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Road Race



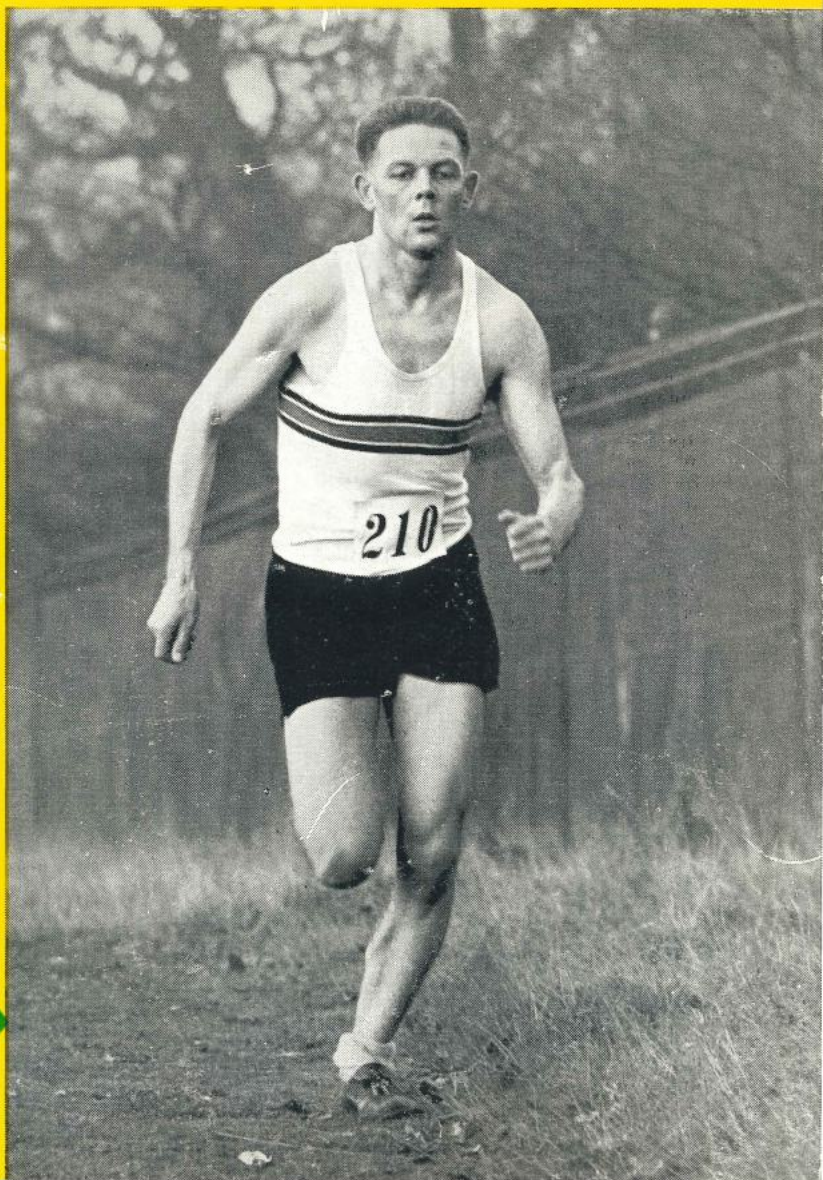
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Report and Results



League Races



Walking Best
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Cover Photo by Mark Shearman:

John Snowden (Surrey A.C.) was an easy winner of the North Surrey League Race in Richmond Park.

BRITISH RUNNERS ABROAD

MEL BATTY achieved one of the finest victories of his career when he outpaced a strong field at Lille on January 5th. He dropped Michel Bernard (France) at 5km and his finish was much too strong for the Belgian, Eugene Allonsius. Result of this 9km cross-country race: 1, Batty (Eng) 28.00; 2, Allonsius (Bel) 28.09; 3, Martinage (Fr) 28.13; 4, Bernard (Fr) 28.26; 5, Farrington (Eng) 28.38; 6, Tulloh (Eng) 28.40; 7, Petit (Fr) 28.47; 8, Vandewatynne (Bel) 29.03 . . . 16, T. Smith (Eng) 30.08.

Elsewhere in France that day, at Chartres, Michel Jazy began his final season of top-class athletics on a winning note. Result of this 8km cross-country event: 1, Jazy (Fr) 25.33; 2, Aguilar (Sp) 25.34; 3, Fayolle (Fr) 25.36; 4, Fowler (Eng) 25.38; 5, Maroquin (Fr) 26.04; 6, Herriott (Eng) 26.06; 7, Vaillant (Fr) 26.20; 8, Hyman (Eng) 26.25; 9, Price (Eng) 26.29 . . . 12, Mimoun (Fr).

Britain's Don Taylor finished a creditable 5th in a field of about 450 in the classic Round the Houses race at Sao Paulo. The race, which heralds in the New Year, was won easily by Belgium's Rik Clerckx in 21:55.4. Taylor's time was 22:37.0. Taylor clocked 3:53.0 for 1,500m behind Clerckx (3:51.9) in a track race on January 3rd. Fuller details of these Brazilian events next week.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

Events this week-end include the Southern Indoor Championships at Stanmore; Mitcham "15"; Liverpool and Dist. Championships; Bingley Handicaps (and Northern Junior Women's Championship); Surrey Yth. and Jnr. Champs., at Wimbledon; League races: Hampshire at Bournemouth; N.W. London at Whetstone; Birmingham at Div. 1 Birchfield, Div. 2 Stourbridge and Div. 3 Solihull. The Southern Women's Inter-County race at Parliament Hill has 8 counties taking part, Devon and Sussex for the first time, and the two girls' events have more than 70 in each race.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Arthur E. Williams, President of the Welsh A.A.A., and Jack Oaten, Sports Organiser of B.B.C. Television Outside Broadcasts—better known to many as the former athletics correspondent of the London "Evening News"—were both awarded the M.B.E.

SAM FERRIS APPEAL FUND

The Fund has now reached a total of £527 3s. 8d. with more donations coming in as we go to press. Another list of donors will be included next week.

Bernard Baldwin, while appreciating the humour which prompted athletes and/or supporters to remove the large Nos Galan Emblem boards from his car, would like them returned as they represent a good deal of hard work and he cannot easily replace them.

WORTHING & DISTRICT HARRIERS 3 MILES ROAD RACES

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

FOR BOYS AND YOUTHS

(Team and Individual)

SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1964

From Village Hall, Supting, Worthing
BOYS (14/15 on 1.10.63) at 3.0 p.m.
YOUTHS (16/17 on 1.10.63) at 3.30 p.m.

Entry Fees in each event: Team (any number to run, 4 to score) 5/-; Individual 1/-; Entries to H. G. Divall, 1 Slindon Close, Worthing, Sussex, by 20th January, 1964, on A.A.A. forms.

SUTTON HARRIERS & A.C. (St. Helens) 6th Annual

7 MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Saturday, 14th March, at 3 p.m.

From Club H.Q., Chester Lane, Marshalls Cross, St. Helens

AWARDS—Individuals valued £5, £3, £1.
1st Team 4 at £2, 2nd Team 4 at £1/10/0, 3rd Team 4 at £1.

Entry Fees: All runners must enter as individuals 2/6; Teams 5/-. Entries on A.A.A. forms to N. Ashcroft, 16 David's Avenue, Lane Ends, Warrington, by first post Monday, 3rd March.

FELTHAM ATHLETIC CLUB WINTER TRACK MEETING

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

Sunday, 2nd February, 1964

Glebe Land Arena, Feltham

NO ENTRY FEE—NO PRIZES

Men's 80, 330, 660 yds., 1½ Miles, 2,000m
S'chase. Junior: 80, 330, 660 Yds., 2,000m
S'chase. Youth: 80, 330, 660 Yds., 1,000m
S'chase. Ladies: 80, 330 Yds. Junior
Ladies: 80, 150 Yds.

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EVERY SATURDAY — ONE SHILLING

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

ON another page will be found a reply to the many criticisms of the changes in age group qualifying dates made at the Annual Council Meeting of the English Schools' Athletic Association, by the Hon. Secretary of the E.S.A.A.

Many representatives of the schools consider that when any important changes are contemplated, notice of such changes should be given at one Annual Council Meeting to enable everyone concerned to consider them fully so that county delegates have a proper mandate from their members at the next annual meeting. This was why I referred to the annoyance caused to so many by the way the whole thing was done.

Through lack of organisation or apathy somewhere—and I don't propose to suggest where—the fact remains that a vast number of schools representatives knew nothing of the changes until they saw them in print, and it would seem that a very large number are very strongly against the changes.

My point, and I repeat it again, is that the A.A.A. and E.S.A.A. should not be so "out of step." As one interested party told me last week-end, "it gives the impression that the E.S.A.A. don't give two hoots for the A.A.A., and that the A.A.A. don't give two hoots for the E.S.A.A." In between, the lads and lassies both should be considering are the ones who suffer most.

I am told, rightly or wrongly, that one of the main reasons for the changes is consideration for those boys who are staying on for a fifth year at secondary modern schools. I should have thought that the older boys were well catered for by club athletics, for few boys of that age, if they are promising athletes, do not belong to a club. I cannot help feeling that there is still room for improvement in the attitude of some teachers to clubs. Some still dislike their charges joining a club and will not recognise the fact that in their last years at school there should be a transition period in which the boy or girl is integrated into club life. There are still many who actually try to forbid the young athletes from joining a club—and have no interest whatever in them once they leave school. With the rising school leaving age this may well be creating a fresh problem, for liaison between school and club will be even more important in the future.

I may be wrong, but from the discussions I have had with numerous teachers it seems there is a division between those who are connected with school and club athletics, and those interested in school athletics only.

