Sporting honours

We encourage students to balance work with leisure and offer opportunities to excel in non-academic arenas. Our state-of-the-art sporting facilities, which are open to the public, fostered successes such as the following.

- National triathlete champion Nikki Egyed (second-year human movement studies) and Australian representative water polo player Toby Jenkins (third-year commerce/science) were named our **Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year**.
- Nikki Egyed and State 800m champion Stuart Bowden (third-year commerce/law) won the open women's and men's titles at the annual **Great Court Race**, a 636-metre event based on the Cambridge University Race featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*.
- Melissa Carmichael and Samuel Brauns (second-year applied science) won the women's and men's events at UQ Gatton's third annual **Walkway Challenge** – a 500-metre footrace for undergraduates.
- Our Kung Fu Club won UQ SPORT's **Hulbert Bursary** and title of **Club of the Year**.
- **Full Blues** went to Stuart Anderson (hurdles) and Shaun Coulton (rowing).
- **Half Blues** were awarded to Stuart Bowden (athletics, middle distance running), Ree-Anna Chatman (softball), Stephen Cook (rowing), Nikki Egyed (triathlon), Ashley Elphinston (rugby union), Nicholas Hudson (athletics, middle distance running), Morgan Jenkins (water polo), Nathan Johnson (rugby union), Antony Liddell (athletics, long distance running), David Nelson (rowing), Richard Nyholt (rugby union), Erin O’Keeffe (canoeing), Michael Rogers (touch football), Rebecca Witham (water polo) and Peter Winkle (rowing).
- **University of Queensland Sporting Scholarships**, worth $1250 each plus free use of facilities, went to Andrew Cameron (athletics), Melanie Kleeberg (athletics), Marguerite Houston (rowing), Ashley Elphinston (rugby), Philip Rowell (rugby), Nathan Johnson (rugby), Ree-Anna Chatman (softball), Kate Hanna (swimming), Richard Upton (swimming), Nikki Egyed (triathlon), Grant Sorensen (volleyball) and Toby Jenkins (waterpolo).
- The awards are administered by UQ SPORT with support by The Alumni Association and ANZ Bank.
- Duncan Long (second-year pharmacy) won the inaugural **E. T. Brown Athletics Scholarship**, worth $5000 over two years and sponsored by former Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown.
- David Nelson (first-year science/commerce) won the inaugural **Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship** worth $5000 every year for three years.
- A record number of University Boat Club members represented Australia. The **Junior Men's Coxed IV** crew included Peter Winkle (first-year science/law) and David Nelson (first-year commerce/science), who placed seventh overall at the World Cup in Germany. The **Men's Under 23 VIII**, fourth at the World Under 23 Regatta in Austria, included David Cook (second-year veterinary science). Shaun Coulton (third-year arts) won bronze as part of the **Men's Under 23 Quad Scull** crew and Michael Toon (second-year pharmacy) was coxswain for the **Elite VIII**, based in Victoria.
- We placed first overall in athletics at the **2001 Australian University Games** (AUG) in Sydney with the men’s athletics team scoring double the points of its nearest competitor.
- In the lead-up to the AUG we placed second at the **Northern University Games** with wins in hockey and soccer, mixed touch, women’s golf and men’s water polo.
- Our athletics team won the inaugural **Adidas Oceania Cup** in Vanuatu, representing Australia as Telstra Australian Athletics Club Champions for 2001.
- We won the male and combined divisions of the **Australian University Cross-Country Championships**, held on our St Lucia campus.