

Our Proud Olympic History

Sydney 2000

Eventing

Andrew Hoy
Stuart Tinney
Matt Ryan
Phillip Dutton
Brook Staples
Amanda Ross

Dressage

Kristy Oatley
Rachael Downs
Mary Hanna
Ricky MacMillan
Jumping
Jeff Bloomfield
Jamie Coman
Ron Easey
Gavin Chester



The crowds flowed through the gates to be a part of this Olympic moment. Could the Australian Eventers make history? It was beautifully scripted, for the third consecutive Games Australia won the team Three-Day-Event, in the process establishing a new record. What a moment!

The team of Andrew Hoy (*Darien Powers*), Phillip Dutton (*House Doctor*), Matt Ryan (*Kibah Sandstone*) and Stuart Tinney (*Jeepster*) led the competition from the start, a position that Australia had not been in before.

“It was an amazing feeling,” recalls Stuart Tinney, ‘at times overwhelming. Being in front of your home crowd is a very rare and special situation. To be winning at the same time is awesome.’

On the cross-country day the huge Australian crowd cheered excitedly for its own riders, enthusiasm that was offered to just one other competitor - the legendary Mark Todd. Australia bid the Rider of the Century farewell as he left the start box for what we thought was the last time.

On the final day Australia held off a spirited challenge from the British to win team gold. “It was a moment that I was privileged to experience, a highlight of my life,” said Stuart.

Andrew Hoy very nearly made it a double gold, taking silver in the individual event aboard *Swizzle In*. Also in the individual competition Brook Staples (*Master Monarch*) and Amanda Ross (*Otto Schumaker*) finished in 16th and 20th positions respectively.

The Jumping Team of Jeff Bloomfield (*Money Talks*), Jamie Coman (*L.L Zazu*), Ron Easy (*Rolling Thunder*) and Gavin Chester (*Another Flood*) finished in 10th place.

For the first time Australia had an Olympic Dressage Team. Kristy Oatley-Nist (*Rosemount Wall Street*), Rachael Downs (*Aphrodite*), Mary Hanna (*Limbo*) and Ricky MacMillan (*Crisp*) finished in 6th position. Kristy finished in 9th place individually.