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# SURPRISE TIPPED IN SWANS' TEAM FOR FIRST ROUND

A black and white photograph capturing a moment of physical confrontation between two men in a boxing ring. The man on the left, seen from the side, is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved shirt and is captured mid-punch, with his right arm extended towards the face of the other man. The man on the right is shirtless, has long dark hair, and is wearing dark boxing trunks with a light-colored waistband. He is looking towards the incoming punch with a focused expression. The background is dark and indistinct, suggesting an indoor setting like a gym or arena.

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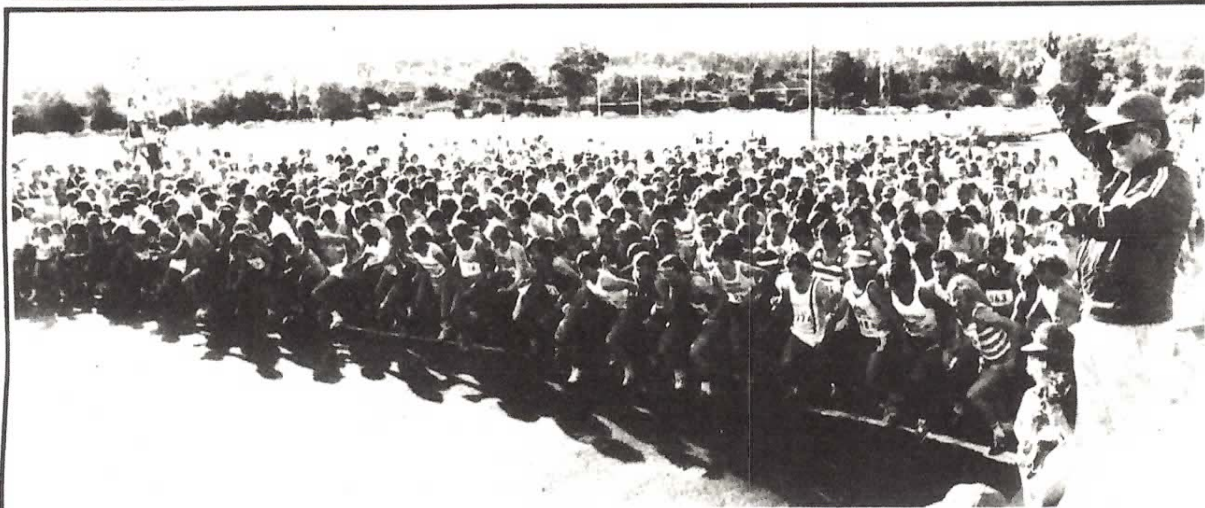
### S.A. man in hospital court

A South Australian engineer charged with having sold Indian hemp near Hay, was allowed bail of \$300 at a special court convened at Griffith Base Hospital on Thursday. Derek Findlay, 27, is charged with having sold Indian hemp near Hay on March 28, in that he had in his possession more than the prescribed quantity of the drug.

The matter was adjourned to May 14 for mention only.

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## MALCOLM KO'S ABA

by Ted Scobie

Jeff Malcolm made amends for his loss in Nigeria early last month, with a seventh round knockout of New Guinea welterweight champion Tony Aba, at the Woodside Hall on Friday night.

Aba was unfortunate enough to suffer a broken jaw when Malcolm caught him with a vicious left to the side of the head early in the seventh round of the scheduled 10-round bout.

Aba and Malcolm had treated the crowd to an action-packed six rounds prior to the sudden ending.

Malcolm had found the lanky visitor a handful up to that stage.

Aba went close to scoring a knockout in the fourth round when he appeared to have the Griffith boxer in trouble. But Malcolm managed to weather the onslaught, and came back strongly in the fifth.

Malcolm did not seem to possess the speed and zip he displayed in his last fight in Griffith against 'Baby Cassius', but certainly showed more determination to finish off his opponent in Friday night's bout.

Both boxers began confidently and although the first round looked even, Aba showed that he deserved the No. 2 rating he enjoyed in the latest Commonwealth listings.

There was little between the two in the next two rounds, but Aba forged ahead with a very strong fourth round, in which he had Malcolm in trouble.

