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Race Walking

By F.W. Blackmore

FOLLOWING to-day's R.W.A. 10 miles "Garnet" Championship at Sheffield, there is a "quiet" period of Club and inter-Club events prior to the various County championships on the first day of March. From then on, the programme of events becomes increasingly more important.

Looking ahead to April 12th, which is Easter Saturday, there are important Open promotions in North and South. The now-established Chichester to Portsmouth Walk will be the leading attraction in the South; whilst in the North at Southport, there will be an inaugural 10 miles Open, organised by the local Corporation and planned as an annual Easter Saturday event. Although other municipal authorities have in the past generously made themselves responsible for the financial side of big promotions, this is believed to be the first major Walk actually organised by a local Corporation.

Southport, as many may know, is an attractive resort, and the course—four laps, respectively $\frac{3}{4}$ miles, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, $2\frac{5}{8}$ miles and $4\frac{1}{8}$ miles—will confine the event largely to the Promenade and Southport's famous Lord Street. There is certain to be a great gathering of interested onlookers.

Southern walkers may in the main prefer the Chichester-Portsmouth event, since it affords a test over a distance very much nearer to that of the R.W.A. 20 miles championship a month later. But anyone interested in the Southport promotion will have a warm welcome. All details, including information regarding "digs," can be obtained from the Secretary, Easter Saturday Walk, Publicity Office, Cambridge Arcade, Southport, Lancs.

24 Hours Track Walk.

Looking still further ahead, Surrey W.C. are to promote a 24 Hours Track Walk in July, 1953. The exact date and venue will be announced later, but here is early notice for those anxious to devise a suitable training schedule for this formidable event.

The next London to Brighton and Back Walk should in the ordinary course of events follow a couple of years later, and one wonders how J. Stirling-Wakeley, Belgrave Harriers' musician-walker, feels about defending the titles he holds as the winner of both these events when last held.

Surrey W.C., as organisers of the leading walking events on the Brighton Road, have also undertaken to remeasure the time-honoured course so that the pace chart and table of distances always included in the programme may be brought up to date.

The measurement will be made with the Club wheel, and come the Spring some plodding and patient trudging will be undertaken by L. W. Woodcock, the Club Hon. Secretary (and Chairman of the R.W.A. Southern Committee). Doubtless he will find fellow-members ready to fall in and lend "a guiding hand." Measuring the highway with a wheel is no easy or simple task; but in the interests of accuracy it is the only possible method.

Stock Exchange 7 Miles Championship, Regent's Park. 1, D. A. Tunbridge 54.23; 2, R. Andrews 56.35; 3, C. E. Hipkin 58.41. Team: Foster and Braithwaite 13 pts.

Belgrave H. beat Met. Police by 311 pts. to 390. First home was W. P. Woods (M.P.) 76.35. Harry Churcher won the Belgrave H. 10 miles club championship in 76.39.

St. Dunstan's 7 Miles All-England Road Walking Championship for War-Blinded Men. This was won by W. Millen (R.E.) in the record time of 61.44 and who was also awarded the style prize. T. Gaygan, holder of both title and record was ruled out when leading after $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles. C. Williamson (Scots Guards) was second in 63.08 and A. Brown (Cheshires) third in 64.37.

MIDLAND COUNTIES A.G.M.

After Mr. C. O. Alexander had been re-elected at the seventy-second annual meeting of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association held in Birmingham on Saturday, Jan. 26th., there was a general re-shuffle among holders of the leading executive positions. Mr. A. W. H. Stringer, who for so long had held office as hon. secretary, becomes the new hon. treasurer, and he is succeeded by Mr. B. Bashford, who had assisted him as hon. assistant sec. This latter office will henceforth be filled by Mr. C. A. Wright, who voluntarily retired from the treasurership to make way for Mr. Stringer.

The meeting decided to accord voting power to past presidents, and in doing so

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FEBRUARY 2nd, 1952.

MANY readers will learn with regret of the death of W. T. (Bill) Hitchin, whose passing is reported on another page. Not well endowed with this life's goods, he set a fine example to those more fortunate than himself by his untiring efforts for the cause of athletics.

The women in particular have much to thank him for. He set the ball rolling and kept the flag flying when others would not, or could not, take on many onerous tasks. His enthusiasm and work will be sadly missed.

Walking.

Mr. Cole-Powney certainly managed to get the walkers worked up with his letter published in our January 19th issue. With this and other topics bringing in a large batch of letters, it is doubtful whether all will be published and certainly some will have to be held over until next week.

Incidentally, I can assure those walking enthusiasts who have asked for some walkers in our Questionnaire series that this is in hand and several prominent walkers will be featured in the near future.

Photographs.

Northern and Midland Clubs and individuals could oblige by sending photographs in for publication when any suitable ones are taken. Several readers from these areas have asked for more and they have my assurance that it is only a question of supply. If they are forthcoming they will be published, so let us hope there will be a ready response. Northern and Midland clubs and individuals also feature in the Questionnaire and "Clubs of Britain" series amongst those to be included in the next month or so. THE EDITOR.

Wycombe Phoenix H. have appointed N. W. Hills, 7 Archlee Terrace, Flackwell Heath, Bucks, as Hon. Secretary (Business) and A. Hudson, 25 Mendy Street, High Wycombe, as Hon. Secretary (Active).

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L.A.C. Schools Meeting will be held on April 18-19 at White City and is for boys only (no events for girls). Included this year will be a 4 x 110 yds. relay, entries limited at discretion of the Committee.

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London A.C. have appointed W. G. Asquith, 211 Kennington Road, London S.E.11 as Match and Team Secretary.

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Southdown A.C. are holding a Road Relay (6 x 2 miles) for Juniors on March 8th.

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Ernie Page, former Blackheath international sprinter and now a Sergeant in "L" Div., Metropolitan Police, has just been presented with a daughter.

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Readers' Letters

WALKERS AND WALKING

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

May I, on behalf of the Coaching Committee of the A.A.A., send a reply to the last two sentences of the letter of Mr. S. H. Cole-Powney, published in your issue of 19th January, 1952.

Responsibility for coaching in walking, whether for road or track rests with the R.W.A. By arrangement however, with the R.W.A., the names and addresses of their approved coaches are published in a separate list in the A.A.A. Handbook (page 233 of the 1951 edition). Walking has not, up to the present time, been included (except for a single lecture-demonstration on one occasion) in the programme of the A.A.A. Courses at Loughborough, nor is it included in the scheme of qualifications for A.A.A. Hon. Coaches.

Yours faithfully,

Roland St. G. T. Harper,
Hon. Sec.,

A.A.A. Coaching Committee.

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

A summary perusal of the letter from your correspondent, J. H. Cole-Powney, on walkers and their need for coaching leads one to the assumption that here is one who has foolishly stuck his neck well out in a field of athletics of which he has no knowledge and without doubt there are some who will reply to the effect that he had best confine himself to those spheres in which he has gained his degree of Hon. A.A.A. Coach.

A closer study of his letter however, indicates that he has at least an interest in walking and the provisions that are being made to raise the general standard of performance and remedy the unsightly methods adopted by some competitors. (The latter is not confined to walking events although it may be true that it is accentuated in these).

The Road Walking Association has instituted a Coaching Scheme for walking with Area Coaches in the Midlands and North and myself as Hon. Chief Coach, and lectures have been given to clubs on the subject.

A panel of Pupil coaches has also been framed who will receive instruction on

methods of coaching, fundamentals for good walking and corrective exercises for faults. This panel has been brought into being by circulation of all clubs affiliated to the R.W.A., while circulars on coaching have been placed at the disposal of the A.A.A. for issue to A.A.A. Coaches interested in walking. Following this a series of Lectures, Film loops and demonstration will be given in the Spring, to be followed by test of these pupil coaches.

