

# SPORTING HONOURS

**W**e encourage students to make the most of University life, with opportunities for recognition in sport as well as academe. This year's sporting highlights included the following.

Our highest sporting accolades, **Sports-woman and Sportsman of the Year**, went to third-year environmental engineering student Kate Godfrey (swimming) and third-year human movement studies student Nathan Sharpe (rugby). They also won 1998 Full Blues awards and University of Queensland Sports Scholarships.

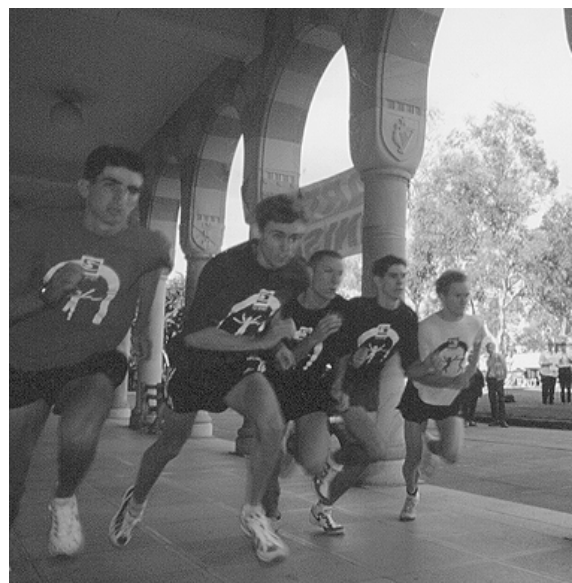
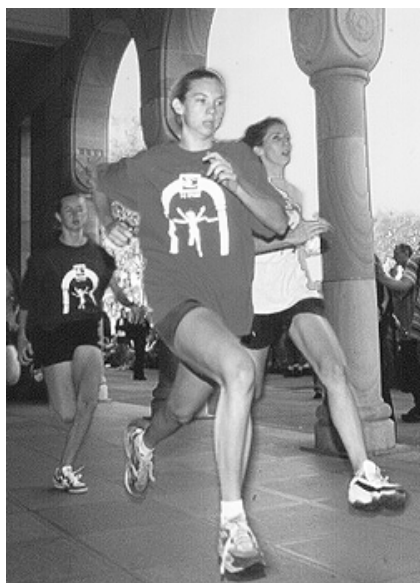
Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Kate Godfrey took 0.87sec off her personal best time to complete the women's 100m butterfly in 1.00.14, behind Susie O'Neill (who has deferred her University of Queensland studies towards a BSc (applied human movement studies)) and Petria Thomas.

Nathan Sharpe was vice-captain of the Australian Under 21 side for the Junior Rugby World Cup in South Africa, and named Player of the Tournament. He was also selected for the Queensland Reds Training Squad, touring New Zealand, and for the Queensland Under 21 team which came second at the National Titles.

**Full Blues** went to Kate Godfrey and Nathan Sharpe, cricketer Geoff Foley, bob-sledder Angus Ross, and women's rugby union players Bronwyn Laidlaw and Mieke Gladwin.

**Half blues** were awarded to rowers David Cook and Jason Scally, rugby player Andrew Plastow, hockey player Sarah Rylands, table tennis player Hoang Nguyen, athlete Nick Lorenz and basketballers Julie Korst and Rachel Francis.

Eight students won University of Queensland **Sports Scholarships** administered by UQ Sport and supported by the University's Alumni Association and Ansett Australia. The scholarships are worth \$1250 each plus free use of UQ Sport facilities. Winners were Kate Godfrey, Nathan Sharpe, Carlie Bennett (hockey), Richard Brockett (athletics), Ben Connell (swimming), Juanita



*The 1998 Great Court Race... competitors run the 637-metre length of the Great Court cloister against chimes marking race records, in an annual event modelled on the Cambridge University race featured in the film Chariots of Fire.*

*(From left) Kimberley MacIntosh, Belinda Lean (winner) and Melissa Moss compete in the women's event, and Marcus Katter, Nick Lorenz, Mark Abercromby (winner for the second year in a row), Damian Riordan and Craig Pease contest the men's event.*

Feldhahn (cycling), Rachel Francis (basketball), Greg Jordan (triathlon) and Lachlan Stevens (cricket).

The University retained the Jodie Martin Trophy for an unprecedented sixth time at the **Northern Conference University Sports Association Games**, this year hosted by Queensland University of Technology. A field of 350 University students competed, winning 11 of the 32 events contested.

These Games are important as the qualifying event for the **Australian University Games** in Melbourne, where our athletes again excelled. They set a games record in the men's swimming 4x50m medley relay and won the 4x100m medley relay, men's 200m butterfly (Ben Connell), men's 110m hurdles (Stuart Anderson), men's tennis and women's mixed touch. Overall, the University came eighth out of 49 Australian universities and four overseas universities.

Our students also made their mark at the **Commonwealth Games** in Kuala Lumpur, with swimmer Kate Godfrey winning a bronze medal, and cyclist and master of veterinary science student Juanita Feldhahn taking eighth place in the 96km road race and seventh in the 26km individual road time trial.

A trio of students stepped, rowed and cycled their way to victory in the **1988 Alpine World Electronic Triathlon** – a UQ Sport-organised event incorporating the cycle ergometer (1.5km on level 10); step machine (50 floors on level 10) and rowing ergometer (750m). Kim Mackintosh (human movement studies), John Absolon (arts) and David Moran (science) completed the course in 7.06.43 sec and each won a ski trip to Mt Hotham.

The University Women's **Rugby** team included five Australian representatives – Mieke Gladwin (awarded a half Blue in rugby in 1996), Cathy Boulton, Karen Bucholz, Perise Illi and Emily Stokes.