

AUSTRALIAN RACEWALKING CHAMPIONSHPS MEN: 1985 - 1988

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Our story continues from 1985.

In 1984, David Smith had accepted an AIS scholarship and relocated to Canberra. In 1985, Michael Harvey and Simon Baker followed suite, accepting AIS scholarships and coming under the coaching supervision of Craig Hilliard. Their times at the AIS varied greatly. Michael Harvey lasted less than 1 year. David Smith lasted until 1988, at which time he left in controversial circumstances (more of that later). Simon Baker stayed on scholarship until 1996, seeing out his entire career there.

The AIS was not a good match for Michael Harvey. For instance in February, he came down to Melbourne to compete in the Association finals (and did PBs of 12:07 for the 3000m walk and 16:11 for the 5000m run) against Hilliard's advice. He was used to coaching himself and making his own decisions. But he tried anyway and settled down to a life of training in Canberra. Alas, his stint at the AIS was short lived. After less than a year, he returned to Melbourne in disappointment. Back in his home environment, he immediately responded, winning the VAWC December 20km club championship in a PB 1:27:42.

IAAF World Indoor Games

Palais Omnisports Paris-Bercy, Paris, 18-19 January 1985

An inaugural World Indoor Games were arranged by the IAAF and held at the Palais Omnisports Paris-Bercy in Paris, France, from 18-19 January 1985. In 1987 the championship was renamed to the IAAF World Indoor Championships and gained official status. There were a total number of 319 participating athletes from 69 countries at this precursor event, and **David Smith** was one of a small number of Australians selected to compete. He won Australia's first medal of the meet, producing one of his best ever performances, coming third in the 5000m indoor track walk in a wonderful 19:16.04. He had a lead of 20m after 4 laps and kept that advantage over the first 1500m. Gerard LeLievre and Maurizio Damilano caught him around the 2000m mark, the trio staying together for a further 3 laps before the Frenchman kicked away. Smith held on well for third, and finished more than 23 secs ahead of fourth placed Roman Mrizeck of Czechoslovakia.

World Indoor Games 5000m Walk, Saturday 18th January 1985

1.	Gérard Lelièvre	FRA	19:06.22
2.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	19:11.41
3.	David Smith	AUS	19:16.04

Australian Track & Field Championships 1984-85

Bruce Stadium, Canberra, ACT, 29-31 March 1985

On a high after his World Indoor Games medal, **David Smith** had no difficulties retaining his Australian Track 5000m walk title (his fourth win in a row), ahead of **Simon Baker**, **Andrew Jachno** and **Michael Harvey**. The only top liner missing was Willi Sawall.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Friday 29th March 1985

1	David Smith	VIC	19:26.12
2	Simon Baker	VIC	20:12.87
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:40.74
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	20:42.30
5	Duncan Knox	VIC	21:54.61
6	Keith Knox	NSW	22:17.38
7	Mark Dossetor	VIC	22:30.48
8	Ben Cullen	NSW	23:14.83
-	David Thomson	ACT	DQ

**Australian Road Walking Championships, incorporating IAAF Race Walking World Cup Trials
Davies Park, Brisbane, Saturday 26th May 1985**

With the 1985 IAAF Race Walking World Cup to be contested on the Isle of Man at the end of September, the Australian Roadwalk Championships were brought forward, being held in Brisbane in late May. With Willi Sawall targetting the 50km and with David Smith bypassing the trial (he was going to be an automatic selection after his 10th place finish in the 1984 Olympic 20km), the race was there for the taking, and **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** battled it out, finishing with 1:26:09 and 1:26:22 respectively. **Michael Harvey**, third with 1:29:49, also showed that he was going to be in line for a team spot. The gap to fourth place was over 5 minutes so no one else was going to be in contention.

Australian 20km Championship, Brisbane, Sat 26th May 1985			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:26:09
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:26:22
3.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:29:49
4.	Colin Barnett	NSW	1:35:18
5.	Ian Fay	SA	1:36:31
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:37:49
7.	Terry Jones	WA	1:38:10
8.	Richard Everson	SA	1:38:48
9.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:38:53
10.	David Thomson	ACT	1:39:11
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:39:16
12.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:39:19
13.	Tomasz Tozak	WA	1:41:47
14.	Robin Whyte	ACT	1:43:11
15.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:44:33
16.	John Harris	NSW	1:46:20
17.	Robin Chapman	ACT	1:48:27
18.	Peter Vysma	VIC	1:50:22
19.	Keith Law	NSW	1:51:11
20.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:52:50
21.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:52:58
22.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:55:32
23.	Caleb Maybir	QLD	1:56:04
24.	Derek Woolner	ACT	2:00:15
Teams 1. VIC 11 2. NSW 33 3. ACT 34			

The women's trial was held in conjunction with the Australian 10km Championship, and the first 4 girls all did well enough to pick up World Cup spots – **Kerry Saxby**, **Sue Cook**, **Sally Pierson** and **Suzanne Narbey**. The big loser seemed to be **Lorraine Jachno** who failed to finish.

Australian 10km Championship, Brisbane, Sat 26th May 1985			
1.	Kerry Saxby	NSW	48:49.4
2.	Sue Cook	VIC	49:19.0
3.	Sally Pierson	VIC	49:24.0
4.	Suzanne Narbey	QLD	50:16.2
5.	Ann Ryan	NSW	51:19.2
6.	Rachel Thompson	NSW	52:10.8
7.	Karen Iselin	QLD	52:52.4
8.	Carolyn Vanstan	VIC	1:00:22.5
9.	Karen Willoughby	NSW	1:01:23.3
10.	J. Johnson	ACT	1:03:38.8
11.	S. Willoughby	NSW	1:07:28.9
-	Jane Goodall	VIC	DNF
-	Lorraine Jachno	VIC	DNF
Teams: 1. NSW 9 2. ACT 12			

**19th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival
Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 9th June 1985**

Simon Baker, now on an AIS scholarship, won for a second year in a row but only after a hard fought battle with **Willi Sawall** who, at 44 years of age, was showing little signs of slowing. Little separated them throughout the race and little separated them at the finish. Bill Dyer walked excellently to hold out **Andrew Jachno** for third.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 9th June 1985		
1.	Simon Baker	VIC 2:31:02

2.	Willi Sawall	VIC	2:31:40
3.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:35:43
4.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:37:27
5.	Ian Fay	SA	2:38:00
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:46:47
7.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:47:21
8.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:48:09
9.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	2:49:47
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:53:59
11.	John Harris	NSW	2:55:22
12.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:58:18
13.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	2:59:48
14.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:01:41
15.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:04:43
16.	David Moore	VIC	3:08:04
17.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:09:44
18.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:15:32
19.	Jim Leppik	VIC	3:18:44
20.	Royston Johnson	NSW	3:22:29
21.	Keith Law	NSW	3:26:53
22.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:27:34
23.	Paul Moritz	SA	3:32:41
24.	Bill Starr	SA	3:33:14
25.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:41:49
26.	Stephen Richardson	VIC	3:55:18
-	Harry Summers	VIC	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Caleb Maybir	NSW	DNF
-	Frank Woods	VIC	DNF
-	Colin Donald	VIC	DNF
-	Tony Andrews	ACT	DNF
-	Barry Birtchnell	VIC	DNF
-	Peter Waddell	ACT	DNF
-	David Thomson	QLD	DNF
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC	Simon Baker, Willi Sawall, Andrew Jachno	
2.	VIC No 2	Bill Dyer, Mark Donahoo, Duncan Knox	
3.	NSW	John Harris, Col Barnett, Frank Overton	

IAAF Race Walking World Cup 50km Trial Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 7th July 1985

The 1985 IAAF Race Walking World Cup 50km trial was held in conjunction with the Victorian 50km championship at Fishermans Bend in Melbourne. Although **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** were starters, they were probably not too serious, having already qualified for the 20km World Cup team, and they retired mid race after a good hitout. That left the race to **Willi Sawall** who was a comfortable winner with 4:10:26. **Bill Dyer** and **Ian Fay** both walked good times to take the minor medals, securing their own World Cup 50km spots. **Michael Harvey** struggled home in fourth place, after suffering a bout of flu in the leadup to the race.

