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LEADERS EARLY IN THE BELGRAVE 7 MILES WALK

## BEST BRITISH PERFORMERS 1955

(Continued)

OXFORD WIN THE  
BATTLE OF THE BLUES



MORE AUSTRALIAN  
RECORDS By Joe Galli

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## RECORD FOR BILL BOAK IN BRAMPTON ROAD RACE

For the fifth year in succession, Bill Boak (Elswick) won the Border Harriers' Brampton to Carlisle Road race over a stiff course of 8½ miles.

Shortly after the start a bunch composed of Boak, Fred Norris and Jack Haslam (Bolton), Andy Brown (Motherwell), and Tom Aisbitt (Morpeth) broke away and set a storming pace to get clear of the field. After about 3 miles Aisbitt dropped back but the other four fought it out yard for yard all the way. With a couple of miles to go Haslam lost a little ground and it was a three man race to the finish.

Over the last 200 yards Boak and Brown had a tremendous struggle before Boak triumphed by only 3 or 4 yards. The first 3 were all inside Bill Boak's course record of 45.16 set up last year.

The holders for the past three years, Elswick, were without Harbottle and George Boak, and were no match for Bolton Utd., who were very easy team winners from Morpeth and Motherwell Y.M.C.A.

1. W. Boak (Elswick) ..... (rec.) 45.07
2. A. H. Brown (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.) 45.09
3. F. Norris (Bolton Utd.) ..... 45.14
4. J. Haslam (Bolton Utd.) 45.39; 5. T. Aisbitt (Morpeth) 47.06; 6. J. Lancaster (Manchester A.C.) 47.28; 7. E. Slaughter (Morpeth) 47.44; 8. T. D. Reid (Larkhall Y.M.C.A.) 48.17; 9. J. Eastham (Bolton Utd.) 48.27; 10. G. W. King (Greenock Wellpark) 48.52.

Teams—"Cumberland News" Cup		Pts.
1. Bolton United H.	(3. 4. 9)	16
2. Morpeth H.	(5. 7.32)	44
3. Motherwell Y.M.C.A.	(2.16.37)	55

Handicap—		Pts.
1. J. Hand (Border)	7.30	44.04
2. T. D. Reid (Larkhall)	4.00	44.17

Boys' Race, 1½ miles—(Thompson Cup)—		Pts.
1. J. Ewbank (St. Patrick's Sch.)		11.55
2. D. Coulthard (C.G.S.)		12.09
3. W. Glaister (C.G.S.)		12.10

Teams:		Pts.
1. Carlisle Grammar Sch.	(2.3.15.22)	42
2. St. Patrick's School	(1.6.12.26)	45
3. Creighton School	(5.7.18.19)	49

## KENT BEAT MIDDLESEX IN WOMEN'S MOB MATCH

Forty-two runners started in the annual cross-country mob match between Kent and Middlesex at Eltham, on Saturday.

The field included seven members of the Selsonia club and three runners from the newly-formed Aldershot and Farnham club.

From the start, the individual race was a tussle between the Kent champion, L. Buckland (Cambridge H.) and the Middlesex runner, M. Bonnanno, of Highgate Harriers, who ran all the way with never more than five yards separating them until the run-in, when Leila went ahead to win by fifteen yards.

In third place was another Highgate Harrier, P. Benn, and she was followed by J. Byatt, of Hampstead Harriers, J. Stonehouse (Aldershot) and J. Hall (Selsonia).

Kent's second and third runners were S. Gaiger and D. Batchelor in seventh and eighth positions, and with seven-a-side in, Middlesex were leading by 77 points to 83, but due to good packing in the middle of the field, Kent eventually won the match for the second year in succession by the narrow margin of 18pts.

1. L. Buckland (K)	13.40
2. M. Bonnanno (M)	13.45
3. P. Benn (M)	14.08
4. J. Byatt (M)	14.27; 5. J. Stonehouse (Ald.) 14.48; 6. J. Hall (Sel.) 14.53; 7. S. Gaiger (K) 14.54; 8. D. Batchelor (K) 14.58; 9. J. Ruff

- (Ald.) 14.59; 10. B. Berwick (Sel.) 15.09; 11. A. Shephard (K) 15.17; 12. B. Edge (Sel.) 15.50; 13. J. Weaver (K) 15.52; 14. S. King (M) 15.59; 15. J. Abbott (Sel.) 16.06; 16. D. Fitzpatrick (Sel.) 16.06; 17. J. Jackson (M) 16.06; 18. J. Feiler (M) 16.23; 19. V. Newman (M) 16.29; 20. K. Pickles (M) 16.33; 21. D. Stockton (K) 16.39; 22. H. Needham (K) 16.44; 23. G. Buckle (K) 16.47; 24. A. Hobling (K) 17.18.; 25. G. Collins (K) 17.18.

1. Kent	319 pts.
2. Middlesex	337 pts.

It is regretted that up to the time of going to press we have been unable to obtain the detailed results of the Midland 7 Miles C.C. Championship. It is hoped to include these next week.

As we were going to press the news came in of the passing of Mr. A. W. H. Stringer, President of the Midland Counties A.A.A. and Life Vice-President of the A.A.A.

Cover photo by E. D. Lacey  
Leaders in the Belgrave H. 7 Miles Walk at Wimbledon soon after the start. The winner, A. H. Poole, of Worcester Harriers is No 257.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

THE A.A.A. General Meeting in London last Saturday produced two important decisions.

One was to leave the first claim rule as it stands so far as the Services are concerned. In view of this, publication of the letters referred to last week would be pointless and they are therefore omitted.

The other was the banning of any advertising beforehand of record attempts, and a careful check is to be kept to ensure that any records made are not assisted by other runners who are in there solely for the purpose of pacing. This means we shall be spared any more "jolly old pals" acts which are contrary to the spirit of athletics.

## Film Show

Guy Butler's film show, which is becoming a popular annual event, was very well attended and greatly appreciated by all those fortunate enough to get to The Large Hall of Barclay's Bank, in Gracechurch Street, on 2nd December.

Though Mr. Butler stated that he cannot compete with the television cameras, the photography was excellent and seems to get better and better as each year goes by. I did have one small disappointment, quite trivial in itself. This was that Anne Pashley's starting was not shown in slow motion. In my view she has by far the best start of all our sprinters, allowing, of course, for the difference between men and women runners. Perhaps Guy will remedy this next year.

THE EDITOR.

## NORRIS WINS LILLE RACE

Despite having only just shaken off a heavy cold, which had confined him to bed for several days, Ken Norris ran a great race in the international cross-country run of just under 6 miles in Lille last Sunday. After Marcel van de Wattyne had set the early pace over a tough, tortuous and slippery course, with all four English runners well up, Ameur and Addeche, of France, moved up to hot things up as the Belgian dropped back.

Addeche flagged on the last lap, but Norris and Sando hung on grimly to Ameur, and in a grandstand finish beat him to take first two places. With Bill Boak and Ray Hatton well placed, England took first place in the team race. Results—1, K. L. Norris (Eng.) 30.34; 2, F. D. Sando (Eng.) 30.35; 3, Ameur (Fr.) 30.36; 4, Leenaert (Belg.) 30.41; 5, Addeche (Fr.) 30.47; 6, Van de Wattyne (Belg.) 31.11; 7, Blusson (Fr.) 31.13; 8, W. Boak (Eng.) 31.18; 9, R. Hatton (Eng.) 31.21; 10, Verheuen (Belg.); 11, Jouret (Belg.); 12, Prat (Fr.). Teams: 1, England 20pts.; 2, France 27; 3, Belgium 31; 4, Spain 92; 5, Holland 105.

# THE HUNGARIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By  
*Armour Milne*

22nd-23rd October

**S**TILL the most astonished man in Hungary at the way world records fall to the flying feet of Sandor Iharos is Iharos himself. His latest world record, 5,000 metres in 13:40.6, came as a result of "Sandy" putting in a 63.4 seconds 400 metres because he felt the pace wasn't sufficiently lively when he, Tabori and Szabo passed the 4,000 metres in 11:07.0.

That leg-stretcher creased both Tabori and Szabo and Iharos continued to pile on the pace, running the last lap in 59.6 seconds to finish some 60 to 70 yards in front of Tabori, who was ten seconds inside his own previous best, with Szabo beating 14 minutes for the second time this year.

Iharos, by his tremendous reserve of speed unleashed in the last kilometre, showed that this seemingly miraculous world record need not be his last contribution to the history of the 5,000 metres record. The first four kilometres were run in 2:42.0, 5:28 (2:46.0), 8:16.0 (2:48.0), 11:07 (2:51.0). But the last kilometre was reeled off in 2:33.6 and Iharos was still far from blown at the finish.

The first 400 metres, run in 63.4 seconds, saw Tabori—winner of the 1,500 metres in the championship record time of 3:43.0—heading the field. Immediately afterwards Iharos took over and 800 metres was covered in 2:10.0 with Tabori back in front and Iharos, Beres, Szabo and Kovacs right behind and the rest already falling away.

Soon after, even before the completion of the first kilometre, Kovacs, who had won the 10,000 metres on the previous day, had to let the leaders go although himself still travelling well and fast.

Tabori cut out most of the early running and was ahead of the Kuts world record schedule by one second at one kilometre and two seconds at two kilometres, at which point Iharos came back into the picture, Szabo still sticking hard to the other two but Beres fading.

Iharos led at three kilometres, where he was level with the Kuts record schedule in 8:16.0. Szabo, still fresh as paint, temporarily took over. But by now the race was building up for the sensational breakaway by Iharos. This came entering the straight for the completion

of the tenth lap. Iharos suddenly shot ahead and neither Tabori nor Szabo could resist the effort. It was here that Iharos put in his 63.4 seconds lap to draw right out on his own.

