

Next indigenous marathon stars

Steve Menzies
RUNNING

THERE is a chance for a Centralian indigenous athlete to join an elite sporting company.

Charlie Maher, Caleb Hart (both 2010), Reggie Smith (2011), Korey Summers (2012), Charmaine Grewal (2013) and Sarah Carmody (2014) have all run the New York Marathon with the Indigenous Marathon Project.

Grewal, who is now playing Women's AFL in Darwin, credits IMP for improving her life and move on from Hermannsburg.

The IMP annual national tour will arrive in Alice Springs, its stop on its Territory visit, on Friday to identify the next crop of inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island marathon runners.

After Alice Springs, the NT leg of the tour will visit Darwin, Katherine, Galiwinku and Milikapiti.

So far 18 Territory runners have graduated from the program by completing one of the biggest ultimate sporting events — the New York

Marathon.

IMP head coach Mick Rees is touring the length and breadth of Australia, including some of the country's most remote indigenous communities, to select a team of 12 to take on the iconic New York Marathon in November.

The training involved, and finally running the event, is a life changing experience.

Indigenous Marathon Project director Robert de Castella said the trials were a fantastic opportunity to meet the IMP coach and graduates.

Indigenous Australians aged 18-30 can apply on the day.

"We are encouraging all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate in our tryouts," de Castella said.

"Running experience is not required. IMP now has 53 graduates from the past six years who have successfully finished an international marathon, most having had absolutely no running experience.

"Successful applicants will receive six months of professional training and support in readiness for the New York Marathon, in addition to the

compulsory completion of a Certificate III in Fitness qualification.

"Our graduates become frontrunners; inspiring change in their families and communities, and demonstrating the incredible capacity our Indigenous Australians have to push beyond their comfort zone and achieve life-changing success. Running is our vehicle to drive change, promote a healthy lifestyle and celebrate Indigenous achievement and resilience."

The tryout process involves female applicants running 3km and male runners tackling 5km, a plank strength test followed by an interview with Rees. A final squad of six males and six females will be selected in April.

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation which relies on the generous support of the Australian Government Department of Health, Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, Qantas, Accor, ASICS and Good Oil Films.

Interested runners should head to Rhonda Diano Oval (Head St) for the try out at 7.30am on Friday.



Sarah Carmody celebrating after running the 2014 New York Marathon.

Relieved Liddle vows to continue playing hard



Pierce Liddle in action for Palmerston.

Picture: ELISE DERWIN

Jordan Gerrans
AFL

AFTER beating a life ban from playing football, former Pioneer player Pierce Liddle has vowed not to change his ways.

Now playing for Palmerston in the NTFL, every time Liddle steps on the field, he is on the verge of a life ban but he is adamant he will not change his attack on the football and contest.

Liddle, breaking his silence after spending the past two weeks with his football future flashing before his eyes, said that he is determined to stick with his aggressive and uncompromising approach to the game.

The tough ball-winner was originally handed a life ban in the wake of the Magpies' loss to St Mary's earlier this month for reaching the AFL's 16-match suspension threshold for deregistration.

Liddle copped a two-match ban when he was found guilty of unduly rough play

when he pulled the hair of Saints opponent Jackson Geary.

At Thursday evening's appeals tribunal into his two-match ban for rough conduct, the appeals board found the Magpies leader guilty, but downgraded the punishment to a fine — and allowed Liddle to continue playing.

It had looked like he would never again play the game he grew up loving but Liddle made a return to Northline Oval on Saturday afternoon against the Tiwi Bombers.

Liddle said he is going to continue playing footy the way he always has.

"I grew up around blokes that were more interested in how many stitches you had after a game than how many goals you kicked or possessions you got," he said. "I grew up around tough footballers and I play the game how I grew up watching it and I think that is how it should be played."

"I will need to take a slightly different

approach, maybe just slower but I will still be playing my footy the same way.

"It is important to play a leadership role and I won't be changing anything major anytime soon."

The former Magpies captain was always confident he would overturn his career-ending ban.

"It was pretty tough, especially as a club with Palmerston — we have gone through a tough few months," Liddle said. "I always had the confidence the club would get the result that we eventually got."

