

Vale Manoel (Manny) Santos



Manny Santos at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.
Photo by Bruce Howard. Source: National Library of Australia.

Born in Sydney on the 30th of January 1935, Manny Santos represented Australia at two Olympic Games and two Commonwealth Games. A Middle Heavyweight lifter, he placed 9th in the 1956 Olympic Games, and won a Gold Medal at the 1958 Commonwealth Games; and won five consecutive Australian Championships from 1958 to 1963.

Manny Santos passed away on 20th June 2020, age 85.

<p>Olympic representative: 1956 (Melbourne) - placed 9th in the under-90kg category 1960 (Rome) - failed to Total in the under-90kg category</p> <p>Commonwealth Games representative: 1958 (Cardiff) - Won Gold medal in the under-90kg category 1962 (Perth) - failed to Total in the under-82.5kg category</p>	<p>Australian Championships: 1956 - Silver medal in the under-90kg category 1958 - Gold medal in the under-90kg category 1959 - Gold medal in the under-90kg category 1960 - Gold medal in the under-90kg category 1961 - Gold medal in the under-82.5kg category 1963 - Gold medal in the under-82.5kg category 1964 - Bronze medal in the under-90kg category</p> <p>1953 - Australian 'Junior' Championship - Gold medal in the over-90kg category (NOTE: Junior in those days meant an athlete who hadn't to that point won a national title).</p>
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