in whatever way possible.

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL REPORT

Gentlemen,

In presenting this report, I feel that we have done our best with the members available during the season just completed.

In reviewing the distance season, the State Novice Championship, the Senior 5 Mile Scratch Race in conjunction and the 10 & 15 Mile Senior Scratch events were all held in our district.

The Botany Harriers were the best teams of the season, your Club next in order, with second place in all these events including the 10,000 Metres Scratch Race.

Ron Patchett showed improvement in the State Novice Championship finish 4th in such a strong field of young runners. Jack Hayes was the best of the Seniors and was the mainstay of our teams. He finished 4th in the 10,000 metres, 2nd in the 10 & 15 Mile Events. Our teams were assisted by Stan Millington and our old member A.A. Gainsford, both not able to train properly, but gave their best. A. Henderson, L. Williams, B. Dunkley were also good supporters during the season.

LEST WE FORGET

IT IS WITH SORROW THAT WE RECORD THE PASSING OF THREE OF OUR FELLOW ATHLETES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

SERGEANT AIR GUNNER, LEN WALLIS ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

SERGEANT OBSERVER, DICK BARROW DURING TRAINING IN CANADA.

FLIGHT SERGEANT, LEN BRENNAN. PILOT OF A WELLINGTON BOMBER LOST WITH HIS CREW IN THE SEAS, IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAMPAIGN.

TO THEIR FAMILIES YOUR CLUB HAS SENT MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

THE TRACK SEASON

This section of the Club is now practically carried on by the Juniors. It is pleasing to see the influx of young Junior men into the ranks this year, most of whom competed in the under 16 years grade in the Interclub Competition and would have done well if attendances had been regular. In the "C" Grade, our older Juniors did well to tie for second place with the strong Police Club.

Of the younger men, W. Lewis and W. Aubrey are promising sprinters, while in the middle distance G. Hand, R. Worthington should be a good asset to the Club next season. Of our older men, K. Warn is our best sprinter. He was a tower of strength to the "C" Grade Team and a good captain. Another new member who showed promise as a sprinter was Alex Stuart. F. Kitto also assisted when available. Of the middle distance men, Stan

THE TRACK SEASON (Contd. from page 9)

Sherringham was the best, assisted by Fred Slater and E. Worthington, while Ern Watson competed in everything, and made good progress during the season in the Pole Vault event, his best effort being third place in the State Junior Championship; many of the points compiled in the "A" Grade were through his efforts in this event.

An old member, B.W. Sheiles was our only regular senior "A" Grade athlete available. Most times he was the only competitor; he still retains good form in the Javelin Events and finished 3rd place in the Dunn Shield. Harry Gould also turned out for the Dunn Shield, although not in good form, he did his best to help the Club. Our full praise must go to Arthur Gould who had not had leave from the Army for some months, but was in town on the day of this competition and competed in several events to help his old Club, and with the help of the Junior Members we were not disgraced in this event, to finish 8th out of the nine Clubs competing.

DISTANCE SEASON

Results N.S.W. Novice Championship (Held Ramsgate 17/8/43)

1st, J. Schwede (Bot) 28m.18s - 2nd, L. Redman (Bot) 28m.23s. -
3rd, W. Hile (Bot) 29m.03s. - 4th, R. Patchett (St.G.) 29m.08s.
Teams: 1st, Botany - 2nd, St. George.

10.000 Metres Open Senior Scratch and Teams Race. (Held Botany 8/8/43)

1st, B. Doyle (S.S.) 37m.05s. - 2nd, F. Flanagan (Bot) 37m.19s. -
W. Prowse (Bot) 38m.06s, J. Hayes (St.G.) 38m.09s.
Teams: Botany 1st, St. George 2nd, South Sydney 3rd.

10 Miles Open Senior Scratch and Teams Race. (Held Ramsgate 22/8/43)

1st, B. Doyle (S.S.) 58m.02s. - J. Hayes (St.G.) 58m.21s. - F. Flanagan (Bot.) 59m.01s.
Teams: Botany, 1st; St. George, 2nd.

