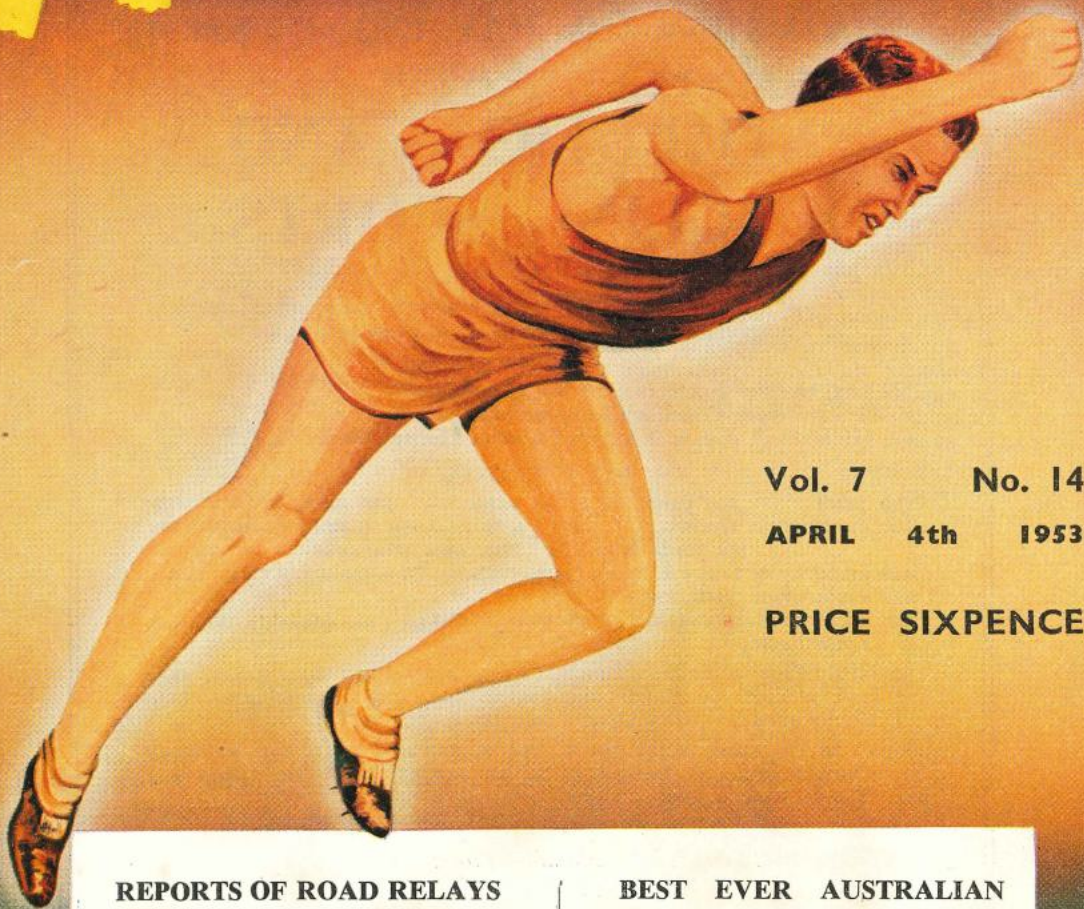


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EVERY SATURDAY — SIXPENCE

IF the many new records put up last Saturday in the various road races are anything to go by, we are in for some great racing next week, when the London-Brighton National Relay is held.

In the writer's opinion the finest sporting event of the year, this race always provides plenty of thrills and not a few surprises. This year is likely to be no exception and though the holders, Birchfield, are almost certain to start "favourites," there are at least half-a-dozen other clubs with excellent chances of dethroning the Midlanders. A summary of prospects will be given next week.

Of Interest to Walkers.

Under great difficulties, due to ill health and pressure of business, Freddie Blackmore has continued to provide his "Race Walking" feature as often as possible. Now he is once again confined to bed with acute bronchitis and it has been agreed, mutually, that it is neither fair to Freddie, nor to the magazine, to expect him to continue with his usual feature. I know that all our walking enthusiasts will join me in wishing him a speedy return to health and fitness.

A. D. McSweeney, who needs no introduction to walkers and who was at one time our walking correspondent until an increasing number of official duties caused him to hand over to Freddie Blackmore, has very kindly agreed to return to the fold and will commence a regular walking feature next week, when last week's results will also be published.

Apology.

I must apologise to John Powell for any embarrassment caused by the statement in last week's number that he was the National Coach for South Africa. He is, of course, Honorary Track and Field Coach to Rhodes University and one of the National Coaching Committee. John has run so many courses, had so much success, and done so much for S.A. athletics that one might well be pardoned for thinking of him as their Chief Coach. I do, however, hope that this error will not cause John any embarrassment back home.

Request.

Will the writer of a letter on the National Championships from Coventry, please write again. A reply to his letter has been returned, due, apparently, to his rather illegible handwriting being wrongly deciphered.

THE EDITOR.

“ OF CABBAGES AND KINGS ”

ALL schoolmasters earn their not very substantial living by talking.

Some, unfortunately talk a lot too much about a lot too little, whilst others don't talk enough about a lot too much. These are the believers in “self-expression” that I mentioned in a recent article, who hold theories that the child should do what it wants, when it wants, how it wants, and if it doesn't want, it needn't.

Due, directly to our A.A.A. Coaching Scheme, there are, thank heaven, few if any, of these “progressives” directly concerned with the coaching of Athletics, but, there are, I am convinced (and again it is due to the same coaching scheme) far too many of those who talk too much.

Now, before our National Coaches start sending their seconds to call on me, let me qualify the above.

The fault does not really lie with either

everything could be explained by graphs, logarithms and slide rules. The coach, in effect has almost become a physical scientist; a performance pundit, AND WITH THIS I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

The days of witchcraft when massage and liniments were considered the stock-in-trade of the Athletics' coach are gone for ever.

But, these minute details were, I am sure, intended for the coach and not for the athlete—and particularly not for the boy or girl in school or the junior in the club.

A child is by nature a performer, not a listener. “Ah,” say the progressives, “that is what we maintain, and now you admit it.”

But the function of a coach is to coach, and a teacher, to teach. I agree that the child wishes to get on with physical action—but it must be purposeful **guided** action

By JOSEPH EDMUNDSON, M.C.

the Coaches or the scheme, but with a wrong interpretation of what has been pumped into our honorary coaches over the last few years.

In the past, Athletics in this country was very much a “hit or miss” business, but with the advent of the Coaching Scheme, Track and Field Athletics, were quite rightly looked upon and talked about in a scientific manner. A new jargon, familiar enough to the mathematician, the physiologist and the physicist for many years came into the conversation of the Athletic coaches. They heard of and talked glibly about such things as “Oxygen debt,” “Angular Momentum” and “Action and Re-action.”

During their courses, they assimilated the most minute details of technique in every event. They knew the scientific reasons for movements in the body of an athlete at any given moment of performance. Nothing—or almost nothing was a matter of guess work or speculation, everything, or almost

if the effort is going to be used to its most economic effect.

