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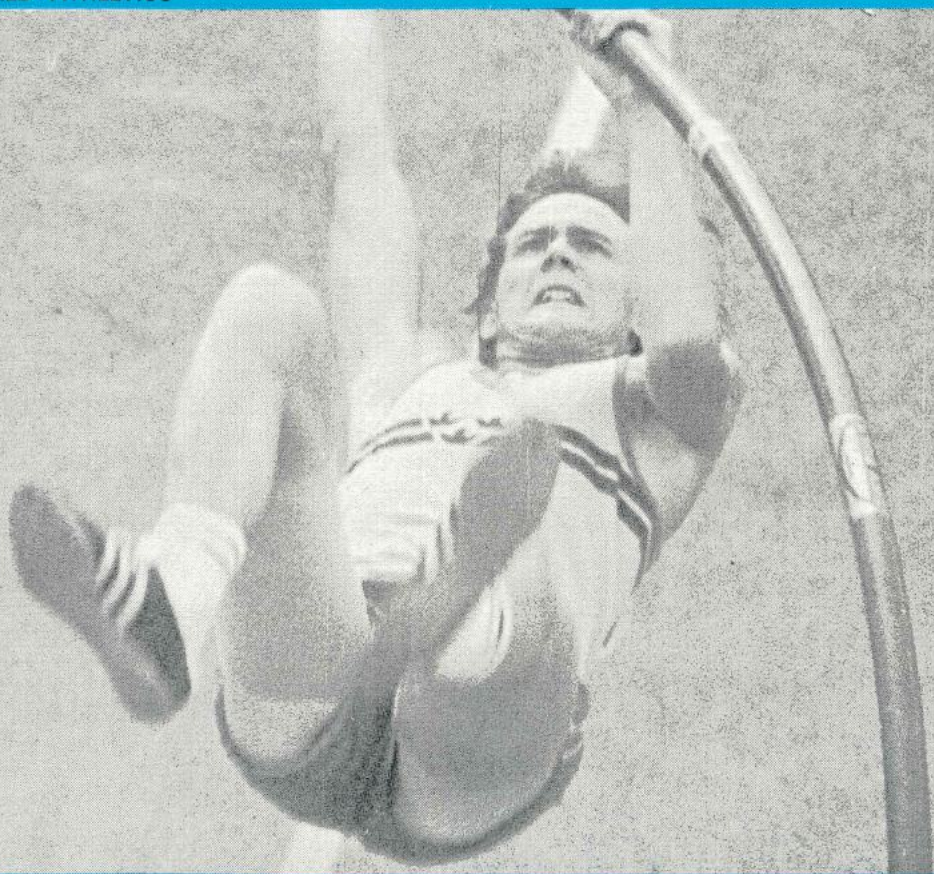
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KJELL ISAKSSON
(Sweden), the
new world
pole vault
record holder.

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ARTHUR GOLD TO RESIGN?

AS a result of an ill-conceived and even more ill-timed vote taken at the AGM of the International Athletics Club at Loughborough last Saturday, Arthur Gold is considering resigning as secretary of the BAAB. I have no hesitation in stating it would be a disaster for British athletics if he were to take that course of action.

The IAC is an enterprising and energetic body which I have had good cause to praise on many occasions (some readers complained, in the context of the Referendum, that "AW" was too pro-IAC), but the club's latest move—coming at a time when stability is essential for the successful completion of those carefully planned Olympic preparations—does the organisation no credit at all.

What happened was that, by 11 votes to nil, a resolution was passed calling for Mr. Gold's resignation in order that the Byers Report recommendation of a professional director be implemented. Significantly, the other 44 members present chose to abstain—which hardly suggests a groundswell of bitter opposition.

Mr. Gold, however, has understandably been taken aback by the vote; all the more so considering he visited the IAC's get-together the following day to answer questions and assist with problems, and yet no one had the courtesy or courage to tell him to his face what had transpired. It was not until he returned home and was phoned by John Rodda of *The Guardian* on Sunday evening that he learned of the vote.

Ironically, Mr. Gold—who has been an IAC member for many years—has not only been largely responsible for the implementation of many of the Byers' Committee's recommendations but has in effect been fulfilling the function of a professional director of UK athletics for the past two years, spending 40-50 hours per week on BAAB matters at the expense of his own private business interests. As the Board's appointed "chief executive" he receives an honorarium which is only a fraction of the salary that the post would be expected to command.

Mr. Gold's duties are no longer confined to the international side of the sport and although it is the IAC's privilege to frame whatever resolutions it likes, it should be realised that the IAC represents an important but tiny elite and does not speak for British athletes as a whole.

I hope—for the sake of UK athletics—that Mr. Gold will remain in office, while at the same time working towards a situation in which a full-time, full-salaried 'supremo' can be appointed (with himself a candidate for the position). As he says "I'm not one to stay where I'm not wanted", but it would be tragic if the man who has worked harder than any I know for the development of the sport is driven out in such a shoddy manner.

Mel Watman

ISAKSSON DOES IT AGAIN!

Cover-man Kjell Isaksson of Sweden has broken the world pole vault record for the second week-end running; in Los Angeles last Saturday he added an inch to his pending mark with a 5.53/18'2" clearance. At 5.59/18'4" he brushed the bar off on the way down. Behind him, Hans Lagerqvist (Swe) and Steve Smith (5.42/17'9½" previous week) cleared 5.36/17'7". At the same meet Lee Evans ran 44.9 for 440y, Ralph Mann 49.4 for 440y hurdles and Al Feuerbach put the shot 21.42/70' 3½".

The new Taurus Relays, taking place at Leicester Sports Centre today, have attracted almost 1000 athletes. Bromsgrove & Redditch AC Junior Girls Section ask those clubs who applied too late to try to understand that seven hours non-stop racing is involved. As it was, the organisers were as tolerant as possible.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES W.A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1972

TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Kirkby Stadium, nr. Liverpool

Saturday, June 3rd. Entries close, May 10th

PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

N.C.W.A.A.A. Senior 3000 Metres, Inter.

1500 Metres & Junior 1500 Metres

At Longford Stadium, Stretford

Sunday, June 18th. Entries close, June 1st

N.C.W.A.A.A. RELAYS MEETING

Senior 4x100, 3x800, Inter. 4x100, Junior

4x100 & 3x800 Metres Championships

Princess Mary Playing Fields, Cleckheaton

Sunday, July 16th. Entries close, June 28th

N.C.W.A.A.A. INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

plus Junior 200 & 800 Metres

At Clairville Stadium, Middlesbrough

Saturday, July 1st. Entries close, June 14th

N.C.W.A.A.A. INTER. & JUNIOR INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Spalding, Lincs., Saturday, August 19th

Entries close, July 31st

Further details from Mrs. P. M. Green, 33 Wheatfield Road, Cronton, nr. Widnes, Lancs. S.A.E. please.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, April 22nd: Finchley & Inter-Counties '20'; Scottish WAAA District Championships at Pitreavie and Scotstoun; Glasgow Univ. v. Aberdeen Univ. v. Strathclyde Univ.; Heriot Watt Univ. v. Dundee Univ.; St. Andrew's Univ. v. Edinburgh Univ.; North Belfast "Round the Houses" Relays; Ponders End Road Relay; Tipton Road Relay; Taurus Relays at Leicester; Bridgend "Round the Factories" 5M; Perkins Trophy at Ilford; Rotherham Road Relay; North Wales AAA Road '10' at Wrexham; Barnet Boys' Road Relays; Canterbury '6'; Exeter Young Athletes Meeting; Cornwall League at Helston; Polytechnic H. Schools Meeting (10 a.m.), Men's Inter-Club and Women's Norrköping Trophy (1.50 p.m.), all at Chiswick Stadium.

Sunday, April 23rd: Sale Festival Road Relay; Croydon H. 50x1 Mile Track Relay, at Croydon (11 a.m.); Maidenhead Open Meeting; Crawley AC Early Season Meeting; Avalon League at Weymouth; Harlow Field Events Meeting; Blyth '20'; Gloucester '18'; Met. Police Open Hammer Competition; Pole Vault Competition at Caversham School; Midland Women's Field League at Perry Barr (10.30 a.m.).

Tuesday, April 25th: Staffordshire 4x100m Relays at Stoke.

Wednesday, April 26th: Newham AC "Golden Wonder" Invitation Floodlit Meeting at Newham (6.45); Oxford Univ. v. Borough Road College v. Southern CAAA at Oxford; Poly H. Open Juniors, Youths and Boys Events at Chiswick; RAF v. Cambridge Univ. at RAF Stanbridge; Heriot Watt Univ. v. Glasgow Univ. v. St.

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Midland Road Relay**At Sutton Coldfield, April 8th****Race Transformed by Ian Stewart**

IN conditions close to those of that now infamous "National" day, Birchfield retained their Midland Road Relay title in Sutton Park but not without excitement. With four 5½ mile laps and eight 3 mile laps, the long leg runners faced three miles of wind and rain on the outward journey.

Dick Milne of Notts made a break once the turn was reached on the first leg. Stoke then went into the lead through Mike Billington on stage 2 only for Coventry Godiva to replace them through David Moorcroft on the third leg. At this point Birchfield were 81 seconds behind. Peter Stewart and Mike Peake improved their position but Ray Smedley was unable to hold Allan Rushmer and Dave Black on the next long leg. Rushmer took the National cross-country champions into the lead but Black brought Small Heath into second place only 7 seconds behind Tipton with a superb 26.00 run, second fastest of the day. The end of stage 8 saw a brief but intensive scene of grief and anguish as neither the Godiva nor Tipton runner was ready when Miller and Allen appeared together in the lead!

Allan Bradley put Tipton half a minute clear of Godiva and Birchfield on stage 9 and then Ian Stewart entered the picture on the last long stage. He gobbled up the deficit in the first mile or so and then set out on his own across the wind-swept park, finishing with a lead of 92 seconds although the conditions meant he was 34 seconds down on his lap record of 25.13 set in 1970. Roy Tilling and Robin Davies then increased Birchfield's lead on the last two short stages as Godiva settled for second. Doug Fownes ran what was at first thought to be the fastest short leg of the day (15.05) to get Tipton the bronze medals but Tony Birks went 7 seconds faster in bringing Stoke home fifth.

W.R.G.

1, Birchfield (C. Perry 27.58, J. Potts 15.38, R. Bartlett 15.43, P. Stewart 26.49, R. Panter 15.30, M. Peake 15.08, R. Smedley 27.12, J. Boggis 15.20, M. Bardsley 15.33, I. Stewart 25.47, R. Tilling 15.32, R. Davies 15.36) 3:51.46.

2, Coventry Godiva (J. Hammond 27.35, P. Eales 15.17, D. Moorcroft 15.06, C. Kirkham 27.08, M. Thorpe 15.48, C. Falconer 15.41, W. Adcocks 26.35, P. Miller 15.20, A. Grant 16.17, K. Bartlett 27.23, J. Cadman 15.42, R. Woollaston 15.44) 3:53.36.

3, Tipton (B. Cole 27.13, J. Harvey 15.32, A. Richards 15.30, K. Rollason 27.20, T. Phillpotts 16.00, K. Boyden 15.09, A. Rushmer 26.16, P. Allen 15.43, A. Bradley 15.38, J. Wright 28.01, B. Mills 16.21, D. Fownes 15.05) 3:53.48.

4, Small Heath (M. Rollason 27.48, D. Biddell 15.29, G. Davies 15.33, J. King 26.40, J. Rowe 15.36, B. Brookes 16.01, D. Black 26.00, J. Kendrick 15.45, C. Simpson 16.12, T. O'Reilly 27.24, T. Rollason 16.08, R. Calvert 15.30) 3:54.06.

5, City of Stoke (A. Adams 27.10, M. Billington 15.18, K. Bartlem 16.13, C. Roberts 27.31, S. Hope 15.38, E. Johnson 16.12, R. Fowler 27.39, N. Deakin 15.25, L. Austin 15.48, J. Jackson 27.29, A. Barrington 16.36, A. Birks 14.58) 3:55.57.

6, Notts AC (R. Milne 26.58, K. Lee 15.53, B. Lee 15.24, C. O'Carroll 27.42, J. Eley 16.09, P. Bourne 15.48, J. Norman 27.19, P. Hutchinson 16.18, R. Pixley 16.44, G. Thompson 28.32, I. Barnard 16.15, W. Haynes 17.52) 4:00.55.

7, Westbury 4:06.05; 8, Wolv. & Bilston 4:10.23; 9, Rugby 4:11.13; 10, Coventry Godiva 'B' 4:11.21; 11, Bristol 4:12.22; 12, Birchfield 'B' 4:16.06; 13, Sparkhill 4:16.42; 14, Halesowen 4:17.09; 15, Tipton 'B' 4:17.49; 16, Small Hth. 'B' 4:25.06; 17, Solihull; 18, Dudley & Stourbridge; 19, Lozells.

Fastest (6M) I. Stewart 25.47, Black 26.00, Rushmer 26.16, Adcocks 26.35, King 26.40, P. Stewart 26.49. **(3M)** Birks 14.58, Fownes 15.05, Moorcroft 15.06, Peake 15.08, Boyden 15.09, Eales 15.17.

The Ridgeway Relay (Swindon to Reading) will be held on October 15th.



Dave Black (Small Heath) and Bill Adcocks (Godiva) clashed on the seventh stage. Tim Pike

Herbie Broadbent Star of Manx Festival

ORGANISER Brian Whitehead failed to lay on good weather for this year's Isle of Man Easter festival. However, everything else had been so well prepared that the wind and rain weren't allowed to spoil another excellent weekend. The two road races threw up a new star—Durham college student Herbie Broadbent. He won the Friday evening road race in a time only two seconds outside the record and then proceeded to break Frank Briscoe's lap record in Saturday's relay.

The road race resolved into a battle between Broadbent and Scottish international Andy McKean after Andy Holden dropped away with 1½ miles remaining. McKean forced himself ahead on the long hill up to the finishing straight, only for the Durham man to move past him on the run-in. Ron Hill, on the island for "relaxation" prior to his build up for the "Maxol", started slowly and worked his way through steadily for sixth place. Derby took a clear lead on the second leg of the relay and there was a great battle for second place on the last stage between Herbie Broadbent and Colin Taylor, the former only edging clear in the last 50y.

In Sunday's Fell Race, Andy Holden dashed into an early lead, held on to the summit and finished 11 seconds clear of Junior International Bob Harrison.

Good Friday Road Race: (March 31st) 1, H. Broadbent (Durham Colls) 19.46; 2, A. McKean (Edin. Univ) 19.49; 3, A. Holden (Stirling Strollers) 20.03; 4, H. Leeming (Derby) 20.11; 5, K. Hinton (Derby) 20.12; 6, R. Hill (Bolton UH) 20.13; 7, R. Graham (Windsor) 20.16; 8, R. Harrison (Airedale) 20.18; 9, P. Adams (Reading Univ) 20.21; 10, B. Allen (Windsor) 20.27; 11, A. Domleo (Derby); 12, C. Taylor (Airedale); 13, P. Perry (E. Cheshire); 14, C. Spedding (Durham C); 15, H. Thompson (Stirling St); 16, C. Downing (Reading); 17, A. Dewhurst (Durham C); 18, G. Dugdale (Oxford Un. T); 19, P. Shaw (MAC); 20, R. Harrison (Univ. Wales); 21, D. Cowell (Manx); 22, J. Fox (Leeds Un); 23, R. O'Brien (Ox. Univ); 24, A. Bird (Leeds Un); 25, N. Morrison (Sheff. Un). **Teams:** 1, Derby & Cty. 20; 2, Durham Colls 33; 3, Airedale & SV. 52; 4, Windsor, S&E 54; 5, Reading Univ. 70; 6, Stirling Strollers 83.

Manx Relay Trophy (April 1st): 1, Derby & Cty. (J. Walsh 16.03, H. Leeming 15.12, K. Hinton 15.39, A. Domleo 15.31) 62.25; 2, Durham Colls. (A. Dewhurst 15.51, J. Ellis 17.02, C. Spedding 15.22, H. Broadbent 15.03) 63.18; 3, Airedale & SV (G. Smith 15.48, J. Edwards 16.42, R. Harrison 15.31, C. Taylor 15.19) 63.20; 4, Windsor, S&E (B. Lampkin 16.00, I. Hazlewood 16.39, P. Graham 15.37, B. Allan 15.29) 63.45; 5, Oxford Univ. Tortoises (G. Dugdale 15.43, R. O'Brien 15.41, M. Bromilow 16.07, M. Brewster 15.53) 63.54; 6, Leeds Univ (I. Barnard 16.03, A. Bird 16.09, M. Lambert 16.07, J. Fox 15.45) 64.05; 7, Manchester AC 64.20; 8, Stirling Strollers 64.29; 9, St. Peter's,

Ox. 64.56; 10, Sheffield Univ. 64.59; 11, East Cheshire 65.30; 12, Bolton UH 65.33; 13, Rossendale 65.53; 14, St. John's Coll 66.08; 15, Reading Univ. 66.12; 16, Univ. of Wales Dragons 66.31; 17, Southampton & Reading Univ. 67.47; 18, Newcastle Univ. 67.53; 19, Leeds Univ. 'B' 67.57; 20, Shincliffe Striders 69.24. **Fastest:** Broadbent 15.03, A. McKean (Edin. Univ) 15.07, Leeming 15.12, R. Hill (Bolton) 15.18, Taylor 15.19, P. Adams (Reading Univ.) 15.21, Spedding 15.22, R. Harrison (Univ. Wales) 15.24, A. Holden (Stirling St) 15.28, Allan 15.29.

Easter Sunday Fell Race: (April 2nd) 1, A. Holden (Stirling St) 14.53; 2, R. Harrison (ASV) 15.04; 3, P. Adams (Read. Un) 15.19; 4, R. O'Brien (Oxford Un) 15.20; 5, R. Harrison (Univ. Wales) 15.33; 6, R. Hill (Bolton) 15.45; 7, T. Proctor (Ross) 15.45; 8, A. Dewhurst (Durham C) 15.48; 9, R. Rawlinson (Ross) 15.51; 10, Domleo (Der) 15.52; 11, P. Pape (Man U) 15.55; 12, C. Taylor (ASV) 15.58; 13, J. Fox (Leeds U) 16.00; 14, G. Stogden (Leeds U) 16.04; 15, G. Plant (MAC) 16.05; 16, G. Dugdale (Ox. Un) 16.05; 17, A. Bird (Leeds U) 16.05; 18, N. Morrison (Sheff. Un) 16.10; 19, M. Lambert (Leeds U) 16.15; 20, C. Spedding (Durham U) 16.15; 21, A. Sladen (St. James C) 16.18; 22, A. Mason (Ports) 16.21; 23, H. Leeming (Derby) 16.23; 24, M. Bromilow (Ox. Un) 16.28; 25, B. Allen (Windsor) 16.31. **Teams:** 1, Oxford Univ. Tortoises 44; 2, Leeds Univ. 49; 3, Airedale & SV 52; 4, Durham Un. 64; 5, Derby 68; 6, Univ. Wales Dragons 84; 7, E. Cheshire 87; 8, Sheffield Univ. 92; 9, Bolton 94; 10, Rossendale 103.

RIVINGTON PIKE FELL RACE

April 1st

1. R. McAndrew (Reading)	17.05
2. J. Calvert (Blackburn)	17.11
3. H. Walker (Blackburn)	17.42
4. P. Goodfellow (Stoke) 18.02; 5, V. Regan (Bolton) 18.26; 6, A. Parker (B'pool) 18.29; 7, J. Stevens (Horwich) 18.31; 8, C. Leigh (Salford) 18.34; 9, J. Prescott (Leigh) 18.53; 10, P. Watson (Pudsey & Bram) 18.55; 11, B. Baistow (Clayton-le-M) 19.04; 12, D. Vickers (Bolt) 19.19; 13, W. Cooper (M&D) 19.24; 14, D. Eckersley (Rown) 19.25; 15, G. Bennison (Barnet) 19.28; 16, D. Boxen (M&D) 19.31; 17, W. Smith (Clayton) 19.36; 18, J. Grimshaw (Salford) 19.50; 19, G. Goodair (Wake) 19.53; 20, J. Lancaster (Horwich) 20.09.	

The City of Plymouth AC have vacancies for two clubs at their Inter-Club Trophies Meeting on Sunday, July 16th (Sen. Men & Women, Youths & Jnr. Women). Free accommodation—details from John Gilbert, 1 Westeria Terrace, Peverell, Plymouth.