Mr. Foyston, in his letter, states that no progress has been made with the A.A.A. since 1960. What has happened to the Schools Consultative Committee in that time? I know that Arthur Wignall has not been well and had to give up his duties, but that cannot be used as a valid reason for the lack of co-operation between the E.S.A.A. and the A.A.A. The two bodies should "get with it"—and quickly.

THE EDITOR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Views expressed in readers' letters are not necessarily those of the Editor or the publishers

UP TO SCOTTISH A.A.A.

Dear Sir,

Although reluctant to trouble your columns again, I feel that your Scottish correspondent, Mr. Gordon Brown, might find it helpful to consider the constitutional position governing the actions of the British Board in connection with the clash of fixtures which has led to the cancellation of the Edinburgh Highland Games.

By its constitution, the British Board is specifically prohibited from acting in the purely domestic field—it is only concerned with International Competition. Although I feel that Mr. Crump has made it clear that the Board would like to have helped if it could, under the present rules it has no responsibility whatever for competitions in Scotland and it would be acting improperly if it allowed International Matches to suffer financially in order to help the Edinburgh H.G., which under the rules counts as a purely domestic competition.

Further, the Board has no responsibility for or control over arrangements for English Athletes to compete in Scotland. This is a matter for the English Team Manager acting on an invitation via the Secretary of the Scottish A.A.A. This again, is a purely domestic matter beyond the competence of the British Board.

Athletes in Scotland may feel that this is unsatisfactory, and that some central body should exist to evolve an overall policy for the U.K. to ensure that disasters of this kind do not occur. But it is only fair to say that Scottish officials have so far made it plain that they prefer to maintain their present total autonomy rather than sacrifice some powers to a U.K. governing body. In England there is a fair amount of support for such a Governing Body, but it can only come into existence with the willing support of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

It would be very interesting to read the views of Scottish and Northern Irish athletes and officials on this question, as the matter has been much debated down South!

Yours sincerely,

Derek J. Cole.

OFF TO THE SUN

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a donation towards the Sam Ferris Appeal Fund.

I only had the pleasure of meeting him a few times, but he was always so friendly. The

first time I met him was when he drove me to Euston station so that I could catch my train straight after the Wigmore "15." I only found out who he was when I asked him.

I should like to take this opportunity to say cheerio to all my many friends in athletics, as I shall be sailing to Australia on Monday, December 30th. It has been great fun running with them all and I only hope I'll make as many good pals in Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Fred Howe

Blackpool and Fylde, A.C.

THE KNOCKERS

Dear Sir,

I have just read in the sports columns of one of our National papers an item comparing our male athletes unfavourably with the great Dot Hyman and suggesting they should take a leaf from her training book.

So with the approach of Olympic year the sports writers of the National Press are "taking a grip on their cudgels and flexing their biceps" preparatory to the commencement of the "knocking season."

This phenomena becomes apparent every four years, with slightly lesser manifestations at the approach of such events as the Empire Games and the European Championships. During the interim period, judging by the amount of space and time devoted by the Press and T.V., one might be excused for assuming that athletes and athletics have a close season.

As the Olympics become more imminent these "knowledgeable" gentlemen will start to forecast the number of gold medals that they expect our athletes to bring back and of course, if the athletes they nominate do anything less than win, they will most certainly be written off by them as complete and utter failures.

I feel it is a great pity that these gentry cannot show more interest in one of the few truly amateur sports that are left by being a little more constructive in their criticism instead of "knocking" a fine body of sportsmen and women who, often at financial loss to themselves, represent their country and run, throw and jump their guts out to bring honour to it. Gentlemen of the Press, may I suggest a New Year resolution—less carping criticism and more encouragement for our boys and girls.

Yours faithfully,

W. T. Bartlett,
Stevenage.

HELP FOR PROMOTERS

Dear Mr. Editor,

Replies to the British Milers' Club circular to members asking how they would improve British Miling, have shown a majority view that this can be achieved by Clubs staging more graded mile races.

It is said that races are either too fast or too slow. May I appeal to all sponsors of club and trophy meetings, to include a number of graded mile races in their fixtures during 1964.

The need is for races for Seniors between the times of 4 mins. 15 secs. and 4 mins. 20 secs.; for Juniors between 4 mins. 25 secs. and 4 mins. 30 secs.; for Youths between 4 mins. 35 secs. to 4 mins. 40 secs.

The British Milers' Club have a number of members with sub 4 minute 4 second performances to their credit who would be willing to act as "hares" for special occasions, going through three-quarters of a mile in three mins. and under. If sponsors of meetings would care to get in touch with the B.M.C. during 1964 we will arrange for suitable runners to attend their meetings.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. Horwill.

ANOTHER SNUB TO WELSH FANS

Dear Sir,

After ten years of trying by the Welsh Area Race Walking Association to get a British Road Walking Championship held in Cardiff, we succeeded in September, 1963, at the A.G.M. held in London in getting the 10 Miles British Championship allocated to Wales.

The Welsh Committee met the next week to make plans for this race to be a success. We met the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Councillors who promised a Civic Reception for the officials before the race, and a Banquet for walkers and officials after the race for the presentation of awards.

Up to December we had received the sum of £30 in donations to cover the cost of the race. Unfortunately the date laid down, March 21st, clashed with the Rugby International, Wales v. France, at Cardiff the same day, and the Chief of Police requested a change of date.

At the meeting held in London in December we appealed to the R.W.A. and asked if the race could take place on March 14th. This went to a vote and with the strength of the Southern Area against us, we lost and the race was taken away from Wales.

We have had to return all donations and apologise to the City Council for the trouble they have gone to for nothing. This event could have done a power of good for Walking in Wales, but it seems as if a lot of people think of Cardiff only as a place of coal mines, etc., and do not want to come here as officials.

Mr. W. Bell, President of the R.W.A. 1963, came to Cardiff last August to officiate at our 20 Kilo. race and stated at the A.G.M. how pleased he was that he made the trip and would be only to pleased to come again. This is the second snub to Welsh walkers this year. In September a Welsh walker, V. Thomas, was selected for the Lugano Trophy Competition and after finishing 4th in the Zone race was left out of the team for the Final race for no satisfactory reason. Now we have Thomas finished with walking because of this treatment and gone over to running. Through the loss of this race all Welsh officials and walkers are very disappointed and have lost a lot of faith in the Race Walking Association.

Yours sincerely,

M. Bingham,

Past President, Welsh Area R.W.A.

R.W.A. Secretary Lionel Woodcock says:

It is a great tragedy that the Welsh R.W.A. did not first think about the Rugby International in Cardiff before getting involved with organisation. This regrettable state of affairs need never have happened. Obviously the decision of the R.W.A. General Committee must have been a disappointment to them, but it is hoped to allocate a National Championship to Wales another year.

SCHOOLS & AGE GROUPS

Dear Sir,

I was not surprised to read that you had received a large number of letters concerning the E.S.A.A. age groups. I hope the controversy will continue. In this way, perhaps, a little more thought will be given to the vital matter of groupings and implements in junior athletics.

There are three aspects of the matter which require further study.

First, as you point out in your editorial, it is quite ridiculous (scandalous?) that unilateral action should be taken by the E.S.A.A. The A.A.A. and the Schools must, through the A.A.A. Schools' Consultative Committee, reach agreement and common rules must be adopted. Some good preliminary work has already been done by Cdr. Sinfield and his committee, but where are the results? It is some months now since my own report, for the Notts A.A.A. went to the M.C.A.A.A., but one looks in vain for action. Incidentally, at the English Schools' A.G.M. in November, there was remarkably little comment made on the fact that the new rules would be at such great variance with those of the A.A.A.

Secondly, much more thought must be given to implements and distances before, not after, the age groups are decided. It is nonsense to do what the E.S.A.A. have done: fix the ages, then think about the implements. The two

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Leaders at the head of the field after a quarter of a mile in the Hog's Back Road Race, with Mick Price (Bristol) making the pace.

Bottom of page—Runners around 80th to 120th positions at the same spot, with Martin Hyman and one of the Cooke brothers on the right.

Photographs by Ed Lacey

BELGRAVE H. PAARLAUF, December 25th

Belgrave Harriers' Christmas Day Paarlauf was held in wet and windy weather and won by D. Harvey and M. Burton (Mitcham) with 6m.937yds., only 157 yards short of the record. D. Duggan and J. Halliday (Hercules) were second with 6m.869y., and R. Lovegrove and M. Kortenray (Wimbledon) third with 6m.698y. Twenty-one pairs competed.

M. Smith of 92 Chiltern Road, Baldock, Herts. has several years supply of "Athletics Weekly," 2-3 years back, and would be pleased to pass on to first caller or writer.

In the results of the Hog's Back published last week, the club of the 39th, 43rd and 49th individuals and the 11th team should have read Thames Hare and Hounds, not T.V.H.



UXBRIDGE CHRISTMAS MORNING 3½ MILES ROAD RACE

Two pleasant surprises awaited the 32 runners who turned up for the annual Uxbridge A.C. road race on Christmas morning. Firstly the club president, Sam Ferris, arrived in good time to ride around the course and back to the finish to watch the runners check in; and secondly the race was the best ever and provided a personal triumph for the young Birchfield Harrier R. Mack, who knocked 13 seconds off the previous record held by John Card (TVH).

Senior Race: 1, R. Franklin (Tipton) 16.30; 2, J. Card (TVH) 16.40; 3, B. Middleton (TVH) 16.45; 4, M. Hamlin (Feltham) 17.00; 5, T. Rogerson (Uxbridge) 17.14; 6, C. Beckwith (Hayes and H) 17.49; 7, J. Godfrey (TVH) 17.55.

