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World championships results

AIS ATHLETES AND ALUMNI HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE JULY.

■ ARCHERY

In the senior World Archery Championships in New York AIS archers **David Barnes**, 17, and **Tim Cuddihy**, 16, shot against each other in the individual senior recurve bronze medal match, with David winning the bronze medal and Tim finishing fourth. This was the first time ever that two Australians have reached the final eight at an archery world championship.

Former AIS Archery scholarship holder **Clint Freeman** won the gold medal in the individual compound bow event, a non-Olympic discipline, at the championships.

■ ATHLETICS

Former AIS scholarship holder **Jana Pittman** won the 400m hurdles at the IAAF World Championships in Paris.

■ BASKETBALL (MEN)

The Australian 19 and under men's team — the Emus — won Australia's first-ever junior men's basketball gold medal when they beat Lithuania 126–92 in the final at the World Championships for Junior Men in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Australia's comprehensive win reversed the result in section play in the championships when they lost to Lithuania. The earlier loss had left the Emus needing to beat tournament favourites the United States to reach the medal round, and their 21-point win, 106–85, eliminated the United States from the medal playoffs.



Jana Pittman

Nine of the 12 players in the team are 2003 AIS Basketball scholarship holders, and two are former AIS scholarship athletes. 2002–03 AIS scholarship holder **Andrew Bogut** was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

■ BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

The Australian Sapphires beat Russia 74–59 in a playoff to finish fifth at the World Championships for Young Women (Under 22) in Croatia in July. Despite some convincing wins, coach Mark Wright said the team never recovered from an upset loss to Latvia in its first match. Although it finished second in its pool, Australia had to face the eventual world champions the United States in the quarterfinals, and were eliminated from the medal round.

Eleven of the 12 players selected in the team came through the AIS Basketball program.



Andrew Bogut

■ CYCLING

Despite the absence of defending world champions **Sean Eadie** (sprint) and **Brad McGee** (individual pursuit) due to injury and illness, respectively, Australia won one gold and seven silver medals — the most medals by any country overall — at the World Track Cycling Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Current AIS scholarship cyclists and Alumni members featured strongly in the medals.

Luke Roberts (AIS/SASI), **Graeme Brown** (former AIS), **Peter Dawson** (AIS/WAIS) and **Brett Lancaster** (former AIS) won the men's team pursuit and in the process smashed the world record, which Australia had set at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, by over two seconds.

Evidence of Australia's depth in the team pursuit is shown by the fact that six riders were used in the event at worlds, with **Ashley Hutchinson** (AIS/QAS) and **Stephen Wooldridge** riding in the heats and semifinal. In the past year, Australia has won two world championships, the Commonwealth Games gold medal, set two world records in the event, and used ten riders.



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Shane Kelly

The following AIS cyclists won silver medals:

- **Shane Kelly** (AIS/VIS), 1km time trial
- **Luke Roberts** (AIS/SASI), individual pursuit
- **Jobie Dajka** (AIS/SASI), both keirin and sprint
- **Katie Mactier** (former AIS), individual pursuit
- **Rochelle Gilmore** (former AIS), 10km scratch race.

■ DIVING

Australia achieved its best-ever diving result in the 30-year history of the FINA World Championships when it finished third on the overall medal table behind China and Russia, with two gold and two silver medals.

Irina Lashko became the first Australian to win a gold medal in diving at the FINA World Championships when she won the women's 1m springboard event. Irina competed in three Olympics for Russia, winning bronze medals in both Barcelona and Atlanta.

Mathew Helm and **Robert Newbery** (both AIS) teamed up to win the men's platform synchronised dive, an event in which they have dominated international competition in 2003. Mathew also won a silver medal in the men's platform competition.

AIS diver **Lynda Dackiw** (nee Folauhola) and former AIS Gymnastics and Diving scholarship holder **Loudy Tourky** (AIS/NSWIS) teamed up to win the silver medal in the women's platform synchronised competition.

■ GYMNASTICS

Australia won the bronze medal in the women's team competition at the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships, behind the United States and Romania.

This is Australia's first medal in a women's world championship. The team of four included AIS gymnasts **Belinda Archer** and **Jacqui Dunn**.



Jacqui Dunn

In a very close competition for the medals, AIS gymnast **Philippe Rizzo** placed fourth on horizontal bar.

