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## 2003 AIS Athlete and Coach Awards

THE 2003 AIS ATHLETE AND COACH AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED IN A CEREMONY HELD AT THE AIS ARENA IN CANBERRA ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2004.

The following winners were announced.

### **Nathan Baggaley (Sprint Canoe):** **AIS Athlete of the Year**

Nathan won the 2003 K1 500 metres and finished third in the K1 1000 metres at the 2003 world championships. He was second in the 2003 men's World Cup rankings.

### **David Barnes (Archery):** **AIS Junior Athlete of the Year**

David, although still a junior, won the bronze medal in the men's individual event at the senior 2003 World Target Archery Championships, and also won a bronze medal at the Croatia Grand Prix.

### **Women's quad scull (Rowing):** **AIS Team of the Year**

Amber Bradley (AIS/WAIS), Dana Faletic, Kerry Hore (AIS/TIS) and Jane Robinson (AIS/ACTAS) won the women's quad scull at the 2003 World Rowing Championships. This was Australia's first gold medal in the women's quad scull, and in winning, the crew qualified for the Athens Olympics. Australia's win also broke the 12-year domination of the event by Germany.

The crew also won the Lucerne World Cup and was second in the Royal Henley Regatta.

Other finalists in this category were:

- **Darren Bundock** and **John Forbes** (Sailing), who won their third consecutive world championship when they won the Olympic tornado class at the 2003 ISAF World Championships.
- **Mathew Helm** and **Robert Newbery** (Diving), won the men's platform synchronised gold medal at the 10th FINA World Championships.



Nathan Baggaley, 2003 AIS Athlete of the Year, with the Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp

### **Lyll McCarthy (Rowing):** **AIS Coach of the Year**

Lyll coached the Australian women's quad scull to the gold medal at the 2003 World Rowing Championships in his first year as a sculling coach at a world championships. Lyll previously coached the women's eight and four to gold medals at the world championships. The quad scull also won the 2003 Lucerne World Cup.

In 2003, Lyll's scullers won the gold and silver medals in the women's single scull and a silver medal in the women's quad scull at the 2003 Royal Henley Regatta. Lyll's AIS women's sculling crews won three gold, three silver and two bronze medals at the 2003 national championships.

Other finalists for this award were:

- **Todd Ossian**, who was appointed Head Coach of the AIS Aerial Skiing program after the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. Australia headed the 2002-03 Nations Cup standings, with Alisa Camplin first in the World Cup



David Barnes, 2003 AIS Junior Athlete of the Year, with the Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp



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Lyall McCarthy, 2003 AIS Coach of the Year, with AIS Director Michael Scott

standings and Lydia Ierodiaconou second. In the 2002–03 season, Australia had four World Cup wins and won a total of 11 medals.

- **KiSik Lee**, national and AIS Archery Head Coach, has raised dramatically Australia's international rankings. After starting 2003 ranked 20th in the world, the Australian men's team is now seventh, and juniors David Barnes and Tim Cuddihy finished third and fourth, respectively, in the senior 2003 world championships. David Barnes took third place in the Croatia Grand Prix and at the Athens Olympic Test event, where he defeated the world champion to win the bronze medal.
- **Hui Tong** was appointed national and AIS Diving Head Coach in 2001. In 2003, Australia achieved its best ever results at a FINA World Championships, where AIS divers won one gold and two silver medals. At the Can-Am-Mex Diving Grand Prix series in North America, Australian divers won 11 gold, four silver and ten bronze medals.
- **Norma Plummer**, AIS Netball Head Coach, was recently appointed Australian national coach. In 2003, she coached the young AIS Canberra Darters to a successful first year in the national league. Nine Darters players were selected in the 2003 Australian 21-and-under team, which won a test series against New Zealand 3–0, and four have been chosen in the 2004 national senior squad.

### Diving: AIS Program of the Year

A new category introduced this year, this award recognises the overall achievements of AIS programs.

The results achieved by AIS divers at the FINA World Championships in Barcelona last year contributed significantly to the Australian team's best ever diving performance at a world championship with one gold and two silver medals.

