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WOMEN STAR IN 'SUPER SIX' SUCCESS



AFP games team grabs 19 medals

The most successful team in the 1984 Police Olympic Games — that's the proud record of the eight-person team which represented the AFP at the Phoenix, Arizona, games last month.

Six of the eight competitors finished as medallists, picking up an incredible seven gold, six silver and six bronze medals.

The remaining two were only just edged out of medal contention.

It was a fantastic performance, particularly in view of the fact that the medals were gained in 40-degree Arizona temperatures against the fiercest of competition from over 3,000 other entrants.

Four of the medal winning team are women. They are Glenda Lomas (swimming), Leanne Lomas (swimming and track), Virginia Hatcher (swimming), and Monica Stanley (track and field).

The men in the team were Clive Cherry, Gary Ward, Bryan Chapman (team captain), and Peter Sheehan (all track and field).

Top honours went to the Lomas sisters, of the Northern Territory, who between them gained five gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Swimmer Virginia Hatcher won a gold and three silver medals, Monica Stanley two bronzes, Clive Cherry a gold and a bronze, and Gary Ward a bronze.

Bryan Chapman competed in the target pistol event and, against a large field, managed a very creditable fifth place.

Even closer to medal success was Southern Region's Peter Sheehan. Peter finished fourth in



● Seven of the AFP's Police Olympics team, dressed in games uniforms, being farewelled at Sydney Airport by Detective Chief Superintendent Bob Gillespie (far right), and Inspector John Burrows (fourth left). Team members are, from left: Glenda Lomas, Gary Ward, Virginia Hatcher (front), Leanne Lomas, Bryan Chapman, Monica Stanley (front), and Clive Cherry. TOP: Peter Sheehan, in action in a shot put event.

the arm wrestling and fourth in the 800-metre hurdles.

Super swimmer Virginia Hatcher now brings her police games medal

tally to four gold, seven silver and two bronze, gaining her previous medals at the 1982 games in Austin, Texas.

Perhaps one of the most amazing stories of all was Clive Cherry's gold medal in the gruelling pentathlon.

He'd never intended to compete. "It was just a spur of the moment decision," he said. "I'd entered in a dozen track and field events, but with the temperature at the 40-degree mark I wasn't fancying my chances."

"I happened to look at the events in the pentathlon and thought it would be a good warm up."

That decision saw Clive, formerly Australia's ninth-ranked decathlete and an AFP member less than 12 months, win the 110-metres hurdles, long jump and the 20-metre rope climb event and obviously do sufficiently well in the three-mile run and 100-round pistol shooting sections to earn the gold.

HOW THEY SCORED



Glenda Lomas
100m freestyle (gold),
200m freestyle (gold),
500m freestyle (gold),
100m butterfly (gold),
50m freestyle (silver).



Leanne Lomas
4 x 50m backstroke
(gold),
50m backstroke (silver),
100m butterfly (bronze),
10km track, field (silver),
1500m track (bronze).



Clive Cherry
Pentathlon (gold), 4 x
100m relay (bronze) — in
this event he ran with
Gary Ward, with two Vic-
toria Police making up
the team.

Virginia Hatcher
50m backstroke (gold),
200m individual medley
(silver),
100m butterfly (silver),
100m backstroke (silver).



Monica Stanley
Pentathlon (bronze),
400m hurdles (bronze).



Gary Ward
4 x 100m relay (bronze).