■ NETBALL

Australia lost to New Zealand 49–47 in a hard-fought final of the Netball World Championships in Jamaica. The Australian team of 12 players contained seven former AIS scholarship holders.

■ ROWING

The Australian women's quad scull — an all-AIS crew of **Amber Bradley**, **Kerry Hore**, **Dana Faletic** and **Jane Robinson** (AIS/ACTAS) coached by AIS women's coach Lyaal McCarthy — led from start to finish to win the world championship in Milan, the first time an Australian crew has ever won this event at a world championship.

AIS sculler **Michael McBryde** won a silver medal in the men's lightweight quad scull, capping a rapid rise to the senior ranks this season.

The men's quad scull — **Craig Jones**, **Mitchell Punch**, **Brendan Long** (AIS/TIS) and **Shaun Coultou**, coached by Reinhold Batschi — and the women's eight, which included AIS rowers **Sally Robbins** and **Rebecca Sattin**, both finished fourth.

The Australian team finished third overall at the championships and qualified 12 of 14 boats for next year's Olympics.

At the U23 World Regatta in Belgrade in July, AIS rower **Henry Gundry** won a gold medal in the quad scull, which was coached by ACT Academy of Sport coach and former AIS rower **Gordon Marcks**. AIS sculler **George Jelbart** won a silver medal in the lightweight single scull.

■ SWIMMING

AIS swimmer **Craig Stevens** swam a great leg to help Australia win a record



Craig Stevens



Olympic sculptures find a home at the AIS

In June, the Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, officially welcomed two huge sculptures of a wheelchair basketballer and a gymnast to their new home at the AIS. Sculpture artist Dominique Sutton was present at the ceremony.

The sculptures were a gift to the nation from Sydney Olympics sponsor AMP and were moved from their former perch atop Sydney Centrepoint Tower where they featured during the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The sculptures were donated to the Australian Capital Territory, and after consideration of many possible sites in Canberra, the National Capital Authority decided that nowhere could be more appropriate than the AIS, where so many Olympians have trained.

third successive gold medal in the men's 4 x 200m freestyle relay at the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships.

AIS scholarship holder **Linda Mackenzie** won a silver medal in the women's 4 x 200m freestyle relay. Mackenzie, **Elka Graham, Kirsten Thompson** and **Alice Mills** set a new Commonwealth record, finishing second behind the United States.

■ WATER POLO

Considering the youthfulness of both Australian water polo teams, finishing in the top eight at the 10th FINA World Championships was considered a major achievement and excellent grounding for next year's Olympic Games in Athens.

The Australian women's team, all AIS scholarship holders, finished seventh. After convincing wins earlier in the championships against Brazil, Great Britain and Japan, the team was unable to maintain the momentum against world number two the United States, and missed the semifinals.

Many members of the gold-medal winning team retired after the Sydney Olympics and the team is currently in a rebuilding phase. Head Coach Istvan Gorgenyi said the team is far better than the one that finished sixth in the World Cup last December. 'We spent two years after the Sydney Olympics looking for a team for Athens and I think we have it. We have had a good year and the time together on this tour has been valuable. For amateurs, we have done very well.'

The men's team — the Sharks — also rebuilding after Sydney, lost to Italy in the quarterfinals. They beat Slovakia 11–8 in a playoff to finish seventh. Australia finished ahead of historically powerful world water polo nations, Croatia and Russia. They caused one of the upsets of the tournament with a 10–6 win over European silver medallist Croatia, and their four losses included a narrow one-goal margin to bronze-medal winner Serbia and Montenegro, and 10–8 to Spain. Twelve of the 13 players in the team are former AIS scholarship holders.



AIS Women's Water Polo Head Coach Istvan Gorgenyi with AIS squad players, Canberra, 2002

Sports science news

DEVELOPING A CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR DISABILITY SPORT

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is funding a leading-edge research project that aims to develop a new scientifically valid system of classification for athletes with a disability in athletics. Classification is central to disability sport and the new system will enable athletes to compete against each other based on their relative ability and the requirements of their sport.

The project is a joint initiative of the ASC, Australian Paralympic Committee, Athletics Australia and the University of Queensland's School of Human Movement Studies. The research project will draw on the professional expertise of leading authorities from Australia and overseas. More than 30 athletes, biomechanists, therapists and researchers will contribute to developing the new system.

