

**St. George District Amateur Athletic Club**



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# ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

## TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the Kogarah School of Arts on Friday, 25th May, 1945 at 8 p.m.

Gentlemen,

In presenting this report we record yet another year under adverse conditions, but despite this we have made progress. This being that we now have three grades in both the Track and Distance Seasons, Seniors, Juniors, Juveniles.

In a review of the Distance Season I think the best performance came from the Juvenile section when Jim Weeks ran second to J. Griffin of Botany in the 1 Mile Metropolitan Juvenile Cross Country Championship and Russell Scott also of our Club ran third, then two weeks later over the same distance Jim turned the tables finishing first and R. Scott was again third, our Junior men are rather weak at the present time but in the near future when we have these Juveniles in their ranks we can hope to see the St. George Novice Teams we knew so well in the past.

Jack Hayes is still our best senior and his third place in the 10,000 metres Senior Scratch race was best performance for the season.

Track Season. In this part of the Club we feel the loss of our Seniors most, our Juniors and Juveniles have played their part and we should not have any regrets over the result of the Dunn Shield when we failed to score a point. I will say again that in the near future these boys will take their place in the Senior ranks and our Club will again be among the leaders in Track competition. In support of this many new Club records were made during the season by Junior and Juvenile members. K. Marshall a Juvenile competing with the D. Grade team in the Interclub Competition ran 440 yds. in 54.2s. the best for the season in that grade and made a new Junior best on record for the Club. The previous best was made by K. Simpson in 1932 54.4 secs.

In the C Grade of the Interclub competition E. Watson recorded 17 secs. for 120 Yds. Hurdles the best for the season in that grade also a new Junior best on record for the Club. In Club Championships he clocked 17.2 for the event, also, a new Club record previously held by the late L. Brennan made in 1929; he also made records in the Pole Vault at 9'6" and 220 Yds. Hurdles at 29.1.

W. Clauss a new Juvenile member, beat the previous best Junior Shot Putt record with a Putt of 37'2½" compared with J. Munfords 37' made in 1935.

In the "D" Grade, our sprinters recorded the best time for the season in the 440 Yds. Relay the time being 47 secs. We have some very good talent among the under 16 lads. For that reason we must keep them, Chaps like R. Wright, K. Marshall, E. Waudby, A. Jenkins, T. Williams, R. McCathy, K. Horsnell.

In the C Grade our sprinters made the best time for the 440 Yds. Relay at 46 secs. and shared with Eastern Suburbs the best for the 880 Yds. Relay at 1m.39s.



Here again we have a fine array of sprinters in R. Marshall, A. Stuart, N. Wray, R. Elliot, W. Lewis, R. Sheiles.

In the Junior State Championships, E. Watson was second in the 120 Yds. Hurdles and third in the Pole Vault. R. Skinner a newcomer to the distance section created a surprise by leading most of the way in the 2 miles event, and, if he had had the assistance of another St. George member he would have won this title. It was only A. Bold, the Botany boys experience, that won him the event - R. Skinner 2nd. 4 x 110 Relay St. George 3rd.

--DISTANCE SEASON RESULTS--

N.S.W. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP - 5 MILES (Held Ransgate 31/7/43)

J. Rennie (B) 28m.1s. 1st; R. Semple (B) 28m.39s 2nd; D. Shipway (W.S.) 28m.52s 3rd; Teams Botany 14 points, Eastern Suburbs 37 points, South Sydney 40 points.

5 MILES SENIOR SCRATCH RACE (Held Ransgate 31/7/43)

R. Mettan (W.S.) 27m.16s.; G. Campbell (R.K.) 27m. 51s., J. Reid (R.K.) 28m.

1 MILE METROPOLITAN JUVENILE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS (Botany 7/8/43)

J. Griffin (B) 5m.9s, J. Weeks (St.Geo.) 5m.13s; R. Scott (St. Geo) 5m.15s. Teams Botany (21 Points), St. George (22 Points), Randwick Kensington (35 Points)

JUNIOR 5.000 METRES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

D. Campbell (R.K.) 17m.15s., J. Rennie (B) 17m.19s., R. Semple (B) 17m.34s. Teams: Botany (14 Points), Randwick-Kensington (25 Points), St. George (39 Points).

