



CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting Name:	LOXTON GIFT CARNIVAL – LOXTON OVAL
Date:	SATURDAY 28/02/2026
Weather Conditions:	Windy and Drizzle most of the evening (Twilight: 23-29degrees)
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Wind fluctuations on the straight track Circular (400m): very good surface
Report Prepared By:	Chris Dimitrak
Conduct of Meeting:	<p><i>As this was the 25th year of the Loxton Gift Carnival, we would like to first acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors and supporters, whose ongoing commitment makes this event possible. We also extend our sincere thanks to the Loxton Development Committee and everyone who assisted in delivering a successful meeting once again.</i></p> <p>Thank you to all the athletes, officials, coaches, parents and supporters who made the commitment to travel to Loxton and compete in “windy /wet conditions” throughout the twilight evening – 48 races were held, distances from 70metres to 1,000metre races.</p> <p>Special mention to or 25th Nippy’s Loxton Gift Winners over 120 metres, LUKE RIGBY and ASHLEE MUNT. It was great to see RYLEY JAMES win in a very close race in the 70m and ASHLEE MUNT for taking out the 70m Women’s and Loxton Hotel Athlete of the meet.</p> <p>Finally, congratulations to all athletes who competed under trying conditions, with persistent drizzle throughout the evening presenting added challenges!</p>

DEFINITIONS - (AP) ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE / (NAP) NON-APPROVED PERFORMANCE / (UP) UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE

OVERALL: 48 RACE PROGRAM from 70m to 1,00metres

SCRATCHINGS: 31 scratchings

WIND READINGS – did vary over the evening, women’s heats reached -2.5 & -2.6 mps (120m events) and men’s heats (120m events) low as -1.4 & high of -4.0 mps

We had 31 scratching’s overall for meeting

IMPORTANT NOTE: please remember to advise **Chief Steward** or any other **Steward/Handicappers** before competing of any reason that you may not be able to perform to the best of your ability at the carnival.

Athletes are reminded that they must marshal at the start line.

1,000 Metre Women Final-Target Time 2m 50secs

3 started, 1 scratching

Rachael Kean – won race in 2min 56 sec +, competes regularly – well done

Mercedes Tierney – came second, huge racing schedule this season, slower than expected **(NAP)**

Beth Griffin – 3rd in time of 3min 10 sec+, disappointing run based on handicaps/fastest mps, **(UP)**

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1,000 Metre Mens Final – Target Time 2minutes 25 seconds

11 started – Athletes performing broadly in line with expectations, handicapper noted some below expectations on the evening:

Cameron Konnis – an athlete who competes every week this season, won well, broke target time by 1.6 seconds will be re-handicapped to net time prior to being adjusted due to win (next race over distance).

Gianny Scoleri-disappointing run from athlete, very inconsistent now at distance **(UP)**- Spoke to coach Frank McHugh

Lachlan Fanning- junior athlete, who needs consistency (will happen in time), did receive 28m lift between runs/ran over 2 seconds slower-**(NAP)**

Brock Thompson-ran well, seen as improving athlete by handicapper **(AP)**

OVER 35's: FINAL - 300 Metre

We did have instance of the winner, Tim Noblet causing “obstruction at critical stage” of race to second placegetter James Grant.

As stated under **Rule 16.2**, “Any athlete jostling or running across or willfully obstructing to impede another’s progress may, at the discretion of the Stewards, be disqualified, fined and/or suspended. Chief steward has applied 50% reduction on winning prizemoney.

Recommending to management committee, for the rule to include **athletes/coaches who do not protest**, the **Chief Steward** of the day can make the decision outright when required.

The top 8 finalists ran on or close to expected metres per second, however, 1st and 2nd broke target time of 36 seconds.

Handicapper to review marks over this distance moving forward.

Brad Schutz – spoke to experienced runner on the night, who is currently under done! **(NAP)**, supported the meeting which is terrific.

Event: Men’s 120m Heat 1: winning time 12.778 (-1.9m wind)

Jobie Wescombe – First run with SA Athletic League. Thank you for supporting Loxton.

Event: Men’s 120m Heat 2: winning time 12.716 (-1.4m wind)

Anjo Custodio (NAP)

Danny Hildyard (NAP)

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Event: Men's 120m Heat 3: winning time 12.715 (-4.0m wind)

Joseph McKinnon (NAP)

Liam O'Loughlin - First run with SA Athletic League. Welcome and thank you for supporting Loxton.

Event: Men's 120m Heat 4: winning time 12.779 (-1.9m wind)

Max Thompson (NAP)

Isaac Marshall (UP) classified as extreme for 120m performance, on average and pb mps >0.4

Event: Men's 120m Semi-Final One: winning time 12.593 (-3.0m wind)

All clear

Event: Men's 120m Semi-Final Two: winning time 12.693 (-1.5m wind)

Joseph McKinnon (NAP)

Jason Weah (NAP)

Xavier Poole (NAP)

Event: MENS 120m FINAL: winning time 12.579 (-0.7m wind)

All Clear

Event: Women's 120m Heat 1: winning time 14.375 (-2.5m wind)

Leila Croker (NAP)

Scarlett Poole (NAP) – Had advised Chief Steward prior to carnival that she had sports day the day prior

Alex Day (UP) classified as extreme for 120m performance, on average and pb mps >0.4

Kanisha Serfontein (UP) classified as extreme for 120m performance, on average and pb mps >0.4

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Event: Women's 120m Heat 2: winning time 14.162 (-2.6m wind)

Olivia Tierney (NAP)

Imogen Nobbs (NAP)

Event: WOMENS 120m FINAL: winning time 13.999 (0.0m wind)-target time 14seconds

Winner just broke target time 1/1000 Ashlee Munt.

Event: BOYS 120 metre FINAL: winning time 13.075 (-1.9m wind)

Handicapper advised NEW Target Time 13 seconds, due to a scratch athlete nominating, however, did not run.

Jackson Camilleri: Handicapper to review and adjust accordingly.

Tyler Rowston: Handicapper to review and adjust accordingly.

Billy Rowston: (NAP) Coach Frank McHugh advised athlete had been unwell for a few days prior to meeting.

Event: Boys Under 18 Final 300m: winning time 34.653 – target time 35 seconds

Jackson Camilleri: Winner broke target time, Handicapper to review and adjust accordingly.

Lachlan Fanning: Second broke target time, handicapper to review and adjust accordingly.

Lewis Day: (NAP)

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Event: Girls Under 18 Final 300m: winning time 40.627 (target time 40 seconds)

Only had 3 starters and 4 scratching's

Scarlett Poole (NAP) - Had advised Chief Steward prior to carnival that she had sports day the day prior

Event Women's Over 30 300m

Lauren McHugh (NAP)

BREAKS

120m Over 35 Brad Schutz

300m Over 35 Brad Schutz

Please note that Breaks are now noted and highlighted in race results. The marks will also be changed to reflect the mark the athlete ran off

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