The integrity and consistency of Head Coach Hui Tong has helped an already dedicated and professional program achieve outstanding results in the last few years.

### AIS Education Achievement Awards

- **Rachel Imison** (Women's Hockey), is a full-time student enrolled in a Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics degree at La Trobe University in Melbourne. She achieved outstanding results in 2003 as dux of her final year with a straight-A average. She has now progressed to an honours year in 2004.
- **Travis Moran** (Men's Volleyball), graduated from Lake Ginninderra College in Canberra with a Universities Admissions Index score of 81. During his final year at school, he was a member of the Student Representative Council. He has been an exemplary student and positive role model for other AIS athletes. Travis is in the Australian senior volleyball squad.

### AIS Vocation Achievement Awards

- **Mark Hickman** (Men's Hockey), has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his studies, career and sport. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1994 and has been an AIS scholarship holder since 1995. He has worked diligently at developing his career and began a chartered practicing accountant course in 1997, qualifying as a certified accountant in 2000. He also completed a Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies between 1998 and 2000, and in 2001 embarked on an MBA, which he will complete in early 2004.
- **Adam Pine** (Swimming), works as a sports consultant in the Membership Growth and Club Development unit of the Australian Sports Commission. His primary responsibility is the Club Development Network, a free, web-based program that supports the development and management capacity of sporting clubs. Since moving into the club development area less than 12 months ago, Adam has helped to increase membership of the club development network from 2700 to almost 4000 members nationally.

### AIS memorial awards

Five awards are presented each year in memory of three AIS athletes and two AIS coaches who have died.

#### *The Ross Herbert Memorial Scholarship Award for Golf*

Ross Herbert (1959–2001) was the inaugural head coach of the AIS Golf

program. A PGA member for 20 years, Ross pursued the highest ideals of personal integrity as a tour player, coach, friend, colleague, father and husband. Ross had an infectious passion and enthusiasm for the game of golf and for life. His professionalism, work ethic, innovation and commitment to both his own family and his family of athletes was not lost with his passing. In particular, his achievements and example will be reflected in those who receive this prestigious scholarship award.

The award was presented this year to **Michael Sim**.

#### *The Brent Harding Memorial Scholarship Award for Swimming*

Brent Harding (1969–96), international swimmer, pursued the highest ideals of personal integrity, loyalty, academic achievement and elite swimming. A wonderful role model, he committed himself enthusiastically to his fellow athletes, coaches and the AIS, and earned the respect of all who knew him. Brent's dedication was such that he performed beyond his ability. This scholarship is awarded annually to the AIS swimmer who best embodies the ideals that Brent espoused.

The recipient of the award was **Andrew Richards**.

#### *The Nathan Meade Memorial Scholarship Award for Diving*

Nathan Meade (1966–87) was one of Australia's most promising divers. His dream of representing Australia at the Olympics was cut short when, in 1987, he died in a training accident. This scholarship is awarded annually to the AIS diver who best embodies Nathan's commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the sport of diving.

This year's recipient was **Mathew Helm**.

#### *The Darren Smith Memorial Scholarship Award for Road Cycling*

Darren Smith (1972–92), Olympian, was one of Australia's most promising road cyclists. He died in a training accident in 1992. This scholarship is awarded annually to the best performed cyclist (under 21) in national and international events from the previous calendar year.

The award this year was presented to **Aaron Kemps**.

#### *The Gary Knoke Memorial Scholarship Award for Athletics*

Gary Knoke was one of Australia's leading hurdles coaches who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Gary was one of Australia's finest athletes, who competed at three Olympic Games

and four Commonwealth Games. This scholarship is awarded annually to an emerging talent in sprints or hurdles from outside the institute and academy of sport network.

The Gary Knoke Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to **Tobby Sutherland**.

