

FREEMAN, Alfred: Year of '30 – Long Jump Record

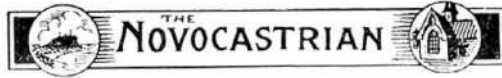
Alfred Freeman was an exceptional athlete, specialising in the jumps, especially the broad (long) jump. He started at NHS, at 'The School on The Hill', in 1928, having previously attended Hamilton Intermediate High School. At the school sports day in 1929, when Alfred was in fourth Year, he jumped 20'6" (6.25 m).

After the female students left to go to the newly created NGHS at Hamilton, the 'School on The Hill' became Newcastle Boys High School and so the broad jump record he set at the school carnival in 1930, of 21'9.5" (6.64 m), was a record for NBHS which remained unbroken till the school ceased to exist, as NBHS, in 1975.

Alfred felt that his record should have then been transferred to the newly formed NHS at Hamilton and wrote many letters to prominent people trying to have, what he felt was an injustice, corrected.

In 1983 he wrote to Audrey Armitage, who was about to publish her book Newcastle High School – The First 75 Years. That letter, which pleads his case, is given below, as well as the reply from the Education Department to his local Member, who took up his cause, and a program from the NBHS Sports Carnival of 1974, showing his record.

Research, using the Novocastrian magazines of 1929 and 1930, revealed that Alfred had an identical twin, who was also an exceptional athlete, in both high and long jump events, as shown below.



vaulting and jumping events, was not high. The competition was good, and many races were closely contested, and the junior cup was won by a margin of one point only.

Luncheon and afternoon tea were arranged for by the Parents and Citizens' Association, the provisions being supplied by the pupils.

RESULTS OF BOYS' EVENTS

Senior Championship, 100 yards—L. Munro 1, C. Shannon 2, H. Hawkes 3. Time, 11sec.

220 yards—C. Shannon 1, A. Freeman 2, F. Luckham 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

440 yards—L. Glassop 1, F. Luckham 2, L. McLeod 3. Time, 60 1-5sec.

880 yards—L. Glassop 1, F. Luckham 2, K. Simpson 3. Time, 2min. 21sec.

Mile—L. Glassop 1, J. Waters 2, F. Luckham 3. Time, 5min. 15 1-5sec. (School Record).

120 yards Hurdles—C. Shannon 1, J. Waters 2, A. Freeman 3. Time, 20sec.

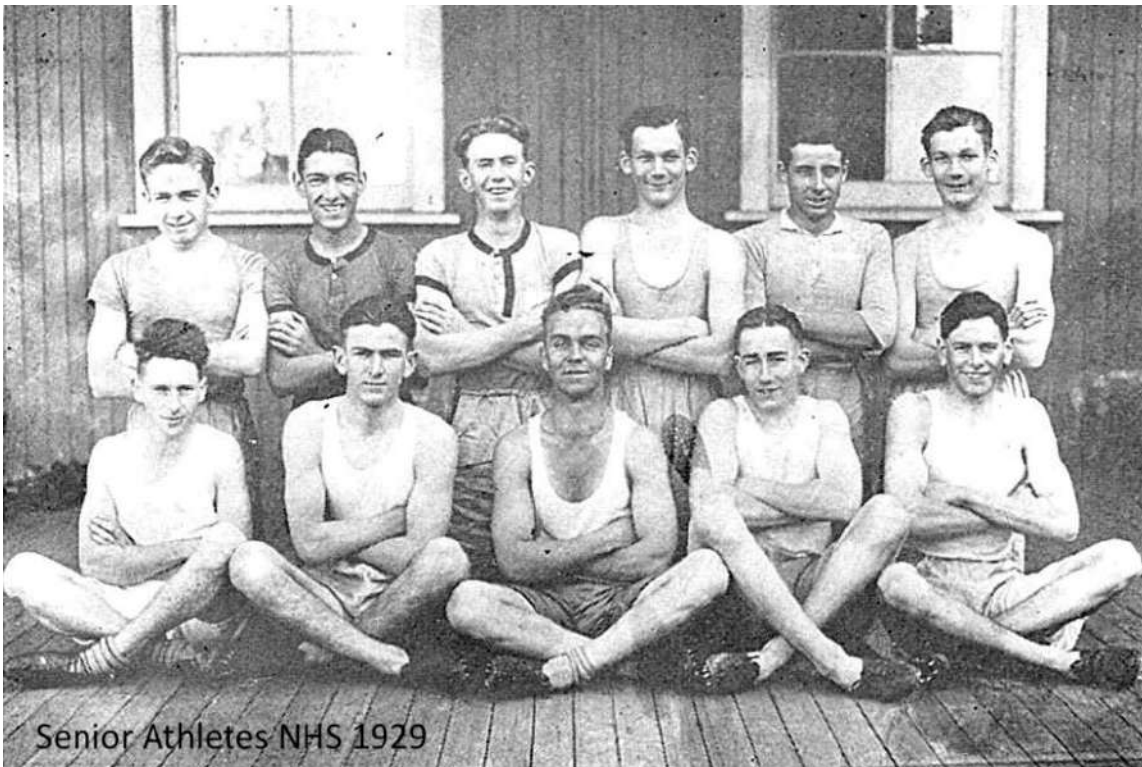
High Jump—C. Shannon 1, A. Freeman 2, S. Freeman 3. Height, 5ft. 6in. (Equals School Record).