"We got some great representation and it worked out."

"Personally I had great support from my family and my friends and I knew it would go the right way."

The Magpies did not qualify for the NTFL finals and Liddle's attention will now turn to playing for Lake Boga in the Central Murray Football League.

He will also be a senior assistant coach at the Swan Hill-based club this season.

SCOREBOARD

Cricket

A Grade Two Day Competition

West v PROBuild Rovers

1st Innings - West

N Whyte lbw Paterson	43
D Geppa c Bailey b Keene	17
S Dick b Bourke	34
P Hannigan b Whittaker	27
J Dick b Paterson	0
J King c Bailey b Whittaker	2
T Volling c Bailey b Bourke	4
L Hiscox c Bailey b Henderson	11
D Hunter c Henderson b Simons	17
A Geppa b Mallard	11
R Thompson NOT OUT	7
EXTRAS	12
TOTAL	185

Bowling: T Bourke 13-2-2-28, E Dayman 4-1-0-24, J Bailey 1-0-0-1, D Whittaker 10-2-2-25, A Keene 4-0-1-7, M Henderson 6-1-1-26, M Paterson 11-0-2-27, G Mallard 7-1-1-27, J Bennett 2-0-0-13, T Simons 1-0-1-1

1st Innings - PROBuild Rovers

T Bourke NOT OUT	25
A Donti NOT OUT	13

EXTRAS 1
TOTAL 0/39
Bowling: J Dick 5-1-0-6, A Geppa 4-1-0-11, R Thompson 3-1-0-10, T Volling 3-0-0-9, D Geppa 2-1-0-2, L Hiscox 1-1-0-0

Tennis

Tuesday Night Pennants

A Grade: Jed De Laine/Dave Neville 2 sets 25 games d Morgan Hindry/Jake Johan 1 set 24 games; Joe Hourbeigt/Kylan Bishop 2 sets 25 games d Luke Horsfall/Grant Jaine 1 set 23 games; Andrew Schubert/Matt Campbell 2 sets 25 games d Ethan Scobie/Jingjo Brown 1 set 20 games
A Reserve: Ben Miley/Brianna Smith 2 sets 23 games d Matt Kennedy/Rob Cormack 1 set 17 games; David Montana/Mike Carrigan 2 sets 25 games d Rory O'Dwyer/Jack Appleyard 1 set 14 games; Ben Watling/Dan Jury 3 sets 27 games d Matt Walsh/Matt Cotterill 0 sets 18 games. **Player of the Week:** Dan Jury

Gillen Club Thursday Mixed Social Competition

Division One: Goats Galore 5 sets 36 games d Baby Got Backhand 1 sets 19 games; Beez Neez 5 sets 33 games d

Rusty Racquets 1 set 21 games; Diff'rent Strokes 4 sets 30 games d Powerballs 2 sets 23 games

Division Two: Phantoms 6 sets 36 games d Awesome Foursome 0 sets 17 games; Wackers 6 sets 36 games d Kiss My Ace 0 sets 8 games; Elders 3 sets 28 games d Casual Sets 3 sets 26 games. **Player of the Week:** Joseph Lacerna

Uncle Edys Friday Junior Competition

Premier Division: Evan Di Maria/Tom Nixon d Jingjo Brown/Jake Johan 2 sets to 1; Kylan Bishop/Matt Cotterill d Matt Walsh/Thomas van Haaren 2 sets to 1; Joel van Haaren/Nick Diemer d Tom Kelaart/Trephina Campbell 2 sets to 1

Division One: Nicholas Boffa/Liam Coach d Henok Tangey/Banjo Waring 2 sets to 1; Brianna Smith/Joseph Lacerna d Talen Andrews/Archie Donohoe 2 sets to 1

Division Two: Lachlan Rothwell/Jack Appleyard d Ryan Cook/Will Kelaart 3 sets to 0; Brock Kane/Bronte Richter-Cross d Harrison Smith/Jack James 2 sets to 1; Cameron Cook/Zed Brouwer d Georgia Brown/Jordi Nicolai 3 sets to 0

Division Three: Sophie James/Gabriella Diemer d Michael Tee/Lenard de Decker 3 sets to 0; Tom Eldridge/Jett Hansen d Jack Ward/Roxanne Lillocco 3 sets to 0