### AIS Sport Achievement Awards

Thirty-one awards were announced recognising sporting achievement in 2003. The recipients were:

- **Nathan Baggaley** (Sprint Canoe), AIS Athlete of the Year
- **David Barnes** (Archery), AIS Junior Athlete of the Year
- **Amber Bradley** (Rowing), women's quad scull, AIS Team of the Year
- **Dana Faletic** (Rowing), women's quad scull, AIS Team of the Year
- **Kerry Hore** (Rowing), women's quad scull, AIS Team of the Year
- **Jane Robinson** (Rowing), women's quad scull, AIS Team of the Year
- **Felicity Abram** (Triathlon), at age 17 won the 2003 World Junior Triathlon Championship for athletes aged 16–19.
- **Belinda Archer** (Gymnastics), although still a junior, was a member of the Australian women's team that placed third at the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships — Australia's first ever team medal in a world championship.
- **Andrew Bogut** (Basketball), was voted Most Valuable Player at the 2003 world junior championships, won by Australia. He was also selected in the Australian Basketball Association All Star 5, and won the Most Valuable Player and Youth Player of the Year awards in the Australian Basketball Association East Conference.

- **Jobie Dajka** (Cycling), won silver medals in both the men's sprint and keirin at the 2003 World Track Cycling Championships.
- **Luke Roberts** (Cycling), was a gold medallist in the 4000-metre team pursuit at the 2003 World Track Cycling Championships, won in world-record time. Luke also won the silver medal in the 4000-metre individual pursuit.
- **Peter Dawson** (Cycling), was a gold medallist in the 4000-metre team pursuit at the 2003 World Track Cycling Championships, won in world-record time.
- **Stephen Wooldridge** (Cycling), was a gold medallist in the 4000-metre team pursuit at the 2003 World Track Cycling Championships, won in world-record time.
- **Jacqui Dunn** (Gymnastics), was a member of the Australian women's gymnastics team that placed third at the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships.
- **Nikki Egyed** (Triathlon), won the 2003 Under 23 World Triathlon Championship. She credits her improved swim leg to coaching from AIS Swimming Head Coach Pierre Lafontaine. She was also a member of the Australian team that won the women's event at the inaugural Triathlon World Teams Championships.
- **Darren Bundock** and skipper **John Forbes** (Sailing), won their third consecutive world championship in the Olympic tornado class at the 2003 ISAF World Championships, taking John's tally of world championships to six and Darren's to four. They also won the gold medal at the 2003 European Championships.
- **Nathan Wilmot** and **Malcolm Page** (Sailing), won the silver medal in the men's Olympic 470 class at the

2003 ISAF World Championships in Spain, and regained the world number-one ranking.

- **Henry Gundry** (Rowing), won a gold medal in the men's quad scull at the Under 23 World Rowing Championships.
- **Mathew Helm** (Diving), won the men's platform synchronised diving gold medal with fellow AIS diver Robert Newbery at the 10th FINA World Championships. This was Australia's first gold medal in men's diving in the 30-year history of the FINA World Championships. Mathew also won a silver medal in the men's individual platform event, Australia's second ever silver medal in individual men's diving in a world championships.
- **Alisa Camplin, Lydia Ierodiaconou, Liz Gardner** and **Bree Munro** (Aerial Skiing). Alisa backed up her 2002 Olympic gold medal by becoming the 2003 world champion, breaking the world record in the process. She also placed first overall in the 2003 World Cup, with three wins and six medals. In the 2003 World Cup season, Alisa, Lydia Ierodiaconou, Liz Gardner and Bree Munro — all AIS skiers — won more medals for Australia than ever before. Their total of 11 medals included four World Cup wins. Lydia was a close second to Alisa in the World Cup standings.
- **Patrick Johnson** (Athletics), set a national record and became the first Australian to break ten seconds for the 100 metres when he ran 9.93 seconds in Japan in May 2003.
- **Shane Kelly** (Cycling), won the silver medal in the one-kilometre time trial at the 2003 World Track Cycling Championships.
- **Michael McBryde** (Rowing), won a silver medal in the men's lightweight quad scull at the 2003 World Rowing Championships and a gold medal in the lightweight quad scull at the Lucerne World Cup.
- **Michael Milton** (AIS/APC Alpine Skiing), broke the world speed-skiing record for a skier on one leg and outriggers, with a speed of 193.16 kilometres per hour.
- **Robert Newbery** (Diving), with team-mate and fellow scholarship holder, Mathew Helm, won the men's platform synchronised diving gold medal at the 10th FINA World Championships.
- **Grant Schubert** (Hockey), was named FIH Young Player of the Year in men's hockey and won a silver medal with the Australian senior team in the 2003 Champions Trophy.