In other words, the child must be told the right thing to do and not left to find out by self trial and error—but there seems to me to be no need whatsoever for the coach to take every available opportunity of airing his or her profound scientific athletic knowledge by explaining in minute details why, if a performer does one thing, another will happen. Let the child be content to see that if he does what he is told his performance improves—unless he demands an explanation.

Again I must qualify this statement. I am not advocating Athletic ignorance, a “Do-this-because-I-say-so” attitude — all I believe, is that moderation should be used.

At any given coaching moment, tell the child in the simplest and shortest manner just why he is being asked to adopt a certain position; don't waste movement time by launching into a lengthy and involved scientific disquisition, which almost cer-

tainly will not be understood in its entirety, and equally certainly, is neither desired by nor beneficial to the immediate athletic performance of the individual concerned.

If you take a child out to run or jump or throw, let him run and jump and throw, not listen to a lecture, which even if it should be necessary at all, is an affair for the class room and not the running track.

The second Physical Education bogey which in many ways is analogous to the first has been the use, or more particularly the abuse of Progressive Stages in Teaching.

By analysing technique in all kinds of physical activities it was discovered that even the most complicated could often be broken down into a series of relatively simple movements. By teaching these movements separately and then combining them, or alternatively by starting off with an easy activity and gradually adding to it, quite difficult co-ordinations could be easily mastered.

Now teaching by means of these progressive stages was, and still is a most excellent method; a vast improvement on the old-fashioned idea of demonstrating the complete activity and then asking the learner to reproduce it immediately in its entirety.

But, as with most basically good ideas in Education, the cranks got hold of it and with devastating but false logic they said, in effect, "Progressive stages are a good thing, therefore the more you use the better it will be." As a result the whole thing became utterly absurd, for not only did they add more and more progressive stages, many of them puerile in the extreme, but those they did invent often bore no relation whatsoever to the final result required. They were pretty as gymnastic movements but useless as necessary athletic co-ordinations.

The method of coaching children, should be, I feel, to use progressive stages, but to make them as few as is consistent with the mental and physical abilities of the athlete, remembering always that the aim is to achieve the completed movement as soon

as is safely possible, and not to delay it unnecessarily by making him learn useless physical co-ordinations, many of which will inevitably have to be unlearned if a correct final movement pattern is to result.

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

In my second article of this series, whilst talking about the teaching of Athletics during Adolescence, I said: "Statistics have been quoted to show that few outstanding juniors become outstanding Senior Track or Field Athletes, but I have never seen any statistics which show whether those good junior performers become outstanding exponents of some other sport such as Soccer, Rugby or Tennis. They would make interesting reading and are a possible line of research for some enthusiast."

I would be indeed grateful for the co-operation of any interested schoolmasters or club officials who could provide me with any information on this subject.

If one took the winning of a Schools' District Meeting event as the minimum standard of a good junior, it should be a fair basis on which to work.

The kind of information I would like to receive is as follows:—

1. The name of the Athlete.
2. The event won, with, if possible, the time or distance achieved, and the date.
3. Whether the athlete competed in the all England Sports and with what result.
4. Whether the athlete subsequently joined a club and competed finally in Junior, Youths or Adult competition, again with what results.
5. Whether, on the contrary, he or she took no further interest in athletics on leaving school.
6. Whether, if the answer to question five is in the affirmative, the child took up some other sport and with what result.

Information of any of the above items would be most welcome and should be sent to me at The Department of Physical Education, The Polytechnic, Regent Street, London, W.1.

WIGMORE "15" SURPRISES

The Wigmore "15" provided many surprises and a new record, the first seven to finish all beating the old figures. Jones and McCalla, of Southend, went into the lead from the start and remained there until P. G. West (Worthing), only recently returned from Hong Kong, moved up to second at 5 miles and from then on had a ding-dong battle with Jones until, with half-a-mile to go, he took the lead and went on to finish a comfortable winner and looking very fresh.

1. P. G. West, Worthing and Dist.....	84.21
2. L. A. Jones, Southend A.C.	84.48
3. R. D. McCalla, Southend A.C.	85.36
4. H. J. Catton, Ilford A.C.	85.40
5. J. Duffy, Hadleigh A.C.	86.24
6. I. R. Chandler, Worthing and D.	86.53
7. T. Richards, S.L.H.	87.00
8. R. Plummer, Oxford C.	87.01
9. D. Reynolds, Blackheath	87.39
10. B. Foster, Blackheath	87.39
11. J. Fitzgerald, Mitcham	87.52

12. R. F. Hopcroft, T.V.H. 88.19; 13. G. W. Ash, Southgate 88.28; 14. A. E. Cooper, N.Staffs H. 88.29; 15. D. Brickwood, Belgrave 88.41; 16. J. R. Lowen, Southend 88.48; 17. J. D. Harman, Herne H. 89.53; 18. G. J. Gosling, Blackheath 90.03; 19. L. Scott, Mitcham 90.23; 20. N. Manning, T.V.H. 90.43; 21. N. Vincent, Bexhill 91.39; 22. W. Nicholson, Blackheath 91.52; 23. S. Jones, Poly 91.59; 24. A. Whitehead, Belgrave 92.08; 25. A. Evans, Macclesfield 92.12.

The above finished inside the standard time of 93 mins.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Southend-on-Sea A.C.	(2.3.13) 18
2. Blackheath H.	(7.8.15) 30
3. Thames V.H.	(10.17.23) 50
4. Worthing 54; 5. Mitcham 57; 6. Belgrave 62; 7. Southgate 84; 8. Wigmore 95; 9. Orion 111; 10. S.L.H. 125.	

RECORDS IN T.V.H. RELAY

At Cranford (4 x 5 miles)

Twenty-three teams faced the starter and after the usual fast start the field settled down with K. L. Norris (T.V.H.), J. Butler (Surrey) and C. W. Walker (Bels) in the lead. These three gradually drew away from the rest of the field, which was led by G. Ward (Poly), but it was not until the last 440 yds. that Walker got in front of Butler; at the hand-over the leaders were K. L. Norris (T.V.H.) 23.30; C. W. Walker (Bel) 23.33; J. Butler (Surrey) 23.34; G. Ward (Poly) 24.23; D. Fotheringham (T.V.H. "B") 24.24; J. E. Gambling (Westbury) 24.26.

In stage 2, Bromley of the Bels quickly closed with Ellis (TVH), and these two drew right away from Surrey, who were having a bad time. Soon after the half distance, Ellis began to draw away, and running very strongly went on to hand over a lead of 125 yds. and, incidentally, to put up the fastest ever 2nd leg time. J. Evans, of Poly and J. Pike, of Westbury, running together, put up a fine show and both had now passed Surrey. Leaders—T.V.H. (E. Ellis 23.32), Bels (J. Bromley 23.54), Poly (J. Evans 23.49), Westbury (J. Pike 23.48).