Anyone who knows the Hungarian sports fans will be able to imagine the tremendous excitement in the Nep Stadium as Iharos entered on his last lap as if he were finishing a race at 1,500 metres. Even before he crossed the finishing line it was already known that he had set a new incredible world record of 13:14.2 for three miles. Then the fans went crazy with delight when it was announced that the 5,000 metres record set by Kuts in Belgrade had been broken by 6.2 seconds.

Three Hungarians inside 14mins., and gallantly little Kovacs showing 14:07.2 on top of a 29:20.0 10,000 metres was something to make the outside world sit up and take notice.

But equally impressive was the 1,500 metres, where Laszlo Tabori made a championship record of 3:43.0, the metric four-minute mile, with Rozsavolgyi half a stride away and seven runners in all beating 3:50.0.

Bakos cut out the early pace and passed 400 metres in 58.7. Here Tabori momentarily probed into the lead, but with another 100 metres gone Rozsavolgyi had taken command and he was still there at 800 metres in 2:00.0. Immediately afterwards Tabori went to the front again followed by Beres and the others still bunched tightly behind.

With 300 metres to go the fight really got going. Tabori, back in the lead, fought off a shoulder-to-shoulder challenge by Rozsavolgyi, with Beres still there with a fighting chance, but the others now 15 yards back of the three leaders. Tabori held the lead and the inside all the way round the last bend with Rozsavolgyi fighting grimly to hold him.

The tremendous pace set by Tabori over the last 400 metres can be imagined, for here he turned in a 55.8 seconds last lap and still had the company of the gallant Rozsavolgyi all the way round and right up the finishing straight.

Thus we had two gallant attempts at double events denied—Tabori finishing second in the 5,000 metres after winning the 1,500 metres, and Istvan Rozsavolgyi winning the 800 metres in 1:50.7 with easy grace and forcing Tabori

to show championship record time in pulsating 1,500 metres.

Jozsef Kovacs, undisturbed by his rivals, set a smooth pace all the way through the 10,000 metres, each 5,000 being run in exactly 14:40.0.

Another great race was the steeplechase in which Sandor Rozsnyoi had to pull out everything to stave off the challenge of Jeszenszky. And another championship best resulted.

#### Men

**100m:** 1, Goldovanyi 10.6; 2, Jakabfy 10.7; 3, Sebestyen 10.7; 4, Czanyi 10.8; 5, Senkei 10.9; 6, Zarandi 11.0. **200m:** 1, Goldovanyi 21.3 (eq. championship record); 2, Senkei 21.8; 3, Sebestyen 21.9; 4, Banhalmi 22.0; 5, Karadi 22.2; 6, Szeci 22.6. **400m:** 1, Adamik 48.3; 2, Szentgali 48.4; 3, Karadi 48.8; 4, Szeci 49.1; 5, Kovacs I., 49.1; 6, Banhalmi 52.5. **800m:** 1, Rozsavolgyi 1:50.7; 2, Barkanyi 1:52.1; 3, Bakos 1:52.2; 4, Tanay 1:52.3; 5, Cegledi 1:53.5; 6, Kovacs L. 1:53.6 (H. junior record). **1,500m:** 1, Tabori 3:43.0 (championship record); 2, Rozsavolgyi 3:43.2; 3, Beres 3:44.4; 4, Szabo M. 3:46.0; 5, Tanay 3:46.8; 6, Cegledi 3:47.0; 7, Bakos 3:49.4; 8, Beke 3:53.0. **5,000m:** 1, Iharos 13:40.6 (world record); 2, Tabori 13:53.2; 3, Szabo M. 13:59.0; 4, Kovacs 14:07.2; 5, Beres 14:21.8; 6, Varga 15:00.6. **10,000m:** 1, Kovacs 29:20.0; 2, Juhasz 30:29.6; 3, Kovacs Z. 31:29.2; 4, Dobronyi 31:31.8; 5, Almasi 32:18.8; 6, Bujna 32:24.0. **110mH:** 1, Retezar 14.9; 2, Csenger 15.1; 3, Ferity 15.8; 4, Kiss E. 15.9; 5, Papp 16.0; 6, Volentik 16.4. **200mH:** 1, Botar 24.3; 2, Lombos 24.5; 3, Csenger 24.6; 4, Retezar 25.0; 5, Ferity 26.1; 6, Horvath I. 26.6. **400mH:** 1, Lombos 53.0; 2, Botar 53.6; 3, Csenger 55.8; 4, Kiss T. 57.0; 5, Kiss E. 57.1; 6, Csaszar 58.4. **3,000m. Chase:** 1, Rozsnyoi 8:48.4 (championship record); 2, Jeszenszky 8:49.0; 3, Deheny 9:09.0; 4, Szmda 9:22.8; 5, Bejo 9:22.8; 6, Molnar 9:25.6. **HJ:** 1, Hagya 6'3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 2, Bodo 6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 3, Foldessy 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 4, Hemela J. 6'0" ; 5, Csepregi 6'0" ; 6, Liedloff 5'8 $\frac{7}{8}$ " . **LJ:** 1, Foldessy 24'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 2, Jakabfy 23'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 3, Zajki 22'10" ; 4, Jozsa 22'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 5, Palotas 22'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 6, Zenke 22'4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " . **HSJ:** 1,

Bolyki 48'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 2, Palotas 45'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 3, Grozli 45'6" ; 4, Nemeth R. 45'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 5, Czapalai 45'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 6, Kovacs L. 44'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ " . **PV:** 1, Homonnay 13'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 2, Kovacs F. 13'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 3, Miskei 12'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ " ; 4, Szakali 12'1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 5, Egressi 11'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 6, Gaasy 11'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " . **SP:** 1, Mihalyfi 53'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (championship record); 2, Kovesdi 50'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 3, Szecsényi 50'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 4, Csap 48'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 5, Levai 46'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 6, Solyom 44'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " . **H.T.:** 1, Nemeth 192'7" ; 2, Csermak 192'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 3, Kapcsos 187'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 4, Zsivoczky 174'1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 5, Mecseki 170'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 6, Hidasi 167'7" . **DT:** 1, Szecsényi 172'1" ; 2, Levai 160'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 3, Solyomi 155'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 4, Kovesdi 152'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ " ; 5, Hera 137'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 6, Nagy S. 136'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ " . **JT:** 1, Krasznai 236'4 $\frac{5}{8}$ " ; 2, Kulcsar 214'6" ; 3, Kecskes, 204'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 4, Toth G. 200'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 5, Szabolcs 199'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 6, Zag 196'3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " .

#### Women

**100m:** 1, Neszmelyi 12.0; 2, Greminger 12.3; 3, Denes 12.3; 4, Orban 12.4; 5, Bacskaï 12.5; 6, Morocz 12.8. **200m:** 1, Greminger 25.3; 2, Orban 25.5; 3, Gerhardt 25.6; 4, Denes 25.8; 5, Kovacs 26.1; 6, Sutak 26.4. **400m:** 1, Kazi 57.4; 2, Sutak 58.7; 3, Bende 59.1; 4, Molnar R. 59.7; 5, Sasvari 59.8; 6, Kovacs I. 59.9. **800m:** 1, Kazi 2:12.6; 2, Bacskaï 2:13.5; 3, Sasvari 2:13.6; 4, Molnar R. 2:15.7; 5, Roder 2:16.3; 6, Kovacs I. 2:18.6. **80mH:** 1, Gyarmati 11.2 (eq. Hungarian and championship record); 2, Nemeth 11.8; 3, Kozik 11.8; 4, Varkonyi 11.9; 5, Erdodi 12.1; 6, Sojtor 12.5. **HJ:** 1, Nemeth 5'1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 2, Kristof 5'0 $\frac{5}{8}$ " ; 3, Kamaras 4'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 4, Villanyi 4'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 5, Kertes 4'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " . **LJ:** 1, Gyarmati 18'9 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 2, Somogyi 18'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 3, Penzes 17'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 4, Kozik 17'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 5, Sojtor 16'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 6, Nagy 16'8" . **SP:** 1, Feher 45'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (championship record); 2, Szenyi 43'0 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 3, Wician 41'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 4, Bogo 41'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ " ; 5, Hegedus 41'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 6, Janosi 39'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ " . **DT:** 1, Seredi 137'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 2, Jozsane 135'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ; 3, Wician 134'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 4, Hege-dus 133'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; 5, Bucsanýi 130'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 6, Szatmari 126'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " . **JT:** 1, Vigh 160'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (championship record); 2, Iaczo 146'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 3, Pitrolffy 143'4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " ; 4, Galambos 126'4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; 5, Varga I. 124'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ; 6, Subai 121'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " .

#### LEEDS C.C. LEAGUE

Westwood, 26th November

**7 $\frac{1}{2}$ M.** 1, F. Barnfield (Leeds) 40.48; 2, L. Eyre (Harehills) 40.57; 3, D. J. Welch (Harrogate) 41.06; 4, P. D. Walker (Harrogate) 41.13; 5, E. Beard (Leeds) 41.23; 6, K. Flockton (Harehills) 41.25; 7, D. Hodgson (St. Mark's)

41.28; 8, F. Wrigley (Harehills) 41.32; 9, G. Hodgson (Harrogate) 41.52; 10, F. Hasselby (Leeds) 42.19; 11, K. Pawson (Harehills) 43.05; 12, R. Dale (St. Mark's) 43.06. **Teams:** 1, Harehills 27pts.; 2, Leeds 31; 3, Harrogate 39; 4, St. Marks 46; 5, Leeds Univ. 92; 6, Wakefield 106; 7, Bramley 202.

## RECORD ATTEMPTS

HAVING so decisively beaten the British 25 miles and 4 hours records on October 1st, Don Thompson—his Club are convinced, can well beat the 30 miles time and five hours distance also. With this in view the Metropolitan Walking Club are putting on a meeting at Alperton Track, Middlesex, on September 29th next year, to give Thompson and others that opportunity. It is styled "An attempt on the 5-hours British Walking Record." How does this stand in the light of the recent A.A.A. proclamation that advertised record attempts are to be barred?

