

Sporting collections of the Mitchell Library

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ES Marks Sporting Collection

Ernest S Marks was a sporting administrator at the turn of the century, involved primarily in athletics and rugby union. His major claim to fame was his role as assistant manager of the 1912 Australian Olympic team in Stockholm. The ES Marks Memorial Field in Moore Park is named for him. The collection consists of sporting books, pamphlets and programs. The most notable item in the collection is 'On the Wallaby', two albums of original photographs from the 1912 Olympic Games (ML ES Marks Q8586). Copies of the contents list of the ES Marks Sporting Collection are located at the information desk and at the request desk in the Mitchell Library Reading Room.

Bert L Cox Boxing Collection

Bert L Cox was a boxing writer. His collection (ML F796.830994/1) contains numerous hand-written volumes which list fight results at the Sydney Stadium between 1908 and 1923. It also contains scrapbooks of articles on boxing (1928-1981) and a few albums of boxers' pho-

tographs. The official title of this collection is *Collection of photographs, newspaper cuttings and some manuscript material on boxing*, and further information can be found on WEBCAT.

JC Davis Sporting Collections

John Corbett Davis was editor of two Sydney sports newspapers, *The Arrow* (1896-1933) and *The Referee* (1886-1939). *Davis Sporting Collection n° 1* contains booklets and programs relating to various sports events. *Davis Collection n° 2* is 200 boxes (100 on cricket, 100 on other sports) of programs, scrapbooks, invitations and menus. Copies of the contents lists of Davis n° 1 and n° 2 are located at the information desk and at the request desk in the Mitchell Library Reading Room.

There is also a pictorial collection (ML PXE 653), consisting of original photographs which were used in Davis' newspapers. A contents list is located in the Dixon Reading Room and the collection is listed on PICMAN.

AJ Hodsdon Amateur Athletics Collections

Two collections in the Mitchell Library Printed Books Collection: *Collection of programmes, leaflets, etc. on amateur athletics, ca. 1920-1960*, collected by AJ Hodsdon (ML Q796.420994/1, 7 volumes) and *Collection of newspaper cuttings on amateur athletics* compiled by AJ Hodsdon (ML F796.420994/1, 125 volumes.) The latter consists of articles published in various newspapers circulating in Australia between 1895 and 1981. The bibliographic record on WEBCAT contains further information.

A Gregory's Cricketers and their historic deeds

Albert Gregory's twenty-two volume work is located at ML Q797.5/2-23. It is a set of scrapbooks which contain newspaper cuttings, stunning original photographs and ephemera such as tickets to cricket matches. It dates from the mid-19th century to about 1925. The volumes are roughly chronological in arrangement. There is no contents list. ■

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