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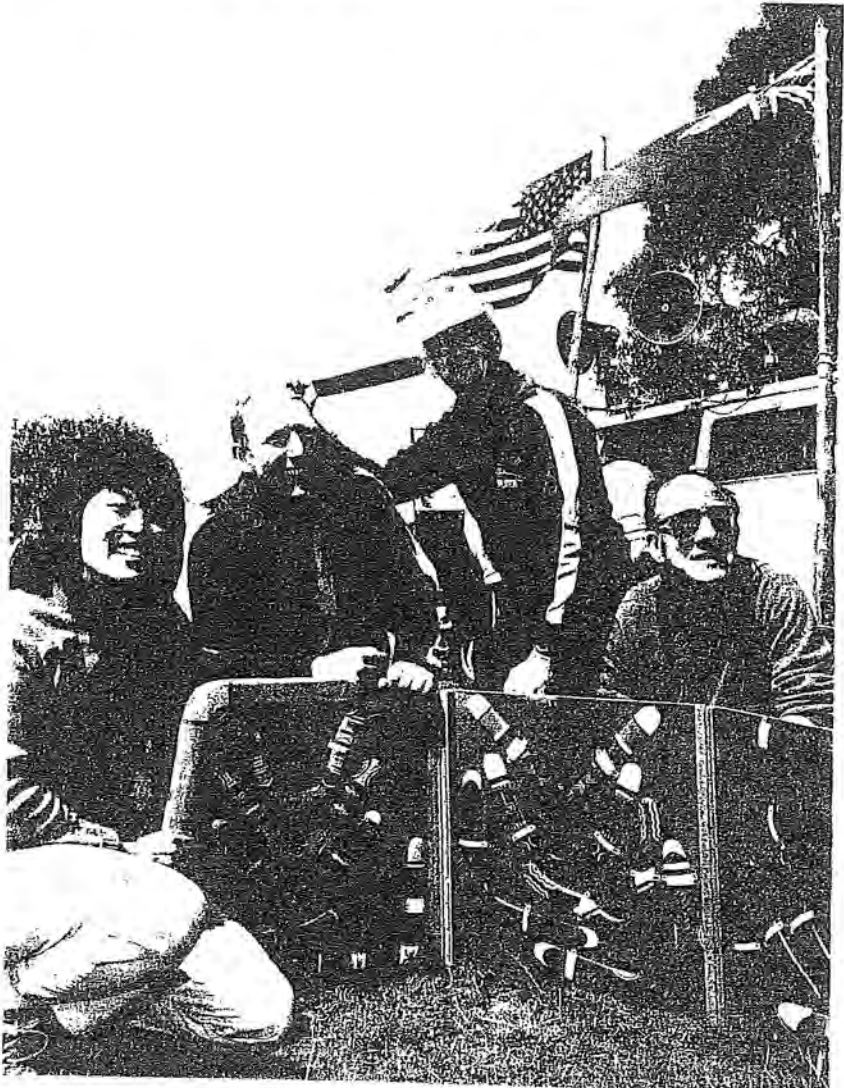
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The First Australia's Boomerang Cup Test Series has now come and gone, and included in this Bulletin are two reports on that momentous event.

Included also are two items of great importance, although they appear in just about every Bulletin: Coming Events and Membership Application Form. Why are these so important? Simply because they are our best (no, our only) means of progressing as an Association.

The Coming Events section lists recognised BAA competitions. These are the only way of getting real competition experience which we all know is so different from just throwing on your own in the local park. We need competition. Lots of it! In fact, we need not only more competition but more competitions, because we only have a year in which to make use of what we have learnt from last November's Test Series before we may be applying it in earnest in a rematch with the U.S.A. May I urge all members to get to as many events as possible, especially the Australian Championships and with it the Annual General Meeting. This is where the "fate of the nation" is decided...at least for boomerangs.

The Membership Application Form is the only way to grow. Last Bulletin I challenged all members to get just one other person interested and signed up as a member. How many of us have done that? We even have Tony Greig, the former English Test Cricket Captain, and his family, signed up as financial members now. Who have you asked lately? They won't join unless you ask them- make it an invitation to join, to get involved.

C'mon Aussie, remember it's "Boomerangs and you in '82" ...and it starts with YOU.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to:

TONY GREIG & FAMILY of North Sydney, N.S.W.

MALCOLM GOLDFINCH of Woollahra, N.S.W.

DAVID FREEMAN of Chatswood, N.S.W.

Tony Butz.



Australian Coach, Br. Brian Thomas, giving Tony Greig a few pointers.

COMING EVENTS

WAVERLEY COMPETITION on 21st MARCH

Venue: Ring Bob Croll (03) 277 2386

(There will be no Moomba this year)

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS at ALBURY

on APRIL 3rd & 4th, Alexandra Park.

SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIPS in JULY.

At BEAUCHAMP PARK, CHATSWOOD.

ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS on 2nd, 3rd

OCTOBER at ALEXANDRA PARK.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Br. Brian M. Thomas

Australian Team Captain 1981

Well, the great Challenge Tour is over. What can we say? It was an outstanding success. Friendships were forged, with much useful information being shared to kindle the flames of enthusiasm in the hearts of all throwers. Great names from both sides of the globe became living, throwing flesh and blood. No longer are they the fabrications of some mis-guided or overzealous media reporter, but now our eyes have seen the real people they are. The many hours of discussions most of us enjoyed together further enabled us to understand the personal drives, theories and ambitions of each thrower. Our national sport received its widest coverage since Captain Cook landed, with newspaper, TV, radio and magazine reporters working overtime.

May I now present some thoughts on both teams.

First, our gracious visitors, the Americans, who really showed us what it is to be enthusiastic about boomerangs and about throwing. Their non-throwing Captain, Ben Ruhe, constantly urged his team along, relaying progressive scores, and holding after-match post mortems to try and improve the team's performance the following match. Did he succeed! And the others? Who could not listen to Chet Snouffer, Peter or Larry Ruhf, Big Al, Ali or Steve, etc. etc., without feeling the boomerang blood gyrating in one's veins! (Mornings set aside for sight-seeing, buying, etc. were used for... yes, boomerang throwing!) Thank goodness we were able to include the boomerang factories of Bunny, Jack, Les & Arthur, and Jeff on the route... what an omission that would have been!

Enthusiasm is certainly the key word for our Yanks. Their spontaneous "Wow-ee!"s even spread to the usually staid Aussies, and team cheering became the name of the game. Then Eric Darnell and his co-throwers took us night flying at the pitch black Wycheproof Oval using a dozen or so Cyalume illuminated boomerangs which were usually whizzing around all at the same time! What a sight! And what a night! Ben's Suicide Throw (all throwers standing in one line and launching together) is spectacular... and comical, as throwers fall over each other endeavouring to reach their fast disappearing boomerangs. To top it off Chet showed us how to catch with the feet on only the second try.

Team manager and judge, Ali Miller, was a master diplomat, a very gracious lady, the soul of co-operation, and is to be congratulated on organising such a large group so efficiently. Allow me a special word of congratulations to the whole team on their exemplary conduct throughout the tour. Being the first touring boomerang team, they were setting a pattern and a precedent. Most people didn't realise they had quite a few 'reformed' smokers during the tour. No easy matter. Well done mates and coppers! A ripper effort.

And what about their throwing? *Voku voku nod like ourselves thou caught a*

few things. One of the first tips picked up was the Aussie way to catch...close in to the body..and they never looked back. It must have been the dream of a lifetime to have seven comps in less than two weeks (which was, of course, an advantage they had over our throwers). Certainly the standard rose as the Tour progressed, with some sensational catches being taken in Sydney.

Doug Du Fresne was poetry in motion at Albury when he smashed my Shortest Time for 5 Catches record with an amazing 33.39 secs. Peter and Larry Ruhf were superb in the Maximum Time Aloft (MTA), as well as being excellent all round throwers.

Of course, acrobatic Chet Snouffer was an exciting competitor at all times, as he ran, tumbled, rolled and back-flipped his way through the tour. Big Al Gerhards excelled in the Australian Round and MTA as well as being America's top distance thrower and runner-up to Bob Burwell on both occasions. Jerry Caplan showed he can handle any boomerang..right or left handed, as he hurled them out with both hands.

Naturally fast-talking Barnaby Ruhe had the media eating out of his hand with William Tell act. The International Boomerang Tribunal is currently studying a complaint against Barnaby that he may have been involved in some foul tactics! Several mysterious feathers were often found in the Aussies' areas...some Indian voodoo is suspected!

Dr. Steve Miller, as well as stitching up wounded Peter Ruhf's head, showed us a new and very effective way to do the accuracy throw. "I dub thee, Sir Steve" is its name. He knelt on one knee as if to be knighted, and threw...very effectively, finishing in the top three places in 5 of the first 6 encounters.

America took out the Uncle Tobys' Australia's Boomerang Cup because of the depth of talent in the whole team. All 10 throwers, at one time or another, finished in one of the top three places in an event. I know many months of dedicated practice led to this, so they merely got what they deserved. Youngster Carl Naylor, only 64, was a picture to behold as he wound up on one leg for his baseball-style long distance throw.

Throwers to win events were Peter Ruhf (4), Chet Snouffer (3), Larry Ruhf (3), Al Gerhards (1) and Doug Du Fresne (1). Winners of our main event, the General Competition or Australian Round, were Peter Ruhf (1st Test) and big Al Gerhards (at Albury).

No doubt photographer Steve Brown, accompanied by his lovely wife, June, will have many fascinating shots for the June edition of Time/Life magazine. They were great company on the tour.

