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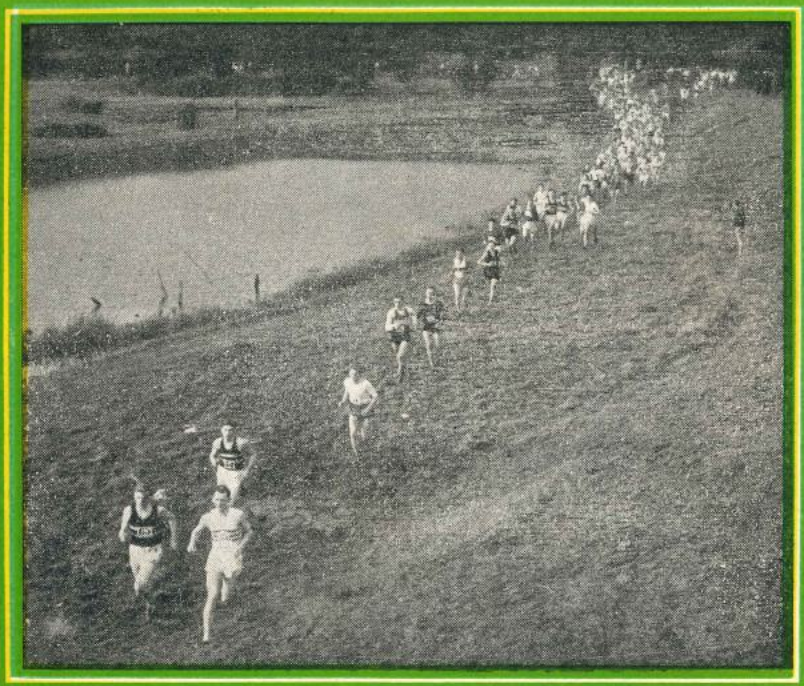



Leaders early in the N. of Thames Senior Race

SPORT IN THE U.S.S.R. AND PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES

By J. ARMOUR MILNE

ATHLETIC RECORDS (WOMEN) ★ NEWS COMMENTARY By NEIL ALLEN

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ATHLETICS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

THE two much improved Belgravians, Eric Hall and "Bob" Newson, who did so well in the "Garnet" 10 miles, confirmed their form in the Surrey W.C. "Banstead" 11¾ miles on Saturday at South Croydon, where Belgrave kept their hosts out of the first four places. Hall had not gone over the 10 miles mark previously, but he stayed the extra distance well and held off Syd James, who was second as last year. Hall was only a few seconds outside the time of R. D. McMullen—now in Canada —last year. James was within two seconds of his own time and Newson, third, improved a a minute a mile, to deservedly win his Club's handicap.

Woodford men dominated the Inter-Club 10 miles at Enfield with first five home. They have a fine combination of speed and strength and should maintain their form over the longer distance events soon about to start.

Tom Clarke, the reigning R.W.A. President, is getting plenty of rail travel to and from his native City of Leicester at the moment. He was guest at the Surrey W.C. Dinner and Cabaret on Thursday, 10th, arriving home 3 a.m., on the Friday morning. He was back in London for the Metropolitan W.C. Dinner on Saturday afternoon, with another ride home to follow. No doubt he felt that the efforts were worth while for both were very fine functions, bright, with plenty of "go" and well supported.

We hear that one well-known and reputable concern propose to increase their prices by several shillings for next season. I forecast a dead-stop if this increase is general. I don't see how ordinary club members can pay about £1 a head, with all the necessary attendant expenses, which may amount to another £1 for an evening's entertainment.

The County 10 miles Championships a week hence will be keenly contested for they carry representation to the Inter-Counties Championship (in conjunction with the National 10 miles) at Southport, Lancs., three weeks later. The Metropolitan Police have members with qualifications for a number of the home Counties. To give them every opportunity to do their best the M.P.A.A. 10 miles Championship has been brought forward a week.

This Saturday's events include the St. Dunstan's 12 miles at Regents Park, 2.30; London Vidarians 10 Miles Championship at Mitcham, 3 p.m. and Highgate H. 7 miles Championship at Parliament Hill 3.30.

All friends of the sport will be sorry to hear of the death of W. L. Keating, of Surrey Walking Club. He had been a member of the Club over 40 years and was a well-known figure at Surrey events in the years between the wars.

Midland R.W.A. 10 Miles Senior Championship. 1, G. W. Coleman (Vauxhall M.) 79.13; 2, A. Poole (Worcester H.) 79.45; 3, G. Williams (Worcester H.) 81.52; 4, A. Staines (Leicester W.C.) 83.17; 5, K. Matthews (R. Sutton C.W.C.) 84.57; 6, A. Rozentals (R. Sutton C.W.C.) 86.29. **Teams:** 1, R. Sutton Coldfield W.C. 21 pts.; 2, Leicester W.C. 38 pts.; 3, Vauxhall Motors 47; 4, Cov. Godiva 59; 5, Birmingham W.C. 83; 6, Lozells H. 104.

Essex B. 10 Miles Club Championship, Chigwell Row. 1, L. T. Adams 83m. 10s.; *G. L. Meadows 83.10; 2, J. O. J. Culver 87.12; 3, P. Hughes 88.13. (*h'cp. only). Handicap: E. Nice.

Enfield A.C. 10 Miles Inter-Club race, Enfield. Joint 1st: R. F. Goodall, J. Goodall and A. L. Mash, all Woodford Grn., 84m.52s. Team: Police 32, Enfield A.C. 88. Police 146, The Rest 154.

Surrey W.C. "Banstead" 11¾ miles. 1, E. W. Hall, Belgrave H. 98.10; 2, S. C. James, Belgrave H., 98.20; 3, R. Newson, Belgrave H. 99.09. **Teams:** Belgrave 195, Surrey W.C. 270.

WOMEN

February 12th

KENT 83pts. beat MIDDLESEX 89pts.

The runners in this match found the muddy two-lap course difficult to negotiate, with the exception of Mrs. Buckland, of Kent, who opened up an early lead and romped home an easy winner by 200 yards from the improving Orpington girl, Shirley Gaiger.

With Kent having only 7 runners to the 15 of Middlesex, an Essex runner in M. Westney and Surrey girl in E. Harvey, both ran for Kent and helped them to win a close contest by 6pts.

1, L. Buckland (K) 21.54; 2, S. Gaiger (K) 22.37; 3, *M. Westney (E) 22.51; 4, B. Dawson (M) 22.53; 5, P. Benn (M) 23.03; 6, J. Byatt (M) 23.12; 7, D. Batchelor (K) 23.20; 8, M. Ricketts (M) 23.40; 9, *E. Harvey (S) 23.49; 10, J. Weaver (K) 24.08; 11, M. Bonnano (M) 24.31; 12, S. King (M) 24.37; 13, V. Newman (M) 24.44; 14, K. Pickles (M) 24.59; 15, A. Hobling (K) 25.59; 16, Jupp (M) 26.01; 17, D. Stickles (K) 26.32. *Competed for Kent.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

THE spotlight this week turns for a moment to the summer side of our sport.

It is unlikely, I hear, that John Savidge will grace our international teams again and this will be a far greater loss than might at first be supposed.

Since John appeared on the international scene, under the wing of Chief National Coach, Geoff Dyson, he has only once failed to gain Britain maximum points in the Shot in a straight international match—a wonderful record.

Usually, when one athlete retires, there is someone else waiting to take his place. But in this instance we have no-one on the horizon to fill his shoes, or who can be considered likely, even remotely, to replace him effectively in the next few years.

This emphasises the lop-sided nature of our international teams. In future they appear likely to be even more so. I know the view of our Chief Coach is that this unsatisfactory state of affairs is likely to continue so long as only a mere handful of people are interested in some of the "Cinderella" events.

Last Saturday saw a good start to a scheme which may well go a long way to improving this unbalance, when Thames Valley Harriers held the first Winter Field Events Meeting at Alperton. It is Geoff Dyson's hope that other clubs will follow the Valley's lead so that after Christmas we may have one meeting a month until the summer season commences. This would give the field event man not only the opportunity to compete, but also some incentive to continue with his training right through the winter. If clubs will sponsor these meetings, there is little doubt that they will be well supported by the athletes themselves.

Mr. R. W. L. Thrasher has written to point out a slight inaccuracy of statement in connection with the election of the 20 members of the Southern Committee of the A.A.A. He points out that Mr. W. C. A. Findlay has been nominated as a Vice-President of the A.A.A. by the Southern Committee. The actual election will take place at the A.G.M. of the Association on 12th March next.

THE EDITOR.

Cover photo by H. W. Neale

G. KNIGHT (Essex Beagles) and G. T. OLDING (Hornsey) leading the North of Thames field soon after the start at Hadleigh. Running third is E. BAVERSTOCK (Essex Beagles), and fourth, the eventual winner, M. L. BARRATT (Ealing H.).

Letters to the Editor

WOMEN'S BEST PERFORMERS

Dear Sir,

Why omit from "Women's Best Performances" of the current issue, P. Wyatt (Ilford A.C.) 100yds. 11.1sec., on 25th Sept., 1954, at Leyton? The result was published in your issue of 2nd October last.

Is it because the athlete is only in her first year as an intermediate, or because her club is one not so fashionable as some South London ones are? I have noticed this preferential treatment before, not only by the Press, but also by certain officials and coaches. I can give many instances of this, which have given me cause to hold the views I do on this matter.

Two years ago at the White City, the junior ladies' team of Ilford A.C., finished an easy first (about 15 yards) in the relay, but the announcer gave the winners as Spartan L.A.C. There was no announcement about Ilford and I had to wait until the next day to find out from competitors that they had been disqualified by an official 15 yards from the first change-over. At the same meeting V. Cutting (Ilford A.C.) ran 100yds. heat in 11.3, the same time as A. Pashley won the senior championship. One newspaper noted this feat!