RICHARD COOMES MEMORIAL 10,000 METRES SCRATCH RACE

R. Mettan (W.S.) 36m.17s., C.D. Hensley (B) 37m.3s., J. Hayes (St. Geo.) 37m.10s. Teams: Botany (22 Points), South Sydney (27 Points), Western Suburbs (41 Points)

W. B. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL 10 MILES SCRATCH RACE. (Centennial Park 21/8/43.)

R. T. Mettan (W.S.) 52m.54s., C. D. Hensley (B) 54m.12s., A. Price (S.S.) 54m.32s. Teams: Botany (22 Points), South Sydney (27 Points), Western Suburbs (37 Points).

2 MILES JUNIOR TEAMS RACE

Botany 10 Points, St. George 26 Points.

1 MILE JUVENILE TEAMS RACE:

St. George (18 Points), Botany (19 Points).

15 MILES ROAD SCRATCH RACE (Tempe 11/9/43.)

B. Doyle (S.S.) 1h.25m.49s, R. T. Mettan 1h.26m.5s., H. Duncan 1h.29m.20s. Teams: Botany (12 Points), South Sydney (15 Points), Western Suburbs (18 Points)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

5 Mile Novice (Held Ransgate 10/7/43)

1st. A. Henderson 32-36s. 2nd. B. Dunkley 33-23s.

5 MILE SENIOR ROAD (Held 24/7/43)

1st. J. Hayes 27.03s, 2nd. L. Williams 29.25s. 3rd, A. Gainsford 29.55s.



10,000 METRES (Held Botany 7-8-43)

1st. J. Hayes, 37m.10s. 2nd A. Gainsford.

10 MILES (Held Centennial Park 21/8/43)

1st. J. Hayes 58m.05s. L. Williams 2nd.

15 MILES (Held from Tenpe 11/9/43) - B. Dunkley.

Club handicaps was keenly contested during the season, this is shown by the points score results:

SENIORS: L. Williams 117 Points, 1st - B. Dunkley 112 Points, 2nd -  
J. Hayes 110 Points, 3rd.

JUNIORS: P. Holland 62 Points, 1st - G. Hand 43 Points, 2nd - F. Grinhan 3rd.

JUVENILE A. Hayes 40½ Points 1st, R. Williams 32½ 2nd, K. Sutton 26, 3rd.

Most of these races were held from our headquarters at the Ramsgate Baths. The use of which we have to thank Mr. A. A. Pemberton, to our Honorary Handicapper, Mr. E. Williams our thanks for his good work, to two of our members, Messrs. A. Henderson and L. Williams, the Club owes its thanks. These two men have done much to reorganise the distance section of the Club in introducing the Juveniles and providing most of the trophies for all three sections by their efforts among Kogarah business people.

TRACK SEASON

This year we returned to Hurstville Oval and while we were able to conduct night meetings, membership improved and we were able to keep in close contact with most athletes.

Lights were again banned late in December, and while we conducted daylight meetings for the rest of the season they were not a success.

INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Three St. George teams competed. The "A" Grade was a failure - we were not able to field any sort of a team - no other club, I think, is as bad off as St. George in respect of her Senior Athletes. All are in the services and are not stationed near enough to lend a hand, for we know they would only be too happy to do so.

The "C" Grade team performed well to gain second place to the Police Club in this section; we were much stronger in flat events but were outclassed in the field games, but credit must be given to these young lads, for some, it was their first season. E. Watson was outstanding in jumps and hurdles and received some good assistance from a newcomer, J. Hayhow who, we hope to hear more from next season. The Sprinters I mention, in my review the middle distance men R. Skinner, G. Hand, R. Marshall, S. Sherringham, C. Mastealler, all did good work.