DAVID LEWIS

David Lewis died in St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr, on Good Friday morning after appearing to be recovering from the series of heart attacks which had beset him during the previous two weeks. The whole of the Merthyr Valley was shocked—David was probably the best known individual in the valley and one of the best loved. His funeral was attended by more than 500 people, from all spheres of activity, and the funeral service was one that will ring in my ears for many years to come. The singing of the well-known hymns was typically Welsh and the sermon was a piece of oratory so much like that of the preachers at the time of the religious revival in Wales years ago. The Minister spoke highly of David's past, from his boyhood in Sunday School to the present day when he was so active in the affairs of his native Merthyr and the rest of the valley.

David won the Inter-Services Mile championship just after the war after a short career as a middle distance runner, then plunged himself into the administrative side of athletics. He became an official in various capacities—Recorder, Announcer etc.—at all meetings in Wales, then became the first Secretary of the Welsh Industries AAA nine years ago. He was also Hon. Members Secretary of the Welsh AAA.

He was able, in his job as manager of a Merthyr sports goods shop, to keep in constant touch with his various offices locally—as Chairman of Troedryhiw AC, and Secretary of Merthyr Inter-factories Athletics Association. Indeed, it was a pleasure to ring or call at the shop to discuss some business or other. His employers obviously held him in high esteem and allowed him much latitude to attend to his various activities, sometimes during working hours.

Those who knew David will long remember him for his pleasant demeanour and for his kindly ways. He was always first to ring me to tell me of someone's illness, or incapacity, and he had invariably sent flowers or a gift or had called to see them. It was this, above all, that David Lewis will be remembered for, and we in Welsh athletics circles mourn his passing as much as does the Merthyr Valley in South Wales.

Bernard Baldwin

CAPTAIN R. G. W. HOPKIN

Welsh athletics suffered another loss with the recent death of Captain R. G. W. Hopkin, a member of Swansea Valley AC and that club's president for over 20 years. He was considered one of Wales' finest all-round athletes before the war, winning prizes at every distance from 100 yards to 10 miles plus the hurdles and jumps. He was West Wales triple jump champion several times and represented the British Workers' Sports Association in Barcelona in 1936 and Liege in 1939. He joined the Army as a private in 1939 and left, at the end of the war, a captain. He later became a teacher and his death occurred at his home in Stourbridge (Worcs).

GEORGE WEIGHTMAN-SMITH

The South African high hurdler George Weightman-Smith, who set a world record in his semi-final at the 1928 Olympics but finished only fifth in the final, has died at the age of 66.

He went up to Cambridge University in 1925, where he was a contemporary of Lord Burghley, and in 1926 set a British all-comers record of 15.0. After equalling the Olympic record of 14.8 in his heat and setting a new world record of 14.6 in the next round, Weightman-Smith lined up for the final in Amsterdam as favourite. However, having drawn the badly cut-up inside lane, he dismissed his own chances and urged his fellow South African Syd Atkinson to "go like the blazes and split the Yanks". Atkinson did better than that; with a storming finish he won in 14.8, followed by the three Americans. A journalist by profession, Weightman-Smith was a former chief sub-editor of *The Star*, Johannesburg.

LORENZO WRIGHT

Lorenzo Wright, a member of the USA's victorious 4x100m relay team at the London Olympics of 1948, was found murdered at his Detroit home last month. He was 45.

At Wembley he ran the second leg, deputising for the ill Ed Conwell. It was the first changeover between Barney Ewell and Wright which caused the USA team at first to be disqualified and Britain declared the winners. It was not until three days later, after the Jury of Appeal had studied the official film of the race, that the USA team was reinstated. Wright also finished 4th in the long jump, in which his best mark was 7.90/25'11".

Bristol AC officers; General secretary, A. E. Clark, 283 Redcatch Road, Knowle, Bristol BS3 5DY (Tel: Bristol 70165); ladies team manager, Mr. G. Buckley; men's team manager, R. W. Lavis.

Mr. Andrew Glen-Haig, Chief Timekeeper at the SCAAA Open Meeting on March 29th, points out that Lesley Kiernan's winning time in the BMC 1000m should have been given out as 2:56.9 and not 2:57.9.

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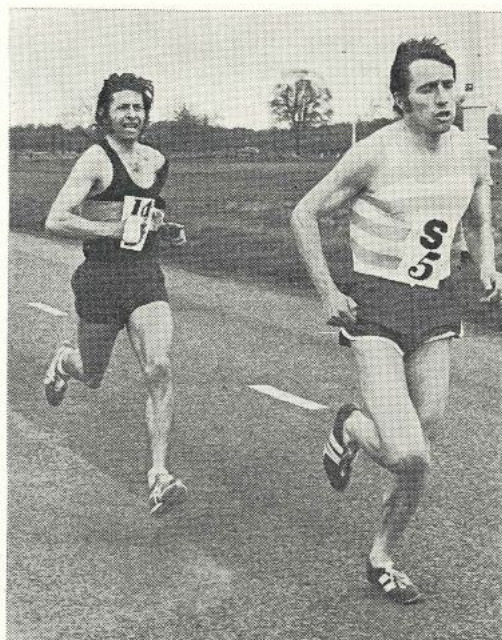


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Bob Holt (Hercules Wimbledon) hands over to Keith Wallis after having run the fastest long stage (23.51) in the Southern Road Relay.

Ron Linstead



Geoff Biscoe (Reading) and Gerry North (Belgrave) fought a great duel on the fifth leg; Biscoe ran 24.27, North 24.32.

Ron Linstead

Young Athletes' Results

SALE EASTER RELAYS

April 1st
Youths

1, Sale (A. Settle 5.18, A. Royle 5.15, G. Buckley 5.15) 15.48; 2, Liverpool Pembroke (Knowles 5.26, Williams 5.10, Ascutt 5.25) 16.02; 3, Manchester AC (Masterman 5.24, Etchells 5.13, Nolan 5.30) 16.07; 4, Bury 16.17; 5, Liverpool 16.27; 6, Manchester AC 'B' 16.32; 7, Sale 'B' 16.38; 8, Wakefield 16.52; 9, Lancaster 17.09; 10, Pembroke 'B' 17.09. **Fastest:** Williams 5.10, Etchells 5.13, Royle 5.15, Buckley 5.15, Valentine (Sale 'B') 5.15, Jackson (Bury) 5.16.

Boys

1, Wakefield (Moxon 5.34, A. Hitchin 5.15, S. Long 5.23) 16.12; 2, Sale (J. Winterbottom 5.39, S. Grinyer 5.24, N. Seller 5.23) 16.26; 3, Liverpool (S. Maher 5.25, A. Kennedy 5.46, P. Kennedy 5.17) 16.28; 4, Liverpool Pembroke 16.30; 5, Manchester AC 16.47; 6, Longwood 16.51; 7, Blackpool 17.16; 8, Sale 'B' 17.20; 9, Liv. Pembroke 'B' 17.33; 10, Liverpool 'B' 17.33. **Fastest:** Hitchin 5.15, P. Kennedy 5.17, M. Plant (MAC) 5.19, T. Quinn (Liv. Pem) 5.20, Longwood runner 5.20, Seller 5.23, Long 5.23.

Colts

1, Manchester AC (Naldrett 5.27, Duffy 5.43, Plant 5.22) 16.32; 2, Warrington (Nicholls 5.36, Bramhall 5.47, Earon 5.33) 16.58; 3, Wakefield

(Ashton 5.31, Rowbotham 5.45, Scorch 5.47) 17.03; 4, Sale 17.19; 5, Birchfield 17.26; 6, Bury 17.37; 7, Halifax 17.50; 8, Manchester AC 'B' 18.01; 9, Swinton 18.08; 10, Bolton 18.46. **Fastest:** Plant 5.22, Naldrett 5.27, Painter (Sale) 5.31, Ashton 5.31, Eaton 5.33, Nicholls 5.36.

Minors (Under 14)

1, Sale (Hughes 5.38, Boswell 5.39, Holder 5.28) 16.45; 2, Liverpool H. (Fennell 5.39, Gore 5.48, Butler 5.37) 17.04; 3, Warrington (Halliday 5.36, Tarpey 6.07, Peget 5.34) 17.16; 4, Sale 'B' 17.24; 5, Liverpool Pembroke 17.32; 6, Manchester AC 17.40; 7, Liverpool 'B' 17.53; 8, Manchester 'C' 17.56; 9, Wakefield 17.59; 10, Manchester 'B' 18.13; 11, Birchfield 18.17; 12, Sale 'C' 18.22; 13, Warrington 'B' 18.23; 14, Swinton 18.30; 15, Halifax 18.42. 33 teams finished. **Fastest:** Holder 5.28, Paget 5.34, Holliday 5.36, Cherry (MAC) 5.36, Butler 5.37, Hughes 5.38.

London Schools Championships, at Morden Park, February 12th.

(Sen) 1, S. Edmunds 26.27; 2, J. Barnes 27.23; 3, R. O'Hara 27.47; 4, C. Brown 28.13; 5, B. Mantle 28.34; 6, A. McLintock 28.44. Team: Lewisham. (Inters) 1, J. Rooks 20.39; 2, P. Gronland 20.57; 3, M. Cody 21.25; 4, P. Holland 21.35; 5, J. Halford 21.47; 6, K. East 21.56. Team: Lewisham. (Juniors) 1, M. Tomkins 20.22; 2, P. Troughton 20.42; 3, D. Clarke 20.55; 4, M. McKay 20.59; 5, I. Mortimore 21.07; 6, K. Nallen 21.13. Team: Lewisham.

International Youth Clubs Championships, at Brasschaat (Belgium), February 26th. (U/18) 1, G. Galvin (Boro of Hillingdon) . . . 9, K. Field (Hill). (Born 1953/54): 5, D. Wright (Hill); 23, F. Tonn (Hill). (Born 1955): 3, M. Kettlewell (Hill); 15, L. Hall (Hill). (Born 1956): 1, R. Lees (Hill) . . . 4, G. Heap (Hill).

Schools Inter-County Match, at Andover, March 4th. (Sen) 1, S. Edmunds (Lon) 26.47; 2, T. Leach (Sx) 27.18; 3, G. Cooper (Sx) 27.29; 4, S. Todd (Sx) 27.36; 5, Jacob (Berks) 27.57; 6, Beaumont (Berks) 27.58. Teams: 1, Berks 115; 2, Hants 119; 3, London 182. (Inters) 1, J. Rooks (Lon) 24.36; 2, B. Dawkins (Han) 24.50; 3, R. Newton (Han) 24.52; 4, Kirby (Berks) 25.03; 5, Wise (Berks) 25.05; 6, S. Donaghy (Sx) 25.10. Teams: 1, Hants. 240; 2, Berks 247; 3, London 313; 4, Dorset 458. (June) 1, S. Morley (Sx) 17.23; 2, M. Howarth (Han) 17.24; 3, P. Sheppard (Han) 17.28; 4, S. Williams (Sx) 17.35; 5, M. Tomkins (Lon) 17.38; 6, R. Young (Han) 17.44. Teams: 1, Hants 94; 2, London 132; 3, Berks 186; 4, Sussex 281.

Spen Valley Schools League, March 10th. (Sen) Armitage (BGS). Team: Batley. (U/15) Carter (Mir). Team: Morbury. (U/14) South (BGS). Team: Batley. (U/13) Padgett (BGS). Team: Ossett. (U/12) Nayler (BGS). Team: Batley.

South London H. Inter-Schools Races, at Coulsdon, March 11th. (Sen) 1, M. Long (Purley HS) 19.27; 2, S. Blakesley (J. Fisher) 19.40; 3, P. Glenister (Skinners) 20.01; 4, J. Goddard (Raynes Pk GS) 20.22; 5, A. Cowper-Johnson (Wall. GS) 20.35; 6, L. Telford (Swinners) 20.48. Teams: 1, Skinners S. 36; 2, Wallington GS 45; 3, Raynes Pk. GS 50. (U/16) 1, P. Mitchell (Skinners) 15.57; 2, I. Byrne (J. Fisher) 15.59; 3, D. Warren (Epsom C) 16.00; 4, R. Wardell (Epsom C) 16.01; 5, T. Cornington (J. Fisher) 16.08; 6, G. Nelson (Purley HS)

16.19. Teams: 1, John Fisher 31; 2, Skinners 46; 3, Epsom C. 54.

Alleyne's School Relay, March 15th. 1, King Kenry VIII, Cov. (G. Herbert 13.20, P. Robinson 11.52, R. Harkin 12.38, D. Smith 12.59, S. Morris 12.43, D. Glassborow 11.30) 1:15.02 (Rec); 2, Ullathorne Sch. 1:15.49; 3, Dr. Challoner's Sch. 1:17.07; 4, St. Albans Sch. 1:17.22; 5, Watford GS 1:17.32; 6, St. Nicholas GS 1:18.41; 7, Harrow CS 1:20.13; 8, Hitchin GS 1:20.30; 9, Haberdasher's Aske's 1:21.10; 10, Alleyne's S. 1:21.36. Fastest: Glassborow 11.30 (Rec), K. Dumbleton (St. Albans) 11.44, Robinson 11.52, Cosgrave (Ulla) 11.53, S. Keene (Wat) 11.58, C. Kelly (Ulla) 12.07.

Herne Hill H. Inter-schools Road Relay, at Norbury, March 18th. 1, Bishop Thomas Grant 28.39; 2, Ingram 29.08; 3, Peckham Manor 29.31; 4, Peckham Manor 'B' 31.28; 5, Taunton Manor 31.35. Fastest: D. Hutchison (Ingram) 6.57, T. Tracy (BTGS) 6.57, S. Mulcair (BTGS) 7.01. (4km Road Race) 1, G. Catlin (Raynes Pk) 13.32; 2, A. Orr (Raynes P) 13.44; 3, eq. M. Petrides (Raynes P) & D. Wright (Raynes P) 14.10. Teams: 1, Raynes Pk. 10; 2, Bishop Thomas Grant 34.

Northern Schools Championships, March 18th. (Sen) 1, D. Glassborow 26.08; 2, A. Etchells 26.39; 3, M. Nolan 27.18; 4, P. Durrans 27.22; 5, N. Sloane 27.34; 6, P. Robinson 27.42. Team: King Henry VIII, Cov. (U/16) 1, C. Hollingsworth 23.01; 2, J. Taylor 23.02; 3, R. Davies 23.07; 4, S. Maher 23.16; 5, A. Ulrick 23.21; 6, R. Melton 23.23. Team: Bradford GS. (U/14) 1, M. Farrell 18.55; 2, M. Boulton 19.11; 3, C. Greenway 19.22; 4, N. Brewster 19.23. Team: St. Bede's GS. (U/13) 1, S. Kennerley 12.25; 2, D. Smith 12.34; 3, C. Platts 12.46. Team: Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. (U/12) 1, C. Mackenzie 12.11; 2, D. Cohen 12.14; 3, P. Lowe 12.18. Team: Cheadle Moseley GS, Ches.

HILLINGDON ATHLETIC CLUB OPEN GRADED MEETING

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

JUDGE HEATH LANE STADIUM,
HAYES

SATURDAY, MAY 6th, at 2.45 p.m.

Men: 100, 200, 800, 1500, 3000, 400H, 2000 S/C, Triple Jump, Hammer (2.00).

Ladies: 100, 200, 800, High Jump, Shot.
Fee: 5p covers all events

HANLEY FOREST PARK 5 MILES

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Staged by the North Staffs C.C. League

ON SUNDAY, 14th MAY, 1972, at 3.30 p.m.

Prizes: First 3 Individuals; 1st Veteran (O/40); First 3 Teams; First Unplaced N. Staffs League Team.

Entries: 15p per individuals, 50p per team (3 to score). All runners to enter as individuals.
Entries by May 1st. to D. Shelley, 22 Mount Avenue, Stone, ST15 8HU.

YEOVIL OLYMPIADS A.C. YEOVIL "10"

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL, 1972

from Yeovil Recreation Centre at 2.30

Entries: 20 pence per individual. Teams 4 run, 3 count. **Entries to John Flatters, 24 Elliotts Drive, Yeovil, by 24th April.** No late entries accepted.

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(Under A.A.A. Laws & R.W.A. Rules)

SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, Start 6.15 a.m.

Prizes: 1st-4th Individuals, 1st-4th Open H'cap, 1st & 2nd Veterans H'cap, 1st & 2nd Novice, 1st-3rd Teams. 1st & 2nd Class Standard Medals (inside 9½ & 11 hrs. respectively). Accommodation available pre-race night at Race Headquarters. **Entry Fee 50p.**

Entries close 3rd June to F. O'Neill, 2 College Close, Fearnhead, Warrington, Lancs.

BMC SOUTHERN 800m CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Crystal Palace, April 1st

1, J. Cadman (Cov. Godiva) 1:53.8; 2, D. MacGregor (TVH/Australia) 1:54.1; 3, T. Butt (Stevenage & NH-J) 1:54.5 (pb); 4, J. Jeffrey (Met. Police) 1:56.0; 5, P. Beacham (Poly) 1:56.6; 6, K. Wainer (Hill) 1:57.8. (B Race) 1, J. Convery (Bracknell) 1:56.5; 2, R. Nixon-Smith (Reading) 1:56.8; 3, D. Glasspool (Bedford) 1:56.9; 4, B. Parker (Derby) 1:57.6. (Youths & Boys) 1, T. Bailey (Derby) 1:58.6; 2, R. Bolam (Havering) 1:58.6; 3, G. Pritchard (Woking) 2:02.0; 4, T. Walsh (Woking) 2:02.2; 5, J. Whitehead (Feltham) 2:02.2; 6, Naylor (Had. O) 2:04.2. (Women) 1, L. Kiernan (Havering-I) 2:13.2; 2, V. Tomlinson (Aldershot) 2:15.6; 3, A. Roberts (Sy. AC) 2:18.3; 4, M. Townsend (Portsmouth A) 2:18.8; 5, A. Jones (Brighton) 2:19.8; 6, J. Low (Uxbridge) 2:21.0. (Intermediates) 1, R. Chettleburgh (Havering) 2:17.0; 2, S. Pearce (Croydon) 2:20.0; 3, C. Hanson (Derby) 2:21.7; 4, G. Allnutt (Sy. AC) 2:26.8; 5, E. Perry (Basildon) 2:27.6; 6, J. Farr (Dartford) 2:29.0. (Juniors) 1, K. Fielon (Portsmouth A) 2:20.2; 2, H. Fielon (Portsmouth A) 2:20.3; 3, D. Rippe (Havering) 2:20.8; 4, L. Martin (Thurrock) 2:22.1 5, S. Humphreys (W. Norfolk) 2:22.2; 6, M. Sadler (Basildon) 2:22.7; 7, L. Owens (Havering) 2:23.1; 8, J. Cooke (Uxbridge) 2:28.4; 9, M. Stewart (Ilford) 2:28.8.

HJ (Wigmore Ladies Match): 1, M. Soper (Cambridge) 1.55/5'1"; 2, A. Upson (Wigmore) 1.52/5'0"; 3, S. Framp (Cambridge-J) 1.50/4'11".

STOKE WOMEN'S CC RACES

At Fenton Park, April 8th

1, B. Banks (Wallasey) 16.32 (Rec); 2, A. Lovell (Birchfield) 16.51; 3, B. Cardy (Broms & Redd) 17.08; 4, J. Watts (Wall) 17.13; 5, C. Readdy (Stoke) 17.26; 6, M. Smith (West) 17.30; 7, C. Helsby (Stret) 17.33; 8, A. Threshie (Broms & R) 17.36; 9, D. Malin (Broms & R) 17.48; 10, P. Chun (West) 18.00; 11, G. Rhodes (Stoke) 18.10; 12, S. Brimage (Wall) 18.20. 22 finished. Teams: 1, Wallasey 17; 2, Bromsgrove & Redditch 20; 3, Stoke 29; 4, Westbury 32; 5, Airedale & SV 53.

Intermediates

1, M. Stewart (Birchfield) 13.02 (Rec); 2, P. Davis (Tipton) 13.41; 3, S. Brown (Stoke) 14.43; 4, A. Romanovicz (Airedale) 14.54; 5, J. Smith (Tip) 15.01; 6, E. Fleming (Airedale) 15.03; 7, L. Hulford (Birch) 15.11; 8, J. Alcock (West) 15.18; 9, A. Edwards (Wall) 15.48; 10, S. Lloyd (Wall) 15.49. 27 finished. Teams: 1, Birchfield 20; 2, Airedale & SV 23; 3, Tipton 25; 4, Stoke 32; 5, Westbury 50 6, Solihull 53.