IAAF RW World Cup 50km Trial, Melbourne, Sun 7 th Jul 1985			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	4:10:26
2.	Bill Dyer	VIC	4:16:14
3.	Ian Fay	SA	4:16:34
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:31:18
5.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:34:46
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:37:03
7.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:38:19
8.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:45:56
9.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:48:20
10.	Tim Thompson	SA	4:53:06
11.	David Cash	VIC	5:01:02
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	Colin Donald	VIC	DQ
-	Andrew Jachno	VIC	DNF
-	Simon Baker	VIC	DNF
-	T. Michelson	NSW	DNF
-	Duncan Knox	VIC	DNF
-	Martin Wall	VIC	DNF

-	Frank Overton	NSW	DNF
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1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup Team

The final team which competed in the 1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup was slightly different to that initially selected.

In the Lugano Cup 20km trial in May, Michael Harvey had come 3rd in 1:29:49, then in July he was 4th in the 50 km trial in 4:31:18 after suffering the flu. He was selected for the World Cup 50km but Harry Summers and he swapped places and he ended up walking the 20km in the Isle of Man.

Sally Pierson had competed in the 1985 World Student Games in Kobe in Japan but was disappointed with her 7th place finish with 24:02. It was her last international walk competition. She withdrew from the Eschborn Cup team for which she had also been selected. This opened the door for Lorraine Jachno. At 22 years and 6 months, Pierson's retirement was a big loss to race walking and it cost the Australians a probable team medal - they ended up fourth in Douglas. Sally's parallel running career was impressive. She represented Australia in the 1983 and 1985 World Cross Country Championships and at the 1984 IAAF World 10km road running championship, won two Zatopek 10,000m classics, won a Victorian 10000m track title and the Australian 10 km road and cross country titles.

The final World Cup team makeup read as follows:

20km Men:	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)	Michael Harvey (VIC)	David Smith (VIC)
50km Men:	Willi Sawall (VIC)	Ian Fay (SA)	Harry Summers (VIC)	Bill Dyer (VIC)
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)	Sue Narbey (WA)

1985 Australian 50km Championship Hobart, Saturday 11th August 1985

The 1985 Australian 50km Championship, held in Hobart in early August, was an anti climax. After so much quality walking earlier in the year, none of the top walkers made the trip, allowing Victorian **Mark Dosseter** to win his first Australian title. Mark would go on to represent Australia in the 1989 World Cup.

Australian 50km Championship, Hobart, Sat 11 th Aug 1985			
1.	Mark Dosseter	VIC	4:29:54
2.	Tomasz Kozak	WA	4:40:34
3.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:41:52
4.	Peter Fullager	SA	4:44:35
5.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:47:43
6.	John Harris	NSW	4:51:11
7.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:55:36
8.	David Thomson	ACT	4:57:55
9.	Frank Overton	NSW	5:05:15
10.	David Moore	TAS	5:08:53
11.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:13:24
12.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:27:22
13.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	5:47:47
Teams 1. NSW 6			

1985 Summer Universiade Kobe, Japan, 29th August – 4 September

Although the mens 20km roadwalk had been introduced into the biennial Summer Universiade in 1981, the first Australian walkers were not sent until 1985. As a women's walk was added in the 1985 Games, a team of 4 walkers (2 male and 2 female) were sent to represent Australia. Of course, the Universiade was, as is still the case, restricted to students at tertiary institutions. It is not an open competition.

The women's 5000 metres walk event at the 1985 Summer Universiade was held at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Kobe on 30th August. It was the first time that any racewalking event was contested by women at the Universiade. **Lorraine Jachno** walked well for her 6th place, but **Sally Pierson** was disappointed with her 7th place. This would be her last walk, and she now retired from the sport.

Summer Universiade 5000m Walk Women, Friday 30 th August 1985			
1.	Aleksandra Grigoryeva	URS	22:21.10
2.	Yan Hong	CHN	22:25.77
3.	Natalya Serbinenko	URS	22:27.21
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6	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	23:35.90
7	Sally Pierson	AUS	24:07.90

The men's 20km walk event at the 1985 Summer Universiade was held at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Kobe on 31 August. The very hot conditions ensured slow times. **Simon Baker** finished a good 9th, with **Andrew Jachno** further back in 15th place.

Summer Universiade 20km Walk Men, Sat 31st August 1985			
1.	Viktor Mostovik	URS	1:25:52
2.	Andrey Perlov	URS	1:25:52
3.	Guillaume LeBlanc	CAN	1:26:22
	...		
9	Simon Baker	AUS	1:30:50
15	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:36:21

Federation Carnival, incorporating Alexander Cup 20km Davies Park, Brisbane, Saturday 31st August 1985

The Alexander Cup carnival, held 3 weeks after the Australian 50km, was another event effected by 1985's heavy racing schedule. **Mark Donahoo** won, ahead of **John Harris**, but the times were relatively slow in the humid Brisbane conditions.

Alexander Cup 20km, Brisbane, Saturday 31st August 1985			
1.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:39:08
2.	John Harris	NSW	1:39:54
3.	Marek Wall	VIC	1:47:52
4.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:49:03
5.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:51:34
6.	Roy Johnson	NSW	1:52:22
7.	Keith Law	NSW	1:55:20
8.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:56:11
9.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:58:52
10.	Steele Beveridge	NSW	2:02:35
11.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	2:06:16
12.	John Mison	NSW	2:06:25
13.	William Kirby	QLD	2:08:25
14.	Keith Heness	QLD	2:11:10
15.	Steve Iselin	QLD	2:14:18
16.	K. Darch	QLD	2:20:03
17.	James Plowman	QLD	2:25:29
Teams			
1.	VIC 8	2. NSW1 14	3. NSW2 25 4. QLD 31

1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup St John's, Isle of Man, 28-29 September 1985

First to the men's 20km race.

In typical fashion, **David Smith** had bolted out of the leading pack in the men's 20km and opened up a big lead before being disqualified. AIS coach Craig Hilliard was angry – Smith had been instructed to stay in the pack and keep a low profile – but he was not one to sit back when he felt good. It is fair to say that, at this stage of his career, Smith was capable of winning a World Championship – the only people who stood in his way were the judges. **Simon Baker** had accepted an AIS scholarship at the start of 1985 and it proved just the boost his career needed. With his 12th place finish in Douglas, he was fast gaining the reputation as a big time performer. He would go on to win the 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km and the 1989 World Cup 50km and take silver in the 1991 World Cup 50km. **Andrew Jachno's** 27th place in the 20km (1:29:00) was slightly down on his 1983 performance but still a good finish in the top half of the field. Surprisingly, he did not eventually receive an AIS scholarship until 1988, one of those decisions I could never fathom. He went on to form a formidable duo with training partner Simon Baker and won medals at Commonwealth Games and World University Games. He still holds the Commonwealth 3000m track walk record with 10:56.22 (set way back in 1991). In retrospect, **Michael Harvey's** swap to 20km was probably a mistake and his 51st placing in 1:39:03 was disappointing.

Men 20km Walk, Isle of Man, Saturday 28th Sept 1985			
1.	José Marín	ESP	1:21:42
2.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:21:43
3.	Viktor Mostovik	URS	1:22:01
	...		
12.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:25:32

27.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:29:00
51.	Michael Harvey	AUS	1:39:03
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ

Now to the men's 50km.

Willi Sawall's 11th place in the 50km (4:06:38) was done at 43 years of age. An amazing performance! **Ian Fay** justified his selection with a good 33rd placed finish with 4:29:16. **Harry Summers** had been 5th in the 1984 Australian 50 km title (4:45:49) and followed this up with a good trial walk to be selected as a walker in the 1985 World Walking Championships team. In the Isle of Man, at 50 years of age, he came a creditable 42nd in 4:56:58. He remains our older World Cup competitor, a feat unlikely to be challenged. Unfortunately, **Bill Dyer** was disqualified, as he had been in the 1983 World Cup.

Men 50km Walk, Isle of Man, Sunday 29th Sept 1985			
1.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:47:31
2.	Andrey Perlov	URS	3:49:23
3.	Axel Noack	GDR	3:56:53
	...		
11.	Willi Sawall	AUS	4:06:38
33.	Ian Fay	AUS	4:29:16
42.	Harry Summers	AUS	4:56:58
-	Bill Dyer	AUS	DQ

The team placings combined the 20 km and 50 km events team results and saw Australia come 9th. Overall, East Germany won ahead of Russia, with Italy third.