The "D" Grade Team was very unlucky, they should have never lost this competition. If full support was forthcoming from all the juveniles available, this would not have happened. The Botany team drew with St. George but we lost on the count of points for and against. This team has some of our best prospects for years, most of them were members of the outstanding team which won the Schools' Championship for the Hurstville Technical School.

### RESULTS

A. Grade Western Suburbs 21 Points 1st. St. George 7 Points 8th.  
C. Grade Police 19 Points 1st. St. George 17 Points 2nd. Western Suburbs 16. 3rd.  
D. Grade Botany 20 Points 1st. St. George 20 Points 2nd. Western Suburbs 15. 3rd.  
Our congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to all the officials.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Most of our Junior Championships were held, and in some instances Club records were brought up to something like existing standards. Juveniles (under 16 years) events were included although they are not yet officially classed as championships.

### RESULTS

### JUNIOR

### JUVENILE

100 Yards	R. Sheiles	11.1	K. Marshall	11.5s.
220 Yards	R. Sheiles	24s.	K. Marshall	24.5s.
440 Yards	R. Sheiles	57.3s	K. Marshall	61s.
880 Yards	R. Marshall	2m.12.3s	K. Horsnell	2m.24s.
Hop, Step & Jump	J. Hayhow	40' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	K. Marshall	36'1"
Broad Jump	R. Sheiles	17' 3"	K. Horsnell	16'2"
Shot Putt	W. Clauss	37'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " *	K. Horsnell	24'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
120 Yds. Hurdles	E. Watson	17.2 *	<u>90 Yds HURDLES</u>	
220 Yds. Hurdles	E. Watson	29.1 *	K. Marshall	13s.
Javelin	J. Maxin	114'0"		
Pole Vault	E. Watson	9'6" *		
Discus	J. Maxin	76'0"		
High Jump	E. Watson	5'0"	K. Horsnell	4'11"

RECORDS: \*

### SPECIAL AWARDS

There were three awards made during the past season.

First was made to R. Williams, a Juvenile Cross Country member who won a trophy given by Mr. Stockdale for the most improved Juvenile member in the Cross Country Season.

Second was the Blackshaw Trophy whose conditions make it an outstanding award. This was won by Ern Watson.

Third was the Warn Trophy given on conditions similar to the Blackshaw Trophy, only to a Juvenile. This was won by Jim Weeks.





## ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

### TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Gentlemen:

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to present this report. We have made remarkable progress in the past season. One feature of the season was the large number of registrations with the A.A.A. The number of athletes registered (117) is a record for this Club, and in the near future St. George will again consider itself one of the leading "A" Grade Clubs in New South Wales.

#### DISTANCE SEASON

The Novice Cross Country Championship was a triumph for St. George. Although we were beaten for the individual title, our team finished in the next four places.

R. W. Skinner made a game bid to win, but K. Semple of Botany Harriers was too good on the day. The other members of the team, F. Slater, T. Corkhill and S. Randells deserve our praise. These men should make an excellent Senior team next season. Geoff. Hand, a promising Junior, also finished in the first ten.

The best of our Seniors were J. Hayes, S. Millington, and A. Gainsford. Hayes and Millington were seen in good form in the Senior Five Miles Scratch Race on July 29th, finishing second and third respectively. They did not, however, reproduce this form in the Championship Events later in the season.

Our President, A. Gainsford, showed good form towards the end of the season, despite lack of training.

Jim Weekes was the outstanding Juvenile athlete during the Distance Season. Running as a Junior he finished second to O. Summerton of Western Suburbs in the Junior Two Miles Scratch Race on July 29th, in the very good time of 10 mins. 15 secs.

He also gained fastest time in several open events and won the Schoolboys' Two Miles Cross Country Championship.

There are now four members of the Weekes' family competing with the Club. C. B. Weekes first competed with the Club in 1922. His three sons, Jim, Jack and Ken are all promising distance runners.

F. Slater again showed good form to finish in second place in the 5,000 Metres Junior Cross Country Championship.

Other promising Juniors include C. Mestaeller, R. Bennet, G. Cross and E. Gainsford. K. Sutton and C. Stockdale are promising Juvenile Members of the Club.