The emphasis is to be on the younger generation as it is not advisable to try teaching old dogs new tricks.

Due to the fact that all this work is of an Honorary nature and funds available are extremely small, expansion of the scheme is bound to be rather slow, as indeed was that of the A.A.A. Scheme prior to the regular Summer School and the advent of professional coaches.

We would have appreciated more co-operation from the A.A.A. beyond the two occasions on which I was permitted to lecture on the subject at Loughborough but your correspondent must be aware that the fortnight available to this School is almost inadequate for its purpose and only pressure from the Clubs demanding some instruction in walking will allow of its regular participation in the course.

Finally, there is no stipulation that those wishing to become Walking Coaches must have been active walkers and any Club sending a nomination will get every support and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Whitlock,
R.W.A. National Coach.

The last sentences in the above letter and A. D. McSweeney's letter make interesting reading.—Ed.

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly,"

Dear Sir,

I feel I must reply to some of the remarks made by Mr. Cole-Powney in last week's "Athletics Weekly."

Mr. Cole-Powney remarks that the South have had no outstanding youngster in years, perhaps he forgets that the first two home in the recent R.W.A. Junior 5 mile championship were Norman Read and Brian Shepherd, who come from Steyning A.C. and Walton A.C. respectively. Read in the 1950 A.A.A. Junior 1 mile walk broke Don

Bott's (Sheffield U.H.) record of 7m. 9s. by 4.2s.

Finally, in the 1951 A.A.A. Junior Walk, the North failed to place a man in the first three. I think the above facts prove that the North has not all the best youngsters, in fact D. Bott is the only Northerner to beat 7m. 10s. yet for the mile, while the South have already had 5 juniors who have done that.

When Mr Cole-Powney says that Southern walkers hardly know what speed training means, he surely forgets that the South have four "possibles" for the Olympic 10,000m. walk, while the North have only two.

As to the amusement derived by the straggler's contortions in a track walk, the laughter and catcalls can usually be traced down to non-athletic minded women and girls and small boys; the knowledgeable spectator knows that it is not the facial or bodily contortions that matter, but that the definition is maintained and the speed the man attains. Walkers will always look more ungainly than runners because they are only going at approximately half the speed of the runner, thus little individual mannerisms are shown up more.

As to the coaching schools, etc., for walking and more walking coaches, I agree with Mr. Cole-Powney that something should be done.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. Young,

Essex Beagles.

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly,"

Dear Mr. Editor,

In response to your suggestion in the January 5th issue and with regard to Mr. Fulvio Regli's letter on Walking Performances, I submit my observations. Already in a previous issue I had given my opinion that comparative performances by Walkers, whether National or International should be treated with much caution, owing to differing judging standards in particular, and to some degree this concurs with the view of the Secretary of the Association of Track and Field Statisticians. However, it is certainly an exaggeration to say that only in distances of 50 kilometres (31 miles odd) and over can "Walking" be separated from "Camouflaged Running." But for this flagrant overstatement Mr. Regli expresses an opinion with which I am in sympathy.

In direct contrast to Mr. Blackmore

I am positive that the human eye cannot with any certainty discern when "contact" is broken, except in the most obvious cases. With a man walking at a speed of eight miles an hour, say, his legs are crossing at twice this speed. To focus the eye on two moving objects—a distance of 36 inches or more apart—is an impossibility. For the man who strides out and gets his toes well up it is fairly easy to decide if his front heel touches down before his rear toe is snapped up, but for those who do not get their toes well up, judging is infinitely more difficult. The width of the foot casts a shadow which effectively masks the daylight which might well show beneath. Again, to give figures, a one-inch lift would result in a drop on to the front foot of such proportion that it would be plainly noticeable, but when this drop is reduced to one quarter or even one-eighth on an inch—still a lift mind you—then I am certain that no judge, even with his face on ground level—and at which level it is only possible to get a good view—can discern it.

The remedy does not yet lie with mechanical aids, although that may come some day, and the demonstration quoted by Mr. Blackmore, in which a walker knowingly and deliberately lifted is no contribution whatever to the problem. There are those among the fraternity of walkers who have the necessary experience and from added study of slow motion films and photographs who are able from observation of a walker's carriage and balance to reasonably deduce whether or not he is breaking contact. Some of these experts are numbered among our judges, but the present definition gives them no power to act in this respect. They are right under the present rules in disqualifying only when they can see a break and, as the majority of infringements cannot be seen with the human eye, it follows that some walkers do get the benefit of the doubt. The weakness of the definition is responsible for this. After the definition the Road Walking Association add an instruction to judges which runs:

"Any competitor whose mode of progression does not comply with the definition of Walking to the entire satisfaction of any Judge or Judges shall be disqualified."

If this instruction were given teeth, and placed before the definition, with the words "entire satisfaction" emphasised and underlined, then judges would be

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SCANDINAVIAN PICTURE

In which H. E. D. O'NEILL reviews 1952 Olympic prospects in a country to country survey.

FINLAND

IT is probably fitting that the host nation for the 1952 Olympic Games, Finland, should be the first to be reviewed in our Scandinavian Picture.

When international track and field meetings were resumed after the war, Finland was in the position of many other nations that had suffered a six year set-back.

A lot of pre-war stars, aged in the athletic sense, were still in circulation and few new ones had appeared. In the 1946 European Games, Finland did not shine and by the time the London Olympic Games of 1948 arrived the situation in Finland was critical. The result was that Finland had her worst Olympic Games since the first war. The only place winner being Tapio Rautavaara, quite a veteran of thirty-three years.

With the advent of the 1950 European Games the "dark age" of Finnish athletics was drawing to its close and things began to look a little brighter.

A promising young miler, Ilmari Taipale (22), from Pori, gained fourth place in a fast 1,500 metres final. Vaino Makela and Hannu Posti were fourth and fifth in the 5,000 metres, Koskela was third in the 10,000 metres, Veikko Karvonen second in the Marathon, Blomster third in the steeplechase, Olenius and Piirouen second and third in the Pole Vault, Rautio second in the triple jump, Partanen third in the discus and Hyttiainen won the javelin with Olympic champion Rautavaara fifth. After such a promising "come-back," Suomi commenced 1951, the pre-Olympic year, with high hopes of at least regaining their former position. This they have done in no uncertain fashion by producing a host of new, young stars and also by defeating Sweden and France in international matches.

The best way of reviewing Finland's 1951 season and assessing her chances for 1952 will be a brief event by event round-up.

As usual sprinting performances were very mediocre, the best prospect being nineteen-year-old Voitto Hellsten, who four times negotiated 100 metres inside 11sec. and ran a 22.2 furlong (200 metres).

The best short distance man at the present time is twenty-three-year-old Rolf Back, who ran 200m. in 21.8, 400m. in 47.7 and 800m. in 1:33.3. 400 metres, however, appears to be his best distance as speed is his main asset and as yet lacks stamina for really fast 800 metres. During 1951 he ran sub 49sec. 400 metres on fourteen occasions.

Ragnar Graeffe and Runar Holmberg also ran 49secs. or faster, which augers well for chances of a place in the 4 x 400m. Relay.

In middle-distance events Ilmari Taipale was supreme with 800m. in 1:52.8, 1,500m. in 3:47.8, 3,000m. in 8:18.0 and an excursion into the longer events with a 14:33.2 for 5,000 metres. Despite his versatility Taipale looks better over 1,500 metres, having produced in addition to his 3:47.8, times of 3:49.8, 3:50.4, 3:50.8, 3:51.6 and 3:51.8; all worth better than 4.10 for the mile. Another bright middle distance prospect is twenty-three-year-old Denis Johansson, at present a student in U.S.A., with 1951 performances of 1:55.7 for 800m., 3:52.4 for 1,500m., 4:12.4 for the mile and 14:38.2 for 5,000 metres.