But perhaps the worst case of what I consider bad taste and breach of etiquette was committed by a National Coach at Ilford track last season. A minute before a 100 yards race he was seen on the track, giving advice, adjusting starting blocks, and giving practice starts to a certain lady, while other runners were kept waiting.

I was under the impression that a National Coach's advice and experience was for all who wished to avail themselves of this and, if the Coach had a preference for any certain athlete or club, he should not show this at a public meeting. The advice, etc., should be given at training sessions and, usually, coaches instruct their charges that when they are in open events they are on their own.

I have seen and heard of many such instances of preferential treatment to certain clubs, and should like to hear other readers' views on this matter, also your own respected opinion.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. Gentry

I cannot say why Len Ward omitted the performance in question. It may or may not have been due to wind assistance, but I think we shall have a list of amendments in a few weeks time, with, perhaps, a few notes on any omissions.

I cannot believe that any "preferential treatment" is accorded certain clubs or individuals by officials. If it is, I am sure it is quite unintentional. So far as coaches are concerned, the person referred to is **not** a National Coach, but a Senior Hon. Coach of the A.A.A. and also a W.A.A.A. Hon. Coach.

The National Coaches of the A.A.A. have certain duties to perform, but everyone cannot avail themselves of their help, though I have never known one refuse to give advice to any athlete. I must say that their behaviour at any athletic meeting is exemplary.

So far as other Honorary Coaches are concerned, they can, providing they fulfil certain obligations, give advice and help to any club or individual they may choose. But at any meeting they should either (a) keep off the centre unless they are officiating, or (b) if they are officiating they should be doing their own job, which will not entail coaching or giving practice starts to any competitor, though it may allow a word of advice before an event.

If the circumstances **were** as stated, I should ask immediately "what was the starter doing?" I cannot imagine any experienced starter allowing such practices and have never seen it myself.—**Ed.**

WEST COUNTRY ORGANISATION

Dear Sir,

Recent criticism of West Country Athletic organisation is amply confirmed by my own observations. Bristol's geographical position means extensive travelling and we have recently experienced races in both Midland and Southern areas. What a contrast, however,

when we support West Country events such as last Saturday's Exeter-Paignton race! On stage 4 there were no markers through the town of Teignmouth and our second team man went off course once, and had to retrace his steps. Meanwhile, Frank Wyatt's record breaking run for the "A" team could not stand because "the official change-over point proved to be some distance from that used in previous races."

Then, 200 yards from the final take-over, a deviation from the main road was unmarked and an OFFICIAL CYCLIST GUIDE took the Bristol runner, who was leading, on a "Cook's Tour" of Torquay, missing the change-over point and Bristol's final stage runner (who had gone forward by private car), completely. The Devonport and Exeter coaches, also misdirected, effected their change when they finally caught the runners well past the official zone.

Bristol also faulted, for without their declared runner (who still waits beside the Newton Abbot Road!) there was no alternative but to run a previous stage runner again to complete the course.

Officialdom's answer, though no protest was received from any competing Club, was to disqualify the first three teams. Admittedly, all committed indiscretions, though as with the Western Counties races, these were a direct result of Officials' errors, but it was the athletes who had to suffer. Until the standard of organisation is raised and the Officials take the sport as seriously as the runners, the West will remain a "backwoods" which outside teams will hesitate to spend time and money to support.

K. C. Mallard,
Bristol A.C.

BRAINS TRUSTS

Dear Sir,

On reading the views of J. Drew in "A.W.," regarding the political "Brains Trusts," I feel I must add my support, although I had previously decided not to write because of the recent controversial issues.

I, too, was very surprised to read that sportsmen had accepted the invitation to appear as "red herrings," relying on their sporting achievements, to assist in what I think is cheap publicity.

I am completely unbiassed in my view that our sporting heroes should NOT be exploited directly for party gain in public. It is, of course, for the sportsmen to decide, but I hope the decision will always be to stay out of public politics.

Yours sincerely,
R. Belmore,
Guildford and Godalming A.C.

HACKING HACKETT

Dear Mr. Hackett,

Your article in the "Daily Express" on the cross-country race at Hannut, on 6th February, made a nice change from the usual back page spread, with the exception of the Sando-Norris debate.

Surely you don't expect us to believe that stuff about Sando and Norris, or are you such a good runner yourself that you can keep up with the leaders and hear all that goes on?

If I am mistaken and you can run 3, 6 or 9 miles as fast as they can, I will eat your brown bowler for you

Yours sincerely,
E. D. Lacey

METRIC DISTANCES

Sir,

I must once more make a plea for the full scale introduction of metric racing in this country. The least ridiculous (the others are merely prejudice) argument put forward by the diehards against conversion to metric distances is that as the majority of our tracks are 440 yards in length, metric races would involve complicated measurements. What rubbish! It is not a very difficult task to measure out a track; a few steel tapes and an elementary knowledge of mathematics are all that is required. To make the conversion even easier it should not be beyond the ingenuity of track owners to carve a bit off each bend and thus do away with the unwanted 2.56 yards.

Yours faithfully,
Eric Bentley

Without wishing to disagree with Mr. Bentley's suggestion, or professing to be an expert on the laying down of tracks, it would appear that any such change-over must involve complete re-laying of the most used part of any track — the inside of a bend. Though not an insuperable difficulty this *could* prove quite an expensive business.— **Ed.**

Scottish News

By W. Diverty

DISTRICT C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Midland District at Lenzie

In winning the Senior Race, Jack McLaren (Shotts Miners' Welfare), created a surprise and also ran the best race of his career. Jack, who is handicapped by a short arm, will not be 21 until April. The holder of the title, Harry Fenion (Bellahouston H.), was a non-starter due to injury. The field included all the other stars, E. Bannon, J. McGhee (Shettleston H.) and I. Binnie (Victoria Pk.).

At the halfway stage, Eddie Bannon led with Jack McLaren close up. Shortly after this, McLaren gradually drew away to win by over 100yds. from Bannon, with D. Henson (Victoria Pk.) third. Ian Binnie finished well behind, 31st.

It was a brilliant victory for young McLaren who should now be chosen for Scotland's team for the International Race at San Sebastian.

Shettleston H. regained the team title from Victoria Pk. with 61pts. to 119pts.

1, J. McLaren (Shotts M.W.) 29.19; 2, E. Bannon (Shettleston H.) 29.41; 3, D. Henson (Victoria Pk.) 29.58; 4, J. McGhee (Shettleston H.) 30.08; 5, J. Russell (Victoria Pk.) 30.43; 6, P. McParland (Springburn H.) 30.51.

Team Race: 1, Shettleston H. (E. Bannon, 2; J. McGhee, 4; C. Wallace, 8; G. Everett, 14; J. Eadie, 15; H. Fox, 18) 61pts.; 2, Victoria Pk. A.C. 119; 3, Springburn H. 162; 4, Garscube H. 252; 5, Clydesdale H. 275; 6, Maryhill H. 326.

The Youth's title was won by W. Goodwin (Bellahouston H.) who registered a clear cut victory by over 100yds. from J. Wright (Clydesdale H.). The team race was a close affair, Springburn H. beating Shettleston H., by 1pt. 1, W. Goodwin (Bellahouston H.) 15.37; 2, J. Wright (Clydesdale H.) 15.55; 3, J. Ewing (Victoria Pk.) 16.39.

Team Race: 1, Springburn H. (E. Sinclair 4; A. Shaw, 7; G. Evans, 12) 23 pts.; 2, Shettleston H. 24; 3, Victoria Pk. 27.

South West District at Johnstone

The holder, J. Stevenson (Wellpark H.) retained his title with a comfortable victory by 200yds. over D. Lapsley (West Kilbride) with A. Napier (Paisley H.) 3rd, another 150yds. behind. The winner's brother, Tom Stevenson, finished 4th. Greenock Wellpark H. were good winners of the Team Race with 55pts. to Paisley H. 98pts.

Senior 6M.: 1, J. Stevenson (Wellpark H.) 33.00; 2, D. Lapsley (West Kilbride); 3, A. Napier (Paisley H.).

Team Race: 1, Greenock Wellpark H. (J. Stevenson, 1; T. Stevenson, 4; G. King, 5; D. McConnochie, 10; J. Cairns 12; P. McLaughlin 23) 55pts.; 2, Paisley H. 98; 3, Beith H. 113.

Youths 3M.: 1, R. Black (Kilbarchan A.C.) 18.6; 2, M. Thompson (Glenpark H.) 18.18; 3, W. Davidson (Beith H.) 18.35.

Team Race: 1, Irvine (T. Parker, 4; R. Kennedy, 5; J. Nelson, 6) 15pts.; 2, Glenpark H. 19; 3, Beith H. 24.

SCOTTISH INTER-UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

1, J. Finlayson (Glasgow) 36.58; 2, A. Wood (Aberdeen) 37.28; 3, J. V. Paterson (Edinburgh) 38.26; 4, A. Ravenscroft (Edin.) 38.26; 5, A. Horne (Edin.) 38.26; 6, W. H. Watson (Edin.) 38.26. **Teams:** Edinburgh 33pts.; 2, Glasgow 81; 3, Aberdeen 83; 4, St. Andrews 125.



P. MYATT (Smethwick H.L.S.) running in the Women's National Junior Cross - Country Championship at Wordsley, in which she finished second to M. WOOLLER (Spartan).

E. Hollinshead

FIXTURE LIST 1955 *(Continued from last week)*

June—contd.