Initial trials will be conducted in running and wheelchair-racing events and outcomes of the project could have a major impact on the systems of classification used in other sports for people with disabilities.

DRY LAND SAILBOARDING PROJECT

After an approach by national mistral coach Brendan Todd, researchers in the AIS biomechanics laboratory are developing an instrumented simulator for mistral sailboards.

By cutting a board in half, mounting it on two 'force platforms', and using elastics to simulate wind strength and movement, scientists and coaches will be able to determine how sailors transfer their weight and calculate forces exerted on the board and the boom.

Appointment of Athletics Australia/AIS High Performance Manager

The Australian Institute of Sport and Athletics Australia have announced the appointment of Tudor Bidder to the position of Athletics Australia/AIS High Performance Manager. For the first time, the high performance programs of both organisations will operate under the one coordinated structure.

Tudor Bidder has an outstanding background in high performance athletics.

He has been the Head Coach of the Western Australian Institute of Sport athletics program and, most recently, the head of the World Class Potential Program at UK Athletics. His planning in this role contributed to the re-emergence of the British athletics team as an international force at the 2000 Olympic Games and 2002 Commonwealth Games after its poor showing at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games.

Athlete Career and Education

AUSTRALIA THE WORLD LEADER IN ATHLETE SUPPORT

Athlete Career and Education (ACE) staff members, Judy Flanagan (National Manager), John Waser (AIS ACE Manager) and Melanie Maguire (Queensland Academy of Sport ACE Manager) recently attended the 2nd International Forum of Athlete Career and Education service providers. The forum was held in Springfield, Massachusetts, to coincide with the 20th annual Athletic Counselling Conference hosted by Springfield College.

Eleven countries attended the forum and the general consensus was that Australia's ACE program was still the international leader in the provision of career and education services to athletes through a nationally managed program.

ACE STAFF CHANGES

Yvonne Brett has recently moved from the South Australian Sports Institute to Canberra to take up a position in the AIS ACE office, replacing Beth Mitchell who has returned to teaching.

Deb Waser has transferred from the ACE national office to the Australian Sports Commission's Sport Services section. Wenda Donaldson, who was previously the ACE Manager at the Victorian Institute of Sport, has joined the national office.

After five years as National ACE Manager, Judy Flanagan is moving to the position of Manager Sport Programs in the ASC's Sport Performance and Development group, where she will oversee a number of programs including Junior Sport, Indigenous Sport, Women and Sport, Disability Sport, and Coaching and Officiating. The AIS Alumni Association would like to thank Judy for her commitment to the sport and personal development of AIS and other Australian athletes and wish her well in her new position.

Opening of the AIS Archery Centre

The Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, recently opened a new \$1.25 million training facility for the AIS Archery program in Canberra. The centre includes both an outdoor range with an all-weather surface and an indoor range, and is equipped with the latest performance-analysis technology to help archers finetune their shooting skills.

AIS Archery Head Coach Mr Ki Sik Lee, one of the sport's most highly respected international coaches, describes the facility as one of the best in the world. AIS Director Michael Scott said the development of the new facility would enhance the performance and growth of the AIS Archery program into the 21st century. 'The AIS Archery program was established in 1997 and has already achieved significant results, with **Simon Fairweather** winning Australia's first-ever Olympic gold medal in archery at the Sydney Olympics.'

AIS scholarship holders **David Barnes**, 17, and **Tim Cuddihy**, 16, are also performing exceptionally well, with David recently winning a bronze medal at the 2003 senior world championships and a silver medal behind Tim in the individual event at the 7th Junior Outdoor Archery World Championships in 2002. They also combined to win the team gold medal at the 2002 junior world championships.



Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, unveils a plaque at the official opening of the AIS Archery Centre, Canberra, March 2003

Open day for bushfire victims at the AIS

On Sunday 15 June the AIS played host to 1200 victims of the disastrous January bushfires in Canberra, when over 500 homes were lost. A team of volunteer athletes and staff from the AIS and Australian Sports Commission organised a program of free activities and helped out on the day.