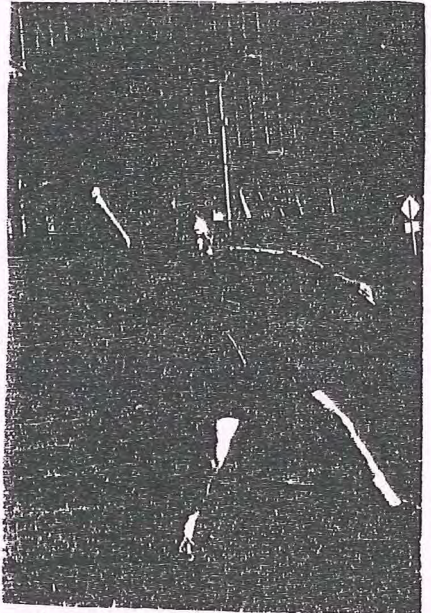
Sponsor Marjorie Gerrish presented BAA President Jack Byham with her beautiful trophy for the guest nation of this historic event. Australians are grateful to Marjorie for all she has done throughout the years to foster this wonderful aboriginal sport of ours throughout the world.

The American throwers adapted to our rules with remarkable ease, especially in the Accuracy Competition.

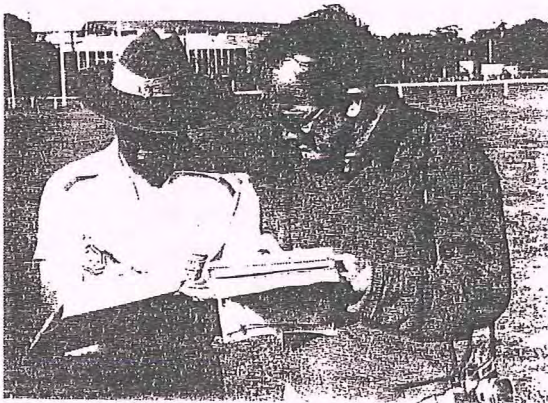
I did manage to capture about 15 minutes Super 8 movie of the action for our records.

And what of the local lads, the Aussies?

Well, in the first place let me



Jerry Caplan lets fly in Melbourne



congratulate them on being excellent, thoughtful hosts to our American visitors. That was the most important thing.

Secondly, let me say that they have been grossly mis-represented by the media. I must say the image the media has presented is that there are ten American throwers up on top and ten Aussie throwers down the bottom. Utterly false! Let me supply you with a few facts which will be handy for you to quote when needed.

In the three Tests there were 14 events. Really 3 of these (MTA) were a foregone conclusion for the Americans. In the remaining 11 events, 7 were won by Australians and 4 by Americans. Australians won 2 of the 3 Australian Rounds, both Long Distance events, 2 of the 3 Accuracy events and 1 of 3 Catching events.

However, while we had individuals who were the best, we didn't have the same depth of consistent throwers as the Americans.

At the end of the Tour the Americans acclaimed Bob Burwell of Queensland as the best thrower in the world. So impressed are they, that they want him over there for their 1982 June competitions. Congratulations, Bob. At Albury, in winning the Long Distance Competition for the second time, Bob broke his own record of 107 m by throwing an official 111 metres. In his 5 throws he made over 100 m 3 times. His nearest rival was big Al Gerhards with 88 m.

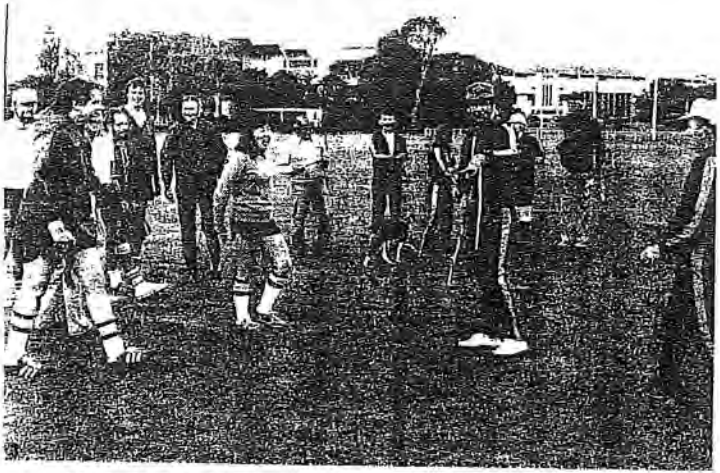
Winners for Australia in the three Tests were Bob Burwell (Aust. Rd. & 2 Long Dist.), Br. Brian Thomas (Aust. Rd.), Dennis Maxwell (Acc.), Chris Westall (Acc.) and Chris Henzgen (Catch.).

In the first three State encounters winners were Bunny Read (Catch. & Long Dist.), Dennis Maxwell (Aust. Rd.) and Chris Westall (Catch.).

It was great to see the improvement in throwers, especially in the MTA. Bob Croll and Dennis Maxwell were our two stars here. Bob eventually took out 2 third places..no mean feat!

Apart from throwing skills, some other factors do help explain the final result of the Tour.

1. All 10 American throwers threw at every contest. Australia never fielded the same team twice. 38 Australians competed against 12 Americans during the two weeks. Match practice is invaluable when competing at world standard.



USA v Australia at what?