Juniors

1, A. Howells (Birchfield) 13.58 (rec); 2, L. Ward (Solihull) 14.02; 3, P. Burns (Liverpool) 14.09; 4, P. Kemp (Stoke) 14.32; 5, R. Taylor (Birch) 14.40; 6, A. Tunnicliffe (Stoke) 14.43; 7, H. McKinnon (Stoke) 14.48; 8, K. Boote (Stoke) 14.50; 9, J. Whitehead (Stoke) 14.59; 10, J. Ryan (West) 15.03. 42 finished. Teams: 1, Stoke 17; 2, Birchfield 27; 3, Liverpool 36; 4, Stoke 'B' 46; 5, Westbury 57; 6, Stoke 'C' 71.

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BIGGLESWADE EASTER MONDAY ROAD RACES

April 3rd

1, J. Norman (Notts) 33.08; 2, Gy. North (Belgrave) 33.17; 3, P. Edes (Coc. G) 33.23; 4, R. Davis (Verlea) 33.41; 5, C. O'Carroll (Notts) 33.45; 6, J. Rowell (Sm. Hth) 33.48; 7, P. O'Connor (Bel) 33.50; 8, P. Andrews (Workop) 33.57; 9, L. Coleman (Harlow) 34.08; 10, S. Sharratt (Luton) 34.15; 11, T. Hart (Bel) 34.19; 12, G. Daniels (Sm. Hth) 34.26; 13, R. Brandon (TVH) 34.28; 14, A. Kearns (Kettering) 34.31; 15, W. Whiting (Bracknell) 34.33; 16, S. Baker (Notts) 34.34; 17, C. Simpson (Sm. Hth) 34.38; 18, K. Binks (Cov. G) 34.41; 19, J. Steed (Verlea) 34.45; 20, R. Little (Shaft) 34.50; 21, G. Newton (Luton) 34.54; 22, M. Keough (Eton M) 34.56; 23, G. Elmore (Shaft) 34.56; 24, C. Woodward (Leam) 35.14; 25, K. Hutchins (Eton M) 35.25. Veteran: Simpson. 80 finished. **Teams:** 1, Belgrave 20; 2, Notts AC 22; 3, Small Hth. 35; 4, Verlea 54; 5, Luton 68; 6, Shaftesbury 71.

Youths

1, B. Moss (Notts) 10.57; 2, K. Dumbleton (Verlea) 11.01; 3, G. Cosgrave (Cov. G) 11.02; 4, C. Taylor (Kettering T) 11.03; 5, S. Barr (Thurrock) 11.05; 6, T. Butt (Stev. & NH) 11.12; 7, P. Durrands (Linc. Cty) 11.16; 8, N. Saunders (Southgate) 11.21; 9, C. Brown (Cov. G) 11.22; 10, Richard Plaford (W'sop) 11.23; 11, G. Side (S'gate) 11.24; 12, S. Tamplin (Harlow) 11.28; 13, A. Harding (Sparkhill) 11.28; 14, T. Darby (Thurrock) 11.34; 15, I. Davidson (Thurrock) 11.36. 132 finished. **Teams:** 1, Manchester AC 23; 2, Essex Bgls. 27; 3, Thurrock 34; 4, Luton 50; 5, Aldershot 54; 6, Workop 64; 7, Bracknell 91; 8, Essex Bgls. 'B' 98; 9, Biggleswade 114; 10, Coventry Godiva 117.

Boys (14/15)

1, R. Green (Harlow) 11.25; 2, N. Wilson (Cheltenham) 11.29; 3, J. Wise (Bracknell) 11.31; 4, B. Hayes (Ex. Bgls) 11.34; 5, M. Halden (Workop) 11.37; 6, J. Voss (Har) 11.38; 7, G. Barr (Thurrock) 11.40; 8, T. Bowyer (Aldershot) 11.43; 9, C. Leaky (Ex. Bgls) 11.45; 10, R. Bolam (Havering) 11.46; 11, S. Lettie (Cov. G) 11.48; 12, S. Lowe (Watford) 11.53. 115 finished. **Teams:** 1, Essex Bgls. 29; 2, Havering 51; 3, Workop 55; 4, Bracknell 57; 5, Aldershot 74; 6, Thurrock 74.

Boys (12-13)

1, S. Baldry (Thurrock) 12.10; 2, D. Smith (MAC) 12.30; 3, L. Castro (Luton) 12.34; 4, T. Murphy (Bracknell) 12.37; 6, P. Benton (Thurr) 12.42; 6, P. Kemp (Ex. Bg) 12.46; 7, N. Bishop (MAC) 12.53; 8, C. Szwed (Nuneaton) 12.56; 9, P. Cornwall (Ex. B) 12.58; 10, A. Godfrey (Newham) 13.01; 11, M. Rozin (AFD) 13.05; 12, G. Fell (Ex. B) 13.07. **Teams:** 1, Manchester AC 23; 2, Essex Bgls. 27; 3, Thurrock 34; 4, Luton 50; 5, Aldershot, F&D 54; 6, Workop 64. 132 finished.

Minor Boys (10/11)

1, B. Heard (Abertillery Ach) 13.22; 2, D. Eglan (Aldershot) 13.30; 3, P. Ayrey (Verlea) 13.32; 4,

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M. Boothey (MAC) 13.39; 5, R. Swindler (Workop) 13.42; 6, I. Howes (Cov. G) 13.51. 76 finished. **Teams:** 1, Verlea 29; 2, Workop 30; 3, Biggleswade 39; 4, Coventry Godiva 47; 5, Aldershot 57; 6, Kimbolton 62.

(Young Boys (8/9))

1, P. Barlett (Shaftesbury); 2, J. Allen (Barnett); 3, N. Pautard (S&C); 4, S. Buchan (Biggleswade PS); 5, P. Coe (MAC); 6, N. Murphy (Stev. & NH). 58 finished.

CHINGFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE (Road)

At Walthamstow, March 21st

1. M. Absalom (Eton Manor)	15.54
2. G. Pringuer (Southgate)	16.00
3. T. Crabb (Eton Manor)	16.10
4. D. Galloway (Hornsey) 16.10; 5, G. Harrold (Enfield) 16.39; 6, C. Ridley (W'stow) 16.41; 7, M. Heath (S'gate) 16.44; 8, K. Hutchin (Eton M) 16.54; 9, J. Arger (Enf) 16.56; 10, P. McCracken (Camden) 16.57; 11, R. Howe (W'stow) 17.07; 12, G. Bennison (Barnet) 17.08; 13, J. Mercer (Enfield) 17.08; 14, M. McDonough (Camden) 17.11; 15, G. Sayer (Eton M) 17.12; 16, K. Forster (W'stow) 17.15; 17, T. Ryan (Camden) 17.16; 18, E. Barnard (S'gate) 17.21; 19, A. Proberts (Camden) 17.22; 20, R. Taylor (Horn) 17.25. Teams: 1, Southgate 99; 2, Enfield 107; 3, Camden 138; 4, Eton Manor 139; 5, Walthamstow 147; 6, Hornsey 165; 7, Barnet 221; 8, Loughton 323; 9, Victoria Park H. 339. Final placings: 1, Enfield 68; 2, Walthamstow 59; 3, Southgate 46; 4, Camden 45; 5, Hornsey 43; 6, Barnet 42.	

WALES

HAT-TRICK FOR PLAIN IN PENCOED ROAD RACE

THE only dry, sunny day for three weeks in South Wales was Easter Monday, the day of the annual Pencoed Road Races. About 150 athletes took part in the ninth annual races and a huge crowd turned out as usual to watch. The Men's 100 yards saw the six finalists almost abreast at the tape, but the verdict went to Roger Walters of Wolverhampton and Bilston in 10.0 from Gary Vince and Mike Delaney both of RAF, St. Athan.

Bernard Plain achieved a hat trick of victories in the 4 miles and treated the crowd to a fine performance when he took the lead on the first of the six big laps and was never again headed. He clipped 12 sec off his own course record, set two years earlier, and looked smooth and confident throughout.

The Women's Mile was won by Mary Tracey of Guinness AC (Dublin) in 5.03, Rita Ridley's winning time of last year. Wanda Sosinka of Edinburgh Southern was second three seconds behind and Lesley John of Cwmbran Olympiads third. Pencoed British Legion Club, the sponsors, were again the perfect hosts.

The Welsh road relays at St. Athan were marred by a biting wind and were a protracted affair. Many have said the senior men's event could be decided with half the distance. I am inclined to agree.

Cwmbran Sports Centre have applied to the Sports Council for a grant to enable them to lay a Tartan track, according to a newspaper report in South Wales. The track is now cinder but the run-ups are being laid in Tartan at present and should be ready this summer. If it comes about, it will be Wales' first Tartan track.

There is much press coverage these days about the poor state of Maindy Stadium and the fact that Cardiff AAC have no home fixture in the National League as a result. I know that Cardiff Corporation are co-operating with the club to do what they can within the year's estimates, but I recall three years ago when the Welsh AAA asked if the existing small announcers' box could be made into a double-decker—the estimate was £500—a ridiculous figure.

Today (April 22nd) the "Round the Factories" 5½ miles road race goes on at Bridgend Trading Estate, starting at 3 pm. This event was due to be held on April 8th but was postponed due to the clash with the Welsh road relays.

Bernard Baldwin

PENCOED ROAD RACES

April 3rd

100y: 1, R. Walters (W&B) 10.0; 2, G. Vince (RAF) 10.1; 3, M. Delaney (RAF) 10.1. 4M: 1, B. Plain (Cardiff) 18.46; 2, A. Staynings (Westbury) 19.28; 3, H. Elder (W&B). Teams: 1, Westbury 28; 2, Swansea 29; 3, Cardiff 32. (Boys) 100y: 1, S. Harris (Brid) 11.2; 2, D. Stock (Rhondda) 11.4; 3, S. Tabberer (Brid) 13.0. Mile:

1, A. Marchant (Card) 5.01; 2, K. Norman (Rhondda) 5.03; 3, A. Morgan (Gil) 5.09. Women's mile: 1, M. Tracey (Guinness) 5.03; 2, W. Sosinka (ESH) 5.06; 3, L. John (Cwmbran Oly) 5.12. Girls 100y: 1, C. Jenkins (Cleddau) 12.2; 2, J. Price (Gilwern) 12.6.

WELSH NATIONAL ROAD RELAYS

At St. Athan, April 8th

1, Cardiff 2:24.40; 2, Cardiff 'B' 2:31.46; 3, Swansea 2:34.21; 4, Newport 2:34.48; 5, Cwmbran Olympiads 2:52.22. Fastest short laps: G. Spencer (Card) 13.19; J. Theophilus (Swan) 13.34. L. Williams (Card) 14.14. (Long) D. Hopkins (Newport) 27.40. M. Critchley (Card) 27.41. S. Seaman (Swan) 29.22. (Youths) 1, Cardiff 19.39; 2, Swansea 21.33; 3, Cardiff 'B' 21.42; 4, Cwmbran Oly. 21.46; 5, Newport 22.32. Fastest: G. Morgan (Card) 4.40, K. Page (Card) 4.49, W. Snowdon (Card) 4.51. (Women) 1, Cwmbran Oly. 36.02; 2, Swansea 37.57; 3, Cardiff 38.16. (Junior Girls) 1, Swansea 19.17; 2, Cwmbran Oly. 18.56; 3, Cardiff 19.29.

Cardiff 256, Wolv. & Bilston 237. (Further results of indoor match) TJ: 1, Duff (RAF) 13.53/44'43"; 2, Morris (RAF) 13.25/43'54"; 3, McGregor (W&B) 12.98/42'7". (Women) 1000mW: 1, J. Dale (W&B) 5:45.7; 2, C. Durnal (W&B) 5:58.7. SP: 1, B. Spencer (C) 11.13/36'64"; 2, Stevenson (W&B) 10.70/35'14"; 3, Hill (W&B) 10.43/34'24". HJ: 1, H. Dale (W&B) 1.49/4'10½"; 2, Hession (C) 1.46/4'9½". LJ: 1, G. Regan (C) 5.28/17'4"; 2, A. Smith (C) 5.01/16'5½". (Junior Girls) HJ: J. Pennington (C) 1.33/4'43". LJ: L. Pearson (W&B) 4.75/15'7".

CAMBRIDGE & COLERIDGE '10'

April 8th

1, A. Simmons (Luton) 47.36
2, P. Romaine (Holbeach) 48.38
3, J. Roberts (Camb. & Col) 49.07
4, Graham Tuck (C&C) 49.47; 5, M. Exton (Holbeach) 50.11; 6, P. MacLagan (VP) 50.29; 7, C. Lee (C&C) 51.08; 8, F. Dawkins (Derby) 51.30; 9, M. Holt (P'boro) 51.49; 10, L. Hughes (TVH) 51.50; 11, J. Bachelor (Ilford) 51.51; 12, R. Perry (Hol) 51.54; 13, R. Churm (Luton) 51.58; 14, G. Newton (Luton) 52.21; 15, C. Hunn (SLH) 52.36; 16, A. Banks (Basilidon) 52.39; 17, R. Clark (RAF Upavon) 52.44; 18, G. Astill (Notts) 52.48; 19, E. Williams (C&C) 52.51; 20, C. Woodward (Leam) 52.54; 21, R. Franklin (TVH-vet) 53.04; 22, I. Wilton-Jones (Linc. Cty) 53.06; 23, A. Barrett (Ilford) 53.09; 24, M. Pringuer (S'gate) 53.27; 25, A. Jukes (C&C) 53.30; 26, K. Cole (Hunt) 53.41; 27, D. Hickling (Plessey-B) 53.47; 28, W. Jones (W. Corn) 54.19; 29, R. Wallace (Linc. C) 54.26; 30, A. Roe (C&C) 54.34.

Teams: 1, Cambridge & Coleridge 14; 2, Holbeach 19; 3, Luton 28; 4, Linc. C&C 84; 5, Ilford 108; 6, Plessey Beeston 110; 7, Leamington 118; 8, RAF Honington 170; 9, Cambridge H 180; 10, Huntingdon 181.

CARL LISSEMAN ROAD RELAY

At Wolverhampton, April 1st

1, Coventry Godiva (R. Woolaston 16.25, W. Adcocks 15.58, P. Eales 16.35, J. Whewy 16.11) 65.09.

2, Tipton (B. Cole 16.08, A. Richards 16.40, K. Rollason 16.03, J. Wright 16.24) 65.15.

3, Birchfield (R. Davies 16.30, J. Potts 16.48, M. Bardsley 16.41, R. Panter 16.38) 66.37.

4, Worcester 66.43; 5, Small Heath 66.51; 6, Tipton 'B' 67.07; 7, Wolv. & Bilston 69.13; 8, Rugby & Dist. 69.26; 9, Tipton 'C' 69.44; 10, Wolv. & Bilston 'C' 70.43; 11, Coventry Godiva 70.50; 12, Halesowen 71.10; 13, Wolv. & Bilston 'B' 72.00; 14, Shrewsbury 72.03; 15, Stafford 72.27. 36 teams finished. Most Improved team: Stafford (2.48). **Fastest:** Adcocks 15.58, Rollason 16.03, Coe 16.08.

**BILLINGHAM TO HARTLEPOOL
OPEN ROAD RACE**

April 3rd

1. J. Hillen (Saltwell) 48.52
2. J. Alder (Morpeth) 49.16
3. R. Lunnon (Gosforth) 49.22
4. E. Pomfret (Houghton) 49.48; 5, D. Cockburn (Morpeth) 50.11; 6, Ray Donkin (Sund) 50.16; 7, J. Flory (M&C) 50.18; 8, Ron Donkin (Sund) 50.19; 9, J. Pearson (Morpeth) 50.34; 10, A. Matheson (Mor) 50.53; 11, W. Wardle (Jarrow) 51.11; 12, M. Kearns (S. Shields) 51.12; 13, P. Barker (M&C) 51.43; 14, B. Cordes (Mor) 51.48; 15, C. Vaux (M&C) 51.54; 16, M. Coleby (Darl) 52.05; 17, K. Kelly (S'well) 52.07; 18, R. Balding (Heaton) 52.08; 19, K. Carr (Sund) 52.21; 20, A. Robertson (Mor) 52.38; 21, A. Bone (S. Shields) 53.10; 22, N. Rackham (Heat) 53.16; 23, B. Baggaley (Gates) 53.24; 24, C. Haggie (Gos) 53.27; 25, K. Parr (S'well) 53.42; 26, G. Freeman (Sund) 53.51; 27, B. Sweeting (S. Shields) 54.18; 28, T. Hunter (Hull Sp) 54.20; 29, S. Rackham (NSP) 54.21; 30, D. Taylor (NSP) 54.54.

Teams: 1, Morpeth 150.40; 2, Sunderland 152.56; 3, Middlesbrough & Cleveland 1:53.55; 4, Morpeth 'B' 154.37; 5, Saltwell 154.41; 6, South Shields 158.40; 7, Gosforth 160.44; 8, Heaton 161.58; 9, North Shields Poly. 166.55; 10, Middlesbrough & Cleveland 'B' 177.07.

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ELSWICK ROAD RELAYS

March 31st

THE 21 senior teams in the Elswick Road Relay got off to a blistering start despite the troublesome headwind and a small elite group of Mike McLeod, John Hillen, Bob Patterson and Lindsay Dunn soon detached themselves up the formidable 400y long Denton Bank. McLeod, finishing very fast, brought the home club in first and recorded the fastest time of the day—just 2 seconds outside Brendan Foster's course record. Gateshead moved into the lead on the third lap through Brian Baggaley and looked to be heading for yet another victory until, much to everyone's surprise, Bob Lunnon for Gosforth pulled off a shock victory with a fine 10.13 on the anchor. Morpeth's 'B' team finished third ahead of their unpredictable 'A' runners.

1, Gosforth (R. Carruthers 10.38, J. McCarthy 10.32, C. Murley 10.35, R. Lunnon 10.13) 41.58; 2, Gateshead (L. Dunn 10.11, J. Trainor 10.39, B. Baggaley 10.45, P. Parker 10.41) 42.16; 3, Morpeth 'B' (A. Robertson 10.33, J. Pearson 10.39, A. Mathieson 10.33, E. Hudspeth 10.58) 42.43; 4, Morpeth 'A' 43.14; 5, Sunderland 43.20; 6, Elswick 43.56; 7, North Shields Poly. 44.45; 8, Gateshead 'B' 46.03; 9, Heaton 46.56; 10, Gosforth 47.05. **Fastest:** McLeod (Elswick) 10.06, Dunn 10.11, Lunnon 10.13, J. Hillen (S'well) 10.15, R. Patterson (Blaydon) 10.17, J. Alder (Morpeth) 10.26.

Youths

1, M. Kearns (S. Shields) 10.32; 2, P. Taylor (Sunderland) 10.39; 3, D. Kelly (S'well) 10.44; 3, A. Amos (Gates) 11.03; 5, N. Murray (S'well) 11.07; 6, W. Watson (S'well) 11.16; 7, G. Sivell (Gates) 11.32; 8, A. Gibson (Gosforth) 11.34; 9, J. Stage (Gosforth) 11.47; 10, P. Robinson (Gos) 11.53. **Teams:** 1, Saltwell 14; 2, Gosforth 27.

Boys

1, G. Foster (Sunderland) 11.14; 2, M. Dabie (Gates) 11.20; 3, S. Murray (S'well) 11.24; 4, J. Cummings (S'well) 11.31; 5, S. Wrathmall (Sund) 11.37; 6, J. Grogan (Gates) 11.44. **Teams:** 1, Gateshead 15; 2, Sunderland 21; 3, Saltwell 23; 4, Jarrow & Hebburn 36.

Colts

1, North Shields Poly. (P. Saint 7.06, K. Legge 7.01, D. Marawa 6.48) 20.55; 2, Gateshead 21.06; 3, Sunderland 21.16; 4, Jarrow & H. 21.44; 5, Gateshead 'B' 21.50; 6, Gosforth 21.52; 7, Saltwell 21.55; 8, Jarrow 'B' 21.59; 9, South Shields 22.07; 10, Elswick 22.28. **Fastest:** G. Maddison (Gates) 6.42 (rec), M. Fletcher (Sund) 6.45, Matawa 6.48, R. Watson (S'well) 6.59, Legge 7.01, J. Longlands (Jarrow) 7.02. **J.A.**

Devon AAA are holding their first ever Decathlon Championship at Clifton Hill Track, Exeter, on May 6th/7th (10.30). Some other individual and relay events will be held. Anyone interested should contact R. W. Davey, 35 Park Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay TQ1 4QR (Dec. & Men), or Mrs. E. Broadway, 4 Kilbarran Rise, Exeter (Tel: 75000) for women's events.

