

V.M.C.EMIL ZATOPEK 10,000m TROPHY, "A" Division, OLYMPIC PARK, 17-12-1981.

15 Starters. Mild, little wind. 20 C.

1.Andrew LLOYD 22	28:25.4	6.Jeff COOLE 28	29:43	11.Jim MURPHY 29	30:10
2.Gerard BARRETT 24	28:54.4	7.Robin SEALEY	29:46	12.John DUCK 29	30:19
3.Steve POULTON 24	29:08.7	8.Bruce JONES 32	29:52	13.Peter NOORDHOFF 25	30:26
4.Nick DeCASTELLA 21	29:11.4	9.Max LITTLE 32	29:52	14.Andre LAMEDEN 24	31:03
5.Rod O'CONNOR	29:40.3	10.Lindsay BURGOYNE 29	29:56	15.Steven BOTH 22	d.n.f.

"B" Division, Olympic Park, 16-12-1981, 15 Starters. Fine, warm. 28 C.

1.Len JOHNSON 33	31:23.2	4.Geoff PRATT 32	31:57	7.Colin O'BRIEN 34	32:36
2.Paul BENNETT 26	31:39	5.Ken DUXBURY 28	32:05	8.Arthur BOMPERILL 35	32:54
3.Bob BARNARD 28	31:49	6.Dave POTTS 23	32:14	9.Carl STEVENSON 36	33:50

"C" Division, Olympic Park, 16-12-1981. 22 Starters. Fine, warm. 26 C.

1.Tarquin OEHR 30	32:46.1	7.Jim SEYMON 44	34:04	13.Andrew WALKER 30	34:47
2.John MURRAY 47	32:50	8.Steve HADLOW 25	34:05	14.Andrew WALLIN 20	34:54
3.Geoff ELSTON 34	33:08	9.Mike LILLYCRAPP 23	34:17	15.Ron HARRIS 28	35:03
4.Robin YOUNG 33	33:31	10.Rob JAMIESON 31	34:27	16.Ross MARSHALL 33	35:05
5.Norm FRANZI 37	33:53	11.Gerry HART 43	34:30	17.Rich HUTCHINSON 33	35:14
6.Peter McMAHON 32	33:59	12.Frank DWYER 31	34:42	18.Kerry PRITCHARD 36	35:32

"D" Division, Olympic Park, 15-12-1981. 31 Starters. Mild, clear, steady breeze. 18 C.

1.David SKERRY 17	33:52.9	12.Tony PYE 32	35:12	23.Keith McINTOSH 32	36:03
2.Murray JOHNSON 18	33:57	13.Ken COPPLEMAN 33	35:14	24.John EYRE 46	36:14
3.Dave OLNEY 35	34:09	14.Raydn NOLAN 26	35:16	25.Tony FEDER 29	36:29
4.Brendan McVEIGH 40	34:12	15.John WAITE 40	35:24	26.Tony BARRIE 37	36:42
5.Peter MORRIS 37	34:23	16.Andrew THOMAS 22	35:31	27.Les BRADD 29	37:04
6.Mike DALY 26	34:31	17.Mike BRENNAN 24	35:34	28.Vin O'BRIEN 53	37:05
7.Neil HAWKER 35	34:41	18.Leo JONES 40	35:42	29.Peter LAING 26	37:06
8.Ken BUNNING 40	34:43	19.Steve TELEKI 28	35:45	30.Bill FULTON 46	37:18
9.Graeme DAVIS 32	34:54	20.Murray DICKINSON 43	35:46	31.Don O'DELL 44	37:22
10.Norm DUFF 50	34:55	21.Alan THREADWELL 26	35:53		
11.Ian DUNN 33	35:09	22.Peter MADDIGAN 39	35:55		

"E" Division, Olympic Park, 14-12-1981. 26 Starters. Cool, fine. 16 C.

1.Peter MOORE 33	35:01	10.Brian ELKNER 40	37:24	19.Philip McINTOSH 30	38:24
2.Ron YOUNG 50	35:21	11.Graham BURKE 35	37:34	20.John FREARSON 31	38:47
3.Ken FRASER 46	35:38	12.Terry CUMMINS 42	37:55	21.Bryan KELLY 34	39:08
4.Graeme SALTHOUSE 44	35:59	13.Tony STEVENSON 35	37:56	22.Gerry RILEY 50	39:38
5.Ray CALLAGHAN 48	36:11	14.Bruce PIPPETT 31	37:57	23.Graham WINZER 33	39:41
6.Bill BROADLEY 33	36:34	15.Tom DAVISON 49	37:58	24.Geoff HOOK 37	40:11
7.Ashley WARNER 36	36:40	16.Peter NELSON 41	38:03	25.Peter JOHNSON 45	40:38
8.Clive DAVIES 40	36:47	17.Peter TSAI 27	38:15		
9.Ken WHYTE 35	37:08	18.Mike CUMMINS 37	38:19		

"F" Division, Olympic Park, 14-12-1981. 28 Starters. Cool, fine. 16 C.