2. The Americans lived together throughout the Tour and developed an excellent, strong team spirit, something we never achieved to the same extent. Communication was a major problem with us.

3. Pre-match practice was another problem for the host throwers, as we were usually busy with the logistics of setting up the ground prior to the contest. This didn't leave much time, on some occasions, to sort out which boomerang was best suited to the conditions of the day.

I put forward these facts not as an excuse, since we were honestly beaten, but as some explanation of our downfall from which we may learn lessons for the future. Many sincere thanks must be passed on to all who contributed to the whole successful venture.

Firstly to Tony Butz, official referee, who gave up his time (and pay) for two weeks, and proved to be such a sincere, thorough, impartial judge at all times. His value to the whole Tour was incalculable.

come to all the thoughtful people involved in organising: Chris Henzgen and the bands, etc., the Maxwells and the great opening contest & its setting; Bunny Read, George Tunstall & their families and the people of Wycheproof for real country hospitality; Jack & Bronya Byham at Cobham; Ken Ovington, Les & Arthur Janetzki, Mike Egan and their families for the wonderful barbecue, accommodation, etc.; Duncan & Mrs. MacLennan Sn. for the lovely wind-up barbecue; Bruce Kyle for the Boating Club; Bob Burwell and Steve Glover for their generosity in Brisbane. A special thanks to Bob, who acted as bus driver for most of the tour, and a very special thanks to Barrie Forsyth & wife, who drove so far to be of support, even travelling onto Brisbane to act as an official. Whyalla is a long way back!

I would like to state my personal thanks to the Brothers of Clifton Hill and Albury, who have always supported the BAA with accommodation, etc. Many thanks to all the competitors for their genuine efforts. Thanks to other transport drivers: Billy Knight, Bob Croll, Jack Byham & his nephew, the Maxwells. Special thanks goes to Annie Henzgen for her very vocal, enthusiastic support. Great stuff!

Finally our sincere thanks go to those who helped sponsor the Tour in any way. UNCLE TOBYS OATS donated the \$1000 AUSTRALIA'S BOOMERANG CUP, WRECKAIR HIRE provided the free use of our 12 seater bus for 2 whole weeks, and are sponsoring some ACHIEVEMENT MEDALLIONS, while HERB ELLIOTT of PUMA supplied our track suits at cost price. To these and any others, thank you very much.

A word of commendation for MORRIS MAXWELL for his idea and design for the AUSTRALIA'S CUP. It now provides a focal point, and a talking point, in the sport. The main trophy is housed at Uncle Tobys' Head Office in Sydney, while the replica has gone to America until the next challenge. The winning team will always hold the replica. Winners names are engraved on both trophies. LET'S MAKE SURE THE NEXT NAME ON IT IS AUSTRALIA! START PRACTISING!



Contact has been made with JOHN JORDAN of England, who produces the British Boomerang Newsletter. Future Bulletins will feature some extracts from this, by courtesy of John. Thanks.

POPE JOHN PAUL II received a boomerang from BAA member Br. John Griffith last November. It was featured in several newspapers.

We are in contact with a keen Nigerian school teacher, who wishes to start boomerang competitions in Nigeria.

While in the Holy Land Br. John Griffith tossed a few boomerangs around on famous Mt. Tabor, the place of Christ's Transfiguration.

The French Newsletters arrive regularly. Problem though...it's amazing how hard it is to find someone who can read French!

A U S T R A L I A V U . S . A .

FOR

Uncle Tobys AUSTRALIA'S BOOMERANG CUP

One of the main purposes of this tournament was to evolve a set of rules for team competition in boomerang throwing, such as between two countries, as we have only ever before competed as individuals. Accordingly, considerable construction and reconstruction of rules during the early part of the tournament was allowed for, and indeed took place. For the record, and for the interest of members, some of these details are included below.

U.S.A. V MELBOURNE

Friday, 13th Nov., Flinders Park, Melbourne.

Before the first match, a meeting was held with both teams present to agree on a trial set of contest rules. Considerable discussion with a great variety of opinions between, and within, both teams produced the following variations of BAA rules as a test case :

1. CATCHING

Based on the shortest time for five catches, with a maximum of ten throws allowed. An Australian and an American to start throwing simultaneously from two different circles. Five throwers would have their times tallied and the shorter total time would win.

2. ACCURACY

Five throwers with five throws each, in turn (i.e. "on the line"). Five throwers would have their points tallied, and the team with the bigger score would win.

3. DURATION OF FLIGHT (MTA)

Five throwers with three throws each, and the best single throw (longest time) of each thrower to be added within each team. The longer team time total would win. The throw must be caught to qualify.

4. LONG DISTANCE

Five throwers with three throws each; the best single distance for each thrower to be added together for each team.

5. GENERAL COMPETITION or AUSTRALIAN ROUND

Twelve throwers with two rounds of three throws each. Totals would be tallied.

The winning team only would score points for the scoreboard - 15 points for each of the first four events, and 40 points for the General Competition.