READERS VOTE FOR 'PRO' DIRECTOR

Further Findings of the "AW" Referendum

ACCORDING to the Referendum, the majority of "AW" readers consider the *Daily Telegraph* is the national newspaper which gives the best athletics coverage, are dissatisfied with TV coverage of the sport, are in favour of combined men's and women's national championships which should also be restricted to UK athletes, feel that athletics administration in this country is either stagnant or improving but slowly, support the notion of a professional director of UK athletics but have no clear-cut idea of the best man to fill the post.

Which national newspapers do you consider give the best athletics coverage?

	Votes		Votes
1. Daily Telegraph	507	7. Daily Express	41
2. The Guardian	216	8. Glasgow Herald	27
3. The Times	188	9. Daily Mail	23
4. Sunday Times	116	10. Daily Mirror	14
5. Observer	84	Sun	14
6. Sunday Telegraph	59	The Scotsman	14

The three daily and three Sunday 'qualities' scored overwhelmingly over their 'popular' rivals, which proves that "AW" readers prefer sober and factual reporting to a more sensational treatment. The *Daily Telegraph* (correspondent: James Coote) won almost as many votes as the rest of the dailies put together; while in proportion to their circulations, both *The Guardian* (John Rodda) and *The Times* (Neil Allen) attracted good figures. The *Sunday Times* (Cliff Temple) was the top-ranking Sunday paper, and the *Glasgow Herald* (Ron Marshall) did exceptionally well to gather more votes than any of the mass-circulation papers with the exception of the *Daily Express*. A large number of readers expressed dissatisfaction with the national press as a whole and many voted for such-and-such newspaper as "the best of a poor bunch" or similar phrase.

Reader J. Kersey of Ipswich summed up a common criticism of the popular press in these terms: "Athletes are presented as gold medal hopes months in advance and have to endure the pressures involved and if they don't produce the goods are written down as failing, however well he or she has performed. The classic example of course being Lillian Board's silver at Mexico ('only a silver', etc.). Last season it was Dave Bedford and the Helsinki 10,000m. Too often top British athletes are compared with their national contemporaries only, the progress in overall performance in Europe, Africa, Australasia and USA being completely unconsidered."

Are you satisfied with the coverage athletics gets on TV?

Yes: 19% No: 81%

A good deal of adverse criticism was received from readers, much of it directed at the commentators—although Ron Pickering (BBC) and Adrian Metcalfe (ITV) emerged relatively unscathed.

Neglect of field events was taken up by several readers. Stuart Broadhead (Hoddesdon, Herts) wrote: "Field events still get a raw deal. The Continental coverage really shows the BBC up; e.g. in Helsinki telecasts they were almost APOLOGISING for the Finnish producer leaving track heats, etc., to cover a leading competitor in the throws or jumps." Peter Ferguson (St. Albans): "No, except at Olympiads with non-English cameramen, etc., and therefore a chance to see field events for some minutes before the inevitable interruption for the fifteenth re-run of a recording of a track race involving a British competitor". I. R. Winship (Sheffield): "Presentation of field events is poor. While of less obvious interest to spectators they can be exciting (e.g. pole vault at Mexico Olympics) but TV rarely shows more than the occasional jump or throw of the 'big' names and little attempt is made to show the progress of an event. It is noticeable that coverage in other countries, e.g. European, Olympics, etc., is generally better than that in Britain."

Richard Pack (Eastbourne) makes the comment: "I'm afraid that in the last few years TV seems to have developed a nasty habit of making the bad performance appear good, and the good ones too fantastic for words." Alexander J. Robertson (Glasgow) complains of "too much British bias in major championships". Suggestions include this from Steven Barrett (Limpsfield, nr. Oxted, Surrey): "TV coverage is quite fair but could be improved by having a few more interviews with the athletes. Plus more events should be covered, such as the National League meetings where competition is shown at its best, I feel."

Are you in favour of combined men's and women's national championships?

Yes: 81% No: 19%

A landslide vote in favour of integration. One reader, M. P. Davies (Croydon) goes further: "Not only that, but get rid of the silly dual administrative machinery of the AAA and WAAA." A few readers expressed doubts as to whether the sheer size of a combined meeting could be accommodated. Interesting point: all the international athletes who took part in the Referendum (including David Jenkins, Paul Nihill, Moira Walls, Jane Perry, Jim Alder, Fergus Murray, John Jackson, Chris Carter and Phil Embleton) voted in favour of combining the championships.

Do you feel the national championships should be restricted to UK athletes only?

Yes 59% No: 41%

There was a sharp divergence of opinion here, although many of those who voted against restricting the championships felt that the first UK athlete home in each event, regardless of actual position, should be proclaimed official national champion. Of the internationals who replied, all were

for a closed championships, except for Fergus Murray ("but awards to the first three Britons") and the walking contingent of Paul Nihill, Phil Embleton, Shaun Lightman and Bill Sutherland. Some of those readers who voted to restrict the championships made the proviso that overseas athletes resident in the UK should be permitted to compete. David Fareday (Bristol) is in favour of open championships because "athletics need the extra draw of international athletes" and Anthony Eady (Ealing) thinks British athletes "should welcome foreign competition". A compromise suggested by several is for invitation events, including foreign competitors, to be added to the programme; others favoured two championships in a year—one open and one closed.

Do you consider that the administration of athletics in the UK is: (a) improving; (b) stagnant; (c) declining?

Improving 44%
Stagnant 48%
Declining 8%

Of 709 readers who answered this question, 59 considered the administration is declining; 336 that it is stagnant and 314 that it is improving. Several dozen in this last category added the words "but not fast enough" or to that effect. Ron Holman (Bexley, Kent), who voted (b), adds: "Excepting SCAAA (possibly other area associations also) but Southern has good blend of admin men and visionaries!" Vet champion Arthur Walsam writes: "If athletics were administered by the same type of person who run some of the local clubs, all would be well. I see officials who have 'climbed' the tree change almost overnight. They forget that athletics is for the athletes, first and always. I know officials who could quite happily run a meeting without the athletes. Active athletes must have a say in the running of athletics at all levels".

D. G. Dipple (Coventry) is concerned at the lack of young officials, who "become disheartened". He writes: "Fewer and fewer ex-athletes show any inclination to participate in an administrative capacity, which although understandable is a great pity. Although now decrying the efforts of the older age groups, if any administration is to improve and progress continually, an infusion of younger, equally able people is essential". Raymond Scruton (Farnborough, Hants) writes: "Too many elderly officials are hanging on to active posts for too long. Agreed that these people have a wealth of knowledge and experience which is invaluable, but their outlook is not 'with it'. The only solution is for all those people who have the knowledge, experience and current interest, to form advisory groups, to which younger administrators and officials could turn for help and guidance. The biggest difficulty? Determining a demarcation line between the advisory group, many of whom are convinced that they are still fully active, and the actually active".

Are you in favour of a professional 'director of UK athletics'?

Yes: 90% No: 10%

Reader reaction to this, and the following

question, will—along with further aspects of the Referendum—be published in next week's issue.

If so, who do you feel is best qualified for the post?

	Votes		Votes
Tom McNab	47	John Le Masurier	15
Ron Pickering	38	Geoff Dyson	14
Robbie Brightwell	22	Mike Farrell	12
Tony Ward	22	Gordon Pirie	9
Roger Bannister	21	John Boulter	8
David Hemery	18	John Herring	8
Denis Watts	16	Ian Ward	7
Arthur Gold	15		

Almost 700 readers cast votes in this section, and 62 names were suggested—25 of whom received just a single vote.

NATIONAL ROAD RELAY ON APRIL 29th, IN SUTTON PARK TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From the North: Take the A38. On entering Sutton Coldfield at the top of the hill by the Parish Church, bear left round the back of the church, down Coleshill Street into Ebrook Road. The school is on the right, in Upper Holland Road.

From the North West and South West: From the M6/M5, turn off the motorway on the M1 spur to Great Barr (Nth. Birmingham/Walsall), then take the A34 to Birmingham, turn left at the first set of traffic lights at Queslett Road, down to the second island, then turn right down Kings Road. Continue along Kings Road to Chester Road North, over island into Jockey Road, down Jockey Road to A34 Birmingham Road. Bear left to A38 towards Sutton Coldfield then turn right at the Odeon Cinema into Upper Holland Road.

Course approach from School: Take the road directly opposite the school (South Parade) up to the main Parade, diagonally opposite to the right is Park Road, which leads into Clifton Road and the Town Gates and the Park are within 200 yards. The course can be seen from this entrance.

Notice to supporters: All supporters are asked not to drive their cars at the same speed as the runners are running as this above all creates congestion. There is adequate parking at many points on the course. Please do not pace the runners.

Get-together: Following the Relay, Birchfield Harriers will be opening their new club-house for an informal get-together for athletes, officials, supporters and press at Alexander Stadium, Aldridge Road (7 p.m. onwards). The England v. W. Germany soccer match can be watched there on TV, and a discotheque follows.

Margaret Whitbread has organised a top class women's javelin competition at Thurrock on May 20th, sponsored by "Power" Sports shoes. The field includes Sue Platt, Janet Baker, Sharon Corbett, Anne Goodlad, Yvonne Fountain and Pru French.

UK Cross-Country Rankings, '71-72

THESE, the 16th annual rankings, are an attempt to place in order of merit the leading UK cross-country runners of the past season. The choice is purely a personal one, carrying no official status whatever, and only the races listed below each athlete's name have been taken into consideration.

Although he did not race in either the Scottish or English Championships, Ian Stewart rates first place on the basis of his being the first UK finisher in the International together with some excellent runs on the Continent. The problem this year has been to decide where to rank Dave Bedford, who appeared in only three significant races and none of them a championship. However, the quality of his victories in Brasschaat (where he beat Gaston Roelants) and Milan (ahead of Ben Jipcho and Dane Korica) were such as to warrant, in my estimation, second place. Trevor Wright and Malcolm Thomas are bracketed together in third position: Wright beat Thomas in the Whitehurst Memorial, Inter-Counties and International, whereas he had an unfortunate run on Thomas's big day, the National. Bill Robinson, 2nd at Sutton Coldfield, had only a moderate season otherwise and scrapes in at equal 10th. Unranked but worthy of special mention are Jack Lane (2nd IAC, 1st FISU) and Andy Holden (3rd IAC, 1st Inter-Area, 3rd Inter-Counties, 2nd FISU), both of whom missed the major championships. Ian Stewart's previous appearances in the rankings were 2nd in the 1967 Youths, 2nd in the 1968 Juniors and 5th last year.

After a gap of twelve years Joyce Smith tops

the women's rankings again—she was number one (as Joyce Byatt) in 1959 and 1960! Pressing her close was Rita Ridley, the English champion, but Joyce beat her in both the Southern and International. Mary Stewart, an intermediate, takes 9th place on the basis of her run at Cambridge where she finished ahead of such as Chris Haskett, Angela Lovell and Bronwen Cardy.

Rankings for the junior age groups by Dave Cocksedge will appear next week. **Mel Watman**

SENIOR MEN

- 1. Ian Stewart (Birmingham)** 1st Paris; 1st Chartres; 2nd Hannut; 3rd International (1st UK finisher).
- 2. Dave Bedford (Shaftesbury)** 1st IAC; 1st Brasschaat; 1st Milan.
- 3. Malcolm Thomas (Thames Valley)** 9th IAC; 2nd Whitehurst Memorial; 5th Inter-Counties; 1st North of Thames; 1st Southern; 1st Welsh; 1st National; 19th International (7th UK).
Trevor Wright (Hallamshire) 2nd Opprebais; 1st Whitehurst Memorial; 2nd Inter-Counties; 3rd Wingene; 3rd Hannut; 1st Northern; 23rd National; 5th International (2nd UK).
- 5. Allan Rushmer (Tipton)** 22nd Inter-Counties; 1st Mezdion; 1st Midland; 3rd National; 15th International (4th UK).
Tony Simmons (Luton United) 2nd Bolbec; 6th IAC; 8th Elgoibar; 2nd North of Thames; 1st Eastern; 5th National; 8th International (3rd UK).
- 7. Grenville Tuck (Cambridge & Coleridge)** 2nd Inter-Area; 2nd Granollers; 2nd Brasschaat; 1st Inter-Counties; 6th National; 18th International (6th UK).
- 8. Colin Robinson (Rochdale)** 6th Inter-Area; 10th Inter-Counties; 1st Sens; 9th National; 16th International (5th UK).
- 9. Jim Alder (Morpeth)** 13th IAC; 2nd North-Eastern; 13th Inter-Counties; 5th Wingene; 2nd Northern; 2nd Scottish; 20th International (8th UK).



It's Sutton Park, a name calculated to send shivers down many a spine, and Ian Stewart—the top-ranking cross-country runner—is in the process of establishing a 92 sec lead for Birmingham in the Midland Road Relay on April 8th.

Tim Pike



Vince Regan (94) sends Steve Kenyon on his way in the Northern Counties 50 miles road relay championship at Sheffield. Kenyon brought Bolton United home in first place.

Eric North

10. **Keith Angus (Sheffield United)** 14th Inter-Counties; 3rd Sens; 5th Northern; 4th National; 22nd International (10th UK).
Bill Robinson (Satwell) 3rd North-Eastern; 59th Inter-Counties; 20th Elgoibar; 16th Northern; 2nd National; 53rd International (15th UK).

SENIOR WOMEN

1. **Joyce Smith (Barnet)** 1st eq Leuven; 1st Southern 5th National; 1st International; 1st Linden.
 2. **Rita Ridley (Essex Ladies)** 1st Milan; 4th Southern; 1st National; 3rd International (2nd UK).
 3. **Margaret Coomber (Cambridge H)** 2nd Greater London League (1); 2nd GLL (2); 1st Beryl Davies; 5th Southern Inter-Counties; 3rd Southern; 1st Scottish; 2nd National; 5th International (3rd UK); 3rd Linden.
 4. **Christine Haskett (Dundee Hawkhill)** 1st Scottish East v. West; 2nd San Sebastian; 2nd Scottish; 3rd National; 19th International (10th UK).
Jean Lochhead (Airedale & Spen Valley) 2nd Inter-League; 2nd Inter-Counties; 1st Northern; 4th National; 8th International

(5th UK).

6. **Sheila Carey (Coventry Godiva)** 1st Midland League (2, 3 & 4); 5th Milan; 2nd Midland; 7th National; 7th International (4th UK); 5th Linden.
Ann Yeoman (Feltham) 1st Greater London League (1, 2 & 3); 1st Southern Inter-Counties; 2nd Southern; 6th National; 11th International (6th UK).
 8. **Joan Allison (Cambridge H)** 7th Beryl Davies; 2nd Southern Inter-Counties; 8th National; 12th International (7th UK).
 9. **Mary Stewart (Birchfield)** 2nd Inter-Counties (Intermediates); 1st Midland (Inter); 1st Scottish (Inter); 1st National (Inter); 17th International (8th UK).
 10. **Bronwen Cardy (Bromsgrove & Redditch)** 2nd Midland League (2); 3rd Midland League (3); 6th Inter-League; 2nd Midland League (4); 1st Inter-Counties; 1st Midland; 1st Welsh; 11th National; 21st International (11th UK).
Angela Lovell (Birchfield) 11th Inter-Counties; 4th Midland; 9th National; 18th International (9th UK); 6th Linden.

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Profile of Kjell Isaksson

by Mel Watman

'LITTLE ISAK' TOPS THE WORLD

KJELL ISAKSSON, who has set world records of 5.51/18'1" and 5.53/18'2" on consecutive weekends, only concentrated on the pole vault because he considered himself too short to get very far in his first love, the high jump, where his best is 1.98/6'6". "Little Isak," as he is nicknamed at home, is 1.74/5'8½" tall (he weighs 68kg/150lb) but if his lack of height is a drawback in the pole vault ("I do feel I am handicapped", he says) then he has compensated for it in other ways, gymnastic ability in particular.

"I practised gymnastics for years before I began track and field in 1964," he explains, "and the gymnastics background has helped very much. Without it, I might not even be over 16 feet."

Vern Wolfe, coach to Olympic champion Bob Seagren and another former world record holder Paul Wilson, sums up Isaksson's qualities this way: "If you were going to map out your ideal vaulter I doubt that many coaches would go down to someone as small as Kjell. What he lacks physically, though, he makes up for with reckless abandon in attacking the box, plus his extensive background in gymnastics gives him unusual control in the air and he can handle himself in the air much quicker than most other vaulters. He comes off that pole like a bomb."

Another expert opinion—from coach and 1960 Olympic silver medallist Ron Morris: "He knows how to jump. He's not sloppy at all and gets on top very fast and handles himself well. He doesn't get the big vault just once in a while; he's very consistent".

Equally impressed with the Swedish vaulter is Ken Matsuda, coach at the University of Southern California during Isaksson's brief enrolment there last year. "I remember his first workout. He put the bar right up to 17 feet and went over it. Not even Bob Seagren and Paul Wilson ever did that. He's not afraid of anything."

Kjell Isaksson, pronounced Shell Ee-sock-son, had just celebrated his 20th birthday when he first attracted a little international attention by placing 6th in the 1968 European Indoor Championships with a personal best of 4.90/16'0¼". He had earlier made his mark in Britain by winning with a foot to spare (at 4.60/15'1") in the junior international held at East London Stadium in 1967. Outdoors in 1968 he continued to make excellent progress and his Swedish record of 5.25/17'2½" ranked him equal sixth among the Olympic contenders. Although not far off his best in the Olympic final with 5.15/16'10¼", the standard was such that he placed only tenth. Next year, though, he showed his competitive mettle by winning the silver medal behind Wolfgang Nordwig at the European Championships in Athens with a season's high of 5.20/17'0¼".

In March 1970 he added a quarter-inch to Seagren's world indoor record with 5.34/17'6¼" and



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outdoors improved to 5.37/17'7½" in a late-season meet in Canada.

It was during the 1971 indoor season, while a PE student at USC, that Isaksson made his impact on the American vaulting scene. He recaptured the indoor record he had lost to Jan Johnson by clearing 5.38/17'7½" with inches to spare and had the bar set at 5.50/18'0¼", the highest ever attempted under cover. Shortly afterwards he undertook a whirlwind tour of Japan, competing five times in seven days and averaging 5.21/17'1¼". He continued his globetrotting with second place (as in 1970) in the European Indoor Championships, the winner Nordwig breaking Isaksson's record with 5.40/17'8½". Isaksson's reply was swift: five days later, in Cleveland, he laid claim to the indoor record again as he soared over 5.41/17'9". Such was his consistency that in 15 indoor meets that winter, in three continents, he cleared at least 17ft in 11 of them.

His best outdoor vaulting in 1971 came early and late in the season. In late April he returned to Japan and reached 5.40/17'8½" and 5.42/17'9¼", while in September he recorded a new personal best of 5.43/17'9¼" in Italy. In between, at the European Championships, he won yet another

silver medal (his fourth indoors and out), behind Nordwig as usual, with a vault of 5.30/17'4½". He competed in the enormous total of 52 meetings during 1971.

Although he dropped out of USC the previous spring, Isaksson realised the ideal Olympic preparation was to train and compete in the USA, and so—at the expense of a Swedish foundation—he returned to California this past winter for a stay of five months. He and his 31-year-old compatriot Hans Lagerqvist have rented a house in the Los Angeles area and the facilities of both USC and UCLA are at their disposal.

The first of Isaksson's two great moments this year came about shortly after midnight on February 25th/26th during the AAU Indoor Championships in New York. With about 4,000 of the 14,000 spectators staying on to the end, Isaksson raised the indoor record to 5.45/17'10½"—with Lagerqvist second at 5.28/17'4". Lagerqvist went on to occupy Isaksson's usual position, second, in the European Indoor Championships with a personal best of 5.40/17'8½"—Isaksson himself preferring to tour Japan instead.

Isaksson is happier competing outdoors, particularly if there is a tail-wind blowing. "If there is a head-wind, and being small, I can't jump at all. But with a following wind I can run faster." The speed element is important, for although he has managed to improve his 100m speed a little (from 11.1 to 11.0) he remains slower than most of his world-class rivals—though his last six strides on the runway are rapid. Conditions, therefore, were ideal for him at the Texas Relays in Austin on April 8th—a wind gusting up to 20 mph was at his back. That, and the confidence gained from an 18ft training vault a few days earlier, convinced him that this was the occasion to break Chris Papanicolaou's world record of 5.49/18'0".