2003 AIS Team of the Year, women's quad scull, Rowing: Amber Bradley, Kerry Hore, Dana Faletic and Jane Robinson

# Travellin' down the road:

## the Rogers brothers



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races and competed every couple of weeks during the road season, often out of Canberra.

The first international success for the Rogers brothers came in July 1994 when Deane won the

20-kilometre individual time trial at the junior world championships. He was offered an AIS scholarship in December, which he held for the next three years. He was also included in the Olympic Athlete Program cycling squad from 1994 to 1997. In 1998, he joined Shayne Bannan's AIS and Australian squad based in Italy, but at the end of the year he retired from competition at the age of just 22.

Pete Rogers experienced his first taste of international competition in 1994, when he travelled with the national and AIS Road Cycling teams under AIS Head Coach Heiko Salzwedel. He was a scholarship holder in the AIS Road Cycling program in 1997 and 1998. He says selection to Australian teams for the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, where he rode the individual time trial and the road race, and the 1997 and 1999 world championship road races were the highlights of his career. He rode as a professional in Europe for four years, first with Heiko Salzwedel's AIS team, followed by a year with an Italian team and then two years in Germany. He had a quiet year in 2001 after the British-based Linda McCartney team, to which he was contracted, collapsed before the start of the season. After spending 2002 in the United States, he retired.

Deane Rogers opened his own bike shop in Canberra in 2000, and after three years of hard work has developed a thriving business. Pete now works in the building industry as a carpenter and is studying for his builder's licence. He is married to Canberra long-distance and xterra triathlete Raeleigh Tennant, whom he met in Deane's shop.

Mick Rogers was an AIS scholarship holder from late 1997 to 2000, first in the Track Cycling program, then in the Road Cycling team. Like Deane, he was a junior world champion. At the 1997 World Junior Track Cycling Championships, he won the points race and was a member of the gold-medal winning pursuit team. He also won the silver medal in the 3000-metre individual pursuit. Two months later, he finished second in the

Above: Mick Rogers competing at the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games. Above right: Deane Rogers

### IN THIS ARTICLE OF AN OCCASIONAL SERIES ON AIS ATHLETES, WE LOOK AT A REMARKABLE CYCLING FAMILY.

Most people who follow sport in Australia can think of families of famous sporting brothers, or sisters, or brother and sister, or parent and child. Australian and AIS netballer Marcia Ella and her famous rugby union brothers Mark, Glen and Gary, and cricket's Waugh brothers readily come to mind.

The Rogers brothers — Peter, who prefers Pete, Deane and Michael (Mick) — although perhaps best known to cycling enthusiasts, surely rate among Australia's best sporting families. Pete was an Australian Commonwealth Games and world championship representative, both Deane and Mick were junior world champions, and Mick is now one of the up-and-coming riders in world cycling. All were AIS scholarship holders.

Pete and Deane were born in Sydney. Their father Ian was an engineer with the New South Wales Water Resources Commission and the family moved first to tiny Wakool, near Deniliquin in the New South Wales Riverina, and then to Griffith in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area, where Mick was born. Road cycling was very strong in Griffith, largely due to the local Italian community. Ian bought himself a good road bike and, encouraged by a work colleague,

was soon riding in local club races. The boys also got the cycling bug and Pete, aged 11, and Deane, nine, were soon also competing in the weekly Sunday handicap road races. Mick was also keen but had to 'grow into a bike' before he could start.

The family moved to Canberra in 1988 and joined the Canberra Cycling Club, which had about 400 members and competed in track as well as road races. The boys competed in both disciplines, with the winter road season following the summer track season virtually without a break. During the track season, they travelled to Sydney almost weekly for



Mick Rogers after winning a silver medal at the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games

## 25th birthday for AIS

It hardly seems any time at all since the AIS 21st birthday celebrations, and now the 25th anniversary is looming fast!

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser officially opened the AIS on Australia Day, 26 January 1981, and the 25th anniversary will occur in January 2006.