The women's 10km saw a changing of the baton. **Sue Cook**, for so long the undisputed queen of Australian walking, had suffered a series of problems in 1984/1985; a bad case of flu, followed by an operation for consistent shin problems, followed by subsequent post-operative issues. To further complicate things, a new face appeared on the scene - **Kerry Saxby**. In comeback mode, Sue was 2nd to Kerry in the Australian 10km road title and then she placed 14th in the 1985 Racewalking World Cup with 48:17 as against Kerry's 10th with 47:11. It marked the end of Sue's reign and the start of Kerry's. 1985 was a big year for **Lorraine Jachno (Young)**. She had married Andrew Jachno, came 6th in the World Student Games 5000m track walk in Kobe and competed in her second Eschborn Cup, where she came 26th in the 10km roadwalk in 50:06. Looking into the future, she should have been selected in our 1992 Olympic team but was bypassed in controversial circumstances – but that's a different story for another time. Australia's fourth walk, Suzanne Narbey, finished 31st with 51:03.

Overall, the Australian women finished 4th in the teams race, behind China, Russia and Canada. With Sally Pierson, that would almost certainly have been third.

Women 10km Walk, Isle of Man, Saturday 28th Sept 1985			
1.	Yan Hong	CHN	46:22
2.	Guan Ping	CHN	46:23
3.	Olga Krishtop	URS	46:24
	...		
10.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	47:11
14.	Sue Cook	AUS	48:17
26.	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	50:06
31.	Sue Narbey	AUS	51:03

Australian Track & Field Championships 1985-86 Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, SA, 14-16 March 1986

David Smith bounced back from his disqualification in the World Cup, easily winning his fifth Australian track walk title in March 1986, with a new Commonwealth record time of 19:23.34. **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** had bridged the gap somewhat over the last 12 months, and they finished 2nd and 3rd with PB times of 19:46.01 and 19:56.07. The

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 15th March 1986			
1	David Smith	VIC	19:23.34
2	Simon Baker	VIC	19:46.01
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	19:56.07
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	20:26.23
5	Ian Fay	SA	21:44.71
6	Dave Thomson	ACT	21:47.90
7	Mark Thomas	SA	21:49.06
8	Michael Bodey	VIC	21:54.03
9	Paul Kennedy	VIC	21:54.52
10	Terry Jones	WA	22:16.82
11	Colin Barnett	NSW	22:19.83
12	Tony Barrett	VIC	22:42.50

-	John Smith	NSW	DNF
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DNF
-	Rob McFadden	SA	DNF

1986 Commonwealth Games Trial and Australian 30km Championship AIS, Canberra, Saturday 10th May 1986

With the 1986 Commonwealth Games to be contested in Edinburgh in late July, the annual Australian 20km Championship was changed, with walkers to now race over 30km, so that it could be used for the 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km trial. This trial is remembered as one of the finest events ever contested in Australia. The venue was a fast flat course around the AIS environs in Canberra and the date was Saturday 10th May.

David Smith had walked a Commonwealth best time of 2:06:11 in December in Melbourne and had won the National 5000m walk in March. He was a clear favourite for the trial and made no mistakes, winning in convincing style in 2:05:59, another Commonwealth best and a time that put him well ahead of all other Commonwealth walkers. **Simon Baker** had chased him to second place in the Australian 5000m title in 19:46 and was second once again in the trial. His time of 2:09:20 was also a big PB and clearly placed him in medal contention.

Willi Sawall and **Andrew Jachno**, two of the three Australian reps in the 1982 Games, staged a great battle for the third Games spot, with Sawall surging away down the inclines and Jachno chasing him down on the flats. Sawall, at 44 years of age, secured his third Games berth with a time of 2:12:34 while Jachno missed out with his time of 2:15:05. **Michael Harvey** was fifth in a PB time of 2:18:34. The first 5 walkers all broke the Commonwealth Games qualifying standard of 2:20:00. What depth! Sawall's berth meant that he was now the only Australian walker to have competed in 5 Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games Trial, Canberra, Sat 10 th May 1986			
1.	David Smith	VIC	2:05:59
2.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:09:20
3.	Willi Sawall	VIC	2:12:34
4.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:15:05
5.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:18:34
6.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	2:21:27
7.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:23:24
8.	David Thomson	ACT	2:30:15
9.	Robert McFadden	SA	2:31:14
10.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:35:11
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:36:19
12.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:36:47
13.	John Smith	NSW	2:37:31
14.	Rod Huxley	NSW	2:45:39
15.	Anthony Barrett	VIC	2:46:57
16.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:48:04
17.	Keith Law	NSW	2:53:43
18.	Peter Waddell	ACT	2:59:00
19.	Steven Beveridge	NSW	2:59:10
20.	Robin Chapman	ACT	3:14:04
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ
-	Bruce Dudon	VIC	DNF
Teams: 1. VIC 10 2. NSW 34 3. ACT 34			

The Australian women's 10km roadwalk championship was also contested on the same day at the same AIS venue. It proved an easy victory for **Kerry Saxby**, ahead of **Sue Cook** and **Bev Wilkins**.

Australian Women's 10km Roadwalk, Canberra, Sat 10 th May 1986			
1.	Kerry Saxby	NSW	44:53
2.	Sue Cook	ACT	47:29
3.	Bev Wilkins	NSW	48:16
4.	Lorraine Jachno	VIC	48:30
5.	Suzanne Narby	WA	50:22
6.	Lisa Harrison	NSW	51:02
7.	Anne Ryan	NSW	51:30
8.	Sarah Miller	VIC	53:32
9.	Karen Iselin	QLD	54:04
10.	Carolyn Vanstan	VIC	54:15
11.	Debra Robertson	VIC	54:31
12.	Leonie Foley	NSW	63:34

13.	Judy Johnson	ACT	64:40
Teams	1. NSW 1,3,6 10	2. VIC 4,8,10 22	

20th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 8th June 1986

The LBG carnival now boasted upwards of 250 starters. The 20 Mile event saw past dominator **Willi Sawall**, now 45 years of age, give his younger rivals a lesson in how to walk. He was a clear winner in yet another quality performance, finishing well ahead of **Andrew Jachno** and **Michael Harvey**. With the first 5 walkers all under 2:40:00, the depth was impressive. For the first time, Proclamation Park (PP) walkers competed at LBG. Victoria now had two clubs, the original VAWC (labelled here as VIC) and the new Proc. Park club.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 8th June 1986			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	2:26:26
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:30:06
3.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:32:44
4.	Terry Jones	WA	2:38:04
5.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:39:55
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:43:41
7.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:44:25
8.	David Thomson	QLD	2:47:52
9.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	2:48:08
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:56:28
11.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:56:56
12.	Jack Grimanes	NSW	2:58:06
13.	Harry Summers	VIC	3:01:29
14.	Michael Bodey	VIC	3:03:40
15.	David Cash	VIC	3:04:47
16.	Keith Law	NSW	3:06:48
17.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:08:08
18.	Frank Woods	VIC	3:19:39
19.	Theo Orr	VIC	3:21:05
20.	Paul Moritz	SA	3:22:55
21.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:23:26
22.	Paul Thompson	NSW	3:29:38
23.	Bob Pearce	NSW	3:30:33
24.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:30:49
25.	Roy McFadden	SA	3:31:29
26.	Tony Barrett	VIC	3:39:16
27.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:43:18
28.	Bill Dent	ACT	3:47:16
29.	Bill Starr	SA	3:54:38
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	C Kozak	WA	DQ
-	James Plowman	QLD	DQ
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC 1	Willi Sawall, Andrew Jachno, Michael Harvey	
2.	Vic 2	Clarrie Jack, Mark Wall, Harry Summers	
3.	NSW 1	Colin Barnett, Jack Grimanes, Keith Law	
4.	ACT	David Thomson, Robin Whyte, Bob Chapman	
5.	VIC 3	Michael Bodey, David Cash, Frank Woods	
6.	SA	Paul Moritz, Colin Hainsworth, Roy McFadden	
7.	NSW 2	Paul Thompson, Bob Pearce, Brendan Hyde	

1986 Commonwealth Games Edinburgh, Scotland, 24th July - 2nd August 1986

The 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km walk produced a much different result to what most pundits had expected. In the days leading up to the 30km walk, the official word was that Australia's top prospect David Smith had come down with a heavy cold and had had to withdraw. He was on the plane back to Australia as the starter fired his gun in the 30km walk.