Watched by a crowd of 18,500, Isaksson entered the competition at 5.03/16'6", cleared 5.20/17'1" at the second try and 5.33/17'6" at the third before having the bar raised to 5.51/18'1"—an important metric landmark. On his first attempt he dislodged the bar with his feet on the way up; but on the second he was over cleanly to become Sweden's first field event world record breaker since discus thrower Harald Andersson in 1934. Nearly an hour was spent by officials measuring and remeasuring the vault in metric and Imperial. Afterwards Isaksson had three tries at 5.56/18'3", coming quite close on the second attempt. Runner-up was Dave Roberts at 5.20/17'1" with Lagerqvist third at 5.03/16'6".

The blond 24-year-old, who returns to Sweden at the end of May, refuses to be labelled Olympic favourite. "There are about ten excellent vaulters in the world. That's why I will just be happy with a medal". In Munich, much may depend on how the wind is blowing.

Isaksson's progression:—

1966	4.35/14'3½"	1970	5.37/17'7½"
1967	4.70/15'5"	1971	5.43/17'9½"
1968	5.25/17'2½"	1972	5.53/18'2"
1969	5.20/17'0½"		

GOODBYE, DICK — AND THANKS FOR THE MEMORY



Mark Shearman photo

At an age (27) when he should have been approaching his greatest performances, Dick Taylor has decided to retire from competition. The Coventry Godiva Harrier, whose achievements included the European 6 miles record, all the UK records from 3000m to 10,000m and a Commonwealth 10,000m bronze medal, believes he could make Britain's team for Munich — "but that wouldn't interest me. I wouldn't want to go unless I honestly felt I could win a medal and do justice to myself and my country". Persistent injuries over the past year have led to the premature retirement of the man who, three years ago, was the most exciting distance runner in the world.

THE POLE VAULT BARRIER BREAKERS

13 feet	Marc Wright (USA)	13'2½"	8.6.1912
14 feet	Sabin Carr (USA)	14'0"	27.5.1927
15 feet	C. Warmerdam (USA)	15'1"	29.6.1940
16 feet	John Uelses (USA)	16'0½"	31.3.1962
17 feet	John Pennel (USA)	17'0½"	24.8.1963
18 feet	C. Papanicolaou (Gre)	18'0"	24.10.1970
4 metres	Marc Wright (USA)	4.02	8.6.1912
4.5 metres	Bill Sefton (USA)	4.54	29.5.1937
	Earle Meadows (USA)	4.54	29.5.1937
5 metres	Brian Sternberg (USA)	5.00	27.4.1963
5.5 metres	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)	5.51	8.4.1972

Overseas News and Results

USA: HAS JIM RYUN SOLVED HIS PROBLEMS?

AFTER he had trailed home last in an indoor mile on February 11th in 4:13.2 and last again outdoors on March 4th in 4:19.2, the question on everyone's lips was "what's wrong with Jim Ryun?" There was no obvious reason for his demise; both Ryun and his coach Bob Timmons estimated he was ready for 3:56 in the latter race. "I'm not having trouble breathing", said Ryun, asked whether he was suffering from the hay-fever that ruined his 1971 campaign—"I just feel tight and can't run any faster".

Timmons, who has guided the world's fastest ever miler since high school, stressed: "It's not physical. Jim has been checked enough for us to know that. It has to be psychological, but we haven't been able to get at the basis for it yet. It may be that Jim really never got over the Olympics. He ran a fantastic race, considering mononucleosis, his injury and the altitude. But he was second in the most important race of his life, and he never had had to learn how to lose. Sure, on the surface he was the epitome of good sportsmanship but I suspect that race left him with some inner doubts and fears that even he doesn't realise. Jim never got involved with an opponent during a race. When he was setting records it didn't matter who was in the race. He knew he was going to win. Now he wonders if he can win, who might beat him. Give him a couple of big wins and I think he'll be on the way back".

Later results suggest that Ryun is overcoming his problems, whatever they may have been. He declared himself pleased with relay efforts of 1:48.6 (880y) and 2:56.3 (3/4M) at Gainesville, Florida, on March 24th/25th—"Well, I'm doing something right for a change. It doesn't mean I'll go out and run 3:50 tomorrow, but these are the two best races I have run this year". His confidence was boosted still further when he trounced Ken Swenson by nearly 20y in a 1:48.1 880y race at Austin, Texas, on April 7th—"the best half mile for this early in the season that I have run". This weekend—a week before his 25th birthday—he will face Tom Von Ruden at 1500m.

While David Jenkins has been producing his remarkable time trials at Meadowbank, over on the other side of the Atlantic the top American 400m men are starting to show their paces in competition. Larry Black, a 20.5 220y performer last year, has run a 44.1 440y relay leg; while also in relays Benny Brown has been clocked in 44.5, Lee Evans in 44.6 and John Smith (recovered from the illness that might have

threatened his Olympic hopes) in 46.1. Fred Newhouse (45.0 400m last year) has windy metric sprint marks of 10.1 and 20.4. A new name to follow: the 1.92/6'3½", 70kg/155lb Steve Williams, who ran a 9.4 100y last year at 17 (he turned 18 in November), has produced a 45.7 440y as well as dash marks of 9.3, 9.2w and 20.4w.

Within the space of three days, three Americans bettered 27:23 for 6 miles: the 1.99/6'6½" tall Jack Bachelor and his clubmate Frank Shorter dead-heated in 27:22.8 on March 22nd, a time that Steve Prefontaine (21) beat by 0.4 in his debut at the distance on March 25th.

"What I'd like to do", Prefontaine was quoted as saying in a recent *Track & Field News*, "is run a six mile in about 27 minutes in April and about a 3:54 or 3:55 mile in May and then just let those Europeans wonder what I can do in between". After the race, on Tartan at Bakersfield, 'Pre' enthused: "They'll hear about this in Europe. They have to be respecting me more now, and wondering if I have any weaknesses. This is going to help me in my race against them". His mile splits were 4:35.5, 4:36.7, 4:35.8, 4:34.3, 4:37.4 and 4:22.7 (59.9 last lap) and he won by nearly 1½ minutes. He now ranks as the world's 6th best combination mile/3M/6M runner, as scored on the Portuguese Tables.

3044 Kip Keino	3:34.9m	13:24.2m	28:06.4m
3033 Ron Clarke	4:00.2	13:16.6m	27:39.4m
2996 Jurgen Haase	3:39.1m	13:36.6m	27:53.4m
2994 Dave Bedford	4:02.9	13:22.2m	27:47.0m
2994 Emiel Puttemans	3:41.9m	13:24.6m	28:01.4m
2985 Steve Prefontaine	3:57.4	12:58.6	27:22.4

5.2. Pocatello. (i) (outside track) Women's 880y: Koenig (15) 2:07.6. **5.2. Phoenix.** Women's 440y: Laing 54.5. **12.2. Oakland.** (i) Women's SP: Myelnik (USSR) 17.18/56'4½". **20.2. Cincinnati.** Women's 1hr/10M: Brenda Webb (18) 9M 1625y/60:30.6. **25.2. New York.** (AAU Women's Indoor Champs—fuller details) 60y: Davis 6.9 (6.8 sf), Watson (6.7 ht); 220y: Stroy 24.6; 440y: Hammond 54.9, Lundgren (Swe) 54.9, Scott 55.0; 880y: Toussaint 2:08.2, Hudson 2:09.5, Koenig 2:10.5; Mile: Brown 4:44.0, Heald 4:47.5, Reiser (Can) 4:48.8; 60yH: Johnson 7.5; HJ: van Kiebel (Can) 1.72/5'8", Pfaff 1.72; LJ: Watson 6.39/20' 11½", White 6.28/20'7½"; SP: Seidler 15.53/50'11½". **4.3. Seattle.** Women's 2½M CC Trial: Brown 13:27, Claugus 13:31, Anex 13:51. **5.3. Irvine.** Women's 100m: Watson 11.5w; 200: M. Fergerson 23.7, Morris (Jam) 24.0; 1500: Mary Decker (13) 4:37.0; 100mH: Johnson 13.6; DT: Olga Connolly 54.08/177'5" (US rec).

11.3. Baton Rouge. 440y: Wills 46.5, 11/12.3. **Irvine.** Dec: BARRY KING'S marks in his 7350 —11.1 7.05/23'1½", 14.90/48'10½", 1.80/5'11" 51.4, 16.3, 46.72/153'3", 3.96/13'0", 57.36/188'2", 4:48.1. **18.3. Ypsilanti.** (i) 3M: PAUL LIGHTFOOT 13:41.6. **18.3. Greenville.** 100y: Holloway 9.3;

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120yH: Ryall 13.7. **18.3. Arlington.** 220y: Schultz 20.7w. **18.3. Houston.** PV: Roberts 5.18/17'0". **18.3. Alpine.** LJ: Owusu (Gha) 7.85/25'9 1/4". **18.3. Tempe.** 100y/220y: Quarrie (Jam) 9.5/20.8; 440y: Garrison 46.8; 880y: 2. Sotutu (Fiji) 1:52.6 (rec); HJ: Shepard 2.18/7'2"; LJ: Jackson (Jam) 7.59/24'11"; TJ: Mohinder Singh Gill (Ind) 15.56/51'0 1/4"; Jackson 15.52/50'11"; SP: Arrhenius (Swe) 19.62/64'4 1/2"; Lane 19.47/63'10 1/4"; DeBernardi 19.15/62'10"; 4x110y: USC 39.8. **18.3. Tucson.** 100y: Brisco 9.3. **18.3. Fullerton.** 220y C. Smith 20.7; Kemp 20.7; PV: Bob Richards Jr 5.03/16'6"; Blomqvist (Swe) 5.03; DT: Lister 58.86/193'1". **18.3. Santa Maria.** 100m/200m: Newhouse 10.1w/20.4w; PV: 2. Moro (Can) 4.87/16'0". **18.3. San Jose.** SP: Samsam (Mor) 19.76/64'10" (rec). **18.3. Hayward.** 100y: Ravelomanantsoa (Malag) 9.4; Francis (Can) 9.4. **18.3. Seattle.** PV: Taylor 5.13/16'10"; JT: Luke 81.38/267'0". **18.3. Nacodoches.** 880y: Fanahan McSweeney (RoI) 1:50.2.

20.3. Sacramento. 880y: Ebba (Eth) 1:49.7 (& 4:05.2 mile 4 days later). **22.3. Tucson.** DT: Gunzel 59.28/194'6". **22.3. Gainesville.** 6M: Bacheler & Shorter 27:22.8, Laris 27:38.0, Galloway 28:00.0. **22/23.3. Gainesville.** Dec: Samara 7669, Kenward 7453, BARRY KING 7108. **24.3. Long Beach.** PV: Smith 5.18/17'0"; DT: van Reenen (SA) 63.86/209'6" (rec), Lister 61.08/200'5"; HT: Frenn 67.56/221'8", Connolly (40) 67.08/220'1". **24/25.3. Gainesville.** 880y: Ouko (Ken) 1:50.2; Mar: Misner 2:18:39; 120yH: (A) Hill 13.5; (B) Foster 13.7; 440yH: Bruggeman 50.8; HJ: Jourdan 2.16/7'1"; LJ: Humphrey 7.88/25'10 1/4"; 4x440y: N. Carolina Central 3:06.0 (Sang—Kenya—47.1, Black 44.1, Ouko 46.8) (Ouko 45.7 anchor in heat) 4x880y: Club West 7:22.2 (Ryun 1:48.6 3rd leg); Mile Medley: N. Carolina Central 3:16.9 (Sang 46.2, Ouko 1:48.7); Distance Medley: Club West 9:42.0 (Ryun 2:56.3 3rd leg). **24/25.3. Houston.** 120yH: Milburn 13.5 (13.6 ht). **25.3. Lafayette.** (i) 60y: Burton 5.9. **25.3. Albuquerque.** 100y/200y: Branch 9.2w/20.4w; HJ: Nyman (Swe) 2.16/7'1". **25.3. Santa Barbara.** 4x220y: USC 1:22.5 (Quarrie 19.9 anchor). **25.3. Lake Charles.** 880y: McSweeney (RoI) 1:50.2. **25.3. Bakersfield.** 220y: Newhouse 20.8; 440y: Evans 46.7 (& 44.6 relay leg); 6M: Prefontaine 27:22.4; PV: Smith 5.34/17'6 1/2"; LJ: Jackson 7.95/26'1", Moore 7.86/25'9 1/4"; DT: Powell 59.66/195'9"; JT: Schmidt 81.08/266'0". **25.3. Baton Rouge.** 440y: Wills 46.4. **25.3. Ranger.** PV: Porter 5.15/16'11".

26.3. Westwood. 100y/220y: Edmonson 9.3/20.8; 440y: Brown 46.4; 440yH: Seymour 51.2; Johnson (NZ) 51.3; PV: Tracaneli (Fra) 5.03/16'6"; 440y relay legs: Brown 44.7, J. Smith 46.1. **27.3. Compton.** DT: van Reenen (SA) 62.62/205'5", Lister 59.46/195'1". **31.3. Los Angeles.** 100y: Pender 9.4, Miller (Jam) 9.5; DT: van Reenen (SA) 62.26/204'3". **1.4. Los Angeles.** HJ: Owens 2.15/7'0 1/4". **1.4. Eugene.** 2M: Prefontaine 8:35.8; Dec: Craig Brigham 7373 (high school rec). **1.4. Santa Barbara.** 100y: Ravelomanantsoa (Malag) 9.3. **1.4. Tempe.** SP: Feuerbach 20.28/66'6 1/4". **1.4. Westwood.** 220y: Edmonson 20.6, Lutz 20.7; 440y: J. Smith 47.2; HJ: Stones (18) 2.14/7'0 1/4" (2.18/

7'2" extra trial); PV: Hatcher 5.10/16'9". 2.4. Compton. DT: Ordway 60.36/198'0", Vollmer 59.26/194'5", Lister 58.72/192'8", Kohler 58.48/191'10", Antunovich (NZ) 58.34/191'5".

CANADA

Ottawa's 15-year-old Glenda Reiser turned in the outstanding performance of the Canadian Indoor Championships with a national 1500m record of 4:28.5. She took the lead after one lap of the 200m unbanked Tartan track and ran even pace for the first 1200m (72.0, 2:25.6, 3:38.1) with Francie Kraker-Johnson just a stride behind. The American pulled even on the final back straight but could not get by and had to settle for 2nd in 4:29.0; final 200m for both girls was 30.4 Debbie Van Kiebelbent won both jump titles in addition to putting the shot a personal best of 13.90/45'7½" and 4th in the 50m hurdles (7.5) . . . Mel Pender (US) tied the world 50y record of 5.0 indoors in Hamilton on March 18th . . . Margaret Beacham still holds the world indoor 1000m best at 2:46.5 after all: Penny Werthner's 2:45.9 in Vancouver on February 12th was in fact over a course 30 metres short . . . Pan-American Games high jump silver medallist Wilf Wedmann, former Canadian record holder at 2.12/6'11½", has won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford, which should enliven the high jumping scene in the UK . . . Canadian cross-country championship results—(Men:12km) Richard Munro 38:26.4, Dave Ellis 39:08, Dave Northey 39:14; (Women: 4km) Glenda Reiser 14:18, Thelma Fynn 14:21, Maureen Crowley 15:00.

4.2. Toronto. (i) Women's 50y: Render (US) 5.8, Berto 5.8, Davis (US) 5.8, Ferrell (US) 5.9; 50yH: (heats) Johnson (US) 6.4 (world best), O'Neal & Rallins (US) 6.5; HJ: 2, Turpin 1.72/5'8". **5.2. Edmonton.** (i) Women's 300m: Walsh 39.4; SP: Jones 14.84/48'8½". **11.2. Saskatoon.** (i) Women's HJ: D. Brill 1.65/5'5" (failed 1.70/5'7") **12.2. Vancouver.** (i) Women's 50m: Loverock 6.3; Mile: Brown (US) 4:46.0, Reiser 4:55.2; 50mH: Johnson (US) 6.9, May 7.2; HJ: Steffanson 1.73/5'8½"; Pen: (new tables) Mack (WG) 4296 (13.35/43'9½", 50mH:—7.5, 5.73/18'9½", 1.73/5'8", 26.1), Van Kiebelbent 4257 (13.03/42'9", 7.4, 6.01/19'8½", 1.68/5'6", 26.7). **11.3. Edmonton.** (i) Women's 50m: Loverock 6.2; 400m: Walsh 54.9; Pen: (old tables) May 47.88 (7.2, 13.89/45'7", 1.62/5'5¼", 5.79/19'0", 26.0) Jones 46.55 (7.7, 14.46/47'5½", 1.65/5'5", 5.78/18'11½", 26.8). **11.3. Vancouver.** 3M road relay leg (accurately measured): Tighe 55:38.4.

18.3. Hamilton. (i) 50y: Pender (US) 5.0 (eq. world best), Tinker 5.2 (5.1 ht); 300y: Roberts (Trin) 32.0, C. Mills (US) 32.1; 1000y: Bach (US) 2:09.6, Dyce (Jam) 2:09.7; 50yH: Milburn (US) 5.9; women's 50y: Allwood (US) 5.8; 50yH: O'Neal (US) 6.7. **24.3. Montreal.** (i) PV: Lagerqvist (Swe) 5.18/17'0", Railsback (US) 4.87/16'0", Raftis 4.87 . . . Isaksson (Swe) & Simpson failed opening 5.03/16'6"; SP: Oldfield (US) 19.54/64'1½", Pirnie (Can) 19.25/63'2". **25.3. Quebec City.** (Canadian Indoor Champs) HJ: Hawkins 2.11/6'11", Ferragne 2.05/6'9"; PV: Simpson 5.10/16'9" . . . Isaksson failed opening height; SP: Oldfield (US) 18.81/

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Irish News

RAHENY ROAD RELAYS

March 26th

AMONG the most popular relays during the road season are the Ladies, Junior Men and Senior races promoted by Raheny Shamrocks. Clonliffe Harriers proved their all round strength by winning all three races. The junior race of 4x3 miles began proceedings and Avondales Billy Bellew had a lead of 60y over Clonliffe's lead-off man Derek Carroll. Clonliffe, however, made up the deficit shortly afterwards and with senior cross-country international Padraig Keane running on the third leg the race was only a formality for the Clonliffe boys. Metro's Villanova-based Eamonn Coughlan did appear to make up some ground on Keane in the early stages but the strong running Keane recorded the fastest time of 13.13. With a time of 13.15 Coughlan helped Metro consolidate their second spot with the promoting club Raheny in 3rd place.

1, Clonliffe 56.51 (D. Carroll 14.17, F. Murphy 14.39, P. Keane 13.13, M. Byrne 14.40); 2, Metropolitan 58.10, 3, Raheny Shamrock 59.22.

Donore Harriers, without Tom O'Riordan and Eddie Spillane, were surprisingly defeated in the senior event. Whilst Donore are National cross-country champions most observers would consider them to be even stronger on the road and this is borne out by fact that they finished three teams in the first six in this race but lacked the talents of a sound Clonliffe squad. The first leg saw two Clonliffe teams fight it out with Bernard Daly out-sprinting steeplechaser Des McCormack back in serious action. Danny McDaid ran with his usual confidence to consolidate his teams position at the head of proceedings when recording the day's fastest time of 12.53. Despite the presence of current cross-country internationals Frank Grealley and John Phelan in the Donore squad they could make no impression on the Clonliffe lads and Tony Murphy, who knows the course so well, brought them home with six seconds to spare, thus breaking Donore's five year hold on the trophy.

1, Clonliffe 53.06, (B. Daly 13.23, D. McDaid 12.45, G. McIntyre 13.31, T. Murphy 13.18); 2, Donore 53.12, 3, Donore 'B' 54.39, 4, Civil Service 54.49, 5, Tullamore 55.26, 6, Donore 'C' 56.03.

With three of their winning WAAA 4x400 and 4x800 squads in action, the Clonliffe ladies had matters all their own way in the 4x600y. After Padraiginn O'Dwyer had taken them into the

lead on the first leg they were never headed.

1, Clonliffe 6.12; 2, Guinness 6.30; 3, Clonliffe 'B' 6.47.

Nick Davis

N. Irish News

ONE of the more impressive sights of recent weeks has been the diminutive figure of John McLaughlin gradually and methodically drawing away from all opposition and staying ahead. McLaughlin, from the Achilles club, first came to prominence last season when he finished 5th in the Senior CC Championships. From the very start of this season he has established himself as a competitor of consistent excellence, figuring in the top three in whatever race he competed. As this year's Junior champion he finished runner-up to Mike Teer (North) in the Senior Championships, and on March 11th at the Wilkinson Cup Ballysillan, the 1.57/5'2", 43kg/95lb McLaughlin beat Teer by 25 sec.