In lap 3, A. E. Ingles gradually drew away from Bruce (Bels) and opened up a winning lead of 300 yds. Meanwhile J. Wood, of Poly, was also running strongly and took

his team within striking distance of Belgrave. The leading positions were unchanged and fastest times for the leg were A. E. Ingles (TVH) 23.59—a new third leg best; J. Wood (Poly) 24.00; M. J. Stearman (Belgrave "C") 24.12.

H. A. Olney (T.V.H.) was not content to coast home to an easy victory but, running as only he can on the road, put in a terrific last lap of 22.44, beating his old record by 14 secs., and leading his club to a half-mile victory. This in cold blustery conditions. Meanwhile a terrific battle between R. Dunkley (Poly) and L. Herbert (Bels) went in favour of the former, who came away strongly at the finish. Fastest times for this leg were Olney 22.44; Dunkley 23.51; and M. Barratt (Ealing) 23.55. The Valley winning time of 93.45 lopped 2.15 off Belgrave's 1951 record, which Poly failed to equal by 3 secs. For purposes of the forthcoming London-Brighton Relay it was interesting to know that over the last stage, "B" teams from Belgrave and T.V.H. fought their way through to 4th and 5th positions.

1. T.V.H. (Norris 23.30; Ellis 23.32; Ingles 23.59; Olney 22.44) 93.45.

2. Poly H. (Ward 24.23; Evans 23.49; Wood, 24.00; Dunkley 23.51) 96.03.

3, Belgrave H. (Walker 23.33; Bromley 23.54; Bruce 24.37; Herbert 24.35) 96.39.
 4, Belgrave H. (E. Herbert 24.42; Burr 24.33; Short 24.31; Bedford 24.23) 98.09.
 5, T.V.H. "B" (Fotheringham 24.24; Vivian 25.01; Thornton 24.34; Manley 24.38) 98.37.
 6, Surrey A.C. (Butler 23.34; Floyd 25.50;

Barrett 24.23; Smith 25.14) 99.01.

7, Westbury H. (Gambling 24.26; Pike 23.48; McDonald 25.10; Court 6.01) 99.25.
Fastest times: H. A. Olney (TVH) 22.44; K. Norris (TVH) 23.30; E. Ellis (TVH) 23.32; C. W. Walker (Belgrave) 23.33; J. Butler (Surrey) 23.34; J. Pike (Westbury) 23.48.

HOLDEN RECORD IN CAMBRIDGE H. RELAY

At Bexley (6 x 3½ miles)

On the first lap, D. Pemble (Maidstone) with a lap of 16mins. 22secs. (2nd fastest ever over the course) led from J. Withers (Blackheath) with B. Davis (Mitcham) third. G. Scotting took Blackheath into the lead on the 2nd lap, followed by J. Pemble (Maidstone) and C. Puddicombe of S.L.H. On the 3rd lap H. Nunns maintained the lead for Blackheath, Pawsey taking Mitcham up into 2nd place, with Prince (S.L.H.) third.

The next lap (4th) saw Weeks-Pearson open up nearly a minute lead for Blackheath, Wilson (S.L.H.) second, and Fowle (H.H.H.) third, while a good run by L. Cass brought Cambridge from 8th to 4th position.

In the 5th lap, D. Holden's record-breaking run of 16m.06s. brought Cambridge to within 7 seconds of Choat (Blackheath), with Hine (H.H.H.) third and Clarke (S.L.H.) fourth. On the final lap A. Brent (Blackheath) managed to hold the lead from K. Harland (Cambridge) who gave him a

hard fight. P. J. Pirie brought S.L.H. back to 3rd position.

1, Blackheath H. (Withers 16.37, Scotting 17.34, Nunns 17.23, Week-Pearson 16.41, Choat 17.30, Brent 17.00) 102m.51s.

2, Cambridge H. (Sheard 18.03, Dellar 17.27; Whitbourne 17.23, Cass 17.05, Holden 16.06, Harland 17.01) 103m.05s.

3, S. London H. (Collins 17.27, Puddicombe 17.09, Prince 17.20, Wilson 17.16, Clarke 17.36, P. J. Pirie 16.56) 103m.44s.

4, Herne H. 103.58; 5, Mitcham 106.20; 6, Blackheath "B" 106.33; 7, Blackheath "C" 107.32; 8, Ilford 107.47; 9, Herne H. "B" 108.25; 10, S.L.H. "B" 109.13; 11, Woodford Gn. 109.14; 12, Cambridge H. "B" 110.14. 21 teams finished.

Fastest laps: D. Holden (Camb. H.) 16.06 (record); D. Pemble (Maidstone) 16.22; J. Withers (Blackheath) 16.27; W. J. Weeks-Pearson (Blackheath) 16.41; A. E. Hine (Herne Hill) 16.47; Heywood (Herne Hill) 16.48.

Best Ever Australian 100 yards

JOHN LANDY cruised to a 4 min. 14.8 sec. mile victory, in a Sunday meeting staged by Williamstown A.C. (of which Les Perry and Geoff Warren are members) on March 1st.

Barry Donath, a rapidly improving shot putter, was unlucky to miss a national record as he heaved the ball 49ft. 1½in. It was barely 2oz. under weight.

Hee Hogan brought his total of Queensland championships to four, as he won the 220 yds. in 21.6 sec., and the hop-step-jump with 44ft. 8½in., at Brisbane, on February 28th. Hogan won the 220 by inches from national champion, Brian Butterfield, on a rain-heavy grass track.

Graham Gipson made it a "treble" in the

West Australian championships, taking the 220 yards from Bill de Gruchy in 21.8 sec. Clive Bedford-Brown won both senior and junior high jumps, clearing 6ft. 2½in. and 6:2½ respectively; while Kevin Salt took the hop-step-jump with 48ft. 9½in.

Leon Gregory, a splendid natural runner, whom only lack of hard work has prevented reaching world class, won the South Australian 880 yds. crown, at Adelaide, in 1min. 55.6 sec. (Gregory, tall, long striding boy, won the national 440 yds., at 18, two years ago in 48.5 sec., but has failed to "kick on".) The hammer throw was won by Lloyd Hadfield, well known to English followers, with 152ft. 6in.

In Melbourne (inter-club semi-finals), Les



The leading bunch during the International C.C. race. L. to R.—Gray (England), Mihalic (Yugoslavia) No. 135, Sardo (England), Theys (Belgium) No. 15, Abdallah (France) No. 60, Vandewattyne (Belgium)—behind Abdallah, Bannon (Scotland) No. 30, Pirie (England) No. 1.

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Perry started by winning the A grade mile run in 4 min. 15.2 sec., defeating teammates Warren and Dave Stephens. Les finished strongly, probably could have returned a very good time had he pressed in the early stages.

Olympian Ian Reed tossed the discus 147 ft. 6in., Allen Stevens and Hugh Jack hop-step-jumped 47.4½ and 47.2½ respectively, and John Griffiths returned a wind-assisted 9.8 sec. 100 yds.

