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Leading riders for cycle carnival

More than thirty exclists are expected to compete in the Vintage Festival Cycle

The carnival carrying \$600 prizemoney has been sponsored by five Grif

sponsored by five Griffith wheries and two Griffith eyele shops. In addition to a program of six professional events, there will be \$100 of open orders to split up among amateur riders Cyclists will be

coming from Goulburn, Cootamun-dra. Albury. Can-berra, Wagga and Shepparton to com-

Griffith Cycle Club members have been hard at work on the track at Yoogali Club and the new smooth and fast surface will ensure some exciting racing

SURPRISE TIPPED WANS' T

There could be some surprise changes to the Swans' side to meet Ariah Park on Sunday on the Ex-Servicemen's Oval in the opening round of South West League.

The Griffith selectors will have some wrangles to clear over the naming of players in some positions.

The Swans could well

substantial changes to what was thought to be their line up a few weeks ago

up a few weeks ago
Crucial meetings held
during the week will influence the substance of
the team and some surprises are inevitable
The Swans owe Ariah

The Swans owe Arian Park as it was the Bom-bers who brought to an end their run in the 1977 season in the first semi-final and it was also the

Bombers who thrashed

Griffith in the final round of home and away games last year Griffith made the final four last season while the Bombers did

while the Bombers du not qualify The Swans could have a major advantage where they are expected to outmark their op-

They have one of their tallest sides in years and are led in the aerial department by Nifty Brand and Phil McGarry where both players have been outstanding

The Swans have shown in their trial matches the ability to com-mand the marking around the ground.

The exception to this could be with Mark

Newton and Jim Pren-tice
Bomber coach Mark
Newton at fullforward. is an undoubted match winner and one of the best marks in the league

Winner of two recent Gammage Medals is enough of Prentice's record to command respect from any opposition and these two players are the crux of

If Ian Wade, returning to the game after in-juring his shoulder in a trial match at Jerilderie three weeks ago, is able to blanket Newton, the Swans will start in a

winning position
While the Bombers
have their own share of snappy ball users, the Griffith list appears a little longer

Peter Arnall. Peter Dwyer Robbie Owen, Pat Dwyer and Bulla Harrison is a good full hand for starters

hand for starters.

A lot will depend on how the Swans' young full forward ace Daryl Collins is able to sneak away from Bruce

Collins can kick the goals O.K. It is a matter of how he is to win the ball

If the Swans force him to wrestle and scramble for possession, they are wasting his talents

Collins must be given crisp delivery in answer

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DEFENDING



ners of the Griffith Vintage Festival A.C.I. Bacchus 12,000 run will take place tomorrow.

They are the 1975 inner John Stanley, winner John Stanley, Chris Wardlaw who won in 1976 and 1977 and last year's winner David Fitzsimons.

The three cham pions are among 442 runners will will face the starter in the big

The field of runners

11 current and former Australian cham

The Bacchus event starts at 4 p.m

PHOTO: The reigning Bacchus champion, David Fitzsimons

BELOW: The course for this year's Bac-chus and half Bacchus



Big fight program Å big program of bosing at the Griffith Woodside Hall tomorrow night will start off an outstanding weekend of sport for the Vin-tage Festival. Two of the big drawcards at the bouts are Ron Christian and Lochie Williams, of Griffith, who are seen sparring at the Police Boys' Club gymnasium.



SALOON CAR RACING

EASTER SUNDAY AT BROBENAH CIRCUIT LEETON — 11 a.m. START

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE — ADULTS \$2.00 CHILDREN 50c



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LATE NEWS S.A. man in hospital court

A South Australian engineer charged with having, sold Indian hermy near Hay was allowed hall of \$200 at a special court convend at Criffith Base Hospital on Thursday. Derek Find I a Work, 2r. is charged with having sold Indian hermy near Hay on March 28, in that he had in his possession more than the more than the





the drug.

The matter was journed to May 1 mention only.

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

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 Aba and Malcolm had treated the crowd to an action packed six rounds prior to the sud-den ending Malcolm had found

the lanky visitor a hand ful up to that stage Aba went close to

ful 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 onslaught, and came back strongly in the

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 Criday night's bout Friday night's bout.

Both boxers began con fidently 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 ween 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

back strongly in the fifth round showing his recuperative powers to again take the fight up to Aba and was clearly

to Aba and was clearly getting back on top. Early in the sixth. Malcolm must have sen-sed that he was getting on top, and he went after the Papuan and caught the Papuan and caught him with several stinging punches, before he sent him straight to the canvas. It was obvious Aba

It was obvious Abawas 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

night. He was well enough to leave for New night Guinea next morning

The win should enable Malcolm to press for a

Nigerian, Obisia Nwangkpa for the Com

Nwangkpa for the Com-monwealth Junior Welterweight title he lost to Nwangkpa in Lagos early in March. In an eight round sup-port, Griffith's Ron Christian scored a narrow points win over Sydney boxer Paul Roberts.

Fortunes fluctuated throughout the bout, but Christian found that lit-

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 borng in and got the decision Lockie Williams also found plenty of opposition from Andrew Roberts before scoring a convincing points win tle extra in the last two

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 over 40 seconds from the charge of the race from record set by Olympian the start with a superb display of aggressive year front running to defeat a strong field Australian international athletes, including Mon-treal Olympian, Chris

Aus.

athletes, no.

treal Olympian, Co.

Wardlaw.

In the early stages
Wardlaw and a group of
four others, including
Australian rep
resentatives Brian
Lewry, John Stanley

av Lattle stayed
for gain 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 Penfolds, de Castella and War-dlaw 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

way 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 kilometres and seemed to have plenty in re-serve 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 to as Steve Poulton ran the reace of his life to

ran the race of his life to old off a fast finishing John Stanley, with Max Little in fifth place. De Castella's time of 38 min nine secs, took

record set by Olympian David Fitzsimons last

A placegetter in three A placegetter in three previous Bacchus runs, de Castella will use his prize of air fares to com pete overseas in preparation for the

Moscow Olympies.

Wardlaw now has second place to go with his two previous Bac chus wins and gained a return air fare to New Zoaland. Zealand First woman home

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

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.

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 residents Shire resident under 18 The winner was Barry

Turnell who had com pleted the Half Bacchus Foliowing the presen

tation of awards com

view videotapes of the two fun runs. The ACI Bacchus 12,000 is now regarded as Austraha's highest quality fun run. This year mine Australian representatives faced

the starter, the genera manager of ACL Mr

Frank Haines, said

petitors were able view videotapes of the

years The first ever com bined Bacchus and Half Bacchus proved to be a winner this year with well over 600 competitors and 403 funishers in the ACI Bac

chus 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

ABOVE: The field is sent away in the