Junior Race: 1, R. Mack (Birchfield) 15.55; 2, R. Beecroft (Ruislip) 16.10; 3, T. Magee (Southall) 16.45; 4, L. Whitehead (Hayes) 16.55; 5, C. Kinghorn (Feltham) 17.10; 6, D. Heaslewood (Hayes) 17.15; 7, I. Binks (Ruislip) 17.20; 8, S. Hodgson (Ruis) 17.37; 9, J. Lovelace (TVH) 17.45; 10, J. Francis (Southall) 17.56.

COACHING COURSES

Herts. A.A.A., in conjunction with the Herts. L.E.A., are holding Lectures for prospective Coaches on Friday evenings during January and February, commencing 7 p.m. The first will be on January 17th at the Cavendish School, Warners End Road, Hemel Hempstead, when John Le Masurier will take "The Shot" and Harry Wilson "Long Distance". The lectures will be held simultaneously in different rooms, will usually have athletes and/or films to demonstrate, and last approx. 2 hours. Further details of other lectures from H. Wilson, 4 The Links, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. Lecturers include National coaches, John Le Masurier and Tom McNab, Dennis Cullum, John Disley, Robbie Brightwell, Fred Housden, Gordon Pirie, Rex Porter, John Salisbury, Bert Lockwood and Albert Mack.

SHOT CIRCLE

The Shot Circle will be holding another Coaching week-end from May 1/3. Details from G. E. Smith, 203 Gilbert Road, Cambridge, who also has a few copies of the Circle's first magazine, a very worthwhile effort, available at 1/3d. post free.

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Because of a further rise in printing costs, due to an increase of wages in the printing industry last week, we have been obliged to increase our advertising rates which, so far as athletic events are concerned, have not altered for the past 15 years. The rate for advertising these events has been kept as low as possible, however, and will be only half the normal advertising rate. Rates for 1964 are as follows:—

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League Races

N.W. LONDON C.C. LEAGUE

At New Barnet, December 21st

Youths

1. Street (Hampstead H)	15.25
2. Bryant (Welwyn A.C.)	15.48
3. Millman (Welwyn A.C.)	15.51
4. Blackburn (Shaftesbury) 15.53; 5. Spicer (Shaftes) 15.58; 6. Taylor (Barnet) 16.13; 7. Wheatley (Bar) 16.25; 8. D. M. Reed (Bar) 16.53; 9. Whittall (Shaftes) 16.54; 10. Huxley (Shaftes) 17.16; 11. Parker (Shaftes) 17.16; 12. Whittlesea (Wel) 17.58; 13. D. Reed (Bar) 18.40; 14. Linches (Shaftes) 18.45; 15. Terry (Bar) 20.16.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Welwyn A.C. (2, 3, 12)	17
2. Shaftesbury H. (4, 5, 9)	18
3. Barnet A.C. (6, 7, 8)	21

Boys

1. Waldock (Welwyn A.C.)	15.39
2. O'Brien (Hampstead H)	15.58
3. Nuckey (Barnet A.C.)	15.59
4. Cummings (Highgate) 16.21; 5. Tyldersley (Bar) 16.36; 6. Robinson (Wel) 16.41; 7. Knowles (Wel) 16.48; 8. de Sylva (Shaftes) 17.12; 9. Currell (Bar) 17.47; 10. Smith (Wel) 18.23.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Welwyn A.C. (1, 6, 7)	14
2. Barnet A.C. (3, 5, 9)	17
3. Hampstead H. (2, 14, 15)	31

S.E. ESSEX LEAGUE

At Grays, December 28th

1. M. Batty (Thurrock H)	29.06
2. R. Chillingworth (Colchester)	30.21
3. E. Floodgate (Essex Beagles)	30.57
4. F. Lowes (Hadleigh O) 31.07; 5. T. Dradey (Hornchurch) 31.35; 6. J. Catto (Thurr) 31.48; 7. J. Rooke (Ex. B) 32.10; 8. T. Pailthorpe (Horn) 32.19; 9. G. Knight (Ex. B) 32.36; 10. T. Collins (Ex. B) 32.36.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Essex Beagles	199
2. Thurrock H.	196
3. Hornchurch H.	189
4. Hadleigh O 135; 5. Romford 112; 6. Colchester 108; 7. Basildon 99; 8. Southend 93; 9. Chelmsford 77; 10. Brentford 66.	

Youths

1. Young (Hornchurch)	15.30
2. Richardson (Romford)	15.48
3. Rogers (Essex Beagles)	15.57
4. Day (Horn) 16.00; 5. Frayne (Rom) 16.44; 6. Francis (Rom) 16.52.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Romford A.C.	143
2. Hornchurch H.	141
3. Hadleigh O.	101

4. Essex Beagles 96; 5. Thurrock 82; 6. Chelmsford 81; 7. Southend 61.

Women

1. Gardner (Chelmsford)	15.58
2. Oxtan (Hornchurch)	17.21
3. Rayburn (Chelms)	19.13
4. Long (Horn)	19.37

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

At Lancaster, December 28th

1. P. Hall (Barrow A.C.)	31.27
2. F. Reeves (Barrow A.C.)	31.54
3. B. Gill (Barrow A.C.)	32.45
4. D. Spencer (Bar) 33.42; 5. J. Hannan (Bar) 34.01; 6. M. Smith (Lunesdale) 34.10; 7. D. Large (Bar) 34.39; 8. C. Huck (Lunes) 34.46; 9. M. Nicholson (Kendal) 35.10; 10. J. Gardner (Ken) 35.25; 11. R. Lewney (Bar) 35.27; 12. T. Sawford (I and M) 35.54; 13. G. Till (Lunes) 37.01; 14. R. Harrop (Ken) 37.07; 15. B. Parsons (Ken) 37.19; 16. M. Logan (Bar) 38.44; 17. D. Stainton (Ken) 39.01; 18. D. Lyth (Lunes) 39.05; 19. C. Horner (Ken) 39.14; 20. I. Craig (Lunes) 39.40.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Barrow A.C. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)	22
2. Kendal A.C. (9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19)	84
3. Lunesdale and P (6, 8, 13, 18, 20, 22)	87

Boys

1. B. Cleasby (Kendal AC)	
2. A. Gawith (Kendal AC)	
3. N. Taylor (Lunesdale)	
4. B. Watson (Lunes); 5. G. Hartley (Skerton Sch); 6. J. Gardner (Ken); 7. C. Ellison (Skerton); 8. K. Tattersall (Sker); 9. D. Yare (Ken); 10. W. Kitchen (Ken).	

Teams:	Pts.
1. Kendal A.C. (1, 2, 6)	9
2. Lunesdale and Primrose (3, 4, 11)	18
3. Skerton Sch. (5, 7, 8)	20

B.A.U. STATEMENT

Last week the B.A.U. Committee put out the following statement: 1. They will not accept responsibility for statements other than those made by the Hon. Secretary acting as the official spokesman. 2. It is the B.A. Union's aim to bring about the formation of a British A.A.A. of the right sort. If the clubs under the jurisdiction of the A.A.A. wish to put forward candidates for office, it is up to B.A.U. members to support the one they think most suitable and most likely to further the aims of the Union.

COACHING CONFERENCE

Herts. A.A.A. are holding a Coaching Conference between 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 26th at the Gosling Stadium, Welwyn, and invite anyone interested in coaching to attend. Main topics: Coaching in clubs and schools, and future plans in Hertfordshire.

Race Walking

by L. W. Woodcock

MIDLAND Winter League: The Midland Winter League has just completed its fixtures for this season. Leicester Walking Club have won both the Senior and Junior sections. In the Senior events Leicester have no star performer this winter but their all-round strength gave them victory. They do, however, have several promising Juniors who should assist them to continue at the top in the years ahead.

Blind Walkers: For many years past Race Walking has been a means of providing exercise and competition to those who have unfortunately lost their sight. The St. Dunstan's Club have given every encouragement to this small band of walkers and special events have been promoted for them from time to time and they have been encouraged to join Clubs. The Clubs have been delighted to assist and have permitted them to take part in Club events. Members have volunteered to act as "guides" usually using tapes for this purpose. As this developed the blind walkers expressed a desire to compete in Open races and this happened on a few occasions. Unfortunately they present a difficulty. Those responsible for organisation and promotion have expressed their concern at having blind competitors in their fields, especially with the worsening traffic conditions of to-day. Others feel that by having guides the position conflicts with the AAA rule on "Assistance in a Race." The matter has been seriously considered by the R.W.A. on several occasions and it has been felt the right thing to do to not accept their entries. The small band of willing helpers who look after our blind walkers disagree strongly with this decision, but it is a controversial problem. Blind walkers will have universal sympathy but we do have a duty to look after their safety on the roads and a lead must be given to the Clubs concerned.

Appointment of a RWA Asst. Championships Secretary: Because of the increasing amount of work undertaken by our Championships Secretary the RWA Committee have decided that the time has arrived to appoint an Asst. Championships Secretary. The first such appointment has gone to Jack Hadley, the popular Hon. Secretary of the Metropolitan Walking Club, who will now combine this work with that of Standards Secretary.

To-day's Event: The big event in the South is the Metropolitan Police A.A. Annual Open 7 Miles at Imber Court, Thames Ditton. There is an entry of 171 which includes Internationals Ken Matthews, John Edgington, George Chaplin and Ronnie Wallwork from the provinces and all the leading Southern walkers.

R.W.A. Midland Winter League 7 Miles, Leicester. 1, K. Matthews (R. Sutton Coldfield) 49.02; 2, J. Edgington (Coventry Godiva) 51.56; 3, G. Chalin (Cov) 53.00; 4, P. Stapleford (Leics) 53.25; 5, M. Blyth (Leics) 53.28; 6, K. Abolins (R. Sutton) 54.39. Teams: 1, Leicester W.C. 25 pts.; 2, Coventry Godiva 25; 3, R. Sutton Coldfield 46. Series Result: 1, Leicester; 2, R. Sutton; 3, Coventry; 4, Birmingham.