The best performer over 5,000 metres was Vaino Koskela, a "veteran" of thirty, with a time of 14:21.6, second was Hannu Posti (25) with 14:22.6, third Taipale, fourth Johansson and fifth, Hugo Niskanen (31) with 14:39.0. In all, seventeen performers achieved times faster than 15 mins. for 5,000m. In the 10,000 metres, however, performances were not so impressive for only three men ran less than thirty-one minutes. They were Koskela, 30:10.0; Pentti Salonen (33) in 30:22.6 and Posti, 30:25.2.

In the Marathon, Finland's prospects appear very bright. True it is that Marathon courses vary in difficulty,

and sometimes in length, but during 1951 nine Finns covered the distance in less than 2hrs. 40min. Veikko Karvonen (25), runner-up to Holden at Brussels, was again tops with 2:28:7.4. Karvonen was three times under two and a half hours during 1951. It is of interest to note that Mikko Hietanen, now forty years of age, produced two performances under two hours forty minutes.

A crop of young steeplechasers ensures the following in the footsteps of Iso-Hollo and Tuominen (still in competition).

Erik Blomster (23) heads the list with 9:7.6 and is closely followed by Viljo Kuskinen (25) in 9:9.6.

In the hurdles the prospects are not so bright. The shorter event being still dominated by thirty-four-year-old Vaino Suvivuo in 15.0, although second, ranked Kurt Mickos (23) at 15.1 shows promise if he can improve his sprinting speed. In the longer event, a performer of the Storskrubb class is lacking, the leader being Lennart Lindbergh (24) with a mediocre 54.1.

Turning our attention from track to field we find that several pre-war stars are still very much to the fore.

Nils Nicklen (34) being one of these with a second place in the high jump at 6ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. only $\frac{1}{2}$ in. less than Pekka Halme who is ten years his junior.

The only Finn of real merit in the long jump is Jorma Valkama (23) with a best leap of 24ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and four other leaps over twenty three feet.

In the pole vault the Finns seem to have become Americanised and most certainly revolutionised. A list of the best six performers of 1951 in this event and their ages will help to show the wealth of talent in this event.

13ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Jukka Piirouen (26)

13ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Valto Olenius (31)

13ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Eeles Landstrom (19)

13ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Erklei Kataja (27)

13ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Seppo Niemi (20)

13ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Osmo Pitkanen (29)

In addition to the above, twenty other performers cleared twelve feet or more.

In the triple jump Reino Hiltunen (27) is the best of a fair crop of performers, having jumped further than forty-eight feet on eight occasions, his best being exactly fifty feet. Olavi Suomela, a competitor in the 1936 Games, ranks twenty-first with 46ft. 0in. He also threw the shot 48ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. for



ILMARI TAIPALE

ninth place in that event. The best shot prospect is Trjo Puntti (26), with 50ft. 9in. and ten other puts of over forty-nine feet. Reijo Korvisto (20) also with a best of 50ft. 9in. looks like being a "regular" for many years to come.

Discus results were poor, old-timers Veikko Nyquist (35) and Arvo Huu-toniemi (38) being the only ones to throw over 160ft. with 167ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and 160ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. respectively.

The Hammer only produced four performers with casts of over 170ft. The king "whale" being Oiva Halintoja (31) with 175ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

In the Javelin, despite the prolific throwing of Nikkinen and the steady throwing of Hyytiainen, the general standard was only average by Scan-dinavian standards, the third ranked performer, Pauli Vesterinen (28) only threw 223ft. 1in.

Soini Nikkinen was a veritable giant with five throws over 240ft., a best competitive throw of 249ft. 1in. and an exhibition throw of 252ft. 4½in. at Imatra on the second of September. At twenty eight years of age Soini has many years in front of him. A gold medal in front of his countrymen next August and a new World Record should be well within his compass, he

may be the first man to throw 260ft. Toivo Hyytiainen (26) was a steady second string with a season's best of 240ft. 7½in.

Heikki Eranen (23) was the best Decathlon exponent with 6,771 points, whilst six other performers, including young Eeles Landstrom, bettered 6,000 points.

Event	Best Ever (as at 31.12.50)				1951
100m.	10.7	Paul Virtanen	8.9.35	10.8	Matti Saukkonen 13.7
	10.7	Aarne Tammisto	6.8.37	10.8	Voitto Hellsten 28.7
	10.7	Alpo Savolainen	27.7.39		
200m.	21.6	Aarne Tammisto	7.8.37	21.8	Rolf Back 22.9
400m.	48.0	Bertel Storskrubb	4.7.45	47.7	Rolf Back 15.9
800m.	1:49.3	Bertel Storskrubb	2.9.45	1:52.8	Ilmari Taipale 31.8
1500m.	3:49.6	Denis Johansson	11.9.48	3:47.8	Ilmari Taipale 2.9
5000m.	14:8.8	Taisto Maki	16.6.39	14:21.6	Vaino Koskela 23.7
10000m.	29:27.2	Viljo Heino	1.9.49	30:10.0	Vaino Koskela 24.7
3000 S.C.	9:3.8	Volmari Iso-Hollo	9.8.36	9:7.6	Erik Blomster 16.9
110m. H.	14.4	Bengt Sjostedt	5.9.31	15.0	Vaino Suvivuo 23.7
200m. H.	24.6	Bertel Storskrubb	14.8.40	25.8	Pentti Peltonen 13.8
400m. H.	52.2	Bertel Storskrubb	24.8.46	54.1	Lennart Lindberg 13.7
H.J.	6' 8¾"	Kalevi Kotkas	1.9.36	6' 4½"	Pekka Halme 5.8
L.J.	24' 7¾"	Martti Tolamo	15.9.34	24' 0¼"	Jorma Valkama 16.9
P.V.	14' 0¾"	Erkki Kataja	2.7.50	13' 9¾"	Jukka Piironen 29.6
				13' 9¾"	Valto Olenus 20.8
				13' 9¾"	Eeles Landstrom 20.8
H.S.J.	50' 11"	Onni Rajasaari	16.7.39	50' 0"	Reino Hiltunen 17.6
Shot	53' 2¼"	Sulo Barlund	12.7.36	50' 9"	Yrjo Puntti 26.8
				50' 9"	Reijo Koivisto 14.6
Discus	168' 2½"	Kalevi Kotkas	18.8.37	167' 2½"	Veikko Nyquist 16.9
Hammer	192' 5¼"	Uno Veirila	1.8.39	175' 11¼"	Oiva Halmetoja 21.10
Javelin	258' 2½"	Irjo Nikkanen	16.10.38	249' 1"	Soini Nikkinen 9.9
Decathlon	7,378	Akilles Jarvinen	5/6.8.32	6,771	Heikki Eranen 2/3.8

NEW AUSSIE 100 METRES RECORD

BILL DE GRUCHY, Australian 100yds. champion, gathered in the national 100 metres record, when he clocked 10.5sec. at Perth on December 22nd.

His time equals the record set by Graham McLachlan at Brisbane in 1946. It also equalled the Olympic selection standard, so that he was the 9th trackman to qualify for a trip to Helsinki. He also saved our fading sprint standards.

Conditions were ideal, except for excessive heat (101 degrees), as de Gruchy got away faster than ever before to open a wide gap at 50y. Graham Gipson, W.A. junior sprints champion, fought hard over the closing stages, but de Gruchy was too strong at the finish, and he won by 2yds. Two watches made the winner's time 10.5.

the third 10.4. At 100yds. he showed 9.6sec., which also equalled the national record, but there were only two timers at that point.

