

1953 ALEXANDER CUP 50 KM, SOUTH PARKLANDS, ADELAIDE, 3 OCTOBER 1953

The Alexander Cup 50km Championship of the Walking Clubs of Australia was held in conjunction with the 50km Road Walking Championship of South Australia on 3rd October 1953. The race was conducted on a lap of the roads in the South Parklands of Adelaide city and consisted of 9 laps of 3 miles and 462 yards with a finishing section of 3002 yards.



The start of the 1953 50km in Adelaide

The race started at 10.17AM. in weather that was described as fine, but with gusty winds up to 30mph until the first 3 competitors had finished, then heavy rain. The placings saw a clean sweep by Victoria with Len Chadwick, Les Hellyer and Jim Short filling the first 3 places, far ahead of anyone else.

Alexander Cup 50km

1.	Len Chadwick	VIC	5:11:36
2.	Les Hellyer	VIC	5:14:02
3.	Jim Short	VIC	5:21:48
4.	Jack Webber	SA	5:36:30
5.	Ted Edwards	NSW	5:43:44
6.	Fred O'Grady	VIC	5:44:20
7.	H Kirby	NSW	5:48:07
8.	G Adair	SA	5:54:43
9.	L MacGregor	VIC	5:56:52
10.	Tom Kelly	VIC	5:59:56
11.	Vic Sharp	SA	6:09:45
12.	H Barrett	NSW	6:20:33
13.	Ron Flint	VIC	Retired at 22m. 1474y.
14.	G Williams	VIC	Retired at 19m. 1012y.
15.	Norm Goble	VIC	Retired at 19m. 1012y.
16.	John Smyth	SA	Retired at 16m. 550y.

The Teams Championships naturally went to Victoria with their first 3 walkers scoring a minimum 6 points.

Teams Race

1.	VIC	6 pts	Chadwick, Hellyer, Short
2.	SA	19 pts	Webber, Adair, Sharp
3.	NSW	20 pts	Edwards, Kirby, Barrett

In the associated sealed handicap, O'Grady won from Kirby and Kelly.

In the evening, the South Australian Amateur Walkers club entertained the visitors at a dance in the Rechabite Hall, where the presentations of trophies were made by the President of the club, MR. P.S.McCavanagh.