Simon Baker made the most of his opportunity and walked an unforgettable race in the dreadful Edinburgh conditions to win in yet another PB of 2:07:47. The event was broadcast live on Australian television. Baker took the lead at the 14.5km mark and powered home through the driving rain to win by over a minute. He celebrated his win with a victory leap past the finishing line and a victory lap – you would rarely see a more excited winner. Overnight he became a household name in Australia. It was Baker's first

international success but was soon followed by a Lugano Cup 50km win, showing that this was not a once off performance but one that marked the start of a monumental international career.

"I cruised through the first 10 km comfortably and I wasn't worried about anyone making a move", he said afterwards. He wore his spectacles all the way because, he said, without them things looked hazy. "I had a lot of trouble seeing because of the rain on my glasses, particularly around the half way mark when it was raining heavily. At one stage, I was trying to look over my glasses to see in front of me. As I started to get tired, I had trouble keeping track of the road surface because it was critical that I didn't put my foot in a pothole or anything. I had to be very careful."

The Canadian Guillaume Leblanc improved in his 1982 bronze to take silver while Ian McCombie took the bronze. **Willi Sawall**, the second Australian, walked his fastest yet Commonwealth Games 30km walk with 2:14:29 but had to be content with fifth place.

Comm Games 30km Walk, Edinburgh, Thu 31st July 1986			
1.	Simon Baker	Australia	2:07.47
2.	Guillaume Leblanc	Canada	2:08.38
3.	Ian McCombie	England	2:10.36
4.	Christopher Maddocks	England	2:12:42
5.	Willi Sawall	Australia	2:14:29
6.	Murray Day	New Zealand	2:15:11
7.	Martin Rush	England	2:16:01
8.	Stephen Johnson	Wales	2:21:05
9.	Graham Seatter	New Zealand	2:22:48
10.	Stephen Partington	Isle of Man	2:23:02
-	Francois Lapointe	Canada	DQ

1986 Australian 50km Championship Adelaide, Saturday 17th August 1986

Three weeks later, **Willi Sawall** won yet another National title – the 50km. His time was a super fast 3:59:48. At 44 years of age, he was still capable of breaking 4 hours for the 50 km event! **Michael Harvey** walked well, finishing second with 4:04:27, well ahead of **Andrew Jachno** who was well outside this 1984 PB of 4:01:02.

Australian 50km Championship, Adelaide, Sat 17th Aug 1986			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	3:59:48
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:04:27
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	4:17:40
4.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:21:51
5.	Terry Jones	WA	4:25:08
6.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:31:37
7.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	4:36:17
8.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:44:34
9.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:57:39
10.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	5:08:20
11.	Keith Law	NSW	5:22:20
12.	Jim Turnbull	WA	5:25:48
13.	Paul Moritz	SA	5:29:25
14.	Paul Thompson	NSW	5:33:58
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DQ
-	Steel Beveridge	NSW	DQ
-	George Audley	WA	DQ
-	Jack Grimales	NSW	DNF
-	Don Cox	SA	DNF
-	Ian Fay	SA	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Robert McFadden	SA	DNF
Teams 1. VIC 7 2. NSW 14			

Federation Carnival, including Glover Shield 10km Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond, NSW, Saturday 30th August 1986

Again, the Federation Carnival proved to be wrongly placed, being at the end of a very busy winter season. None of the top walkers contested it, and it was left to **Colin Barnett** to win with 45:13, ahead of **David Thomson** and **Bill Cullen**.

Glover Shield 10km, Richmond, Saturday 30th August 1986			
1.	Colin Barnett	NSW	45:13
2.	David Thomson	ACT	45:20
3.	Bill Cullen	NSW	45:22
4.	John Smith	NSW	45:30
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	46:27
6.	Duncan Knox	VIC	47:23
7.	Robin Whyte	ACT	48:32
8.	Harry Summers	VIC	49:28
9.	Keith Law	NSW	49:59
10.	Rod Huxley	NSW	50:17
11.	Michael Bodey	VIC	50:31
12.	John Mison	NSW	50:35
13.	Bob Pearce	NSW	51:23
14.	Gavin Reynolds	ACT	51:34
15.	Robert Lilley	NSW	51:51
16.	Robin Chapman	ACT	51:56
17.	Frank Woods	VIC	52:04
18.	Les Bird	NSW	52:21
19.	John Harris	NSW	53:09
20.	Jamie Young	NSW	53:40
21.	G. Yeo	ACT	54:19
22.	Frank Overton	NSW	54:25
23.	Graeme Huxley	NSW	55:08
24.	Peter Waddell	ACT	55:11
25.	Steele Beveridge	NSW	55:55
26.	Paul Thompson	NSW	55:56
27.	Bill Dent	ACT	58:01
28.	Vic Townsend	NSW	58:20
29.	D. Gillett	NSW	62:24
30.	J. O'Neill	NSW	62:32
31.	Phil Donelan	NSW	64:09
32.	Ted Reynolds	ACT	65:13
Teams: 1. NSW 1 8 2. VIC 1 19 3. ACT 1 22 4. NSW 2 34			
5. NSW 3 38 6. NSW 6 54 7. ACT 2 56			

1st IAAF World Indoor Championships Indianapolis, USA, 6-8 March 1987

The 1st IAAF World Indoor Championships in Athletics were held in Indianapolis, USA, in early March 1987. The inaugural championship in 1985 had been known as the World Indoor Games. The second edition, now renamed, saw new championship records set for every single women's event. The meet saw a total of 419 participating athletes from 85 countries.

David Smith had claimed yet another world record (his fifth official one) at the Perry Lakes stadium in Perth in early 1987 with a time of 11:00:53 for the 3000m walk. This shattered Maurizio Damilano's six year old record by 7 seconds. He was selected, along with Andrew Jachno, to represent Australia at the 1987 IAAF Indoor Championships and there were hopes that he might medal again, as he had done in 1985 at the World Indoor Games.

Alas, it was not to be, with Mikhail Shchennikov and Jozef Pribilinec staging a battle royale out in front, finishing in an almost dead heat, both well under the current world record. **David Smith** did walk excellently but could not match their speed, coming 5th with a new PB of 18:52.2, while **Andrew Jachno** finished 15th with 20:19.74.

IAAF World Indoors 5000m walk, Indianapolis, 6-8 Mar 1987			
1.	Mikhail Shchennikov	URS	18:27.79
2.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	18:27.80
3.	Ernesto Canto	MEX	18:38.71
...			
5	David Smith	AUS	18:52.20
15	Andrew Jachno	AUS	20:19.74

IAAF Race Walking World Cup and World Championships 50km Trial Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 8th March 1987

With the 1987 World Cup to be held in May in New York and with the 1987 World Championships also on offer later in the year, Australian trials had to be scheduled early. The first event under the microscope was the men's 50km, with the trial being held at the

Fishermans Bend course in Melbourne on Sunday 8th March. With Andrew Jachno and Simon Baker opting to contest the 20km trial a couple of weeks later, **Willi Sawall** and **Michael Harvey** seized the opportunity, taking the first two places.

Young Victorian walker **Craig Brill** had come 2nd in the 1986 Australian Junior 20km in 1:34:12 and won the 1986 Australian Junior 10km road championship in 45:21. These victories had gained him selection in the World Junior team for Athens in July 1986, where he finished 20th in the 10,000m track walk with 45:27. However, his third place finish in the 50km trial with 4:23:17, at 19 years of age, was a totally unexpected but very impressive performance. Mark Donahoo, who was 4th with 4:25:45, was also going to be in contention, as was non-finisher **Steven Hausfeld** who had finished in 4th place in the 1986 Australian 50km Championship with 4:21:51. As a World Cup selection standard of 4:30:00 had been set, 5th placed finisher **Ian Waters** was outside the required time.

IAAF RW WC 50km Trial, Melbourne, Sun 8 th March 1987			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	4:06:52
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:20:16
3.	Craig Brill	VIC	4:23:17
4.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:25:45
5.	Ian Waters	VIC	4:36:21
6.	Duncan Knox	VIC	4:37:40
-	Mark Wall	VIC	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DNF
-	Colin Barnett	NSW	DNF
-	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Theo Orr	VIC	DNF
-	Michael Bodey	VIC	DNF
-	Phil Vesty	GBR	DNF
-	Paul Copeland	VIC	DNF

1987 IAAF Race Walking World Cup 20km Trial Sydney, Thursday 26th March 1987

The men's 20km World Cup trial was contested in Sydney, the day before the National T&F Championships were due to commence. As expected, **David Smith** won easily with 1:23:44, ahead of **Simon Baker** with 1:26:11 and **Andrew Jachno** with 1:28:31. As fourth placed finished **Michael Harvey** was going to contest the World Cup 50km, the fourth team spot went to 19 year old **Paul Copeland**, who finished 5th with a time of 1:30:06.