De Gruchy, contrary to his usual practice of extensive limbering-up, was massaged in the dressing room, and he went from there straight to the start. Good and all as de Gruchy's time is, it is interesting to note that John Treloar twice clocked 10.5 in the last Olympic preliminaries, but without getting into the final.

Shirley Strickland was also in fine trim at Perth on the same day, winning over 100 metres in 11.9sec. (her fastest yet), and 80 metres hurdles in 11.5sec.—3/10ths. outside her record.

Werna Johnston, a likely Olympic

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BEST BRITISH JUNIOR PERFORMANCES 1951

COMPILED BY NORRIS AND ROSS McWHIRTER

Owing to the incomplete recording at Junior Championship meetings, many of the place-times have had to be reconstructed from Timekeeper's personal records. Our thanks are due to Mr. W. C. A. Findlay, David Humphrey and David Thurlow for valuable assistance. It is hoped that any errors or omissions will be notified.

Notation:—n—place time, w—wind-assisted, e—estimate, Y—Youth.

u—unofficial place time.

100 YARDS

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9.9n	G. S. Ellis (Keswick Sch.)	White City, London	14/7
10.1	D. Hart (Eton Manor)	Chiswick	30/6
10.1	A. W. Lillington (Heaton G.S.)	Southampton	20/7
10.1	K. T. Scott (Headlands G.S.)	Birmingham	28/7
10.1	J. A. Chaplin (High Pavement G.S.)	v. Leics. & Rutland	7/8
10.2	C. Fraser (Ashby G.S.)	Birmingham	7/7
10.2(Y)	P. Crosby (Yorks. Schools)	Southampton	20/7
10.2	R. Edwardson (Durham Schools)	Southampton	20/7
10.2	M. Spiers (Cheshire Schools)	Southampton	20/7
10.2	R. A. Pinnington (Rydal School)	Birmingham	28/7

220 YARDS

21.8	G. S. Ellis (Keswick School)	Southampton	21/7
22.3n	D. J. N. Johnson (East Ham G.S.)	Reading	23/6
22.4n	A. F. Hatch (Polytechnic H.)	Birmingham	28/7
22.6	K. T. Scott (Headlands G.S.)	Western Champs	23/6
22.6n	J. McGee (Dorking St. Pauls A.C.)	Southampton	21/7
22.6n	R. G. Carlisle (Lochwinnoch A.A.C.)	Birmingham	28/7
22.7(Y)	I. M. Jones (Farmborough)	Southampton	21/7
22.7n	W. Kinnis (Shettleston H.)	Birmingham	28/7
22.8	F. W. Kemp (Belgrave H.)	Motspur Park, London	2/6

440 YARDS

48.9n	D. J. N. Johnson (East Ham G.S.)	Birmingham	13/8
50.4n	N. H. Dangerfield (St. Albans City A.C.)	Southgate, London	7/7
51.1u	E. Buswell (Norfolk Schools)	Southampton	21/7
51.2e	P. J. Casselton (Belgrave H.)	Southampton	21/7
51.4(Y)	J. Richards (High Pavement G.S.)	Southampton	21/7
51.4n	C. R. M. Collier (Southgate C.S.)	Southampton	21/7
51.5	K. C. Chambers (Essex Schools)	Leighton	18/7
51.6	J. D. Clark (Victoria Park A.A.C.)	Edinburgh	7/7
51.6	T. S. Farrell (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	Chesterfield	7/7
51.7n	A. Larran (Polytechnic H.)	Motspur Park, London	2/6

880 YARDS

1:55.3	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Birmingham	28/7
1:55.4n	D. J. N. Johnson (East Ham G.S.)	Newport	18/8
1:55.9n	P. D. Barber (Darnley A.C.)	Birmingham	28/7
1:57.5	W. I. Williams (Salford H. & A.C.)	St. Helens	21/7
1:58.2	D. C. Seaman (London A.C.)	—	9/6
1:58.4n	B. E. Eldridge (Lozells H.)	Birmingham	28/7
1:58.4n	H. A. Cumming (George Heriot's)	Birmingham	28/7
1:59.4n	G. Trower (Belgrave H.)	Motspur Park	2/6
1:59.5	J. Boyd (Herne Hill H.)	Imber Court	4/6
1:59.5	F. A. Cooper (Salford H. & A.C.)	Chesterfield	7/7
1:59.8	C. J. Cameron (Thames Valley H.)	—	2/8

MILE

4:17.2	D. C. Seaman (London A.C.)	Reading	23/6
4:19.2	D. M. Humphrey (Horsham B.S.H.)	Birmingham	28/7
4:19.4n	W. I. Williams (Salford H. & A.C.)	Birmingham	28/7
4:25.8	D. G. Maclean (Wandsworth Sch.)	Motspur Park	2/6
4:25.8n	J. R. Hendrey (Elgin Academy)	Birmingham	28/7
4:26.4	P. Thompson (M.A.C.)	Chesterfield	7/7

4:26.4	R. C. Tooby (Belgrave H.)	Motspur Park	21/7
4:27.0e	J. Finlayson (Hamilton Acad.)	Edinburgh	16/6
4:28.4	P. B. Driver (South L.H.)	Chiswick	16/6
4:28.4	P. D. Barber (Darnley A.C.)	Chatham	25/7
4:28.8	K. A. Harland (Cambs. H.)	Charlton Park	11/8
4:29.0	G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood I	—	30/7
4:29.0n	T. L. Learmouth (Essex B.)	Motspur Park	19/9
4:29.6n	G. Knight (Essex B.)	Southgate	7/7

120 YARDS (3ft. 3in.) HURDLES

a14.7w	R. D. Shaw (Manchester G.S.)	Birmingham	28/7
14.8	J. A. Frampton (Shaftesbury H.)	Birmingham	28/7
14.9	J. B. Duffy (Poly. H.)	Birmingham	28/7
b14.9n	E. J. Sawkins (Blackheath)	Birmingham	28/7
15.2	P. J. Mitchell (Epsom and Ewell H.)	Leyton	18/8
15.4	G. F. Parr (Poly. H.)	Birmingham	28/7
c15.5	W. E. Nichol (Watson's)	Edinburgh	16/6
15.5	A. G. Harrison (Godiva H.)	Birmingham	7/7
15.6n	A. R. Britze (Royal High F.P.)	Birmingham	28/7
15.8	C. T. White (York Schools)	Southampton	21/7
	a Wind in final 9.8 m.p.h.		
	b Reported in Club Magazine. Can only trace 15.6n.		
	c Hurdles probably 3ft. 0in.		

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES

23.3	J. B. Duffy (Poly. H.)	Southgate	7/7
24.0n	P. N. Trim (Cheltenham Coll.)	Birmingham	28/7
24.2n	N. H. Dangerfield (St. Alban's A.C.)	Southgate	7/7
24.2n	G. F. Parr (Poly. H.)	Birmingham	28/7
24.4n	B. T. Lawrence (Tollington Sch.)	Southgate	7/7
24.6n	M. N. Dodds (Coventry Godiva H.)	Birmingham	28/7
24.9n	A. G. Harrison (Coventry Godiva H.)	Birmingham	28/7

ONE MILE WALK

6:56.6	J. Lowther (St. Julian's H.S.)	Cardiff	14/7
7:04.8	G. H. Lewis (Whitchurch G.S.)	Mountain Ash	21/7
7:06.8	P. J. Scaramunga (Harrow)	Southgate	7/7
7:08.0e	A. H. Street (Essex Beagles)	Southgate	7/7
7:12.4n	J. Devis (H. ghgate H.)	Birmingham	28/7
7:14.3	A. Southam (Sheffield United H.)	Chesterfield	7/7
7:22.2	R. L. Hutchinson (Lat mer Upper)	Birmingham	28/7
7:24.8	C. W. Kefford (Walton A.C.)	Leyton	18/8

Field events next week

READERS LETTERS—contd.

given a power to act that has been lacking too long.

