

## **NZ MASTERS GAMES**

### **GAME WRAP**

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**Former world, Commonwealth Games and national champions were to the fore in their age groups at the 2005 New Zealand Masters Games which ended in Wanganui today (Sunday).**

**Three-times world rowing titleholder Phillipa Baker-Hogan (Wanganui), now a mother of two, dominated in the indoor rowing and also collected gold medals in medley and freestyle swimming as well as in middle distance track running at the nine-day ACC Thinksafe Games which attracted over 7500 competitors from 14 countries.**

**Former Olympic track cycling medal winner and multiple Commonwealth Games champion Gary Anderson (Wanganui), in his Masters debut, was quickest in the 24km road time trial with 34min 10sec 1m 2s quicker than Wellington's Tim Palmer, aged 43.**

**Wellington's former world road relay running champion Anne Hare, 40, also struck gold in her Masters Games debut, winning both the 1500m (5:02.76) and 3000m (10:39.71).**

**Britain's Kevin Archer, 51 from Reigate, also ran well over 1500m (4:37.99) and 3000m (9:58.52)**

**Anne Symes (Waverley), an ex-hockey international, dominated her sprint age group on the track.**

**Auckland's 1970 Olympic yachtsman Jock Bilger, 68, handled the Wanganui conditions perfectly to win the Laser class title with three wins and two seconds.**

**Sidney Salek, a 75-year-old Tauranga lifeguard, was the star of the swimming with three new national records in his age group.**

**American Phil Krueger, aged 59 from Jacksonville, and Brisbane's Paul Stopforth, 45, recorded fastest times in their grades.**

**Former NZ rowing coach Peter Irvine (Wanganui), 73, set two New Zealand age group record in indoor rowing as did 35-year-old Blenheim Air Force PT instructor Warren Mant.**

**Richard Purser (Auckland), a former international badminton champion, showed his class in winning on both badminton and tennis courts.**

**Another ex-NZ badminton champion Kevin Ross (Wanganui), 47, was dominant in his grade.**

**John Mitchell (Hamilton), the former All Black coach, helped his basketball, The Has Been, comprising former NZ junior basketball reps back for a reunion, finished second to Waitakere in the men's 35-39 basketball.**

**New Plymouth indoor bowler John Zittersteijn, 53, continued his amazing run in the Masters Games, skipping his four to a fourth successive set of gold medals.**

**In addition he also won the singles and two of his champion fours side, Don and Val Trigger, who have now been in the winning four five times, were second in the pairs.**