Broad Jump—A. Freeman 1, C. Shannon 2, A. Rush 3. Distance, 20ft. 6in.

Pole Vault—C. Shannon 1, L. McLeod 2. Height, 10ft. (School Record).

Point Score—C. Shannon 1, 36½ points; L. Glassop 2, 21 points; A. Freeman and F. Luckham 3, 12 points.

Alfred Freeman, from Newcastle High School
- The First 75 Years, by Audrey Armitage



Senior Athletes NHS 1929



NHS Novocastrian October 1930



These two factors tended to diminish the attendance as compared with previous meetings.

Lastly, the programme was overloaded with novelty events.

The standard of performances, however, was most gratifying, particularly in the senior section, where they were appreciably better than in any previous year except 1923.

In all, four records were broken. The best performance was that of A. Freeman in the broad jump. His winning effort was 21ft. 9½ins., one inch better than the then existing C.H.S. record held by Ashbarry, of S.H.S. Further, S. Freeman, with 21ft. 5½in., and Harvey with 21ft. 1½in. showed form worthy of any combined meeting.

In the senior hop, step and jump, MacLeod, by clearing 41ft. 10½ins., beat Punton's record by over a foot.

In the under fourteen hop, step and jump H. Spark created new figures by clearing 35ft. 9½ins., a phenomenal effort for a boy of his age. Spark also won the under fourteen running broad jump, standing broad jump, 100 yards and 220 yards. Hills created new figures in his heat of the senior 220 yards which he won in 23 4/5 secs. Though he was successful in winning the final from Hawkes and S. Freeman, his time suffered owing to the severe head wind encountered at the finish. Hills also won the 440 yards in 57 2/5 and the 880 yards in 2.17 1/5 sec. Hawkes won his heat of the 100 yards in 10 3/5 secs., and the final in 11 secs., showing excellent form and a promise which he fulfilled in Sydney.

The mile fell to F. Luckham, the hurdles to Waters and the senior pole vault to C. Nelson. In the high jump, S. Freeman, Harvey and Symes tied for first place at 5ft. 4½in.

The Senior Cup was won by Hills with 20 points. S. Freeman 19 points being second and A. Freeman 14½ points third.

The juniors were generally unimpressive. S. Cohen won the junior cup with two points more than Rudd.

The under fourteen cup was won easily by Sparks, whose performances have already been mentioned.

The officials under Mr. Walker, performed their duties ably, and a heavy programme was carried through in a most satisfactory manner.

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14-4-83.

Dear Miss Armitage,

This is the letter I promised to send giving you some details about myself and my record and performance, with some details about my efforts to have the records restored or recognised in some visible position.

This record is most important to me because of the length of time it has been in existence and the fact that I never had any training coaching etc in the event until 1929.

When young 12-15 I attended Hamilton Inter High School (demolished) and represented in Soccer, Cricket and Athletics: no ^{long} jumping because no board and pit were available.

In fourth year 1928 I didn't compete at all, but in winter 1929 a boy, Albert Rusch, who was interested in long jumping asked me to try out with him, he did about 18' and we were both amazed when I easily beat him. At the carnival I won with 20'6" which was 2" short of Ivor Punter's record which had stood for 10 years.

The following year I broke the record 23

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times in practice before the event. We were allowed 3 jumps my first two were fouls but the second of these just splintered the very edge of the board and was my best jump (not measured) and put up the record of 21' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with my last jump.

I came 3rd at the C.H.S. in 1929 and 2nd in 1930 with 21' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to Jack Metcalfe.

Matriculated for medicine in 1930 and competed against and with Jack Metcalfe at the Uni and at the Combined Universities Events at Hobart and Melbourne and won the "B" Div of the Dunn Shield with 21' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

At a combined meeting with Newington I won the event with 22' 0". The only occasion I beat him. He was a wonderful jumping athlete.