Winsome Cripps won the Victorian 100 metres title, clocking 12.6 sec. into a headwind. She won her heat in 12.4. Maureen Middlemiss high jumped 5ft. 1½in.

Final day of the N.S.W. women's championships saw Gwen Wallace win the 80m. hurdles in 11.4 sec.; Betty Cuthbert (14) an invaitaiton 100 yds. in 11 sec., and the

junior 75 yds. in 8.4 sec., and Eileen Burns the sub-junior broad jump with a splendid leap of 17ft. 7in.

In Auckland, on Feb. 28th, Yvette Williams threw the discus 155:2 in an exhibition.

Hec Hogan, national 100 yds. champion, equalled his own national 100 yds. record of 9.5 sec., in a special invitation race at Sydney Sports Ground (grass) on March 7th. It was the greatest 100 yds. race ever seen in this country, as the runners swept across the line with less than 3 yds. covering the seven of them.

John Treloar (running his last race), Bill Job and Doug. Winston, were all caught in 9.6 sec.; Eddie Carr and Kevin Reede in 9.7, and schoolboy John Carrick 9.8 sec.

Hogan later won the 220 yds. in 21.7 sec

That he is now Australia's greatest "century" man was well proved, and we look forward to him breaking the tape in 9.4 sec. next summer.

John Landy won the mile in 4 min. 11 sec., breaking the N.S.W. open record of Bill Alford (Wales) by 6/10ths. At 1500 metres his time was 3:53.

Second was Jim Bailey in 4:13.2, with John Plummer third in 4:14—not remarkable, to be sure, but only 18 months ago our national record was 4:15.8.

Les Perry, like Landy, feeling the heat was content to win the 3 miles, in which he clocked 14 min. 17.8 sec.

Geoff Goodacre won the 220 and 440 hurdles in 24.4 and 55.2 sec., Peter Denton pole vaulted 13ft. 0½in., and John Gallagher established an Australian junior shot put (12lb.) record of 50ft. 9½in.

Treloar, in a farewell meet staged by his club on March 4th, won the 100 yds. in 9.8 sec. On the following night, also in Sydney, Landy won over 1500 metres in 3 min. 57.6 sec., and Hogan the 100 yds. in 10 sec.

In Melbourne in March, the final day of interclub, Ian Reed, Empire champion, improved on his national discus throw record as he reached 155ft. 4½in. Probably he will be a strong contender for Empiad honours again next year.

Winsome Cripps won the Victorian womens 100 yds. title in 11.9 sec. (heat 11.4) against the wind, and the 220 yds. in 25.4.

Verna Johnston, another member of Australia's relay team, won the West Australian 100 yds. in 11.2 sec., and the broad jump with 18ft. 4½in. Attempting to win the 440 yds., Verna collapsed from sheer exhaustion.

New Zealand Championship results were very poor. The best were:—

220: D. Jowett 21.9; Mile: J. Parcell 4:17.2; 3 Miles: K. Williams 14:23.6; 6 Miles: L. King 29:43.4; 440H: E. Carrucan 56.7; HSJ: P. Sharron 47' 9½"; Ham: D. McD. Clark 162' 11½"; Wt: Dr. H. Moody 45' 5¼". Moody also won the discus with 129' 3½". "Dutch" Holland did not compete in the hurdles.

RESULTS

March 14th

Wycombe Phoenix H. "Ferris Cup" 5M. Road H'cp. 1, G. Walker 29.25; 2, J. Smith 29.28; 3, B. Hall 29.31; 4, S. Tugwood 29.39. **Fastest Time**—J. Smith 26.26. **In a Junior Race:** 1, A. Barrett 25.47; 2, P. Gready 37.03; 3, C. Johnson 27.32.

Brighton A.C. Club 3M. Road Champ.—1, H. V. Foord 15.25 (record); 2, A. E. Foster 15.29 (record); 3, P. Abrahams 16.05; 4, R. W. Newington 16.19.

Orion H. 42 pts. beat **United Hospitals 71 and Wye Coll.** 71. 1, M. Inman (W) 45.40; 2, C. Wastell (UH) 45.52; 3, D. K. Dyall (O) 46.07; 4, P. J. Canham (O) 46.24.

Blackheath H. Inter-Schools Race—1, B. G. Stone (Brockley CS) 22.17; 2, Berisford (Repton) 22.42; 3, J. Pierce (Simon Langton) 22.43. **Teams:** 1, Repton 39 pts.; 2, Dover Coll. 53; 3, King's Canterbury 84.

Rugby School beat Thames H. and H. 30 pts. to 48. 1, R. M. Boddington (R) C. W. Blackwell (R) and A. M. Montague (R) 29.16; 4, A. P. Tate (T) R. L. Jones (T) and J. P. Morley (T) 30.02.

Oxford City A.C. 7M. Club Champ.—1, P. Porter 36.56 (course record); 2, M. Hillier 37.38; 3, V. Blowfield 37.46; 4, M. Walsh 37.50.

Paignton H. 28 pts. beat **University Coll.** 67 and **Devonport Y.M.C.A.** 83. 1, P. Holmes (P) 25.57; 2, P. Prowse (P) 26.21; 3, K. Shinner (D) 6.43; 4, T. Hall (P) 26.43.

Bournemouth A.C. 21 pts. beat **Bryanston School 56, Claymore Sch. 71, Canford Sch. 78 and Portchester Sch. 119.** 1, Bailey (Bourn.); 2, Crocker (Bourn.); 3, Browne (Bry.).

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18th March

R. NAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1, R. Pape (Portsmouth) 29:6.8; 2, T. Joyce (Air) 29:34; 3, R. Brown (Portsmouth) 29:46; 4, Meadows (Air) 30:7.6; 5, Lieut. Vaughan (Plymouth) 30:17; 6, Wyatt (Air) 36:24; **Teams:** Air Home 43 pts.; 2, Portsmouth 48; 3, Nore 111; 4, Plymouth 118.

21st March

WOLVERHAMPTON—STAFFORD

15 Miles Road Race

1. R. W. McMinnis, R.A.F. & Sut. H. 1:17.31.6 (record)
2. G. L. Iden, Vic. Pk. H. 1:17.54
3. D. R. Osborne, Tipton H. 1:20.16
4. T. H. Buckingham, Leamington 1:20.54;
5, R. G. Plummer, Oxford City A.C. 1:21.25;
6, D. A. Brickwood, Belgrave H. 1:21.57; 7,

C. K. Kemball, Wolverhampton H. 1:22.17;
8, E. Flowers, Victoria Pk. H. 1:22.24; 9, J. Preston Jones, 1:22.41; 10, A. E. Cooper, N. Staffs 1:23.41; 11, J. A. Goode, Smethwick H. 1:24.03; 12, J. W. Flowers, Vict. Pk. H. 1:24.06; 13, D. Onion, Wolverhampton H. 1:24.46.

TERRITORIAL ARMY CHAMPS.