The AIS has formed a committee to plan for the occasion, and will keep current and former athletes, coaches and staff informed of decisions and developments. *Alumni News* will have information as the committee provides it.

individual time trial at the World Junior Road Cycling Championships.

Other successes followed as Mick moved into the under-23 ranks and was chosen in Australian senior teams. He won gold medals in the 20-kilometre scratch race and 4000-metre team pursuit at the 1998 Commonwealth Games, and at the 1999 World Road Cycling Championships in Italy he won the silver medal in the under-23 individual time trial. He was a member of the Australian pursuit team that finished fifth at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, he won a silver medal in the men's road time trial.

Mick is now based in Italy, where he is building a house with his Italian fiancée, and rides professionally with the Belgian Quick Step team.

Riding in his first Tour de France in 2003 as one of the youngest riders in the field, Mick was the highest placed Australian at 42nd in the overall classification. He finished sixth in the young riders classification and was instrumental in helping his Quick Step team-mate Richard Virinque to victory in the mountains classification. In the lead-up to the Tour he won the Tour of Belgium, the Tour of Germany and the Route de Sud in France.

He finished off a brilliant season with a silver medal in the elite men's time trial at the 2003 World Road Cycling Championships in Canada.

Pete Rogers describes the commitment from their parents, Ian and Sonja, as '... awesome, we couldn't have had more support'. He says when the boys were growing up their parents sacrificed most of their weekends and free time so their sons could compete. 'They now do a lot more things together and are probably enjoying doing now what they would have done 20 years ago if they hadn't been supporting us.'

## AIS results service

You can keep in touch with the latest performances by AIS athletes by going to the AIS sports shorts web site, [www.ausport.gov.au/asc/media/newsais.htm](http://www.ausport.gov.au/asc/media/newsais.htm), which is updated weekly.

You can also keep up with the selection of AIS and former AIS athletes to the Athens Olympic and Paralympic teams at [www.ausport.gov.au](http://www.ausport.gov.au). The web site is at present being redeveloped, but it is expected that ongoing Olympic and Paralympic selection information will be posted from late May.

## The Bulletin Smart 100 series



Allan Hahn

In October 2003, three Australian Sports Commission/AIS staff were recognised in *The Bulletin* magazine's Smart 100 series, which recognises significant and positive contributions to Australian life in ten categories, one of which is sport.

The winner of the sport category was one of the longest serving AIS employees, Head of the Physiology department, Professor Allan Hahn. *The Bulletin* wrote, 'Another shared characteristic was the emphasis on the value of teamwork. Our category winner, Professor Allan Hahn, is typical in that respect and, like many on our list, is a humble individual, despite a long list of achievements any scientist would be proud of.'

'Hahn is a key figure inside Australia's "medal factory", the Australian Institute of Sport, and a man who has overseen every step of the entire process in the creation of an elite athlete — from talent identification to Olympic gold. At a time when so much emphasis in sport is placed on obtaining "the edge" — and attempting to prevent others from obtaining an illegal one — the work of his team within the physiology department of the Australian Institute of Sport is crucially important to the sporting fortunes of Australia. He is a worthy winner.'

Others nominated in the category were Glen Brennan, Manager of the Indigenous Sport Unit, and AIS Women's Rowing coach, Lyall McCarthy.

## Improvements to the AIS Rowing facility

The \$690,000 extension to the AIS Rowing facility was opened by the Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, late in 2003. The 360-square metre extension is the first completed project under the Australian Government's \$65.4 million funding package for the redevelopment of the AIS over the next four years.

The new facility includes a multi-purpose recovery room for athletes, a room for ergometer testing, a sports science and sports medicine consulting room, and toilets and showers for the athletes.

Among the guests at the ceremony were Australia's world champion men's coxless pair and former Oarsome Foursome members James Tomkins and Drew Ginn, and the Australian and AIS world champion women's quad scull of Amber Bradley, Kerry Hore, Dana Faletic and Jane Robinson.

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## ■ ARCHERY

Jade Beatty won the gold medal match over French woman Celine Bezault in individual match play in a grand prix invitational tournament at the AIS in March.