To A.A.A. Hon. Coach, Mr. J. H. Cole-Powney, whose letter (Jan. 19th) was a mixture of shrewd barbs and witticisms at our (Walkers) expense, I would say in regard to Coaching—don't make life more difficult for yourself, leave Walking to the Walkers. No one who has not been an active competitor for some years will ever be able to coach Walkers.

A. D. McSweeney.

FACILITIES

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly"

Dear Sir,

As one of the duties of the A.A.A. Development Committee is to do all it can towards providing and improving

facilities for athletics, I feel that I should answer the letters in recent issues of "Athletics Weekly" concerning the lack of facilities, in particular those for field events.

First, one can only presume from the tone of at least one letter that some of your correspondents have no idea of the immense amount of entirely voluntary work put in on their behalf in just such matters as these. The A.A.A. Annual Report for 1950 showed the great emphasis which the General Committee have for some time been placing on this, and for more tracks and other facilities, and page 147 in the current issue of the A.A.A. Handbook gives details of what should be done by anyone who feels his area is being neglected.

At present, action is being taken in some 24 localities in England and Wales, about which the Development Committee

have been given information, but it must be understood that no action can be taken unless the local need is reported by the athletes concerned. There are representatives of the Development Committee on each Area Committee or Association and they are ever ready to do all in their power to improve conditions, when they know about them. Anyone who wants action taken should (obviously after he has tackled the persons concerned in the ownership or management of the ground in question) therefore write to his Area Association who will take what action they can. Assistance can sometimes best be given through the governing body, in which case the application is forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Development Committee.

Every member of the General Committee is fully alive to the need for more and better tracks, but at present it is almost impossible to provide these because of the cost involved and the impossibility of obtaining permission to expend money and materials at this particular time. It is obviously the ideal to have a cinder run up wherever a javelin is thrown, and it may well be that those who own public or private Athletic tracks will be quite ready to provide this after they are told of the need by the local club or the local athletes concerned. Should there be no ready response then the Development Committee is always prepared to do its best to make the Local Authority, or other persons concerned realise the need and expend the necessary money. If a need is proved something can usually be done even in these hard times, but unless all details are reported, and unless every endeavour has been made to put the matter right locally, action by the A.A.A. cannot be taken.

Finally, it should be remembered that all A.A.A. Committees and sub-Committees consist of members elected by clubs or County Associations. If it is thought that one's elected representative does not give enough voluntary spare time work, or talks too much in Committee, the answer is in one's own hands. He can be replaced.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. Collins,
Commander R.N. (Retd.)
Hon. Sec., Development
Committee, A.A.A.

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A collection in aid of the Olympic Fund which was taken at the Mitcham A.C. 15 Miles Road Race brought in £33/0.

ATHLETICS IN WALES

By A.E.W.

The two Welsh Championships proved that cross-country running in Wales has some hopes for the future. In the Junior, N. E. Wilson, Welsh 6 Miles Champion, showed outstanding merit in beating by nearly two minutes W. I. Williams (Salford H.) in spite of the fact that Williams, who is now doing his National Service training, obviously had an off day. D. J. P. Richards, the Welsh Secondary School Mile Champion, scored his 2nd win in the Youths and helped his team, Barry Grammar School, to their 12th team win in this event. Richards, under the guidance of his well known father, should lead his generation of athletes for many years. This young athlete has merit in all he does on track and field. Both races were held at Cardiff under ideal conditions provided by the Clerk of the Weather, and Cardiff Gas A.C., with the genial Mr. Charlie Radford at the head of local arrangements.

Youths

1. D. J. P. Richards (Barry G.S.) 18.01
2. W. C. Thomas (Llanellv G.S.) 18.46
3. Ian Reed (Barry G.S.) 18.47
4. D. Reed (Newport H.) 19.12; 5. A. Thomas (Llanellv G.S.) 19.22; 6. G. Williams (Howard Gardens G.S.) 19.29.

Team:

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| | Pts. |
| 1. Barry Grammar School (1.3.7) | 11 |
| 2. Llanellv Grammar School (2.4.12) | 18 |
| 3. Howard Gardens G.S. (5.6.14) | 25 |
| 4. Canton G.S. (9.10.18) | 37; 5. R.A.F., St. Athans (11.20.25) |
| 6. St. Iltyds College (21.31.33) | 85; 7. Pontnewydd Youth Club (32.34.39) |
| | 105. |

Junior

1. *N. E. Wilson (R.A.F.) 35.39
2. *W. I. Williams, Salford H. 37.28
3. L. Bevan, Newport H. 37.38
4. *J. Hinchley, R.A.F., 38.27; 5. *T. J. Hughes, Watford H. 38.36; 6. G. Legge, Newport H. 38.38.

* Individual

Team:

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| | Pts. |
| 1. Newport Harriers (1.2.5.6.7.8) | 29 |
| 2. Bangor University (3.9.10.12.13.15) | 62 |
| 3. Roath Harriers (4.11.17.19.21.22) | 94 |
| Hopkinsons A.C. and Swansea University H. failed to complete the count. | |

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W/O E. W. Harrison, Lincoln and R.A.F. cross-country star, recently arrived in the Canal Zone and lost no time in getting a few men out training for the forthcoming R.A.F. Championships.

Women's Page

LONDON OLYMPIADES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Racing over 3 miles at Osterley Park, Southall, on Saturday, January 19th, Enid Harding retained London Olympiades' cross-country championship title. Leading from start to finish and running easily throughout, she finished with a time of 18 minutes 36 seconds.

Second to finish was Vivian Bartleman in 20:21. This was a very surprising performance, as well as being a commendable one—for Vivian had never run over the country before, even while training! Lack of experience, however, did not perturb her, because she ran steadily throughout, gaining second place with still a mile to go. Third, out of twelve runners to finish, was Pam Jones in the time of 20:40.

The first six home were—1, E Harding 18:36; 2, V. Bartleman 20:21; 3, P. Jones 20:40; 4, L. Deas and S. Martin 21:41; 6, M. Bloomfield 23:06. H'cp—1, V. Bartleman (3:15); 2, P. Jones (2:30); 3, E. Harding (scr.).

During the Club's social, held at Vicars Green School, Alperton, later on the same day, Mr. Harold Whitlock, 1936 Olympic Walking Champion, presented the medals to the three girls, together with a cup for the winner. Also presented to Miss Harding was the "Athlete of the Year" Cup, which was donated to the club by their President, Joe Palmer, Esq.

MIDLAND WOMEN'S JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Harborne H.L.S. became the first club to score three successive team victories when winning the Midland Counties Women's A.A.A. Junior Cross-country championship held over a 2½ miles course at Halesowen on Saturday, but will be the first to admit that a different result would have obtained had Dudley H. and L.A.C. had a fourth scorer. As it was the Dudley Club's three individuals filled the first three positions, being led by Brenda Edge, who a fortnight earlier had run so convincingly to win the Turley Shield race.

S. Cottrell (Harborne) led at the half distance, with the ultimate winner in close attendance. When the finish hove in sight Miss Edge drew away, taking her fellow club members with her.