Activities included tours of the AIS site conducted by elite athletes, access to Sportex (the AIS interactive sports exhibit), use of the swimming pool and the AIS swimmers' gym, and autograph and poster signings by athletes including AIS

Olympians Petria Thomas and Regan Harrison (swimming), Philippe Rizzo (gymnastics) and Nathan Deakes (road walking), and Paralympian Hamish MacDonald (shot-put and discus).

The AIS also provided a picnic lunch and supervised games and other activities for kids, including entertainment by the Gecko Gang.

The response from the guests was that the day was 'fantastic' and for one couple an added bonus was seeing their neighbours for the first time since they lost their house in the fires.

Henk Vogels injured in horrific crash

Former AIS scholarship holder Henk Vogels (Cycling 1992–96) has returned to Australia to recuperate after sustaining serious injuries when he crashed into a guard rail at more than 100km/h while leading the Fitchburg Classic in Massachusetts.

Henk shattered his ankle and damaged vertebrae in the fall. However, he is still aiming to ride for Australia at the Athens Olympics. The AIS Alumni Association wishes him a complete recovery and a successful return to competition.

Louise Sauvage helps out

Thanks to the generosity of Australia and our most successful Paralympian, former AIS and current NSWIS scholarship holder Louise Sauvage, young Papua New Guinean powerlifter Kupuni Lewa is now more mobile than ever. Recently named PNG Disabled Athlete of the Year, the 24-year-old has polio and until now has only been able to get around on all fours. With the assistance of the PNG Silver Jubilee Community Sports Development Program, Louise has donated one of her wheelchairs to him.

AIS Australian Test cricketers honoured

Graduates of the AIS Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy were among Australian Test cricketers who received memento caps in a Cricket Australia function in July. The Academy program commenced in 1988 and produced its first Test cricketers in 1992. Since then, 22 of the 36 Australian Test cricket debutants have been Academy graduates.

Death of Pat Treacy

It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Pat Treacy, who taught many Canberra-based AIS athletes, after a brave but always positive battle with cancer.

Many former AIS students will remember Pat, a science teacher, who taught at both secondary schools attended by AIS athletes in Canberra. She was teaching at Canberra High School when AIS athletes began attending the school in the late 1980s and later transferred to Lake Ginninderra College in the early 1990s, where she taught until her early retirement in 2002.

The recurring themes at a memorial service held for Pat were her focus on, and care for, her students, a special gift for teaching struggling students and a never-ending cheerfulness and optimism.

Cathy Freeman retires

Cathy Freeman (Athletics 1992–95) recently announced her retirement. During her time on scholarship, Cathy was a Barcelona Olympian in 1992 and won a silver medal in the 200m at the 1992 junior world championships. At the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, she won the 200m and 400m double as well as a silver medal in the 4 x 100m relay.

She won a bronze medal in the 4 x 400m relay at the 1995 IAAF World Championships and confirmed her status as a world-class runner with the 400m silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Cathy won her first 400m world championship in Athens in 1997, defended her title at the 1999 worlds, and marked herself as one of the all-time greats when she won the Olympic 400m gold medal in Sydney in 2000.

In 1997, she was named Australian of the Year, becoming the first person honoured with both the Young Australian of the Year and Australian of the Year awards.

The AIS Alumni Association congratulates Cathy on her wonderful career, thanks her for her contribution to Australian athletics and wishes her every success in future years.



Petria Thomas at the AIS open day



Cathy Freeman in the women's 400m final, Sydney 2000 Olympic Games

Sportsnippets



■ AIS/AFL ACADEMY

Ireland won the Youth (Under 17) International Rules series for the first time in the six-year history of the competition when it beat Australia (the AIS/AFL Academy) 2–1 in Ireland.

Ireland narrowly won the first test 30–28. Five minutes into the last quarter of the second Test Australia was leading by 35 points but an inadvertent error resulting from constant rotation of its eight-man interchange bench cost it victory. A head count found that Australia had one extra player on the field. The ultimate penalty was correctly applied and Australia lost all points up to that period of the match. The final official score was Ireland 31, Australia 7.

Australia confirmed its class with an emphatic 65–30 win in the third Test. **Troy Chaplin** (North Ballarat Rebels Football Club) won the Ron Barassi Medal for the best Australian player in the series.

■ ARCHERY

Competing in Europe in a lead-up to the world championships, **David Barnes** finished third in the Croatia Archery Grand Prix.