The new rule is not aimed at Walking events of course, because the question of gate money does not arise to any degree, but everyone will have to conform. All the "Met" will have to do is to call their meeting, which is being put on as a record attempt—and nothing else, an Invitation 5-Hours Race. "Advertised" is the operative word of the A.A.A. pronouncement.

To revert, the record in question is 33 miles, 236 yards by H. H. Whitlock, made at the White City, October 5th, 1935.

## WILL BLACKPOOL RACE CONTINUE?

The Kemsley owned "Daily Dispatch"—sponsors of the Annual Manchester to Blackpool 51½ miles Walk—has gone out of business, and this must be a big blow to the Lancashire Walking Club. It may be the end of the big Northern epic, which is the provincial counterpart to the London-Brighton Walk. Lancashire Walking Club, like most others, has little to meet the big expense of such a promotion off their own bat, and their Committee must be having quite a headache. If one of the National dailies can be influenced to take over the mantle of the "Daily Dispatch," then all will be well.

After some years at the job, Alf Pickford, of Sheffield, has resigned his office as Northern Area R.W.A. Hon. Handicapper. Mr. A. Roberts-Downing has taken over Pickford's troubles. Address: 121 Parker Street, Derby.

We're all glad that Don Austin, of Coventry Godiva H., Midland Area R.W.A. Hon. Secretary, is fit again after several months of treatment, in and out of hospital. Don's unassuming efforts have gained him praise and

he could well have been excused had he thrown in his hand in view of his health, but he has stuck it and is now rearing to go.

## TWENTY TEAMS AT ELTHAM

Cambridge Harriers' Open 7 Miles Walk from Eltham Baths, S.E.9, is the chief event in the South this week-end. Start must be at 2.30 sharp owing to early darkness. This race has always been completed successfully despite ice underfoot, heavy mist and all that we can expect from the weather clerk at this time of the year. Adverse conditions are all part and parcel of the hazards to be expected in road races in winter—or summer I feel, and should be accepted alike by competitors and the organisers as such. Fortunately for those who always travel, a road walk is very seldom cancelled these days.

The entry at Eltham is just inside 200 and Bryan Hawkins (Metropolitan) is virtual scratch man. He won't have competition from Alf Poole this time, and should repeat his win of last year. Hutchison, Goodall, Macfarlane, Hall and Evans are the next best.

**Civil Service S.A. 7 Miles Championship,** Imber Court, Surrey. 1, E. W. Hall (Customs and Excise) 54m.12s.; 2, R. E. Davies (Lon. Tele. Region) 54.57; 3, A. H. Cotton (London Postal Region) 55.48; 4, W. F. Tanner (Inland Revenue) 59.31; 5, K. W. Best (Ministry of Health) 60.26; 6, M. Y. Horton (War Office) 62.49.

**Teams:** 1, London Tele. Region (2, 6, 7) 15; 2, Post Office S-B. (4, 5, 9) 18; 3, Custom and Excise (1, 10, 11) 22.

Match v. Met. Police in conjunction: Police 201; Civil Service 264.

**Highgate H. 5 Miles "Delpine" Cup Walk,** Parliament Hill. 1, L. K. Evans 39m.14s.; 2, K. E. Dulieu 39.18; 3, R. H. Bygrave 40.59. **Junior Championship:** 1, R. H. Bygrave; 2, M. F. Grimwade 44.14; 3, P. Longshaw 45.7. "Sparta" Cup: F. Freeman, 41.10.

**Queens Park H. v. Metropolitan W.C. 6 miles, Eastcote.** 1, F. B. Shaw (Q.P.H.) 49.52; 2, M. J. Evins (Met.) 50.54; 3, J. Ridley (Q.P.H.) 51.48. **Teams:** Met. W.C. 34; Queens Park H. 46.

**Surrey W.C. 6½ miles "Selsdon" and Inter-Club Race,** South Croydon. 1, C. E. Hipkins (Surrey W.C.) 54.20; 2, R. E. Green (Surrey W.C.) 54.39; 3, A. D. Bennett (Surrey A.C.) 56.03. **Teams:** 1, Surrey W.C. 36; 2, Surrey A.C. 69. **H'cp:** V. W. G. Stone (2.55) 53.23.

## On My Travels

By "ROAMER"

WE may see a "come-back" this season by two of the leading cross-country clubs of a few years ago, Belgrave and Bolton.

It has been something of a mystery why Belgrave, one of the largest clubs in the country, with great cross-country traditions, have had such a mediocre team in recent years. Some of their older members consider they have just as much talent as in their hey-day, yet there seems to be something lacking.

This season, veteran runner **Charlie Smart**, has taken over their cross-country captaincy and he has very definite views on the subject. The right training, more collective training, and determination will, he believes, take them back to at least somewhere near the top, despite the fact that they have no Piries or Chataways in the club. They made a good start in the London Championships, when they surprised the holders, Herne Hill, and won by real good team work. Even more surprising still, **Charlie Walker**, so often their No. 1, was only their sixth man home and did not score.

Bolton, too, appear to be on the ascendancy, and **Fred Norris** showed a welcome return to his best form when beating the Waterloo Road Race record by three-quarters of a minute. With **Jack Haslam** also running well and **Don**

**Wright** training hard, they have the nucleus of a good team and should trouble the best in the North at least.

Incidentally, it was interesting to see **Alan Cocking** in second place in the Waterloo race. Alan should shake any of our juniors up this year and the progress of this well-built youngster will be watched with interest.

Several of our well-known athletes have mixed walking with running and readers may have noticed the name of **Joe Barraclough** cropping up in Lancaster H. results over the country, as well as Lancashire W.C. on road and track. Whether or not coaches of the respective sports would advocate taking part in both, the fact that quite a number have done so successfully shows that they can be mixed.

The recent 25ft. 3½in. long jump by **Neville Price**, of South Africa, which beat his own Empire record, shows that this fine jumper is not only back at his best again, but is likely to be a threat at the next Olympics in Melbourne. None of the world's best long jumpers are consistent over 25ft. and any man who can clear that distance must stand an excellent chance "down under."

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CHARLES VANDYCK  
(L.A.C.), the Gold Coast  
high jumper who has been  
a regular performer at Bri-  
tish meetings this year.

H. W. Neale



# Australian News

By J. H. Galli

**S**YDNEY runners, continuing to dominate Australian distances just now, have broken two more national records. On the night of November 9th, Dave Power shattered Les Perry's Australian 10,000 metres record (set in Melbourne in 1953) with the fast time of 30 min. 2.4sec. He passed 6 miles en route in 29:8.4, to easily account for marathon star Kieth Ollerenshaw's N.S.W. State record.

Power had been set a 10,000 metre schedule of 29:55, but the combination of a cold, and lack of pace-makers over the crucial stages, knocked his plans on the head. Graham Thomas, with 29:48—30:50, was second; Ollerenshaw third with 30:00—31:00, and Bryce Mackay fourth with 30:11—31:16. Thomas, on November 12th, set a new 3000 metres steeplechase record of 9min. 20.2sec.—not so hot, of course, but he'll knock a lot off that time before very long.

The Sydney mile clash on November 12th, was a good one, with Alan Lawrence just getting home from the new star, Pat Clohessy, their times being 4min. 10.2sec. and 4:10.4 re-

spectively, after covering the last lap in 58sec. Alex Henderson, naturally talented but lacking confidence, was third in 4:11.2, with John Plummer fourth in 4:12.0.

Veteran Les Perry (he'll be 33 in January) proved that he is still a force to be reckoned with, by easily winning the Melbourne 3-mile on November 12th, in the personal record time of 13min. 50.7sec.—7.1 inside his previous best. Perry, still worried a bit by leg muscle soreness (it practically kept him right out of action for two track seasons), did not intend to run. However, his club-mate, Dave Stephens, was unavailable, so Les stepped into his place. He won by a big margin, second place-getter Ron Blackney clocking 14min. 18 sec.

Barry Donath, after winning the shot put with 49ft. 3½in., had an extra trial, and tossed the 16lb. ball 50ft. 9in. Thus it appears likely our first official 50-footer will soon come up. Another promising Melbourne performance (considering the poor conditions) was the 880

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## Welsh Notes

By BERNARD BALDWIN

ON Saturday, 26th November, the Welsh Cross Country Association made a determined effort to ease its financial position with a Christmas Fayre at the Shelley Hall, Pontypridd. The Fayre was successful, but apart from those attending the stall there was less than half a dozen Association followers present. The assistance given towards stocking the stalls was left to Cardiff Gas, Roath, and Newport Harriers—other help being negligible.

I wonder how long the Association will be able to carry the other "sleeping partners?" I do not think they are aware that Wales's well-being in the International sphere depends entirely upon the work of a few stalwarts (and their wives) each year to evolve these money-making schemes.

The Glamorgan Secondary Schools' Cross-Country Championships will be held in Mountain Ash this season, on 21st January—not as previously arranged, at Swansea in December.

The A.G.M. of the Glamorgan Sec. Schools' A.A.A. will be held at Cardiff on 11th February, 1956. Area Meetings next season will be held mid-week during week 19th-26th May at these venues; West-Bridgend Grammar School.

North—Mountain Ash Grammar School.

South—Maindy Stadium, Cardiff.

The County Meeting at Maindy Stadium, on 26th May, will be the forerunner of the Welsh Secondary Schools' Championships at St. Helens, Swansea, in July.

The West Wales 6 miles Championship, on Saturday, attracted nine teams and some 60 competitors. Result:

1, in 1min. 54.2sec. by Doug Henderson, age 19.