IAAF RW World Cup 20km Trial, Sydney, Thu 26 th Mar 1987			
1.	David Smith	VIC	1:23:44
2.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:26:11
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:28:31
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:29:47
5.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:30:06
6.	Colin Barnett	NSW	1:37:07
7.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:37:34
8.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:44:36
9.	Bill Dyer	VIC	1:46:50
-	Robert McFadden	SA	DNF
-	David Thomson	ACT	DNF
-	John Harris	NSW	DNF
-	Jack Grimaldes	NSW	DNF

Australian Track & Field Championships 1986-87 Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney, NSW, 27-29 March 1987

The National T&F Championships 5000m track walk was held two days later, a tough ask for everyone. The first four in the 20km trial (**David Smith**, **Simon Baker**, **Andrew Jachno** and **Mike Harvey**) backed up well, finishing in exactly the same order in the shorter race format. Take note of the fifth placed walker, 18 year old **Nick A'Hern** of NSW. He would soon be challenging the older walkers over the longer distances.

The stage had been set for an exciting tussle in the Australian Junior 5000m walk between Paul Copeland and A'Hern. Alas, Paul had ruined any chances of retaining his Australian Junior title by contesting the World Cup 20km trial 3 days before the U20 race. A'Hern blitzed the field to easily win the Junior title in a new Australian Junior record of 20:53, beating a 'flat' Copeland by 30 seconds. But Paul did not regret his decision to compete in the 20 km trial, as his 5th placing in 1:30:06 earned him a trip with the Racewalking World Cup team to New York.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 28 th March 1987		
1	David Smith	VIC 19:22.70

2	Simon Baker	VIC	20:26.25
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:44.26
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	21:08.07
5	Nick A'Hern	NSW	21:30.83
6	Colin Barnett	NSW	21:49.31
7	David Thomson	ACT	22:25.19
8	Mark Dossetor	VIC	22:31.90
9	Keith Knox	NSW	22:50.81
10	Paul Kennedy	VIC	23:20.97
11	Simon Rickinson	VIC	23:55.53
-	Tony Barrett	VIC	DQ
-	Rob McFadden	SA	DQ

The only result I have been unable to find is that of the women's 10km roadwalk trial. I assume it was held either alongside the 50km trial or the 20km trial, but all investigative efforts have been unsuccessful. I am guessing the first 3 placings were taken by Kerry Saxby, Sue Cook and Lorraine Jachno, as they were the 3 women selected for the World Cup.

With the trials completed, the Australian team for the 1987 Race Walking World Cup was announced. Willi Sawall was not named in the team, having signalled his intention of only doing the World Championships. He felt that the double would be too much of an ask on his injury prone body. With 9 of the 11 walkers from Victoria, the dominance of that State continued.

20km Men:	David Smith (VIC)	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)	Paul Copeland (VIC)
50km Men:	Michael Harvey (VIC)	Craig Brill (VIC)	Steven Hausfeld (NSW)	Mark Donahoo (VIC)
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)	
Managers:	Harry Summers (VIC)	Jill Juxley (NSW)		

It was disappointing to see only 3 women selected when 4 spots were available. It was Harry Summers' fourth World Cup tour - two as a competitor (1981 and 1985) and three as manager (1983 and 1987).

The team for the 1987 IAAF World Championship was also named, and looked very strong on paper.

20km Men:	David Smith (VIC)	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)
50km Men:	Willi Sawall (VIC)	Michael Harvey (VIC)	
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)

1987 Race Walking World Cup New York, USA, 2-3 May 1987

The 1987 IAAF World Race Walking Cup was held on 2 and 3 May 1987 in the streets of New York City. Firstly to the men's 20km, which was contested on Saturday 2nd May. It was the first time the meet had been held outside Europe and the first where elimination trials were not held. Many countries were fielding teams for the first time and the largest ever fields were assembled for the races. The starts were something to behold, with up to 130 on the start line. The course was a horseshoe shape, 1.25km out and the same return. The course profile seemed like a roller coaster, and the road was cracked and pitted, with drain gratings covered by cardboard and tape. Some hasty patching covered the worst areas of the road, but it still required care to prevent tripping.

The women's 10km saw the first 5 placegetters breaking the existing world record, as well as the 5km world record! Mexico placed fourth in their first time in the competition. **Kerry Saxby** produced one of her finest races ever, just missing a top three place. **Sue Cook** also raced strongly, picking up 3 places in the second half to finish 13th, while **Lorraine Jachno** provided the steady performance that a teams race demands, finishing 32nd. Australia finished third in the Eschborn Cup, a mighty performance. With only 3 in the team, it was a pressure race, but they all finished, ensuring that the women took third place in the Eschborn Cup teams race.

10km Walk Women, New York, Saturday 2 nd May 1987			
1.	Olga Krishtop	URS	43:22
2.	Irina Strakhova	URS	43:35
3.	Jin Bingjie	CHN	43:45
4.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	43:57
...			
13.	Susan Cook	AUS	46:03
32.	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	48:21
85 finishers, 4 DQ, 1 DNF			
Women's Team: 3 rd 167pts			

The men's 50km was contested on the Sunday morning. The East Germans walked as a team and proved untouchable, with **Ronald Weigel**, **Hartdig Gauder** and **Dietmar Meisch** taking the medals. 19 year old **Craig Brill** recorded an Australian Junior best of 4:19:46 as the first Australian to finish, in front of his older team mates. **Steven Hausfeld** and **Mark Donahoo**, in their first

Australian team, raced well on the difficult course. **Michael Harvey** was unlucky to be suffering from a bout of illness in the week before the race, which effected his performance.

50km Walk Men, New York, Sunday 3rd May 1987			
1.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:42:26
2.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:42:52
3.	Dietmar Meisch	GDR	3:43:14
...			
52.	Craig Brill	AUS	4:19:46
53.	Steven Hausfeld	AUS	4:22:27
63.	Michael Harvey	AUS	4:28:00
64.	Mark Donahoo	AUS	4:29:49
86 finishers, 4 DQ, 44 DNF			
Medn's Team: 18 th 173 pts			

The men's 20km saw a surprise win for the young Mexican Carlos Mercenario, in a record time. **David Smith** was disqualified while in the leading group. **Simon Baker** finished 11th in a PB 1:21:57. **Andrew Jachno** produced his best time for the year to finish 37th, but **Paul Copeland** was suffering from the same sort of illness that had effected Michael Harvey in the 50km, finishing 74th.

20km Walk Men, New York, Saturday 2nd May 1987			
1.	Carlos Mercenario	MEX	1:19:24
2.	Viktor Mostóvik	URS	1:19:32
3.	Anatoliy Gorshkov	URS	1:20:04
...			
11.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:21:57
37.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:25:58
74.	Paul Copeland	AUS	1:31:50
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ
120 finishers, 3 DQ, 13 DNF			
Men's Team: 13 th 212 pts			

21th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival

Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 7th June 1987

A record 300+ walkers ensured that the 21st LBG carnival was a great success. **Simon Baker** became the second fastest walker behind Willi Sawall with his winning time of 2:25:18, with the 3 placegetters all doing personal bests. **Robbie McFadden** took third place in his first attempt at the distance. This win followed Simon's 30km win in the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games and confirmed his status as Australia's top distance walker. In the women's 5km, winner **Kerry Saxby**'s time of 21:07 was 9 seconds under the current world record.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 7th June 1987			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:25:18
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:28:36
3.	Robbie McFadden	SA	2:39:44
4.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:41:39
5.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:43:10
6.	Steve Hausefeld	ACT	2:44:38
7.	Keith Knox	NSW	2:45:26
8.	Brian Trower	VIC	2:47:13
9.	Dave Thomson	ACT	2:50:05
10.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:50:45
11.	John Smith	NSW	2:54:03
12.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:54:16
13.	Don Cox	SA	2:56:12
14.	Murray Marker	SA	3:03:35
15.	Bob Agnew	ACT	3:03:36
16.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:07:03
17.	Keith Law	NSW	3:12:53
18.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:13:38
19.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:14:16
20.	Robert Lilley	NSW	3:15:15
21.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:23:18
22.	John Mison	NSW	3:23:18
23.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	3:24:24
24.	Peter Waddell	ACT	3:28:24
25.	Roy McFadden	SA	3:31:12

