

High-flying Peacock medal material



PRODIGY: Hamish Peacock, who achieved a personal best last weekend.

EASTERN Suburbs javelin throwing prodigy Hamish Peacock showed he is on track for a medal at this year's world under-18 championships in the Czech Republic, after a great showing at last weekend's state championships.

The 16-year-old produced his best ever javelin throw on Tasmanian soil with a 73.18m effort using the 700g implement, and backed up to win the senior championship, throwing 67.31m with the full-size 800g spear.

His throw with the heavier javelin is above the qualifying standard for the world under-20 championships, the second time he has accomplished this.

Peacock's season-best effort of 74.58m with the lighter javelin would have ranked him in the world's top five



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under-18 throwers in each of the past three years, and his father predicts he could push 80m by the time of the world youth championships.

Tasmania has produced a lot of great javelin throwers, but Peacock has the potential to be the pick of the bunch.



THE first world rankings of the year have been announced

by the International Association of Athletics Federations, and Tasmania's Donna MacFarlane was confirmed as the world's fastest steeplechaser.

Australians dominated the rankings, due to northern hemisphere countries not starting their seasons yet, but it is encouraging to see MacFarlane at the top of the list.

If MacFarlane accomplishes her goal of making the final at August's world championships in Osaka, she will have the chance to be the first Australian female middle-distance runner to win a medal at the world championship level.



THE final interclub meet for the season will start at 1pm at the Domain on Saturday.

The program for the season finale will be advertised on the noticeboard at the Domain and on the Athletics South website.

Eastern Suburbs has confirmed that it is the champion southern club by taking out the Athletics South interclub trophies in the men's, women's and combined sections.



NATIONAL junior race walking champion Daniel Coleman flies to China today to represent Australia in the international race walking challenge meet in Shenzhen.

The TIS scholarship holder will be a part of a strong Australian walking contingent competing at the meet and will be looking to qualify for next year's world junior championships in the 10km walk.