In Perth, Frank O'Connell ran the season's fastest 880yd., clocking 1m.53.9s.; while international star Shirley Strickland won over 220 yd. in 25.6sec.

In Sydney women's events, Marlene Mathews was again fastest in the 100yd., clocking 10.7 sec.

Another classy sprint prospect from this state is Kath Evans, of Lithgow (Marj Jackson's hometown), who early in the week won a 100yd. event in that town in 10.8sec.

Miss Evans, the N.S.W. country sprint champion, is the fifth girl in that state to register 10.8sec. or better this year.

1, K. Meadows, Royal Navy, 31m.36secs.; 2, R. Cullum, Carmarthen Harriers, 32m. 37secs.; 3, J. Biggs, Swansea A.C. 33m. 19secs.; 4, Roberts, Carmarthen.

Teams: 1, Carmarthen H. 20pts.; 2, Swansea A.C. 36pts.; 3, Aberystwyth Univ. "A," 40pts.; 4, R. N. Brawdy 43; 5, Swansea Univ. 94; 6, Welch Regt. 98.

The first of a protracted series of courses at the Heath Training College, Cardiff in preparation for the 1958 Empire Games was a very great success. 25 athletes attended, and reports speak of a high level of interest and prospect for the future of the series.

The following dates have been fixed by the Welsh A.A.A. for 1956; 2nd June, County Championships. 23rd June, Welsh Senior Championships.

An inter-club race took place at Aberystwyth over 5½ miles, on 26th November, with 46 runners competing. Result: 1, R. Cullum (Aberystwyth), 32.55; 2, B. E. Waters (Newtown) 32.56; 3, D. Jones (Newtown) 33.14; 4, O. Edwards (Bangor Coll.) 33.36. Teams: 1, U.C.N.W. Bangor 48pts.; 2, U.C.W. Aberystwyth 104; 3, Welch Regt. 105; 4, Newtown 127.

## EASY WIN FOR SALT in South East Lancs. League

J. Salt (Rochdale) was soon out on his own over a two lap course of just over three miles, mainly of fairly flat but rough grassland, and in the end he won comfortably from club colleague E. Noble. F. Barrow, of North Manchester, ran well to get in the first six for the first time. Rochdale were easy winners of the team race. Prior to the race, runners, officials and spectators stood in silence for one minute as a token of respect to the late Mr. Charles Mottershead, Past President of N. Manchester H. and A.C., who passed away on 25th November.

1, J. Salt (Rochdale) 41.27; 2, E. Noble (Rochdale) 42.43; 3, J. Walker (Royton) 43.08; 4, A. Hughes (Roch.) 44.08; 5, A. Walker (Royton) 45.10; 6, F. Barrow (N. Man'r) 45.12; 7, E. Booth (Roch.) 45.39; 8, B. McOwen (Roch.) 46.54; 9, C. Allan (Royton) 46.08; 10, A. Barton (Bury) 46.22; 11, D. Jones (Royton) 46.24; 12, L. Bottomley (Roch.) 46.29. Teams: 1, Rochdale 34pts.; 2, Royton 63; 3, Bury 139; 4, Blackley 144.

# BEST BRITISH PERFORMERS 1955

By H. E. D. O'NEILL (continued)

## 6 Miles

28:21.4	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	London	23/4
28:25.6	K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)	London	23/4
28:47.0	P. B. Driver (South London H.)	London	30/5
28:47.4	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.)	London	30/5
28:52.0	G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood and R.A.F.)	London	30/5
29:02.0	H. V. Foord (Brighton)	London	23/4
29:10.4	A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)	London	23/4
29:12.6	B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)	London	23/4
29:13.0	D. O'Gorman (St. Albans)	London	23/4
29:13.8	K. F. Caulder (Surrey A.C.)	London	23/4
29:22.8	R. R. Hatton (Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	25/5
29:28.8	A. H. Brown (Godiva H.)	Birmingham	25/5
29:31.8	J. Heywood (Herne Hill H.)	London	15/7
29:32.0	I. Binnie (Victoria Park A.C.)	Glasgow	6/9
29:36.2	P. J. Pirie (South London H.)	London	23/4

## 10,000 Metres

29:19.0	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	London	12/10
29:21.4	K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)	London	12/10
30:00.8	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.)	Prague	15/9

## Marathon

2:25:50.0	J. McGhee (Shettleston H.)	Edinburgh	25/6
2:26:22.0	R. W. McMinnis (R.A.F.)	Chiswick	18/6
2:26:46.0	G. L. Iden (Victoria Park H.)	Chiswick	18/6
2:27:03.0	E. Smith (Harehills Lib.)	Chiswick	18/6
2:27:03.0	S. E. W. Cox (Southgate H.)	Enschede	27/8
2:31:04.3	E. Kirkup (Rotherham)	Edinburgh	20/8
2:34:18.0	A. Lawton (Harehills Lib.)	Hull	30/4
2:34:25.0	A. P. Keily (Derby)	Liverpool	13/8
2:34:30.0	G. King (Greenock W.)	Edinburgh	25/6

## 3000m. Steeplechase

8:44.2	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	Moscow	11/9
8:47.6	E. Shirley (Finchley H.)	London	12/10
8:49.2	C. W. Brasher (Achilles)	Moscow	11/9
9:05.2	K. E. Johnson (Leicester C.A.T.)	London	16/7
9:09.2	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	London	16/7
9:10.8	R. G. Beecroft (Clayton-le-Moor H.)	Manchester	25/6
9:13.4	E. L. Hardy (Derby)	London	16/7
9:16.6	R. Stonehouse (Farnham A.C.)	London	16/7
9:18.8	D. Gallagher (R.A.F.)	London	22/6
9:22.0	B. P. James (Bournemouth A.C.)	London	30/5
9:22.4	J. A. Llewellyn (Walton A.C.)	London	30/5
9:23.6	M. F. Firth (South London H. and R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	6/7
9:25.0	R. J. Darchambaud (South London H.)	London	16/7

## 120y. Hurdles

14.3	F. J. Parker (South London H.)	London	31/7
14.4	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	London	12/8
14.6m.	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles)	Oslo	5/9
14.7m.	C. E. E. Higham (Achilles)	Saarbrucken	10/7
14.8	R. D. Shaw (Achilles)	Manchester	21/5
14.9	G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green and R.A.F.)	London	30/5
15.0	A. M. Guthrie (Achilles and S. Africa)	London	16/4
15.0	V. C. Matthews (London A.C.)	Oxford	16/6
15.0	J. R. Bradley (Army)	Aldershot	20/7

15.1	I. W. R. Malcolm (Cambridge U.A.C.)	London	16/4
15.1	J. R. Birrell (Loughbro' Coll.)	Manchester	21/5
15.1	R. T. Tolson (Hull Spartan A.C.)	Manchester	25/6
15.1	J. T. Johnston (R.A.F.)	Aldershot	20/7
15.2	T. C. White (Birmingham U.A.C.)	Oxford	16/6
	m—110m. Hurdles		
	Wind assisted		
14.7	R. D. Shaw (Achilles)	Oxford	12/5
15.1	C. D. Carrington (Oxford U.A.C.)	Oxford	12/5
	<b>220y. Hurdles</b>		
23.3s	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	Hurlingham	27/8
23.7	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles)	London	15/7
23.8	R. D. Shaw (Achilles)	London	15/7
24.3	D. J. Merrett (Belgrave H.)	Chiswick	18/6
24.6	F. J. Parker (South London H.)	Chiswick	18/6
24.8	D. O'Sullivan (Achilles)	London	15/7
25.1	D. H. R. Salter (London U.A.C.)	London	15/7
25.2	V. C. Matthews (London A.C.)	Oxford	16/6
25.2	C. E. E. Higham (Achilles)	Manchester	25/6
25.3	A. M. Guthrie (Achilles, Africa)	London	16/4
25.3	D. W. Donaldson (Achilles)	Cambridge	24/5
25.3	K. B. Jones (Cambridge H.)	Chiswick	18/6
	<b>400m. Hurdles</b>		
52.1	R. D. Shaw (Achilles)	Prague	15/9
52.5	H. Kane (London A.C.)	Moscow	11/9
53.8	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	Stockholm	7/7
54.8	C. A. R. Dennis (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	San Sebastian	14/8
55.0	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles)	Oslo	5/9
	<b>440y. Hurdles</b>		
52.2	R. D. Shaw (Achilles)	London	16/7
53.0	T. S. Farrell (Liverpool H. and Loughbro')	London	16/7
53.2	H. Kane (London A.C.)	London	16/7
53.6	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	London	21/9
54.4	D. H. R. Salter (London U.A.C.)	Newport	9/7

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First three home in the London County Championships at Parliament Hill. L. to R. T. Harwood (Queen's Park H.) 3rd; M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.) 1st, and J. Heywood (Herne Hill H.) 2nd. *H. W. Neale*



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55.3	C. A. R. Dennis (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	London	16/7
55.4	N. Dangerfield (St. Albans)	London	8/6
55.4	B. A. R. Thomas (Army)	London	8/6
55.4	E. A. di Verteuil (Reading A.C.)	Oxford	16/6
55.6	I. Walker (Tyrians)	London	31/8
55.9	M. C. Jenkins (Walton A.C.)	Chiswick	25/6
55.9	H. G. Pinsent (South London A.C.)	Chiswick	25/6