15 Mile Open Modified Marathon and Teams Race (Held Hurstville, 12th September, 1943.)

B. Doyle (S.S.) 1.25.55s; J. Hayes (St.G.) 1.27.4s.; A. Hayes (Bot.) 1.28.33s.
Teams Race: Botany 10, St. George, 12, Western Suburbs 23.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novice Cross Country Championship (Held Ramsgate 25/7/42)

I. R. Patchett, 30m.24s. - 2nd, A. Henderson, 32m.45s. - 3rd, B. Dunkley, 33m.33s.

5 Mile Championship (Held Ramsgate 15/8/42)

I. J. Hayes, 26m.50s. - 2nd, S. Millington, 27m.43s - 3rd. A. Gainsford 29m.10s.

10,000 Metres Championship (Held in conjunction Scratch Race Botany 8/8/42)

1st, J. Hayes 38m.09s; 2nd, S. Millington 40m.04s; 3rd, A. Gainsford 40m.47s.

10 Mile Championship (Held in conjunction Scratch Race Ramsgate 22/8/42)

1st. J. Hayes, 58m.27s. - 2nd, S. Millington 59m.26s., L. Williams 64m50s.

15 Miles Championship (Held in conjunction Modified Marathon Hurstville 12/9/42.)

1st, J. Hayes 1h.27m.04s. - 2nd S. Millington, 1h 30m.12s. - 3rd, A. Henderson, 1h. 37m.57s.

OPEN RACES

Our members did not meet with much success in Open Handicaps during the season. K. Sutton, one of our young Junior runners, finished second in the Botany Clubs Junior 2 Mile Handicap.

Your Club's Annual Open Handicap was held at Ramsgate in conjunction with the Randwick-Kensington Club on 20th June. A feature of these races is the inclusion of a Junior section. More entries were received from the Juniors than Seniors, of course, that is understood in present conditions but it augurs well for the future of the sport. We of St. George hope to do better in this section next season.

It was a pleasure to work with the Officials of the Randwick-Kensington Club and we can do this for the duration and help to cut expenses.

Result: 1st, G. Campbell (Rand.Kens.) - 21m.02s. which was also fastest and a course record.

2nd, B. Dunkley (St.G.) 25m.43s - 3rd, W. Prowse (Botany) 23.00.

Teams: (Bartley Cup)

1st, Botany; 2nd, South Sydney; 3rd, St. George.

CLUB HANDICAPS

Club Handicaps were keenly contested throughout the season. The season point score was won by L. Williams with 69½ points, B. Dunkley being second with 62 points while third place resulted in a tie between J. Hayes and A. Henderson, 53 points each. J. Hayes also won the point score for the fastest time honours for the season.

The success of this section of the club is mainly due to the good work of the Hon. Handicapper, Mr. E. Williams, also to the proprietor of the Ramsgate Baths, Mr. A.A. Pemberton for dressing accommodation for all races held at Ramsgate. A tribute must also be paid to an old official who is always there despite small numbers - I refer to Mr. E. Pope, also to Mr. A. Henderson for his publicity in local papers.

TRACK SEASON

Owing to lighting restrictions, we cannot use our usual ground - Hurstville Oval - during the track season; this makes the job of keeping this section together much harder. We were not able to conduct all our Junior Championships and also the St. George District Schoolboys Championships were passed over owing to the fact that a suitable time and place could not be arranged.

Mid-week training is still carried on Wednesdays at the Jubilee Oval, Carlton. Over the period of training, attendances could be improved, but in the early part, Juniors turned out in good numbers and trained quite conscientiously. The benefit of this should be felt next season.

Results of Championships held at the Sydney Sports Ground

100yds, K. Warn, 11s, N. Wray 2nd - 120 yds. 1st, E. Watson 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.
R. Wolfe 2nd, High Jump, E. Watson 5ft.2ins, N. Wray 4ft.6ins.
Broad Jump, E. Watson, 18ft.0ins., N. Wray, 16ft.0ins.,
1 Mile, G. Hand, 4m.56 $\frac{2}{5}$ s.; Pole Vault, E. Watson 9'0",
Junior Discus, E. Watson 97'0", A. Stuart 75'0", Shot Putt,
K. Warn, N. Wray.