In August, following his bronze medal in the world championships, David beat the world champion Michelle Frangilli from France to win the bronze medal at the Athens Olympics test event.

■ BASKETBALL

In a lead-up to the world championships, the Australian Sapphires 21 and under women's team returned from a successful European tour with an 8–2 win-loss record, winning the series over the then world number one Czech Republic, world number two Russia, and France. Eleven of the 12 team members were AIS or former AIS players.

■ BOXING

Australia finished as the top country at the 3rd Commonwealth Amateur Boxing Championships with three gold, one silver and four bronze medals. AIS boxers **Jarrold Fletcher**, **Jamie Pittman** and **Adam Forsyth** won gold medals and former scholarship holder **Justin Whitehead** won a silver medal. 2003 scholarship holders **Anthony Little** and **Todd Kidd** and former scholarship boxer **Romesh Fernando** won bronze medals.

Daniel Geale and **Todd Kidd** won bronze medals in the first leg of the European Grand Prix in Seville, Spain. Daniel also won a bronze in the Acropolis Cup in Athens.

■ CANOE SLALOM

Australia achieved its best overall performance at a World Cup event in Penrith in May. In a competition that included current world champions and former

World Cup and Olympic medallists, Australian paddlers won one gold and two silver medals in individual events and one bronze medal in the teams event. Medal winners were:

- **Justin Boocock** (AIS/TIS)
— gold medal, men C1 class
- **Robin Bell** (AIS/WAIS)
— silver medal, men C1 class
- **Mia Farrance** (AIS/VIS)
— silver medal, women K1 class
- **Warwick Draper** (AIS/VIS), **Mia Farrance** (AIS/VIS), **Mark Bellofiore** (AIS/VIS), **Lachlan Milne** (AIS/NSWIS), **Justin Boocock** (AIS/TIS)
— bronze medal, teams event.

■ CANOE SPRINT

Defending world champion, AIS canoe kayaker Nathan Baggaley (AIS/NSWIS), won the K1 500m at the world championships in the United States. He also won a bronze medal in the K1 1000m.

■ CYCLING — TRACK

In round four of the track cycling World Cup in Sydney in May, AIS cyclists won four events. They were:

- **Mark Jamieson** (AIS/TIS)
— men's 4km individual pursuit
- **Shane Kelly** (AIS/VIS) — men's 1km time trial
- **Rochelle Gilmore** (NSWIS/former AIS), **Rosealee Hubbard** (AIS/SASI) and **Kerrie Meares** (AIS/QAS)
— women's team sprint
- **Rosealee Hubbard** (AIS/SASI) — women's keirin.

The following riders took second places:

- **Kerrie Meares** (AIS/QAS) — women's keirin
- **Mark French** (AIS/VIS) — men's sprint
- **Rochelle Gilmore** (NSWIS/former AIS)
— women's 10km scratch race
- **Ryan Bayley** (AIS/WAIS), **Mark French** (AIS/VIS) and **Shane Kelly** (AIS/VIS) — men's team sprint
- **Rodney McGee** (NSWIS/former AIS) and **Darren Young** (TIS) — men's 40km madison.

Third place finishers were:

- **Mark Jamieson** (AIS/TIS), **Bradley Norton** (VIS), **Chris Pascoe** (NSWIS) and **Chris Sutton** (NSWIS)
— men's team pursuit
- **Amy Safe** (AIS/SASI)
— women's 3km individual pursuit
- **Ryan Bayley** (AIS/WAIS) — men's keirin.

■ CYCLING — ROAD

AIS Alumni featured prominently in the Tour de France.

Baden Cooke and **Robbie McEwen** fought out the competition for the sprinters' green jersey, with Baden edging Robbie out on the line in the

final-stage sprint in Paris to capture the title.

Robbie was defending the green jersey he won in 2002. Baden won stage two of the Tour and placed in the top three in three other stages, while Robbie had two top-three finishes.

Fellow Alumni member **Brad McGee** rode brilliantly to win the prologue in Paris on the first day of the Tour, while **Stuart O'Grady** won the overall centenaire classification.

Mick Rogers, riding in his first Tour and one of the youngest riders in the field, 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 team-mate Richard Virinque to victory in the mountains classification.

In the lead-up to the Tour de France, Mick Rogers won the Tour of Belgium, the Tour of Germany and the Route de Sud (France), before being selected to ride the Tour de France with the Belgium-based team, Quick Step. Mick has also recorded several time-trial stage wins during the season.