26.	Warren Harbour	VIC	3:33:58
27.	Les Bird	NSW	3:35:51
28.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:37:56
29.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	3:38:57
30.	Bill Starr	SA	3:41:54
31.	Ted Reynolds	ACT	3:45:57
-	James Plowman	QLD	DNF
-	Mike McDermott	QLD	DNF
-	Roy Johnson	NSW	DNF
-	Ian Richardson	QLD	DNF
-	Leo Pluymers	VIC	DNF
-	C Beesley	QLD	DNF
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC	Simon Baker, Michael Harvey, Bill Dyer	
2.	ACT	Stephen Hausfeld, Dave Thomson, Robin Whyte	
3.	SA	Rob McFadden, Don Cox, Murray Marker	
4.	NSW	Keith Knox, John Smith, Rod Huxley	
5.	NSW 2	Caleb Maybir, Rob Tilley, Frank Overton	
6.	SA 2	Tim Thompson, Roy McFadden, Colin Hainsworth	
7.	ACT 2	Trevor Vogler, Ted Reynolds, Peter Waddell	

1987 Australian 50km Championship Canberra, Sunday 14th June 1987

The Australian 50km was held a week after the LBG Carnival so walkers had to decide whether to return there so soon. Most chose to bypass the event, so as in 1985, the event suffered from both quality and quantity perspectives. **Steven Hausfeld** won with 4:20:45, ahead of the 1986 winner **Mark Dossetor** who was second with 4:33:07. **Peter Vysma**, who had finished 4th in 1975 and 3rd in 1977, made a return to the medals once again, finishing 3rd again with 4:45:37.

Australian 50km Championship, Canberra, Sun 14 th Jun 1987			
1.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:20:45
2.	Mark Dossetor	VIC	4:33:07
3.	Peter Vysma	VIC	4:45:37
4.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:46:03
5.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:57:00
6.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	5:04:14
7.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:32:00
8.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:53:14
Teams 1. VIC 6			

1987 World Universiade Zagreb, Croatia, 13-19 July 1987

The 1987 Summer Universiade was held in Zagreb on 13 July 1987. Unlike in 1985 when 4 Australians competed, **Andrew Jachno** was the only one selected on this occasion, but did he produce the goods, coming 4th in the men's 20km walk with 1:27:39.

World Universiade 20km Walk, Zagreb, Monday 13 th July 1987			
1.	Raffaello Ducceschi	ITA	1:25:02
2.	Giacomo Poggi	ITA	1:25:17
3.	Pierluigi Fiorella	ITA	1:26:58
4.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:27:39

1987 Australian 20km Championship Hobart, Sunday 19th July 1987

The Australian 20km walk, held in Hobart in July, saw **David Smith** win as he liked in a new Australian and Commonwealth best time of 1:19:22. By the look of things, he was going to be a serious contender in the forthcoming World Championships.

Australian 20km Championship, Hobart, Sun 19 th July 1987			
1.	David Smith	VIC	1:19:22
2.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:31:43
3.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	1:33:57
4.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:34:22
5.	Paul Woodhouse	NSW	1:34:35

6.	Jack Grimaldes	NSW	1:38:49
7.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:39:07
8.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:42:35
9.	David Moore	TAS	1:49:08
10.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:51:56
11.	Caleb Maybir	QLD	1:53:04
12.	Gavin Reynolds	ACT	1:53:36
13.	Robert Chapman	ACT	1:55:30
14.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:59:32
15.	Alan Lucas	TAS	2:05:17
Teams: 1. VIC 18 2. NSW 24 3. ACT 36			

Federation Carnival, including Alexander Cup 20km Adelaide, Saturday 29th August 1987

Did I say that the 1986 Federation Carnival was held at the wrong time. The same could be said of the 1987 Carnival, which featured the Alexander Cup 20km. With the top walkers at the World Championships in Rome, it was a case of the best of the rest. To their credits, **Mark Donahoo, Mark Wall and Brian Trower** took the medals for Victoria.

Alexander Cup 20km, Adelaide, Saturday 29 th August 1987			
1.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:34:43
2.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:36:39
3.	Brian Trower	VIC	1:37:03
4.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:38:15
5.	John Smith	NSW	1:38:35
6.	Don Cox	SA	1:40:51
7.	Rob McFadden	SA	1:43:15
8.	Peter Fullager	SA	1:45:07
9.	Harry Summers	VIC	1:48:15
10.	Keith Law	NSW	1:48:36
11.	Bob Agnew	ACT	1:48:44
12.	Murray Marker	SA	1:49:08
13.	Tim Thompson	SA	1:49:14
14.	John Mison	NSW	1:52:06
15.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:54:14
16.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	1:54:14
17.	Jamie Young	NSW	1:56:09
18.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:57:10
19.	Roy Johnson	NSW	2:00:45
20.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	2:01:09
21.	Jack Webber	SA	2:15:48
22.	Geoff Peters	SA	1:16:58
-	Ian Fay	SA	DNF
-	Grant Laidlaw	SA	DNF
-	Phil Alderson	SA	DNF
-	Rob Lilley	NSW	DQ
-	David Bryson	SA	DQ
-	Bob Chapman	ACT	DQ
Teams			
1.	VIC1	6	1, 2, 3
2.	SA 1	18	5, 6, 7
3.	NSW 1	21	4, 8, 9
4.	SA 3	33	10, 11, 12

1987 IAAF World Championships Rome, 8th August – 6 September 1987

And now to the last big races for the year, the IAAF World Championships in Rome.

Maurizio Damilano won the men's 20km walk in near crowd hysteria, in front of a partisan local crowd, in brutally hot conditions. **Andrew Jachno** finished the best of the Australians, coming 12th with a PB 1:24:46. **Simon Baker** paid the penalty for a heavy year of big training and quality racing, fading to 24th with 1:27:32. **David Smith** was disqualified (again!) while in the lead pack. Smith's world was falling around him. He was fitter than ever before and racing faster than ever before but could not get through the big ones. With a DNF in the 1981 World Cup, disqualifications in the 1983, 1985 and 1987 World Cups and now a further DQ in the Worlds at

Rome, it seemed that even the local Australian media were losing patience with him. A short news item in the Melbourne Age was headed '*Born Loser*' and read as follows

Walker David Smith, flamboyant, controversial and very Australian, continued his quite remarkable record for disqualifications by being removed from the field in the 20 km road walk after being up with the leaders. His team mates fared better with the judges with Andrew Jachno finishing 12th and Simon Baker 24th.

IAAF World Championship 20km Men, Rome, Sun 30 Aug			
1.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:20:45
2.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	1:21:07
3.	José Marín	ESP	1:21:24
	...		
12.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:24:46
24.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:27:32
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ

Australia won its first medal of the championships when **Kerry Saxby** strode to second place behind Irina Krakhova in the women's 10km walk. Saxby had led for most of the race before being overtaken in the last 2km by the powerful Russian. The event was held in very hot and humid conditions, with **Lorraine Jachno** one of two women to be carried from the arena on stretchers after collapsing. In Lorraine's case, it all unfolded in a scenario that brought back memories of Gabriela Anderson-Scheiss in the 1984 Olympic Marathon, as she stumbled towards the finish line, collapsing and regaining her feet and collapsing again one final time 50m short of the finish. **Sue Cook** fared better, finishing 12th with 46:20. Mexico's Maria Colon, who finished 17th, said of the conditions: "It was like walking in a boiler. It was hell. The street was burning our feet."

IAAF World Championship 10km Women, Rome, Tues 1 Sept			
1.	Irina Strakhova	URS	44:12
2.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	44:23
3.	Hong Yan	CHN	44:42
	...		
12.	Sue Cook	AUS	46:20
-	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	DNF

The men's 50im saw the usual East German dominance, with Harwig Gauder winning ahead of Ron Weigel, with Vyacheslav Ivanenko of Russia third. **Michael Harvey** finished 25th with 4:11:04 and **Willi Sawall** finished one place behind him, in 26th, with 4:14:25.

IAAF World Championship 50km Men, Rome, Sat 5 Sept			
1.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:40:53
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:41:30
3.	Vyacheslav Ivanenko	URS	3:44:02
	...		
25.	Michael Harvey	AUS	4:11:04
26.	Willi Sawall	AUS	4:14:25

At the start of 1988 Andrew Jachno was finally offered an AIS Scholarship and moved to Canberra. Training through that year with Simon Baker, he improved significantly, and was rewarded with Olympic selection. More of that later.