Blackshaw Trophy

This Trophy given by our Club's Vice-President has been awarded to K. Warn who has shown that he is everything that this trophy requires.

CONCLUSION

In the various open competitions held during the Track and Distance Seasons, your Club has kept up its good record of having its officials in attendance. I am sure the A.A.A. of N.S.W. appreciate the good work they are doing.

To those supporters of the Club who have donated trophies and cash to our funds we extend our sincere thanks for their continued interest in these unsettled times.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Owing to the pressure of work, our Hon. Auditors are unable to complete the financial statement to be included in this report, but we hope to be able to present it separately.

Personally, I would like to thank the Senior Members of the Clubs who are still with us, for their good work in keeping the St. George D.A.A.C. moving along. I am sure our Members serving with the forces would say the same if they were here and let us hope that we can all continue to carry on.

W. AHERN
Hon. Secretary.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 24 months ended 28th February, 1943.

RECEIPTS.

Payments.

| | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| TO | Balance on hand as at 1st March 1941. | 7. 0. 5 | |
| | Balance at Bank as at 1st March 1941. | <u>35.16. 9</u> | 42.17. 2 |
| | <u>Subscriptions.</u> | | 16. 5. 0 |
| | <u>Competitions.</u> | | |
| | Entry Fees Distance. | 7.11. 0 | |
| | Track. | 3. 9. 6 | |
| | Training Fees. | <u>4.19. 6</u> | 16. 0. 0 |
| | <u>Donations.</u> | | 16. 1. 3 |
| | <u>Promotions.</u> | | |
| | Raffles. | 15. 4. 4 | |
| | Carnival. Afternoon Teas. | 1.15. 3 | |
| | Dance. | <u>2.18.11</u> | 19.18. 6 |
| | <u>General.</u> | | |
| | Badges. | 1. 6. 0 | |
| | Telephones. | 2. 10. 8 | |
| | Open race entry fees. | 8. 4. 0 | |
| | Hurstville gate receipts. | <u>15. 9. 0</u> | 27. 9. 8 |
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| BY | <u>Administration.</u> | | |
| | Hire of Hall and Rental of Grounds. | 5.18. 6 | |
| | Printing and Stationery. | 9. 5. 9 | |
| | Petty Expenses. | 4. 2. 9 | |
| | Telephone. | <u>19. 0.10</u> | 38. 7.10 |
| | <u>A.A.A. of N.S.W.</u> | | |
| | Affiliations and Registrations. | | 19.14. 0 |
| | <u>Competitions.</u> | | |
| | Equipment. | 12. 0 | |
| | Wages and Lighting. | 8/17. 0 | |
| | Trophies. | <u>25. 7. 5</u> | 34.16. 5 |
| | <u>Promotions.</u> | | |
| | Carnival. | 2.10. 0 | |
| | Dance. | <u>2.10. 1</u> | 5. 0. 1 |
| | <u>General.</u> | | |
| | Honorariums | 6. 6. 0 | |
| | Athletes Comfort fund. | 3.10. 0 | |
| | St. George Ladies Club. | <u>1. 1. 0</u> | 10.17. 0 |
| | Balance as at 28th Feb.1943. | | |
| | Cash on hand. | 2. 8. 7 | |
| | Cash at Bank. | <u>27. 7. 8</u> | 29.16. 3 |
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| | | | 138.11. 7 |
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Liabilities.

Balance Sheet as at 28th February, 1943.

Assets.

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| <u>Outstanding Open Orders.</u> | 1. 5. 0 |
| <u>Club Funds.</u> | 55.18. 7 |
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| | 57. 3. 7 |
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| <u>Club Badges.</u> | 2. 7. 4 |
| <u>Equipment as estimated.</u> | 25. 0. 0 |
| <u>Cash Balance.</u> | <u>29.16. 3</u> |
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| | 57.3. 7 |
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Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) J. Critchley.

Hon. Auditor 7th August, 1943.

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