1, T. Harwood (Ken.) 36:40.8; 2, A. Hughes; 3, Lieut. Jones. **Team:** Queen's University T.C. 114 pts.

Hampshire County A.A.A. 10 Miles Road Running Champ.

1, H. Sharp (RNAC) 56.41; 2, M. Spiers (Ryde) 57.07; 3, J. Horn (Portsmouth) 57.32; 4, D. Smith (Portsmouth) 57.50; 5, P. Byrne (Portsmouth) 58.08; 6, G. M. Horton (Portsmouth) 58.30; 7, K. Crooke (Southampton) 58.53; 8, J. Clark (Southampton) 59.13; 9, R. Wiseman (Bournemouth) 59.50; 10, D. Eades



For a brief spell when the runners had covered nearly 5 miles, Bill Gray (Small H.) led the International "field." He is seen here with Vandewattyn on the far side and Abdallah, No. 60 on his shoulder. Close behind are Sando, No. 2, Mihalic, the winner, No. 135, and Eddie Bannon, No. 30.

Keystone

(RNAC) 60.33. Teams: 1, Portsmouth A.C. 12 pts.; 2, R.N.A.C. 20; 3, Ryde 26; 4, Southampton 29; Portsmouth A.C. "B" 51 pts.

Ordnance Survey A.C. Road Relay 4 x 3½ Miles. 1, Inland Revenue (T. White, Fisher, T. Ewens, A. Newson) 1:17.39; 2, London Telecoms 1:18.21; 3, Ordnance Survey "A" 1:19.20; 4, Cable and Wireless 1:20.18; 5, Air Ministry 1:21.4; 6, P.O.S.D. 1:21.8. Fastest Leg, J. T. Doggett (O.S.) 18.37 (Record).

Shaftesbury H. 3 Miles Road H'cp. 1, J. Waterhouse 15.5; 2, D. Wheatley 15.15; 3, F. Osborne 15.20. Fastest time: D. Wheatley 16.5.

Herne Hill H. 6M. Road Race Champ. 1, J. Heywood and A. Heywood 30.26; (record); 3, L. McNeil 30.37; 4, V. Fowle 30.50; 5, D. Coman 31.50; 6, K. Stickells 31.57.

Watford H. 5M. Road Race. 1, P. Kennedy 30.18; 2, S. Izzard 30.21; 3, J. Lloyd 31.29. H'cp: J. Lloyd (2.50) 28.39. **3M. Junior Race:** 1, D. Fear 15.30; (Youth record); 2, D. Pigott 15.45; 3, P. Webb 16.25; H'cp: P. K. Mortan (4.30) 17.34.

Epsom and Ewell H. 10M. Club Road Champ. and H'cp. 1, E. Williams 55.38; 2, E. Brown 57.16; 3, D. Budd 59.26; 4, J. Arnell 60.02; H'cp: 1, E. Williams (scr.) 55.38.

Maidstone H. Club Championships and H'cp. Seniors: 1, D. Pemble 28.42; 2, Couchman 31.07; 3, J. Pemble 31.26. H'cp: Couchman 28.27. **Juniors:** 1, Knight 15.10; 2, Hatt 15.28; 3, Adams 16.30. H'cp: Knight 15.00. **Ladies:** 1, D. Gruber 22.38.

South London H. Inter-Schools 3½M. Race. L. D. Reed (Reigate) 20.46; 2, M. E. Crickmore (Purley) 20.52; 3, N. Chanin (Purley) 20.56; 4, M. D. Jenkins (St. Olave's) 21.25; 5, R. J. McLaren (Ardingly Coll.) 21.31; J. R. Lambert (C. of London Freeman Sch.) 21.33. **Teams:** 1, Purley G.S. 22 pts.; 2, Ardingly Coll. 50; 3, Walsington G.S. 76; 4, Clapham Coll. 110; 5, St. Olave's G.S. 114; 6, Reigate G.S. 136.

Kent A. C. beat a Coulsdon Combined Services Team, 37 pts. to 41. 1, R. Bird (C) 23.56; 2, R. Hale (K) 24.21; 3, N. Fox (K) 24.40.

Suffolk County 10 Miles Road Championship—1, F. Driver (Ipswich) 56.58; 2, J. D. Hughes (RAF Martlesham) 57.04; 3, T. C. Pearce (RAF) 58.45; 4, H. C. Munn (Ips.) 59.04; 5, E. Olley (Ips.) 60.55; 6, A. E. Chenery (Ips.) 63.45.

The Watford H. Road Relay and other results will be included next week.

BIRCHFIELD WIN LIVINGSTONE

RELAY

Some remarkable running was seen in the Livingstone Relay Race at Leicester on Saturday, March 21st. No fewer than four clubs broke the existing course record, whilst individually six runners were inside the lap record time made by Jack Holden in 1947—Eddie Hardy recording the fastest time with a magnificent 14m. 32s. lap, 21 seconds inside Holden's figures.

The race, which was well supported by nineteen teams, consisted of five identical laps of roughly three miles each.

The first leg was notable for the outstanding running of Bobbie Reid, of Birchfield, and S. Dean, of Tipton, both of whom beat Holden's figures, whilst R. Turney, of Godiva, after a slow start worked up to third place.

Positions at the end of the first lap—

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| 1. Birchfield H. (R. Reid) | 14.51 |
| 2. Tipton H. (S. Dean) | 14.52 |
| 3. Godiva H. (R. Turney) | 15.01 |
| 4. Lincoln Welling. (K. Barnsdale) | 15.03 |
| 5. Birchfield H. "B" (H. Reeves) | 15.04 |
| 6. Derby & County (A. W. G. Hill) | 15.13 |

Tony Mann, of Birchfield opened up a gap of one hundred yards over the next lap, Tipton Harriers falling back into third place behind Lincoln Wellington, for whom K. Bauckham had put in a fast leg. Reid's new figures did not last long, however, as on this lap K. Johnson, the Olympic steeplechaser, taking over in fifteenth place, brought Leicester College of Arts up into seventh place and in so doing knocked a further five seconds off the record with a time of 14m. 46s.

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| 1. Birchfield H. (A. D. Mann 15.12) | 30.03 |
| 2. Lincoln W. (F. Bauckham 15.13) | 30.20 |
| 3. Tipton H. (R. Bentley 15.36) | 30.28 |
| 4. Derby & C. (A. P. Kelly 15.19) | 30.32 |
| 5. Godiva H. (T. Coss 15.32) | 30.33 |
| 6. Notts A. (J. E. Gutteridge 15.22) | 30.48 |

Ray Hatton, taking over for Birchfield, was out on his own and without any pace-making whatsoever ran a terrific lap—14m. 45s.—to beat Johnson's time by one second and place Birchfield in an impregnable position nearly 400 yards ahead of the field. Arthur Cole brought Tipton back into second place, drawing away from W. R. Kelly, of Derby, towards the end of the lap, whilst a good leg by D. J. Taylor brought Birchfield's second team back in'o fifth place.