R.W.A. Midland Winter League (Juniors). 1, G. Toone (Leicester) 23.21; 2, B. Norton (Leics) 25.10; 3, R. Hughes (Smethwick) 25.10; 4, P. Lockley (Bir) 25.45; 5, R. Care (Smethwick) 25.52; 6, R. Regan (Cov) 25.56. Teams: 1, Leicester 11 pts.; 2, Smethwick 23; 3, Birmingham 25. Series Result: 1, Leicester; 2, Coventry Godiva; 3, Smethwick; 4, Birmingham; 5, Selly Oak.

Vickers-Armstrong (Weybridge) S. & A.C. have changed their name to British Aircraft Corporation (Weybridge) Sports Club.



Paul Nihill (Surrey W.C.) finishing first in the match between Surrey W.C., Belgrave H. and Metropolitan Police at Wimbledon.

Ron Linstead

SALE WIN T.V.H. BOYS' CUP, December 28th

CLUB President Ernie Simmons presented a shining new Thames Valley Harriers Boys' Cup to a happy Sale team, though they did not have the race all their own way this year and had to wait until 6th place for their first scorer. But with all their scorers in the first 11, they came out winners with 35 pts. to Brighton's 46. The promoting club took third place again with 102.

The race itself was a walkover for Simmons of Luton, who took the lead from Gordon Minty (T.V.H.) after $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and was never challenged. Some 800 yards from home Minty was caught by Michael Brook, of Welwyn, who took second place.

The Under-14 race was a 1-2-3 success for T.V.H. with Philip Tucker, John Reith and Anthony Pretty taking the lead after half a mile and holding it to the end, when they finished in that order. Needless to say, they also won the team race with 17 pts. to Sale's 29, with Swindon third.

14-16

1. A. Simmons (Luton)	9.27
2. M. Brook (Harpendon)	9.40
3. G. Minty (TVH)	9.42
4. J. Stephenson (Brighton) 9.44; 5. E. Bradbrook (Guildford) 9.46; 6. R. Watson (Sale) 9.46; 7. J. Bednarski (Swindon) 9.49; 8. D. Duffy (Sale) 9.52; 9. O. Welch (B'ton) 9.56; 10. T. Lannergen (Sale) 9.56; 11. J. Mansell (Sale) 9.59; 12. R. Taylor (Crown) 10.02; 13. K. Wooderson (Aldershot) 10.05; 14. T. Dean (Sale) 10.07; 15. R. Smith (Crown) 10.08; 16. R. Cairns (B'ton) 10.08; 17. F. Carr (B'ton) 10.08; 18. Walters (Swindon) 10.11; 19. A. Kerr (Luton) 10.13; 20. A. Lay (Luton) 10.16; 21. B. Kerridge (Finchley) 10.17; 22. J. Richardson (Sale) 10.17; 23. C. Elford (TVH)	

10.21; 24. J. Yates (Windsor) 10.22; 25. M. Bodborough (Hayes) 10.22.

Teams:

1. Sale	(6, 8, 10, 11) 35
2. Brighton	(4, 9, 16, 17) 46
3. Thames Valley	(3, 23, 36, 40) 102
4. Crown and Manor 103; 5. Luton 107; 6. Swindon 111; 7. Aldershot 132; 8. Guildford and Godalming 163; 9. Brighton 'B' 170; 10. Hayes and Harlington 182; 11. Feltham 183; 12. Shaftesbury 196; 14. Blackheath 212; 14. Blackheath 305.	

12-14

1. P. Tucker (Thames Valley H)	10.05
2. S. Reith (Thames Valley)	10.29
3. A. Pretty (Thames Valley)	10.32
4. R. De Silva (Shaftesbury) 10.41; 5. D. Puttall (Sale) 10.44; 6. E. MacKenzie (Luton) 10.45; 7. M. Hawkins (Sale) 10.48; 8. L. Thompson (Sale) 10.54; 9. J. Ginty (Sale) 11.03; 10. M. Cox (Sale) 11.10; 11. G. Sivin-dells (TVH) 11.14; 12. G. Hallett (Finchley) 11.18; 13. P. Stapleton (Swindon) 11.29; 14. J. Kelly (B'ht) 11.34; 15. A. Bert (Belg) 11.44; 16. B. Singleton (Sale) 11.47; 17. G. Blawat (Swin) 11.51; 18. P. Toddington (Swin) 11.51; 19. N. Morley (B'ht) 11.52; 20. M. Aplin (Swin) 11.55.	

Teams:

1. Thames Valley H.	(1, 2, 3, 11) 17
2. Sale	(5, 7, 8, 9) 29
3. Swindon	(13, 17, 18, 20) 68
4. Finchley 90; 5. Belgrave 94.	

Redhill & Reigate A.C. are putting on winter track and field meetings for Surrey club athletes on February 15 and March 14. Details from J. A. Mellowdew, 4 Upland Way, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Surrey.



The winning T.V.H. team in the Thames Valley Harriers' Youths' race. L. to R.—A. Pretty 3rd, P. Tucker 1st and S. Reith 2nd.

Mike Peters

BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS 1963

Compiled by the National Union of Track Statisticians

Amendments will be gratefully received by Bob Sparks, 15 Mayfair Av., Worcester Park, Surrey

3,000 METRES

7:58.2	D. Taylor	13.9
8:03.8	B. Tulloh	11.9
8:04.6	B. Hall	13.9
8:05.4	J. Thresher	13.9
8:05.4	W. Kerr	13.9
8:07.0	J. Snowden	11.9
8:07.2	J. Ibbotson	5.8
8:07.4	D. Ibbotson	5.8
8:07.4	D. Cooke	13.9
8:09.8	A. Simpson	13.9
8:10.8	R. Fowler	13.9
8:11.2	P. Milner	13.9
8:11.8	R. Hill	2.7
8:12.4	A. Milner	13.9

2 MILES

8:37.2	B. Tulloh	11.9
8:41.8	J. Anderson	5.8
8:41.9	J. Snowden	11.9
8:43.2	D. Taylor	31.8
8:43.4	D. Ibbotson	5.8
8:44.0	M. Turner	5.8
8:44.6	W. Kerr	31.8
8:46.0	B. Heatley	5.8
8:46.3	B. Turner	25.5
8:46.7	B. Hall	11.9
8:47.2	E. Strong	3.6
8:47.8	M. Robinson	4.5
8:48.6	D. Graham	3.6
8:48.6	Geoff North	5.8
8:48.6	J. Thresher	31.8
8:48.8	M. Batty	5.8
8:49.4	A. Simpson	11.9
8:49.6	K. Stewart	5.8
8:50.4	J. Herring	27.7
8:51.0u	J. Hogan (RoI)	5.8
8:51.2	D. Gibson	31.8
8:51.4	A. Milner	28.7
8:52.8	Gerry North	22.5
8:53.2	L. Presland	27.6
8:55.0	R. Gomez	5.8
8:56.0	P. Milner	27.5
8:56.0	J. Cooke	5.8
8:56.4	W. Feast	29.6
8:55.6	R. Roseman	28.7
8:56.8	M. Neville (RoI)	29.6
8:57.0	M. Herriott	2.5
8:57.0	M. Gowan	27.5
8:58.0	W. Adcocks	14.5
8:58.0	A. Rogers	27.5
8:59.0	D. Harvey	5.8
8:59.8	B. Hill-Cottingham	14.5
9:00.0	B. Kilby	14.5
9:00.0	R. Roath	27.5
9:00.0	K. Wood	19.6

DECATHLON

6538	Z. Sumich (Aus)	9/10.8
5895	J. A. Jones	9/10.8
5875	D. Clarke	9/10.8

5871	J. Montgomery (Aus)	9/10.8
5788	B. Kettle	22/23.6
5513	N. Seale	7/8.6
5427	R. Walker	8/9.6
5338	J. Harmes	15/16.6
5321	D. Gaskin	21/22.9
5299	G. Beaton	9/10.8
5217	A. Tymms	17/18.5
5211	D. Rees	24/25.6
5134	A. Carter	24/25.6
5122	E. McQuat	8/9.6
4954	A. Munden	9/10.8
4819	I. Grant	9/10.8
4782	R. Glazsher	3/4.9
4776	T. Woods	17/18.5
4651	B. Sanderson	9/10.8
4558	H. Williams	3/4.9
4548	J. Lister	19/20.7
4543	R. Radley	10/11.5
4444	D. Williams	7/8.6
4382	C. Longe	3/4.9
4355	N. Foster	7/8.6
4242	W. Campbell	18/19.7
4198	R. Poole	21/22.9
4197	C. Brand	9/10.8
4182	J. Dixon	3/4.9
4150	C. Fielding	21/22.9
4117	W. Jones	10/11.5
4110	J. M. White	18/19.7

(List compiled by Andrew Huxtable).

