

The Manly connection. Well, upon returning to Australia, Tom Richards took up residence in Manly and had a long association with the district. He was involved with surf life saving and of course, played his beloved game of rugby for the Manly Rugby Union Club.

With the outbreak of hostilities, in 1914, Richards enlisted and saw action on several fronts in Europe. He rose through the ranks to become lieutenant and was awarded the Military Cross. But that's another story!!

In February, 1919, Tom Richards was back in Sydney, living in Manly. He was 37 years old. He worked for several newspapers and eventually became a travelling salesman. But his health was deteriorating mainly due to the effect of gassing he had received during the War.

Tom Richards died on 25th September, 1935. His ashes were interred in the grave of his brother Bill, in Manly cemetery.



ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OLYMPIANS

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When I recently finished my always continuing counting of the athletes participating in the Summer Olympic Games, I was surprised to notice that the final figure for competing athletes in the Olympic Games from 1896 to 2000 was considerably higher than expected. It seems that the final counting surpassed the figure of 100,000 Olympic athletes a little earlier than we originally thought.

However, please accept the figures below as still provisional, because I have not yet decounted the double starters in the Olympic Winter Games. The margin seems to be rather satisfactory, as you can see below:

	Total	Women
Athletes participating in the Summer Olympic Games:	87.112	16.785
Athletes participating in the Winter Olympic Games:	13.310	2.913
Total:	100.422	19.698

An interesting fact is that the participation of women in the Winter Olympic Games is a little higher (21,89 %), compared to the participation of women in the Summer Olympic Games (19,27 %).

Another comparison between the participants in the Olympic Summer and Winter Olympics shows that the athletes participating in the Winter Olympic Games usually have a longer Olympic career than their colleagues in the Summer Olympic Games:

Starts in consecutive Games:	<u>Percentages:</u>	
	Winter	Summer
1	70.59%	77.54%
2	21.34%	17.08%
3	6.59%	4.26%
4	1.25%	0.89%
5	0.18%	0.18%
6-9	0.05%	0.05%
Total:	100%	100%