

Track and field

Homoeopathic principles have always dictated that one treats a fever with hot medicines, and a cold with cold ones. Obviously, one can only expect to improve speed with speed. Amphetamines are *de rigueur* for the ambitious track-and-field athlete. The walkers, however, may prefer to take Slow K.

A wide range of uppers is available for the high jump and the high hurdles, and long-acting uppers for the long jump.

Cyclists should avoid catching herpes at all costs, because acyclovir can seriously impair their performance.

Anti-inflammatories, such as the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, can help cure a slipped discus.

In the pool

Divers may benefit from downers, while antibiotics can help any divers suffering from diverticulitis.

A new range of stroke medication is available for swimmers.

Water polo players will benefit from the new water polio vaccine.

The regatta

The COX-2 inhibitors have proved popular among rowers, particularly the coxless pairs.

Soccer, tennis, handball, volleyball

Testosterone is the drug of choice to improve ball control.

Is anyone coming?

The sun filtered in as he cradled his chin
in the palm of his long-serving hand,
as he relived the days of his work in the haze
way outback in our Great Southern Land.

It seems too much to ask, but he's stuck to his task
for the span of five decades or so;
but his heart it is yearning, his stomach is churning,
and he feels it's now high time to go.

Ten years have passed by since he first wondered why
there was no-one to answer his call —
his practice for sale, but there lies a tale —
he's just waited and waited, that's all.

Will anyone follow his work on the morrow?
Have our med schools dried up like Lake Eyre?
For each greying carthorse, let's renew the workforce
and steer our old docs from despair!

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