2 MILES TRACK WALK

13:18.2	K. Matthews	13.7
13:39.0	P. Nihill	24.7
13:39.0	V. Thomas	31.7
13:57.8	R. Clark	11.9
14:00.0	J. Edgington	22.6
14:00.2	A. Thomson	5.8
14:09.4	C. Williams	3.6
14:12.0	P. Selby	3.7
14:22.8	J. Paddick	3.6
14:24.8	E. Hall	3.6
14:25.0	M. Higgins	15.5
14:25.8	D. Levy	31.7
14:26.0u	B. Hawkins	3.6
14:30.0	J. Godbeer	31.8
14:31.8	P. Stapleford	31.7
14:35.0	K. Easlea	10.7
14:37.0	J. Stancer	22.6
14:40.0	R. Middleton	3.7
14:40.4	K. Harding	22.6
14:40.6	J. Knifton	10.7

7 MILES TRACK WALK

49:52.8	K. Matthews	30.3
50:46.0	P. Nihill	21.9
51:50.0u	J. Edgington	21.9
52:40.0u	R. Hart	21.9
53:00.0u	R. Hалуza (USA)	21.9
53:15.0	V. Thomas	24.4

53:20.0	R. Middleton	24.4
53:50.0	J. Godbeer	30.3
53:50.0u	G. Chaplin	21.9
53:55.0	R. Wallwork	30.3
53:56.0	P. Selby	24.4
53:59.0	C. Williams	30.4
54:00.0u	P. Stapleford	21.9
54:10.0	D. Vale	24.4
54:40.0	A. Thomson	1.4
54:41.0	D. Thompson	1.4
54:49.4	J. Paddick	1.6
55:25.0	J. Knifton	6.5
55:29.0	R. Hall	6.5
55:33.0u	C. Young	1.6

20 KILOMETRES

1:30:10	K. Matthews	13.10
1:32:09	P. Nihill	6.4
1:34:49	V. Thomas	6.4
1:35:27	J. Edgington	13.10
1:36:46	J. Paddick	6.4
1:38:10	R. Middleton	6.4
1:39:07	D. Thompson	6.4
1:39:43	J. Godbeer	4.5
1:40:10	K. Easlea	23.3
1:40:47	C. Young	6.4
1:40:54	G. Brown	6.4
1:41:26	D. Vale	6.4
1:41:47	P. Selby	20.7
1:42:03	C. Fogg	6.4
1:42:19	R. Hart	3.4
1:42:27	G. Chaplin	6.4
1:42:31	R. Wallwork	23.3
1:42:39	M. Desmond	6.4
1:42:45	R. Selmes	6.4
1:43:03	B. Russell	6.4

50 KILOMETRES

4:16:43	R. Middleton	15.6
4:21:43	D. Thompson	15.6
4:22:52	C. Fogg	15.6
4:23:46	R. Wallwork	12.10
4:26:06	P. Nihill	15.6
4:28:44	K. Mason	15.6
4:33:49	D. Vale	15.6
4:34:07	R. Hall	15.6
4:35:20	C. Young	15.6
4:39:10	F. O'Reilly (RoI)	15.6
4:41:59	J. Stancer	15.6
4:42:50	G. Farley	15.6
4:43:50u	D. Read	7.9
4:46:06	N. Thompson	15.6
4:46:34	A. Staines	15.6
4:47:05u	K. Bailey	7.9
4:47:14	R. Selmes	15.6
4:47:17	R. Green	15.6
4:48:03	A. Johnson	3.6
4:49:22	K. Abolins	15.6

u unofficial timing
(Walking lists compiled by Colin Young).

World Record Evolution

Compiled by Peter Lovesey, Bob Sparks
and Melvyn Watman

4 MILES

21:41.0	R. C. Garnett (GB)	23.3.66
21:11.0	Walter Chinnery (GB)	20.6.68
20:38.0	James Scott (GB)	3.4.71
20:22.0	Walter Slade (GB)	26.4.75
19:49.6	Walter George (GB)	6.9.80
19:39.8	Walter George (GB)	17.5.84
19:33.8	E. C. Willers (GB)	10.6.93
19:28.6	George Crossland (GB)	7.4.96
19:23.4	Alf Shrubbs (GB)	14.6.04
19:15.6	Paavo Nurmi (Fin)	31.8.24
19:08.7	Paavo Nurmi (Fin)	9.24
19:02.6	Janusz Kusocinski (Pol)	32
(Event dropped from A.A.A. Championships in 1932)		
19:01.0	Volmari Iso-Hollo (Fin)	33
18:47.6	Viljo Heino (Fin)	47
18:45.2	Gordon Pirie (GB)	10.7.53
18:35.6	Gordon Pirie (GB)	3.10.53
18:22.6	Murray Halberg (NZ)	7.8.58
18:10.0	Ron Clarke (Aus)	18.12.63

ONE HOUR

11M 932y	Walter George (GB)	28.7.84
11M 1137y	Alf Shrubbs (GB)	5.11.04
11M 1442y	Jean Bouin (France)	6.7.13
11M 1648y	Paavo Nurmi (Fin)	7.10.28
12M 29y	Viljo Heino (Fin)	30.9.45
12M 269y	Emil Zatopek (CSR)	15.9.51
12M 810y	Emil Zatopek (CSR)	29.9.51
12M 960y	Bill Baillie (NZ)	24.8.63

DECATHLON

(Compiled by Andrew Huxtable)

Note: Scoring is per 1952 Tables. Only performances made over two consecutive days have been considered.

5531	A. Klumberg (Estonia)	16/17.9.22
(100m—12.3, LJ—21'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.59, SP—42'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/12.92, HJ—5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.75, 400m—55.0, 110mH—17.0, DT—130'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/39.64, PV—11'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/3.40, JT—204'1"/62.20, 1500m—5:11.3).		
6163	Harold Osborn (USA)	11/12.7.24
(11.2, 22'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.92, 37'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/11.43, 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.97, 53.2, 16.0, 113'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/34.51, 11'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/3.50, 153'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/46.69, 4:50.0).		
6244	Paavo Yrjola (Fin)	16/17.7.27
(11.7, 22'1"/6.73, 46'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.27, 6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.85, 52.8, 16.8, 133'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/40.76, 10'6"/3.20, 188'4"/57.40, 4:41.8).		
6246	Paavo Yrjola (Fin)	3/4.8.28
(11.8, 22'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.72, 46'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.11, 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.87,		

53.2, 16.6, 138'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/42.09, 10'10"/3.30, 182'9"/55.70, 4:44.0)	
6719 Akilles Jarvinen (Fin)	19/20.7.30 (11.1, 22'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.89, 43'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.14, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.80, 50.0, 15.4, 119'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/36.47, 11'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/3.60, 190'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/58.15, 4:54.2)
7135 Hans-Heinrich Sievert (Ger)	7/8.7.34 (11.1, 24'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.48, 50'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.31, 5'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.80, 52.2, 15.8, 154'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/47.23, 11'3"/3.43, 191'4"/58.32, 4:58.8)
7275 Glenn Morris (USA)	26/27.6.36 (10.7, 22'6"/6.86, 47'5"/14.45, 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.87, 50.7, 14.9, 141'5"/43.10, 11'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.45, 183'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/56.06, 4:48.1)
7310 Glenn Morris (USA)	7/8.8.36 (11.1, 22'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.97, 46'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.10, 6'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.85, 49.4, 14.9, 141'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/43.02, 11'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.50, 178'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/54.52, 4:33.2)
7444 Bob Mathias (USA)	29/30.6.50 (10.9, 23'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.09, 47'6"/14.48, 6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.85, 51.0, 14.7, 146'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/44.62, 13'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.98, 182'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/55.59, 5:05.1)
7825 Bob Mathias (USA)	1/2.7.52 (10.8, 23'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.15, 49'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.21, 6'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.89, 50.8, 14.6, 157'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/48.15, 12'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.75, 167'0"/50.90, 4:55.3)
7887 Bob Mathias (USA)	25/26.7.52 (10.9, 22'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6.98, 50'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/15.30, 6'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/1.90, 50.2, 14.7, 153'10"/46.89, 13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/4.00, 194'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/59.21, 4:50.8)
7985 Rafer Johnson (USA)	10/11.6.55 (10.5, 24'7"/7.49, 45'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/13.80, 6'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.85, 49.7, 14.5, 154'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/47.20, 12'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.87, 193'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/59.09, 5:01.5)
8014 Vasiliy Kuznyetsov (USSR)	17/18.5.58 (11.0, 23'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.30, 47'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.49, 5'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.75, 49.1, 14.5, 155'10"/47.50, 13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/4.00, 217'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/66.16, 4:50.0)
8302 Rafer Johnson (USA)	27/28.7.58 (10.6, 23'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.17, 48'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/14.69, 5'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.80, 48.2, 14.9, 160'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/49.06, 12'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/3.95, 238'2"/72.59, 5:05.0)
8357 Vasiliy Kuznyetsov (USSR)	16/17.5.59 (10.7, 24'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.35, 48'2"/14.68, 6'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.89, 49.2, 14.7, 163'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/49.94, 13'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/4.20, 213'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/65.06, 5:04.6)
8683 Rafer Johnson (USA)	8/9.7.60 (10.6, 24'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.55, 52'0"/15.85, 5'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ "/1.78, 48.6, 14.5, 170'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/51.98, 13'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/3.97, 233'3"/71.09, 5:09.9)
9196 Yang Chuan-kwang (For)	27/28.4.63 (10.7, 23'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.17, 43'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/13.22, 6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "/1.92, 47.7, 14.0, 134'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/40.99, 15'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/4.84, 235'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/71.75, 5:02.4)

(Starting next week: Women's World Record Evolution)

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PREDICTION

Arthur Lydiard predicts that John Davies will break Peter Snell's world mile record this season.

TOKYO MEDAL PROSPECTS

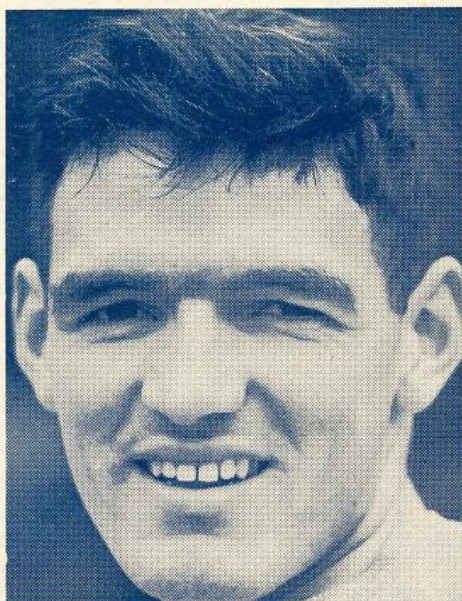
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HAL CONNOLLY

THE adjective 'great' is used too often in describing athletes, but one who truly merits that epithet is Harold Connolly. That Hal should have scaled the twin peaks of athletic endeavour—an Olympic title and a world record—is extraordinary in view of the way he has been plagued throughout his career by all sorts of physical setbacks, not least the permanent handicap of a withered left arm. He began hammer throwing in 1953 and two years later, after being taught the German style by some of its foremost exponents, exploded into world class. He set the first of his five world records in October 1956 and soon afterwards triumphed in Melbourne. His all-consuming target was to achieve 70 metres (229'8") and this he did in August 1960, but the following month an untimely injury deprived him of his Olympic title. At 32 he has probably yet to reach his ultimate and with his experience and temperament will be a very difficult man to beat in Tokyo. Born at Somerville, Mass., on August 1st, 1931, he is 6'0"/1.83 tall and tips the scales at 235lb/106kg. His current record is 231'10"/70.67.