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| 1. Birchfield H. (R. Hatton 14.45) | 44.48 |
| 2. Tipton H. (A. Cole 15.23) | 45.51 |

3. Derby & C. (W. R. Kelly 15.16) 45.58
4. Godiva H. (H. Lloyd 15.43) 46.16
5. Birch. "B" (D. J. Taylor 15.24) 46.25
6. Lincoln Well. (W. Close 16.30) 46.50

J. R. Reid, Birchfield, held his own with a lap of 15m. 21s., but a first class struggle was taking place between Harbash, of Tipton, and Bates of Derby, the Tipton man finally handing over three seconds ahead of Bates.

1. Birchfield H. (J. R. Reid 15.21)..... 60.09
2. Tipton H. (D. Harbash 15.16) 61.07
3. Derby & C. (D. Bates 15.12) 61.10
4. Godiva (D. Faulkonbridge 15.29) 61.45
5. Birchfield "B" (L. Orton 15.54) 62.19
6. Lincoln Well. (K. Kitchen 16.13) 63.03

Freddy Green (Birchfield) was sent away 350 yards ahead of Dennis Pearsall, of Tipton, with Eddie Hardy a further twenty yards behind and the rest of the field well back. Green ran sufficiently fast to ensure victory without unduly extending himself, but immediately behind him a terrific struggle was taking place for second place. At the halfway mark Hardy had caught Pearsall and for the next mile they ran together. Half a mile out Hardy made his effort and although Pearsall did all he could to hang on he just couldn't respond to Hardy's sustained burst. Hardy, in gaining 200 yards on Green, returned 14m. 32s., a really magnificent performance which dwarfed even the 14m.43s. of Pearsall. Green, 14m. 59s., did well without really going all out, whilst a Godiva team, weakened by International calls, came in fourth also well inside the previous record. Result—

1. Birchfield H. (F. Green 14.59)..... 75.08
2. Derby & Cty. (E. Hardy 14.32)..... 75.42
3. Tipton H. (D. Pearsall 14.43) 75.50
4. Godiva H. (G. Pearson 15.30) 77.15
5. Birchfield "B" (M. White 15.21) 77.42
6. Notts A.C. (E. Morley 15.31) 78.36

Previous course record — Derby and County, 1952—77m. 39s.

Previous lap record—J. T. Holden, 1947—14m. 53s.

Hadleigh A.C. 2½M. Schools C.C. Race—

1, C. Campbell 15.24; 2, W. Langlois 15.24; 3, G. Collingwood 15.42; All Westcliff High School. Teams: 1, Westcliff High "A" 8 pts.; 2, Goresbrook, Dagenham "A" 25; 3, Westcliff "B" 35; 4, Dagenham County 52; 5, Benfleet Sec. "A" and Benfleet Sec. "D" 55.

North London H. 3½M. Annual Road

He'p. 1, D. Smith (3.45) 16.06; 2, W. Cook (3.20) 16.23; 3, E. Knight (2.40) 16.31; Fastest time: E. Towler 18.18.

Wigmore H'cp 10M. Road H'cp. 1, L.

C. Carter (12.10) 65.20; 2, L. Suckling (6.05) 60.44; 3, H. Herrington (15.00) 70.19; Fastest time: L. Suckling (6.05) 60.44.

Bournemouth "A" 23 pts. beat Yeovil

and Dist. A.C. 24 Bournemouth "B" 31 and R.A.S.C. Houndstone 64. 1, Ammattey 31.02; 2, Chinchin (B) 31.30; 3, Vickery (B) 32.30; 4, Roffey (B) 33.00; 5, Thurlow (Y) 33.45; 6, Crocker 34.00.

Heston Community Association, who do a great deal to help with facilities in the Poly Marathon are organising an athletic meeting for Whit-Monday, which will cater specially for club "second strings." Other attractions include a Carnival and Coronation Fireworks Display.

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A track suit top with Finchley H. badge was lost at the Ilford Relay on March 14th. Would the finder please return to R. Butler, 16 Waterloo Road, Uxbridge, who will be pleased to refund cost of postage.

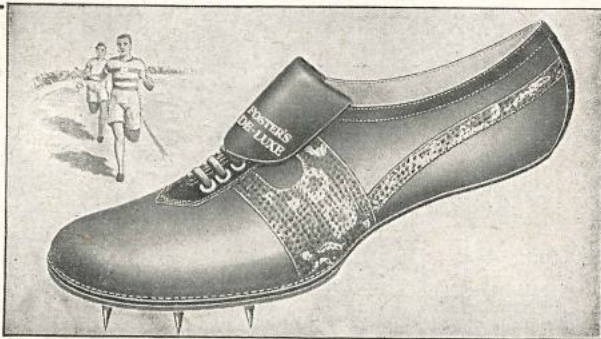
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EASY WIN FOR BIRCHFIELD

Wolverhampton H. Road Relay (4 x 3 Miles)

Birchfield Harriers had no difficulty in winning the annual Wolverhampton Road Relay once again, Tipton providing the only real opposition.

A. E. Dalton took the first leg for Birchfield and broke last year's record of Fred Green by 4 secs. with 13.19. The surprise of the race came from Dennis Pearsall, of Tipton, who took his club into the lead on the next lap with second fastest time of the day (13.21). However, on the next stage Parmenter restored the lead to Birchfield and Fred Green came home on the last lap a comfortable winner.

1, Birchfield H. (A. Dalton 13.19, A. D. Mann 13.59, D. Parmenter 13.30, F. Green 13.45) 54min. 33sec.

2, Tipton H. (B. Harbach 13.47, D.

Pearsall 13.21, R. Bentley 14.17, B. Twamley 14.14) 55min. 39sec.

3, Birchfield "B" (H. Reeves 13.46, J. R. Reid 13.58, S. Stonehouse 14.34, R. Reid 13.32) 55min. 50 sec.

4, Tipton "B" 55.52; 5, Birchfield "C" 56.59; 6, Wolverhampton 57.42; 47, Smethwick 57.48; 8, Lozells 57.59; 9, Stourbridge W. and D. 58.09; 10, Harborne 58.41. 25 teams finished.

Handicap: 1, Smethwick "B" (6.15) 51.33; 2, N. Staffs H. (7.00) 51.46; 3, Harborne H. (5.45) 52.56.

Fastest times: A. E. Dalton (Birchfield) 13.19; D. Pearsall (Tipton) 13.21; D. Parmenter (Birchfield) 13.30; R. Reid (Birchfield "B") 13.32; D. Osborne (Tipton "B") 13.41.

BRIGHTON A.C. ROAD RELAY

(6 x 2 miles 1214 yards)

Aylesford P.M. were only six seconds outside record in winning the Brighton A.C. Relay, and Frank Sando beat Chataway's lap record by 2 secs. with a time of 12.58. Eastbourne (Chantler) led on the first lap, then the R.N. South on lap 2, but then Sando put in his great run to place Aylesford in the lead, which they held to the end despite a good run by H. V. Foord, of Brighton, to put the home Club in second position.

