

Alitalia trip to Olympian

FITZSIMONS IN ALL THE WAY BACCHUS WIN

by Peter Tuziak

Montreal Olympian David Fitzsimons of South Australia ran brilliantly to win the "Alitalia Bacchus 12,000" from a world class field of international runners on Saturday.

Fitzsimons set a blistering pace from the start and was never headed, winning eventually by 250 metres from Rob de Castella in the excellent time of 37 minutes, 58 seconds.

A major disappointment for the large crowd which braved the atrocious weather conditions later in the day was the non-appearance of Olympians Dave Chettle and Chris Wardlaw, the defending Bacchus champion, who withdrew because of a leg injury.

World Championship Cross Country representative, Gerard Barrett, was also a late withdrawal.

Almost 400 runners faced the starter and the new "Bacchus" course proved to be a winner for the spectators who were able to see all of the runners as they passed through the Ex-Servicemen's Oval, at the half way mark.

John Andrews, a former Australian junior 5,000 metres track champion stuck with Fitzsimons and de Castella in the early stages, but as the race progressed, the Olympian relentlessly increased the pace.

His pursuers had to be content with second and third placings, giving them both a return air fare to New Zealand.

David Fitzsimons, the winner of the Bacchus, was presented with his prize of a return air fare from Sydney to Milan by Alitalia representative, Mr. Paolo Nocella, at the Bacchus barbecue at Wickham Hill Winery.

Fitzsimons, the holder of the 1977 and 1978 Australian track titles over 5,000 and 10,000 metres and third in the 1977 World Cup 5,000 metres, will use his prize for competition in Europe prior to the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton.

While the first three runners were clear leaders, there was a very close battle for the next three placings with Gerry Sofianos (39-42) finishing ahead of Dave McInnes (40-02) and Ray Wilson (40-14).

International cross country runners Dennis Nee and Brian Lewry were carrying leg in-

juries and finished in 10th and 47th places respectively.

First woman home was Lyn Williams in 42nd place in 46-13.

She set a relentless pace from the start and was able to drop the 1977 Australian Cross Country Champion, Rosemary Bell, in the early stages.

Bell finished in 74th place and she and Williams, who were Australian competitors in the Cross Country International in Puerto Rico last year, received return air fares to compete in New Zealand.

A favourite with the crowd was Alby Thomas, who set world records for the two and three mile events in 1968 and was also a sub four minute miler.

Thomas was the first master (over 40 years) to finish, with an excellent 29th placing in 43-35, and his wife, Nola

Thomas took out the equivalent female title. First Wade Shire residents to finish were

John Zampieri in the men's division (80th place - 50-02) and Roslyn

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AREA NEWS SPORTS SECTION

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Griffith J.C. Cup presented

Nova Vega ridden by apprentice Rodney Preston, finishes along the fence to win the Griffith Jockey Club Cup from Breton and Mr. In Between.

At Left: After the presentation of the cup (from left) Mr. Bill Thompson part-owner of Nova Vega, trainer Miss Lorraine Booby, Mr. Terry Manning, Rodney Preston and Mr. Ray Ballard part-owner.

The cup presentation was made by the Jockey Club Vice President, Mr. B. Ralph.



Quech Citrus Juices is really getting right behind the Group 20 Referees' Association, and it's good to see that the poor old 'ref' will be able to match it with the players in recognition.

Unfortunately, not enough top class players follow John Bonetti's example these days, by putting something back into the game either in refereeing or administration, after getting years of enjoyment out of it.

Anyhow, good luck, John Bonetti, he will be welcomed by the appointments board.

Although cricket in the senior grades is finished, Wade High School are still engaged in the Davidson Shield Interstate Knockout Cricket Competition.

Wade, winners of the Riverina Zone last year, played a tie with Corowa last Wednesday in a 30over game.

Corowa batted first and scored 123, and at one stage in reply Wade were 4 for 87 and hit the runs to tie the match at their last over.

Wade were awarded the game after consulting organising officials, and will now meet the winner of the

Tumit-Albury game in the regional final at a date and venue to be announced.

The Area Hotel cricket club will conduct their end of season presentation night at the Ex-Servicemen's Clubrooms on Saturday, April 1.

The night will take the form of a casual barbecue and all club members should note the date.

It's a 7 p.m. start and will cost players \$2 a head.

Junior players have been reminded to invite their parents.

Second graders wives should bring a salad, and first grade wives sweets, while meat, drinks, plates, knives, etc. will be provided.

Tickets for the Association's annual dinner will also be available.

As mentioned in this paper previously, the

Sports Stop Press with Ted Scobie

Leeton based Citrus Juice firm is the official sponsor of the Group 20 Referees' Association for 1978, and the assistance given by them, financial and otherwise, has been nothing short of tremendous.