#### DISTANCE SEASON: RESULTS

##### Novice Cross Country Championship: (Held 29th July, 1944)

Your Club again controlled this event together with the Senior 5 Mile Scratch Race, the Junior 2 Miles Scratch race and the Juvenile 1 Mile. All events were run over our Ramsgate course and arrangements were very satisfactory thanks to all Officials.



NOVICE: K. Semple (Bot.) 27m.46s. 1st. R. Skinner (St.Geo.), 27m.59s. 2nd.  
F. Slater (St.Geo.) 28m.31s. 3rd. T. Corkhill (St.G.) 28m.42s. 4th. S. Randells  
(St.Geo.), 29m.16s. 5th.  
Teams: St. George (2:3.4.5) 14 Points 1st. Botany 33 Points 2nd.

SENIOR 5 MILE SCRATCH H. Duncan (Bot.) 27m.15s. 1st.; J. Hayes (St.Geo.) 27m.28s.  
S. Millington (St.Geo.) 27m.36s. 3rd.  
Teams: Botany 25 Points, 1st. St. George 31 Points 2nd.

JUNIOR 2 MILE SCRATCH: O. Sommerton (W.S.) 10m.13s 1st. J. Weeks (St. Geo.)  
10m.15s. 2nd. C. Mastealler (St. Geo.) 3rd. Teams: St. George 1st, 17 Points.

JUVENILE 1 MILE SCRATCH: R. McWilliams (S.S.) 5m.16s. 1st. R. Whittam (Bot.) 2nd;  
K. Sutton (St. Geo.) 5m.29s. 3rd. Teams: St. George 1st. 23 pts.

10,000 Metres Cross Country Championship (Held Botany)

H. Duncan (Bot.) 35m.58s. 1st. A. Price (S.S.) 36m.2s, I. Rixon (E.S.) 36m.51s.  
Teams Race: Botany 40 points 1st. South Sydney 57 points, St. George 74 pts. 3rd.

Junior 5,000 Metres: K. Semple (Bot.) 17m.14s. 1st, F. Slater (St. Geo.) 17m.45s. 2nd.  
B. Rennie (Bot.) 17m.58s. 3rd. Teams: Botany 13 Pts, St. George 25 Pts.

10 Mile Track Championship (Held Victoria Park Racecourse 19/8/44)

B. Doyle (S.S.), 55m.39s. 1st. A. Price (S.S.) 56m.31s. 2nd. C. Hensley (Bot.)  
56m.33s. 3rd. Teams: Botany Points 1st. St. Geo. 66. Points 2nd.

Under 19 Yrs. Schoolboys 2 Miles Cross Country Championship (Held in conjunction with  
the 10 Mile Championship.

1st. J. Weeks (St. George)	Sydney Tech. High School	10m.50s.
2nd. A. Powys	Sydney High School.	

15 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP and SEALED HANDICAP (Held Tempe 9th September)

C. Hensley (Bot.) 1h.26m.33s. 1st, H. Duncan (Bot.) 1h.28m.21s. 2nd. B. Doyle (S.S.)  
1h.28m.43s. 3rd.

Teams: Botany 1st. St. George did not compete in the teams event.

EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION

JUNIOR 2 MILES SCRATCH RACE: K. Semple (Bot.) 9m.46s. J. Weeks (St. Geo.)

JUVENILE 1 MILE SCRATCH RACE: R. McWilliams (S.S.) 5m. 48s. N. McKay (Bot.)  
K. Sutton (St. Geo.) 3rd.

OPEN HANDICAPS

There were four Club Open Handicaps held during the distance season together with a  
4 x 1 mile relay and a 12 Miles Handicap conducted by the Metropolitan Harrier Committee.

EASTERN SUBURBS (Sydney Sports Ground 13/5/44)

Our success came from the Junior section.

Junior 2 Miles: F. Popplewell 1st, 8m.34s. R. Skinner 2nd, 7m 51 s.

Juvenile 1 Mile: E. Gainsford 2nd, 5m.06s. G. Cross 3rd. 5m. 10 s.