## 'Vicious' left breaks jaw of Papuan

But Malcolm came back strongly in the fifth round showing his recuperative powers to again take the fight up to Aba and was clearly getting back on top.

Early in the sixth, Malcolm must have sensed that he was getting on top, and he went after the Papuan and caught him with several stinging punches, before he sent him straight to the canvas.

It was obvious Aba was hurt badly by the way he hung onto the bottom rope after he was hit by Malcolm. Doctor Hugh Savage was quick to attend to the stricken boxer.

Aba was treated at the Griffith Base Hospital and was detained overnight. He was well enough to leave for New Guinea next morning. The win should enable Malcolm to press for a

return bout with Nigerian, Obisika Nwankpa for the Commonwealth Junior Welterweight title he lost to Nwankpa in Lagos early in March.

In an eight round support, Griffith's Ron Christian scored a narrow points win over Sydney boxer Paul Roberts.

Fortunes fluctuated throughout the bout, but Christian found that little extra in the last two rounds to clinch victory. Roberts with a distinct reach advantage kept Christian at bay, but the local fighter kept boring in and got the decision.

Lockie Williams also found plenty of opposition from Andrew Roberts before scoring a convincing points win in another six round support bout.

Williams, a southpaw. Continued Page 30.

## 'Deekas' sets record for 12,000 course

by Peter Tuziak

Robert de Castella ran brilliantly to win the ACI Bacchus 12,000 in Griffith on Easter Saturday.

De Castella took charge of the race from the start with a superb display of aggressive front running to defeat a strong field of Australian international athletes, including Montreal Olympian, Chris Wardlaw.

In the early stages Wardlaw and a group of four others, including Australian representatives Brian Lewry, John Stanley and Max Little stayed with de Castella to gain a break of 50 metres on the field.

By the time the runners reached Penfold, de Castella and Wardlaw had dropped the pack. At the half way mark at the Ex-Servicemen's Oval "Deekas" had a five metre lead over Wardlaw and was going away.

A slashing run on the dirt up Scenic Hill gave de Castella his winning break, as Wardlaw was unable to increase his pace.

"Deekas" ran a tremendous final three kilometres and seemed to have plenty in reserve as he sprinted around the track to finish a clear 350 metres ahead of Wardlaw.

The big battle was for the final placings of the top 10 as Steve Poulton ran the race of his life to hold off a fast finishing John Stanley, with Max Little in fifth place.

De Castella's time of 38 min nine secs, took

over 10 seconds from the record set by Olympian David Fitzsimons last year.

A placegetter in three previous Bacchus runs, de Castella will use his prize of air fares to compete overseas in preparation for the Moscow Olympics.

Wardlaw now has second place to go with his two previous Bacchus wins and gained a return air fare to New Zealand.

First woman home was Lynne Williams who finished 49th, with a time of 46 minutes 19 secs. Like four of the male runners she had just returned from the world cross country championships at Limerick (Ireland).

She too won a New Zealand air fare prize donated by ACI.

Steve Poulton capped a great day with the return air fare prize from the hat draw of third to 10th male and second to third female finishers.

First over 18 years Wade Shire resident to finish the ACI Bacchus 12,000 was Steve Kocaj in 72nd place with 48.24.

He won the Bacchus Committee award of a return air fare to New Zealand.

First Wade Shire female to finish was Belinda Braniff who was 244th in 61.29.

Leif Kamba took out the Fred Eardley return air fare prize to contest the Sydney City to Surf

run as the first Wade Shire resident under 18 years.

The first ever combined Bacchus and Half Bacchus proved to be a winner this year with well over 600 competitors and 403 finishers in the ACI Bacchus 12,000.

Local participation was the best ever with over 230 entries in both events - due in no small part of the Vintage Festival Committee Award of return air fare to New Zealand for the hat draw for Wade Shire residents.

The winner was Barry Turnell who had completed the Half Bacchus.

Following the presentation of awards competitors were able to view videotapes of the two fun runs.

The ACI Bacchus 12,000 is now regarded as Australia's highest quality fun run. This year nine Australian representatives faced the starter, the general manager of ACI, Mr. Frank Hannes, said.



ABOVE: The field is sent away in the A.C.I. Bacchus run.  
BELOW: Robert de Castella is first home.