11 Herts. Jun. & Yths. Champs., Ware
11 Notts. Jun. & Yths., Champs., Ollerton
11 Sussex Senior Champs., Eastbourne
11 Oxford & Camb. v. Yale & West Point, White City
18 Hants, Constabulary Sports, Eastleigh
18 Kinnaird Trophy & Marathon, Chiswick
18 Kent Youths Championships
18 Bradford City Police Sports
18 Willesden Meeting
18 Devon Jun. & Yths. Champs., Plymouth
18 Inter-Club Meeting, Southery (Downham Mkt.)
18 Enfield A.C. Jarvis Cup and D.M. Women's Inter-Club
19 Netherlands Olympic Day
23 Norwich Civic Week
25 Southern Championships
25 Welsh Senior Championships, Cardiff
25 Winterton Midsummer Sports
25 Midland Championships, Perry Barr
25 Northern Championships, Manchester
25 All-Ireland Championships, Belfast
25 Dorset Constab. Meeting, Dorchester
25 Birmingham City Transport Sports, King's Heath

July

1/2 Women's A.A.A. Champs., White City
2 Southern Junior Championships
2 Welsh Junior Championships
2 Ryder Trophy Meeting
2 B.S.A. Rec. Assoc. Sports
2 Bristol Constab. Sports
2 Hackney Trophy Meeting
2 Norfolk Youths' Champs.
4/6 R.A.F. Championships, Uxbridge
9 B.T.H. Sports, Rugby
9 Rotal Sports, Glos.
9 Vauxhall Motors Meeting, Luton
9 Brockman Trophy, Croydon

July—contd.

9 Inter-Club Meeting, E. Dereham
15/16 A.A.A. Championships, White City
16 Holbeach A.C. (Lincs.) Open Meeting
20 Inter-Services Champs., Aldershot
23 A.A.A. Junior Championships
23 Police Championships, Liverpool
23 Waddilove Sports, Perry Barr
23 Belgrave H. Open 20M. Road Race
23 Eastern Counties v. A.A.A.
30 Norfolk v. Suffolk v. Cambs., Yarmouth
30/1 Gt. Britain v. Germany, White City

August

1 Open Meeting, Harleston
6 Glasgow Rangers Sports
7/14 International Student Games, S. Sebastian
10 Paignton Regatta
12/13 Gt. Britain v. Hungary and British Games, White City
13/27 Summer School, Loughborough
20 Highland Games, Edinburgh
20 Glos. Constab. Sports
26/27 Southern Decathlon Champ., Battersea Park
27 A.A.A. v. Combined Services v. U.A.U.
27 Stone Invit. Inter-club Sports, Stone

September

3/4 Gt. Britain v. France, Bordeaux
9/10 Gt. Britain v. U.S.S.R., Moscow
10 London Champs. (Finals), Hurlingham
13/15 Gt. Britain v. Czechoslovakia, Prague
17 Surrey A.C. Relay, Richmond Park
24 London—Brighton Road Race
24 Maidenhead Road Relay

October

1 Leicester W.C. 7M. Walk
8 London—Brighton Relay
9 Edinburgh—Glasgow Relay

THE "NATIONAL" 1955

Clubs entered for the National C.C. Championships, at Cardington, on March 5th, have all received a card to be filled in explaining their mode of travel and time of arrival, also the number of teas required. In order that clubs may receive the best of service from the Bedford Local Committee, it is essential that they return them as soon as possible.

All clubs and their supporters are asked to note that there will be NO ENTRY TO THE COURSE OR DRESSING ROOMS BEFORE 12 a.m.

TIVERTON-EXETER AND BACK RELAY

January 29th

In the 31 Miles Tiverton to Exeter and Back Road Relay Devenport Harriers won in 2hr. 46m.26s. On stage 3 Peter Perry (Exeter H.) beat the previous record by 36sec. with 26 min. 10sec., on stage 5 Cyril Wilson (Paignton) also beat the best time by 36sec. with 27.33, and on stage 6 Maurice Tarrant (Paignton) was 2min. 24sec. inside the old figures with 25.29. Result—1, Devenport A.C. 2:46.26; 2, Exeter H.; 3, Paignton A.C.; 4, R.A.F. Chivenor; 5, Plymouth C.S.; 6, St. Luke's Coll.; 7, Univ. Coll. of S.W.; 8, R.N.E. Coll., Plymouth.

ATHLETIC RECORDS (WOMEN)

By GEORGE PALLETT

Lack of adequate recording has long made it difficult to collate a reasonably authentic table of women's athletic records, other than world records. At women's meetings the various records printed at the head of events have often failed to stand up to close scrutiny. English native records can only be recorded as unofficial as no indication seems to be given of acceptance of new figures. Bearing this in mind the following, as provided by recent and somewhat exhaustive research, provides a reasonably accurate picture of women's records as they stand at present.—G.P.

World Records

100y.	10.4s.	M. Jackson (Australia)	Sydney	8/3/52
220y.	24.0s.	M. Jackson	Sydney	20/2/54
			Vancouver	5/8/54
880y.	2m.08.4s	N. Otkalenko (USSR)	Moscow	18/7/54
60m.	7.3s.	S. Walaciewicz (Poland)	Lemburg	24/9/53
		N. Khnykina (USSR)	Oslo	2/10/53
100m.	11.4s.	M. Jackson	Gifu (Japan)	4/10/52
200m.	23.4s.	M. Jackson	Helsinki	25/7/52
800m.	2m.06.6s.	N. Otkalenko	Kiev	18/9/54
80m.H.	10.9s.	S. de la Hunty (Australia)	Helsinki	25/7/52
		M. Golubnichaya (USSR)	Kiev	3/8/54
4 x 110y.	46.3s.	Australia (de la Hunty, V. Johnson, W. Cripps, M. Jackson)	London	4/8/52
4 x 220y.	1m.39.9s.	G.B. (A. Pashley, J. Newbolt, S. Hampton, A. Johnson)	London	30/9/53
3 x 880y.	6m.36.2s.	Hungary (A. Kazi, A. Bacskai, A. Oros)	Budapest	22/7/54
4 x 100m.	45.6s.	USSR (V. Kalshnikova, Z. Safronova, N. Khnykina, I. Turova)	Budapest	20/9/53
4 x 200m.	1m.36.4s.	USSR (V. Kalashnikova, Z. Safronova, N. Khnykina, F. Kazantseva)	Bucharest	9/8/53
3 x 800m.	6m.33.2s.	USSR (N. Chernoshchok, D. Barakhovitch, N. Pletnyeva)	Budapest	19/9/53
H. Jump	5′8″	A. Chudina (USSR)	Kiev	22/5/54
L. Jump	20′7½″	Y. Williams (N. Zealand)	Gisborne (NZ)	20/2/54
Discus	187′1⅝″	N. Dumbadze (USSR)	Tbilisi	18/10/52
Shot	53′4⅞″	G. Zybina (USSR)	Kiev	15/9/54
Javelin	182′0¼″	N. Konyayeva (USSR)	Kiev	8/8/54
Pentathlon	4704pts.	A. Chudina (USSR)	Bucharest	8-9/8/54

Best Performances in Events not Scheduled by I.A.A.F.

400m.	55.0s.	U. Donath-Jurewitz (E. Germany)	Budapest	7/8/54
440y.	56.6s.	D. Leather (G.B.)	London	21/8/54
		P. Bryant (Australia)	Sydney	27/2/54
1500m.	4m.37s.	N. Pletnyeva (USSR)	Leningrad	1952
Mile	4m.59.6s.	D. Leather (GB)	Birmingham	29/5/54
Mile Walk	7m.38.4s.	B. E. M. Randle (GB)	London	19/6/54
1600m. walk	7m.38.2s.	J. Probbekk (GB)	London	1934
Relays				
440y. (220, 110, 110)	47.9s.	Australia (M. Jackson, S. Strickland, V. Johnson)	N.Z.	1950
660y. (220, 110, 220, 110)	1m.13.4s.	Australia (S. Strickland, V. Johnson A. Shanley, M. Jackson)	N.Z.	1950
Mile (4 x 440)	4m.9.6s.	Spartan LAC (GB) (M. Wooller, V. Robins, S. Hoskin, S. Cheeseman)	Ilford	18/9/54
Mile (880, 440, 220, 220)	4m.1.8s.	Birchfield H. (GB) (D. Leather, I. Wilson, C. Quinton, M. Nusser)	London	3/8/54

European Records

These are the same as World Records with the following exceptions:—

100m.	11.5s.	F. E. Blankers-Koen (Holland)	Amsterdam	13/6/48
200m.	23.6s.	S. Walaciewicz (Poland)	Warsaw	15/8/35
100y.	10.8s.	F. E. Blankers-Koen	Amsterdam	18/5/44
220y.	24.2s.	F. E. Blankers-Koen	Italy	29/6/50
L. Jump	20'6"	F. E. Blankers-Koen	Leiden	10/9/43
4 x 110y.	47.4s.	G.B. (J. Scrivens, S. Burgess, J. Desforges, A. Pashley)	London	1/8/53
		Holland (X. de Jong, J. Witziers-Timmer, G. Kade-Koudijs, F. Blankers-Koen)	Ryswyk	25/7/48

Empire Records

(These are not passed by any recognised authority and are unofficial)

These are the same as World Records with the following exceptions (note that metric distances are not considered):—

880y.	2m.9s.	D. S. Leather (England)	London	19/6/54
H. Jump	5'7½"	S. Lerwill (England)	London	7/7/51
Shot	45'9½"	Y. Williams (N.Z.)	Vancouver	31/7/54
Discus	154'0"	Y. Williams	N.Z.	31/12/53
Javelin	148'11"	M. Swanepoel (S. Africa)	Pretoria	4/12/54
3 x 880y.	6m.46s.	England (A. Oliver, N. Smalley, D. Leather)	London	17/7/54