SOUTH SYDNEY (Tempe 27/5/44)

In the Senior 3 Miles R. Mondel was 3rd and in the Junior 1½ Miles F. Slater was 1st.  
10m.3s. and in the Juvenile, J. Weeks was 1st and fastest - 6m.08s., K. Sutton 2nd. -  
6m.28s.

METROPOLITAN HARRIER COMMITTEE 4 x 1 MILE RELAY (Botany 10/6/44)

St. George No.1 Team finished 2nd. Time 19m.24s. Botany finished with the fastest time  
19m.23s. Our Team: S. Millington, J. Hayes, F. Slater, R. Skinner.



ST. GEORGE OPEN HANDICAPS LOWE'S TEAMS RACE (Ramsgate 24/6/44).

<u>Senior 4 Miles:</u>	K. Cameron (W.S.) 2.55	Time 22m.41s.
	C. Patterson (Bot.) 2.45	22m.45s.
	S. Pate (E.S.) 3.20	23m.17s.
<u>Fastest Time:</u>	R. Mettam (W.S.) Scr.	20m.51s.
<u>Teams Race:</u>	Botany 1st.	St. George 2nd.
<u>Junior 2 Miles</u>	F. Slater (St. Geo.) 30s.	10m.35s.
	O. Sommerton (W.S.) 20s.	10m.30s.
	G. Goodacre (R.K.) 20s.	10m.31s.
<u>Fastest Time:</u>	K. Semple (Bot.) Scr.	10m.20s.
<u>Juvenile 1 Mile:</u>	R. Williams (St. Geo.) 1.35	Time 6m.08s.
	J. Rankin (St. Geo.) 1.20	6m.04s.
<u>Fastest Time:</u>	J. Weeks (St. Geo.) Scr.	5m.01s.

BOTANY OPEN HANDICAPS (Botany 15/7/44)

Our only success came in the Juvenile Event when J. Weeks scored fastest time over a mile. 5m.03s.

12 MILES OPEN HANDICAP (Held Moorefield Racecourse 26/8/44)

A. Hodsdon of Western Suburbs was the winner off 10m. 1h.15m.57s. A. Gainsford (St. Geo.) 3rd. 5m.15s. 1h.11m.51s.

SENIOR 3 MILES TRACK RACE held in conjunction. C. Weeks of St. Geo. 3rd. 18m.17s.

JUVENILE 1 MILE: H. Marshall (St. Geo.) 3rd. 6m.13s.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP (Held Ramsgate 8/7/44)

R. Skinner 28m.39s. 1st. F. Slater 29m.03s. 2nd. T. Corkhill 29m.14s. 3rd.

5 MILES ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP: (Held Ramsgate 22/7/44)

S. Millington 26m.23s. 1st. J. Hayes 26m.26s. 2nd. R. Skinner, 27m.19s. 3rd.

2 MILES JUNIOR:

J. Weeks, 10m.26s. 1st. G. Hand, 10m.50s. 2nd. R. Bennett 10m.57s. 3rd.

1 MILE JUVENILE:

K. Sutton 5m.28s. E. Gainsford 5m.35s. 2nd. C. Stockdale 5m.39s. 3rd.

10,000 METRES (Held in conjunction with State Championship Botany)

J. Hayes 1st, 37.18. S. Millington 2nd.

10 MILES (Held in conjunction State Championship Victoria Park Racecourse 19/8/44)

J. Hayes 57m.09s. 1st S. Millington 2nd R. Skinner 3rd.

15 MILES (Held in conjunction State Championship Tempe 9/9/44)

A. Gainsford 1h.32m. 1st. B. Dunkley 2h.5m. 2nd.

CLUB HANDICAPS:

This section of our winter activities is very popular, due mostly to the organising of two of our senior members A. Henderson and L. Williams and to the excellent work of our Hon. Handicapper E. Williams.

There were sixteen senior, fifteen junior and fifteen juvenile handicaps held during the season.