Using this system, with a few further alterations, the contest went as follows, under very difficult 18 - 25 km/h winds:

Event	USA	MELB.	BEST PERFORMANCE
CATCHING	11.49.11	11.46.75	B.Read (Aust) 58.78 secs
ACCURACY	19	9	S.Miller (USA) 10 pts.
DURATION	58.18	61.81	R.Croll (Aust) 16.11 secs
LONG DISTANCE	120m	185m	B.Read (Aust) 65 metres
GENERAL	422	405	

Of particular note was the amazing difference of less than 3 seconds (in the total time of nearly 24 minutes) between the times of each team in the fast catching event, and the same in the long duration of flight event. Spectacular catching by Chet Snouffer and very consistent throwing by current Australian Champion Dennis Maxwell highlighted this first competition. That 10 points was the highest score in the accuracy event, and that only five throws (out of 30) even qualified in the long distance event, showed that throwing under these gusty conditions was immensely difficult.

The overall result was that the USA won 55 competition points to Melbourne's 45, giving the first state-match victory to the Americans. It was felt afterwards that:

- (1) points going only to the winning team did not accurately reflect the closeness of the competition;
- (2) the catching event rules in windy conditions became more of an endurance run than a catching competition;
- (3) long-distance throwers could not get warmed up when throwing "on the line".

So, before the First Test took place, changes were made to the rules:

- (1) Points would go to both teams, based on a rank ordering of players' positions.
- (2) Catching would be taken first on the number of catches, then according to time taken (to break ties).
- (3) Long distance throwers would get five throws each, consecutively.

There was still considerable variety of opinion on the scoring systems, but sufficient agreement to conduct the first of the three Test Matches.

<u>FIRST TEST</u>	<u>U.S.A.</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>AUSTRALIA</u>
Sunday, 15th Nov., Flinders Park, Melbourne.			
In light rain and strong winds (10 - 50 km/h) the First Test produced the following results:			
EVENT	USA	AUST	BEST PERFORMANCE
CATCHING	23	32	C.Henzgen (Aust) 5 catches
ACCURACY	29	24	D.Maxwell (Aust) 20 pts
DURATION	35	21	P.Ruhf (USA) 14.59 secs
LONG DISTANCE	22	23	R.Burwell (Aust) 99 metres
GENERAL	122	115	P.Ruhf (USA) 53 pts
TOTAL	231	215	

Points of interest during the match:

- (1) In the Accuracy, Australia won more accuracy points (56) than USA (52) but lost the competition on placings, which are a truer indication of combined team strength.
- (2) Australia went down badly in the Duration event because of dropped catches. Both Bob Burwell and Andrew Travis had times over 22 seconds but could not regain the boomerang to take a catch and qualify. In fact, 66% of all throws of both teams were not caught.
- (3) In the Long Distance, Steve Miller was nearly put out of action first throw when his boomerang sailed away in a very gusty wind and broke. Larry Ruhf nearly set an

in the hope of going by express train to Sydney!

USA V ALBURY & COUNTRY

Wednesday, 18th Nov., Alexandra Park, Albury.

In distinct contrast to the Melbourne weather, Albury turned on a warm, fine day with light breezes, showing the Americans why this country city has been dubbed the "Boomerang Capital of Australia". These conditions helped players turn out their best performances and the competition was extremely close:



Melbourne: Billy Knight

EVENT	USA	AUST	BEST PERFORMANCE
CATCHING	45	33	C. Westall (ALB) 43.37 secs
ACCURACY	40	29	C. Snouffer (USA) 17 pts
DURATION	53	25	P. Ruhf (USA) 18.83 secs
GENERAL	124	179	A. Gerhards (USA) 76 pts
TOTAL	262	266	

The presentation was made initially to the USA (due to a place calculation error on drawn scores) but later rectified. This morale booster gave the Aussies some hope for the next day's Second Test, as Albury Captain, 81 year old Les Janetzki, accepted the victory banner (during Ken Ovington's barbecue!) - the first Australian win in the tournament.

SECOND TEST U.S.A. V AUSTRALIA

Thursday, 19th Nov., Alexandra Park, Albury.

Constantly shifting, but light, breezes greeted the two national teams as they met in deadly earnest for the Second Test, which ended in a cliff-hanging General Competition:

EVENT	USA	AUST	BEST PERFORMANCE
CATCHING	28	27	D. Du Fresne (USA) 33.39 secs. RECORD
ACCURACY	32	25	C. Westall (Aust) 26 pts
DURATION	33	22	P. Ruhf (USA) 21.73 secs
LONG DISTANCE	27	25	R. Burwell (Aust) 111 m RECORD
GENERAL	99	114	R. Burwell (Aust) 77 pts
TOTAL	219	213	

Where does one begin to comment on this contest?! There was so much at stake -- a win to the USA would mean the Cup was in the USA's bag; a win to Australia would mean a draw and a fight for the last test - and the excitement and tension were electric! Doug Du Fresne's time for the five catches set a new record (previously 35.00 secs set by Br. B. Thomas) and Bob Burwell's 111 metres (on the axis line) beat his own record for the Long Distance event (previously 107 m set in March, 1981, on the same ground). Two magnificent performances by two true champions and thorough gentlemen: our congratulations to Doug and Bob.