#### High Jump

6'7"	P. Wells (ex-London A.C.)	Gisborne, N.Z.	8/1
6'6"	W. Piper (Glasgow Police)	Dunoon	27/8
6'5"	O. Okuwobi (Cambridge H. and Nigeria)	Charlton	18/6
6'4"	C. Van Dyck (London A.C. and Gold Coast)	London	7/5
6'2"	P. G. Stableforth (Walton A.C.)	London	8/6
6'2"	D. Luke (Reading A.C. and Nigeria)	Oxford	16/6
6'2"	G. E. Menta (London U.A.C. and Nigeria)	London	29/6
6'2"	R. C. Pavitt (Polytechnic H.)	Gt. Shelford	3/9
6'2"	M. C. Ash (Belgrave H.)	Gt. Shelford	3/9
6'2"	E. A. Stewart (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	17/9
6'1"	G. H. Jeffries (Achilles and N.Z.)	London	16/4
6'1"	A. P. J. S. Orton (London A.C.)		21/5
6'1"	N. G. A. Gregor (Herne Hill)		31/5
6'1"	C. O. Alele (Cardiff H. and Gold Coast)		25/6
6'1"	W. Little (Glasgow U.A.C. and S. Africa)		
6'1"	E. Button (Met. Police)	London	19/8

#### Long Jump

24'3½"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	Bordeaux	4/9
24'2"	K. A. B. Olowu (Loughbro' and Nigeria)	London	15/7
23'3½"	A. R. Cruttenden (Brighton)	Bordeaux	4/9
23'2"	D. Bridgen (Mitcham A.C.)	Chiswick	25/6
23'1½"	N. G. Hamilton (Instonians)	Belfast	4/6
23'0½"	P. C. Luxon (Belgrave H.)	Croydon	9/7
22'11½"	P. A. Whaley (London A.C.)	Chiswick	25/6
22'9"	N. Watkins (Leicester C.A.T.)	Leicester	8/6
22'8"	A. McKelvey (Albert Foundry)	Belfast	23/4
22'8"	C. O. Alele (Cardiff H. and Nigeria)		21/5
22'7¼"	R. Coleman (Essex Beagles)	Erith	30/4
	Wind assisted		
23'6¼"	P. C. Luxon (Belgrave H.)	Chiswick	14/5
23'5½"	N. G. Hamilton (Instonians)	Belfast	4/6

#### Hop, Step and Jump

50'8"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	London	30/5
49'6½"	P. B. Engo (London A.C. and Nigeria)	Bordeaux	3/9
47'2½"	D. W. Field (Birchfield H.)	London	16/7
47'0"	J. E. C. Whall (London A.C.)	London	8/6
46'8"	T. McNab (Shettleston H.)	Edinburgh	11/5
46'6½"	P. Goldsmith		23/7
46'6¼"	P. G. Stableforth (Walton)	Prague	14/9
46'5½"	A. Ridings (Notts A.C.)	Nottingham	30/4
46'5"	M. F. Eggleton (R.A.F.)		/8
46'4½"	L. C. Parry (Bolton U.H.)	London	15/7
46'3"	G. W. Roden (T.V.H.)	London	16/7
46'0½"	J. McKnight (9th Old Boys)	Belfast	4/6
46'0½"	R. C. Joslin (Woodford Green)	Croydon	9/7

(Concluded next week)

R. S. Clark, 75 Juniper House, Pomeroy Street, New Cross, London, S.E.14, is the new Road Running Secretary of Herne Hill H.

Hon. Secretary (Active) of Wycombe Phoenix H. is G. W. Walker, 27 Upper Riding, Holtspur, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

# OXFORD WIN BATTLE OF THE BLUES 37-41

Oxford won a very close and very fast race when the match against Cambridge was held at Roehampton last Saturday. The first eight men home beat the previous course record.

Ian Boyd was soon in front making a fast pace, and Alan Gordon was the only one who could hold him. They finished together in 39.01, some 80 yards in front of R. J. Foster, of Cambridge. Foster made up much ground in the later stages of the race to pass Roger

Dunkley, who had held third place for most of the way.

leq., I. H. Boyd (O) and A. D. Gordon (O) 39.01; 3, R. J. Foster (C) 39.15; 3, R. Dunkley (C) 39.25; 5, P. D. Evans (O) 39.39; 6, P. Abrahams (O) 40.10; 7, J. U. Shearn (C) 40.12; 8, P. D. Palmer (C) 40.19; 9, M. J. Rowbottom (C) 40.46; 10, J. W. S. Rickett (C) 40.53; 11, D. Barber (O) 41.07; 12, E. Doorbar (O) 41.26; 13, J. Lawrence (C) 41.51; 14, R. Llewellyn (O) 42.13; 15, T. W. Shaw (O) 42.52; 16, M. J. Palmer (C) 43.25.

## NORTH KENT CHAMPIONSHIP

### Dartford, 3rd December

1. J. Mayatt (Aylesford P.M.) ..... 31.51
2. D. Turrell (A.P.M.) ..... 32.04
3. N. Roberts (Camb. H.) ..... 32.09
4. D. Dellar (Camb. H.); 5, J. A. Morrison (Camb. H.); 6, J. Pettitt (A.P.M.); 7, J. Pemble (Maidstone); 8, K. Batchelor (Dartford); 9, A. Cook (Maidstone); 10, F. Jones (Orpington); 11, D. Foxley (C. of Rochester); 12, J. Ellam (C. of R.); 13, D. Drake (Camb. H.); 14, D. Wickens (Maid.); 15, C. A. Steer (Camb. H. "B"); 16, P. Reeves (Orp.); 17, B. Nicholson (Camb. H. "B"); 18, J. R. Whitbourne (Camb. H.); 19, L. Prestage (Orp.); 20, T. Newson (Orp.); 21, D. Channon (C. of R.); 22, M. Chapman (Maid.); 23, A. Perriman (A.P.M.); 24, L. Blackeby (Camb. H. "C"); 25, L. Morris (Dart.).

Teams:	Pts.
1. Cambridge H. "A"	(3.4. 5.13) 25
2. Aylesford P.M. "A"	(1.2. 6.23) 32
3. Maidstone H. "A"	(7.9.14.22) 52
4, Orpington 65; 5, C. of Rochester 72; 6, Dartford 112; 7, Camb. H. "B" 142; 8, Camb. H. "C" 152; 9, Orpington "B" 203; 10, Maidstone "B" 204; 11, Camb. H. "D" 214.	

## SURREY YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Epsom, 3rd December

1. C. Dabbs (Belgrave) ..... 16.59
2. M. Wales (Redhill and R.) ..... 17.02
3. P. Ellison (Sutton and C.) ..... 17.04
- 4, C. Marshall (Selhurst CGS) 17.05; 5, N. Palmer (S.L.H.) 17.11; 6, B. Linke (Sutton and C.) 17.12; 7, J. Seymour (Herne Hill) 17.15; 8, R. Coles (Camberley) 17.25; 9, G. Kettle (S.L.H.) 17.34; 10, R. Kersey (Mitcam) 17.36; 11, A. Fruin (Sutton) 17.44; 12, R. Giles (S.L.H.) 17.51; 13, J. Dowse (S.L.H.) 17.53; 14, J. Walter (Hercules) 17.56; 15, M. Gillett (Mitcam) 17.57.

## Teams:

- | Teams:  | Pts.            |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. S.L.H.   | (4. 7.10.11) 32 |
| 2. Sutton and C.  | (2. 5. 9.17) 33 |
| 3. Belgrave   | (1.18.24.25) 68 |
| 4, Mitcham 96; 5, Hercules 103; 6, Selhurst 115; 7, Herne Hill 118; 8, Croydon 122; 9, Wallington 151; 10, Farnham 162; 11, Walton 162; 12, Epsom and E. 211; 13, Ranelagh 280. |                 |

## MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

### "B" Div. Sale, 3rd December

Senior 7M.: 1, J. Wild (E. Cheshire) 39.15; 2, B. Smith (Sale) 40.17; 3, S. Hardiker (M'r YMCA) 40.47; 4, R. Boothman (Swinton) 40.52; 5, G. Haynes (E. Ches.) 41.08; 6, M. Ryan (Sale) 41.14. Teams: 1, Sale 52pts.; 2, E. Cheshire 60; 3, Swinton 83; 4, M'r YMCA 212.

Youths' 3½M.: 1, C. Broom (E. Ches.) 18.06; 2, C. Waite (E. Ches.) 18.08; 3, M. Thorpe (Sale) 18.10; 4, S. Long (E. Ches.) 18.37; 5, M. Baines (E. Ches.) 18.48; 6, B. Swindells (E. Ches.) 18.48. Teams: 1, E. Cheshire 12pts.; 2, Sale 44; 3, Winton 64.

Wakefield H. 8M. Championship. 1, D. Waring 45.27; 2, G. Froggett 45.29; 3, S. R. Bailey 45.45. H'cp.: 1, J. Grundy (6.45) 47.34; 2, R. Brown (6.15) 48.00; 3, S. R. Bailey (3.00) 45.45.

Sheffield United H. Open Cross-Country Race takes place to-day, 10th December, not as stated in last week's issue.

Fourteen teams have entered for the Bexhill Road Relay to-day, including Aylesford P.M., Ilford A.C., Brighton A.C., Maidstone H., Hythe A.C., Eastbourne R. and R.A.F. Middle Wallop (holders).

Woodford Green A.C. hold their "W. J. Smeed Trophy" race for local schools to-day.

## Letters to the Editor

### OLYMPIC APPEAL — MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,

Mr. Stokes asks several questions and these shall be answered. It is the British Olympic Association and not the British Amateur Athletic Board which is responsible for meeting ALL the expenses of Great Britain's team for Melbourne, and the team may consist of representatives of up to sixteen different sports. It will cost the B.O.A. about £550 per head.

The B.O.A. has launched a National appeal for funds with a minimum target of £75,000. All categories of Business, Commerce and Industry in this country will be asked to help, and many of their leading representatives are members of our Appeals Committee. In addition, the Sports Clubs of all the sixteen different sports are being asked to play their part by sending donations, large or small, but **something**. About 100,000 appeal letters, pamphlets, donation lists and leaflets will be distributed.

All donations obtained as above will be paid into a common pool and the B.O.A., representative of all Governing Bodies of Sport, will decide the total strength of its overall team, and the break down of numbers for each sport. The B.A.A.B. will then select the individual athletes according to the numbers it can send.