1, Aylesford P.M. (Ellis 13.55, Robinson 14.02, Sando 12.58, Charlesworth 14.05, Bridger 14.20, Acott 13.38) 82min. 58sec.

2, Brighton A.C. (Newington 14.07, Hay 14.19, Abrahams 14.01, Foord 13.30, Wadey 14.23; Foster 13.52, 84min. 12sec.

3, Portsmouth A.C. (Smith 14.13, Tranter 14.12, Rees 13.33, Horton 14.24, Bollen 14.20, Redman 14.54) 85min. 36sec.

4, R.N. South 85.41; 5, Walton 85.55; 6, Horsham 87.20; 7, Bexhill 88.06.

8, Aylesford "B" 89.02; 9, Brighton "B" 90.56; 10, Eastbourne R. 92.07

Fastest laps: F. Sando (Aylesford) 12.58 (record); H. V. Foord (Brighton) 13.30; D. G. Rees (Portsmouth) 13.33; P. R. Chantler (Eastbourne) 13.36; S. Acott (Aylesford) 13.38; N. Sharpe (R.N.) 13.40.

Surrey A.C. will hold their first annual cross-country relay (6 x 2½ miles) at Kingston on Sept. 26th. There will be three sets of awards for teams and three for fastest lap times.

BOROUGH OF LEYTON

Third

FLOODLIT ATHLETIC MEETING

(Under A.A.A. and W.A.A.A. Laws)

Eton Manor Sports Ground

Ruckholt Road, Leyton E.10

Wednesday, 6th May, 1953, at 7 p.m.

Invitation Scratch Events:

MEN—

100 metres, 440 yds., 880 yds., Hop, Step and Jump, Pole Vault, High Jump, Shot Put, 440 yards Hurdles, 2 Miles Steeplechase, 3 Miles Team Race, One Mile Medley Relays—"A" and "B."

LADIES—

100 metres, 80 metres Hurdles, Shot Put, 4 x 110 yds. Relay, High Jump.

Open Scratch Events:

(Entry fee 1/-)—

Junior Men (17-19) One Mile.

Youths (15-17) 220 yds.

(Ages as at 1st April, 1953).

Entries to Hon. Secretary — J. F. PERKINS, The Eton Manor Clubs, Riseholme Street, E.9. (from whom forms may be obtained).

Closing Date—Monday, 20th April

ADMISSION—SEATS 3/6, STANDING 2/-
Tickets from Town Hall, Leyton, E.10, or The Eton Manor Clubs, Riseholme Street, E.9. (postage extra).

WOMEN'S INTER-DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

1. D. Leather, Birchfield H. (M).....	17.16.2
2. A. Oliver, Gosforth H. (N).....	18.12
3. M. Joyce, Saltwell H. (N).....	18.16
4. R. Smith, St. Gregory's (M); 5. M. Davies, Stockport (N); 6. M. Richards, Hallamshire (N); 7. P. Green, Ilford (S); 8. H. Needham, Cambridge H. (S).	
Teams:	Pts.
1. North	(2.3.5.6) 16
2. Midlands	(1.4.9.13) 27
3. South	(7.8.10.11) 36

WOMEN'S INTER-DISTRICT ROAD WALK

1. D. Williams, Birchfield H. (M).....	21.02.5
2. B. Randle, Birm. Atalanta (M).....	21.39
3. S. Jennings, London Olym. (S)	22.30
4. S. Irwin, London Olym. (S); 5. M. Babington, Birm. Atalanta (M); 6. S. Cottrell, Harborne (M); 7. G. Pursall (Birm. Atalanta (M); 8. R. Scott, Winton (N); 9. E. Lightfoot, Sheffield (N); 10. I. McCormack, Camb. H. (S).	
Teams:	Pts.
1. Midlands	(1.2.5) 8
2. South	(3.4.10) 17
North (8.9) failed to close in.	

YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S C.C.

1. M. Richards (Hallamshire) 13.31.
Teams: 1, Hallamshire 14 pts.; 2, Airedale 18; 3, Halifax 19.

WESTERHAM GALA SPORTS

Under A.A.A. Rules

WHIT-MONDAY, May 25th, 1953

IN KING GEORGE'S FIELD

First Open Event 2.45 p.m.

Men's Open Handicap Events

220 yds., 440 yds.; 880 yds., 1 Mile

Westerham Gala 10 Mile Road Race

(Team & Individual) Fastest Lap Award

2 Mile (Scratch) Team & Indiv. Race

Entry Fees—Individuals 1/6 1st Event; 1/- subsequent events. Team 5/- (4 to run, 3 to score).

Entries to—

A. C. BRILL, Bingleaves, Westerham, Kent,
by Friday, 8th May, 1953

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ILFORD WOMEN'S RELAY

(5 x 1½ Miles)

London Olympiades won the Ilford Women's Relay at Chigwell Row last Saturday in 58min. 14sec. Selsonia led until the last stage, when Enid Harding took the Olympiades to the front by making the fastest lap time of 10.58. Next fastest was Phyllis Green (Ilford) with 11.01. 1, London Olympiades 58.14; 2, Selsonia 58.40; 3, Iford 60.11; 4, Harborne 62.59; Cambridge 65.31; 6, Reading 60.15.

From the Editor's Postbag . .

NATIONAL ENTRIES

Dear Sir,

There is very little that I can add to your excellent reply to Mr. L. H. Dilley, Hon. Secretary of the Oxford City A.C., in your issue of the 21st March, regarding my refusal to accept late entries for the English Championships.

Mr. Dilley says "we have had no official notification of a closing date either this year or in any previous years of our Club's short history." It is quite obvious from this statement that the Oxford City Hon. Secretary is not aware that the English Cross Country Union issue a Handbook each year on the outside cover of which appears a full page announcement of the current year's English championships which says "Entries definitely close on **Tuesday, February 10th**, to the Union Hon. Secretary, L. N. Richardson, 'Norcross,' Ambergate, to whom application for entry forms should be made."

I suggest to Mr. Dilley that instead of "getting down to filling up next year's entry form and posting it immediately" he should post off immediately to his District Association Hon. Secretary an order for next season's Handbook, price 3/-.

It is news to me that Clubs are discouraged from entering the major championships because it is felt that the "field of competition" would not be of manageable size.

Yours faithfully,

L. N. Richardson

Hon. Secretary.
English Cross Country Union.

LONDON v. PARIS SCHOOLS MATCH

In order to place the annual match between the London Schools and Paris Schools upon a sound basis there has now been formed the "London v. Paris Schools Athletic Association" of which the president is M. C. Nokes, the former Olympic Hammer thrower and now a house master at Harrow School. Chairman is Mr. E. H. Jenkins, headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.

This year's contest will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the new Wimbledon Park Stadium and included in the programme will be 440 yards and medley relays for Schools and an invitation inter-club junior relay race.