When young I represented Newcastle in the Under 14 Soccer. won blazer with Concord for Rugby League, trialled for Green Shield Under 25 cricket was good at Tennis and even successful in Church Cricket at 48.

My grandfather, Alfred Freeman, was a wonderful shoemaker who did some long jumping when young. I was very pleased when I established my record and made me a pair of jumping shoes which are in perfect condition today after 53 years.

Also while at Newcastle the Headmaster, Mr Harvey banned the athletes from competing at the annual P.S.A.A. A. sports. We all went, won most of the events of which I won the long jump with 22' 7".

One of the highlights in my life, in which there has been many disappointments, has been my long standing record. The loss has been hurtful because it has just been erased by bureaucracy and not competition.

I wrote to about 20 people asking for assistance with this matter, including Kevin Gosper, Mr Justice Lee, politicians, Editor of the Newcastle Herald, other reporters, but only received replies from politicians which has disappointed me. I thought

Kearin Cooper holding four junior records would have been concerned.

For the life of me I cannot understand people stating that Newcastle High School has only been in existence since 1975.

I believe the history of a school is not its structure, location etc it is in the students and the evolution of events -

The original school divided because of over crowding. Divided into two because the Minister for Education stated "it is in the best interests to keep the boys and girls separate". Letter in the State Archives.

In 1956 the two schools combined with a Jubilee celebration and I and most people assumed when the reunion took place the two would become one and ~~continuous~~ history would be retained. ^{two columns exist} Here ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~book~~ ^{book}.

You can guess from this letter how I have felt since I returned to the school last year and found this out.

Wishing you well in the preparation of and successful launching of the book.

Yours faithfully
Alfred Freeman J.P.

FROM THE

“All Out”




In full flight.—A. R. P. Freeman one of the broad jumpers who will accompany the Sydney University athletic team to Tasmania

My earlier representation on your behalf refers.



BILL ROBB, M.P.,
MEMBER FOR MIRANDA.

Forwarded with the Compliments of


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25 MAR 1983

Dear Mr. Robb,

I refer to your personal representations on behalf of Mr. A Freeman, 22 Ventura Avenue, Miranda, regarding the sporting records of Newcastle Boys High School.

I appreciate his concern to ensure that the long jump record which he set at Newcastle Boys High School in 1930 is not lost to posterity. At the same time I am concerned that starting dates of schools are correctly registered so that anniversaries such as centenaries can be celebrated at the proper time.

As you are aware tracing the history of some schools is a complex matter, and the high schools in Newcastle are among the most difficult. To clarify the issues let me restate some of the relevant facts:

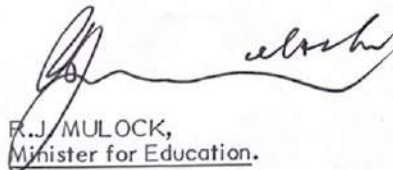
1. The first Newcastle High School began in 1906 as a coeducational school and was closed at the end of 1929. At the beginning of 1930 the boys formed a new school called Newcastle Boys High School, and the girls enrolled at Newcastle Girls High School which had been operating since August 1929.
2. Newcastle Boys High School operated from 1930 until its closure at the end of 1976; its pupils were then merged with pupils from Wickham Girls High School to form a new school called Waratah High School.
3. Newcastle Girls High School operated from 1929 until the end of 1975 when it too was closed and the pupils merged with pupils from Hunter Girls High School, plus a relatively small number of boys, to form the present Newcastle High School.

From the details above it is not possible to argue that the present Newcastle High is the same school as the one which operated from 1906 to 1929, or the subsequent Newcastle Boys and Girls High Schools; indeed, if there was any continuity then Waratah High School would be a more reasonable successor to the first Newcastle High School and Newcastle Boys High School.

In some respects it should be of some satisfaction to Mr. Freeman to know that his 1930 long jump record will now stand and can never be broken, unlike the records of existing schools which can be broken at any time.

I hope this matter has now been resolved to Mr. Freeman's satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



R.J. MULOCK,
Minister for Education.

Newcastle Boys' High School Records — cont.