## ■ AERIAL SKIING

For the second year in a row Alisa Camplin and Lydia Ierodiaconou have claimed the aerial skiing World Cup quinella. Alisa clinched the title with seven victories and three places. Alisa and Lydia had secured the first two places with one event still to complete.



Alisa Camplin

## ■ ATHLETICS

Former scholarship holder Benita Johnson won the women's eight-kilometre event at the world cross-country championships in Belgium in March, beating the defending champion from Ethiopia. Benita's win was the first medal won by an Australian at a world cross-country championship.

AIS athletes with a disability set three world records at the National Athletics Championships in February. Amanda Fraser set a world record in the women's discus F37, Amy Winters a new world



Roy Daniell

mark in the 200-metre T46, and visiting scholarship holder and former AIS athlete Katrina Webb set a world record in the 200-metre T38.

Heath Francis broke the world record for the 400-metre T46 for arm amputees in January.

AIS athletes Roy Daniell, Heath Francis, Amanda Fraser, Hamish MacDonald and Lisa McIntosh have been selected to the Australian 2004 Paralympic team.

## ■ AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (AIS/AFL Academy)

Another 25 Academy graduates were selected in the 2003 AFL draft, bringing the total number drafted from the first six scholarship intakes to 123. Once again, the first two draft picks — Adam Cooney (Western Bulldogs) and Andrew Walker (Carlton) — were Academy players.

To the end of the 2003 AFL season, 13 Academy scholarship holders had played more than 50 senior AFL games, of whom eight had played 70 or more.

## ■ BASKETBALL

AIS point guard Kathleen MacLeod won the Betty Watson Rookie of the Year award for the 2003–04 Women's National Basketball League season.

## ■ CYCLING

At the second track cycling World Cup in Mexico in March, Australia won the women's team sprint. The team included Anna Meares (AIS/QAS) and Rosealee Hubbard (AIS/SASI). Anna Meares also won the silver medal in the women's 500-metre time trial and bronze in the women's keirin. Ben Kersten (NSWIS/former AIS) won a bronze medal in the men's one-kilometre time trial.

## ■ DIVING

AIS divers Steven Barnett and Robert Newbery won the silver medal in the men's three-metre synchronised event and AIS/NSWIS diver Loudy Tourky also won silver in the women's ten-metre platform final in the FINA Diving World Cup in Athens in February. All three divers qualified for the Athens Olympics.

## ■ GOLF

Former AIS scholarship holder James Nitties (2001–03) finished leading amateur and eighth overall at the Australian Masters Championship and continued his excellent form to finish leading amateur at the Australian Open.

Fourteen past and current AIS scholarship holders played in the Australian Open, held at Moonah Links outside Melbourne, the new home of the AIS Golf program.

Former AIS scholarship holder Euan Walters won his first major tournament on the Australasian Tour at the Jacobs Creek Open.

AIS golfer Sarah Kemp was named 2003 NSW Junior Athlete of the Year.

Former Golf scholarship holder Nadina Taylor has gained her US Tour card after a gruelling six-week pre-qualifying process.

## ■ GYMNASTICS

There were some good results for AIS gymnasts in the Canberra Cup junior international competition held at the AIS. In the women's section Melissa Munro was second and Monique Blount fifth in the all-around competition. In the apparatus finals, Melissa was second on both the beam and floor, while Monique placed third in floor exercises.

Sam Offord was first on rings and third on vault in the men's apparatus finals, after placing fifth in the all-around competition.

## ■ NETBALL

Nine AIS Canberra Darters players were chosen in the 2003 Australian 21-and-under team, which won a test series against New Zealand 3–0 at the AIS.

Four AIS players were selected to the 2004 national senior squad.

Carla Dziwoki won the 2003 Commonwealth Bank Trophy Best New Talent award and finished the national league season with the highest scoring percentage.

## ■ RUGBY LEAGUE

On its end-of-year tour of England, the AIS Rugby League squad defeated the British Amateur Rugby League Association Under 19s 52–4 and St Helen's Under 18s 42–10.

It lost two hard-fought matches against the England under-17 side.