K. Weeks won the juvenile point score with  $68\frac{1}{2}$  points and competed in every handicap. K. Sutton 2nd, 59 points, also competed in all handicaps and R. Williams 3rd, 58 points missed only two events.

J. Weeks was successful in the junior points score with 80 points competing in every event with G. Cross 68 points missing only two and R. Bennett third, 55 points was absent only on the last three Saturdays.

The senior points score was won by our President A.A. Gainsford, who despite his pressure of work, only missed one Saturday in the season, scoring 69 points. S. Randles was 2nd with  $66\frac{1}{2}$  missed only two events and R. Mondel was third with  $65\frac{1}{2}$  points was absent on only one occasion.

Most of the handicaps were held on our home course at Ramsgate and we have to thank Mr. A. A. Pemberton of the Ramsgate Baths for the dressing accommodation.

#### --TRACK SEASON--

#### INTERCLUB COMPETITION

This season (1944-45) the Interclub Competition was held over two complete rounds for the first time. Although our "A" Grade did not do so well, our Seniors were responsible for some good performances. Our best athlete was A. V. Jenkins, who competed in "A" Grade for the first time this season. He was at his best over two miles and was beaten only once at this distance. He recorded 9 mins. 44.5 secs. for two miles, this being the best time for the season in "A" Grade.

B. W. Sheiles is another old member who performed consistently in "A" Grade. He recorded the best Javelin performance of the Interclub Competition with a throw of 167 feet.

A. Gainsford gave his usual support competing in walking events throughout the season.

Two new Senior members who show promise are L. Johnson and K. Robinson. L. Johnson was our best Senior sprinter. His best performance was in beating the well known Western Suburbs Sprinter, D. Moroney, over 100 Yds. in 10.4 secs. Robinson proved to be a good High Jumper and should do well in the other Field Games.

S. Sheringham competed in Middle Distance events during the season and ran well on a number of occasions. E. Watson competed in Hurdles and Pole Vault, and put up some very good performances.

S. Watson, who is in the A.I.F., supported the Club on several occasions while on leave.

The most pleasing feature of this season was the victory of our "C" Grade Team who were Undefeated Premiers in their grade.

The sprint team (K. Harney, K. Marshall and R. Elliot) were outstanding. The best all-round sprinter was K. Marshall. He performed well at 100 Yards and 220 Yards and was undefeated over 440 Yards. His time of 54.5 secs. for 440 Yards was the best of the season.



J. Hayhow was the best all-round athlete in the "C" Grade team, scoring 100 points in competition. He competed in Relays, Broad Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Javelin, Discus and Hurdles. He recorded the best performance in the Broad Jump with 20 ft. 3 ins.

G. Hand performed well throughout the season, scoring 99 points. He competed in the Hop, Step and Jump, High Jump, Middle Distance Events and Hurdles. He recorded 41ft. 11½ins. in the Hop, Step and Jump, this being the best performance for the season.

R. Marshall recorded the best Half Mile time for the season with 2 mins. 9.7 secs.

The Relay Team recorded the best time for the season in the 4 x 110 Relay with 47.5 secs.

Other athletes who performed well were C. Oates, C. Mastaller, M. Jurd, R. Mondel, C. Weekes and F. Cullen.

Our "D" Grade Team performed well, but were beaten for the Premiership by Botany 1. The success of this team was largely due to the good work of E. Waudby as Team Manager.

The best Sprinter was R. Stringfellow, who recorded the best 100 Yards time for the season with 10.6 secs. R. Dunn also performed well in sprints and hurdles. The best all-rounder of the team was K. Horsnell, who competed in Sprints and all Field Games.

R. Munday did not compete regularly with the team but recorded 41ft. 4ins. in the Hop, Step and Jump, this being the best performance for the Season. Others who performed well were Jack Weekes, W. O'Jala, R. Wolfe, F. Cullen, E. Waudby, R. McLaughlin and T. Williams.

Our Juvenile Team started the season in a very promising way, but School Holidays interfered with attendance, and we finished seventh out of ten teams in the competition.

