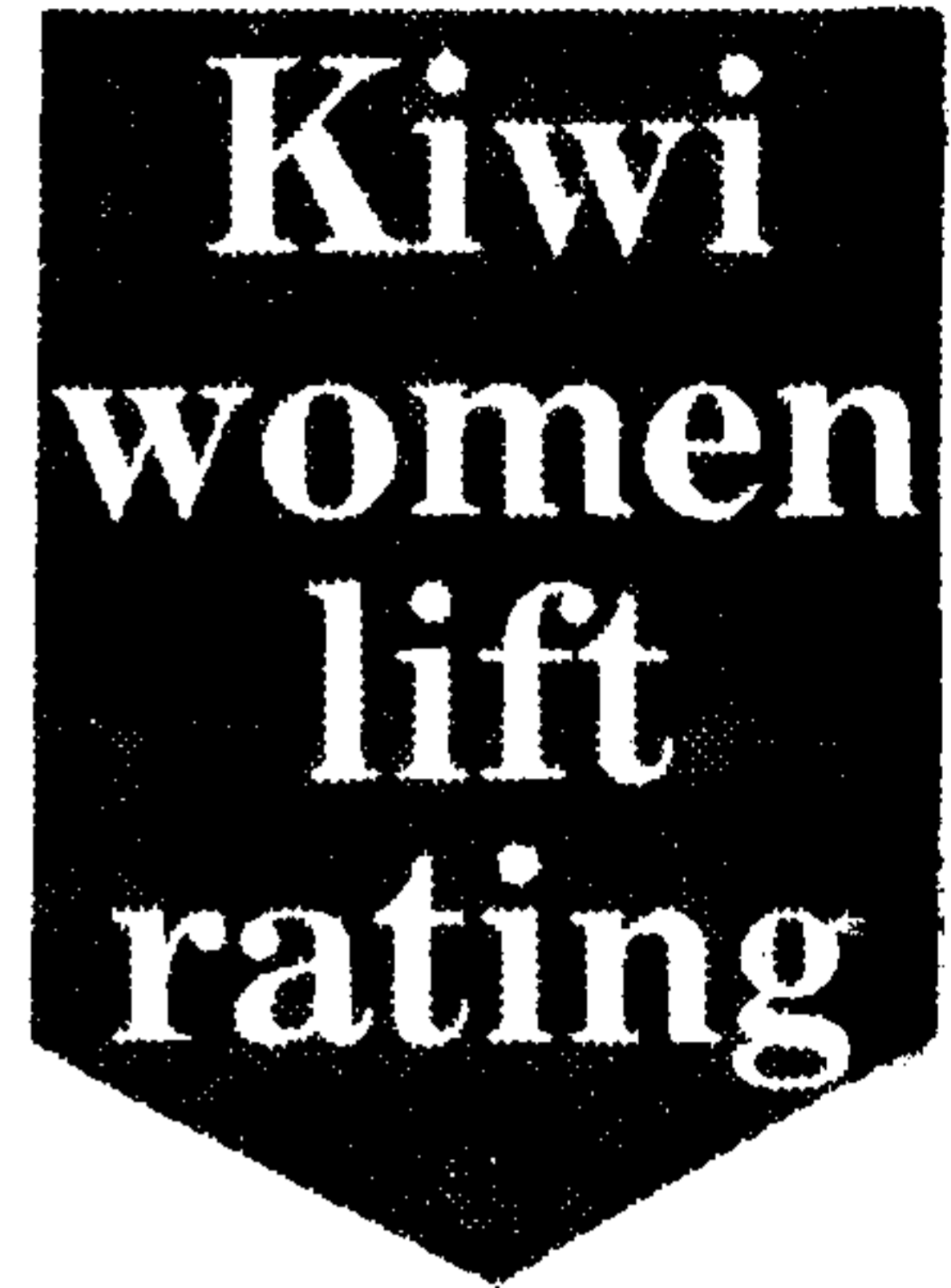


Orienteers Of 1971 Still In Good Form

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Four of the original New Zealand representatives on the 1971 Australian tour made this year's orienteering team to visit Australia next month.

They were chosen to defend the Cerebos Cup in Sydney on August 31 after the final trial in Woodhill State Forest yesterday.

D. A. G. Pirie, C. W. Battley and P. C. Cunningham, all of the Pupuke club, are in the elite team while the fourth, R. King (Pupuke), is to captain the veterans' team.

The Commonwealth Games marathon representative, J. Robinson (Pinelands), and the New Zealand Games representative and world 3000m age group record-holder, Miss Barbara Moore

(Pupuke), are two new caps in the team.

The 19-year-old Murray Scott (Pinelands) is reserve for the elite team.

Yesterday's courses, set by M. Clarke and Pirie, were physically demanding but fair, requiring constant re-orientation between controls.

The New Zealand teams are.—

Elite: C. W. Battley (captain), D. A. G. Pirie (Pupuke); B. Walker (BOP), B. Shuker (South Auckland), J. Robinson (Pinelands), P. Cunningham (Pupuke), J. Davies (Pinelands). **Reserve:** Murray Scott (Pinelands). **Women:** P. Burbidge (BOP), G. Spargo, R. Davies, captain (Pinelands), P. Snedden (South Auckland). **Reserve:** U. Lewis (South Auckland).

Veterans: P. Brown (South Auckland), R. King (Pupuke), captain; R. Murphy, J. Denyer (Central). **Reserve:** Munro Scott (Pinelands). **Junior women:** J. Mathis (Pinelands), captain, A. Laurent (South Auckland), B. Moore (Pupuke), T. Loan (BOP). **Reserve:** J. Dommerholt (Pinelands).

Junior boys: K. Litten, N. Scott (Pinelands), J. Mellsop (South Auckland), M. Parker (Pinelands). **Reserve:** S. Atchinson (South Auckland).

Fourth Trial.—**Elite:** Battley, 1h 8m 18s, 1; G. Adams (BOP), 1h 47m 16s, 2; G. Whitecliffe (Pupuke), 1h 48m 3s, 3. **Women:** Burbidge, 1h 3m 45s, 1; Spargo, 1h 6m 18s, 2; D. Smith (South Auckland), 1h 14m 13s, 3. **Veterans:** King, 45m, 1; R. Doherty (Central), 53m 5s, 2; A. Nicholls (BOP), 53m 46s, 3. **Junior Women:** Laurent, 58m 46s, 1; J. Wood (BOP), 1h 0m 40s, 2; Mathis, 1h 15m 58s, 3. **Junior boys:** Mellsop, 38m 35s, 1; Litten, 43m 40s, 2; Atchinson, 44m 30s, 3.

New Zealand improved to 11th ranking in the women's world orienteering championships in Hungary over the weekend.

The men's relay team finished 20th and for the first time defeated Australia, when one of its members, Warren Key, was disqualified.

Anitra Dowling of Dunedin was the best New Zealand woman performer, finishing 19th in the qualifying race on Friday in 55m 59s, only 11 minutes behind the winner, and coming 44th in the individual world championship on Saturday in 1h 49m 47s.

The top performer among the New Zealand men was national champion Ross Brighthouse of Waiuku, who was 30th in the qualifying event, only 15m 24s behind the winner.

As expected, Norway dominated the championships taking the first four places in the men's event, although it finished only fourth in the woman's championship won by Sweden.