14 YEARS

100 Metres—R. Walker (1965)	12.2 secs.
200 Metres—T. Heifner (1958)	25.2 secs.
400 Metres—M. Collis (1973)	59.6 secs.
800 Metres—B. Iredale (1970)	2 mins. 17.0 secs.
1,500 Metres—B. Iredale (1970)	4 mins. 59.3 secs.
3,000 Metres—B. Iredale (1970)	10 mins. 36.4 secs.
80 Metres Hurdles—J. Hawkins (1964)	14.1 secs.
High Jump—S. Wawrzyniak (1968)	1.56m
Long Jump—R. Clemens (1945)	5.50m
Triple Jump—B. Ure (1972)	11.07m
Shot Putt—W. Newman (1957)	16.97m
Discus—S. Wawrzyniak (1968)	26.72m
Javelin—S. Wawrzyniak (1968)	39.04m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Shortland House (1958)	52.3 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Smith House (1972)	4 mins. 03.8 secs.

13 YEARS

100 Metres—W. Ellis (1960)	12.6 secs.
200 Metres—S. Burgess (1967), K. Palmer (1973)	26.6 secs.
400 Metres—B. LaHay (1972)	1 min. 00.9 secs.
800 Metres—M. McDonald (1973)	2 mins. 23.5 secs.
1,500 Metres—M. McDonald (1973)	4 mins. 58.0 secs.
3,000 Metres—M. McDonald, B. LaHay (1973)	11 mins. 14.0 secs.
80 Metres Hurdles—C. Turner (1968)	15.0 secs.
High Jump—P. Tandy (1960), V. Topic (1963)	1.47m
Long Jump—P. Drinkwater (1960)	5.11m
Triple Jump—C. McKay (1972)	10.47m
Shot Putt—W. Ellis (1960)	13.61m
Discus—D. Thompson (1973)	25.20m
Javelin—N. Budden (1968)	29.13m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Shortland House	55.3 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Hannell House (1971)	4 mins. 08.6 secs.

12 YEARS

100 Metres—N. Valentine (1960)	12.6 secs.
200 Metres—B. Ure (1970)	28.9 secs.
400 Metres—M. Collis (1971)	1 min. 6.3 secs.
800 Metres—J. Preston, G. Coote (1973)	2 mins. 40.0 secs.
1,500 Metres—T. MacAulay (1969), R. Bell (1973)	5 mins. 33.1 secs.
3,000 Metres—P. Wuloszyn (1970)	11 mins. 42.7 secs.
80 Metres Hurdles—G. Wood (1967)	16.4 secs.
High Jump—P. O'Hearn (1964), K. Westrope (1965)	1.32m
Long Jump—M. Collis (1971)	4.56m
Triple Jump—R. Craig (1973)	9.75m
Shot Putt—P. Grivas (1967)	9.12m
Discus—G. Fraser (1971)	26.76m
Javelin—D. Wells (1973)	26.76m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Hunter House (1973)	1 min. 00.2 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Hunter House (1971)	4 mins. 28.6 secs.

NEWCASTLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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68th ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

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"ARTHUR SHIELD" COMPETITION

Waratah Oval — 23rd and 24th April, 1974

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OFFICIALS

Principal: Mr. L. T. Richardson, B.Sc.

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Referee: Mr. C. Guffet

Starter: Mr. R. Brydon

Marshals

Messrs. B. Deller, G. Russell, G. Sanson, P. Ewers, D. Brinkley, G. Howard

Announcers: Mr. V. Rooney, Mr. J. Allen

Timekeepers

Messrs. R. Davies, R. Avery, G. Gibson, Mrs. N. McLeod, Mrs. M. Charlton

Judges

Mr. A. Clarke (Chief), Mrs. K. Baker, Mrs. C. Cusson, P. Cotterill, J. McGee, Miss M. Dubrejevic

Field Events

Messrs. K. Bridges (Chief), I. Hughes, B. Donegan, R. Best, N. Winney, J. Imrie, P. Sidebottom, R. Ross, G. Coughlan

Recorders

Mr. S. Rigby (Chief), Mrs. D. Shield, Mrs. R. Rippon, Mrs. J. Heuston, Mrs. C. Davies, Mrs. L. Sherwood, Mr. Joyce

Race Recorders

Mr. K. McLelland (Chief), I. Magriss, J. Gebhardt, B. Wilkes, S. Murray

Sportsmaster: Mr. K. Giddy

Assistant Sportsmaster: Mr. K. Bridges

School Captain: Stephen Tivehurst Vice Captain: Derek Murray

House	Colour	Master
Hunter	Gold	Mr. D. Delaney
Shortland	Green	Mr. T. Lynch
Hannell	Red	Mr. A. Leask
Smith	Blue	Mr. V. Rooney

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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Tuesday, 23rd April:

1. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ YEARS 220 YARDS
2. 17+ YEARS SHOT PUTT
3. 16 YEARS DISCUS
4. 12, 13 YEARS HIGH JUMP
5. 14 YEARS JAVELIN
6. 15 YEARS LONG JUMP
7. 17+ YEARS DISCUS
8. 16 YEARS JAVELIN
9. 14 YEARS SHOT PUTT
10. 12, 13, 14, 15 YEARS NOVICE AND CHAMPIONSHIP 880 YDS.
11. 16, 17+ YEARS CHAMPIONSHIP 880 YARDS

Wednesday, 24th April:

1. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ YEARS 440 YARDS
2. 17+ YEARS LONG JUMP
3. 16 YEARS SHOT PUTT
4. 12 YEARS LONG JUMP
5. 13 YEARS SHOT PUTT
6. 14 YEARS DISCUS
7. 15 YEARS JAVELIN
8. 17+ YEARS HIGH JUMP
9. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ YEARS 4 x 110 YARDS RELAY
10. 12 YEARS DISCUS
11. 13 YEARS JAVELIN
12. 14 YEARS LONG JUMP
13. 15 YEARS HIGH JUMP
14. 16 YEARS HIGH JUMP
15. 12 YEARS SHOT PUTT

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16. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ YEARS 100 YARDS
17. 17+ YEARS JAVELIN
18. 16 YEARS LONG JUMP
19. 12 YEARS JAVELIN
20. 13 YEARS LONG JUMP
21. 14 YEARS HIGH JUMP
22. 15 YEARS SHOT PUTT
23. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ YEARS 4 x 400 YARDS RELAY

NEWCASTLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS

17+ YEARS

100 Yards—K. King (1961)	11.1 secs.
200 Metres—S. Burgess (1970)	22.9 secs.
400 Metres—R. Orton (1957)	51.3 secs.
800 Metres—B. Morgan (1973)	2 mins. 03.2 secs.
1,500 Metres—B. Morgan (1973)	4 mins. 09.5 secs.
3,000 Metres—B. Morgan (1973)	9 mins. 04.0 secs.
110 Metres Hurdles—J. Hawkins (1967)	15.2 secs.
High Jump—P. Wright (1966)	1.83m
Long Jump—A. Freeman (1930)	6.64m
Triple Jump—J. Perry (1957)	13.08m
Shot Putt—S. Wawrzyniak (1971)	14.33m
Discus—S. Goodbar (1966)	45.39m
Javelin—S. Goodbar (1967)	52.04m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Hunter House (1966)	46.7 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Hannell House (1972)	3 mins. 33.5 secs.

16 YEARS

100 Metres—K. Gosper (1949)	11.3 secs.
200 Metres—K. Gosper (1949), D. Sharp (1958)	23.3 secs.
400 Metres—K. Gosper (1949)	50.9 secs.
800 Metres—S. McLaughlan (1961)	2 mins. 5.3 secs.
1,500 Metres—B. Morgan (1971)	4 mins. 30.0 secs.
3,000 Metres—B. Morgan (1971)	9 mins. 52.0 secs.
110 Metres Hurdles—J. Hawkins (1966)	17.0 secs.
High Jump—P. Wright (1965)	1.78m
Long Jump—K. Gosper (1949)	6.54m
Triple Jump—A. Leggett (1931)	12.74m
Shot Putt—N. Ryder (1962)	16.40m
Discus—M. Moses (1971)	35.10m
Javelin—N. Ryder (1962)	42.93m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Hannell House (1959)	47.1 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Hannell House (1971)	3 mins. 32.4 secs.

15 YEARS

100 Metres—G. Jones (1948)	11.8 secs.
200 Metres—G. Jones (1948)	24.6 secs.
400 Metres—D. Consalvo (1971) S. Pont (eq. 1972)	56.1 secs.
800 Metres—K. Reeves (1961)	2 mins. 13.2 secs.
1,500 Metres—G. Bunn (1971)	4 mins. 38.5 secs.
3,000 Metres—G. Littler (1970)	10 mins. 23.9 secs.
80 Metres Hurdles—J. Hawkins (1965)	12.5 secs.
High Jump—D. Fryer (1963), J. Drury (1970)	1.64m
Long Jump—I. Trevallion (1960)	6.16m
Triple Jump—R. Southgate	11.95m
Shot Putt—I. Trevallion (1960)	14.25m
Discus—S. Wawrzyniak (1969)	29.03m
Javelin—S. Wawrzyniak (1969)	44.96m
4 x 100 Metres Relay—Shortland House (1959)	49.0 secs.
4 x 400 Metres Relay—Hunter House (1971)	3 mins. 45.7 secs.