Details:—

*1. B. Edge, Dudley H. & A.C. 15.06

*2. F. P. Cartwright, Dudley H. 15.21
*3. J. Andrews, Dudley H. & A.C. 15.35
4. N. Mason, Harborne H.L.S. 15.50; 5, J. Fothergill, Harborne H.L.S. 15.55; 6, S. Cottrell, Harborne H.L.S. 15.58; 7, M. Hill, Birchfield H.L.S. 16.6; 8, A. Moore, Birchfield H.L.S. 16.11; 9, G. Haddon, Harborne H.L.S. 16.13; 10, M. Lingen, Birchfield H.L.S. 16.23; 11, J. Smith, Oldbury A. & C.C.C. 16.26; 12, M. Palgrave, Birchfield H.L.S. 16.32.

* Individuals

Teams:	Pts.
1. Harborne H.L.S. (holders)	12
2. Birchfield H.L.S.	25
3. Oldbury A. & C.C.C.	56
4. Halesowen A. & C.C.	67
5. Stourbridge Wordsley & Dist. H.	97

WOMEN'S SOUTHERN INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Coulsdon—3 Miles

In the Women's Southern Inter-County race at Coulsdon, a snow-covered course greeted the runners. Hazel Needham led at the start but soon gave way to the two Ilford girls, Joan Dryden and Phyllis Green, who gradually drew away from the field.

Nearing the finish, Joan Dryden went away from the National champion to win by 25 yards in 18.07. H. Hennessey (Surrey) ran well to finish a good third. Essex were never in danger of defeat, though Kent packed in well for second place.

1. J. Dryden (Essex)	18.07
2. P. Green (Essex)	18.12
3. H. Hennessey (Surrey)	18.15
4. H. Needham (Kent)	18.25
5. M. Aldridge (Kent)	18.40
6. M. Lee (Essex)	18.51
7. J. Casse (Kent)	18.53
8. M. Westney (Essex)	18.56
9. J. Rickman (Kent)	19.05
10. E. O'Connor (Surrey)	19.35
11. B. Green (Essex)	19.38
12. E. O'Sullivan (Surrey)	19.41
13. E. Stevens (Surrey)	19.46
14. M. Mastin (Surrey)	19.55
15. E. Harvey (Surrey)	19.56
16. M. Skarratt (Middlesex)	19.57
17. S. Traney (Kent)	19.58
18. L. Deas (Middlesex)	20.5
19. M. Bloomfield (Middlesex)	20.6
20. M. Pickles (Middlesex)	20.8

Team Result:

1. Essex	(1.2.6.8) 17
2. Kent	(4.5.7.9) 25
3. Surrey	(3.10.12.13) 38

RESULTS

January 19th

Manchester Univ. 47½ pts. and **Leeds Univ.** 47½ beat **Salford H.** 79 over 7½ miles at Manchester. 1, T. Bird (L) 43:30 (new course record); 2, D. Birch (L) 43:35 (also beat prev. record); 3, D. Pennington (M) 43:39 (beats prev. rec.); 4, F. Newton (M) 44:17.

Bingley H. and A.C. Club Championships at Milnerfield Farm. **Senior** (6M.): 1, D. Mitchell 33:53; 2, A. Wilson 34:34; 3, R. Hiley 35:20. **H'cp:** K. Smith (1:45) 33:44. **Youths** (2½M.): D. Humphreys 15:09. **Boys** 13-16 (1½M.): D. Farnsworth 9:15. **Boys U/13** (¾M.): C. Watkins 4:32.

Cambridge City A.C. beat **North Herts A.C.** by 34 pts. to 44 at Cambridge. 1, G. A. Phipps (C) 36:55; 2, I. Gurney (C) 37:55; 3, R. Longley (NH) 39:12; 4, G. Blows (NH) 39:22.

Bournemouth A.C. beat **Dorchester G.S.** by 48 pts. to 92 at Dorchester. 1, I. W. Davies, K. Haskell and B. R. C. Street (B) 22:43; 4, I. Mardon (D) 22:52.

January 26th BRITISH RAILWAYS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Loughton—5 Miles

1. R. C. Adams (S. Region) 28:56
2. J. M. Balls (Doncaster PWAC) 29:33
3. A. P. Kelly (L.M.S. Derby) 30:58
4. G. Wilford (Crewe C. and A.C.) 31:01; 5, J. Bain (West Lond. Div. H.) 31:17; 6, E. G. Page (Loughton G.E.) 31:18.

Teams:—

- 1, L.M.S. Derby A.A. 72 pts.; 2, Doncaster Plant Works A.C. 104; 3, Swindon A.C. 123; 4, Crewe C. and A.C. 136; 5, Loughton G.E., A.A. 137; 6, London Trs., Dist. Railway 162.

Regional Championship: 1, Eastern 50 pts.; 2, London Midland 70; 3, Western 98.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT C.C. LEAGUE.

Inter-Division Match at Middleton.

Senior 6½ Miles

1. Wild (E. Cheshire) 41:22
2. Russell (Man. A. & C.C.) 42:10
3. Rowbottom (Man. A. & C.C.) 42:12

Teams: 1, "A" Team 135 pts.; 2, "B" Team 187.

Youths 3 Miles

1. Dawson (Salford H.) 22:48
2. Leighton (Winton H.) 22:49
3. Sherrow (E. Cheshire) 22:58

Teams: 1, "A" Team 58 pts.; 2, "B" Team 79.

CLUB 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Shaftesbury H. at Totteridge. 1, D. C. Lee 52:10; 2, E. D. Ford 52:37; 3, R. Hunt 53:39; 4, W. S. Hill 53:53; 5, E. V. Pearce 53:54; 6, J. Chaplin 54:09.

Queens Park H. at Eascote. 1, G. Betts 62:15; 2, L. Mann 62:26; 3, P. Bortz 62:46; 4, K. Lanning 64:00; 5, N. Robinson 64:28; 6, T. Payne 65:21. **H'cp:** P. Higgs (5:30) and T. Payne (4:15) 61:06.

Southgate H. at Enfield. 1, W. E. Morgan 55:35; 2, R. W. Freeman 68:21; 3, W. A. Ash 68:42. **H'cp:** Morgan (7:00).

Polytechnic H. 1, J. H. Wood 57:25; 2, C. L. Stewart 58:45; 3, J. Tillotson 59:48.

South London H. 1, J. G. Zarfas 62:22; 2, T. Richards 63:03; 3, E. D. Holman 68:57. **H'cp:** J. G. Stubbs.

Surrey A.C. at Kingston. 1, J. D. Wood 57:56; 2, S. C. Belton 59:31; 3, H. P. Wheeler 60:41; 4, J. Butler 61:47; 5, B. T. Barrett 62:00; 6, R. Goodbody 62:26. **H'cp:** R. Hunt (10:54) 55:22.

Woodford Gn. A.C. 1, D. Allen 60:00; 2, F. Webb 60:53; 3, A. Hefford 61:22. **H'cp:** D. Allen (0:40) 59:20.

THE LATE W. T. HITCHIN

It is with great regret that we have to record the passing of W. T. (Bill) Hitchin, who was taken ill during a meeting of the Kent County A.A.A. on Wednesday, 23rd January, and was taken to the Southern Hospital, Dartford, where he died on the morning of Friday, January 25th. He was 50 years old.

Bill Hitchin had been a Vice-President of Cambridge Harriers since 1945, was a Vice-President of the Kent County A.A.A. and Southern Counties W.A.A.A., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the North Kent District (K.C.A.A.A.) Committee and Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Women's A.A.A.

Bill was proud of the fact that he was self-taught and had made his way in life under many difficulties, illness and many operations having been his lot from his early days. Though he was a rather turbulent spirit, particularly in his connections with women's athletics, there was no harder worker for the sport and he will be remembered affectionately by his many associates in all branches of athletics.