No one sport could pay all its expenses to Melbourne, and some sports could never pay their expenses to any venue. The B.O.A. on each occasion must therefore obtain the balance, all monies being paid into a common pool.

And now to Mr. Stokes' other questions. Nothing has been done by the British Olympic Association before this, since it would be too early. We must wait for the full press impact of the Olympic Games to stimulate Clubs and Firms to realise the urgency of the matter and to give generously.

As regards Government aid—the Government has never given a grant for international sport, and has not been approached on this occasion. This raises a very wide question on which common agreement would have to be reached by all sports.

Finally regarding Mr. Stokes' plea for a full team. If the athletes send a full team so must all other sports. This would mean about 450 from Great Britain, costing nearly £250,000. If

every country did the same for the Olympic Games the Olympic Village would have to hold 32,000 as compared to about 8,000 at Helsinki, and no doubt the period of the Games would have to be extended to one month instead of two weeks for all the heats, preliminaries, etc.!

The British Olympic Association has stated that it will give priority to taking to Melbourne those who have a reasonable chance of getting into the first six. If the appeal is successful, it may well take a few more. It is up to all clubs to help us.

Yours faithfully,

**K. S. Duncan,**

General Secretary.

British Olympic Association

### WHITE CITY FACILITIES

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Truelove's recent comment on the lack of "Warming Up" facilities at the White City, I wonder, has any approach ever been made for the dog track to be used for this purpose.

I am aware of the comment this suggestion may bring forth. And I agree that rules would have to be applied forbidding athletes to congregate, or sign autographs, etc. But providing this area is used strictly for "Warming Up" and not for promenading in, then it might be a step towards easing the present acute problem.

The greatest curse of the centre of the stadium to-day is undoubtedly the press representatives. These we must have, but surely not in their

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**Why not a Track  
Suit for Christmas?**

(SEE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 8)

## ROAD RUNNERS' CLUB

The A.A.A. having declined, for the time being, to reinstate the traditional 10 miles track running championship, the Walton A.C., in conjunction with the R.R.C., will hold a 10 miles track race at Stompond Lane Track, Walton, on Saturday, 28th April, 1956, commencing at 11 a.m.

Applications for invitations to compete should be made to Peter Harding, 37 Holly Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and offers of help with the race should be made to Ernest Neville, 2 Stanton House, Surbiton, Surrey.

The records for this distance are:—

British, Empire and Commonwealth records for 10 miles, 50min. 11.0sec. by I. Binnie, 28.8.53.

English Native record for 10 miles, 50min. 30.8sec. by W. E. Eaton, 4.4.36.

(The world record is 48min. 12sec. by E. Zatopek, 29.9.51).

County Secretary (Lincolnshire):—

E. Wilson, Blind Lane, Coleby, Lincs.

The A.A.A. Marathon is to be held at Manchester on 28th July, but the R.R.C. is pressing that this be altered to 22nd September in view of the Olympic Marathon.

The Inter-Counties 20 Miles race has become a reality and will be held on either 11th or 18th August.

The London to Brighton race will definitely be held on 29th September.

The R.R.C.'s representative on the Midland Counties A.A.A. is Mr. W. L. Carr, whose new

address is 46 Greycoat Road, Whitmore Park, Keresley, Coventry, Warks.

## N. IRELAND NOTES

Cross-country events are usually held at fortnightly intervals here, and there is a "Best All-Rounder" competition which is a series of races held during the winter, points being awarded according to the runner's placing in each race, the athlete with the highest number of points being awarded the title of "Best All-Rounder of the Year" the events are:— Nov. 19th, 4M. Ballyclare; Dec. 3rd, 5M. Dundonald; Dec. 31, 6M. Ballyclare; January 14th 7M. Belfast; Jan. 28th, 8M. Belfast (N.I. Sen. Champ.); Feb. 25th, 9M. Belfast (All-Ireland Champ.); April 2nd, 4½M. Road race, Whitehead.

**November 19th. Sen. 4M.:** 1, J. Todd (E. Antrim) 22.53; 2, J. Mahood (Willowfield) 22.54; 3, J. A. Campbell (Willowfield) 23.00. **Jun. 5M.:** 1, B. Wilson (Ulsterville) 27.54; 2, I. Hogan (Will.) 28.02; 3, R. Hill (A. Foundry) 28.15. **Teams:** 1, Albert Foundry 115pts.; 2, Willowfield 132; 3, E. Antrim 144.

Shaftesbury Harriers have awarded Best Performance trophies to—Senior Track, R. Dunkley; Senior Field Events, K. L. Selby; Junior Track, R. Beaumont; Junior Field Events, B. Coe. R. Dunkley was also awarded the "Sparta" Trophy for the best performance of the year.

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The Kent "20" will be held on May 26th, 1956, and the standard has been set at 2hr. 10min.

## RESULTS

### November 16th

St. Paul's College, Cheltenham beat No. 1 T.R.R.E. (Malvern) 49pts. to 89 over 6½M. 1, K. J. Ikin (St. P.) 41.05; 2, Blomfield (R.E.) 41.14; 3, B. G. Priestley (St. P.) 41.25; 4, W. G. Rear (St. P.) 41.50; 5, G. Best and G. Jones (St. P.) 43.05.

St. Paul's College, Cheltenham beat W.O. Signals Regt. (Glos.) 21pts. to 75 over 4½M. at Glos. 1, D. B. Evans (St. P.) 31.45; 2, J. A. Isaacs (St. P.) 31.46; 3, G. Jones (St. P.) 31.50; 4, K. J. Ikin (St. P.) 31.50; 5, P. M. Handcock (St. P.) 31.55; 6, W. G. Rear (St. P.) 31.58.

### November 19th

North Staffs H. "A" 50pts. beat Sutton H. 59, Bolton Utd. H. 67 and North Staffs H. "B" 122 over 6M. at Manchester. 1, J. Haslam (B) 31.27; 2, B. Juxon (NS) 31.40; 3, H. Tebb (S) 31.40; 4, P. S. Goodfellow (NS) 31.43; 5, R. W. McMinnis (Sutton) 32.04; 6, A. J. Bates (NS) 32.04.

Sparkhill H. "Everill Cup Race." 1, M. Herriot 25.26; 2, J. Drew 26.22; 3, E. Eames 26.49; 4, J. Mushen 26.57. **H'cp:** 1, M. Grasham (6.00) 24.40; 2, J. Drew (1.00) 25.22; 3eq., J. Mushen (1.15) and B. Robinson (1.30) 25.42.

**Oxford University** 46pts. beat **Oxford City A.C.** 59 and **Reading A.C.** 75. 1, P. Abrahams (OU) 36.22; 2, P. Foulkes (OC) 37.04; 3, R. Booker (R) 37.16; 4, J. James (OC) 37.22; 5, D. Barber (OU) and P. Evans (OU) 37.38.

**Brighton A.C.** 60pts. beat **Eastleigh A.C.** 77, **Farnham** 87, **Gosport Borough A.C.** 108 and **Salisbury A.C.** 153. 1, D. Dobson (E) 27.37; 2, W. Barnard (B) 28.02; 3, P. Shipley (F) 28.03; 4, D. Wright (G); 5, H. Downer (E); 6, R. Newington (B).

**Reading University** 37pts. beat **Walton A.C.** 49 and **Maidenhead A.C.** 98. 1, Llewellyn (W) 40.35; 2, Heywood (R) 41.12; 3, Judd (W) 41.32; 4, Carmichael (R) 41.48; 5, Barnes (R) 42.09; 6, Tempest (R) 42.24.

**Bristol A.C. II.** 22pts.; beat **Fry's A.C.** 28 and **Bath Civil Service A.C.** 33. 1, K. Smith (B) 24.04; 2, R. Rowles (F) 24.21; 3, B. Davis (B) 24.24; 4, P. Blakiston (B) 24.46; 5, A. Upsher (B) 24.48; 6, L. Gay (F) 24.56.

**Mitcham A.C. C.C. Championships Sen. 5M.** 1, W. Pawsey 28.34 (rec.); 2, B. Davis 28.48; 3, D. Copeman 30.51; 4, J. Fitzgerald 31.05; 5, L. Davidson 31.15; 6, P. Munn 31.18. **Junior 3M:** 1, J. Porter 18.19; 2, R. Kersey 18.35; 3, J. Bowen 19.25; 4, A. Pawsey 19.41.

**St. Albans City A.C.** beat **R.A.F. Halton** 69 pts. to 70 over 5½M. 1, D. O'Gorman (St.A.) 26.53; 2, D. Gallagher (H) 27.32; 3, M. J. Blyth (St. A.) 27.34; 4, J. Thorpe (St. A.) 28.53; 5, T. O'Reilly (H) 29.06; 6, M. P. Garrod (St. A.) 29.30.

**Cambridge H.** 30pts. beat **Orpington A.C.** 38½ and **Hermes A.C.** 90½. 1eq., A. Towl (H) and R. Houghton (O) 32.56; 3eq., K. Harland (C) and D. Dellar (C) 33.25; 5eq., M. Bergman (C) and D. Drake (C) 33.35. In a Youths' match **Croydon** 18pts. beat **Camb. H.** 27 and **Orpington** 47. 1, H. Thornton (C) 21.07; 2, D. Ducker (C) 21.15; 3, Rogers (Croy.) 21.29; 4, Humphreys (Croy.) 21.30; 5, Chaney (Croy.) 21.31; 6, Harvey (Croy.) 21.38.

#### November 23rd

**R.A.F. Colerne** beat **R.A.F. Lyneham** 35 pts. to 50. 1eq., Benson (L) and Bull (L); 3, Edwards (C); 4, Packer (C); 5, Budd (C); 6, Skeels (C).