Darts

Centralian Darts Association

A Grade: Gappies 10 d Odd Balls 0, Godfathers 7 d More Bullets 3, JD Screwdrivers 8 d Backyard Hustlers 2

B Grade: Shady Screws 6 d Leftover Screws 4, Gillen Mob 8 d Coven 2, Fur Coaters 6 d Gappies B 4, Redbacks 8 d Bindi 2

Lawn Bowls

Mixed Triples Championship

Rd 3: J.Scott, B.Fyfe, G.Whelan d P.Thurgood, T.Walton, L.Baldwin 18-16; M.Nicholson, G.Richards, M.Carmody d J.Harding, J.Healy, H.Signato 19-17; P.Legg, G.Berryman, S.Strangways d M.Williams, M.Corry, A.Corry 26-12

Rd 4: J.Scott, B.Fyfe, G.Whelan d M.Williams, M.Corry, A.Corry 42-4; P. Legg, G. Berryman, S.Strangways d J.Harding, J.Healy, H.Signato 18-14; D.Knight, T.Walton, L.Baldwin d M.Nicholson, G.Richards, M.Carmody 34-4

Ladder: P1 Whelan 8 71; P2 Baldwin 6 60; P3 Strangways 4-22; P4 Corry 4 -43; P5 Carmody 2 -36; P6 Siganto 0 -30

Alice Springs Cinema Jack Attack, Rd 4

Just Gardeners d The Bowl Movements 7-3, 1-7, 3-0; Shaedz Allstars d A-One Mechanics 5-4, 6-0; Taps Tubs & Tiles Trojans d SDA Slack Jacks 2-5, 4-3, 1-0; Jockeys d Saphires 5-3, 7-0; High Rollers d Alice Springs Cinema 9-2, 7-2; Team Deloitte d Mixed Nuts 6-2, 6-1; SDA Plumbing d Grouse 8-0, 4-4; The Varmints d CATS 15-0, 7-3
Ladder: P1 Jockeys 8; P2 The Varmints 8; P3 SDA Plumbing 8; P4 SDA Slack Jacks 6; P5 Just Gardeners 4; P6 High Rollers 4; P7 The Bowl Movements 4; P8 Grouse 4; P9 Taps, Tubs & Tiles 4; P10 Shaedz Allstars 4; P11 CATS 4; P12 AS Cinema 2; P13 Team Deloitte 2; P14 Saphires 2; P15 Mixed Nuts 0; P16 A-One Mechanics 0

Cycling

Alice Springs Cycling Club Criterium

A Grade: 1. Oliver Hartung; 2. Clarke Petrick; 3. Izac Clifton; 4. Billy Hughes; 5. Ben Kaethner; 6. Ben Gardner
B Grade: 1. Rich Binstead; 2. Max Yffer; 3. Nathan McGrath; 4. Jeremy Clifton; 5. Jordyn Kindness; 6. Ron Guascoine; 7. David Birch; 8. Richard Farrell
C Grade: 1. Ally Anderson; 2. Bowden Typuzac; 3. Thor O'Brien; 4. Bradley Krikke; 5. Braam Strauss; 6. Jordi Krikke



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Fun run/walk draws a big field

RUNNING/WALKING

MORE than 170 people toed the line for the latest instalment of the third longest running/walking event in Alice Springs on Saturday.

It was the first race in the Intersport Fun Run/Walk Series around the streets of the Central Business District.

The entrants took part in the 2km or the 4km run/walk, conducted on a 2km

circuit from the Parsons St start/finish.

There were no surprises in the winners for the 4km run, with Brad White and Emma Kraft leading the runners and walkers home.

But there was only about a minute between White and sixth runner home Ben Bruce.

Rianna Rawat led the way for the 2km contingent.

But there were no prizes for winning as

this is a participation event and spot prizes will be awarded after the second run/walk from 7am next Saturday.

Registrations can be made at Intersport in Parsons St or from 6.15am on race day.

The organisers are hoping to be able to break the 200 participant mark for the second race.

Times for Saturday's events will be published in this Friday's *Centralian Advocate*.