

# NATIONAL RATINGS

(As compiled by the A.C.F. Ratings Officer, Roger Cook)

These ratings constitute an amalgamation and extension of the N.S.W. and S.A. to a unified Australian list.

The N.S.W. and S.A. systems have been operating for sufficient years to extend ratings to most active players, but in Victoria, Queensland and A.C.T. there are yet sufficient results to extend the ratings to the lowest group of players.

In particular, results of club events are scarce for Victoria and Queensland.

This is the reason for the apparent absence of low rated players in the lists for states.

Since very few W.A. results have been received I have only included those players who have played outside W.A. during the last year.

In Queensland and Victoria it has only been possible so far to include a few players from outside the capital cities.

These ratings are based on all results received up to the end of the recent Australian Championship (mid-January). Junior results receive half weighting.

Notation: The letter 'm' after a grading indicates that the grading is based on recent results and should therefore be quite reliable. '?' signifies that the grading is unreliable because of insufficient results. '??' signifies that the grading is very unreliable and is only an indication of the player's general strength. The letter 'x' indicates that the grading has not changed in the last year as no new results have been received in 1969. However, an 'x' rating may still have changed since the last year as last year's ratings have been recalculated.

Players for whom no new results have been received for two years have been dropped from the list. Their grading remains the same as last published.

To get an idea of what a certain difference in grading means, remember that a player 210 above another would expect to average 2 out of 3 in a protracted match. A difference of 400 should produce an 80% score for the stronger player. Very small differences are practically meaningless.

It is necessary to play at least 6 games against players with reasonably accurate gradings in order to be given a rating for the first time. If you make an unusually good or bad score, more games may be necessary before a rating can be given.

## SPECIAL LIST - 2000 and over

|      |                   |      |                     |      |           |
|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|
| 2380 | A. Flatow (NSW)   | 2150 | N. Craske (SA)      | 2080 | D. Powell |
| 2340 | L. Endzelins (SA) | 2140 | J. Purdy (NSW)      |      | A. Sztern |
| 2280 | B. Berger (NSW)   | 2130 | R. Arlauskas (SA)   | 2070 | P. Viner  |
|      | R. Cook (NSW)     | 2120 | G. Koschnitsky (SA) |      | B. Kondr  |
| 2240 | M. Fuller (NSW)   | 2110 | M. Woodhams (WA)    | 2060 | W. Geus   |
|      | T. Shaw (NSW)     |      | J. Hanks (V)        | 2050 | S. Rubin  |
| 2210 | A. Lemez (V)      |      | F. Hutchings (V)    | 2030 | K. Hill   |
| 2190 | F. Sulik (SA)     | 2100 | R. Brent (V)        |      | W. Kerr   |
|      | D. Hamilton (V)   | 2090 | E. Basta (V)        | 2020 | T. Hay    |