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NOEL CARROLL

THE Emerald Isle's Olympic tradition almost measures up to its remarkable literary heritage, and Irish track fans are looking to Noel Carroll to emulate his distinguished predecessor at Villanova University, Ron Delany. Like Delany, Carroll reached international status as a half-miler at the age of 19 (he was born on December 7th, 1941). In 1961 he won the Irish 880y title, ran the third leg for the Irish team that set an European 4x880 record and wound up fifth (in 1:48.5!) in a sizzling half-mile at Santry won by Peter Snell in 1:47.2 inches ahead of George Kerr. Next year he slumped to 1:49.7 and was eliminated in the opening heat of the European 800m but in 1963 he enjoyed a fine season. Highlight was the European 880y record of 1:47.5; other top-notch performances included a 2:09.2 indoor 1,000y (European best), an impressive exhibition of power running in winning the AAA title and a victory over Bill Crothers. On the other hand, he failed to qualify for the AAU final. He is 6'2"/1.88, weighs 174lb/79kg, and should suffer less than most from the stress of fast heats and semis.

(Photos by Fionnbar Callanan)

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Who's Who in British Athletics

Martyn Lucking

Full name: Martyn Taylor Lucking. Born Leigh-on-Sea (Essex), 24.3.38; 6'3"/1.905, 217-231 lb/90-105kg; 43" chest; 60 pulse at rest; medical practitioner; Southend A.C.; coached by John Le Masurier; married; lives at Preston (until March).

First threw a shot at the age of 9! Competed mainly in long jump and high jump at prep school. Favourite event is shot. Best marks: SP—61'1½"/18.62 (1962), DT—150'11"/46.00 (1962). Annual progress with shot: 1947—23'0"/7.01 (4lb), 1951—44'0"/13.41 (6lb), 1954—47'11½"/14.62 (12lb), 1955—49'2"/14.99 (12lb), 1956—56'11½"/17.36 (12lb) and 47'4"/14.43 (16lb), 1957—54'0½"/16.48, 1958—54'1½"/16.50, 1959—55'4½"/16.87, 1960—57'6½"/17.55, 1961—58'5½"/17.82, 1962—61'1½"/18.62, 1963—57'7½"/17.57.

1957—first international. 1958—2nd Empire Games. 1960—8th Olympics. 1962—AAA indoor champion, 2nd (1st U.K. placer) AAA, 9th European, Empire champion (and 11th in discus). Competed for GB in 18 international matches, winning once, scoring 38 points out of 91.

Full most pleasing performance: "Every time I've achieved a personal best." Greatest disappointment: "No throw of 61'6" and four other throws over 59"—all no throws—August Bank Holiday 1963." Intends to compete "for as long as I have time to train properly." This year's target: "Consistent 61' plus, perhaps best of 63ft. (19.20)". All-time goal: "Who knows!"

What he likes most about athletics is "keeping physically fit and the self discipline." Dislikes "badly run meetings." View of administration: "Despite some obvious and frequently pointed out failures, I think we are very fortunate in the overall structure and policies of our administration. It is certainly better than many other countries."

Maxine Botley

Full name: Maxine Yvonne Botley. Born Gillingham (Kent), 16.6.41; 5'6"/1.68, 111 lb/50kg; 35-23-35; 68 pulse at rest (varies); secretary; Rainham, City of Rochester and Ruislip-Northwood Athletic Clubs; coached by Fred Housden; unmarried; lives at Rochester (Kent). Mother was once 2nd in English Schools hurdles championship.

Began seriously at 70y hurdles and high jump in 1953. Favourite events are 80m hurdles and 100m hurdles. Best marks: 100y

—11.3 (1961, 1963), 220y—25.9 (1962), 80m hurdles—11.3 and 11.2w (1963), 100mH—14.1 (1963), 200mH—29.0 (1961), HJ—4'10"/1.47 (1957). Annual hurdles progress: 1955—11.4 (70y), 1956—10.3 (70y), 1957—11.0 (80y), 1958—11.8 (80m), 1959—12.2 and 11.9w, 1960—11.7 and 11.5w, 1961—11.7, 1962—11.5, 1963—11.3 and 11.2w.

1957—English Schools and WAAA intermediate 80yH champion. 1963—first international. Competed twice in matches for GB, scoring 2 out of 10 points.

Performance that gave most pleasure was "reducing time to 11.3 at Leyton Floodlit (first meeting of 1963 season)". Greatest disappointment: "Injuring ankle week before 1963 National and missing chance of selection for internationals." Undecided as to how long she will compete. This year's target is "to be chosen for Tokyo"; all-time goal is 10.4 for 80mH. What she likes best in athletics is "meeting people"; dislikes "running on windy days." View of administration: "No cause for complaint."

Ron Gomez

Full name: Charles Ronald Gomez. Born Newington Green (London), 16.1.35; 5'9"/1.75, 142lb/64kg; 38" chest; 48 pulse at rest; sign-writer; Southgate Harriers and S.T.C., New Southgate; coached since 1960 by Johnny Hovell; married; lives at Whetstone (Middx), from next month at Winslow (Bucks).

Went for occasional cross-country runs after joining Royal Navy in 1953; arrived New Zealand 1958. "Ran in local race—competitors included Murray Halberg, Neville Scott, Peter Snell and Bill Baillie—over 3 miles. Finished 1½ laps behind and felt ashamed as Gordon Pirie was watching. Next to Australia. Saw Herb Elliott and Merv Lincoln performing. Got ideas then onwards and started proper training in 1960." Favourite events are 1-6 miles on track, particularly 2 miles. Best marks: 880y—1:58.2 (1963), 1M—4:12.7 (1963), 2M—8:55.0 (1963), 3M—13:46.0 (1963), 6M—27:59.4 (1963), 10,000m—29:44.6 (1963). Annual progress at 3M and 6M; 1960—14:29.8; 1961—14:24.2; 1962—13:52.0, 29:38.0; 1963—13:46.0, 27:59.4. Represented England in 1963.

Performance that gave most pleasure was winning 10,000m race in Berne last July. Greatest disappointment: "My performance in Norway, 10,000m 2nd in 29:44.6." Intends to compete "until my performances no longer improve." Targets are to make the Olympic team and to break the U.K. 6 miles record.

Most likes "the friendliness and self-sacrifice of athletes in training." Dislikes "racing in the cold of winter." View of administration: "No complaints. My personal experience of administration has been entirely favourable."

Mary Peters

Full name: Mary Elizabeth Peters. Born Halewood (near Liverpool), 6.7.39; 5'8"/1.73, 150lb/68kg; 38-28-38; domestic science teacher; Spartan Ladies A.C.; coached by R. T. McShane and Denis Watts; unmarried; lives in Belfast.

Became interested in athletics at school in 1955, encouraged by the school coach K. N. W. McClelland. Started at 100y, 220y, high jump and long jump. Favourite events now are pentathlon and hurdles. Best marks: 100y—11.2 (1963), 200m—25.5 (1963), 80mH—11.3 (1962), HJ—5'4"/1.63 (1961, 1962, 1963), LJ—18'8½"/5.70 (1963), SP—45'8½"/13.93 and 47'11"/14.60 indoors (1963), DT—121'0½"/36.89 (1962), Pen—4586 (1962). Annual progress at SP and Pentathlon: 1955—3253; 1956—33'10"/10.31, 3679; 1957—36'9"/11.20, 3913; 1958—39'0"/11.89, 3720; 1959—39'11½"/12.19, 3905; 1960—41'4½"/12.61; 1961—42'10½"/13.07, 3940; 1962—45'3"/13.79 and 46'0½"/14.03 (i), 4586; 1963—45'8½"/13.93 and 47'11"/14.60 (i), 4527.

1958—8th SP and 12th HJ at Empire Games (representing Northern Ireland). 1961—first international. 1962—WAAA Pentathlon champion, 5th Pentathlon and 12th SP at European Champs, 4th Empire Games SP. 1963—WAAA Pentathlon champion. Holder of U.K. indoor SP best performance. Represented GB at the shot in 11 matches, scoring 15 out of possible 55 points; has won two of her three Pentathlons in international matches.

Most pleasing performance was placing 5th in 1962 European Pentathlon. Greatest disappointment: "Failing to register a jump in the high jump, 1962, West Germany Pentathlon." Unsure how long she will compete. Target is "to make team for Tokyo in Pentathlon." What she likes best about athletics is "that it looks after one's health and physical well-being." Dislikes "petty attitudes."

Bob Frith

Full name: Robert Montague Frith. Born Whitton (Middx), 16.6.44; 5'9"/1.75, 144lb/65 kg; 36" chest; 80 pulse at rest; student; Polytechnic Harriers; coached since recently by John Le Masurier, previously self-coached; unmarried; lives at Twickenham (Middx).