British National Records

100y.	10.9s.	A. Pashley (Great Yarmouth)	White City	14/8/54
		H. Armitage (Longwood Ladies)	Bradford	3/7/54
220y.	24.5s.	S. Cheeseman (Spartan LAC)	Southampton	10/9/49
440y.	56.6s.	D. S. Leather (Birchfield H)	White City	21/8/54
880y.	2m.9s.	D. S. Leather	White City	19/6/54
Mile	4m.59.6s.	D. S. Leather	Birmingham	29/5/54
80m.H.	11.0s.	S. Strickland (Australia)	White City	4/8/52
Mile walk	7m.38.4s.	B. E. M. Randle (Birchfield H)	White City	19/6/54
4 x 110y.		As world record		
4 x 220y.		As world record		
3 x 880y.		As Empire record		
660y. relay (220, 110, 220, 110)	1m.14.4s.	Canada (L. Palmer, B. White, E. Meagher, A. Dearnley)	White City	-/8/34
H. Jump		As Empire record		
L. Jump	19'5¾"	J. Desforges (Essex LAC)	Birmingham	12/9/53
Shot	41'2¾"	B. Reid (Mitcham LAC)	Wembley	4/8/48
Discus	141'0"	S. Farmer (Spartan LAC)	Chichester	2/6/52
Javelin	148'7½"	D. Coates (Oxford LAC)	White City	14/6/52
Medley Relay (880, 440, 220, 220)	4m.1.8s.	Birchfield H. (see under unscheduled World best performances)		

British All Comers Records

These are the same as British National Records with the following exceptions:—

100y.	10.9s.	F. Blankers-Koen (Holland)	Liverpool	26/5/51
	(See also A. Pashley and H. Armitage in British National Records)			
Shot	52'3½"	G. Zybina (USSR)	London	13/10/54
Discus	162'5"	N. Ponomaryeva (USSR)	London	13/10/54
Javelin	167'10"	V. Roolaid (USSR)	London	13/10/54

English Native Records

These are the same as British National Records with the following exceptions:—

80m.H.	11.2s.	M. Gardner (Oxford LAC)	Wembley	4/8/48
		P. Seaborne (Essex LAC)	White City	13/10/54

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SPORT IN THE U.S.S.R. AND PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES

THE first appearance of a Soviet athletics team in Britain in last year's Moscow-London match and the following meeting in Manchester, naturally stirred up interest in sport in Eastern Europe generally. This has frequently given rise to statements about the facilities and privileges which it is alleged outstanding athletes enjoy in this part of the world, many fantastically incorrect, many obviously inspired by bias and greedily absorbed by types only too willing to believe anything they may hear to the detriment of the countries concerned, however far from the truth the stories may be.

My task is to present facts without causing offence to other than the rabid haters of all that emerges from the East. The first is relatively simple; the second extremely difficult. I am not a fence-sitter. I live in Eastern Europe. I share their views. I admire them in many ways. They have my full sympathy in their aims, among which is a genuine desire for peace and for closer relations with the peoples of other nations.

Having been in Eastern Europe for four years, and having travelled widely in that period, I probably know more about sport this side of the world than any other Western newspaper correspondent. Out of the knowledge that I have gained there emerge facts which must be of general interest. Let me be specific.

It has frequently been said that athletes (and when I use the term "athletes" I use it to describe those participating in all branches of sport and not merely track and field athletics) do little work when they reach representative level and receive bonuses and awards for outstanding successes in the international field.

ZATOPEK

After the 1952 Olympic Games, Emil Zatopek was promoted from captain to major. His promotion was regarded as a reward for his athletics successes. That may have been perfectly true. But it is equally true that Zatopek is extremely diligent in his studies as an Army Officer and has the military-academic qualifications fitting him for the rank which he attained then and the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel which he holds now.

Zatopek, as a Lieutenant-Colonel, has a good pay. Having actually seen the volume of work that he is expected to get through and does as a senior officer of physical training and sport, I can personally vouch for this. I can also testify that, except when he is absent for army athletics team training or for occasional training with the national athletics team, he is always to be found in his office or visiting an army unit. His training is done outside of his office hours.

Had Zatopek lived in America instead of Czechoslovakia his remarkable string of successes would have been sufficient to ensure him a successful business career. Had he been younger than he was when at his peak it would have given him paid access to education in the form of the recognised "sports scholarship." So what preferment he may have received can only be assumed to be worthy of mention because of the fact that he lives in Eastern Europe instead of in the western world.

By

J. ARMOUR MILNE

Zatopek travels to work by tram. He walks to the stadium for training. He has no trainer dancing attendance on him. He has no massage. After his training he takes a shower, walks to the tram, goes home. His flat is a simple two-roomed flat with kitchen and bathroom. It is nicely but not extravagantly furnished. They have a radio and a TV set. Look around Britain and you will see that many other athletes have these things too, including athletes who are nowhere near to being champions.

The Zatopeks have a comfortable home but not a pampered life. They obviously have not "furnished their nest" out of athletics. And, mark you, this is the greatest athlete Czechoslovakia has ever produced.

For long many have held the view that it is impossible for an athlete to reach the greatness of runners like Zatopek and Kuts without preferential treatment. But I have noticed that the same view is never expressed about our own athletes. We don't suggest that Chris Chataway, who beat Kuts in London, must have had preferential treatment in order to reach such a high standard. We know it isn't so. Yet there are those illogical people who persist in maintaining that this is so in the case of the athletes living in countries whose social systems they obviously do not like. That is unsporting, biassed, illogical and stupid.

KUTS

Kuts is a case in point. I think that it is a certainty that he will be a better runner at 5,000 metres in 1955 than he was in 1954, and that he will be much better than ever before over 10,000 metres. Much has been written about his training methods, although still not nearly enough from the technical point of view. But what apparently is not generally known is that he succeeded in doing what he did in 1954 on a training programme that was not always carried out because of his more important study programme. Kuts, a former call-up sailor, is now studying in Moscow. His subject is marine engineering. And even if Kuts broke a dozen world records in one season, that would not be the slightest bit of help in getting him through his exams. So studies must come first. Kuts himself has explained all this to me, and like all young Soviet people, he is very keen about his work as well as his sport, and would consider that he had let not only himself but his fellow-citizens down if he slacked in his studies. So there were times last year when quite a number of training sessions had to be skipped because of more important work at the university.

For a time there was a tendency to have too many training camps for representative athletes, but the tendency to-day is to cut these down and to rely to a much greater extent on training done in the actual club atmosphere. Within reasonable limits and for very important events, such as last year's European championships, the athletes are brought together for one to two weeks' collective training.

The cost of this is borne by the State Committee for sport and physical training in the same way as the cost of training for the Boat Race, for example, is borne by the O.U.B.C. and C.U.B.C. Furthermore, the athletes do not suffer loss of wages or reduction in wages while absent from work for such collective training, any more than black-coated workers, such as bank clerks, or travellers, or teachers, or hospital doctors, or journalists would lose their salaries while representing Britain at the Olympic or Empire Games or European Championships. The one difference here is that all are treated the same way in the U.S.S.R. and the people's democracies, whereas in the West, while the black-coated worker would, more often than not, receive his full pay while absent, the labourer, the bus driver or conductor, the railway porter and the others who are paid by the hour, would, oftener than not, receive nothing. So you see that, whether or not one likes this principle of maintaining wages while absent for sport, the equality of treatment is more logical here than in the West.

I have said that there has been a tendency of late to reduce the amount of time spent in collective training. This is directly related to the ill-effects of this form of industrial absenteeism. Another development in the same direction is the increasing tendency to deduct time-off for sport from the athletes' paid annual holidays, which range from three weeks in the case of employed persons in their 20's up to five weeks for many people engaged in heavier work, such as coal-mining, foundries and heavy engineering. It is also a fact that, proud of the achievements in sport of their fellow-workers, many workers and groups of workers undertake to do his work for him while he is away from work for sport so that he does not suffer loss of income or curtailing of holiday time.

NEMETH

Many athletes are not only outstanding as such but have also attained distinction as workers as well. Imre Nemeth, Hungary, winner of the hammer-throw at the 1948 Olympic Games at Wembley, is an example. Nemeth works in an electric appliances factory, where he has long been an outstanding shockworker (one who consistently leads in production output) and as an innovator (one who makes suggestions of new working processes and methods). Nemeth, in fact, is as well-known

in his own trade for his work as he is known as an athlete.

The criticisms I can make—and opponents of the social systems obtaining in Eastern Europe might learn something from the fact that I am not afraid to make or restricted in making such criticisms—are that there are too many outstanding athletes in the regular armies and, to a lesser extent, too many taking advanced courses as potential teachers of physical education. But this is not so of the Soviet Union, where the army is concerned, although it can be observed that there, too, many leading athletes are also students of physical education. In their favour it can be said that those athletes who are studying physical education are subject to the same educational discipline as other students. This bears favourable comparison with educational opportunities offered good athletes in the West, particularly in the U.S.A., where degrees are almost a certainty for an athlete representing his University and his country with distinction. It can also be said to be perfectly logical that would-be students of P.T. should have some sporting bent. It is more natural that a student of P.T. should run, jump and throw rather than he should collect white mice or fossils as a hobby.

My most intimate contact is with Czechoslovak athletics and I would say that, apart from extremely generous financial support from the Government and much better organised army sport (which is the core of the national sports movement so far as star athletes are concerned), athletics here has few advantages over athletics in Britain.

BRITISH OFFICIALS

British athletics officials continue, in my opinion, to be the most efficient in the world. Our coaching system, based on a skeleton staff of professional coaches and a corps of enthusiastic amateur coaches, is definitely not behind what they have over here. I consider Geoff Dyson to be as good a coach as any I have met in my extensive travels and all of the other A.A.A. coaches whom I have the pleasure of knowing personally are also worthy of a great deal of praise.

