
2003 COBURG 24 HOUR CARNIVAL, HAROLD STEVENS TRACK, COBURG, 12-13 APRIL

The 2003 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival once again saw a big field of 42 runners and walkers. The event started at 10AM on Saturday 12 April in sunny conditions that intensified throughout the day. By the time relief was in sight on Saturday evening, competitors had endured some 8 hours of direct sun and heat. As day turned into night, it was a case of sunburnt bodies, blistered feet and heat induced exhaustion.

With the 6 and 12 hour events completed by 10PM, the 24 hour competitors laboured on through the hours of darkness and waited for the final surge of adrenaline which comes with the dawn. But come the morning, there was little left in the tank for most and the run/walk home was more of a shuffle than a surge. The toll from the first day's conditions was now obvious and most finish times were slower than would be expected for such a prestigious event.

In the 24 Hour Run, Ian Valentine defied the odds and improved on his personal best by some 24 km. After an early battle with Allan Devine, he cleared away from the field during the night. It was only during the last few hours that the consistent Bill Beauchamp made up ground and started to bridge the gap. But the lead was too big and Ian recorded what must be his biggest win so far. Peter Gray made it 16 finishes in a row for this event with a creditable 4th place.

In the 24 Hour Walk, Australian record holder Carol Baird and England based Nigerian walker Charles Arosanyin staged a seesaw battle during the first half of the race. Only 1 lap separated them at the 80 km mark which was passed in around 10 hours. But Carol once again showed her experience and pace judgement and maintained her pace during the night as Charles slowed markedly. With the walkers' main aim being the 100 mile target, Charles looked likely to miss out with 5 hours to go. But to his credit, he staged a last minute comeback and reached his goal in 23:35:31 to become Australian Centurion Number 46.

24 HOUR RUN

1.	VALENTINE, IAN	439	175.887
2.	BEAUCHAMP, BILL	428	171.425
3.	DEVINE, ALLAN	414	165.887
4.	GRAY, PETER	334	133.801
5.	STAPLES, ALAN	318	127.591
6.	NEUMANN, RAINER	311	124.463
7.	IVES, GRAHAM	221	88.472
8.	JONES, DAVID	204	81.600
9.	MILLER, RUSSELL	169	67.600
10.	ERASMUS, WILLIE	152	60.800
11.	CARROLL, RAYMOND	126	50.400
12.	MCPHEE, JEVVAN	111	44.400
13.	ZUKOWSKI, JERRY	110	44.000

12 HOUR RUN

1.	ANDERSON, PETER	243	97.244
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6 HOUR RUN

1.	HOLST, WARREN	169	67.737
2.	MARSH, TREVOR	150	60.390
3.	MCCREADY, FRANK	120	48.101
4.	HAMILTON, GARY	112	45.108
5.	BAKAITIS, SAUL	101	40.400
6.	OHLENROTT, BRUCE	93	37.284
1.	CAMPBELL, KERRY	135	54.030
2.	MAHON, EMILY	86	34.436

24 HOUR WALK

1.	AROSANYIN, CHARLES	405	162.000
2.	HARRIS, JOHN	374	149.668
3.	TRANter, GEOFF	336	134.694
4.	MISKIN, STAN	292	117.084
5.	BEVERIDGE, STEEL	288	115.200
6.	TIMMS, JOHN	276	110.637
7.	WATT, GRAHAM	252	100.800
8.	BAKER, FRED	252	100.800
9.	FENTON, JOHN	247	98.840
10.	TINSON, LAURIE	187	74.800
1.	BAIRD, CAROL	418	167.290
2.	LAW, LINDA	272	109.116
3.	DEWILLIAMS, DEBORAH	187	75.118

12 HOUR WALK

1.	LAW, MICHAEL	178	71.535
2.	CARTER, KEN	145	58.250
3.	KYTE, BILL	131	52.400

1.	BOLLEN, KARYN	205	82.131
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6 HOUR WALK

1.	CLEAL, GRAHAM	112	44.827
1.	MISKIN, ELLWYN	92	36.868
2.	ZUKOWSKI, ELLEN	77	30.991

CENTURION RESULTS

CAROL BAIRD	100 MILES	21:55:35	AUSTRALIAN CENTURION NUMBER 39
CHARLES AROSANYIN	100 MILES	23:35:31	AUSTRALIAN CENTURION NUMBER 46

12 HOUR RELAY

1.	E.S.S.T. COLL. OF NATURAL MEDICINE	333	133.583
2.	COBURG LITTLE ATHLETICS	300	120.026

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

GORDON BURROWES TROPHY	JOHN FENTON
JACK WEBBER TROPHY	CHARLES AROSANYIN