The London team will be chosen mainly upon the results of the L.A.C. Challenge Cup Meeting at the White City, on 17th and 18th April.

Mr. John L. Hayward, of 3 Danbury Way, Woodford Green, Essex, was another winner of a consolation award in our "Who's Who" Competition with an entry of 28 correct.

Hon. Secretary of Southdown A.C. is now J. Kenward, 32 Eastern Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, (Tel: 3697), and the Hon. Treasurer, H. Wills, Shoreham Grammar School, Shoreham-by-Sea (Tel: 2094).

The National Cross-Country Championship will be held on Saturday, March 13th, 1954, and the International Championship on March 27th, 1954.

Geo. E. Smith, 203, Gilbert Road, Cambridge, has taken over the duties of Hon. Secretary of Cambridge City A.C. and would welcome fixtures with other clubs.

Hornchurch H. are putting on a 4 Miles Road Race at Upmins'er on Easter Monday.

The English C.C. team which recently competed in the International Race in Paris, will take on "The Rest" of the International field in a four miles race at the Birchfield H. Floodlit Meeting on October 3rd.

Special 4 x 1 mile and 3 x 880 (women) events will be held after the match against France, which is to be held on August 1st and 3rd.

The Borough of Malden and Coombe will hold its Coronation Athletic Sports Meeting for men and ladies on the evening of June 4th, at the University of London track at Motspur Park. Majority of the events will be confined to athletes resident in, or who work in the borough, but there will also be special open events for ladies at 880 yards and 80 metres hurdles, invitation tug-of-war, inter-club team and relay races, and a relay confined to Schools.

The Northern Counties Decathlon Championship will be held on the Doncaster P.W. Ground, on June 13th-14th, in conjunction with the British Railways Championships.

HESTON CARNIVAL & SPORTS

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

Heston Park, Whit-Monday

OPEN HANDICAPS:

Men:

100, 220, 880 yds., Mile

Women:

100 and 220 yds.

Prizes valued £5, £3, £2

Entries close 9th May, to H. G. HALLETT,
1 Fern Villas, Heston, Middx.

Little Common, Bexhill 6th ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

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

Recreation Ground, Little Common
Saturday, Aug. 15th, 1953 at 2 p.m.

16 Mile Road Race; 3 Mile Flat h'cp;
100, 220 & 880 Yds. Flat h'cp;
2 Mile Steeplechase h'cp; 1 Mile Flat
h'cp; 1 Mile Medley Relay.

LADIES' EVENTS—

100 & 220 Yds. Flat h'cp; 4 x 110
Yds. Relay. VALUABLE PRIZES

Entries close on Saturday, August 1st.
Full particulars and entry forms from Mr.
G. M. PAYNE, 1 Barnhorn Road, Little
Common, Bexhill.

FIXTURE LIST—contd.

July

- 3/4 Women's A.A.A. Champs., W. City
- 4 British Team at Antwerp
- 4 Bristol—Douglas Sports
- 4 Halesowen A. and C.C.
- 4 Castleford Sports
- 4 Area Junior Championships
- 4 Ryder Trophy Meeting, Southam'ton
- 4 B.S.A. Sports, Small Heath.
- 4 Heathfield Shield Contest
- 4 Walton 15M. Road Race
- 4 A.C.-Delco S. and S.C., Dunstable
- 6 Belper Evening Sports
- 8 Salford Park Track League
- 10/11 A.A.A. Champs., White City
- 11 Birmingham Outer Circle Walk
- 11 Rotol S. and S.S., Gloucester
- 11 Oldbury A. and C.C.C. Sports
- 11 Rolls Royce Welfare (Derby).
- 13 Darlington H. and C.C. Comb. Spts.
- 17/18 Schools A.A., Uxbridge
- 18 Guildford & Godalming Trophy Mg.
- 18 Waddilove Trophy, Birmingham
- 18 London Brick Co., Stewartby.
- 18 West Mids. Yths. Spts., Leamington
- 22 Salford Park Track League
- 25 A.A.A. Junior Champs., Marathon and Relays, Cardiff
- 25 Banstead Inter-Club Meeting.
- 25 Western Inter-County, Tiverton.
- 25 Nottingham Junior and Youths
- 25 Surrey County Women's Champs., Wimbledon

August

- 1 Glasgow Rangers Sports
- 1 Meden Valley H.
- 1 Swindon A.C. Open Sports
- 1/3 Gt. Britain v. France, W. City
- 3 Hazells Trophy, Aylesbury
- 3 Bromsgrove A. and C.C.
- 3 Bentinck Miners' Welfare, Notts.
- 3 Rover R.C.C., Salford Park
- 4 Cannock U.D.C.
- 7/8 Cannock Chase Colliery, Chasetown
- 8 Halesowen A. and C.C.
- 8 British Games (Provisional)
- 15 Hugglescote Hort. Society
- 15 Gillingham & Dist. v. Poly H.
- 15 B.W.S.A. Nat. Champs., White City
- 22 Edinburgh Highland Games
- 22 London Fire Brigade W.C.
- 22 Gloucestershire Constabulary
- 29 West Bromwich Hort. Show

September

- 1/3 Gt. Britain v. Sweden, Stockholm
- 5 Halesowen A. and C.C.

- 12 London A.A.A. Champs. Battersea P.
- 26 Surrey A.C. (6 x 2½) C.C. Relay.

October

- 3 Birchfield H. Floodlit Sports
- 10 London-Brighton Relay (Stn. Clubs)

Athletics in Wales

By A.E.W.

THE 1st North Wales Cross Country Championships held at Kinnel Park must have been a source of gratification to the officials who worked hard to bring this first venture into being.

R.A.F. Valley beat six other teams in the Senior race and Royal Pioneer Corps, Wrexham, was the first of four teams in the Junior event, D. J. Jones, of Godiva H., being the first competitor home.

Organisation goes on in preparation for the British Junior A.A.A. Championships, Senior Relays and Marathon scheduled to take place at Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, on July 20th. The course for the Marathon is one thing definitely decided upon—but subject to the confirmation of an A.A.A. committee from London—and this will be an out and home route from the Stadium to Newport.

There is to be a young Athletes' Coaching Course at Maindy Stadium from 30th March—2nd April, and Mr. Ray Thomas is preparing a visit of the Chief Coach, Mr. Geoffrey Dyson, to South Wales, on May 14th.

At the last meeting of the Welsh A.A.A. Mr. Francis Duggan, Mond. A.C., was made a Life Vice-President of the Welsh A.A.A. Mr. Duggan, who is Chairman and Hon. Handicapper for West Wales, has given grand service to Welsh Athletics for nearly 35 years, and is a tower of strength to West Wales athletics.

A new club, Aber Valley A.C., has been formed and affiliated to the Welsh A.A.A. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. M. L. Mason, 41 Aberfawr Terrace, Abertndwr, Nr. Caerphilly, Glam.

This should prove to be a successful club, with Caerphilly S.G. School a reservoir of athletic talent. The latter school is one of our foremost Welsh athletic schools.