R. Laycock was the best athlete in this team. He won four events on a number of occasions. Throughout the season he performed well in widely different events, winning races from 100 Yards to 880 Yards.

Other Juveniles who did well were J. McNanara, L. Handley, J. Kavanagh, J. McAuliffe and H. McNeill.

#### --N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS--

The Senior Track and Field Championships were held this Season for the first time since the beginning of the War. A. V. Jenkins won the Three Miles in 15 mins. 3 secs, this being the best on record for the Club.

B. W. Sheiles won the Javelin Championship with a throw of 169 ft. 8 ins.

W. A. Lewish finished in second place in the State Junior 440 Yds. Championship and J. Hayhow was placed second in the Junior 220 Hurdles Championship.

Our Senior Team (C. B. Weekes, R. B. Marshall, J. Weekes and A. V. Jenkins) was placed third in the 4 x 1 mile.



### HURSTVILLE OVAL

The Club trained at Hurstville Oval each Wednesday afternoon throughout the season. Use of lights was again banned, and this prevented us getting the best out of our younger athletes.

Many schoolboy athletes joined the Club during the season, coming chiefly from Kogarah High School, Marist Brothers Kogarah and Hurstville Tech.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Owing to the fact that the Season was longer than usual we were unable to conduct a number of our Club Championships. The following were conducted at Hurstville Oval:

#### RESULTS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### SENIOR

100 Yards	L. Johnson (1), K. Harney (2), R. Marshall (3)	Time 10.8 secs.
220 Yards	L. Johnson (1), E. Watson (2), J. Hayhow (3)	24.6 secs.
440 Yards	W. Lewis (1), R. Marshall (2), R. Elliot (3)	56.5 secs.
880 Yards	C. Weekes (1), S. Sheringham (2), R. Mondel (3)	2m. 12.5 secs.
1 Mile	A. Jenkins (1), C. Weekes (2), S. Sheringham (3)	4m. 45.8 secs.
3 Miles	A. Jenkins (1), C. Mastaelor (2), R. Mondel (3)	15m. 29.0 secs.
1 Mile Walk	A. Gainsford (1), R. Mondel (2)	8m. 4.0 secs.
Hcp, Step & Jump	J. Taplin (1)	35 ft. 7 ins.

##### JUNIOR

100 Yards	W. Lewis (1), R. Elliot (2), R. Marshall (3)	10.5 secs.
220 Yards	W. Lewis (1), K. Harney (2), R. Marshall (3)	24.5 secs.
440 Yards	W. Lewis (1), R. Marshall (2), K. Marshall (3)	54.3 secs.
880 Yards	R. Marshall (1), G. Hand (2), R. Wolfe (3)	2m. 9.2 secs.
1 Mile	M. Jurd (1), Jin Weekes (2), Jack Weekes (3)	4m. 56.1 secs.
2 Miles	Jin Weekes (1), C. Mastaelor (2)	
Hcp, Step & Jump	J. Hayhow (1), R. Elliot (2), R. Wolfe (3)	39ft. 2 ins.
Broad Jump	R. Elliot (1), K. Horsnell (2), J. Hayhow (3)	18ft. 10½ ins.
High Jump	C. Oates (1), K. Horsnell (2), J. Hayhow (3)	5ft. 3 ins.

##### JUVENILE

100 Yards	R. Laycock (1), H. McNeill (2), K. Horsnell (3)	11.5 secs.
220 Yards	R. Laycock (1)	25.7 secs.

### SPECIAL TROPHIES

During the Cross-Country Season an unusual award was given Mr. Randells Snr.

This gentleman, a former English Cross Country runner represented in International contests in the early part of the century, gave a handsome silver medal which he won way back in 1897 for a Junior Trophy in the Cross-Country Season. It was decided to award this to the Athlete with the best performances in the State Novice Championship and the Club Novice Championship.

This was won by Bob Skinner who won our Club Novice and second in State event.

The Blackshaw Trophy was this year awarded to J. Hayhow and F. Slater who tired.

## LEST WE FORGET

It is with regret that we record the passing of fellow Athletes both in the services and at home.