Started at primary school (first events were high jump, long jump and 100y) "and was determined after my 4th year at grammar school, when they said I was useless because of my style, to show them they were wrong." Favourite events are 60y indoors and 100y.

Best marks: 50m (indoors)—5.5 (1963), 60y (indoors)—6.2 (1963). 100y—9.8 and 9.7w (1963), 100m—10.6 and 10.5w (1963), 220y—22.3 and 22.2w (1963). Annual progress at 100y and 100m: 1960—10.3; 1961—10.0; 1962—9.9, 11.1 m; 1963—9.8, 10.6m.

1962—English Schools 100y champion. 1963—English Schools and AAA junior 100y champion. Co-holder world best for indoor 50m, co-holder U.K. best for indoor 60y.

Performance that gave most pleasure: "Beating Piquemal and setting a world best for 50m." Greatest disappointment: "Injury in 1963 when I was just beginning to make the grade." Intends to compete "until my progress deteriorates." This year's target is to make the full British team. All-time aim: "To run faster than any other Briton has in the past over 100y and 100m."

Most likes "training and travelling"; dis- friends all over the world"; dislikes "warming up and training in cold weather."

Ernie Pomfret

Full name: Ernest Pomfret. Born Haswell (Co. Durham), 18.4.41; 5'10"/1.78, 144lb/65kg; 38" chest; 45 pulse at rest; soldier; Houghton Harriers and Army A.A.; first coach (until 1962) was Ron Bright, presently coached by Colin Andrews; married; one son (6 months); lives at Thornley (Co. Durham).

Became interested in athletics in 1960 through the Army. "I started by doing modern pentathlon. The coach I had for that (Ron Bright) suggested I should do athletics, so I did." Began at 3 miles and mile. Favourite event is 3,000m steeplechase. Best marks: 2M—9:03.0 (1963), 3M—13:53.2 (1963), 1,500 mST—4:13.0 (1963), 3,000mST—8:41.7 (1963). Annual steeplechase progress: 1961—9:28.2, 1962—8:54.0, 1963—8:41.7.

First international in 1963. Competed in 5 matches for GB, scoring 8 points out of 25 though never clocking slower than 8:50!

Most pleasing performance was winning the 1962 Northern Counties title. Greatest disappointment: "Not being selected for the Games in 1962." Intends to compete "till no one wants me to run for them." 1964 target is to reach the steeplechase final in Tokyo. All-time goal is to lower the world record.

Most likes "training and travelling"; dis- likes "the beginning of a race." A top class modern pentathlete—"I was asked to join a team to train for the 1964 Games but I turned it down to do athletics only."

KENYAN RECORD

Kiprop Koech, a 13'9"/4.20 pole vaulter, won the Kenyan decathlon title in Nairobi on November 16th/17th with the record score of 6,035 points.

NIEDER LOSES FIGHT

★ Olympic shot champion Bill Nieder has lost his campaign to be reinstated as an amateur. The National Registration Committee of the AAU gave Nieder, who presented his case personally, a standing ovation and unanimously recommended his reinstatement but the next day the AAU convention meeting rejected his petition. Nieder, who cannot appeal against the decision, was confident of recapturing the world record from Dallas Long.

★ Australians Ron Clarke and Tony Sneazwell are to compete in four American indoor meets: Los Angeles (February 8th), San Francisco (February 15th), New York City (February 22nd and 27th). Clarke is due to race in New Zealand at the end of January, whilst New Zealanders Bill Baillie and John Davies will run in the Australian Championships in Melbourne on March 21st/22nd. The N.Z. Championships are scheduled for February 28th/29th at Napier.

★ Another foreign competitor at U.S. indoor meets will be Belgium's Gaston Roelants, who on December 8th slammed Michel Bernard (France) by 250m in a cross-country race. Two weeks later Michel Jazy won one of France's premier cross-country events, with Bernard 4th. Jazy, who believes the 10,000m record can be reduced to around 27:30 in the next ten years, says he will take at least one crack at the distance next summer just out of curiosity. Robert Bogey, French record holder at the distance (28:48.2), recently underwent an Achilles tendon operation and will be unable to train until March.

★ Roelants scored further successes in Morocco over Christmas. He beat Buddy Edelen in Rabat's "Round the Houses" race on December 27th and next day, on the track, easily defeated compatriot Lee Laert and Edelen in an 8:16.6 3,000m.

★ Valeriy Brumel has been acclaimed, for the third year running, the world's leading sportsman by a poll of 46 sports editors in 20 countries. Brumel is aiming for 2.30m (7'6½") this year but thinks that because of the terrific tension a jump of between 2.18 (7'1¼") and 2.20 (7'2½") will be sufficient for victory in Tokyo. Meanwhile a possible successor to Brumel is shaping in the person of Vitaliy Paltzatov, who jumped 6'5½"/1.97 at Baku in November . . . at the age of 15!

★ A small American team comprising Cary Weisiger, Russ Rogers and Ralph Bostor, will be touring New Zealand later in the month. It is anticipated that Weisiger (best mile of 3:56.6) will renew rivalry with Peter Snell.

★ The Germans have agreed to send a com-

bined team to Tokyo. As in 1960 all-German trials will be held in two parts: in West Berlin on August 22nd/23rd and in Rostock on August 29th/30th. Trouble with Korea, though. After South Korea refused to join forces with North Korea, the International Olympic Committee set a precedent by allowing two separate teams. Now South Korea has threatened to withdraw altogether if North Korea is allowed—as is guaranteed by the I.O.C.—its own flag and anthem. Just to complicate matters, North Korea may yet be disqualified for taking part in the GANEFO meet in Djakarta and if North Korea does become the sole Olympic representative of that split nation the estimated 600,000 Koreans living in Tokyo might take offence. It is to be hoped that Sin Kim Dan, barred from the 1960 Games, will not again be the victim of politics.

★ First step towards a full-scale European Junior Championships is an international meet for under-twenties in Warsaw, September 17th-20th. All European countries are being invited to send teams, the age qualification being birth in 1945 or later. Events will be: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 1500mST, 110H, 400H, 4x100m, 1000m medley and the eight field events. There will also be a comprehensive programme of events for girls.

★ Leonid Khomenkov (USSR) succeeds the late Bruno Zauli as president of the IAAF European Committee.

★ Co-incidence department: Winner of a recent international gymnastics competition in Bucharest was a young Russian by the name of Vladimir Kuts . . . Forthcoming attraction at London's National Film Theatre—a picture called "The Bank Dick" (starring W. C. Fields).

★ Certainly no Olympic apathy among the Japanese. A national lottery for the 60,500 Opening and Closing Ceremony tickets earmarked for the Japanese is being held on January 21st. Why a lottery? Because 3,652,529 applications were received!

★ Two more outstanding U.S. athletes have signed professional football contracts before reaching their peak as track and field stars—Mel Renfro (22), a 25'11¼"/7.91 long jumper and 14.0 high hurdler, and Paul Warfield (21), a 26'0"/7.92 jumper.

★ Still going strong at 84, 1908 Olympic gold medalist Joe Deakin placed 8th in the Surrey A.C. 5 miles cross-country handicap at Kingston on December 21st. Starting off 2½ miles, Joe covered his 2½ miles in 27:23.

★ Sprinter Jerzy Juskowiak (10.3 100m) and javelin thrower Wladyslaw Nikiciuk (bronze

medallist at Belgrade) have been suspended for six and ten months respectively by the Polish Federation.

★ Empire champion Ghulam Raziq (Pakistan) set a Commonwealth 110m hurdles record of 13.9 at Rawalpindi last month.

★ A triangular match between the Commonwealth, United States and Japan has been arranged for October 25th at Osaka. The men's events are 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x800m, 5,000m, 3,000mST, 110mH, 400mH, 15km walk and eight field events on an aggregate basis. A women's match will be held in conjunction.

★ Former British international miler Ian Boyd, now living in New Zealand, has been appointed a member of the NZAAA Management Committee. Adrian Metcalfe has been elected to the AAA General Committee as the British Universities Sports Federation representative.

★ Michael Hauck, who won the English Schools 440y title in the record time of 48.4 last summer, is a freshman at Harvard University.

★ Max Truex (28), U.S.A. 10,000m record holder at 28:50.2, and Eddie Southern (26), silver medallist in the Melbourne 400mH, have announced their retirement.

★ Pentti Nikula's vault of 16'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/5.01 last June will not be ratified as an European record, and the mark has been removed from best performer lists, as the pegs were taped because of the windy conditions. The Finn's genuine best is 16'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/5.00, still the best by an European.

★ Clarence Treat (26), who in 1959 ran the high hurdles in 14.0, is a lead singer with the famed New Christy Minstrels.

★ We have already reported the 2 mile clockings of Rex Maddaford (NZ), 9:09.3 at 16 years of age, and Jim Ryun (USA), 9:11.5 also at 16. Now we have word, courtesy of "Track and Field News," of a high school race at Woodside, Calif., on December 7th. Leading all the way through laps of 60.0 (28.0 first 220!), 70.6, 71.8, 72.1, 71.9, 71.9, 69.7 and 61.8, Mike Ryan (16) ran 9:09.8—followed closely by 15-year-old Mexican-American Ralph Gamez, who clocked 9:13.2! Previous best by a boy of 15 was Gamez' 9:20.8 the previous month. Equally remarkable is a time of 10:09.0 by another American youngster, Ross Cardinali . . . aged THIRTEEN.

★ Still on the subject of precocity, here is a name to remember: Jo Lowrey. Only nine years old and standing about four foot nothing, Jo clocked 2:52.8 in an 880y track race in California last year, and on another occasion ran 1,500m in a road race in 5:33—under six minute miling pace! Oh, I almost forgot to mention that Jo is a girl.

★ J. Brown, who ran the opening leg of the 4x880y relay in 1:54.0 for Cambridge against Oxford in November, is the son of the great A. G. K. Brown, gold (4x400m) and silver (400m) medallist at the 1936 Olympics.

