



Family values: Tamsyn Lewis wins the world 800m indoor final.

Fast feet firmly on the ground

I AM fortunate to have seen the journey from a distance, unfinished of course, of the Lewis family.

I recall the early days of mum and dad, grooming the children to be good athletes, while ensuring they upheld the principles of family privacy and family values.

Justin was a good sprinter, competing as an amateur and eventually joining the professional circuit with success.

Tamsyn did the same but made the international scene as well.

All the way it was about the family unit supporting one another.

Tamsyn's life reached a fork in the road that led to her personality and even her character becoming the subject of scrutiny.

The family unit principles took over: Justin stood up and Tamsyn returned to the fold.

Mum and dad had provided the family values that enabled this young lady to regain her focus, with Justin in charge.

May they cherish forever the look of disbelief on Tamsyn's

face when she became a world indoors champion over 800m.

John Hirst (former Victorian Athletics League sprint handicapper), Surfers Paradise

TAMSYN Lewis will not be in the final of the Beijing Olympics 800m.

She did extremely well in winning the world indoor championship but, in a tactically run race, her time was poor. It would be nowhere near good enough to reach an Olympic final. Sorry folks.

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