Australian Track & Field Championships 1987-88 Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, WA, 25-27 March 1988

Finally, someone apart from David Smith had won the National track title. After 6 wins in a row, he was a notable absence from Perth, opening the door for **Simon Baker**, who won with a brisk 19:40.76, ahead of **Andrew Jachno** and **Paul Kennedy**.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 26 th March 1988			
1	Simon Baker	VIC	19:40.76
2	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:11.49
3	Paul Kennedy	VIC	22:25.27
4	Terry Jones	WA	23:09.34
5	Garry Hastie	WA	26:34.39
-	Anthony Michelsen	NSW	DQ
-	Julian Weller	QLD	DNF

1988 Olympic 20km Trial Richmond, NSW, Sunday 9th April 1988

The 1988 Olympic 20km trial was held in Richmond in NSW in early April, on a cold and very windy day. **Simon Baker** had an easy win with a PB 1:21:53. He had won the NSW 5000m track title with 19:32, the Victorian 5000m in 19:45 and the National 5000m

with 19:40. These wins confirmed his place as Australia's top walker (in the continued absence of David Smith) and he clinched his Olympic selection with this win. **Andrew Jachno**, who finished second with 1:24:30, was also under the Olympic standard, but third placed **Paul Copeland** missed the Olympic qualifying standard by 1.85 seconds. **Michael Harvey**, in fourth place with 1:25:42, and **Mark Donahoo**, in fifth place with 1:27:42, also walked big PBs.

Australian Olympic 20km Trial, Richmond, Sun 9th April 1988				
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:21:53	(PB)
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:24:30	
3.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:25:01	(PB)
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:25:42	(PB)
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:27:42	(PB)
6.	Nick A'Hern	NSW	1:29:38	
7.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	1:30:05	
8.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:34:06	

1988 Australian 50km Championship and Olympic Trial Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Saturday 8th May 1988

Simon Baker and Andrew Jachno did not contest the 50km Olympic trial, ensuring a relatively open race. **Mark Donahoo** and **Willi Sawall** battled it out in front for the first 40km, until Sawall eventually retired. Donahoo retained his lead for a further 7km, until **Michael Harvey** caught and passed him. The first 3 walkers were well ahead of the rest of the field, but their times were probably not going to be fast enough for Olympic selection.

Australian 50km Championship, Melbourne, Sat 8th May 1988			
1.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:09:10
2.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:11:10
3.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:12:06
4.	Craig Brill	VIC	4:20:14
5.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:48:19
6.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	4:50:16
7.	Robert Agnew	ACT	5:22:30
8.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:44:14
9.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:57:22
-	Paul Woodhouse	NSW	DQ
-	Ian Waters	VIC	DQ
-	Mark Wall	VIC	DQ
-	Peter Vysma	VIC	DQ
-	Trevor Vogler	ACT	DNF
-	Willi Sawall	VIC	DNF
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Duncan Knox	VIC	DNF
-	Warren Harbour	VIC	DNF
-	Paul Copeland	VIC	DNF

With the Olympic trials completed, Simon Baker and Andrew Jachno were selected to do the Olympic 20km / 50km double. That made sense in the 20km, given that they had finished first and second in the 20km trials, with times under the Olympic qualifying standard of 1:25:00. But they did not contest the 50km so why were they selected? It was a simple matter of times - Baker had walked 3:58:51 in December 1987 and Jachno had walked 4:04:09 in winning the 1988 Victorian 50km championship. That put them a long way ahead of Michael Harvey and Mark Donahoo and the rest of the Australians. The notable absentee was David Smith. With the fastest time of 1:19:22, he should have been out in front, but was nowhere to be seen.

20kmMen Simon Baker (VIC) Andrew Jachno (VIC)
50km Men Simon Baker (VIC) Andrew Jachno (VIC)

22nd Lake Burley Griffin Carnival Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 12th June 1988

Simon Baker just held out **Michael Harvey** once again to win the 1988 LBG 20 Mile, both walkers recording PBs. With **Andrew Jachno** 4 minutes further back in third place, Michael must have been disappointed that he had not produced a performance like this in the 50km trial. This was the greatest depth seen so far in the LBG 20 Miler, with the first 7 finishers all well under the 2:40:00 barrier. 8 of the first 10 walkers were from Victoria.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 12th June 1988			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:27:37
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:27:53
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:31:55

4.	Robbie McFadden	SA	2:32:50
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:36:29
6.	Brian Trower	VIC	2:37:11
7.	Ian Waters	VIC	2:37:40
8.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:45:08
9.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:47:28
10.	Keith Knox	NSW	2:50:06
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:53:02
12.	Murray Marker	SA	2:54:04
13.	Rod Huxley	NSW	2:55:17
14.	John Ostrouskis	VIC	2:58:42
15.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:58:59
16.	David Thomson	ACT	3:01:09
17.	Keith Law	NSW	3:02:01
18.	Mark Fletcher	VIC	3:05:56
19.	John Mison	NSW	3:08:54
20.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:09:46
21.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	3:10:24
22.	Harry Summers	VIC	3:11:45
23.	Murray Brown	VIC	3:15:56
24.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:16:45
25.	S Rickinson	VIC	3:17:33
26.	John Smith	NSW	3:20:48
27.	Warren Harbour	VIC	3:21:08
28.	Mark Dredge	NSW	3:21:58
29.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:23:28
30.	Bob Agnew	ACT	3:23:28
31.	Rob Lilley	NSW	3:23:41
32.	Bob Pearce	NSW	3:23:45
33.	Paul Moritz	NSW	3:23:48
34.	Paul Thompson	NSW	3:34:21
35.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:36:24
36.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	3:42:38
37.	Bill Starr	SA	3:44:28
38.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:48:52
39.	Wayne Fletcher	TAS	3:53:50
40.	D Bracken	QLD	3:58:53
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC 6	Simon Baker, Michael Harvey, Andrew Jachno	
2.	VIC2 18	Brian Trower, Ian Waters, Bill Dyer	
3.	SA 28	Rob McFadden, Murray Marker, Tim Thompson	
4.	NSW 31	Keith Knox, Rod Huxley, Keith Law	
5.	ACT 39	Robin Whyte, Dave Thomson, Trevor Vogler	
6.	VIC3 49	Mark Fletcher, Harry Summers, Murray Brown	

**Federation Carnival, including Glover Shield 10km
Albert Park, Melbourne, Saturday 30th July 1988**

Note the earlier scheduling of the Federation carnival in 1988. Had the penny finally dropped? **Andrew Jachno** and **Simon Baker** continued on their winning ways, both obviously benefiting from their training partnership in Canberra. On this occasion, Jachno won out with 40:15, ahead of Baker who was second with 41:46. **Paul Copeland** showed his potential with his third placed time of 41:49 while **Michael Harvey** produced his usual solid performance, finishing fourth with 42:57.

Glover Shield 10km, Melbourne, Saturday 30th July 1988			
1.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	40:15
2.	Simon Baker	INV	41:46
3.	Paul Copeland	VIC	41:49
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	42:57
5.	Robert McFadden	SA	43:05
6.	Craig Brill	VIC	44:47
7.	Mark Thomas	VIC	45:13
8.	Duncan Knox	VIC	45:47
9.	George White	VIC	45:59
10.	Rod Huxley	NSW	46:03
11.	Brian Trower	VIC	47:02
12.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	47:10
13.	Steven Beecroft	VIC	47:46

14.	Andrew Brown	NSW	48:50
15.	Mark Wall	VIC	49:01
16.	Graeme Huxley	NSW	50:11
17.	George Paton	VIC	50:30
18.	Robin Whyte	ACT	50:43
19.	Tim Thompson	SA	51:15
20.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	51:35
21.	Darian Law	NSW	51:39
22.	Robert Lilley	NSW	51:41
23.	Simon Rickinson	VIC	52:50
24.	Graeme Russell	VIC	52:53
25.	Warren Harbour	VIC	53:29
26.	Frank Overton	NSW	53:36
27.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	54:18
28.	Peter Lowden	VIC	54:43
29.	Paul Moritz	NSW	55:20
30.	Peter Waddell	ACT	55:55
31.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	55:55
32.	Garry Creek	PP	57:35
33.	Peter Johnson	VIC	57:35
34.	John McDougall	NSW	58:07
35.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	59:01
36.	David Herbert	INV	59:11
37.	Jeff Goller	VIC	59:19
38.	Darren Page	SA	61:07
39.	Tony Michaelsen	NSW	70:13
40.	Gus Theobold	VIC	74:19
41.	Nigel Crew	ACT	74:19
-	Keith Law	NSW	DQ
-	Willi Sawall	VIC	DQ
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ
-	Richard Illingworth	VIC	DNF
-	Adam Patterson	PP	DNF
-	Kevin Lowden	VIC	DNF
-	Mark Davison	VIC	DNF
-	Corey Paton	VIC	DNF
Teams			
1.	VIC 1 6	2. VIC 2 18	3. VIC 3 31
4.	NSW 1 35	5. SA 48	6. VIC 5 52
7.	VIC 4 57	8. NSW 2 64	9. ACT 67