## ■ SQUASH

AIS Squash scholarship holder Cameron Pilley clinched the Bankers Hall Club Open title in Calgary in January, the sixth title of his career.

## ■ SWIMMING

AIS swimmers produced some excellent results in the World Cup Short Course meet in Melbourne in November. Petria Thomas won the 50-metre butterfly in Australian and Commonwealth record time, the 100-metre butterfly and 200-metre butterfly. She was second in the 100-metre freestyle and third in the 200-metre freestyle.

The following swimmers placed second: Antony Matkovich (200-metre freestyle), Linda MacKenzie (800-metre freestyle), Justin Norris (200-metre butterfly) and Mark Riley (50-metre breaststroke).

Craig Stevens (400-metre freestyle), Andrew Richards (200-metre butterfly), Adam Pine (100-metre butterfly) and Josh Taylor (50-metre butterfly) all placed third.

At the World Cup in Stockholm in January, Petria Thomas won the 200-metre butterfly, was second in the 100-metre butterfly and third in the



Petria Thomas

100-metre freestyle (personal best), 200-metre freestyle and 50-metre butterfly, in which she set new Commonwealth and Australian records. Adam Pine was second in the 50-metre butterfly and fourth in 100-metre butterfly.

At the Berlin World Cup, also in January, Petria won her eighth medal of the World Cup series when she won the 50-metre butterfly (new Commonwealth and Australian records), and was second in the 200-metre butterfly and third in the 100-metre butterfly.

## ■ TENNIS

Australia won the 2003 Davis Cup final. Three of the four team members — Lleyton Hewitt, Mark Philippoussis and Todd Woodbridge (elected one of the AIS Best of the Best) — are former AIS scholarship holders.

In January Todd Reid beat the number-one seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 6–0, 6–1 at the ATP Adelaide International, and then at the Adidas International in Sydney he beat number-six seed Nicolas Massu of Chile, ranked 12th in the world.

Chris Guccione defeated the top seed and world number-three Juan Carlos Ferrero 6–3 7–6 at the Adidas International in Sydney.

At the 2004 Australian Open, Todd Reid reached the third round of the main draw before losing to eventual champion Roger Federer of Switzerland. Chris Guccione won his first round match.

# World championships results

## IPC alpine skiing

The Australian team — all AIS scholarship holders — won eight of the 12 medals on offer in their four races in the LW2 class at the 2004 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships, finishing with four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.

Cameron Rahles–Rahbula won the gold medal and Michael Milton the silver in both the downhill and super G events, with Toby Kane taking the bronze medal in the super G. Michael Milton won the slalom and giant slalom gold medals, with Cameron Rahles–Rahbula runner-up in the slalom.

## Rugby union

The Australian Wallabies lost the 2003 Rugby Union World Cup final when England fly half Jonny Wilkinson kicked a drop goal in the dying stages of extra time. Of the 30 players in the Wallaby squad, 18 were former AIS scholarship holders.

## Squash

The Australian men's squash team defended its world team championship with an emphatic 3–0 win over France in the final in Vienna, Austria.

The team, which did not lose an individual match in the tournament, consisted of AIS scholarship holder Anthony Ricketts and former scholarship holders David Palmer, Joseph Kneipp and Paul Price. The manager/coach was AIS coach Byron Davis.

The team was awarded the Sport Industry Australia 2003 Team Achievement Award at the Australian Sports Awards.

Australia now holds the world individual and teams championships in both men's and women's squash.

## Triathlon

At the World Triathlon Championships in Queenstown, New Zealand, Australia won eight of the 18 medals on offer for elite categories (open, under-23 and junior), with AIS athletes taking five of these eight medals.

Emma Snowsill (AIS 2001–03) became Australia's latest elite female world champion when she won the women's open event. Her father Garry said afterwards, 'Make sure everyone knows she came through the AIS and how much that helped her!'

Nikki Egyed and Mirinda Carfrae, who have both been in the AIS Triathlon program since 2001, won the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the under-23 women's event.

Seventeen-year-old Felicity Abram ran away from a field that included some seasoned internationals to win the junior world title at her first attempt.

Nick Hornman won the silver medal in the under-23 men's race. All of the five Australian competitors in the race were AIS athletes and all finished in the top 15.