**Borough Road College (Isleworth)** beat **Royal Veterinary College** 29pts. to 52. 1, N. H. Carroll (BRC) 23.19; 2, D. A. Courtman (BRC) 23.22; 3, D. G. Robertson (RVC) 24.04; 4, D. J. Courtman (BRC) 24.46; 5, G. J. Carroll (BRC) 24.58; 6, Sutcliffe (BRC) 25.00.

**R.A.F. Henlow** 29pts. beat **R.A.F. Duxford** 74 and **R.A.F. Cardington** 84 over 5½M. at Duxford. 1, Cooke (H) 29.25 (course rec.); 2, Caiger (H) 29.27; 3, Pettican (C) 30.02; 4, Clarke (D) 30.33; 5, Warren (H) 31.03; 6 eq., Randall (H), Bale (H), and Maynard (H) all 31.18.

**Selwyn College, Cambridge** 23pts. beat **R.A.F. Oakington** 34, **R.A.F. Upwood** 35 and **Clare College, Cambridge** 47 over 5½M. 1, P/O J. Barnard (O) 28.10; 2, Purvis (S) 29.05; 3, B. Sennett (C) 29.05; 4, Wilkinson (S) 29.15; 5, Sly (S) 29.35; 6, Musgrove (U) 29.37.

#### November 26th

### NORTH YORKS AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE

#### At West Auckland

**Senior 5M.** 1, K. Lupton (Burn Rd.) 29.20; 2, K. Dennis (Burn Rd.) 29.34; 3, E. Hird (Synthonia) 29.45; 4, R. Longstaffe (Darlington); 5, G. Jinks (Darl.); 6, J. Foster (Darl.); 7, J. Gibson (Syn.); 8, P. McPartland (Mid'bro' and C.); 9, L/Cpl. M. Dibb (Dragoon Guards); 10, T. Rooke (Mid'bro'); 11, J. W. Jackson (Burn Rd.); 12, R. Gamble (Syn.). **Teams:** 1, Burn Road 62pts; 2, Darlington 70; 3, Synthonia 75; 4, Mid'bro' and C.; 5, Dragoon Guards.

**Youths' 2½M.** 1, H. Collett (Syn.) 15.20; 2, B. Cotton (Darl.) 15.31; 3, B. Norgrove (Darl.) 15.59; 4, D. Harbron (Burn Rd.); 5, P. Hall (Syn.); 6, J. Edmundson (Burn Rd.); 7, A. Tibbett (Darl.); 8, D. Gardener (Burn Rd.); 9, E. Charlesworth (Burn Rd.). **Teams:** 1, Darlington 12pts.; 2, Synthonia 16; 3, Burn Road 18.

**Boys' 1½M.:** 1, M. Butler (Mid'bro') 8.51; 2, D. Evans (Burn Rd.) 8.57; 3, J. Fraine (Burn Rd.) 8.59; 4, A. Caine (St. Helens); 5, A. Tighe (Syn.); 6, I. Briggs (Darl.); 7, P. Lowrie (Darl.); 8, D. Ried (Syn.); 9, L. Layton (Darl.); 10, R. Simpson (Darl.). **Teams:** 1, Burn Rd. 21pts.; 2, Darlington 22; 3, St. Helen's YC 27; 4, Synthonia 29; 5, Mid'bro' and C. 33.

#### MID-LANCS. LEAGUE.

1, G. A. North (Blackpool) 46.32; 2, E. A. Hogarth (Lancaster) 47.17; 3, H. M. Moneagle (Lunesdale) 49.44; 4, M. Shearer (Lan'r) 49.57; 5, T. Houghton (Preston) 50.16; 6, F. B. Yates (Preston) 50.42; 7, M. Topham (Lan'r) 50.58; 8, I. D. Eccles (Lan'r) 50.58; 9, A. W. Bibby (Primrose) 51.12; 10, B. Craig (Blackpool) 51.40; 11, E. Fenn (Preston) 51.42; 12, K. Smith (Lun.) 52.07; 13, J. L. Barraclough (Lan'r) 52.15; 14, C. Hill (Primrose) 52.28; 15, W. Airey (Primrose) 52.34; 16, J. I. Higginson (Preston) 53.05; 17, M. Osliffe (Primrose) 53.42;

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Soon after the start  
of the London County  
Championships at Par-  
liament Hill.

H. W. Neale



18, S. Smith (Primrose) 54.13; 19, A. Fishwick (Primrose) 54.30; 20, G. North (Blackpool) 55.06.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Lancaster	(2. 4. 7. 8.13.28) 62
2. Preston	(5. 6. 11.16.24.25) 87
3. Primrose	(9.14.15.17.18.19) 92
4. Blackpool and F. Lunesdale failed to close in.	112

#### DEVONSHIRE LEAGUE

**Senior 6M:** 1, M. Tarrant (Paignton) 30.00; 2, K. Parsons (Devonport); 30.30; 3, J. Letori (Paignton) 30.55; 4, D. Crook (Paignton) 30.59; 5, G. Roberts (Devonport) 31.03; 6, C. Wilson (Paignton) 31.06. **Teams:** 1, Paignton 14pts.; 2, Devonport 41; 3, Exeter 57; 4, Barnstaple 79. **Youths:** 1, App. Owen (HMS Fisgard); 2, M. E. (2) Collins (RN West); 3, Boys' Sgt. Butler (Boys' Bn.); 4, App. Groom (Fisgard). **Teams:** 1, H.M.S. Fisgard 17pts.; 2, 2nd Infantry Boys' Bn. 48; 3, Royal Navy (West) 53; 4, Devonport 55; 5, Plymouth Spartan 67.

#### PONTRILAS A.C. C.C. RACES

1, K. L. Flowers (Ross) 29.03.5; 2, C. D. Davies (R) 29.33; 3, V. A. Tarrant (R) 29.44; 4, A. Blake (Pontrilas) 32.17; 5, R. Chapman (RAF Hereford); 6, L. Williams (Abergavenny). **Teams:** 1, Ross 6pts.; 2, R.A.F. Hereford 21. **Youths:** 1, B. H. Watkins (Aber.) 15.25; 2, D. Sirrell (Pont.) 15.34; 3, T. Townsend (Aber.) 15.34.5; 4, A. R. Williams (Bromyard) 15.44; 5, R. Price (Pont.) 16.15; 6, M. Hamer (Aber.) 16.45. **Teams:** 1, Abergavenny 10pts.; 2, Pontrilas 15; 3, R.A.F. Hereford 28; **Boys:** 1, M. Clissold (Aber.) 17.30; 2, D. Hartland (Pont.) 17.33; 3, C. T. Bevan (Pont.) 17.37; 4, Somer-

vell (Aber.) 5, G. Davies (R); 6, I. Goatman (Pont.). 1, Pontrilas 11pts.; 2, Abergavenny 12.

**Westminster Bank 6M. Championship.** 1, R. Campbell 33.05; 2, P. A. Wilkinson 33.08; 3, D. J. Coward 34.45; 4, B. Handley 35.20; 5, G. M. Pearson 35.35; 6, D. F. Milbank 37.05.

**Belgrave H. beat 1st Btn. Parachute Regiment** 27pts. to 87 over 5M. 1, Allen (PR) 29.44; 2, Flanagan (B) 29.54; 3, Short (B) 29.56; 4, Lines (B), Hallowell (B) and Baulch (B) 30.42.

**Macclesfield H. beat East Cheshire H.** 38pts. to 41 over 6½M. 1, M. J. Corcoran (M) 37.43; 2, J. Wild (EC) 37.47; 3, A. Morton (M) 39.02; 4, G. Haynes (E.C.) 39.10; 5, T. Smith (E.C.) 39.33; 6, M. Lafferty (M) 39.50.

**Halifax and Dist. C.C.A. beat Hull and Dist. C.C.A.** 27pts. to 59. 1, D. Humphries (Hal.); 2, W. Beveridge (Hal.); 3, T. Bailey (Hull); 4, S. Sykes (Hal.); 5, M. Parrish (Hal.); 6, W. Bent (Hull).

**North Staffordshire H. beat Newcastle High School** 39pts. to 40 over 4¼M., at Newcastle, in a Junior match. 1, J. Geraghty (NSH) 24.26; 2, B. Pepper (NHS) 24.36; 3, J. Ryder (NSH) 24.48; 4, W. Meigh (NHS) 25.10; 5, E. Green (NSH) 25.12; 6, P. Mulroy (NSH) 25.13.

**St. Albans City A.C. 38pts. beat Cambridge City A.C. 46 and North Herts A.C. 105 over 6½M. at Letchworth.** 1, J. Smith (C) 34.04 (course rec.); 2, Blyth (St. A.) 36.00; 3, Thorpe (St. A.) 36.14; 4, Davies (St. A.) 36.36; 6, Black (C) 37.05.

**Hornchurch H.** beat **Thurrock H.** and **St. Clements A.C.** in a Youths' Match, 36pts. to 42. 1, S. T. Edwards (H) 21.39.8; 2, B. G. Turner (H); 3, R. Batty (I); 4, M. Batty (I); 5, B. N. Blake (I); 6, P. Yates (H).

**Lloyds Bank London Branches** beat **Lloyds Country Branches** 28pts. to 61. 1, R. Ashforth 29.17 (course rec.); 2, P. Pirie 29.36; 3, G. Norman 29.47; 4, D. Collins 30.37; 5, A. Menlove 31.04; 6, A. Adair 31.11. H'cp: D. Fisher 27.28.

**Gosport Borough A.C.** beat **Ryde H.** 16pts. to 20. 1, P. Sherry (R) 29.12 (course rec.); 2, D. Wright (G) 29.15; 3, A. Newell (G) 29.56; 4, E. Leal (R) 30.09; 5, B. Reid (G) 30.19; 6, J. Booth (G) 30.31. In a Junior match, **Ryde** beat **Gosport** 10pts. to 14 over 3M. 1, R. Ingleton (R) 19.26; 2, D. Innes (G) 19.54; 3, T. McDowell (G) 20.05; 4, C. Ingleton (R) 20.46; 5, L. Symonds (R) 21.32; 6, J. Dickinson (R) 21.53.