It is also worth noting that in the General Competition perfect scores of 16 points each were scored by Chris Westall (Aust), Chet Snouffer (USA) - twice, and Bob Burwell

by our usual mass crowds sitting on the edge of their proverbial seats!) that took place in this Test. At one stage Peter Ruhf decided that there was not enough excitement, so he demonstrated a new type of catch - collecting one of Bob Burwell's 104 metre returns on the back of his skull! Dr. Steve Miller came to his aid with a few stitches, and Peter returned to the contest (having not left the field) to take third place in the Long Distance event. Our bravery award goes to Peter Ruhf! (Or should this be a re-titling of Ben Ruhe's competition "Now you see it, now you don't; clunk; but I bet you felt it!")

The American win, by a narrow 6 points in a total of 432, clinched the Test series for the USA, with one Test Match still to be played out in Sydney.

U.S.A. V SYDNEY

Sunday, 22nd November, Chaplin Oval, Lane Cove.

A terrible day, weatherwise, confronted the teams as they met at Chaplin Oval, Lane Cove. Windy and wet, it was decided to begin with the Accuracy event, which USA won - 35 points to Sydney's 19. Displays and interviews for TV cameras and newspapers then took place before a start was made on the General Competition ... and only a start it was! Torrential rain drowned out the the event, and due to a lack of time and canoes, a catching event was held in its place and in the newly formed lake - USA taking 21 catches to Sydney's 8. Meanwhile Barry Forsyth was amusing the spectators indoors with his expertise at indoor balsarangs. Throwers and spectators also had time to get acquainted with my two bedroom pets, Monty and Fred, friendly pythons! They were not everybody's cup of tea.

THIRD TEST U.S.A. V AUSTRALIA

Monday, 23rd Nov., Birchgrove Oval, Balmain.

From the outset TV crews, newspaper photographers and reporters covered the events - doubtless the widest press coverage we have received (and probably the least accurate!). This also delayed the start by nearly an hour as interviews were sought with competitors and organisers. Finally, with the USA Consul-General, Mr. Herb Horowitz, throwing out the first boomerang (and bringing it right back in ... Chet's quick coaching!) the Third and final Test got under way.

Light breezes off Sydney Harbour made for an interesting Accuracy event that started the contest with a close score of USA 30 to Australia 24. Catching took the progressive total to a tight USA 58 to Australia 50, but the Duration event, as usual, widened the margin significantly to give the USA a more comfortable 15 points lead. Undeterred, the Aussies gave a determined performance in the first round of the General Competition, but the second



Big Al gets acquainted with Fred
watched by doubting Carl Naylor

their win:

EVENT	USA	AUST	BEST PERFORMANCE
CATCHING	28	26	C.Snouffer (USA) 35.56 secs
ACCURACY	30	24	C.Snouffer (USA) 20 pts
DURATION	31	24	P.Ruhf (USA) 21.88 secs
GENERAL	121	95	Br.Brian Thomas (Aust) 55 pts
TOTAL	210	169	

Due to the lateness of the day, the Long Distance event was not held, but the spectators (our largest crowd for the whole tournament, bolstered by the arrival of children from local schools) saw plenty of excitement and received an excellent running commentary from Alan Thompson throughout the day.

Mr. David McNamee presented the \$1000 Uncle Tobys Australia's Boomerang Cup to Ben Ruhe, Captain/Coach of the USA Team; and Mrs. Marjorie Gerrish, who had sponsored and accompanied the USA team, presented a magnificent silver plate to BAA President Jack Byham of Cobram.



Tony Butz & his friend 'Monty'

CONCLUSION

There can be no doubt that the whole tour was an immense success, especially in realising its stated aims of international competition and public awareness. The stronger team won, fairly and humbly, and we all learnt a lot from one another and shared a lot with one another. But all of it was due to an absolutely immense amount of organisation and effort by a very large number of people who undertook their part in the proceedings with devotion and dedication that must be mentioned here. Space does not permit a full treatment of gratitude to all who were involved; so, with apologies, I have been very selective and epigrammatic in expressing on behalf of all members and participants our utmost gratitude to all the workers and organisers notably:

Dennis, Morris & Catherine Maxwell, for superb organisation, planning & administration.
Chris Henzgen, for organising magnificent musical welcomes to our visitors on several occasions.

Trevor Williams & Mr. Jim Doake, for their parts in the Melbourne sight-seeing tour.
Bunny & Heather Read, George & Winn Tunstall & the town of Wycheproof for magnificent country-style reception and hospitality.

Jack & Bronya Byham, for a superb reception in Cobram.

Ken Ovington, Les & Arthur Janetzki, Mike Egan & family, for a wonderful Albury reception and organisation.

Bruce Kyle, Duncan & Mrs. MacLennan, for outstanding hospitality in Sydney.