So far as the ordinary athlete is concerned, customs apart, they are the same the whole world over. Leg-pulling, for instance is a branch of sport not entirely confined to the British. Let me illustrate this with a brief story. One of the leading Czechoslovak athletics coaches is Dr. Fisher. One of his pupils, and the one of whom he is most proud, is Stanislav Jungwirth, who was third in the European 1,500 metres. Fisher has a "life is real, life is earnest" outlook on athletics. For him nothing else exists. A joke is a joke. But never in athletics.

Knowing Dr. Fisher's serious outlook, a famous athlete (who shall be unnamed although there is no objection to your guessing who) telephoned to the coach one afternoon and said: "This is the Bulovka Hospital. I understand that you know someone named Jungwirth. I have been asked to tell you that he had an accident this afternoon. What? No, he is in no danger at all. He is quite comfortable. What happened? He was knocked down by a tram car. There's nothing to worry about. Just a broken leg!" Collapse of Dr. Fisher!



JUNGWIRTH beating BANNISTER at the White City last summer.

News Commentary

By NEIL ALLEN

TO-DAY the Indoor Championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of America will be held in New York's Madison Square Garden. All the 1954 champions except mile winner **Josy Barthel,** of Luxembourg, will be defending their titles. Foreign athletes expected to compete are: **Gunnar Nielsen, Audun Boysen, Ron Delaney, Lucien de Muynck, Vic Milligan, Curt Soderberg,** and pole-vaulters **Eeles Landstrom** and **Ragnar Lundberg.** There is some doubt as to which event some of the middle-distance runners will favour but the form so far this season is as follows:

60 yards—This is always an event for upsets. Outstanding contenders include **Mike Agostini, Rod Richard,** champion **John Haines, Art Bragg** and my favourite, **Andy** "Fragile Legs" **Stanfield.**

60 yards high hurdles—Another unpredictable event but apart from the meteoric **Rod Perry,** the title, as always, must lie between those two superb competitors **Jack Davis** and **Harrison Dillard.** I pick Dillard.

600 yards—Champion **Reggie Pearman** is one of the greatest indoor specialists but he is now a veteran and must expect the hottest ever challenge from **Kevin Gosper, Tom Courtney. Lou Jones** (remember him beating our Derek Johnson in a relay at the White City), and my favourite young **Charley Jenkins. Mal Whitfield** may have not recovered sufficiently from his strenuous world tour, though he won the Millrose Games race with a fine 1min. 10.8sec.

1,000 yards — Whitfield, **Ron Delaney, Vic Milligan,** and **Pearman** may all run but the favourite must be **Audun Boysen,** in spite of his sometimes suicidal habit of setting a blazing pace. In any case I think **Gehrmann's** great record of 1min.8.2sec. might be clipped.

Mile—Gunnar Nielsen or **Wes Santee** hold this in their hands. Only possible dark horse may be **Fred Dwyer,** disqualified in the Millrose Games for stepping off the track but always ready to have a go at any pace. I must give Santee the edge if only because this is a national title race and it will mean so much more to him after losing his indoor world record to Nielsen.

Three miles—Horace Ashenfelter, defending champion, may have quite a bit of trouble from the A.A.U. cross-country champion, **Gordon McKenzie,** who outran "Ash" and **Fred Wilt** in an 8min. 58.8sec. two miles at Philadelphia. But provided he doesn't go too madly for records the Olympic steeplechase champion may just pull it off.

The **shot-putt** and **pole vault** look certainties for **Parry O'Brien** and **Bob Richards,** though if the latter is below his 15ft. form he might get some opposition from defending champion **Jerry Welbourn** and 20-year-old **Earl Poucher,** who has done 14ft. 7¼in. If **Ernie Shelton** travels over from California he'll win the **high** jump. Otherwise it should be **Herman Wyatt. Neville Price** defends and should keep the **long jump** title unless **George Brown** has one of his really good jumps over 25ft. 9in.

Fred Dwyer did what I thought he would eventually, when he beat both Santee and Nielsen as a result of their watching each other and not the rest of the field. Dwyer jumped the two stars in the last lap and left them 35 yards behind, winning the Baxter Mile on Feb. 12th, in 4min. 6.2sec., a time which only four other men have beaten indoors. **Andun Boysen** won the 1,000 yards in a speedy 2min. 10.2sec.

The Alperton Field Events Meeting was a great success, in spite of the terrible weather. As **John Le Masurier** pointed out, the athletes were revelling in the unexpected competition.

Arthur Gold asks me to point out that high jumper **Van Dyck,** was a last minute competitor at the indoor meeting held in Amsterdam. He cleared just over 5ft. 11in. I notice that Arthur left out one of his earlier best performances in the high jump. In 1935 he won the L.A.C. schools title with 5ft. 7in. for Grocer's School, an event which his *protege,* **Peter Wells,** was to win twelve years after with a record 6ft.

Noticed **Leslie Truelove** among the spectators at the England vs. Ireland amateur boxing international at the Albert Hall last week. Also appearing on the screen was sports photographer **H. W. Neale. Gordon Pirie,** who was 24 on February 10th, has been reported as declining invitations to run against **Zatopek** in (a) fortnight's time and (b) next May. He has also said that (a) he is going to get into train-

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ATHLETIC RECORDS (WOMEN)—contd.

4 x 110y.	47.4s.	G.B. Team (J. Scrivens, S. Burgess, J. Desforges, A. Pashley)	White City	1/8/53
660y. relay (220, 110, 220, 110)	1m.14.6s.	Essex LAC (D. Manley, J. Desforges, D. Phillips, M. Brian)	White City	7/8/50

A List of Best Performances Made Anywhere by Athletes from Great Britain.

An English Native, British National, or British All Comers Record must be made in this country. Most countries accept as national records performances made by their athletes outside the national boundaries. Great Britain and England do not. This list is therefore published to do justice to those athletes who have bettered national records abroad.

Under this head these performances listed under British National Record still stand—100y. (but Ann Pashley also recorded 10.9s. in Vancouver 31/7/54), 220y., 440y., 880., Mile, High jump, Javelin, but the following performances have not been bettered in Great Britain by an athlete qualified to represent Great Britain:—

100m.	11.9s.	E. Hiscock (London O.)	London	10/8/35
		A. Pashley (Gt. Yarmouth)	Berne	27/8/54
200m.	24.2s.	J. Scrivens (Selsonia LAC)	Budapest	3/10/54
400m.	56.6s.	D. S. Leather (Birchfield H.)	White City	21/8/54
800m.	2m.8.9s.	D. S. Leather	Berne	25/8/54
L. Jump	20'0⅛"	J. Desforges (Essex LAC)	Nienberg (Ger.)	30/8/53
Discus	143'1½"	S. Allday (Spartan LAC)	Nienberg	30/8/53
Shot	41'8"	S. Allday	Nienberg	30/8/53
80m.H.	11.0s.	P. Seaborne (Essex LAC)	Budapest	3/10/54
4 x 100m.	46.2s.	G.B. Team (H. Armitage, J. Foulds, S. Cheeseman, J. Desforges)	Helsinki	27/7/52
4 x 200m.	1m.39.7s.	S. Counties Team (S. Cheeseman, J. Foulds, S. Hampton, A. Johnson)	White City	17/9/52
3 x 800m.	6m.34.4s.	G.B. Team (N. Smalley, V. Winn, D. Leather)	Budapest	3/10/54
4 x 110y.	46.9s.	England Team (A. Pashley, S. Hampton, S. Burgess, H. Armitage)	Vancouver	7/8/54

NOTES ON NAMES—M. Jackson (Australia) is now Nelson, N. Otkalenko (USSR) was formerly Pletnyeva, S. de la Hunty (Australia) was formerly Strickland, B. E. M. Randle was formerly Day, J. Desforges is now Pickering, S. Allday was formerly Farmer, J. Foulds is now Paul.

EDITOR'S NOTE — *Most, if not all, of the above records have been taken from George Pallett's book, "Women's Athletics," published by "The Normal Press, Ltd." at* 15/-.

Australian News

By Joe Galli

David Stephens cruised to a personal-best 3 miles of 14min. 5.8sec. on a "dead" (rain-heaving, volcanic soil) track at Melbourne, on January 29th.

Stephens cruised around for a long win. He said before the race: "I want to run 14min. 15sec. to get the feel for 28:30 6-mile pace for the Australian championships next week." His mile times were 4:44, 4:42 and 4:39.8.

The track being like a Melbourne Cricket Ground "sticky wicket," times fell off noticeably. The top 880yd. was 1min. 57.4sec. by consistent youngster, John Murray, with Don Macmillan showing 2min. 0.3sec.–but he didn't try.

Ken Doubleday moved impressively to register 15sec. "dead" in the high hurdles, and on the strength of that run should clock 14.7sec. very soon.

Hec Hogan, carrying a "game" leg, won the Brisbane interclub meeting 220yd. by 2yd. from Doug Winston in 21.9s. Hec was rubbing the leg vigorously after the race, but said it was not troubling him greatly.

Charles Porter, 18-year-old holder of the

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FINE PERFORMANCES AT FIELD EVENTS MEETING

Despite the rather wintry weather, the T.V.H. Field Events Meeting at Alperton, organised by Bill Plumridge, was a highly successful affair. Not only that, but there were some really excellent performances, particularly those of Wilmshurst in the long jump—in which he once more bettered the English native record—and R. A. C. Davies and C. G. Smith in the javelin. Smith's 201'8" beat any of his performances last year, while E. W. Bannister's 185'2" is a personal best.

Mr. Chilcott, Parks Manager to Wembley Corporation, had personally supervised the preparation of the arena. In spite of night frosts and a light fall of snow on Friday night, the jumping and throwing areas were in perfect condition. The jumping pits, throwing circles and cinder run-ups had also been covered.

