Roll of Honour

SENIORS

1975 Sue Newman-King (squash)
1976 Ron Riley (hockey)
1977 Michelle Ford (swimming)
and Garry Sutton (cycling)
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1979 Brett Wing (water skiing)
1980 Garry Sutton (cycling)
1981 John Dyson (cricket)
1982 Kevin Nichols (cycling)
1983 Danielle and
Stephen Carr (figure skating)
1984 Kevin Nichols (cycling)
1985 Rosemary Eames (amputee swimming)
1986 Martin Vinnicombe (cycling)
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1990 Greg Welch (triathlon)
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JUNIORS

1978 Grant McGregor (diving)
1979 Susan Clark (athletics)
1980 Stephen Carline (athletics)
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1982 Linda Jesson (swimming)
1983 Todd Woodbridge (tennis)
1984 Lisa O’Neill (tennis)
1985 Todd Woodbridge (tennis)
1986 Peter Coppleston (wrestling)
1987 Todd Woodbridge (tennis)
1988 Michael Diamond (shooting)
1989 Susie Maroney (swimming)
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THE LEADER-Stewart Toyota Sportstar Awards celebrate each year the rich harvest of young and mature sports people in St George and Sutherland Shire.

Launched in 1975, the awards have established themselves as the top hallmarks of achievement by the winners in each of the categories.

Both The Leader and Stewart Toyota long ago realised the need for a set of goals for our young people to aim for and attain. The awards are a part of the two organisations' on-going commitment to the community and the nurturing of that community's social and welfare aspirations. There is quiet pride in being part of the Sportstar Awards.

Being one of the nurseries of NSW and Australian sport, St George and Sutherland Shire can justly hold up their heads with pride as more and more young people continue the tradition of achieving state and national recognition.

Congratulations to all Sportstar winners.

CYPRIAN FERNANDES,
Editor,
St George and Sutherland Shire Leader.
FORMER world champion and Leader-Stewart Toyota Sportstar of the Year Greg Welch, 26, from Bangor, had a commendable year in the competitive world of triathlons.

Welch, who took second place in the World Cup Triathlon on the Gold Coast, won the tough Japan Ironman event in a personal best time of 8hrs 24mins in May.

In September he won the Alcatraz Triathlon in 2hrs 53secs, well ahead of the rest of the field.

Surgery two weeks before the world’s hardest event, the Hawaiian Ironman, didn’t stop the gutsy Australian from competing.

Despite extreme pain and stopping for aid, the little Bangor battler pushed through the 42km run leg, finishing a terrific sixth behind US champ, Mark Allen.

ST GEORGE captain and NSW all-rounder, Brad McNamara, hit a great double with his first innings 98 and 53 not out to help NSW hold out for a draw in the game against Queensland in December.

TALL champion Cronulla surf lifesaver Jane Boufler excelled in the surf at the right time of the year.

Boufler, 20, won the women’s Open Surf race at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Collaroy in April.

She then represented Cronulla and Australia at the World Life Saving Championships in Japan, winning a total of 10 medals and helping both her club and country retain their world champion tags.

NEW world triathlon champion Michellie Jones, 22, from Lugarno, made sporting history in September, in severe Canadian weather.

Jones braved six degree water temperatures before streaking away from her main rivals in the final 10km run, to become the first Australian woman to win the World Triathlon Championship.

The big win was the climax to a great season on the international triathlon circuit for Jones, who was to become the first triathlete to be named Rookie Triathlete of the Year and US Triathlete of the Year in consecutive years.

She realised her tremendous potential during 1992 to win no less than 10 of her 15 events — and was placed second or third in the others against the world’s best triathletes like Paula Newby-Fraser and Erin Baker.

Jones is now favoured to win the World Cup on the Gold Coast on May 2, 1993, on the way to defending her World title.

THE multi-talented sportsman Rick Pallister, 31, from Caringbah, won the Daihatsu Biathlon at St Kilda.

Pallister went on to win the third event at the Coca Cola Biathlon Championship at Coogee Beach, plus other biathlons in the district.

THE 18-year-old double amputee from Heathcote helped the very successful Australian Paralympic team in Spain bring home a record number of gold medals.

Barrell smashed a world record in the 50m butterfly, her second gold medal at the Games.

Earlier, she had led the Australian medley swim team to victory in her butterfly leg.
APHIL ALLEY
MAKING the most of his recall to the NSW team this season, St George's tall State fast bowler grabbed five wickets to demoralise the strong West Australian batting in Perth during November.

SCAROL SCOTT-TODD
BUNDEENA powerlifter Carol Scott-Todd continued her dominance of masters power lifting. Scott-Todd managed to set four Over-40 Australian records in winning the Open Women's 56kg division of the Eastern Zone Power Lifting Championships.