Wigmore H. at Hampstead Heath. 1, R. Lambert 60:38; 2, L. C. Beaven 63:52; 3, W. Tyler 67:11; 4, L. Suckling 69:18; 5, L. Redwood 70:08; 6, R. Clarke 70:28. **H'cp:** D. Macdonald (14:00) 59:01.

Belgrave H. at Wimbledon. 1, J. W. Brown 59:05; 2, C. W. Walker 59:25; 3, W. E. Lucas 60:30.

Hampstead H. at Whetstone. 1, H. J. Hicks 60:04; 2, S. Randall 62:00; 3, W. H. Hicks 62:35. **H'cp:** S. Randall (4:45) 57:15.

Blackheath H. at Hayes, Kent. 1, J. Braughton 60:11; 2, A. J. Brent 60:45; 3, H. N. Nunns 61:34.

Highgate H. at Parliament Hill. 1, A. T. Ferguson; 2, J. Bodkin; 3 M. Denney.

Thames Valley H. at Cranford. 1, H. A. Oiney 61:09; 2, A. F. Thornton 62:55; 3, T. Vivian 63:48. **H'cp:** E. Carter (7:00) 59:31.

Mitcham A.C. at Banstead. 1, R. Bott 59:51; 2, L. Fieldsend 60:16; 3, A. Wykes 61:12; 4, J. Chegwiddden 61:30; 5, R. Thompson 63:28.

Cambridge H. at Bexley. 1, D. Holden 62:07; 2, J. Whitbourne 68:55; 2, J. Mahoney 69:41.

Ilford A.C. at Chigwell Row. 1, A. Thomas 60:00; 2, T. Savill 64:01; 3, A. Perkins and H. Hubbard 67:04.

North London H. 8M. Championship. 1, D. Hearn 58:10; 2, J. Langwith

58:41; 3, S. Horning 60:23; **H'cp:** J. Langwith (3:00).

Central Y.M.C.A. beat **Orpington A.C.** by 16 pts. to 20 over 5 miles at Orpington. 1, R. Mackessan (YMCA) 30:10; 2, J. Evans (YMCA) 30:27; 3, F. Jones and B. Neal (O) 32:07.

Belgrave H. beat **Sutton and Cheam H.** by 39 pts. to 78 over 3 miles in a youths' match at Wimbledon. 1, G. J. Goode (B) 15:51; 2, F. Wright (B) 16:11; 3, R. D. Simmonds (SC) 16:18; 4, G. Lines (B) 16:42.

Manchester Univ. 55 pts. beat **Loughborough College** 56 and **Derby & Co. H.** 60 at Loughborough over 6½ miles. 1, J. Wilsomore (L) 40:44; 2, F. A. Newton (M) 40:54; 3, J. D. Pennington (M) 41:01; 4, A. Hill (D) 41:27; 5, S. Hughes (L) 42:16; 6, M. Smith (M) 42:35.

Portsmouth A.C. 7½M. **Club Championship** at Portsdownhill. 1, D. G. Rees 44:12; 2, J. W. Horn 44:47; 3, E. A. Tranter 45:16; 4, J. E. Nichols 46:12; 5, T. F. Finnigan 46:27; 6, P. T. Byrne 47:04. In conjunction with their championship, **Portsmouth A.C.** scoring 17 pts, with the first three men home, beat **Ryde H.** 61; **43rd L.A.A./SL Regt. R.A.** 70 and **43rd L.A.A. "B"** 99. Also in a match, 9 aside, **Portsmouths A.C.** beat **43rd L.A.A./SL.** by 56 pts. to 115.

Southdown A.C. beat **Worthing H.** by 51 pts. to 55 over 3 miles at Southwick. 1, P. Kenward (S); 2, H. Kempton (W); 3, G. Wells (S); 4, G. Holland (W); 5, M. Saunders (S); 6, C. Cranshaw (W).

Univ. Coll., Southampton 45 pts. beat **Univ. Coll., London** 50 and **Eastleigh A.C.** 88, over 5¼ miles at Southampton. 1, Beech (E) 30:57; 2, Goater (U.C.S.) 31:12; 3, French (U.C.L.) 31:34; 4, Catterill (U.C.S.) 31:42; 5, Bolan (U.C.L.) 32:19; 6, Potter (U.C.L.) 32:36.

Aylesford P.M. beat **Cambridge H.** by 97 pts. to 113 over 10 miles at Bexley. 1, D. Holden (C) 62:07; 2, M. Whenman (A) 62:31; 3, G. Hearn (A); 4, J. Whitbourne (C); 5, J. Mahoney (C); 6, D. Turrell (A). In a junior match over 5 miles, **Cambridge H.** beat **Aylesford P.M.** by 35 pts. to 63. 1, M. Sheard (C) 35:20; 2, J. Bennett (C) 35:44; 3, A. Perriman (A) 35:52.

Bournemouth A.C. beat **Bryanston School** by 34 pts. to 44. 1, K. Haskell (B); 2, D. A. Milligan (B.S.); 3, I. W. Davies (B); 4, K. H. H. Bailey (B).

Ilford A.C. beat **Fairbairn & Mansfield House A.C.** by 21 pts. to 57 in a 3 mile junior match at Sambourne End. 1, R. Doe (I) 16:32; 2, T. Collins and D. Plater (I) 16:33.

R.M.A. (Sandhurst) beat **Cambridge Univ. Spartans** by 21 pts. to 67 over 5



GORDON PIRIE (Surrey) out on his own in the Inter-County Championship, obviously enjoying it. *II. W. Neale*

miles at Sandhurst. 1, C. W. Benson, I. A. Ferguson, J. R. L. Harman, J. R. Cole and D. F. Williamson all R.M.A. ran in to share first place in 29:04.

Utd. Hospitals H. & H. beat **Newport G.S.** by 35 pts. to 43 over 6 miles at Chigford. 1, B. Hudo (Hos.) 41:09; 2, A. Macdonald (Hos.) 41:30; 3, P. Badger (N) 41:32.

Walton A.C. 39 pts. beat **Imperial College** 53, **Ealing H.** 99 and **Westminster Bank S.C.** 113 over 7 miles at Esher. 1, T. E. Keegan (W) 40:06; 2, E. Whitlock (IC) 40:25; 2, D. Pain (IC) 40:49.

Poole and Co. A.C. 25 pts. beat **Dorchester A.C.** 38 and **Dorchester G.S.** 57 over 4 miles. 1, M. Evans (P) 21:46; 2, R. W. B. Hewitt (P) 21:53; 3, I. Mardon (D.G.S.) 21:59; 4, R. J. Sherwin (D.A.C.) 22:14; 5, G. S. Hill (P) 22:45; 6, M. S. Boot (P) 23:38.

Oxford City A.C. 24 pts. beat **Cheltenham and Co. H.** 72 and **St. Paul's Coll.** 90 over 7 miles at Oxford. 1, P. Porter (Ox) 39:34; 2, S. E. Wilkins (Ox) 39:34; 3, J. Abington (Ox) 39:54; 4, T. Smith (Ox) 40:10; 5, R. Plummer (Ox) 40:13; 6, D. Evans (Ch) 40:34.

CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shaftesbury H. Youths over 3 miles at Totteridge. 1, R. Dunkely and G. Joslin 17:27; 3, J. Cunningham 18:07; 4, D. King 19:27.

Southgate H. Junior at Enfield. G. J. Barnes (2:00) 27:17. Youths H'cp: R. Smith (2:01) 16:39.

South London H. Junior over 5 miles. 1, P. B. Driver 33:50; 2, M. W. Firth 34:16; 3, C. Wilson 34:46. H'cp: P. B. Driver.