1.Trevor McGREGOR 37	36:41	11.Danny JACKLIN 28	39:03	21.Jeff SHARPE 33	40:39
2.John TASSELL 32	36:50	12.Colin BROWNE 49	39:16	22.Peter STEPHENS 25	40:44
3.Allan POYNTON 34	36:55	13.Andy MOORE 28	39:24	23.Duncan CROCKETT 40	40:50
4.Peter SLATTER 37	37:13	14.Graeme LETICQ 26	39:44	24.Stan NICHOLLS 70	40:54
5.Roger RANDLE 41	37:22	15.Richard GILLIS 36	39:48		World Age Record !!
6.Tony DOYLE 38	37:28	16.Tony BRADSHAW 48	39:52		
7.Greg PARSONS 26	38:01	17.Bruce WALKER 38	39:54	25.Bill PAGE 24	42:15
8.Mike HOARE 46	38:37	18.Jim DUGGAN 39	39:57	26.John McCARTER 35	42:37
9.Merv WOODGATE 52	38:59	19.Rod HERON 51	40:17	27.Geraldine RILEY 18W	42:39
10.Merv LARTER 38	39:01	20.Ted McDONALD 62	40:30	28.Anne CALLAGHAN 44W	43:39

V.M.C.EMIL ZATOPEK 10,000m TROPHY, "W" Division, incorporating the Victorian Women's 13 Starters,mild & clear, 19 8. Championship, OLYMPIC PARK 15-12-1981.

1.Megan SLOANE 28	34:12.8	AR	5.Kerryn TURNEY 18	37:45	9.Cathy LEE 17	45:22
2.Salie PIERSON 18	34:40		6.Coral BARKER 22	38:07	10.Judy WINES 43	45:39
3.Dot BROWNE 40	36:58		7.Jane ANDERSON 22	43:30	11.Lynne SCHICKERT 40	52:12
4.Jill PRATTEN 27	37:16		8.Shirley YOUNG 51	44:33		

Women's Invitation Mile , Olympic Park, 17-12-1981.

1.Terry CATER	4:45.3	5.Megan SLOANE	4:58	9.Jacque SMITH	5:05
2.Carolyn SCHUWALOW	4:47.5	6.Wendy WALTON	5:03.5	10.J-A McKESSOR	5:06.8
3.Ann LOED	4:55.9	7.Jenny POLLARD	5:03.5	11.T KEANE	5:24.7
4.Tania TURNEY	4:55.9	8.Ann LEANEY	5:04.2	12.Nicky SALTHOUSE	5:26.9

Junior Men Invitation 3000m, Olympic Park, 17-12-1981.

1.Rick WRIGHT	8:21	5.John MEAGHER	8:25.5	9.Grant WARREN	8:43
2.Malcolm NORWOOD	8:21.7	6.Nick SHARMAN	8:28.5	10.Philip ANGEL	8:53
3.Mark BOUCHER	8:22.1	7.Stephen MONEGHETTI	8:35		
4.Adam HOYLE	8:22.3	8.Stuart PIKE	8:39		

V.M.C. MASTERS MILE , Olympic Park, 17-12-1981. Fine & warm. 8 Starters.

1.Ian WILLIAMS	4:37.2	4.Ted McCOY	4:40.4	7.Jim HUNT	4:51
2.Bob SCHICKERT	4:37.4	5.Jack RYAN	4:41.1	8.Graeme SALTHOUSE	4:51.5
3.Alan IRWIN	4:38	6.Ron YOUNG	4:47.2		

The 1981 Emil Zatopek series and combined meeting with the VAAA, the VWAAA and the Vic. Decathlon Club was the best since the first two occasions when the combined meeting was instituted some years ago. Including events for schools, such as 4x200 and 4x800 relays, in addition to the under 20 3000m contributed greatly to a fine feast of athletics for competitors and spectators alike. Having the 100 yard and 1 mile men's Championships, both providing fast and close battles, gave spectators virtually a full range of events from sprints to long distance.

The generous sponsorship from the STATEWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY ensured a thorough preparation and publicity by the media.

The outstanding performance of the series was the brilliant win in the main event by ANDY LLOYD of NSW, three time winner of the Big M Melbourne Marathon, underlining the ability possessed by this young champion. This is not detracting from MEGAN SLOANE's new Australian Record, but there is better to come yet from her.

The mile battle between PETER FRANCIS and PAUL GRINSTEAD was another rip-roarer, both getting under the 4 minutes. The women's mile saw TERRY CATER chasing a good time in virtually a solo effort. It was only very belatedly that CAROLYN SCHUWALOW got into top gear after trailing by almost 150 meters. There is no predicting what this talented young woman will produce once she develops some tactical appreciation as well as confidence in her own ability.

It is interesting to note that half the E.Z."A" field is 25 years old or under and that 6 Junior runners dipped under 8:30 in the 3000m, making up a good reservoir for future international teams. This is due to a large degree by the fact that they are all going out to run hard in their races and attack times.

V.M.C. members who weren't running themselves assisted on many occasions over the four nights of the series and the actual conduct of events ran smoothly and efficiently. The officials of the VAAA & VWAAA worked in well to present spectators with an exciting and enjoyable night and much favourable comment has been received. There is no doubt that we can make athletics attractive to competitors and onlookers alike if we plan well ahead and take into account the needs of the athletes. Establishing a good blend of variety across the different athletic events and age groups of men and women is an important starting point which must be backed up by attention to detail, publicity and rounded off by good presentation. Athletics is there to be enjoyed.