Two of our members both in the R.A.A.F. were reported missing and presumed to be dead.

Pilot Officer Edward (Ted.) Thomas, while acting as a navigator in a Lancaster Bomber over Germany.

Flight Sergeant K. F. Heidtman serving with the Air Force abroad.

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Three of our Senior members on the home front passed away during the past two years.

George Gosling (Formerly of Canterbury Bankstown) February 1944.

Eric Brooks April 1944 - Mal Anderson, August 1944.

Also, one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. C. Blaikie, 3rd August, 1944.

To their families your Club expressed its sympathy.

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A.A.A. of N.S.W. Your Club is at all times in close co-operation with parent body and all affiliated Clubs.

Your Officials give good service: Mr. Pope as Chief Inspector Mr. Moroney as Marshall to the Interclub and the State Championships.

Your Hon. Secretary as Chief Field Games Judge to the Interclub and State Championships also Deputy Referee for the Championships.

Your President is now Chairman of the Harrier Committee and A. Henderson is Hon. Secretary for the 1945 season.

NEWCASTLE VISIT: Your Club together with members of the Western Suburbs and the Randwick Kensington Club paid a visit to Newcastle at the invitation of the Achilles Club, on the six hour week-end.

A bright programme of events was held on the Saturday and members were entertained at night and on the Sunday.

All St. George members express their thanks to the newly formed Achilles Club for the enjoyable week-end. Much of this is due to their energetic Secretary, Vern Wallace, a former member of St. George.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Our finances remain fair. We have not had much opportunity to build our general funds up over the past two years, - two dances were held during the winter, but they were not a success financially.

We have to thank Jack Critchley for his work in this section of the Club. He has done a good job in the little time he had at his disposal.

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CONCLUDING REMARKS:

It gives me very much pleasure to record that one of our former Junior members and now Wing Commander J. Davenport was recently awarded the George Medal for the rescue of a trapped comrade from a burning plane.

Jack as we knew him already holds the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. and Bar.

Your Club, through our President has sent congratulations to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Davenport of South Hurstville.

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DONATIONS: To the following gentlemen we express our thanks for their kind donations.

A. A. Gainsford, C. B. Weekes, A. Hand, Mr. Corkhill, Mr. Upton, Mr. Christie, W. Naylor, R. Withers, Mr. Wayland, R. F. Taylor, W. Pearce, O. P. Compton, W. Talbot, Mr. Lauff, Mr. Cooper, L. Williams, Mr. Peatfield, Turner Bros., J. Hayes, Mr. Collins, Mr. Orwin, M. Moroney, R. Kelleher, H. Bennett and to those I may have overlooked we also extend our thanks.

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In conclusion I would like to thank members and Officials for their co-operation over the past two seasons. My position as your Hon. Secretary has not been an easy one during the war years and it has not always been possible to reward our young track men in the way I would have liked, for their efforts on behalf of the Club, but, with the end of the war in Europe and possible end of the Pacific battle in sight and members serving with these forces returning it will be of some compensation to know that we at home have kept the Club going and now have one of the strongest Junior Clubs in the State.

We now approach our Twenty-Fifth year which I hope will bring us to the beginning of the post-war seasons and I still hope to carry on my position as long as possible and continue to make those friendships which we cherish so much and which is the symbol of the true amateur sport to which we belong.

W. AHERN

Hon. Secretary

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT  
AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEARS ENDING 29th FEBRUARY, 1944 and 28th FEBRUARY, 1945

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# ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 1945

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Distance Open Orders	6 19 0	Club Badges and Equipment (As Estimated)	10 0 0
Promised Donation to L. Powell Fund	5 0 0	Gate Receipts. Hurstville Oval	3 15 4
Club Funds	32 7 6	Prepayments. Hurstville Masonic Hall (Deposit)	10 0
		Cash	
		On Hand	1 12 11
		At Bank	28 8 3
			30 1 2
	£44 6 6		£ 44 6 6

J. CRITCHLEY  
Hon. Treasurer

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J. A. HARRIS  
W. FIRTH  
Hon. Auditors