

CANBERRA, OCT. 30/31--The brand new 300,000 dollar Olmoprene track at the six-million National Stadium had it's first major test at the Australian selection trials for the 3rd Pan Pacific Games Conference on Dec. 3/4.

Hot and windy conditions were not conducive for fast times, but the track is good. Some of the nations' top athletes did not take part through injuries.

Twenty-two men and thirteen women were chosen. The biggest shock was the omission of Raelene Boyle, who, owing to little training and a sore leg, finished a close third in the 100m and withdrew from 200m. However, Raelene has never let Australia down and it is hard to reason with the selectors logic to leave her out of team. Raelene now is determined more than ever to retain the national titles next March and to bid for gold medals at the 1978 Commonwealth Games at Edmonton.

The best men's mark at the trials was Don Commons regular TJ of 16.55. Bev Francis (22) set new SP record of 16.42 and Denise Robertson showed some of her old form with 23.1 for 200m.

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#### The team:

WOMEN: Chris Annisson (WA), Cheryl Boswell (SA), Verna Burnard (SA), Carmen Campton (NSW), Marion Fisher (Vic), Bev Francis (Vic), Erica Hooker (Vic), Lyn Jacenko (NSW), Pam Mathews (Vic), Gael Mulhall (Vic), Denise Robertson (Qld), Debbie Wells (NSW), Alison Wrench (Vic).  
MEN: Don Baird (Vic), Ray Boyd (Vic), Garry Brown (Qld), Chris Commons (Vic), Don Commons (Vic), Chum Darvall (NSW), Robert de Castella (Vic), Peter Farmer (NSW), David Fitzsimons (SA), Robert Hendy (Vic), John Higham (Vic), John Hunter (Vic), Peter Lawler (NSW), Fred Lehman (Vic), Wayne Martin (NSW), Jim O'Sullivan (Qld), Warren Parr (NSW), Paul Narracott (Qld), Glen Stewart (WA), Michael Willis (Vic), Don Wright (Qld).

Oct. 30.

Oct. 31.

MEN—100m: Paul Narracott (Qld) 10.5sec, Fred Lehman (Vic) 10.6, Peter Batten (Vic) 10.8, 400m: James O'Sullivan (Qld) 46.9, Michael Willis (Vic) 47.1, Steve Gee (NSW) 47.8, 1500m (Div 1): G. Crough (Vic) 3:51.8, P. Frimstead (Vic) 3:52.4, T. O'Shaughnessy (Vic) 3:53.4, 10,000m: Robert de Castella (Vic) 29:54.3, Kent Rayner (Tas) 30:03.4, Chris O'Brien (Vic) 31:40.5, 110m hurdles: Don Wright (Qld) and Warren Parr (NSW) 14.5 dead-heat, John Kenny (NSW) 14.9, Triple Jump: Don Commons (Vic) 16.35m, Mick McGrath (WA) 16.70, Glenn Stewart (WA) 15.38, Pole Vault: Ray Boyd (Vic) 5.0, Andy Stewart (Vic) 4.9, Rob Huddle (Vic) 4.75, Shot: W. Martin (NSW) 16.35, M. Barber (WA) 16.19, M. Kemp (SA) 15.99, Javelin: P. Lawler (NSW) 62.28, G. Calvert (SA) 64.7, R. Spiers (SA) 63.84.  
WOMEN—100m: D. Robertson (Qld) 11.7, D. Wells (NSW) 11.8, R. Boyle (WA) 11.8, 400m: Marion Fisher (Vic) 53.4, Verna Burnard (SA) 54.6, Maxine Johnston (Vic) 55.0, 1500m: A. Cook (NSW) 4:28.4, P. Lazarakis (WA) 4:29.8, P. Gray (NSW) 4:36.2, 100m hurdles: C. Boddart (Vic) 14.4, G. Dell (Vic) 14.8, M. Hamley (NSW) 15.0, High Jump: C. Annisson (WA) 1.78, H. Merriam (SA) 1.76, K. Gibbs (NSW) 1.74, Discus: G. Mulhill (Vic) 53.18, L. Torso (NSW) 51.32, G. Henderson (Qld) 45.14.