Their sponsorship coincides with the introduction of the new style country R.L. referees uniform, and Quetch have added to this by providing a matching jacket in their backing of the association.

They have also announced a cash prize of \$100 to be used by the Referees' Association of Group 20 for an end of season award but details of the mechanics of the award are to be released at a later date.

But not all the financial assistance given to

the association will be used in such things as mentioned above.

The Group 20 association has had printed a small booklet which explains the rule changes for 1978, and arrangements are being made to have these distributed to all clubs in the group and if any school or junior leagues is needing a copy, they should contact the writer or any Group 20 referee.

The regular column 'Man in the Centre' is another part of the referees' association's efforts to keep Rugby League patrons up to date, and informed of the activities of their small but dedicated band of officials.

Former Riverina

player, and long term Black and White stalwart, John Bonetti, will be seen in a different role this year.

Bonetti received his referees ticket recently, and I along with a lot of others who follow the code of Rugby League, believe he will make a first class referee.

He has the respect of officials throughout the group, of every opponent he has faced, and this is going to carry with him onto the field when refereeing.

The Riverina girls' basketball team head for Moss Vale this weekend to defend their Southern N.S.W. Country Championship.

The Riverina girls team has been one of the top sides in basketball

for some years now, and they have won the Southern title for the last three years running.

When one considers the number of girls playing the game throughout the State, it's an imposing record that the Riverina girls built up.

Chris Sheehan will captain the side, and she is just one of a number of the Griffith associations girls who have been members of the Riverina team in the past few years.

Farewell at Goolgowi

A farewell was held at the Goolgowi Golf clubhouse for the former President, Col 'Tag' Bretag who had been associates captain for several years, and his wife Bev.

More than 120 persons were present for the enjoyable evening.

The election in February resulted: President, A. King; Vice President T. Stockton Sr.; Captain A. Robertson; Secretary M. Evans; Treasurer B. Grimshaw; Handicapper J. Milay; Publicity Officer W. Brady.

NOTICES

ARP Sheltered Workshop Market Day Saturday 1st April 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kooyoo Street.

BRING along the family and friends to Lake Wyangan School Fete Saturday, 29th April in school grounds. Fun for everyone. Young and old.

CARPETS shampooed by Griffith Cleaning Service. Phone 62 3276.

LADIES golf for beginners commences Thursday, 30th March. Hit off 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

GRIFFITH Spastic Council competition results. Cutlery Mrs. E. Belford, Daddy Cool A. Bordignon, Groceries E.L. Savage.

HANWOOD Primary School competition groceries, V. Navin, Easter egg S. Buckle.

JUMBLE sale Salvation Army Hall Thursday 30th, 9.30 a.m.

ROTARY Club Griffith East competition at Bacchus winner Peter Van Wel No. 29.

POSITIONS VACANT

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Chicken Catcher

4 mornings per week - Monday to Thursday.

We are looking for a reliable man with some other employment to be part of our catching team. This is a permanent part-time position which finishes by lunchtime each day.

Phone 62 4244 for interview

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We require a pleasant reliable woman for deliveries on Wednesday & Thursday.

Driving experience essential.

The successful applicant will be required to drive a light truck to Wagga.

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GRIFFITH AUSTRALIAN RULES
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STRAPPER
for the 1978 season

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MEETINGS

Griffith Motor Sports Club

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 3rd 8 p.m.

IRRIGANA

All members welcome

LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN
PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Rankins Springs Branch

INAUGURAL MEETING

Friday, 31st March, 1978 at 8 p.m.

AT CONAPAIRA HOTEL

Members of Rankins Springs, Naradhan and Weethalle Sub-Branches are asked to attend.

MEETINGS

ANNUAL General Meeting Griffith Darts Association to be held at Leagues Club Wednesday, March 29th, 8 p.m.

TO LET

PARTLY furnished farm cottage. Suit married couple, \$30 p.w. Includes electricity, available 3rd April. Telephone 62 3913.

SINGLE bedroom furnished flat. Phone 62 3991 after 4.30 p.m.

NOTICES

SHIRE OF WADE

NOTICE OF

PROPOSED

ALTERATION

TO INTERIM

DEVELOPMENT

ORDER NO. 2

IN RESPECT OF

"THREE WAY'S

REZONING",

(SECTION 342U (5)

OF THE LOCAL

GOVERNMENT

ACT, 1919).

Notice is hereby given of Council's intention to apply to the Minister of Planning and Environment to alter a provision of Interim Development Order, No. 2 in respect of the property described in the Schedule below.

An invitation is extended to interested parties and public at large to make representation or objection to the proposal. Closing date for the receipt of comments or objections is 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20th April, 1978.

Copies of the Interim Development Order and Plans showing the proposal are available for inspection at the Council Chambers, Benemah Street, Griffith, during normal working hours.