1988 Australian 20km Championship AIS, Canberra, Sunday 27th August 1988

The Australian 20km Championship in Canberra in late August was the last major hitout for **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** ahead of the Olympics. The race was on their home turf, starting and finishing at the Bruce Stadium at the AIS and held on a fast course. Their times – 1:21:19 for Baker and 1:22:29 for Jachno, were PBs, confirming that they were in great form. They had gone out hard, walking shoulder to shoulder to pass the halfway mark in 39:50 and 39:53 respectively (their first times under 40 minutes!).

Willi Sawall, who finished third with 1:25:02, was only 2 seconds outside the Olympic qualifying standard of 1:25:00. His situation was the same as Paul Copeland's had been in the Olympic trial earlier in the year. On that occasion, Copeland had walked 1:25:01. Thus these two fine walkers each found themselves just shy of an Olympic berth. Considering that Sawall was 46 years of age at this time, it was a wonderful walk. He continued to defy the years.

As an aside, **Kerry Saxby** won the Australian women's 10km roadwalk championship at the same meet, with a world best time of 41:29.7. As usual, it was Kerry and then daylight, with Lorraine Jachno finishing second some 6 minutes back. Sadly, the women walkers were not included in the 1988 Olympics, where Kerry would have been an almost unbackable medal contender.

It was certainly a great meet for AIS coach Craig Hilliard – his 3 charges Baker, Jachno and Saxby had dominated the meet.

Australian 20km Championship, Canberra, Sun 27 th Aug 1988			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:21:19 (PB)
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:22:29 (PB)
3.	Willi Sawall	VIC	1:25:02
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:28:05
5.	Robert McFadden	SA	1:28:25

6.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:33:04
7.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:36:06
8.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:36:58
9.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:36:59
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:37:11
11.	Robert Mee	ACT	1:38:16
12.	John Mison	NSW	1:39:41
13.	Mark Dredge	NSW	1:40:36
14.	Robin Whyte	ACT	1:42:03
15.	Tim Thompson	SA	1:42:10
16.	Keith Law	NSW	1:45:13
17.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:45:21
18.	Robert Lillee	NSW	1:46:56
19.	Ronald Foster	TAS	1:48:03
20.	Robert Chapman	ACT	1:48:47
21.	Ian Richardson	QLD	1:52:42
22.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	1:53:33
23.	Michael McDermott	QLD	1:58:53
24.	Steven Iselin	QLD	1:58:53
25.	Frank Overton	NSW	2:00:04
-	David Thomson	ACT	DQ
-	Anthony Michelsen	NSW	DQ
Teams: 1. VIC 10 2. NSW 28 3. ACT 43 4. QLD 55			

1988 Olympic Games Seoul, South Korea, 17th September - 2nd October 1988

These were the last Olympic Games for the Soviet Union and East Germany, as both ceased to exist before the next Olympic Games in 1992. The Soviet Union dominated the medal table, winning 55 gold and 132 total medals. No country has won more than 50 in an Olympics since 1988.

The games were boycotted by North Korea and its ally, Cuba. Ethiopia, Albania and the Seychelles did not respond to the invitations sent by the IOC. Nicaragua did not participate due to athletic and financial considerations. The participation of Madagascar had been expected, and their team was expected at the opening ceremony of 160 nations. However, the country withdrew because of financial reasons. Nonetheless, the much larger boycotts seen in the previous three Summer Olympics (1976, 1980 and 1984) were avoided, resulting in the largest number of participating nations during the Cold War era.

The two Australian representatives were **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** who had also repped at the 1984 Olympics. Both were now resident at the AIS in Canberra and training partners.

The 1988 Olympic 20km walk, which was held on Friday 23rd September, saw Italian 1980 Gold Medallist Maurizio Damilano and Jozef Pribilinec along with Ernesto Canto and fellow Mexican Carlos Mercenario, as the favourites. Young East German walker Ron Weigel (who went on to become the Australian National Coach from 1997 to 2002) was the wildcard and he nearly pulled off a surprise win. By the 15km mark, Pribilinec, Weigel and Canto had broken clear of the field. With Canto eventually disqualified, Pribilinec and Weigel entered the stadium less than 10 metres apart. In one of the most exciting Olympic finishes ever seen, Pribilinec had to draw on all his reserves to hold out Weigel for gold. After the line, he collapsed on the track. Weigel knelt over him and tried to extend his congratulations. But the Slovak winner was so exhausted that he was unable to respond. Silently, Weigel kissed him and walked away. The times were sizzling and there were only 3 disqualifications out of the record field of 53 starters.

Simon Baker walked an excellent race, finishing 11th with 1:21:47, while **Andrew Jachno** finished 28th with 1:24:50. Both had justified their Olympic selections.

1988 Olympic 20km Walk, Seoul, Friday 23 rd September 1988			
1.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	1:19:57
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	1:20:00
3.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:20:14
...			
11.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:21:47
28.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:24:50

The 1988 Olympic 50km walk, which was held on Friday 30th September, had a smaller entry list of 42 competitors. Three athletes were disqualified, while four walkers did not finish the race. With Raul Gonzalez no longer competing, the way was open for a new Olympic champion. The main contenders included the 1980 champion Hartwig Gauder and the Soviet walker Vyacheslav Ivanenko who had finished second to Gauder in the 1986 European Championship in 3:41:54 and was third in the 1987 World Championships in 3:44:02. Add in Ron Weigel who had just won silver in the 20km and it all made for a fascinating walk.

In the fastest Olympic 50km event ever walked, it was Ivanenko who prevailed over Weigel and Gauder, all 3 breaking the 3:40 barrier. They had been together until the 40km mark when Ivanenko made his decisive break, dropping first Gauder and then Weigel who resigned himself to second place after receiving two warnings for lifting. It was Weigel's second silver medal of the Games and Gauder earned bronze to add to his 1980 gold.

Simon Baker's 6th place was outstanding. Journalist Len Johnson described his finish as "*the excited extrovert who spent the 10 minutes after crossing the line falling around like a puppet dangling on tangled strings, joyously celebrating his own performance with every other walker in sight*". His time of 3:44:07 was a huge PB and a new Commonwealth best. **Andrew Jachno** also walked a huge PB to finish 9th with 3:53:33. It was a great double for the two Victorians.

1988 Olympic 50km Walk, Seoul, Friday 30th September 1988			
1.	Vyacheslav Ivanenko	SOV	3:38.29
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:38.56
3.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:39.45
	...		
6.	Simon Baker	AUS	3:44.07
9.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	3:53:33

That marked the end of another Olympic cycle, but the dramas had not yet finished for the year.

1988 saw David Smith miss Olympic selection, and the relationship between him and his AIS based coach Craig Hilliard soured. This culminated in a very public laundering of dirty washing before a Federal Senate Committee investigating drugs in sport. Smith and Hilliard swapped recriminations in a very unpleasant tit for tat. As with many such inquiries, there were no clear winners but only losers. It makes for explosive reading on p348-351 of the final report *Drugs in sport : an interim report of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Art*. See https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/Committees/ecita_ctte/completed_inquiries/pre1996/drugs-int/07ch7.pdf.

Smith's AIS scholarship was terminated and he moved north to Queensland and assumed his old career as a salesman, immersing himself in the Brisbane racewalking scene with typical entrepreneurial enthusiasm. This marked a hiatus in his career. He did not even race again until 1990 and his next (and last, as it turned out) international vest was not until the 1991 World Walking Cup. In fact, he was not even selected initially for that team and it was only with a couple of strong walks in Brisbane in April 1991 that he forced his way in to take the vacant last spot. His selection was justified when he finished 46th in the World Cup 20 km in 1:26:14.

But that's all a story for next time.