Aaron Kemps (AIS/QAS) won the first stage of the Giro d'Italia Under 23 elite road race in Italy, his third win of the season.

■ DIVING

In clearly the best-ever performance by an Australian diving team at an international event, AIS divers excelled at the 9th FINA Diving Grand Prix in Houston, United States, in May:

- **Robert Newbery** won gold medals in the individual platform and the 3m synchronised events, a silver in the platform synchronised competition and a bronze medal in the 3m springboard
- **Lynda Dackiw** won a platform synchronised gold medal as well as bronze medals in platform and 3m synchronised competitions
- **Mathew Helm** won silver medals in the platform and in the platform synchronised competition
- **Steven Barnett** won a gold medal in the 3m synchronised event
- **Chantelle Michell** won a bronze medal in the 3m synchronised event.

Robert Newbery won a medal in each event he competed in and was named Best Male Athlete.

■ GOLF

• 1996 scholarship holder **Brett Rumford** had his first win on the European Tour at the Saint Omer Open in France in June, finishing five shots clear of the field at 15 under par.

• **James Nitties** (AIS 2001–03) finished leading amateur and fifth overall at the Husqvana Open in Sweden.



- Australia defeated New Zealand 32–4 in the Trans-Tasman Trophy in May. AIS golfers **Sarah Kemp** and **Dana Lacey** were members of the team.
- **Richard Moir** (AIS 2001–03) has been in outstanding form. He finished fourth in the Tennant Cup in Glasgow, second in the Welsh Amateur Open stroke play and equal second in the Cardinal Amateur Championship, one of the premier events leading into the US Amateur.
- In her fourth professional tournament, 1998–99 scholarship golfer **Lindsey Wright** won the GE Futures Professional Classic on the Futures Tour in the United States after a three-way playoff.
- Australia won the Asia-Pacific Teams Championship in September. The team of 2003 AIS scholarship golfers **James Nitties**, **Michael Sim** and **Richard Moir**, and 2003 US Amateur champion **Nick Flanagan**, won the championship by a massive 18 shots from nearest rivals Korea. James Nitties won the individual title.

■ HOCKEY

Twelve current AIS scholarship holders were chosen in the 17-member Australian men's hockey team — the Kookaburras — for the 25th Champions Trophy hockey tournament in the Netherlands in August. Australia finished second after a narrow (4–2) loss to the Dutch team.

■ ROWING

Australian and AIS rower **Catriona Oliver** won the Princess Royal Challenge Cup for women single scullers at the 2003 Henley Royal Regatta, defeating her double scull partner **Donna Martin** in an all-AIS final.

Nine AIS rowers reached finals and four won medals at the World Cup regatta in Lucerne in July. The women's quad scull — **Dana Faletic**, **Kerry Hore** and **Donna Martin** (all AIS) and **Jane Robinson** (AIS/ACTAS), coached by **Lyall McCarthy** — won, and **Michael McBryde** won bronze in the lightweight men's quad scull.

■ RUGBY UNION

Ten players from the AIS Rugby Union program were selected in the Australian Schools team that defeated Tonga in Canberra in August.

The AIS Rugby Union program has only recently shifted its focus to the schoolboy age group (16–19 years) with a view to providing specific services and opportunities to develop players for future senior representation.

■ SAILING

AIS 2002 Team of the Year winners and reigning tornado class world champions **Darren Bundock** and **John Forbes** (both AIS/NSWIS) won the

5th Mats Nyberg Trophy in Sardinia, the second Olympic nomination regatta for the tornado class, easily beating the Austrian Olympic champions. Bundock and Forbes previously won the first Olympic nomination regatta, Sail Melbourne, in January.

Nine of the 13 AIS scholarship holders were named in the Australian team for the pre-Olympic Regatta in Athens in August, in which all participating countries were fielding their strongest teams.

AIS tornado class sailors and 2002 AIS Team of the Year, Darren Bundock (AIS/NSWIS) and John Forbes (AIS/NSWIS), have won the gold medal at the 2003 ISAF World Sailing Championships in Cadiz, Spain. It is the sixth world title for Forbes and the fourth for Bundock.