**Surrey A.C.** 7½M. **Championship.** 1, B. T. Barrett 39.37; 2, J. Butler 40.26; 3, J. J. Cleverley 41.07. H'cp: T. White (3.30) 39.43.

**Thames Hare and Hounds** beat **Blackheath H.** 27pts. to 51 over 7½M. 1, C. W. Suddaby (T) 40.06; 2, G. R. Last (B) 40.24; 3, C. W. Brasher (T) 41.44.

**London University** 24pts. beat **Clonliffe H., Dublin** 70 and **Blackheath H.** 91. over 6M. 1, J. S. Evans (LU) 31.13; 2, D. J. P. Richards (LU), R. Dunkley (LU) and K. Gilligan (LU) 31.56; 5, P. O'Neill (LU) 32.05; 6, T. E. Keegan (C) 32.05.

**Bingley H. Club H'cps.** Sen. 6M. 1, D. Mitchell (1.50) 34.56; 2, M. Ebbage (2.00) 35.03; P. Dyer (3.10) 35.41. **Youths' (16 u/18) 3M.** 1, D. Briggs (1.05) 17.32; 2, W. Keenan (0.20) 17.40; 3, J. Shaw (0.45) 17.52. **Boys' (u/16) 2M.:** 1, M. Hardaker (0.15) 11.34; 2, A. Mangham (0.15) 11.35; 3, A. Pickles (0.50) 11.36.

**Cambridge University Spartans II.** beat **Oxford University Tortoisés II.** 39pts. to 40 over 7m. 1, P. Watkins (O) 37.42; 2eq. B. C. Price (C) and G. B. Crowder (C) 37.46; 4, Pittman (O) 38.03; 5eq., Myers (O) and Spankie (O) 38.08.

**Brighton A.C.** beat **Eastleigh A.C.** 31pts. to 53 over 6M. 1, H. V. Foord (B) 29.01.5 (course rec.); 2, M. A. Dobson (E) 29.49; 3, R. Newington (B) 30.10; 4, A. E. Foster (B) 30.37.5; 5, H. Downer (E) 30.46; 6, C. F. Newman (B) 31.49.

**Royal Navy A.C. (South)** 67pts. beat **Portsmouth A.C.** 96 and **Southampton A.C.** 144 over 6M. 1, Hudman (RN) 34.32; 2, Dewsnap (RN) 34.32; 3, Wheeler (P) 34.40; 4, McBray (RN) 34.47; 5, Townrow (RN) 35.25; 6, Prescott (P) 35.35. In a Youths' match **Portsmouth** beat **R.N.A.C.** 17pts. to 38 over 3M. 1, J. H. Lindsell (P) 16.42; 2eq., G. W. Drew (P), P. Whittingham (P) and R. Bailey (P); 5, Hallam (RN); 6, Daley (RN).

**Shaftesbury H.** 28pts. beat **Walton A.C.** 54 and **Welwyn A.C.** 89 over 6M. 1, A. Llewellyn (W) 33.45; 2, T. Egan (S) 34.01; 3, R. Parker (S) 34.30; 4, K. Burkinshaw (S) 34.37; 5, R. Collins (S) 34.50; 6, D. Coburn 34.59. In a Junior and Youths' match, **Shaftesbury** 19pts. beat **Ruislip** and **N.** 34, **Walton** 46, **Welwyn** 47 and **Eton Manor** 64 over 3M. 1, A. Sunderland (S) 17.21; 2, P. Crane (W) 17.44; 3, G. Archer (R) 17.45; 4, D. Bridge (S) 17.52.

**Brentwood A.C.** 18pts. beat **Romford A.C.** 25 and **Imperial College II.** 35. 1, Parsons (B); 2, Mawhood (R); 3, Manning (B); 4, Lofts (R); 5, Greatrick (B); 6, Gibbs (IC).

**Ranelagh H. "A"** beat **Bank of England** 31 pts. to 50. 1, R. L. Maylor (R) 30.18; 2, R. A. Switzer (R) 30.45; 3, B. Hunt (B) 30.58; 4, R. A. Manson (R) 32.02; 5, R. Ward (B) 32.33; 6, R. Sheridan (R) 32.35.

**Ipswich H.** 20pts. beat **Chelmsford A.C.** 47 and **Colchester Garrison A.C.** 72 over 6M. 1, P. Weatherdon (C) 31.43; 2, D. Dare (I) 32.00; 3, T. Smith (I) 32.10.

**Ealing H.** 53pts. beat **Windsor and Eton** 55, **Queens Park H.** 103 and **Polytechnic H.** 118 over 7½M., at Perivale. 1, M. L. Barratt (E) 40.04 (rec.); 2, S. Eldon (W and E) 40.44; 3, D. Arnold (E) 40.55; 4, G. Stone (W and E) 41.23; 5, J. Barnard (E) 43.51; 6, J. Marks (QPH) 43.57.

## BOGNOR REGIS ATHLETIC CLUB

8th ANNUAL

### 10 MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Easter Monday, 2nd April, at 3 p.m.

**Team Race** (6 run, 4 score) — 1st Team: Trophy and 4 prizes; 2nd and 3rd teams: 4 prizes. Holders—Horsham Blue Star H. Entry Fee 6/- per team.

**Individual Race**—Trophy and 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes valued £7/7/0, £5, £2/10/0.

**Start and Finish on Esplanade (opp. Rex)**

**Closing date March 24th.** Particulars from G. C. Dinmore, 6 Sandymount Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL JUNIOR ROAD WALK

Thirty-four competitors from nine clubs took part in this championship over a two-lap course at Perry Barr, Birmingham, on 3rd December. Pat Myatt, of Smethwick, soon took the lead, with Roma Phillips (Smethwick), J. Williams (London Olympiades) and Betty Franklin (Birchfield) fighting it out for second place. Pat went on to win comfortably in 18min. 3sec. Smethwick just got home by three points in the closely contested team race.

1. P. Myatt (Smethwick) .....	18.03
2. R. Phillips (Smethwick) .....	18.12
3. J. Williams (Lond. Olymp.) .....	18.13
4. B. Franklin (Birchfield) 18.22; 5. A. Poet (Birchfield) 18.25; 6. C. Owens (Small Heath) 18.26; 7. J. Fothergill (Harborne) 18.30; 8. S. Bradley (Lond. Olymp.) 18.47; 9. J. Forbes (S. Heath) 18.49; 10. A. Hurdley (Harborne) 18.55; 11. E. George (S. Heath) 19.01; 12. J. Nusser (Birchfield) 19.07; 13. M. Hockey (Birmingham) 19.08; 14. J. Farrant (Met. Police) 19.10; 15. A. Parr (Smethwick) 19.33; 16. B. Williams (Lond. Olymp.) 19.39; 17. C. Whitehouse (Birmingham) 19.40; 18. J. Sephton (Tipton) 19.46; 19. N. Grantham (Harborne) 19.51; 20. B. Smith (Birmingham) 19.54.	

### Teams:

	Pts.
1. Smethwick	(1.2.15.) 18
2. Birchfield	(4.5.12.) 21
3. Small Heath	(6.9.11.) 26
4. London Olympiades 27; 5. Harborne 36; 6. Met. Police 79; 7. Birchfield "B" 86.	

At the A.G.M. of the Surrey Women's A.A.A., Mrs. Muriel Cornell was elected the new President. A presentation was made to the retiring President, Mrs. D. Chappell for her valuable work for the County. Mrs. W. E. Shepherd resigned after four years as Secretary; the new Secretary is Mr. J. C. Braben, 18 Burford Road, Worcester Park, Surrey (DER 2719). The Palmer Cup, for the best performance by an intermediate at the annual Championships, was presented to Miss M. Brazier, of Croydon H., for her discus throw of 115ft. 5in. It was decided that serious consideration must be given to championship events for intermediates. Owing to the low state of the Association's finances, subscriptions have been raised to 10/- for clubs with up to 25 members, and £1 for larger clubs.

Iford Ladies' Secretary is now Mrs. C. Horswill, 120 Pettits Lane, Romford, Essex. The Iford Ladies' Road Relay will be held on 14th April.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (contd.)

present ratio, which seems to be three for every Daily, Sunday, and Evening Newspaper. Sporting Periodical and News Agency.

I am not familiar with the work of the A.A.A. Press Officer, but surely entry to the arena itself should be limited to photographers only. At present one often sees pressmen carrying out personal interviews with athletes there. Further, could not the number of photographers be limited, and their activities better controlled.

I know that many will feel that this would restrict publicity of our sport, but I think not. Athletics is established and providing it continues to make news the press will find the stories and the agency with the photo they want.

Yours faithfully,

**Sidney A. Williams,**

Sidcup.

I am afraid Mr. Williams is right off the beam. First, the dog track. It is almost a sacrilege to put foot on it and this suggestion, if put forward seriously, might well lead to an attack of apoplexy in some gentleman whose main interest is more in greyhounds than athletics.

Then the Press representatives. Mr. Williams' comments just aren't true. As one who has, quite often, the job of Press Steward at the White City, and in any case is always on the spot, I can say quite definitely that at all the major meetings there, only the Press Stewards are allowed on the centre.

As for photographers, a larger number are now permitted than at one time, and it is true that some of them do make themselves a nuisance. It might be worth while having an official in charge of them to ensure that they do not transgress.—Ed.

## THANKS

Sir,

May I, through "Athletics Weekly," thank all those athletes who have answered and returned my questionnaire to help me with my special study.

Yours gratefully,

**Morton C. Evans,**

Loughborough Coll. A.C.

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