With this in mind the promised tussle between the two at the first road race of the season at Whitehead on April 3rd attracted much academic interest. Teer, with his experience and proven ability over the roads, was expected to demolish the opposition by the end of the first lap. At every incline he surged, but McLaughlin hung on and so too did his team-mate Jim McGuinness. On the second and penultimate lap McGuinness was dropped, Teer was surging, and McLaughlin was still sitting in. With 1½ miles to go McLaughlin eased into the lead and by the end of the race he had a 15 sec advantage over Teer. His time was the second fastest recorded on the course.

Neill Morton

N. IRELAND CC CHAMPIONSHIPS

1, M. Teer (N. Belfast) 38.26; 2, J. McLaughlin (Achilles) 38.41; 3, G. Hannon (Achilles) —; 4, I. Morrison (B'drain) 39.10; 5, J. McGuinness (Achilles) 39.17; 6, D. Price (B'drain) 39.22; 7, R. Kernaghan (Duncairn N) 39.38; 8, K. Morgan (Achilles) 39.43; 9, I. Cotton (New Ulster Un) 39.55; 10, S. Appleton (E. Antrim) 40.05; 11, T. Quinn (B'drain) 40.21; 12, M. Wright (Ach) 40.54; 13, E. Cunningham (Donore) 40.58; 14, C. Pennington (W'field) 41.01; 15, T. White (B'drain) 41.03; 16, D. Martin (N. Belfast) 41.05. **Teams:** 1, Achilles 48; 2, Ballydrain 90; 3, New University Ulster 145; 4, Willowfield 193; 5, East Antrim 211; 6, Queen's Univ. 281; 7, 9th Old Boys 284; 8, Shorts AC 354.

Whitehead Road Race

1, J. McLaughlin (Achilles) 24.01; 2, M. Teer (N. Bel) 24.16; 3, J. McGuinness (Ach) 24.49; 4, I. Morrison (B'drain) 24.57; 5, K. Morgan (Ach). **Teams:** 1, Achilles 19; 2, N. Belfast 41; 3, Willowfield 60. **(Novices Race)** 1, P. Loughlin (E. Antrim) 26.26; 2, A. Kernaghan (D. Nom) 26.29; 3, R. Curran (Dun); 4, D. Bennett (B'drain); 5, W. Uprichard (CAH); 6, W. Mooney (N. Bel). **Teams:** 1, Duncairn 72; 2, Lisnagarvey 131; 3, N. Belfast 167.

(continued next week)

61'8½", Pirnie 18.76/61'6½"; 3000m Walk: Jobin 12:48.8; women's 50m: Daniels (US) 6.3, Yvonne Saunders (Jam) 6.5; 200m: Saunders 25.4; 1500m: Reiser 4:28.5, Johnson (US) 4:29.0; 50mH: Wilson 7.4 (7.2 ht); HJ/LJ: Van Keikebel 1.75/5'9" & 6.02/19'9"; SP: Martin 14.83/48'8". **25.3, Vancouver.** LJ: Mason 7.70/25'3¼". **26.3, Richmond.** 1hr/20km: Tighe 11M 1560y/62:38.6 (recs).

Lloyd Swindells & Lyle Sanderson

UNITED KINGDOM COACHING SCHEME

A progress report by Squadron Leader Norman Cobb

(1) The United Kingdom Coaching Scheme has now been accepted, both in principle and practice, by the BAAB.

(2) The Scheme will be administered by the UK Coaching Committee acting as a properly constituted Sub-Committee of the Board. Membership of the Committee is shown as Appendix "A". It is the intention that the Full UK Coaching Committee shall meet twice a year to determine and approve policy. Two other Sub-Committees, namely Organisation and Technical, have been formed to implement policy and to recommend other policy matters to the Full Committee. These two Sub-Committees, membership of which is shown in Appendix "B", will meet as and when required, probably once a quarter.

(3) Considerable progress has already been made in implementing the Scheme and the purpose of this Communique is to summarize this progress, and to give the operation of the Scheme the widest possible publicity.

(4) The Scheme covers the coaching of both men and women athletes in the whole of the UK, and perhaps the most important innovations are the formation of Joint Coaching Committees at Area level and Event Responsibility at National and Area level.

Joint Coaching Committees

These have now been established in all Areas and Honorary Secretaries appointed as follows:—

Midlands: Miss E. Bowie, c/o MCAA Offices, Rooms 30 and 32, Queen's College Chambers, 38A Paradise Street, Birmingham, 1.

North: Ian Ward, c/o NCAA Rooms 288-290, Corn Exchange Buildings, Fennel Street, Manchester M4 3HF.

N. Ireland: Sean Kyle, 'Tir-Na-Nog', Old Galgorm Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

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South: Mrs. A. Swallow, c/o SCAAA, 26 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4BQ.

Wales: A. Clemo, 10 Church Street, Cardiff, Glamorgan.

Event Responsibility

National Event Coaches have been appointed as shown in Appendix 'C'. The appointment of Event Coaches at Area level to work with the National Event Coaches is proceeding, but progress is limited in some events due to the need to ensure the appointment of suitably qualified Senior Coaches. Progress beyond Area level, i.e. to County level, is envisaged as a long term policy, but is quite evidently heavily dependent upon the availability of sufficient qualified Coaches in each event. The role of Event Coaches at whatever level is the development of his or her event. To this end there is to be an annual programme of specialist

event courses at National and Area level.

(5) The Coaching Awards have now been settled as: (a) Senior Coach; (b) Club Coach; (c) Assistant Club Coach. The details regarding examinations, procedure, eligibility, etc. have also been agreed and are shortly to be published. Separate pamphlets are available from the BAAB Coaching Office and Area Joint Coaching Committee.

New badges have been designed and will shortly be available. They consist of: (a) Blazer Badge—gold or silver wired, or embroidered; (b) Track Suit Badge—embroidered or printed; (c) Vest Badge—printed. Details of prices will be published in *Athletics Coach* and *Athletics Weekly*.

It should be noted that all qualified Coaches of whatever standing in either the AAA, WAAA or their Scottish equivalents will, if they so wish, be absorbed into the new Scheme and will receive in time a letter from the Board's Honorary Secretary, a UK Coaching Certificate, and will be eligible to wear the newly-designed Coaching Badge.

(6) Some misunderstanding seems to have arisen with regard to the appointment of Staff Coaches and it might be as well to state the position clearly. The appointment of staff Coaches was already being developed in one or two Areas before the finalisation of the UK Coaching Scheme. This led to an irregular pattern of appointments within the UK as a whole, which only time and adherence to the principles of the Scheme will eradicate.

Staff (Event) Coaches are appointed by the respective Joint Area Coaching Committees in consultation with the National Event Coach concerned. Any points of difference are to be resolved by the Principal National Coach overseeing the Event, but the appointment must be made by the Joint Area Coaching Committee. Any development towards County Event Coaches, which obviously will be possible in some events more quickly than others, follows the same pattern.

One criticism which has been levelled at the appointment of National Event Coaches has been the appointment in two events (Hurdles and Javelin) of a different Coach for men and women. This is seen as a negation of joint coaching for men and women. It was a necessary expedient at this stage of development and one which it is hoped will resolve itself in time.

(7) The Scheme has already advanced sufficiently to enable the Technical Sub-Committee to produce a comprehensive programme of Olympic Preparation Courses in 1971/72, and plans are now being prepared to cater for a full four-year cycle of courses to cater for the Event Responsibility aspect of the Scheme leading up to the 1976 Olympics, as well as meeting the other aims of the Scheme in respect of producing qualified

Coaches and the development of event specialisation down to the club level.

(8) Despite therefore initial difficulties inherent in any form of change from well-established practice the Scheme is now in operation. Given the enthusiasm and goodwill of all parties further progress should be made with, it is to be hoped, a consequent improvement of standards in track and field athletics at every level which is the first aim of the Scheme.

APPENDIX 'A'

FULL UK COACHING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: A. G. McAllister

HON. SECRETARY: Squadron Leader
C. N. Cobb

One Representative from each of the following bodies:—

Amateur Athletic Association
Women's Amateur Athletic Association
Scottish Amateur Athletic Association
Scottish Women's AAA
Welsh Amateur Athletic Association
Welsh Women's AAA
Northern Ireland AAA
Northern Ireland Women's AAA
Department of Education and Science.
Sports Council and/or CCPR
Scottish Sports Council
Northern Ireland Ministry of Education
Schools

The 2 Principal National Coaches

Co-opted:

Race Walking Association representative

Ex-Officio Members:

Chairman of the BAAB

Hon. Secretary of the BAAB

Hon. Treasurer of the BAAB

NOTE: This is the representation as it now stands. The Committee is always prepared to review its membership, and indeed, is due to do so at its next meeting on April 23rd.

APPENDIX 'B'

ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE

2 representatives (1 from Men's and
1 from Women's athletics)

from each of the following:

Scotland

Northern Ireland

Wales

Midland Counties

Northern Counties

Southern Counties

Hon. Secretary of the UK Coaching Committee (who will act as Secretary) with power to co-opt.

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

2 Principal National Coaches with power to co-opt.

NOTE: The Committee expects that the two Principal National Coaches will exercise their power to co-opt extensively so as to obtain a wide coverage of opinion and expertise on technical matters. Its terms of reference are to ensure that a high degree of technical development is maintained so as to benefit all levels of track and field athletics.

ATHLETES OLYMPIC BALL

The Marchioness of Exeter has consented to be President and The Lady Byers Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Athletes Olympic Ball being organised by the AAA Club at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on June 15th.

200 CLUB WINNERS

SCAAA 200 Club six-monthly prize (£280) was won by Surrey AC. March winners:—I. M. Ross (£25), A. A. Harley (£15), J. R. Charlesworth (£5). The new Hon. Promoter is N. W. Page, 1 Lindsay Road, Hampton Hill, Middx. (Tel: 979 9613).

APPENDIX 'C'

EVENT RESPONSIBILITY ORGANISATION CHART PRINCIPAL NATIONAL COACH OVERSEEING EVENTS

D. C. V. WATTS

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NATIONAL EVENT COACHES

Middle Distance — D. C. V. Watts
Long Distance and
Cross-Country — H. Wilson
Steeplechase — H. Harvey
Pole Vault — M. Evans
Long Jump — D. R. Kay
Triple Jump — T. McNab
High Jump — J. H. Anderson
Walking — C. T. Lloyd Johnson
100m and 200m — W. E. Marlow

400m — F. Dick
Hurdles (Men) — J. Le Masurier
Hurdles (Women) — K. Oakley
Shot — P. Lay
Discus — W. H. C. Paish
Javelin (Men) — C. Smith*
Javelin (Women) — J. Goscombe
Hammer — C. Johnson
Decathlon — T. McNab
Pentathlon — Mrs. D. Nelson-Neal

* emigrating this summer

NOTE 1: The Two Principal National Coaches oversee the National Relay Squads in conjunction with the two Event Coaches.

NOTE 2: Appointments to Event Coach have been made to cover the period up to the Munich Olympics; thereafter appointments will be made to cover the four-year period leading up to an Olympiad.

Scottish Results

TOM SCOTT MEMORIAL '10' (Law to Motherwell Road Race)

April 8th

1. S. Downie (Falkirk Victoria) 47.45
2. D. Gunstone (Dundee Hawkhill) 47.53
3. W. Day (Falkirk Victoria) 48.01
- 4, J. Wight (Edin. AC) 48.08; 5, A. Wight (Edin. AC) 48.17; 6, C. Martin (Dumbarton) 48.42; 7, J. Dingwall (Edin. Un) 49.02; 8, M. Craven (ESH) 49.10; 9, A. Faulds (Clydes) 49.40; 10, P. Dolan (Clydes) 50.00; 11, W. Cairns (Dumb) 50.56; 12, G. Eadie (Cambuslang) 50.59; 13, R. Paton (Clydes) 51.10; 14, D. Wyper (West Scot) 51.12; 15, G. Brown (ESH) 51.50; 16, R. Anderson (Cambuslang) 51.58; 17, A. Reid (Glasgow Un) 52.00; 18, R. Inglis (Cambus) 52.06; 19, R. Wilson (F'kirk V) 52.18; 20, W. Drysdale (Monkland) 52.27; 21, J. Milne (EAC) 52.32; 22, Alex. Brown (Law) 52.34; 23, Andy Brown (Law) 52.36; 24, D. Simpson (Law) 52.38; 25, W. Sharp (F'kirk) 52.43; 26, H. Martin (Dumb) 53.07; 27, W. McDonald (VP) 53.09; 28, E. Fischer (EAC) 53.14; 29, A. McPhee (Paisley) 53.22; 30, T. O'Reilly (Spring) 53.27.

Teams: 1, Falkirk Victoria 23; 2, Edinburgh AC 30; 3, Clydesdale 32; 4, Dumbarton 43; 5, Cambuslang 46; 6, Edinburgh SH 59; 7, Law & Dist. 69; 8, Victoria Pk. 115; 9, East Kilbride 128; 10, Monkland 134; 11, Beith 152; 12, Edinburgh Univ. 163. **Veteran:** A. Forbes (VP). **Handicap:** S. Downie (F'kirk) 41.15 (6.30).

Junior 5M

1, J. Brown (Monkland) 23.30; 2, R. McDonald (Monkland) 23.45; 3, L. Spence (Greenock Glenpark) 24.57; 4, J. McLukie (Larkhall YMCA) 25.08; 5, A. Hutton (ESH) 25.39; 6, I. Moncur (Bellshill) 25.59. **Teams:** 1, Monkland 14; 2, Larkhall YMCA 29; 3, Edinburgh Univ. 49.

Scottish Association of Boys Clubs Championships, Ayrshire, March 12th. (U. 21) 1, K. Sime (Shett) 27.04; 2, A. McMaster (Stewarton) 28.24. (U. 19) 1, J. Golder (St) 25.40; 2, J. Martin (Bathgate) 26.37; 3, R. Knowles (Bath) 26.47; 4, A. Hunter (Stew) 26.54. **Team:** Bathgate. (U. 16) 1, M. Watt (Shett) 17.25; 2, G. Young (Edin. BC) 17.45; 3, S. Leitch (Shett) 17.51; 4, B. Dickson (Ayr). **Team:** Shettleston. (U. 14) N. Muir (Shett) 8.59; 2, I. Robb (Shett) 9.10; 3, J. Owens (Shett) 9.16; 4, J. Nevin (Edin. BC). **Team:** Shettleston.

Scottish Civil Service Championships, Rosyth, March 18th. 1, B. Goodwin (GPO) 23.53; 2, P. Duffy (Customs & E) 24.06; 3, J. Irvine (GPO) 25.20; 4, B. Jeffrey (Lochinvar) 25.27; 5, W. Ramage (DHSS) 25.36; 6, J. Russell (DEP) 25.47. **Teams:** 1, GPO Glasgow 18; 2, MOD Rosyth 31; 3, Lochinvar 32.

Scottish Boys Brigade Championships, at Inglis-ton, March 18th. (Sen) 1, A. Hutton (Edin) 15.40; 2, J. Graham (M'well) 15.49; 3, J. Evans (Stirl) 16.07. **Team:** Edinburgh. (Inters) 1, E. Stewart (Glasgow) 10.52; 2, R. Drummond (Strath) 10.55; 3, F. McCann (Air) 11.07. **Team:** Glasgow. (Juns) 1, R. Craig (Strath) 8.09; 2, T. Young (Stirl) 8.18; 3, A. Taylor (Edin) 8.32. **Team:** Edinburgh 49.

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The new address of T. Marsh, CC secretary for Mitcham AC Ladies is 88 Tonfield Road, Sutton, Surrey (01-644 7371).



Scottish Veterans cross-country team champions, Greenock Wellpark: left to right—Bill Stoddart, 1970 cross-country international; and brothers John and Tom Stevenson, CC internationals 1953-56 and 1949/1952-56 respectively.

James Hall

MAIDENHEAD '10'

April 3rd

1. J. Valentine (Oxford Univ) 48.17
 2. R. McAndrew (Reading) 49.02
 3. I. Macintosh (Ranelagh) 49.16
 4. R. Ingleton (Ports) 49.45; 5. R. Melvern (Windsor) 49.58; 6. M. Duff (Read) 50.07; 7. B. Bacon (Read) 50.12; 8. R. Allden (Read) 50.49; 9. E. Oxlade (Hill) 51.03; 10. M. Price (Windsor) 51.52; 11. A. Horne (Rane) 52.25; 12. D. Locke (Rane) 52.26; 13. D. Slatter (Wycombe P) 52.31; 14. L. Hughes (TVH) 52.35; 15. M. Moody (M'head) 52.37; 16. S. Appleton (Windsor) 52.48; 17. M. Casse (Wy. P) 53.12; 18. M. Hampton (B'ht) 53.31; 19. G. Archer (Hill) 53.44; 20. M. Connelly (Walton) 53.51; 21. A. Matson (Wy. P) 54.00; 22. N. Pittams (M'head) 54.11; 23. D. Lankey (Rane) 54.21; 24. B. Forey (Rugby) 54.29; 25. R. Kraushaar (Hill) 54.32; 26. T. Lane (Read) 54.36; 27. D. Clarke (Ox. C) 54.51; 28. C. Beauvais (Walton) 55.04; 29. R. Dickson (Croydon) 55.07; 30. J. Stubbs (Ealing & S) 55.17; 31. W. Beauvais (Walton) 55.29; 32. R. Newman (TVH) 55.44; 33. P. Ferguson (Aylesbury) 55.47; 34. R. Thompson (TVH) 55.48; 35. R. Ellis (M'head) 55.52. 89 finished.

Teams: 1. Reading 10; 2. Ranelagh 21; 3. Windsor, S&E 25; 4. Wycombe Phoenix 44; 5. Hillingdon 44; 6. Maidenhead 58; 7. TVH 61; 8. Walton 62; 9. Orion 90; 10. Belgrave 104. Veteran (Over 40) Ellis (35th). (O.45) J. Fitzgerald (Mit) 43rd (56.44). **Berkshire Championship:** 1. McAndrew; 2. Bacon; 3. Moody. Maidenhead Championship: Moody.

EGERTON ROAD RELAY

April 8th

1. Bolton United H (A. Byrne 18.12, M. Freary 18.02, S. Kenyon 18.16, E. Haslam 18.14) 1:12.40.
 2. Leeds City (M. Cox 18.40, D. Nichols 19.00, M. Baxter 18.06, J. Lunn 18.46) 1:14.32.
 3. Blackpool & Fylde (J. Fewery 18.29, N. Sloane 18.39, T. Parker 18.43, P. Morris 18.49) 1:14.40.
 4. Sheffield UH (B. Barden 18.43, D. Pratt 18.27, P. Rawnsley 18.12, T. Hopkins 19.34) 1:14.56.
 5. Manchester & Dist. (P. Ravald 18.21, B. Boxen 19.26, P. Morris 19.25, R. Wilde 17.46) 1:14.58.
 6. Bolton United H (N. Ward 18.24, R. Hill 18.52, R. Swann 19.09, D. Hopkinson 18.45) 1:15.10.
 7. Wirral 1:15.15; 8. Blackburn 1:15.17; 9. Liverpool Pembroke 1:15.39; 10. Salford 1:16.23; 11. Waterloo 1:16.41; 12. Rochdale 1:16.45; 13. Sutton H 1:17.36; 14. Wakefield 1:17.57; 15. East Cheshire 1:18.19; 16. Leeds Cty. 1:18.47; 17. Liverpool Pembroke 'B' 1:18.57; 18. Bolton UH 'C' 1:18.58; 19. Manchester AC 1:19.24; 20. MAC 'B' 1:20.24; 21. Salford 'B' 1:20.27; 22. Oldham & Royton 1:20.33; 23. Blackburn 'B' 1:20.50; 24. Warrington 1:21.06; 25. Wirral 1:21.24. **Fastest:** Wilde 17.46, R. Haswell (Salford) 17.56, Freary 18.02, J. Calvert (B'burn) 18.04.

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RESULTS IN BRIEF

East Anglian League, Road Relay. 1, Honington (Langley 17.02, Stone 17.09, Horkan 18.02, Lewins 16.25) 1:08.38; 2, Marham 1:10.41; 3, Wyton 1:12.12; 4, Colt/Neat 1:15.23; 5, Ganges 1:16.42; 6, Misc. Team 1:17.33. Fastest: Lewins 16.25, Wray (Marham) 16.39, Fawcett (Swanton M) 16.50.