The Boomerang Ladies - Heather, Peggy, Julianne, Winn, Annie and Catherine, who did so much behind the scenes and gave so much moral support to the Aussies; (and those wives who could not tour but let their husbands loose!)

Bob Burwell & Barrie Forsyth, for travelling the extra distances and doing so many extras.

Steve Glover, Bob & the other Queensland organisers, for turning on a beaut finale for our guests.

Br. Brian Thomas, for an absolutely mammoth amount of time-consuming and dedicated work and preparation for over a year behind the scenes.

The Americans - sponsors, organisers & competitors - for being such wonderful people and taking the time and effort to make possible this "world first".

The list could continue for much longer, but would take too much room in a small magazine. We look now to the future, to make the best of what we have learned from the First Test Series, and to go on to even bigger and better things - for the sport, for Australia, and for the sheer enjoyment of boomerangs.

Tony Butz

Australian Referee

Australia V USA Challenge 1981

CHRIS HENZGEN'S BOOMERANG SONG



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION?
IF YOU COME FROM AUSSIE THEN YOU DO.
THROUGH THE AGES THE PAGES OF HIST'RY REPORT,
OUR ACCLAIM IN THE NAME OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST SPORT
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION?
CAN YOU KEEP DOWN UNDER UP ON TOP?
BOOMERANG, MAINTAIN OUR REPUTATION,
DON'T LET OUR STANDARDS DROP.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION?
IF YOU THROW FOR AUSSIE THEN YOU DO,
AS IT LEAVES IT DECEIVES, DISAPPEARING FROM VIEW,
BUT WE KNOW THAT YOUR THROW WILL RETURN RIGHT TO YOU,
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION?
CAN YOU KEEP DOWN UNDER UP ON TOP?
BOOMERANG, REMEMBER WHERE YOU CAME FROM,
DON'T LET THE GLORY STOP,
BOOMERANG, MAINTAIN OUR REPUTATION,
DON'T LET OUR STANDARDS DROP.

Words & Music by Chris Henzgen.

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Annie & Chris Henzgen



AUSTRALIA V USA TEST RESULTS....PERSONAL PLACINGS,

AUST. ROUND	DISTANCE	ACCURACY	CATCHING	MTA
<u>FIRST TEST MELBOURNE.</u>				
1. P. Ruhf	1. B. Burwell	1. D. Maxwell	1. C. Henzgen	1. P. Ruhf
2. Br. B. Thomas	2. A. Gerhards	2. B. Read	2. C. Snouffer	2. B. Ruhe
3. B. Forsyth	3. P. Ruhf	3. S. Miller	3. B. Croll	3. D. Du Fresne
4. M. Maxwell	4. B. Read	A. Gerhards	4. B. Read	4. L. Ruhf
5. A. Gerhards	5. L. Ruhf	5. C. Naylor	5. L. Ruhf	5. B. Knight
6. C. Snouffer	6. D. Maxwell	6. Br. B. Thomas	6. B. Burwell	6. B. Croll
7. D. Maxwell	7. M. Maxwell *	7. C. Snouffer	7. D. Du Fresne	7. D. Maxwell
8. L. Ruhf	B. Knight *	8. E. Darnell	8. B. Ruhe	8. A. Travis
9. C. Henzgen	J. Caplan *	9. B. Forsyth *	9. Br. B. Thomas	B. Burwell
E. Darnell	S. Miller *	G. Rawson *	10. E. Darnell	10. J. Caplan
S. Miller				

* denotes failed to qualify for points

<u>SECOND TEST ALBURY.</u>				
1. B. Burwell	1. B. Burwell	1. C. Westall	1. D. Du Fresne Rec.	1. P. Ruhf
2. C. Snouffer	2. A. Gerhards	2. E. Darnell	2. C. Henzgen	2. A. Gerhards
3. Joe Lewry	3. P. Ruhf	3. S. Miller	3. C. Westall	3. B. Croll
4. P. Ruhf	4. B. Knight	4. B. Read	4. E. Darnell	4. L. Ruhf
5. B. Croll	5. L. Ruhf	5. D. Maxwell	5. C. Snouffer	5. D. Maxwell
6. M. Maxwell	6. B. Read	6. C. Naylor	6. B. Read	6. J. Caplan
7. C. Henzgen	7. J. Caplan	C. Snouffer	7. Br. B. Thomas	7. B. Burwell
8. D. Maxwell	8. Joe Lewry	A. Gerhards	8. L. Ruhf	8. B. Forsyth
9. D. Du Fresne	9. D. Maxwell *	9. Br. B. Thomas	9. B. Ruhe	9. S. Miller
10. J. Caplan	D. Du Fresne *	10. Joe Lewry *	10. B. Burwell	10. B. Read
B. Read			Rec: 33.37	