Emma Snowsill

## AIS coaching and staff changes

Geoff Hunt, who established the AIS Squash program in 1985, has stepped down as Head Coach. He will continue to



Byron Davis

be involved with the Squash program as High Performance Manager for Squash Australia. The new AIS Squash Head Coach is former scholarship holder Byron Davis.

Norma Plummer has been appointed national senior netball coach following Jill McIntosh's retirement from the role. Norma will continue to oversee the AIS program. Former scholarship holder Michelle Wilkins has been appointed



Michelle Wilkins

senior coach of AIS Netball and will coach the AIS Canberra Darters in the Commonwealth Bank Trophy. Former AIS Netball Assistant Coach Brenda Scherian has been appointed Queensland

Academy of Sport and Queensland Firebirds national league coach.

National and AIS Women's Road Cycling Coach James Victor has taken up a coaching position at the Queensland Academy of Sport. Former AIS Road Cycling Scholarship Coach and ACT Academy of Sport Road Cycling Coach Warren McDonald has been appointed to replace him.

Paul Goriss has joined the AIS Men's Basketball program as assistant coach.

Former Australian bowler Damien Fleming has joined the AIS Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy program, replacing Wayne Phillips who has become coach of the South Australian team.

Valery Kaladinski has joined the Gymnastics coaching staff.

Dr Jeff Bond, Head of AIS Sports Psychology from 1982 to 2004 has left to enter private practice. Michael Martin has moved from the New South Wales Institute of Sport to become Head of the newly named Performance Psychology department.

The AIS Alumni Association thanks all these departing staff for their commitment to AIS athletes and wishes them every success for the future.

## Please help!

If you are still receiving your newsletter by mail, but have an email address, we would really appreciate it if you would provide it to us.

Simply complete an Alumni Association registration form at: [www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni) (even if you have already done so) giving us your email address.

As the number of members has increased, mailing out copies of *Alumni News* has become more labour intensive. The Alumni Association operates on a limited budget, and mail-out costs are also increasing.

As mentioned above, *Alumni News* and the Alumni database will be two of the main sources of information on planning for the AIS 25th birthday events.

## Athlete search

If you know the postal address, email address, telephone number or any other contact details (such as a club the athlete is connected with) for any former AIS athletes, you could help us by asking them to send their contact information to:

Wanda Sipa, AIS Alumni, PO Box 176, Belconnen ACT 2616, or complete a registration form at [www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni).

If we have managed to reach you through your club, we would like to update our address listings with your personal mailing address. Why not send it to us? And please include your email address if you have one.

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## Obituaries

We are sad to report the premature deaths of former AIS Tennis Coach Bob Carmichael (1982–83) and AIS Swimming scholarship holder Simon McKillop–Davies (1989–90).

### Bob Carmichael

In an obituary in *The Age* newspaper, well-known Australian tennis writer Alan Trengove wrote that Bob 'Nails' Carmichael was born in Essendon, Victoria, in 1940. He was apprenticed as a carpenter, hence his nickname, and later made himself a top professional player through hard work. Uncoached, he learnt by watching others and in a career spanning two decades, he beat, either in singles or doubles, every notable player of his time, including Pancho Gonzales, Bjorn Borg, Ken Rosewall, Jimmy Connors and Arthur Ashe.

He coached from 1980 and among his pupils were Darren Cahill, Pat Rafter and Wally Masur. Among the hundreds at his funeral were the Australian Davis Cup team, former Wimbledon champions, leading coaches and administrators, and many fans.

### Simon McKillop–Davies

Simon, from Kahibah, New South Wales, died early this year aged 31. An AIS Swimming scholarship holder in 1989 and 1990, Simon was a butterfly specialist. He represented Australia in the 200-metre butterfly at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the 1991 FINA World Swimming Championships in Perth, and the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland. He reached the final of the 200-metre butterfly in Perth and Auckland.

The AIS Alumni Association would like to express its sincere sympathy to Simon's family — his partner Cath, Trevor and Wendy McKillop–Davies, Wendy and John Rissler, and Fiona and David Angelopoulos.