Geoff Dyson, Chief National Coach, whose idea it was, originally, that Field Event competitions should be held in the winter months, and which T.V.H. were quick to follow up, said that he was delighted with the success of the meeting.

Long Jump: 1, K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton) 24'3"; 2, D. Brigden (Mitcham) 22'6"; 3, P. A. Whaley (London) 22'4"; 4, G. D. Goodrich (SLH) 22'3½"; 5, D. C. Brown (TVH) 22'0"; 6, B. J. Bale (Southgate) 21'5".

High Jump: 1, G. M. Elliott (Woodford Gn.) 5'10"; 2, A. J. Bateman (Southall) 5'8"; 3, P. G. Stableforth (Walton) 5'8"; 4, D. S. Reynolds (RAF) 5'6"; 5, J. L. Gilbert (Wood. Gn.) 5'4"; 6, G. D. Everitt (Wood. Gn.) 5'2".

Hop, Step and Jump: 1, K. Wilmshurst (Walton) 45'8½"; 2, K. L. Selby (Shaftesbury) 43' 7½"; 3, P. G. Stableforth (Walton) 43'2"; 4, G. W. Roden (TVH) 42'6"; 5, M. D. Terry (Southall) 42'0"; 6, D. Brigden (Mitcham) 41'5".

Pole Vault: 1, G. M. Elliott (Woodford Gn.) 11'6"; 2, A. B. Hopkins (Walton) 11'0"; 3, C. S. Smith (Harrow W. GS) 10'0"; 4, R. Benningfield (Eton M.) 9'0".

Weight: 1, G. M. Elliott (Wood. Gn.) 42'7"; 2, A. E. Cook (TVH) 41'6"; 3, D. F. A. Vanhegan (Southgate) 41'1"; 4, C. G. Smith (TVH) 40'5"; 5, O. A. Feldmanis (Mitcham) 38'0"; 6, D. I. Colby (Walton) 37'9".

Discus: 1, O. A. Feldmanis (Mitcham) 135' 10"; 2, D. F. A. Vanhegan (Southgate) 123'2"; 3, S. Roberts (Hermes) 120'2"; 4, P. Isbester (Oxford Univ.) 117'1"; 5, D. S. Ellis (Epsom and E.) 115'8"; 6, D. I. Colby (Walton) 111'9".

Javelin: 1, R. A. C. Davies (Hornchurch) 205'8"; 2, C. G. Smith (TVH) 201'8"; 3, M. Harradine (TVH) 188'6"; 4, E. W. Bannister (Army) 185'2"; 5, J. C. Roberts (St. M. Hosp.) 179'9"; 6, M. Lanning (TVH) 173'1".

Hammer: 1, D. W. J. Anthony (Poly.) 172'6"; 2, C. A. Harper (Birchfield) 159'11"; 3, D. F. Vanhegan (Southgate) 142'9"; 4, D. S. Mann (London) 138'2"; 5, R. S. Bowden (Wood. Gn.) 117'9"; 6, G. D. Everitt (Wood. Gn.) 115'6".

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national junior high jump record of 6ft. 6in. (set in October) continues to show consistent form, this time clearing 6ft. 4in.

Outstanding performer in the N.S.W. country championships held in Sydney was Garvin Garragher, who won his heat of the 100yd. in 9.9sec., and the final in 9.8sec., with A. Smith and L. Osmond chasing him home, both in 9.9sec.

Perth's male star was consistent Max Evans, winner of the inter-club 100yd. in 9.8sec.

The woman ace was again Shirley Strickland-Delahunty, who not only won the 100yd. in 10.9sec., but the 80 metre hurdles in the new Australian record time of 11.1sec.—0.2sec. outside her world record set in the Helsinki Olympics.

Shirley looks like being one of Australia's female hopes in the 1956 Olympics—and so does 20-year-old Rae James, of Golburn (N.S.W.), who twice defeated Olympic and Empire finalist Winsome Cripps-Dennis in a women's inter-state 2-day meet in Melbourne, on January 29-30th.

Miss James won the 100yd. in 10.9sec., running into a headwind on a notoriously slow grass track (Mariorie Jackson's best there was 11sec.), and the 220yd. in 25.1sec.

RESULTS

January 29th
R.A.F. LINCOLN AREA LEAGUE

1, Thompson (C) 36.10; 2, Edgar (L) 36.48; 3, Harrison (C) 37.30; 4, Lambert (S) 38.06; 5, Woodward (C) 38.32; 6, Broxholme (H) 38.36. **Teams:** 1, Cranwell 71pts.; 2, Scampton 76; 3, Lindholme 84; 4, Hemswell 110; 5, Winthorpe 111; 6, Binbrook 112; 7, Syerston 117; 8, Manby 169.

Whip and Carrot Club High Jump Competitions. Men: 1, A. P. Orton (Shaftesbury) 5′ 10″; 2, E. Van Dyck (London) 5′10″; 3, P. Brinson (London) 5′8″; 4, G. Elliott (Woodford Gn.) 5′8″; 5, P. Stableforth (Walton) 5′8″; 6, J. R. Gilbert (Wood. Gn.) 5′6″. **Women:** 1, D. Tyler (Mitcham) 5′2″; 2, M. Hobbs (Essex) 5′1″; 3, A. Bennett (Essex) 5′0″; 4, P. Eustace (Croydon) 4′10″.

R.G.S. Guildford 19 pts. beat **Emmanuel Coll.** 48 and **Tiffin Boys' Sch.** 53. 1, P. A. Nash (RGS) 23.40 (course rec.); 2, E. R. Hawkins (RGS) 25.08; 3, Spalding (D) 25.50; 4, C. A. Hicks (RGS) 25.57; 5, N. Lalor (RGS) 26.03; 6, D. Stewart-Tull (T) 26.25.

H.Q. (U) 2 T.A.F. beat **R.A.F. Sundern** 21 pts., 65 over 5M. 1, Cpl. Harrington 30.21; 2, SAC Reeves 31.03; 3, LAC Davis 32.37 (all H.Q.).

R.A.F. Oakington 23pts. beat **R.A.F., Stradishall** 51 and **R.A.F. Leighton Buzzard** 53. 1eq., Slater (O) and Barnard (O) 28.01; 3, Wilson (S) 28.50; 4, Ellacott (S) 29.15; 5, Palmer (O) 29.20; 6, Lockwood (LB) 29.39.

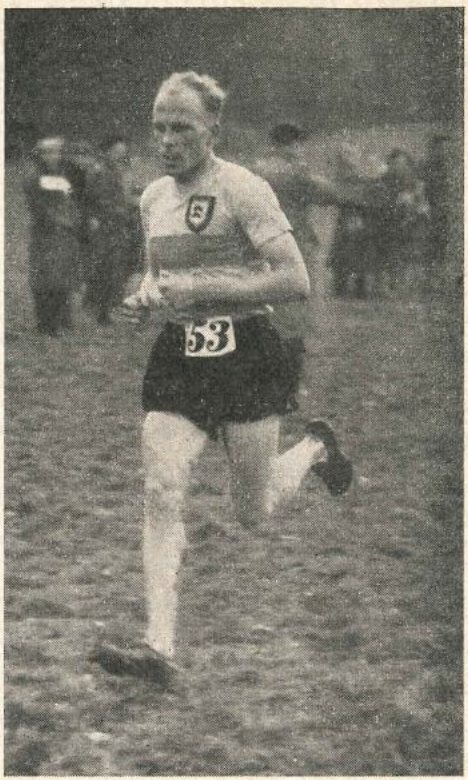
R.A.F. St. Athan 17 pts. beat **Univ. Coll., Cardiff** 19, **St. David's Coll., Lampeter** 68, and **Hawardian H.S.** 87. 1, J. Wingfield (UCC) 29.35; 2, Drever (RAF) 30.13; 3, Prince (RAF) 30.15; 4, Luxford (RAF) 30.17; 5, K. Jenkins (UCC) 30.25; 6, D. A. Jones (UCC) 30.45.

R.A.F. Yatesbury beat **Swindon A.C.** 39pts. to 40. 1, R. Benson (Y) 24.50; 2, D. Amor (S) 25.03; 3, D. Chun (S) 25.20; 4, R. Longstaff (Y) 25.21; 5, I. Gurney (Y) 25.22; 6, R. Currie (S) 25.30.

February 5th
NORTH-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. W. Pugh (S. Cumberland) 45.32
2. J. Helme (Barrow) 47.04
3. R. Thompson (Border) 47.21

4, E. Hoggarth (Lancaster) 49.49; 5, M. Shearer (Lancs.) 50.14; 6, R. Tyson (Lancs.) 50.17; 7, J. Barraclough (Lancs.) 50.35; 8, L. Hey (Border) 50.40; 9, M. Casey (Barrow) 52.00; 10, E. Winder (Primrose) 52.01; 11, J. Hand (Border) 52.04; 12, W. Hughes (Barrow) 52.10; 13, A. Bibby (Primrose) 53.25; 14, D. Thompson (Lancs.) 53.28; 15, J. Nettleton (Border) 53.29; 16, H. Searle (Barrow) 53.32; 17, B. Cottam (Barrow) 54.00; 18, P. Conway (Barrow) 54.09; 19, I. Eccles (Lancs.) 54.20; 20, H. Anderson (Lunesdale) 54.26.