SCHEDULE

The rezoning of Portion 1222, known as Three Way's Reserve, from Non Urban 'A' to Special Uses 'A' 'Reserve for Aboriginal Housing'.

E.W. Moore,

SHIRE CLERK.

Council Chambers,
Box 485, P.O.
GRIFFITH, 2680.
21st March, 1978.

IN MEMORIAM

BOOTS, Harold

In loving memory of my dearly loved brother who passed away 25-3-77.

Although you cannot be with us to share our lives today

In our thoughts and in our hearts you are never far away.

From your sister Norma and brother-in-law Ernie and Justin.

CONDON, John Thomas died 29/3/63.

In loving memory as long as life and memories last.

A silent thought still brings a tear.

A loving wish that you were here.

Time may close the book of grief

But memories open every leaf.

Loved and remembered always. Lurline, John and grandchildren.

HENDERSON

In loving memory of our daughter Elsie May who passed away on March 28th, 1959.

Loved and remembered always by her mother, father, brothers and sisters-in-law.

FOR SALE

VISCOUNT four berth caravan. Absolutely new condition - all extras included. For price and inspection ring Griffith 62 2434.

LOST

BROWN Kelpie dog, between Saleyards and Tharabogang. Ring 63 4529. Reward.

YOUNG Australian Terrier strayed from 27 Gibbs Street. Phone 62 4169.

WANTED

PRIVATE board or share flat, single girl. References available. Phone 62 4964.

RICE stubble slashing. Colin Campbell 62 1917.

MOTORS
FOR SALE

CAT DBH dozer A & T blade 3 TN hyd. rippers. Engine and starter engine just extensively overhauled. Walking gear, power shift and final drives in top condition. \$28,000. Phone 62 2134.

FALCONGT 1970 351 auto T-bar, hot motor, Mags, air shocks \$4500. Phone 634 855.

FOR quick sale one month old S.E. Sigma. Owner transferred overseas. Phone 62 1622.

HONDA CR 125 Red Devil, good condition. Phone 62 2340.

HG HOLDEN 1971. Immaculate condition. Mechanically A1. Apply Ampol S/Str. or ph. 62 2189 after 6 p.m. Finance available.

HONDA 750 super sports, brand new condition. Phone 62 1002.

1969 HOLDEN manual radio, heater, reg. 10 mths. HPB346, good condition. \$1,300. Phone 17 Barellan.

'72 HQUTE 202, good condition, long reg, new tyres, radio cassette. Phone 62 4246 A.H.

1973 CORONA November rego, good tyres, runs well. Must sell. Best offer. 62 3366 B.H. 68 1339 A.H.

1974 VALIANT Utility, A1 condition, 11 months rego. Phone 7G Binya week nights.

1977 VALIANT utility as new condition, 9000 miles, extras, radio/cassette, towbar, and stock crate, 12 months registration. Phone 62 2701 after 4 p.m.

A 124 1600cc Fiat sport 2+2 1972 model. For \$3,300 this is what you'll get. Economy 32 to 36 M.P.G. Electro magnetic fan, overhead cams, 5 speed gearbox, all synchro, independent suspension all round, front and rear disc brakes, pause wipers, plus 2 speed, day and night review mirror, hard top. Quartz halogen and long distance lights, clock in side, 2 speed heater, cigarette lighter, rear demister, tach, warning gauges (more than average), stalk controls, lock steering, sports steering and original to go with it. Flame horn, velvet covered seats, mileage 46,000. Max speed between 112 and 115 M.P.H., and it has just been registered. Reason for selling it, I don't need 2 cars. (Ring for a real test run). Phone 62 4574.

ONE 3 month old Doberman pup. 138 Erskine Rd.

POSITIONS
VACANT

MURRUMBIDGE COUNTY COUNCIL LINESMAN'S ASSISTANT

Applications closing with the undersigned at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 14th April, 1977, are invited for the position of Linesman's Assistant at Council's Griffith Depot.

The appointee will be required to undertake the Overhead Linesman's Course with the ultimate aim of regrading to Linesman.

The terms and conditions of employment are those of the County Councils (Electricity Undertakings) Award, the present wages being:

Linesman's Assistant - \$155.60
Probationary Linesman - \$163.30
Linesman 3rd Year - \$188.20

Applications should include personal details and copies of recent references.

B.J. Rodely,
COUNTY CLERK,
P.O. Box 415,
LEETON, N.S.W. 2705.
20th March, 1978.

VALUER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

SALARY: Within the range \$3860 - \$6717 for Juniors, \$7644 - \$8954 for Adults with progression to \$9545 subject to certain conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS: Essential - School Certificate or equivalent. Current driver's licence. Desirable - Pass in Mathematics at School. Certificate level or equivalent.

DUTIES: Assist Valuers in the field and the office in collecting, recording, assembling, analysing and calculating valuation data.