MEN—200m: Paul Narracott (Qld) 21.8, Fred Lehman (Vic) 21.9, Peter Hadfield (NSW) 22.0, 800m: John Higham (Vic) 1:47.8, Chum Darvall (NSW) 1:48.7, Phil Grimsted (Vic) 1:49.8, 5000m: Kent Rayner (Tas) 14:12.7, Laurie Whitty (NSW) 14:24.9, Tim O'Shaughnessy (Vic) 14:30.2, 400m hurdles: Gary Brown (Qld) 51.1, Adam Pedler (SA) 51.8, Greg Doran (Vic) 54.9, 3000m steeplechase: Peter Larkins (Vic) 8:51.5, Bob Hendy (Vic) 8:52.6, Gary Zeuner (SA) 90.57, Long Jump: Chris Commons (Vic) 7.82, Glen Stewart (WA) 7.45, Laurie Waikley (NSW) 7.25, High Jump: John Hunter (Vic) 2.08, Ian Moss (Vic) 2.05, Bruce Burgess (Vic) 2.05, Discus: Wayne Martin (NSW) 53.46, R. Priman (Qld) 51.80, R. Villani (Vic) 48.4, Hammer throw: Gus Puopolo (Vic) 61.90, Loris Bertolacci (Vic) 59.38, Milo Sodiroza (NSW) 57.6.  
WOMEN—200m: Denise Robertson (Qld) 23.7, Debbie Wells (NSW) 23.9, Sally Milburn (Vic) 24.5, 800m: Alison Wrench (Vic) 2:6.5, Penny Gray (Tas) 2:7.4, Philis Lazarakis (WA) 2:9.2, 400m hurdles: Marion Fisher (Vic) 59.6, Sue Atterton (NSW) 61.0, Long Jump: Erica Hooker (Vic) 6.25, Margaret Hamley (NSW) 5.58, Jenny Baird (ACT) 5.80, Shot: Bev Francis (Vic) 16.42 (Aust. Rec.), Gael Mulhill (Vic) 15.87, Lou Torso (NSW) 15.30, Javelin: Pam Matthews (Vic) 54.80, Margaret Phillipott (NSW) 49.04, Jan Kleboon (SA) 46.66.

One of the finds at the trials was Don Wright. Only 13 and having his 5th run over the high hurdles, he dead-heated into a holding wind with Warren Parr, who on Oct. 10 equalled Max Binnington's nat. rec. of 13.6 at Sydney. \*\*\*Melb. Oct. 8 -- Early pre-season meet: 100m Peter Batten 10.5. 400m Colin McQueen 47.1. Melb. 17.10-5000m David Chettle 14.08.2. 3000mst. Bob Hendy 8.48.4, Brian Lewry 8.57.8. HT Gus Puopolo 63.00. Melb. 22.10-- 100m Barry Besanko 10.5. 400m Peter Fitzgerald 47.2.. HT Puopolo 63.40. women--100m/200m Robertson 11.7/23.4. 100mH Gaye Dell 14.1. SP Mulhall 15.94, Francis 15.81. DT Mulhall 51.92. JT Matthews 53.54. HJ K. Soanes, C. Soanes 1.69. \*\*\* Place marks at the trials included--400m heats 46.7 Willis, 46.8 Higham 47.5 B. Liston, 47.6 Tony Hodgins. TJ McGrath's 16.10w (best legal 15.92). WHJ 4. Vane-saa Browne (14) 1.70 (did 1.74 on 31.10 at WA schools champs, Perth), 1.70 Joanne Sweetman. WJT 4. J. Darcy 45.72. 5. Mary Thomas 44.68. Latest news--Peter Farmer coming back to Australia for good, but Don Baird will not make Pacific Games and Helen Merriman included in team. Australian performances at home since end of 1976/77 season. 400m Chum Darvall (19), Bri. 17.5, 46.9; 1M Bruce Petts 4.03.6, Ben. 11.4; marathon, nat. ch. at cressy, 6.8.: bob Wallace 2.20.11, George Sofianos 2.20.35, Neil Gale 2.22.41, Bob Guthrie 2.23.01. John Farrington did 2.22.46, Ade. 18.6. 20,000m walk: Willi Sawal 1.31.35, Tim Erickson 1.35.16, D. Smith 1.35.56--Melb. 24.4. Sawal did 1.32.04 on track at Melb. on 19.6 and Erickson 1.34.42. 5 0,000m: Sawal 4.05.54, Melb. 10.7. and Tim Erickson 4.17.15, Elizabeth, 6.8. WDT Mulhall 53.16, Melb. 9.7.

Regards,