Woodford Gn. A.C. Junior over 5 miles. 1, J. Dodd 33:52; 2, R. Low 34:52; 3, R. Spencer 34:26. H'cp: R. Spencer (1:30) 32:56. Youths (3 miles): 1, C. Crump 21:04; 2, M. Harvey 21:12; 3, J. Adam 21:25. H'cp: W. Moore (2:20) 19:31.

Hampstead H. Junior over 6 miles at Whetstone. 1, G. B. Adams 35:45; 2, P. Taylor 36:13; 3, A. Brotherton 36:47. H'cp: W. Bradley (2:30) 34:43. Youths (3 miles): 1, J. Draper 18:48; 2, I. Kerr 18:54; 3, T. L. Adams 20:31. H'cp: T. L. Adams (2:45) 17:46.

Polytechnic H. Junior over 5 miles at Roehampton Vale. 1, K. P. French 29:02; 2, R. C. Armstrong 29:24; 3, J. L. Navlor 29:46.

Blackheath H. Junior over 5 miles at Hayes. 1, J. Butler 30:16; 2, N. F. Everard 30:28; 3, T. D. Payne 30:38.

Highgate H. Junior over 5 miles at Parliament Hill. 1, P. Stokes; 2, G.



J. WILDE (Cheshire) No. 25, J. H. PETERS (Essex) No. 71, leading R. Brown (Hants) No. 85, R. WILLIAMS (Lancs) No. 123, and W. BOAK (Cumb. and Westmorland) No. 37, during the Inter-County race at York. *H. W. Neale*

Bell; 3, R. Garwood.

North London H. Junior over 4 miles at Chingford. 1, T. Inman 24:27; 2, A. Parratt 25:23; 3, D. Batsford 26:00. H'cp: A. Parratt (1:30).

Thames Valley H. Junior over 5 miles at Cranford. 1, K. L. Norris 30:16; 2, E. G. Ellis 30:47; 3, E. J. Reynolds 31:44. H'cp: V. G. Hayden (2:45) 30:12.

Cambridge H. Junior over 5 miles at Bexley. 1, M. Sheard 35:20; 2, J. Bennett 35:44; 3, C. Frommings 36:03.

Mitcham A.C. Junior over 5 miles at Banstead. 1, A. Austin 28:46 (course record); 2, E. Brown 29:08; 3, E. Cope-man 30:42.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Cambridge.

Senior—6½ Miles.

1. G. A. Phipps (Camb. City A.C.) 37:08
2. D. M. Thurlow (Crowland A.C.) 37:53
3. A. E. Coxell (Crowland A.C.) 38:05
4. E. A. G. Mortlock (Cambridge City A.C.) 38:35; 5, S. L. Heys (Loughborough) 39:23; 6, D. Phipps (Cambridge C.A.C.) 39:56; 7, E. W. Trow (Cam. C.A.C.) 40:45; 8, A. J. Aveling (Crow-

land A.C.) 41:44; 9, J. E. Saunders (C.C.A.C.'B') 43:09; 10, G. Ness (Walton A.C.) 43:41; 11, D. B. Watkins (C.C.A.C. 'B') 44:29; 12, J. L. Kunham (C.C.A.C.) 45:30; 13, D. J. Stubbings (C.C.A.C.'B') 45:37; 14, D. W. Bragg (C.C.A.C.'B') 46:42; 15, D. S. Norris (C.C.A.C.'B') 49:15.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Cambridge City A.C. (1.4.6.7) 18
2. Cambridge City A. 'B' (9.11.13.14) 47

Junior—3 Miles

1. R. K. Bassett (Cambridge High Sch.) and P. M. E. Springer (Cambs. High School) both 21:20
3. C. H. Arnold (Crowland A.C.) 21:30
4. R. W. Quartermaine (Cambs. H.S.) 21:30; 5, J. R. Currie (Soham G.S.) 21:40; 6, M. R. Fordham (Cambs. H.S. 'B') 21:54; 7, J. G. Middleton (Cambs. H.S. 'B') 21:57; 8, R. E. Daisley (Soham G.S.) 22:04; 9, R. Matthews (Wisbech G.S.) 22:17; 10, M. J. Knight (Cambs. H.S. 'B') 22:24; 11, R. D. Dent (Cambs. H.S. 'C') 22:27; 12, J. L. Alexander (Cambs. H.S. 'C') 22:29; 13, P. T. Green (Soham G.S.) 22:29; 14, M. G. Rhodes (Perse A.C.) 22:38; 15, P. H. Redhead (Cambs. H.S. 'C') 22:52.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Cambridge High School (1.1.4) 6
2. Cambridge High Sch. 'B' (6.7.10) 23
3. Soham Grammar School (5.8.13) 26
4. Cambs. H.S. 'C' 38; 5, Wisbech G.S. 43; 6, Perse A.C. 54; 7, Cambs. H.S. 'D' 70.

MIDLAND COUNTIES A.G.M. (contd.)

cut down the number of vice-presidents from nine to five, those elected being P. J. King (Bedfordshire A.A.A.), S. S. Yarrow (Rugeley A.C.), C. G. Austin (Birchfield H.), W. H. Hayward (Lozells H.), and S. A. Wright (Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association).

Two newcomers, S. S. Yarrow and E. Kennell, will serve on the important Handicapping Board of Control, with J. McKenna, C. G. Austin, F. Billingham, R. T. Cooling, W. H. Hayward, S. A. Wright.

Concern was expressed at the continued losses incurred by the Association on its championship promotions, and the newly appointed treasurer informed the meeting that greater support would be required from member clubs for the 1952 promotions, which include the Senior championships at Perry Barr on June 7th and the Junior events at Luton on July 5th.

INTERNATIONAL C.C. RACE

The English Cross Country Union will be represented by the following runners in the International Cross Country race promoted by the Hannutois Athletic Club, Belgium, to-morrow, Sunday, 3rd February—

E. L. Hardy, Derby and County A.C.).
Walter Hesketh (Manchester A. and C.C.).

D. A. G. Pirie (South London Harriers).

G. B. Saunders (Bolton United H.).

AUSSIE 100M. RECORD (contd.)

competitor, clocked 12.2sec. in winning her division of the 100 metres; later took the broad jump with 16ft. 11in. Because of a cold, she wasn't very happy; particularly as she was taking off too far back from the board in the broad jump.

Competing against a Melbourne club in a holiday dual contest at Adelaide on December 26, Leon Gregory, Australian 440yds. champion, produced the season's fastest time of 48.8sec. Forced along by the Victorian champion, Murray Morris (who was second in 49.4sec.), Gregory shattered his own South Australian state record by 7/10ths sec., and gave promise of early reaching the Olympic selection standard of 48.2sec. His real test will be in the nationals at Brisbane this month (Jan.), when he meets the brilliant Empire champion, Edwin Carr of Sydney University, who is co-holder of the Australian record of 47.6sec.

Yvette Williams, one of New Zealand's two certainties for Olympic selection (the other is 440yds. hurdler John Holland), barring accidents, and who is well favoured for the broad jump title there, showed fine form with the discus at Wellington recently, as she shattered her own record by 13ft. with a throw of 134ft. 4½in.

It was one of Yvette's first contests of the current season, and conditions were poor; a cold rain falling throughout the afternoon. She also won over 100yds. in 11.8sec.

Miss Williams is one of the world's finest all-round women athletes, but her chances of Olympic success surely lie in the broad jump, which she would do well to concentrate on. Her best jump, of 20ft. 1½in., was accomplished at Melbourne (Australia) early in 1951 (when she also put the shot 41ft. 8½in.). She holds at the N.Z. record at 19ft. 7½in., and is expected to improve on that this season. **J. H. Galli.**