March 1st

East Anglian League Road Race at Watton. 1, Best (Marham) 29.45; 2, Wilde (Marham) 29.45; 3, Wyatt (Colt/N) 30.22; 4, Cameron (Wyton) 30.58; 5, Dicker (Ganges) 31.30; 6, Pearson (Watt) 32.02; 7, Wray (Mar) 32.18; 8, Fawcett (Watt/SM) 32.25; 9, Stone (Hon) 32.36; 10, Langley (Hon) 32.48. Teams: 1, Marham 22; 2, Wyton 58; 3, Colt/Neat. 59.

March 11th

Hull & District CCA Championships. 1, P. Moon (Hull Sp) 32.44; 2, J. Craven (Rown) 32.49; 3, B. Jones (CH) 32.57; 4, J. Bett (Grim) 33.08; 5, T. Hunter (Hull Sp) 33.16; 6, T. Kilmartin (Rown) 33.30; 7, B. Short (CH) 33.39; 8, D. Muir (Grim) 33.44; 9, G. Walker (Rown) 34.04; 10, E. Dunkin (LCC) 34.07. **(Veterans)** 1, G. Buckley (E. Hull) 33.08; 2, H. Crawforth (C. Hull) 35.16; 3, K. Coupland (Leeds C) 35.19. **(Youths)** 1, R. Cosks (C. Hull) 16.21; 2, C. Nightingale (C. Hull) 16.50; 3, S. Rennie (C. Hull) 17.11. **(Boys)** 1, M. Prince (C. Hull) 10.58; 2, B. James (H. Sp) 11.06; 3, J. Devaney (C. Hull) 11.11. **(Colts)** 1, A. McDougall (SH) 11.55; 2, N. Beaumont (M. Lambert S) 11.59; 3, No. Beaumont (M. Lam) 12.37. **(Inter Girls)** 1, L. Wasling (C. Hull) 13.37; 2, S. Richardson (H. Sp) 14.35; 3, P. Busby (M. Lam) 14.57. **(Jun. Girls)** 1, A. Rodmell (H. Sp) 6.39; 2, Dudley (L. Cty) 6.42; 3, V. Stammers (H. Sp) 6.45. Sen. Teams: 1, Rowntrees 48; 2, Cty. of Hull 49; 3, East Hull 132.

March 15th

West Raynham Services Road Race. 1, Best (Marham) 29.07; 2, Pearson (Watt) 30.33; 3, Fawcett (Sw. Morley) 30.55. Team: Marham/Honington.

March 18th

Bristol 29, Tobacco AA 49, at Bristol. 1, D. Burborough (TT) 27.17; 2, M. Hewer (B) 27.51; 3, D. Jennings (B) 28.10; 4, A. Williams (B) 28.33; 5, M. Awre (B) 28.48; 6, P. Ferguson (TT) 29.00. Handicap: L. Cass (TT) 34.42 (10.00) 24.42. Tobacco Trades Championship: 1, Mardons 21; 2, Molins 40; 3, PW Dublin 61.

March 19th

Luton Winter Track Meeting. 100m: D. Halliday (RAF) 11.1. 200: 1, Halliday 22.5; 2, S. Atkins (Borough RC) 22.6. 300: Rossmeissl (Luton/W. Ger) 37.1. 400: 1, R. Hearn (Lut) 49.4; 2, S. Black (BRC) 50.5. 600: D. Glasspool (Luton-Yth) 1:25.5. 1000: R. Green (Harlow-Y) 2:43.9. 1500: Bentley

(BRC) 4:04.6. (Women) 300: 1, J. Coleshill (Hill) 43.3; 2, L. Kennard (Harlow) 43.5. 600: P. Broughton (Harlow) 1:46.8.

Salford H Road Relay Trial. 1, M. Sinkinson 20.18; 2, S. Bullen 21.14; 3, G. Doggett 21.18; 4, R. Grimshaw 21.37; 5, C. Firstbrook 21.49; 6, K. Darby 22.04.

March 22nd

RAF Swinderby '20'. 1, Bulley (Wadd) 1:54.58; 2, Hughes (Newark TC) 1:57.25; 3, Wallace (Wadd) 2:02.24. Team: Waddington.

East of Scotland Services League. 1, Eke (RAF Leuchars) 27.22; 2, Dobbie (Leuch) 28.30; 3, Rane (Army Brid. Doncaster) 28.38. Team: RAF Leuchars.

March 25th

Herne Hill H Pentathlon, at Tooting Bec. 1, R. Fisher 2,802 (6.48, 45.06, 24.1, 31.24, —); 2, D. Brock 2,619; 3, J. Sam (22.7 200) 2,553; 4, B. Hatch (N. London-Guest) 2,173. (Youths) C. Murray 1,858. **One Hour Run:** 1, C. Taylor 18,719m (11M 1,111y); 2, C. Woodcock 18,657m (11M 1033y); 3, R. O'Donaghue 16,997m (10M 987y); 4, D. Claxton 16,856m (10M 817y).

Woodford Green AC 10M Championship (Road). 1, M. Emms 51.37 (rec); 2, D. Chapman 53.16; 3, M. Webb 53.42; 4, D. Prior 55.00; 5, D. Hardy (vet) 55.54; 6, D. Cox (J) 56.56.

Ranelagh H 3M Road Race Handicap. 1, M. McLachlan (8.30) 14.08; 2, A. Betts (2.40) 14.16; 3, A. Hedger (1.50) 14.17. Fastest: A. Horne 15.06.

Worthing H 5M Road Championship. 1, A.

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March 26th

East Anglian Services League, at Honington. 1, Best (Marham) 35.35; 2, Horan (Marham) 36.11; 3, Wild (Marham) 36.16; 4, Lewins (Hon) 36.22; 5, Fawcett (Swn. Morley) 37.04; 6, Pearson (Watt) 38.03. Teams: 1, Marham 24; 2, Honington 38; 3, Wyton 48. Final scores: 1, Honington 43; 2, Marham 39; 3, Wyton 36.

April 1st

Epsom & Ewell 256, Surrey Bgls 209, AV Tempo (Holland) 135, 400: D. Clay (SB) 50.7. 110H: H. Rooks (SB) 15.4. HJ: M. Vale (SB) 1.83/6'0"; Junior: G. Vose (SB) 1.83. SP: W. Fuller (E&E) 13.53/44'4½". (U/18) SP: R. Vd Berg (AVT) 13.34/43'9½". (Women) SP/DT: M. Fuller (E&E) 10.26/33'8" & 36.44/119'7". DT: 2, M. Bothamley (SB) 35.34/115'11"

April 3rd

Surrey Bgls 201, Crawley 163, AV Tempo (Holland) 160, Redhill/Reigate 149, 800: D. Clay (SB) 1:56.7. 400H: 1, J. Vonk (AVT) 57.8; 2, Clay 57.8. 3000: R. Treadwell (SB-J) 8:57.4. HJ: M. Vale (SB) 1.78/5'10". (Women) 200: J. Deeks (Cr) 26.6. SP: M. Bothamley (SB) 10.18/33'4½". DT: 1, Bothamley 37.88/124'3"; 2, S. Hunt (SB) 32.30/106'0". JT: J. Randall (Cr) 42.02/137'11".

April 5th

Hillingdon Floodlit Meeting, at Hayes. 100: 1, I. Matthews (TVH) 11.1; 2, W. James (Win) 11.3. 800: N. Scott (Bella) 1:57.7. 3000: 1, J. Brown (Hill) 8:41.0 . . . 3, Kevin Field (Hill-J) 8:59.2. Youths HJ: A. Dainton (Harlow) 1.75/5'9". (Women) 100: P. Pryce (Hill) 12.8. 200: M. Hunt (LO) 26.4. 400: J. French (S'end) 60.7. 800: R. Cullen (Watford) 2:22.4.

April 8th

Longwood H Handicaps, at Huddersfield. (6M) 1, R. Mathieson (5.45-vet) 39.17; 2, J. Sawyer (2.30) 39.19; 3, J. Boothroyd (2.50) 39.34; 4, D. Quinlan (0.15) 39.44; 5, J. McGrow (scr) 39.46; 6, A. White (0.30) 39.50. Fastest: McGrow 30.01. (Boys/Youths) 1, A. Buckley (0.15) 14.40; 2, I. Gledhill (3.40) 14.44; 3, S. Burns (1.00) 14.46. Fastest: M. O'Connell 11.11. (Girls) 1, G. Brook (2.40) 14.55; 2, S. Dean (1.00) 15.09; 3, P. Smith (1.45) 15.10. Fastest: J. Haigh 12.40.

John Hillier 50.98; Jackie Elsmore 45.38

April 9th

SCAAA Discus Competition, at Crystal Palace. 1, J. Hillier (Hillingdon) 50.98/167'3"; 2, D. Maloney (Twickenham) 44.64/146'5"; 3, D. Kidner (TVH) 42.34/138'11"; 4, N. Phipps (Woking) 39.28/128'10". (Juniors) P. Sharman (TVH) 44.12/144'9". (Women) 1, J. Elsmore (Bracknell) 45.38/148'11"; 2, J. Kerr (Mitcham) 39.88/130'10"; 3, M. Bothamley (Sy. Bgls) 34.86/114'4"; 4, S. Hunt (Sy. Bgls) 34.52/113'3". (Intermediates) K. Whitear (Bracknell) 33.10/108'7". (Juniors) N. Harris (Bracknell) 30.76/100'11".



Australian Jean Roberts put the shot 16.39/53'9½" in a demonstration at Blackpool on April 4th.

Mike Brett

Airedale & SV. 10M Championship, at Bradford. 1, J. Temperton 49.32; 2, A. Dewhurst 50.47; 3, P. Pape 52.11; 4, K. Duckworth 52.56; 5, D. Mayho 53.46; 6, R. Tristram 54.45.

12.1/24.9 Sprint Double by Sonia Lannaman

Stretford 186, City of Stoke 141, Bury & Radcliffe 131, Solihull 108, Wirral 87, Liverpool H & AC 73, at Stoke, 100: 1, S. Lannaman (Sol-I) 12.1; 2, R. Morris (Stret) 12.3; 3, W. Hill (Bury) 12.5. 200: 1, Lannaman 24.9; 2, Morris 25.2; 3, Hill 25.6; 4, P. Lloyd (Wirral) 26.1. (B) C. Bell (Stret) 26.3. 400: Bell 60.9. 1500: G. Rhodes (Stoke) 5:13.5. 100H: L. Drysdale (Sol) 15.8. HJ: 1, T. Doyle (Wirr) 1.55/5'1"; 2, N. Njoku (Stret) 1.53/5'0½". LJ: Murray (Stret) 5.46/17'11". (B) Morris 5.29/17'4½". SP: 1, Njoku 11.82/38'9½"; 2, D. Howarth (Bury) 11.30/37'1". (B) 1, O. Payne (Sol) 10.32/33'10½"; 2, A. Jackson (Stret) 10.06/33'0½". DT: 1, Payne 34.92/114'7"; 2, C. Brereton (Stoke) 34.30/112'6"; 3, J. Lawrenson (Wirral) 34.24/112'4". JT: J. Williams (Bury-I) 31.80/104'4". 4x100: 1, Solihull 50.4; 2, Stretford 50.6. (Intermediates) 400: 1, J. Ravenscroft (Wirral) 60.2; 2, G. Riley (Solihull) 60.8. (Juniors) 100: 1, A. McClelland (Stret) 12.8; 2, E. Egerton (Bury) 13.2. 200: McClelland 26.6; 2, Egerton 27.8; 3, S. Walton (Stoke) 27.9. 75H: 1, L. Ilderton (Stoke) 12.3; 2, D. Higham (Wirral) 12.8. HJ: J. Crouchley (Stret) 1.45/4'9". LJ: McClelland 4.79/15'8½". 4x100: Stretford 53.4.

WALKING

CHAPLIN PRESSES NIHILL IN TRACK '50'

FOURTEEN started in the excellently organised British Race Walking Club/Leicester WC track promotion over 50km at Leicester on April 9th. This was held on a close sunny day but with a fresh breeze gusting across the track. Paul Nihill was soon speeding ahead with 1:57 laps and two early sensations were the disqualification of Charley Fogg and the retirement of Shaun Lightman, due to sickness, after falling back to last place within the first 5km. Moving along evenly and smoothly were George Chaplin, Roy Thorpe and Carl Lawton, vying for second place.

Reaching 20km in 97.29, Nihill was some 40 sec inside a schedule set at Peter Selzer's world record but by half distance was beginning to slow and by 30km he was struggling. Meanwhile Thorpe and Chaplin had dropped Lawton and then the tall Coventry veteran started a great effort that continued to the very finish. Walking faster than ever before at this distance, Chaplin cut back Nihill's lead until with less than 5km remaining he was just a lap down. The champion responded gallantly however and the pair remained a few yards—a lap apart—with Paul kicking away down the final straight. Chaplin (born 18.2.31) clocked 45.37 in the Midland 10km on this same track a week earlier and has just failed to make the teams in three Olympics. Now in 1972, he is a strong contender for a Munich place.

Roy Thorpe excelled himself in third place and is still rapidly improving at this distance as is Alec Banyard, who walked his usual immaculate, controlled race. Lawton stuck it out for fifth ahead of a rapidly closing Colin Young who gained several places in the second half of the journey. Peter Markham, the local hero, finished well and everyone of the boys who completed the distance deserves credit for lasting out a testing race in not very easy conditions. Further statistics will be given when they are known, but Paul did set British records at 30km, 20 miles and 3 hours. His 5km splits were: 24:21.6, 48:35.0 (24:13.4), 72:56.8 (24:21.8), 97:29.0 (24:32.2), 2:02:25.4 (24:56.4), 2:28:44.0 (26:18.6), 2:55:53.4 (27:09.4), 3:24:58.0 (29:04.6), 3:54:09.0 (29:11.0), 4:23:25.0 (29:16.0). His 20M time was 2:40:42.6.

1, P. Nihill (Surrey WC) 4:23.25; 2, G. Chaplin (Cov. God) 4:25.48; 3, R. Thorpe (Sheffield) 4:34:54.0; 4, A. Banyard (S'end) 4:42:44.0; 5, C. Lawton (Belgrave) 4:49:44.0; 6, C. Young (Essex Bgls) 4:50:51.0; 7, P. Markham (Leics. WC) 4:53.00; 8, P. Selby (Sy. WC) 4:55.01; 9, K. Carter (Sy. WC) 4:56.05; 10, R. Coates (Bel) 5:04.25; 11, B. Ingarfield (Bel) 5:08.46.

Great standard in Essex 10km, at Newham, April 12th. With a field of 40 starters the pace was fast and furious from the off. Phil Embleton, without quite matching his record breaking pace of last year, was superb in winning in world class time. The two Olly's, Caviglioli and Flynn, had a tremendous scrap throughout, before the Basildon-based Frenchman just edged his bigger rival at the finish. Steve Gower was disqualified around

halfway when duelling with the Basildon youngsters. Don Cox stormed through after a steady start, passing a sub-par John Webb, who then retired, and an unhappy Roger Mills, who was still suffering from tendonitis. Brian Armstrong struggled for a time after a fast start, but then started moving through again and finished strongly. Both Amos Seddon and Bob Dobson felt their 10M race in the afternoon at Swakeleys but had satisfying performances. 1, P. Embleton (Met. WC) 43:08.8; 2, O. Caviglioli (Basildon) 45:01.6; 3, O. Flynn (Basildon) 45:01.8; 4, D. Cox (Chelmsford) 46:02.8; 5, R. Mills (Ilford) 46:54.6; 6, B. Armstrong (Ilford) 47:15.0; 7, A. Seddon (S'end) 48.26; 8, C. Young (Ex. Bgls) 48.47; 9, R. Dobson (Basildon) 49.01; 10, B. Laver (Ex. Bgls) 50.30; 11, P. Ramsey (Newham) 51.27; 12, R. Pearce (S'end) 51.30; 13, G. Hunwicks (Ilford) 51.34; 14, B. Jones (Ex. Police) 52.23; 15, M. Eldred (Ex. Pol) 52.24.

Jacky Lord wins Middlesex 10km, at Enfield, April 12th. With Bill Sutherland and Shaun Lightman non-starters, Jacky Lord took the opportunity to notch up his first senior title. However, there was no holding an in-form Les Dick from winning the race and the Bedfordshire title. Ken Easlea held off Barry Ingarfield for second spot with Mike Hinton excelling to beat 49 minutes. Further back, George Coleman again showed his remarkable fitness by narrowly failing to beat 51 minutes. 1, J. Lord (H'gate) 48.05; 2, K. Easlea (Enfield) 48.27; 3, B. Ingarfield (Bel) 48.29; 4, K. Hinton (H'gate) 48.54; 5, R. Holmquist (H'gate) 51.38; 6, R. Porter (Met. WC) 52.22; 7, W. Fenton (Enf) 53.25. (**Hertfordshire Championship**) 1, R. Blount (Enf) 52.46; 2, K. Purkis (Stev) 52.57; 3, P. Worth (Enf) 54.29. (**Bedfordshire Championship**) 1, L. Dick (H'gate) 46.46; 2, A. Maddox (H'gate) 50.52; 3, G. Coleman (H'gate) 51.01; 4, J. Telford (H'gate) 51.46.

Surrey Championship, at Battersea Park, April 12th. 1, C. Lawton (Belgrave); 2, R. Coates (Bel); 3, P. Maidment (Lon. Vid). (No times given).

Dick wins Home Counties 20km Match, at Enfield, April 8th. 1, L. Dick (H'gate) 96.28; 2, K. Easlea (Enf) 96.29; 3, R. Blount (Enf) 104.40; 4, L. Livermore (Enf) 106.24; 5, L. Mockett (W. Grn) 107.28; 6, L. Taylor (Camb) 108.07; 7, A. Maddox (H'gate) 109.17; 8, J. Clifton (W. Grn) 109.46; 9, M. Marshall (Camb) 110.14; 10, P. Worth (Enf) 111.14; 11, R. Hammond (Ex. Pol) 111.41; 12, F. Baker (H'gate) 113.56.

Sutherland good winner of Triangular Match (Met. Police v. RAF v. Civil Service), at Uxbridge, April 12th. Spread eagling a talented field from the gun, Bill Sutherland was inside 36 minutes at halfway and never eased up. Amos Seddon "sat in" in a very sharp and fast Ray Middleton until the closing stages when he moved away in powerful fashion. Steve Holliday broke away from Bob Dobson near the end for fourth. 1, W. Sutherland (MP/Highgate) 73.22; 2, A. Seddon (MP/Enfield) 74.56; 3, R. Middleton (CS/Bel)

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75.14; 4, S. Holliday (RAF/Medway) 77.26; 5, R. Dobson (CS/Basilidon) 77.43; 6, C. Fogg (MP/Enfield) 77.53; 7, P. Rice (RAF/Met) 77.55; 8, D. Vale (CS/Sy. WC) 78.07; 9, D. Levy (RAF/Basingstoke) 78.21; 10, P. Etches (RAF/Sheffield) 78.28.

Guildford Cup 20M, South Croydon, April 8th:

1, H. Timms (Sy. WC) 2:57.43; 2, D. Vale (Sy. WC) 2:57.56; 3, D. Berry (B'hh) 2:59.12. Team: Sy. WC.

Home Counties 20kms, Enfield, April 8th:

1, L. Dick (Highgate) 1:36.28; 2, K. Easlea (Enfield) 1:36.29; 3, R. Blount (Enf) 1:44.40. Team: Enfield.

Trowbridge Traders Trophy, April 8th:

1, A. Smallwood (Halesowen) 79.59; 2, E. Taylor (Nomads) 82.47; 3, D. Levy (Bas) 86.00; 4, M. Harcombe (Bris) 87.08; 5, T. Moore (Bris) 87.44; 6, D. Smyth (Bris) 87.55; 7, S. Maidment (Yeovil O) 88.36; 8, P. LeBas (S'ton & E) 89.30; 9, J. Wrey (Bas) 90.07; 10, R. Eade (Bas) 90.07. Teams: 1, Bristol 12; 2, Basingstoke 17; 3, Southampton 29. Veteran: C. Ball (S'ton) 16th in 94.14. (Juniors & Youths 3½M) 1, K. Sturdy (Broms-Y) 26.07; 2, R. Chaplain (Nomads-Y) 26.29; 3, P. Simons (Nomads-Y) 26.41; 4, B. Woods (Grey-J) 27.09; 5, P. Dallow (Nomads-J) 27.25; 6, P. Meredith (Nomads-J) 28.01. Teams: 1, Greyfriars 10; 2, Bromsgrove & Redditch 11.

