

Wardlaw again!

Australian distance runner, Chris Wardlaw, broke his own record by more than half a minute when he

won the A.C.I. Bacchus 12000 road race on Saturday. Wardlaw was so far in front that he stopped and gave his wife Mar-

jorie a victory kiss on the final circuit of the race.

He finished the race in 34 minutes 39 seconds, 31 seconds ahead of fellow world cross country team member, Robert de Castella.

Wardlaw won the race last year in a time of 35.18 and then went on to win the San Francisco Bay to Breakers classic. He will compete again in the Breakers run this year as his prize for winning Saturday's event.

David Fitzsimmons, a fellow Montreal Olympic 10,000 metre finalist finished a disappointing third in 35.21.

The last time Fitzsimmons and Wardlaw met was in an Olympic trial, in which Fitzsimmons beat Wardlaw.

The two were expected to have a keen duel on Saturday. Youngster Leif Kam-

ba was the first Griffith runner to finish in a time of 42.42 and the second local runner was Bob Barbero in 44.23.

A relatively unknown in Griffith long distance events, Roy Binks, finished third in 45.13.

The first local female runner was Lyn Golden in 49.51 followed by Roslyn Brown in 50.33 and Sandra Davoren 57.04.

Among the notable performances was that of Ernie Blair, who at 73 was the oldest runner to finish.

His time was 75.21.

The first veteran over the line was Theo Orr who ran a creditable 41.11.

Crossing the line for his second Bacchus win, Chris Wardlaw, of Victoria, sets a new record.



The start of the 1977 A.C.I. Bacchus 12000, with 450 runners on the line. There were 360 who completed the marathon. The arrow pinpoints eventual winner Chris Wardlaw.