H. FOORD (Brighton A.C.) winning the South of Thames Senior Championship easily at Horsham. *H. W. Neale*

Teams:		**Pts.**
1. Lancaster	(4.5. 6. 7.14.19)	55
2. Barrow	(2.9.12.16.17.18)	74

Junior

1. M. Slinger (Primrose) 27.16
2. M. Topham (Lancs.) 27.25
3. H. Moneagle (Lunesdale) 28.48

4, S. Smith (Primrose) 28.58; 5, W. Airey (Primrose) 29.11; 6, D. Large (Barrow) 29.35; 7, A. Fenton (Barrow) 29.55; 8, B. Gill (Barrow) 30.27; 9, G. Taylor (Lunesdale) 30.46;

10, M. Osliffe (Primrose) 31.58; 11, F. Palmer (Barrow) 32.44.

Teams:		Pts.
1. Lancaster Primrose	(1.4.5.10)	20
2. Barrow	(6.7.8.11)	32

Youths

1. B. Gill (Barrow)	17.37
2. R. Scott (Border)	18.40
3. W. Green (Border)	18.44

4, M. Standish (Barrow) 19.12; 5, J. T. Leviston (Barrow) 19.21; 6, T. W. Reay (Border) 19.36; 7, D. Wealens (Barrow) 19.42; 8, N. Brook (Barrow) 20.27.

Teams: Barrow GS (4.5.7.8) 24pts.

Boys

1. W. T. Dodds (Kendal)	9.09
2. K. Noall (Barrow)	9.11
3. R. North (Walney)	9.16

4, E. Love (Barrow) 921; 5, A. Skelcher (Primrose) 9.22; 6, M. Sexton (Barrow) 9.28.

Teams:		Pts.
1. Barrow GS	(2. 4. 6.9)	21
2. Holker CSS	(7. 8.15.16)	46
3. Walney CSS	(3.13.18.20)	54

4, Primrose 62.

NORFOLK CHAMPIONSHIP
7½M. at Norwich

1. A. J. Bayfield (Norwich and N.)	42.29
2. D. H. Palmer (N. and N.)	42.48
3. W. A. Spratt (Camb. C. & N. & N.)	44.27

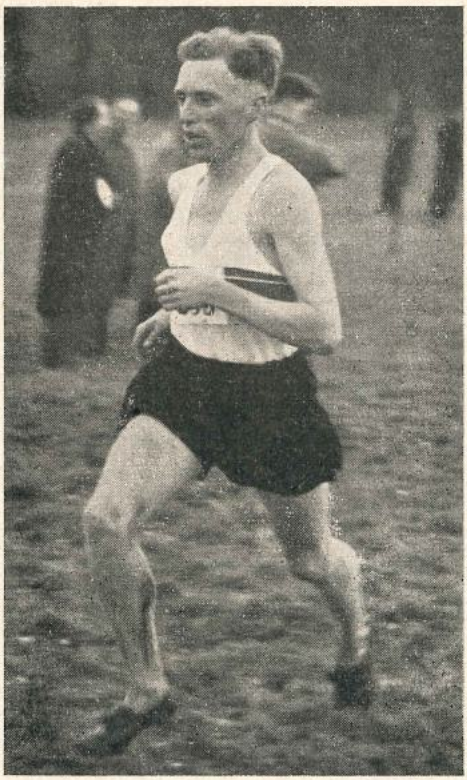
4, M. J. Fenn (RPC) 44.35; 5, R. Ackroyd (N. and N.) 45.33; 6, A. G. Snelling (N. and N.) 45.35; 7, C. Adcock (Norvic) 45.54; 8, J. M. Capes (N. and N.) 45.54; 9, D. Tilling (Norvic) 46.24; 10, M. Brennan (Gt Yarmouth) 46.32; 11, B. Whalan (Norvic) 46.52; 12, D. Staff (Unatt.) 47.32; 13, E. J. Gilham (Gt. Yarm.) 48.11; 14, J. B. Priestley (Norvic) 48.35; 15, A. J. Gilham (Gt. Yarm.) 48.41; 16, T. J. Parke (Gt. Yarm.) 48.43; 17, B. Reid (Norvic) 49.19; 18, G. F. Burton (N. and N.) 52.20.

Teams:		Pts.
1. Norwich and N.	(1. 2. 3. 5)	11
2. Norvic	(7. 9.11.14)	41
3. Gt. Yarmouth	(10.13.15.16)	54

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

Div. 1. 1, R. R. Hatton (Birchfield) 42.07; 2, D. Osborne (Tipton) 42.08; 3, R. Turney (Godiva) 42.12; 4, J. Lake (S. Heath) 42.18; 5, A. J. Osborne (S. Heath) 42.24; 6, A. E. Dalton (Birchfield) 42.25; 7, K. Rickhuss (Tipton) 42.50; 8, W. E. Butcher (Birchfield) 42.57; 9, R. Allen (Godiva) 42.58; 10, B. Browning (Birchfield) 43.07; 11, B. B. Heatley (Godiva) 43.18; 12, D. Rees (Godiva) 43.31. **Teams:** 1, Birchfield 55pts.; 2, Small Heath 84; 3, Godiva 94; 4, Tipton 146; 5, Birmingham Univ. 200; 6, Lozells 234; 7, Smethwick 364. **Youths:** 1, C. Henderson (Tipton) 18.05; 2, H. C. Mousley (Birchfield) 18.45; 3, B. Kilby (Godiva) 18.57; 4, B. Roberts (Birchfield) 19.02; 5, R. Wilding (Smethwick) 19.10; 6, J. Nix (S. Heath) 19.17. **Teams:** 1, Godiva 22pts.; 2, Birchfield 28; 3, S. Heath 31; 4, Smethwick 35; 5, Lozells 60.

Div. 3. 1, R. Richmond (Sparkhill) 31.21; 2, P. Joyner (Cheltenham) 32.06; 3, J. Peet (Sparkhill) 32.08; 4, R. Forster (Chelt.) 32.22; 5, V. Tarrant (Chelt.) 32.37; 6, D. Davies (Chelt.) 32.40; 7, R. Screen (W. Bromwich) 32.44; 8, A. Houldey (Chelt.) 32.49; 9, J. H. Haden (Dudley) 32.56; 10, A. Ball (Nuneaton) 33.09; 11, J. Day (Dudley) 33.13; 12, T. F. Moore (Walsall) 33.17. **Teams:** 1, Cheltenham 41pts.; 2, Sparkhill 88; 3, Nuneaton 142; 4, Dudley 159; 5, Harborne 171; 6, West Bromwich 207; 7, Walsall 230. **Youths:** 1, M. Herriott (Sparkhill) 21.38; 2, A. Westwood (Dudley) 21.43; 3, J. Sadler (Sparkhill) 21.50; 4, A. Sankey-Smith



B. T. BARRETT (Surrey A.C.) finishing second to H. Foord (Brighton) in the South of Thames Senior Championship at Horsham. *H. W. Neale*

(Sparkhill) 22.44; 5, W. Boffin (Nuneaton) 23.22; 6, E. Ewington (Nuneaton) 23.22. **Teams:** 1, Sparkhill 8pts.; 2, Nuneaton 18; 3, Cheltenham 39; 4, Harborne 52.

SALISBURY PLAIN INTER-UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

1, Pte. L. D. G. Reed 32.08; 2, Gnr. A. J. Beveridge 33.03.5; 3, WO II. L. J. Eckersley; 4, Sgt. T. W. Welsh; 5, L/Cpl. G. Thornton; 6, Pte. J. M. Doherty; 7. SSI J. Bromley; 8, Gnr. G. R. Eldridge. **Teams:** 1, RAPC Tg. Centre 97pts.; 2, 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 157; 3, 18 Medium Regt. RA 163; 4, 17 Bn. RAOC 388; 5, 521 Cov. RPC 411; 6, Regimental Pay Office REME 485.

Stone A.C. 33pts. beat **K. Edward VI. G.S.** 44 and **Newcastle H.S.** 44 in a Junior match over 4½M. Lichfield. 1, D. G. Shelley (S) 27.48; 2, B. Preston (N) 29.13; 3, J. Gerrard (S) 29.36; 4, L. Heath (KE) 29.53.

Queen's Univ., Belfast, 30pts. beat **Dublin Un.** 55 and **Magee Coll., Londonderry,** 107 over 6M. at Dublin. 1, S. Webley (D) 33.27; 2, W. N. Grant (Q) 33.37; 3, H. T. Burrows (Q) 33.54; 4. J. A. Campbell (Q) 34.31; 5, R. J. Mackay (D) 34.41; 6, T. Monaghan (Q) 35.25.

Windsor and Eton A.C. 6½M. Championship. 1, S. E. Eldon 36.48; 2, C. Smith 39.50; 3, M. Comber 39.57; 4, R. Marshall; 5, R. Elmer; 6, M. Mouk. **H'cp:** 1, C. Smith 36.45.

Loughborough Coll. 45pts. beat **Nottingham Univ.** 49 and **Leeds Univ.** 79 over 5½M. at Nottingham. 1, Brown (N) 32.11; 2, Douglas-Jones (LC) 33.15; 3, Brearley (LC) 34.55; 4, Wright (LC) 34.55; 5, Rustidge (N) 35.00; 6, Walker (LU) 35.05.

Chingford A.C. beat **Romford A.C.** 10pts. to 26 over 5½M. at Chingford. 1, J. Hurdwell (C) 32.43; 2, R. A. Russell (C) 33.10; 3, D. Williams (C) 34.17; 4, R. Silk (C) 35.00; 5, R. Poole (C) 35.22; 6, R. Lofts (R) 36.11.

Croydon H. beat **Redhill** and **R.A.C.** over 4½M. at Hayes. 1, L. Stubbins (R) 25.04; 2, B. Wright (C) 25.32; 3, B. Proctor (C) 25.39; 4, A. Partridge (R) 25.47; 5, S. Rogers (C) 26.02; 6, D. Baker (H) 26.55. Hermes failed to close in.