INQUIRIES: Telephone (Griffith) 62 1932 (Mr. R. Maundrell).

Applications to be lodged with the Secretary, Valuer General's Department, Box 15, G.P.O., Sydney, 2000 by 14th April.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FULL TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the position of Full Time Clerical Assistant at the Griffith High School.

Employment 6 1/2 hours of each school day.

Payment: Junior \$2.90 per hour on employment. Progression to \$3.67 per hour after 12 months satisfactory service or at age 20. Adults \$4.45 per hour with progression to \$4.60 upon satisfactory service.

Qualifications: Applicants will be required to pass a typing accuracy test at 30 w.p.m.

Duties: Include reception of visitors, answering telephone enquiries, maintaining filing and index systems, typing of letters and returns, duplicating stencils, etc.

Applications: To be submitted on Form 59, obtainable at the school, close with me on Friday 7th April 1978.

M.J.M. Coutts
Principal.

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Brown (179th place - 59-16).

The ages of competitors in the 12,000 ranged from nine years (Darren Burns) to 74 years - the incredible Ernie (Irish) Blair, who got a tremendous

ovation from the crowd.

The Griffith Athletic Club and all sponsors of the "Ahtalia Bacchus 12,000" deserve congratulations for a world class sports spectacle.

Plans are already being made for next year's event.

Reports to court

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For six months after the disqualification he could drive only during his employment.

Mr. Webster said Goodfellow had been involved in an accident which he might have avoided if he had not been drinking.

Rodney Wines, 34, labourer, of Premier Nurseries, Griffith, pleaded guilty to having driven with a blood alcohol level of .170 in Bama Avenue, Griffith.

Wines was fined \$140 and disqualified from driving for six months.

Mr. Mackenzie said Wines missed some of the sessions in the program because he was away on holidays.

WANTED
TO BUY

WAGGA TV lower. Phone 63 5304

POSITIONS
VACANT

AVON Four representatives wanted for East Griffith, West Griffith, Griffith and Yoogali. Enquiries please phone 62 2794 or 62 1894.

CONTRACT Bricklayers required for Lake Cargelligo School. Immediate start. Hughes Bros. Pty Ltd. Phone 307 Lake Cargelligo.

FOR SALE

COMPLETE 250 motor, low kilometres. Phone 63 5228 after 6 p.m.

GRANNY Smith apples, oranges, Emo Gallo, Kurrajong Avenue, Yoogali.

INTER 1466 167 H.P. tractor with cab, step tanks, new rear tyres, \$14,500. Inter 696 with canopy, tyres 80%, 100 H.P. \$7,500. Inter combine, 28 run, 10 months old, \$6,500. Inter scarifier 29 line, \$2,800. Massey 55 combine, 24 run, spring release, \$1,800. Phone 68 1365 or 68 1159.

LARGE house, newly rewired throughout \$11,000. 77 Gratten Street, Hillston.

PIGEONS Phone 63 4824

RICE header John Deere 55R. Two reels ready for harvest. Phone 62 3821.

STEELCRAFT folding pram as new. Will accept half new price. Phone 62 2434.

SINGLE table, electric itemiser with description keys, receipt and detail rolls. Shop fittings, racks, shelves, hangers, etc. Phone 62 2895 after hours 54 9468.

Mr. Webster said Wines' livelihood was not in jeopardy if he lost his licence.

Noel Must Madden, 21, driver, of Yenda, pleaded guilty to having driven in Bama Avenue with a blood alcohol level of .180.

He was fined \$250 and disqualified for 12 months.

Mr. Webster said Madden had been convicted for his first drink-drive offence late in 1976.

The need to protect the community from danger on the roads outweighed Madden's need for a licence.

Stanley David Penrith, 38, labourer, of Farm 1309, Tharabogang, pleaded guilty to having driven with a blood alcohol content of .340 in Ulong Street, Griffith on December 16.

He was fined \$100 and further sentenced deferred on condition he enter a bond.

He was also disqualified from driving for three months.

Desmond Allen O'Hara, 27, labourer, of Nercon, pleaded guilty to having driven in Wyangan Avenue, with a blood alcohol level of .185 on November 26.

He also pleaded guilty to having been unlicensed.

Mr. Webster fined him \$150 and disqualified him from driving for six months for the drink-drive offence and fined him a further \$70 for having been unlicensed.

Harry James Williams, 37, cook, of Ledgerwood Street, Griffith, pleaded guilty to having driven with a blood alcohol level of .325 at Griffith on December 9.

Mr. Webster ordered Williams to enter a bond without recording a conviction.

Winery

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Felice Sassoli de Bianchi, Vice President of Butoon Distilleries, arrived in Australia recently. He is here to supervise the continued expansion of Butoon's activities in this country.

A significant part of this expansion is the St. Peter's winery and distillery now being built at Yenda.