Fellow AIS sailors Nathan Wilmot (AIS/NSWIS) and Malcolm Page (AIS/NSWIS) won silver in the men's 470 class, while Jenny Armstrong (AIS/NSWIS) and Belinda Stowell (AIS/WAIS) finished fourth in the women's 470. Australia has qualified boats in all classes for the Athens Olympics.

■ SOCCER

In the Adelaide Cup International Soccer Challenge, an annual competition aimed at bringing the best youth teams from around the world to Australia, the AIS men's soccer team lost 3–1 in the final to the older hajduk split team from Croatia. The results of earlier matches were:

- AIS defeated Bayer 04 Leverkusen (Germany) 7–6 on penalties (0–0 at full time)
- AIS defeated Panathinaikos (Greece) 2–1
- AIS defeated Chievo (Italy) 4–0
- semifinal: AIS defeated Liverpool FC (England) 2–1

AIS Soccer scholarship holders **Keegan Wolfenden**, **Dez Giraldi**, **Adam Casey** and **Matt Deegan** were chosen in the Australian Joeys side for the U17 World Cup in Finland in August.

■ SQUASH

Dan Jensen, who has overcome a series of injuries, won the men's Australian Open Championship defeating former AIS player **Paul Price** in a torrid four-game match. Young AIS player **Aaron Frankcomb** made the semifinals. **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** easily beat AIS player **Natalie Grinham** in the women's final.

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 current AIS scholarship holder Anthony Ricketts and former scholarship holders David Palmer, Joseph Kneipp and Paul

Price. The manager/coach was AIS coach Byron Davis.

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

■ TENNIS

Chris Guccione reached the Wimbledon Junior Singles final and with fellow AIS scholarship holder **Adam Feeney**, also made the final of the Boys' Doubles.

■ TRIATHLON

- Former scholarship holder **Emma Snowsill** placed third in the Tongyeong ITU World Cup in Korea in June, her best performance in a World Cup.
- AIS women triathletes dominated the 10th French Iron Tour. **Mirinda Carfrae** (first), **Pip Taylor** (second) and **Nikki Egyed** (fourth) among them won every stage and took out the women's team trophy.
- In the International Youth Friendship Triathlon in Germany, **Felicity Abram** and **Gareth Halverson** won their events, with **Gema van der Velde** second in the women's and **Leigh Chapman** third in the men's competition. The AIS athletes also won the Nations Team Trophy.
- **Pip Taylor** became the first AIS triathlete, past or present, to win an open ITU World Cup event when she won the Salford World Cup in Manchester in July. Pip, who is in her last year as an U23 triathlete, joined the AIS program in May in an effort to find 'that little bit extra' to help her make the transition from U23 to elite competition.
- In the New York City World Cup in August, **Pip Taylor** was second and **Mirinda Carfrae** fourth.

■ WATER POLO

In May, after completing a series win against the Netherlands, the Australian women's team (all AIS scholarship holders) won the six-nation ZF Hungaria Cup in Hungary, beating the host nation and 2002 World Cup winners 7–5.

They then won the Thetis Cup tournament, one of the top annual tournaments in international women's water polo, beating the hosts Greece 4–3 in the final. The 2002 World Cup champions Hungary, the United States, Italy, Russia and Spain also competed.

In July the team finished runner-up in the four-nation Spanish Cup in Barcelona.

The Australian men's team beat Italy 9–7 in a playoff to win the bronze medal at the World University Games in South Korea. All 13 members of the team are former AIS Water Polo scholarship holders.

Olympians Club of the ACT

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Life after the AIS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? As a feature of *Alumni News*, we would like to profile some of our Alumni members. Why not write or email to the address below, telling us in a few lines what you are up to? Ms Danielle Fornasiero, AIS Alumni, PO Box 176, Belconnen, ACT 2616, or mick.fogarty@ausport.gov.au.

DID YOU MISS OUT ON PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF ALUMNI NEWS?

We may have added you to our database since the last edition of *Alumni News* was sent out. You can read previous copies of the newsletter on our web site, at www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni/newsletter.htm.

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: Ms Danielle Fornasiero, AIS Alumni, PO Box 176, Belconnen, ACT 2616, or complete a registration form at www.ausport.gov.au/ais/alumni. If you are still receiving your newsletter by mail, but have an email address, we would appreciate your sending it to us by the above means as well.

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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