Counties 20M today. As Paul Nihill is a non-starter, the Surrey title looks like a keen struggle between clubmates Carl Lawton and Ray Middleton. Others with medal pretensions are Ken Carter, Peter Selby, and Howard Timms. Belgrave should beat Surrey WC for the team title. The Kent race is an open one with Dave Berry and Ted Ardley likely champions. Down in Sussex, Alan Buchanan has the pace but the distance may be his undoing. Dave Boxall has the strength and rapidly improving Peter Hodgkinson could surprise all. Brighton should beat persistent rivals, Steyning, but the latter could surprise if Junior, Richard Emsley, should walk. At Enfield the Middlesex is open with Bill Sutherland a definite non-starter and Shaun Lightman a likely one. The door may be open for Charley Fogg to chalk up yet another victory to his name. Barry Ingarfield, Ken Easlea and Mike Hinton should be his closest rivals. Enfield look like safe team winners. In the Essex event over the Chelmsford to Southend route last year's winner, Olly Flynn, back in resounding form, could well repeat his surprise victory. However the pressure will have to be maintained right to the finish with the likes of Amos Seddon, Steve Gower, Alec Banyard, Bob Dobson and Brian Armstrong in the field. Southend should be clear team victors. On Wednesday (April 26th) the invitation 3km at Newham should be a fast, close race with the Essex contingent of Seddon, Cox, Mills, Webb, Caviglioli and Gower ready to repel "outsiders".

Colin Young

Hillingdon's time for 9th place in the Southern Road Relay on April 8th was 4:09.29.

LETTERS

CIGARETTE SPONSORSHIP

Dear Sir,

It is with grave concern that I write to your very excellent publication about the sponsorship being offered by the cigarette firm Rothmans in sending our athletes to the Munich Olympics. The acceptance of this sponsorship, generous as it may be, must surely prick the consciences of all those involved.

In a world such as that we live in today one sometimes tends to become slightly blasé about moral standards which seem often to be thought of as old fashioned or retrospective. Nevertheless, with the increasing propaganda, and in my opinion through good propaganda, being put out by medical and government authorities in relation to the dangers of smoking it seems to me incongruous to say the least that possibly the purest and most healthy sport of all is to be in some measure reliant on one of the greatest single causes of manufactured disease in human beings that is known to man.

Let me at this point make it quite clear that I am not a so called 'health nut' or puritanical moralist on the ills of mankind as anyone who knows me will only too readily confirm. Nor am I one who condemns without trial. Even having smoked at the lowest level of consumption the evils of the habit were very apparent.

Even if professionalism were accepted and I cannot think of any sport that has suffered because of it, can you imagine the consternation that would be caused if a top athlete lent his name to a cigarette advertisement like "I always carry a pack of Rothmans with me in my track suit. There's nothing like a long cool smoke to relax my nerves before a big race".

What difference then between this and the AAA (or other body responsible) condoning Rothmans' advertisement of virtually saying "Come on lads and lasses, smoke our cigarettes and help our healthy athletes win Gold Medals at the expense of your own health". Because whether the AAA like it or not, by accepting Rothmans' money they are committing themselves to partial responsibility for the advertisement and thus openly condoning smoking.

They cannot divorce themselves from the cigarette advertising campaign merely by saying "We are not concerned with the sponsors' manufactured product. We are only concerned with the furtherance of athletics as a sport in this country and as such any monies received from anyone no matter the source will be gratefully received."

Those in charge of a national organisation or movement concerned with sport or any other activity which is directly, as is the case of athletics, or indirectly connected with the health and well-being of especially young people have a direct responsibility not only to its members and to itself but to young people everywhere

who value their health and therefore their happiness.

I do hope that my views are not misinterpreted as being against sponsorship in general as in fact quite the opposite is true. Neither do I wish to appear pompous but it is said that no one man is more important than the sport itself. I would prefer to say that no sport is more important than the health of one man.

John Marsh,
Polytechnic Harriers

Rothmans' support of the British Olympic Appeal Fund to the tune of some £25,000 does indeed pose serious ethical questions. It could be argued that any contribution to such a worthy cause is to be welcomed, no matter how "tainted" the source; but I share John Marsh's view that acceptance of this financial support does give the impression that the British Olympic Association, who are responsible for the Appeal Fund, do condone smoking—which is unfortunate for a body involved with sport and the physical well-being of young men and women. I would have thought that the Government, in the context of its current campaign to point out the dangers of smoking, might well have raised its contribution towards Olympic team expenses by an amount sufficient to have rendered a tobacco firm's backing unnecessary. The "AW" policy is that athletics and smoking are totally incompatible, and we do not publish cigarette advertisements—Ed.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATE WAS UNSUITABLE

Dear Sir,

I feel I must reply to Carl Lawton's letter in the April 1st edition of "AW" regarding the date and venue of the AAA 10 kilometre walk.

First of all, I agree that the 1971 venue for this race at Leicester was certainly suitable as we in Leicester feel that for all National athletic events, the Midlands and Leicester in particular, cuts down the travelling for all concerned.

However, I must completely disagree that the date was suitable. I would like to remind all our Southern friends that in the "Industrial" Midlands and North large factories generally close down for two weeks annual holiday and in these areas these holidays range from any time during July and August. As family men, most competitors find that if they are forced to take their holidays when their particular firm closes down their own family commitments prevent them from taking part in events during that time. For the past few years, the Leicester Holiday Fortnight has been the first two weeks in July and so in 1971, July 3rd was the first day of this annual holiday. Hence, one of the reasons for no Leicester competitors last year. The National 50 kilometre Championship is usually held at the end of the Leicester Holiday fortnight and this also prevents a number of our members taking part in this event.

Peter Markham,
Captain, Leicester Walking Club

MEMORABLE PENCOED RACES

Dear Sir,

Please allow me to express my sincere appreciation to everyone connected with the organising of the Pencoed Road Races held on Easter Monday.

The Pencoed British Legion are the sponsors of this annual event. Over the years it has gone from strength to strength largely due to their generosity. It has been my good fortune to compete in different parts of the world. However for me, there just isn't anything to compare with the friendliness and hospitality of the people living in Wales. On behalf of the athletes I should like to say "thankyou" to the people of Pencoed for making Easter Monday 1972 a day to remember.

In concluding I feel that I must make reference to Bernard Baldwin, M.B.E., the organiser of these epic events. We in athletics are extremely fortunate to have a man of Bernard's stature in the sport. Over the years his tremendous drive and enthusiasm for athletics never seems to wane.

John Tarrant,
Salford Harriers

We are sorry to hear that, subsequent to writing this letter, John has been admitted to Hereford County Hospital suffering a haemorrhage, and we wish him well—Ed.

THAT EPIC RELAY—A POSTSCRIPT

Dear Sir,

The scintillating report by Jack Barlow of the epic relay race at the White City between the British Empire and the USA has reminded me of the fact that the contest nearly did not take place.

I was in New York in 1935 where I received an urgent message from Sir Harry Barclay, the Hon. Secretary of the AAA, telling me that the United

States team were seriously considering accepting an invitation of the German AA instead of going to England after the Berlin Olympics. Luckily I was persona grata with the American officials and succeeded in bringing about the historic match at the White City.

Ernest Neville,
London, SW19.

The next article in Jack Barlow's series features the world record mile clash between Bill Bonthron and Glenn Cunningham in 1934—Ed.

A TRAGIC LOSS

Dear Sir,

May I, on behalf of my wife and mother-in-law, thank all athletes and officials for the many letters and telephone calls of sympathy at our time of tragic loss. John, my late father-in-law, was killed in a car accident whilst on our way to the International Cross-Country Championships at Cambridge.

David R. Denton,
Secretary, Midland Counties
Cross Country Association.

CAMBERLEY CROSS-COUNTRY MEETING

Dear Sir,

Could I thank all the members of Guildford & Godalming AC (in particular Bob Belmore) who were so generous in helping us to stage our cross-country meeting on March 11th. Could I also apologise for any inconvenience caused to any athlete or official due to the late switch in venue after the Army had refused to grant us the use of our usual course, for security reasons. Finally, many thanks to all the athletes and officials who did turn up to make it a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

Peter Hutchings,
Hon. Secretary,
Camberley & District AC.

DEVELOPMENTS AT STRETFORD

Dear Sir,

It will be of great interest to your readers, many of whom regularly visit the Stretford Sports Stadium and are league members, to know that the track is at present being converted to 400 metres. Also, work is in progress to provide Tartan run-ups ready for the 1972 track season. At our first meeting on April 29th the 2000m trophy race will be held, and the second on May 16th will feature the Mancastrian Mile. Athletes interested should contact me for details of invitations.

Roger Colson,
5 Hollins Drive,
Middleton, Manchester.

FIELD EVENTS PRESENTATION

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read of the experiment proposed by Arthur Winter regarding the presentation of the field events in the Norrköping Trophy

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competition on April 22nd and, as throws referee at this meeting, I think I should point out that all the measurements will be made in metric and not Imperial units.

The practice of showing each competitor's best throw by means of indicators placed at the appropriate points along a ground tape has, of course, been followed at international meetings for a long time. The difference at the Norrköping Trophy meeting is that the tape and indicators will be outside the sectors and parallel to the front of the stand. Distance markers, metric as well as Imperial, will enable spectators to get a better idea of the distances thrown as well as the relative positions of the competitors in their events.

I agree with you, Sir, that we should all become "metric minded" but for the time being I think we must also cater for those members of the paying public who find it difficult to go metric after a lifetime of thinking in feet and inches.

Aubrey Reeve,
London, S.W.19.

MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Sir,

Upon reading Peter Orpin's letter (April 1st) regarding "mixed championships": I have carefully thought and looked at previous results before writing in answer to what is a very good idea but not very practicable.

The reason I am saying this is because if Mr. Orpin had attended a WAAA Junior/Inter. Championship meeting he would be well aware that they start very early on the Saturday morning and finish at a very late hour, and to put, as he suggests, the AAA Junior/Youth Championship in the same programme is just not practicable, because everyone knows the Junior/Youth champs are spread over 2 days.

Also I think that the WAAA prefer to have their own separate championship day in this particular instance from a financial side as I feel the entries would deteriorate, especially on the girl's side, if both sections were joined into one.

Other points I wonder if Mr. Orpin had considered:

- (1). Who would accept entries as both have separate governing bodies?
- (2). Who would decide the venue for such a meeting—AAA or WAAA—or would it mean long discussions to decide the venue?
- (3). How would the expenses and profit be worked out: 50/50 or long discussions on who pays what?

I am not against mixed athletics events, but please, Mr. Orpin, did you think of the people who would have to organise such an event as you suggest?

R. Freeman,
Hon. Secretary, Gloucestershire WAAA

Agreed, Mr. Freeman, that a combined "national young athletes championships" would present problems but surely none is insuperable. Most European countries manage to stage combined championships of this nature and we do, too, in the form of the

English Schools Championships. On a smaller scale, integrated indoor championships are already held at Cosford and it can only be a matter of time before there is one governing body, which would remove some of Mr. Freeman's reservations—Ed.

HAEMOGLOBIN LEVELS

Dear Sir,

Further to my work on haemoglobin levels in athletes, it has been brought to my notice that very young middle-distance runners have been perturbed by obtaining lower levels than those quoted in my recent article.

I should have made clear that there is considerable age as well as sex variation in haemoglobin levels. At birth the level is approximately 18-20 gms. per 100mls. and falls thereafter over a period of years. At 10 years the mean level is 12.9 and between 11 and 15 years the figure most quoted in the relevant literature is 13.4. At puberty the male level then tends to rise higher than the female, due it is thought to the stimulatory effect of the male hormone testosterone on the bone marrow, and not as more generally believed to the onset of menstruation.

Lastly, may I quote Zilva and Pannell on the interpretation of laboratory results?

- (1) If it is the first estimation performed, is it normal or abnormal?
- (2) If it is abnormal is the abnormality of diagnostic value, or is it a non-specific finding?
- (3) If it is one of a series of results has there been a change, and if so is this change clinically significant?

Ron Holman, F.I.M.L.T.,
Bexley

Verlea AC Women's section have vacancies for two clubs to compete for their "Herts Advertiser" Trophy at St. Albans on May 21st. Interested club track secretaries should contact Mr. T. Adams, 22 Oaklands Avenue, Brookman's Park, Hatfield, Herts.

THURROCK HARRIERS

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

INTERNATIONAL OPEN

YOUNG ATHLETES MEETING

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

SUNDAY, 25th JUNE, 1972

Events for Minor Boys U/13, Boys, Youths, Junior Men, Senior Men, Minor Girls, Junior Ladies, Inter Ladies, Senior Ladies U/19.

One Hour Track Walk (Individual & Team)
Open & County Championship 10 Miles Road Race. (Individual & Team)

Medals all Young Athletes events. Prizes all Senior Mens' events.

Entry fee 15p per events. Details from & entries to: Mr. R. A. Sales, 78 Orchard Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 6HH. Entries close 4th June, 1972 (or when entry in any event reaches the limits laid down).

UK RECORD FOR BILL TANCRED

Bill Tancred broke the UK discus record, and surpassed the Olympic qualifying mark of 59.00, by throwing 59.16/194'1" at the Leicester Coritanean Open Throws Meeting at Loughborough. He also put the shot 18.30/60'0½", while brother Geoff threw the hammer a personal best of 57.24/187'9".

ROSEMARY PAYNE CLOSE TO RECORD

Rosemary Payne came close to her UK record (55.04) and the Olympic qualifying (55.00) when she threw the discus 54.64/179'3" in Birmingham on April 9th, beating Jean Roberts 53.74/176'4"). Jean set an Australian shot record of 16.38/53'9" (beats Olympic qualifying) with Rosemary putting 14.44/47'4½" for a personal best. Anne Goodlad (16) threw the javelin a personal best of 45.08/147'11" ahead of Shara Spragg (43.96/144'3").

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING BY SLINEY

Britain's Dick Sliney won a 6M race in 27:46.0 at San Diego on April 8th, with Dick Selby winning the mile in 4:03.3. At Lexington, Kentucky, on April 7th, Gordon Minty won over 10,000m in 29:10.2.

CHRIS BELL RETURNS

Back after injury, Chris Bell clocked 14.1w for the hurdles at Hendon last Saturday. Ruth Morris and Sonia Lannaman ran 11.7w in separate 100m races; Jo Frampton threw the discus 44.00/144'4" and Janet Baker the javelin 44.68/146'7".

Owing to the rail work-to-rule delaying mail, several results from last weekend which would have been included had not arrived at press time.

Medway AC in conjunction with KAAA and the High Jump Club of Great Britain

COACHING COURSE

30th APRIL, 10.30 a.m.

at the **POLICE H.Q., MAIDSTONE**

Entry fee: 10p to:—Mr. J. Yarrow, 246 Brompton Farm Road, Strood, Kent.

Entries close 28th April

VALE OF AYLESBURY A.C.

In conjunction with the Aylesbury Sports Festival

present

THE SECOND ANNUAL REG FOULKES MEMORIAL**20Km ROAD RACE**

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

ON SATURDAY, MAY 20th, at 3 p.m. QUARRENDON SCHOOL, WEEDON ROAD, AYLESBURY

All to enter as individuals—25p each. Team fee (4 to run, 3 to score) 50p team. Prizes: First 6 Ind., first 3 Teams, 1st Vet. Over 40, 1st Service Team. Service teams particularly welcome. Entries to P. F. Ferguson, 32 Fairway, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Bucks., before Wednesday, 10th May.

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Andrew's Univ.; Edinburgh Univ. v. Strathclyde Univ. v. Dundee Univ.

Friday, April 28th: LAC Schools Meeting, at Crystal Palace; Pre-Olympic "Get Together" at Brighton (till 30th).

Saturday, April 29th: National Road Relay at Sutton Coldfield; LAC Schools Meeting at Crystal Palace; Stretford League; East Hull '20'; Yeovil '10' and Opening of Yeovil Track; Maryhill Ladies Trophy at Glasgow; Carshalton Trophies; Aberdeen Univ. v. Edinburgh Univ. v. Heriot Watt Univ.; Strathclyde Univ. v. St. Andrew's Univ.; Dundee Univ. v. Glasgow Univ.; Lambeth v. Vincennes v. Castrop Rauxel in Castrop Rauxel (West Germany); Oxted '6'; Middlesex CWAAA Pentathlon & 3000m at Enfield; Trophy Meeting at Norbiton; Herne Hill '10' at Crystal Palace; Woodford Green AC v. Army v. Cambridge Univ. v. Blackheath H at Woodford.

Sunday, April 30th: Westward League at Exeter; Three Peaks Race; Trefgarne & Fisher Trophies at Victoria Park.

Bournemouth AC officers: President, B. P. James; chairman, Mjr. C. W. Jukes; gen. sec., C. G. A. Paulding, 550 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth; treasurer, R. P. Keay; ladies sec., Mrs. B. Harding; track sec., H. Burrridge; CC sec., B. James.

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BARNET & DISTRICT A.C. THE 'HAMPSTEAD 10'

(Fred Burton Memorial Road Race)

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

SATURDAY, 13th MAY, 3.0 p.m.

Entries on AAA forms to W. Randall, 45 Sebright Road, Barnet, Herts.

Fee 20p individual; teams free (4 run, 3 score). All enter as individuals.

CLOSING DATE 4th MAY

HOLBEACH "10"

(Under A.A.A. Laws—Team & Individual)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, at 4 p.m.

AT CARTER'S PARK, HOLBEACH

Fast, flat, Fenland course, qualifying for R.R.C. Standards. Prizes: first 3 ind., first 3 teams (3 to score), First Veteran. Entries (Ind. 15p, Teams 30p) to R. E. S. Clay, 82 Spalding Road, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs., by July 24th.

SPALDING RELAYS

inc. 5000m Senior Team Race

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th at 1 p.m.

CASTLE FIELD SPORTS CTR. SPALDING

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ROAD RELAYS

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

AT MELTON MOWBRAY

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1972

Boys 14 & 15 3x2 Miles

Youths 16 & 17 3x3 Miles

Seniors 5x3 Miles

Trophy for each age group

Prizes for first three teams

Entries 40p per "A" team, 25p others, to Mr. C. Baugley, 55 Craven St., Melton Mowbray, by 4th September.

DEVON COUNTY A.A.A. & W.A.A.A.

TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, 21st MAY, 1972

AT CLIFTON HILL TRACK, EXETER

Enquiries and Entries to:—

Women's Events:—Mrs. E. Broadway, 4 Kilbarran Rise, Exeter (Exeter 75000).

Men's Events: R. W. Davey, 35 Park Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. TQ1 4QR. Tel: Torquay 38091.

CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS

SUN., 11th JUNE (I.A.A.F. Laws)

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Men's 100 to 5,000m. Women's 100, 400, 1500m. Free hotel for cross-channel competitors.

Entries to F. Duffy, 6 Shandon Park, Dublin, 7, Ireland, by 20th May.

FAVERSHAM BANK HOLIDAY SPORTS

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

2.30 p.m. on 29th May, 1972

17 Kms. Road Race. Women's 100m H'cp, 200, 800 Scr., 4x100 Relay; 100, 800 H'cps Jr. Women, Girls U/13, Boys, Youths; 4x100 Relay H'cp Jr. Women; Veterans 100, 400 H'cps. Fees: 15p, Jnrs. 10p, Teams 25p. Entries to G. C. Ely, 19 Court St., Faversham, Kent, by 13th May.

3rd ROSSENDALE HALF-MARATHON

One Lap Course Under A.A.A. Laws

A relatively traffic-free semi-moorland course which includes views of the Rossendale and Calder Valleys.

SUNDAY, 14th MAY, at 2.30 p.m.

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Prizes: Ind. to value of £5, £3, £2 & 3 at 50p Team. Various spot prizes etc.

Entries to Mr. J. B. Cooper, 96 Burnley Road, Edenfield, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs. Tel: Rams. 3083. Entries close May 9th.

STAFFORDSHIRE A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

ON SATURDAY, 20th MAY, 1972

AT GOSPEL OAK STADIUM,

Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton

Boys: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80mH, LJ, HJ, TJ, PV, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Youths: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100mH, 1000m SC, HJ, LJ, TJ, PV, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Junior Men: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 110mH, 400mH, 2000m SC, HJ, LJ, TJ, PV, Dis., Jav., Shot.

Senior Men: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 110mH, 400mH, 3000mSC, HJ, LJ, TJ, PV, Dis., Jav., Shot.

Junior Women: 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 75mH, HJ, LJ, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Inter. Women: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80mH, HJ, LJ, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Senior Women: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100mH, HJ, LJ, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Entry Fees: Senr. Men & Women 20p; Junr. Men, Yths. & Inter. Women 15p; Boys & Junr. Women 10p.

Entry Forms available from Mr. Alan Lindop, 12 Bridgett Close, Trent Vale, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 6PP, to whom they should be returned before May 10th.