

In 2006 the Lions recorded their fourth straight state title, defeating the UTS Gridiron team 34-26. UTS were the favourites to win, having the league leading offence, and poached players from other teams to form a strong defence. The Lions came out strong from the opening whistle, using playoff experience and physical play to outmuscle UTS. The ground game was particularly strong, led by savvy veteran Chris Snagg and eventual game MVP Matthew Croasdaile. Late scores by UTS meant that the score was more flattering to them than the game really was. This is the club's 8th title, winning in 1985, 1986, 1992, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Our Cubs (under 18s) program has been a cornerstone of the club, producing some of the best players from its ranks. With the age limit lowered to under 18, there were not many students in the team, however we recruited well from high schools to make up the numbers. Despite many injuries to an already small squad, they made the playoffs under Head Coach Anthony Sinton. The young team will be stronger in 2007, with many returning starters and we have high hopes for their performance next season.

NSW Wolfpack, 2006 National Champions:

David Allen, Fady Aoun, Kiernan Dorney, Liam Erby, Matthew Freeman, James Gifford, Leigh-Louey Gung, Anthony Sinton, Chris Snagg and David Thode.

Australian World Cup Team: Fady Aoun, Liam Erby, Matthew Freeman, James Gifford, Leigh Louey-Gung and Anthony Sinton.

Coach of the Year:

Stephen Dunne

Waratah Bowl Most Valuable Player:

Matt Croasdaile

2006 Championship:

Lions 34 – UTS 26

DAVID THODE
Media Manager

ARCHERY

2006 has been an eventful year for the Sydney Uni Archery Club (SUAC) with fresh faces joining during

a successful O'Week campaign. Besides the usual new beginners we were lucky to have members joining with prior experience in archery. In addition, this year the club, for the first time, had two members become part of the Sydney University Sport Talented Athlete Program.

Unfortunately with the introduction of VSU in 2006, the annual Australian University Championship for archery was not held. The more competitive members in the club took the initiative and entered in alternative events as part of the Archery NSW and Archery Australia competition calendar. Some of the major events that the club was represented at were the Archery Australia National Target and Field Championships at Twin City Archers in Victoria, Archery NSW State Indoor Championships and the Archery NSW State Target Championships. Results from these events have been excellent and show that our club has great potential and direction to improve. Results included: overall 16th in the Men's Recurve, overall 14th in the Women's Compound divisions at the National Championships, in the Men's Recurve division a 4th at the State and 14th in the National Indoor Championships, and 5th, 8th and 8th in the Women's Compound, Men's Recurve and Women's Recurve divisions respectively at the Open State Target Championships.

Looking ahead to 2007, it is unknown how the new VSU landscape will fare for the club, but it is expected that the older members will keep the club moving ahead. Entries for the 2007 Open National Championships to be held in Perth in April have already been submitted and there are expectations for good results.

DONALD CHIOU
President

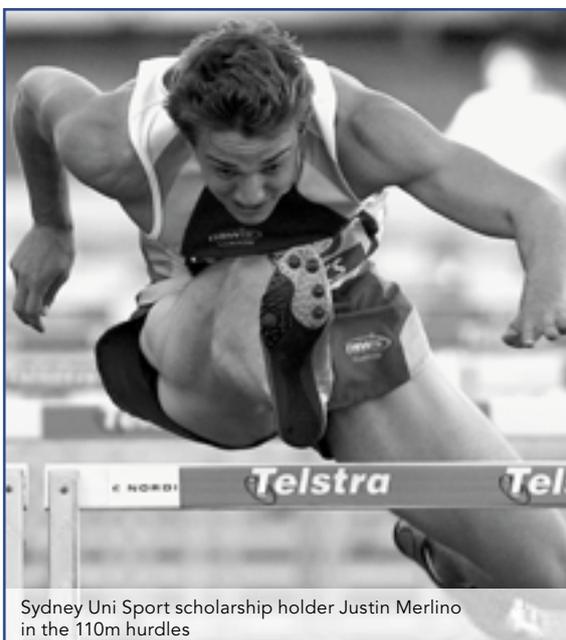
ATHLETICS

2006 was a stellar year for the Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC). Seven SUAC athletes competed internationally and many more represented the club in the Telstra A Series meets.

Fourteen athletes competed in the Telstra A Series Championships in March, which doubled as the Melbourne Commonwealth Games selection trials. Clinton Hill's 2nd place in the 400m final gained him selection in the men's 4x400m relay team, which went on to win gold at the Commonwealth Games. Wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard also represented Australia in the Commonwealth Games.

Lisa Grant competed in the women's 20km road walk in the World Race Walking Cup held in Spain, helping the Australian women to a top ten placing in the team event. Three athletes represented Australia at the World Cross Country Championships, with Russell Desaix Chin competing in the long course event, David Byrne competing in the short course and Madeleine Heiner taking part in the women's junior race.

Three athletes were selected in the Australian team for the World Junior Championships in Beijing in August. Unfortunately, Madeleine Heiner (1500m) and Elizabeth Jenkins (4x100m relay) had to withdraw due to injury. Lachlan Renshaw recorded a personal best time in the 800m qualifying rounds. The national U20 800m champion finished with an impressive 9th placing.



Sydney Uni Sport scholarship holder Justin Merlino in the 110m hurdles

The cross country runners continued their fine form in 2006, winning both the Eastern University Games and Australian University Games. The men's team finished 2nd at the Australian University Games and the women's team 3rd. A great result considering the reduced size of the squad as a result of some untimely injuries.

The club won two gold medals at the NSW State Relay Championships in December, taking out the men's medley relay and the women's 4x1500m walk. Most recently, SUAC competed in the National Club Championships in Hobart, where the Sydney Uni men claimed 2nd place, an equal best performance for the club.

We're looking forward to another successful year on the track in 2007.

BRIANNA HEAZLEWOOD
Secretary and Treasurer

BADMINTON

2006 was a fine year for Sydney University Badminton Club with respect to achievements of the university team and club members. Membership continues to thrive with over 50 active members and many casual members who frequent our grounds with their skills, competitiveness and great sportsmanship.

The club has a long tradition of performing well in competitions, this year was no exception. The only disappointment was that we did not participate in the annual interclub competition due to a lack of interest not only by our club members but also the general badminton public. Individual club members participated in several tournaments throughout the year, procuring swags of silverware.

Adrian Mansukhani, a regular on the B Grade men's circuit moved up to A and Open Grade and managed to bag several titles throughout the year. Many of the more senior players of the club such as Clarina Wang, Druvi Perera and Richard Chi participated in less tournaments but were still formidable, reaching the quarter and semi finals of tough competitions such as the UNSW Open and Sydney Uni Open. Ploughing