EMICHAEL EYLES
FLYING across the water at a break-neck pace is nothing new for jet-skier Michael Eyles from Illawong. Eyles won the flatwater section (pro-modified) of the Australian Jet-ski titles in March.

BOB TELFER
VETERAN ironman Bob Telfer, 48, won his age group at the World Ironman championships held in October in Hawaii. Telfer, from Kirrawee, broke the world record by an impressive nine minutes, taking out the 3.9km swim, 180km bike ride and 42km marathon in a time of 9hrs 24mins. Despite a searing 35 degree temperature in the shade, Telfer managed to finish the event as the fifth Australian outright.

HELEN STANGER
STANGER, 41, from Loftus, came first in the women's division and sixth outright at the International 24-Hour Race held in Switzerland during the first half of the year. A member of the Sutherland Billies Bushies Running Club, she was the first Australian home in the prestigious race, finishing ahead of the mostly male field of 70 world-class runners.

MATTHEW BAZZANO
FORMER national champion Matthew Bazzano, of Sutherland Amateur Cycle Club, won the Mavic International Time Trial in France during September — regarded as the toughest amateur time trial in the world. The win qualified Bazzano for competing in the Grand Prix Des Nation. The 23-year-old was the winner of the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Cycle Classic.
CHRIS STRATFORD
VETERAN St George Athletic Club member Chris Stratford, 44, from Lugano, won the 20km NSW State Cross Country Championships in August ahead of favourite and last year’s winner, Keith Knox.
Stratford set a club record time of 97mins 38secs — more than two minutes ahead of Knox.

DAVID WHITE
LIKE fellow competitor Michael Eyles, David White achieved Sportstar status in the relatively new sport of jet skiing.
White won the surf section (pro-modified x 2) of the Australian Jet-ski titles.

ELENA EDMONDSTON
EDMONDSTON, 17, from Peakhurst, was crowned NSW junior triathlon sprint champion after winning the NSW Junior Sprint titles at Gosford.
She finished second outright behind Maureen Cummings.

MARTIN MCFAadden
THE Cronulla water polo champion was selected in June for the Australian team to compete at the Barcelona Olympics.
McFadden celebrated his first year as captain and co-coach of Cronulla by steering the team to the Metropolitan Grand Final.
Greg has been a long-term NSW and Australian Institute of Sport member and has toured with Australian squads since 1989.

MARK COYNE
THE exciting St George centre was rewarded with selection for the Queensland teams against NSW in the State of Origin.

JOHN ANDREWS
AT the NSW Cross Country Championships the former Australian Commonwealth Games and international runner, John Andrews, 34, beat a classy field in the Open Men’s 10km race.
He broke the formerly elusive 30 minute barrier with a course record 29mins 44secs.
Andrews also ran very well to finish fourth in the 14km City to Surf race after minimal preparation, due to crippling injuries.
HELEN EVANS

HELEN Evans smashed a world age record at the Aussie Masters titles in July when she swam 1500 metres in 23 mins 45.76 secs.

The 61-year-old from Cronulla broke the record by 10 seconds.

Evans, who makes a habit of breaking records, also broke the national 800m record and her own national 400m.

KEN HOWELL

WON the over-50s ski leg at the NSW Masters Surf Life Saving Championship in February.

REX PETERS

ST GEORGE Athletic Club has many top long distance runners, including the winner of the prestigious Sutherland Half Marathon, Rex Peters.

In a personal best time of 69mins 3sec, the 34-year-old Oatley runner led the field of more than 300.

He lopped a massive 33 seconds off his best time to win the NSW 10km championship at the Sydney Athletic Field and he will represent NSW at the Australian Track and Field Championships in March.

O’DAVID BRIEN

THE 24-year old Australian marathon swimming champion finished second in chilly 18 degree waters at the Lake Sylvan Marathon in Canada.

The race was the second last in the 1992 World Marathon series, where O’Brien managed to finished fourth despite missing some events.

O’Brien easily led the race for the first 20km, before suffering severe cramps, eventually finishing in 6hrs 36mins 23secs.

NATHAN COTTER

THE North Cronulla surfer lifesaver, 17, was named Rookie of the Year after winning junior ironman and surf events at the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Carnival in February 1992.

MARK OCCHILUPO

CRONULLA surf star Mark Occhilupo won his first international tournament in six years when he took out the $25,000 Tuna Pro in Newquay, England.

‘Occi’ beat Avoca’s Shane Powell in the final, in front of more than 30,000 people, to show he’d well and truly returned on the world circuit.