Blackheath H. beat **Dover Coll.** 24pts. to 54, at Dover. 1eq., A. J. Brent (B) and G. R. Last (B) 23.40; 3, J. B. Wheals (B) 23.47; 4, P. A. English (D) 23.54; 5eq., A. E. Beedle (B), D. A. Pinckard (B), J. R. Lees (B) and A. J. Woodrow (B) 25.03.

Ranelagh H. Inter-Schools race over 4M. at Petersham. 1, J. R. Waters (Hertford GS) 21.54 (rec.); 2, F. A. Nash (Guildford RGS) 23.04; 3, R. Lovegrove (Rutlish) 23.34. **Teams:** 1, Watford GS 29pts.; 2, Wellington CS 62; 3, Sutton CS 80; 4, Haberdashers' Aske's 97; 5, Hertford GS 129; 6, Guildford RGS 144.

Cambridge H. 3½M. Schools' race, at Bexley. 1, Liddiatt (Wandsworth) 21.57; 2, Camp (Roan) 22.34; 3, Woodrow (Beckenham and P.) 22.53; 4, Watton (Trinity W.) 22.59; 5, Ducker (Erith) 23.03; 6, Scott (Beck. and P.) 23.13. **Teams:** 1, Roan Sch. 17pts.; 2, Beckenham and Penge 20; 3, Wandsworth Sch. 28; 4, Trinity Sch. 45; 5, St. Olaves 51; 6, Chislehurst and Sidcup 55.

Results continued next week

LONDON SHIPPING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

TEN MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

(In conjunction with Road Runners' Club)

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL 1955
from
Headquarters of Blackheath Harriers
56 Bourne Way, Hayes, Kent
at 3 p.m.

PRIZES—Individual £7/7/0; £5/5/0; £3/3/0
Team £5/5/0; £3/3/0; £1/1/0

Teams of Six to run, four to score.
Teams : 6/- Individual : 1/-

ENTRIES on A.A.A. Forms to Hon. Secretary, J. H. F. COOKE, c/o Orient Line, 7 Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

CLOSING DATE : : 20th April, 1955

NEW LUTON WOMEN'S CLUB

An inaugural meeting in connection with the proposed formation of a ladies' athletic club in Luton will be held in the Lecture Room, George Kent, Ltd., Biscot Road, Luton, on Thursday, March 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

All interested are cordially invited to attend the meeting or to contact R. E. Dunphy, Hon. Sec., Bedfordshire W.A.A.A., North Bedfordshire College, Cauldwell St., Bedford.

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All correspondence for Ilford Ladies' A.C. which concerns track fixtures should be sent to Mrs. E. B. Beckford, 18 Kensington Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

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Ealing Olympic Ladies' A.C. would welcome a few away fixtures. Their Hon. Secretary is Miss E. R. Telfer, 25 Myrtle Gdns., Hanwell, W.7.

R.A.F. 33pts., CIVIL SERVICE 68pts., MIDDLESEX 70pts.

The annual Sir Sefton Brancker Trophy match was held at Henlow on 9th February, over a heavy course of just under six miles.

Soon after the start Peter Driver (C.S.) took the lead and at ¼ mile was leading from Barrett and Clark (R.A.F.), with Stonehouse (C.S.) Ranger (R.A.F.), Mike Barratt and Ken Norris (Mx.) close up.

At just under two miles Driver still led from Barrett, with Ranger third, and these three were opening up a gap from the rest of the field. Half a mile later Brian Barrett was leading, with Ranger and Driver tucked in close behind, 50 yards in front of the next group led by Mike Barratt. Caulder, after a slow start, had moved up from 11th to 5th, and Stonehouse was now in 6th place, with Eyre 7th.

Ranger started to get away at the start of the last lap, was soon 30 yards up and increasing his lead steadily. For a time Driver was in second place but after falling twice, he eventually fell back behind Barrett, who ran on strongly to take second place. Norris had moved up and joined up with Caulder. These two, who had run together in Belgium only three days before, ran the rest of the way in amiable company and fought out a good humoured sprint finish at the end, with Caulder just getting the verdict.

Stone, the 15 mile champion, had a good run after making his way slowly through the field from near the tail end to finish 12th. There was never any doubt about the result, the R.A.F. being in a winning position throughout. In the end they totalled 33pts. to the Civil Service's 68 and Middlesex's 70.

1. Cpl. W. P. Ranger (RAF) 33.19
2. LAC B. T. Barrett (RAF) 33.45
3. P. B. Driver (C.S.) 34.12

4, LAC K. F. Caulder (RAF) 34.38; 5, K. L. Norris (Middx.) 34.38; 6, M. L. Barratt (Middx.) 34.47; 7, Cpl. R. Darchambaud (RAF) 34.57; 8, Cpl. P. R. Clark (RAF) 35.10; 9, L. Eyre (C.S.) 35.15; 10, E. G. Ellis (Middx.) 35.18; 11, Cpl. R. Dunkley (RAF) 35.22; 12, J. W. Stone (C.S.) 35.27; 13, Flt. Lt. D. Haw (RAF) 35.33; 14, R. Stonehouse (C.S.) 35.37; 15, LAC R. G. Shuttleworth (RAF) 35.38; 16, T. Harwood (Middx.) 35.38; 17, J. E. Gamlin (C.S.) 35.46; 18, AC F. Gilson (RAF) 35.54; 19, M. J. Blyth (CS) 36.01; 20, E. W. Whitehead (Middx.) 36.03; 21, G. Olding (Middx.) 36.09; 22, J. Brown (C.S.) 36.15; 23, C. W. Walker (C.S.) 36.23; 24, J. Atkinson (Middx.) 36.25; 25, F. Seal (Middx.) 36.31; 26, H. J. Hicks (Middx.) 36.42; 27, C. Roffey (C.S.) 37.01.

The U.A.U. Championships and other results will be included next week.

COACHING COURSE AND CONFERENCE

Surrey County A.A.A., in co-operation with the Surrey Education Committee and the Central Council of Physical Recreation are organising the following:—

Saturday, February 26th. At Bond Street School, Mitcham, Surrey, at 2.30 p.m., a Coaching Conference for coaches and schools' staff interested in coaching. Coaches from other counties would be welcome. The programme will consist of talks by experts on topics of interest, topical athletics films, and discussions. A charge of 2s. 6d. will be made on the day to cover expenses.

(Inform C. P. Miller, Caerhayes, Shirley Hills Road, Croydon, Surrey, of intention to attend).

Saturday and Sunday, 25th/26th March. Coaching Course at Glyn House, Ewell, Surrey. Residential and non-residential, for men and women. The course will comprise a special high level long jump group for senior honorary coaches and honorary coaches with at least two years' experience in coaching the event, and athletes who have achieved at least 21ft. 6in. (men) and 18ft. (women); advanced groups for honorary coaches and others experienced in coaching javelin and high jumping, and an elementary group on sprints and hurdles for students who have had little or no coaching experience in those events. For full details apply to C.C.P.R., (London and S.E. Region), 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. A limited number of reservations are available for coaches, etc., outside Surrey.

WIGMORE HARRIERS
9th Annual 15 Miles Team & Individual
Open Road Race and Handicap
to be held on
26th March, 1955 - at 2.30 p.m.
Parliament Hill Track, Hampstead
(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Awards for First Four Places and First Three Teams (teams of three). Medals to be awarded to all completing the course in the standard time of 1hr. 31mins. Time Certificates for finishing the course.

Entries on A.A.A. Forms (3/- each) by **14th March,** to Mr. Blackmore, 20 Dalgarno Gds., N. Kensington, London, W.10.

NEWS COMMENTARY (contd.)

ing for the International Cross-country at San Sebastian, and (b) he is not sure whether he will compete. My guess is that he will run but only after consulting Gerschler and some hesitation. I can remember the same hesitation before the 1954 National, the 1954 A.A.A. six miles, the 1955 Inter-Counties. In each case Gordon ended up by running.

I hear that **John Landy** is now teaching at the agricultural centre of Geelong College (where **Don Macmillan** is a teacher). The centre is some way out in the wilds and it is expected that Landy will soon feel the urge to get back into training, if only for the sake of physical fitness. Macmillan, I understand, is hoping to return to England for a visit in a few years' time, and writes regularly to his coach in this country, **Johnny Johnston,** with whom he stayed for nearly two years.

LETTERS (contd.)

CHATAWAY v. KUTS

Dear Sir,

As a great admirer of Chris Chataway, I resent the implication by Mr. P. G. Axford that any implication that "Chris would have let anyone down if he had not managed to beat Kuts" was contained in my article on Vladimir Kuts.

I notice reader Axford was careful not to quote what I actually wrote. So I hasten to do so for his benefit. It was "I think those in the Stadium and even those who watched on TV willed Chris home that night. And he didn't let us down."

A mere statement of fact, Mr. Axford. And he didn't let us down, did he? No mention of "If he had not managed to beat Kuts," you notice. Those are your words, not mine.

So please, please, my dear sir, confine your criticism to what is actually written, not what you imagine is written. In other words, be fair.

I am glad, however, that we have one thing in common—a mutual admiration of Chris Chataway.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. Olver.

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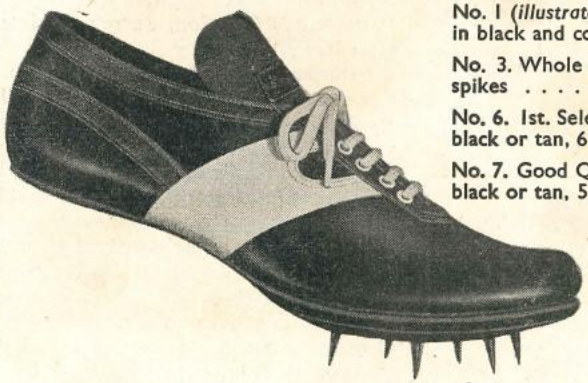

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