<u>THIRD TEST SYDNEY.</u>				
1. Br. B. Thomas	No	1. C. Snouffer	1. C. Snouffer	1. P. Ruhf 21.88
2. C. Snouffer	Contest	2. B. Burwell	2. B. Read	2. A. Gerhards
3. B. Forsyth		3. S. Miller	3. C. Henzgen	3. B. Croll
S. Miller		4. B. Read	4. D. Du Fresne	4. B. Ruhe
L. Ruhf		5. J. Caplan	5. B. Ruhe	5. B. Burwell
6. C. Henzgen		6. D. Maxwell	6. B. Burwell	6. B. Forsyth
B. Ruhe		7. C. Naylor	7. B. Croll	7. D. Maxwell
8. J. Caplan		8. Br. B. Thomas	8. E. Darnell	8. L. Ruhf
B. Burwell		9. E. Darnell	9. J. Caplan	9. S. Miller
10. P. Ruhf		10. B. Croll *	10. Br. B. Thomas *	10. C. Henzgen

OFFICIAL REFEREES WERE TONY BUTZ (AUST) & ALI MILLER (USA),

... BUT WHAT A MATCH!



DENNIS (left) and Morris Maxwell in training



BOB CROLL



BOB BURWELL



1981 GENERAL CHAMPIONS



DENNIS MAXWELL .. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION

MORRIS MAXWELL .. SYDNEY CHAMPION

BOB CROLL .. MOOMBA & ALBURY CHAMPION

BOB BURWELL .. 2ND USA TEST CHAMPION

BR. BRIAN THOMAS .. QUEENSLAND & 3RD USA
TEST CHAMPION



1981



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RESULTS OF QUEENSLAND V USA 25TH NOV, 1981

AT DITTMER PARK, MT.GRAVATT

JUDGES: BARRIE FORSYTH AND BEN RUHE

NAME	GEN.CH.	ACC.	MTA	TAG CATCHING
THROWS	2x3	5	2	
TOM AASKOV	5 5	1 4		
PETER RUHF	5 7	1 2	1 5 . 9	
JACK BURWELL	6 4	1 0		
LARRY RUHF	3 0	1 0	1 2 , 2 2	
CEC COOK	5 8	8		
STEVE MILLER	5 7	1 0		
JOSEPH SKEEN		0		
JERRY CAPLAN	6 7	1 2	1 5 , 4	
RICHARD GOLDNER	3 0	0	1 1 . 2 6	
AL GERHARDS	6 8	1 0		
LES JONES	2 0	4		
ALI MILLER	6 0	0		
ROD JONES	6 2	2 0		
ERIC DARNELL	5 1	1 1	1 0 . 8	
DEBBIE MARSHALL	5 9	1 0	7 . 8	
DOUG DU FRESNE	5 5	6	1 1 . 6	
DAVID SPEARRITT	4 5	1 0	1 1 . 7	
BARNABY RUHE	6 9	1 1	1 2 . 4	
CONRAD STACEY	6 2	4	9 . 3 6	
CARL NAYLOR	6 6	1 1		
RON O'DOHERTY	0	0		
CHET SNOUFFER	6 4	1 4		
VICTOR BOND	8			
IAN FORSYTH	3 4			

OVERALL RESULTS WERE GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP: USA 156 TO Q'LD 102

ACCURACY USA 159 TO Q'LD 105

MTA USA 35 TO Q'LD 20

TAG CATCHING USA 28 THROWS & 21 CATCHES, Q'LD 20 THROWS 7 CATCHES

TOTAL POINTS: USA 350 Q'LD 227

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT by BOB BURWELL

Let me begin with the plane facts. That is, plane facts are not plain, especially when trying to work to a plan.

As a result, the planned 23 hour stop in Brisbane was reduced to 19 hours. The contest started at about 3.15 p.m. after a brief exhibition of spear throwing by Jack and Bob Burwell.

The boomerang throwing was started with a tag catching contest and then went on to Accuracy,MTA,General Championship and then exhibition throwing.

After our evening meal break,night throwing was also done.We had a radio P.A. System that worked faultlessly,which meant the small crowd of 30 or so had a complete commentary for the total duration of the contest.

Special mention must be made of Steve Glover who provided the American team with accommodation,plus a mini bus for transport and the radio P.A.System.

I was pleased with the Queensland team's performance and presentation as a team. Special mention must be made on the performance of Tom Aaskov from Rockhampton who had never ever seen anybody else throw a boomerang before this contest.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Great to see Queensland has so many enthusiastic throwers. Congratulations on performing so well.

1982 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 10 A.M.

JUNIOR CATCHING,ACCURACY,GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP
 SENIOR SMALLEST BOOMERANG,LARGEST BOOMERANG,DISTANCE THROWING,
 DURATION,JUGGLING AND DOUBLING,

SATURDAY EVENING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...ALL ATTEND PLEASE,

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 9 A.M.

SENIOR ACCURACY,CATCHING,GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP,
 PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

ENTRY FEE: SENIORS \$5 AND JUNIORS \$2 (COVERS ALL EVENTS),

ANY THROWER COMPETING MUST BE A BAA MEMBER. THROWERS MAY JOIN THE BAA
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