★ Peter Keeling is planning to spend seven weeks in California in May and June in order to compete in all the big invitation meets. He hopes the outcome will be possession of the U.K.mile record, currently held by Derek Ibbotson at 3:57.2.

★ Remember Janis Stendzenieks, of Lincoln Wellington A.C.? A displaced person from Latvia, he was AAA javelin champion in 1947 and 1948 but, without a country to represent, was a heartbroken spectator at Wembley when Finland's Tapio Rautavaara won the Olympic title with a throw well below Janis' best. We learn that he is still competing at the age of 50; recently he threw 183'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/55.91 in Chile.

★ Gardner Spooner, a 76-year-old American, completed a 10 miles road race in November in 1:55.11.

★ Have you noticed the similarities between the world's foremost hammer specialist, Hal Connolly and Britain's best Howard Payne? Both are married to discus throwers, both are fathers of twins, both were born in 1931, both have complex international ties: Hal, an American, is married to a Czech and currently is teaching English in Finland; Howard was born in South Africa, represented Rhodesia in the 1958 Empire Games, is married to a Scot and lectures in England. Unfortunately, the similarity does not extend to actual performances!

Melvyn Watman

SOUTH AFRICAN RECORDS

December 4th, Johannesburg. 200m: Jefferys 20.9; 880y: Meintjies 1:52.5; 10,000m: van Antwerpen 30:18.0 (rec); women's 880y: Anne McKenzie (38!) 2:16.5 (rec).

December 4th, Cape Town. 5,000m: Olivier 14:26.0 (rec; passed 3M in 13:58.0).

December 7th, Germiston. 100y: Kloppe 9.7; 220y: Jefferys 21.1.

December 13th, Johannesburg. 3M: Minnaar 14:04.2, Olivier 14:05.8.

December 14th, Port Elizabeth. HT: Koen 185'8"/56.59.

December 14th, Standerton. SP: Botha 58' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/17.72; under-19 SP (14lb): Wiggill 57'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/17.43 (rec).

December 21st, East London. SP: Wiggill 49'6"/15.09.

December 23rd, Cape Town. 1M: Sullivan (Rhod) 4:04.0 (57.0 last lap), Minnaar 4:07.7, Olivier 4:09.1.

Doug Coghlan

GREAT START BY HAYES

OLYMPIC year got off to a rip-roaring start when Bob Hayes clocked up 9.1 for 100y and 20.1 for a straight furlong at Miami on January 1st. Excessive wind assistance (5m/sec in the 100y) nullified both marks, but considering the soggy state of the track and the time of year this great double points to some awesome exploits in the months to come. Place times in the 100y: Grady Smith 9.6, Bobby Harris 9.8. At the same meet John Pennel vaulted 16'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/4.88 and Gary Gubner put the shot 59'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/18.17.

Scotsman Jim McLatchie ran 1,500m in 3:50.1 at Beaumont, Texas, on December 18th. Running on a windy day with the temperature at 6°C, he passed 440y in 61.0, 880y in 2:04.0 and $\frac{1}{4}$ M in 3:06.5. He won by over 10 sec. At this meet Peter Nimmo (TVH) won the discus at 159'0"/48.46 and was 3rd (at 43'0"/13.11) in the shot—which weighed 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

McLatchie had another good run in the Sugar Bowl meet at New Orleans on December 29th, placing 2nd (3:51.4) in the 1,500m behind Tom O'Hara (3:49.9) and ahead of Norm Hoffman (3:53.6). Mal Robinson (Belgrave) was 4th (14:41.0) in the 5,000m won by Bob Schul (14:20.1) from Julio Marin (14:24.2).

Results of the three major U.S. cross-country championships:—

November 25th, E. Lansing, Michigan. (N.C.A.A., 4M) Zwolak 19:35, Camien 19:38, Fishback 19:48.5, Walker (Aus) 19:53, Murphy 19:56, Brown 19:59.

November 28th, Chicago, (U.S.T.F.F., 10,000m) O'Hara 30:12.1, McLatchie 30:17 (led with 200y to go), Fishback 30:22, Brown 30:30, Macy 30:32, Marin (C. Rica) 30:36 . . . 18, Bill Cornell (GB) 32:19 . . . 49, Brian Turner (GB) 35:54.

November 30th, New York City. (A.A.U., 10,000m) Kidd (Can) 30:47.2, McArdle 30:47.6, Mills 31:12, Larriau 31:34, Williamson (Can) 31:49, Dave Ellis (GB) 31:54 . . . 10, John McDonnell (RoI) 32:27 . . . 15, Ray Hatton (GB) 32:45.

GHANA: GOOD TREBLE BY OWUSU MENSAB

Results of the Ghana National Schools and Training Colleges Championships on December 17th/18th—100y/220y/440y: Owusu Mensah 9.9 (9.5 s-f)/21.8/47.7; 880y/1M: Kessie 1:57.4/4:23.0; HJ: Kwablah 6'3"/1.90; PV: Gbogbo 12'0"/3.66; 120yH (39")/LJ/TJ: Frempong 14.6/22'5" (6.83)/47'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (14.41); SP: Forson 43'10"/13.36; DT: Fodo 138'8"/42.26; JT: Dzawu 169'10"/51.76; 4x110y/4x220y: Prempeh 42.6/1:30.0 (1:28.4 ht). Women's 100y: Anum 12.1; 220y: Owusu 27.4; 880y: Kwabua 2:30.4; 80mH: Warman 12.1; HJ: Atta 5'0"/1.52; LJ: Addai 17'2"/5.23; SP: Kudovor 30'9"/9.37; DT: Sagoe 92'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/28.28; JT: Amadu 94'6"/28.80.

D. Barnard.

NEW YORK TOUR

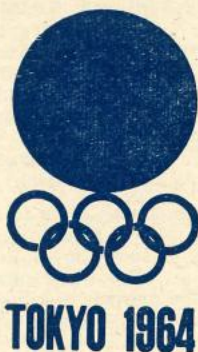
LAST month we announced our intention, if sufficient support was forthcoming, of running a trip to New York next summer for the U.S. Olympic Trials.* We have since learned that the American National (A.A.U.) Championships are being staged at New Brunswick, New Jersey—a short ride from New York—a week before the Trials. This means that tour members could indulge in four days of thrilling athletics, as well as seeing the mammoth New York World Fair and sampling the delights and fascinations of "the world's most exciting city."

Provisional time table: Depart London by scheduled jet flight on June 20th; 15 nights in New York with trips to the A.A.U. Championships on June 26th/27th and the Olympic Trials on July 3rd/4th; depart New York on July 5th. Approximate cost (air fare and hotel accommodation) would be £150.

Would those readers who are seriously interested, and have not yet been in touch, please write to Melvyn Watman, "Athletics Weekly," 344 High Street, Rochester, Kent. Whether this tour materialises or not is dependent on numbers; a further announcement will be made in the February 1st issue.

* The following system for choosing the U.S. Olympic team will be operated:—The first six finishers in each event at the N.C.A.A. and A.A.U. Championships together with U.S. inter-services champions and other athletes who may be selected by the A.A.U. will compete at the New York Trials on July 3rd/4th. The winner of each event there will automatically qualify for Tokyo. The final trials to decide who will accompany the New York victors will take place in Los Angeles on September 12th/13th.

Meanwhile . . . we have only one place vacant on our Tokyo Olympic Tour. Don't delay if you intend seeing the Games "live", for although we shall do our best to help we cannot guarantee to accommodate you once that last place is snapped up.



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TOKYO 1964

With The Ladies

MIDDLESEX C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Putney, November 30th

Over a muddy course Pat Maffia (Highgate) led until halfway, then Joy Catling took over and went on to win and lead Highgate to a comfortable team victory.

1. J. Catling (Highgate) 21.30
2. P. Maffia (Highgate) 21.37.8
3. M. Smith (Highgate) 21.43
4. M. Rees (London Olympiades) 21.45; 5. A. Geatches (Ruislip) 21.54; 6. S. Dayer (London O) 22.22; 7. P. Jarman (Hampstead) 22.37; 8. S. Stubbs (Wigmore) 22.38; 9. M. Moir (Wig) 22.44; 10. S. Pettett (LOAC) 22.53; 11. C. Futter (LOAC) 23.09; 12. A. Tofield (Hamp) 23.15; 13. J. Lindsey (Middx) 24.04; 14. C. Gunter (H'gate) 24.05; 15. W. Newell (Spartan) 24.55; 16. W. Harper (Spar) 25.38; 17. K. Lawrence (Hamp) 25.47; 18. M. Tennetta (H'gate) 25.47; 19. M. Livermore (LOAC) 26.22; 20. D. Elliott (Hamp) 26.30.

Teams: 1, Highgate (1,2,3,14) 20 pts.; 2, L.O.A.C. (4,6,10,11) 31; 3, Hampstead (7,12,17,20) 56.

CRAWLEY A.C. INVITATION C.C. RACES December 28th

1. A. Preston (Crawley) 17.39
2. M. Sargeant (Guildford) 17.45
3. G. Tucker (Crawley) 18.11
4. S. Haines (Crawley) 18.16; 5. S. Bradbrook (Guild) 18.20; 6. S. Brown (Hove) 21.20; 7. G. Bates (Hove) 21.33; 8. B. Benney (Crawley) 22.07.

Teams: Pts.
1. Crawley (1, 3, 4) 8
2. Hove (6, 7, 9) 22

Juniors

1. J. Morris (City of Rochester) 12.17
2. S. Dyer (Crawley) 12.42
3. C. Graham (City of Rochester) ... 13.15
4. P. Lloyd (Roch) 13.17; 5. F. Turner (Roch) 13.39; 6. L. Murray (Guildford) 13.53; 7. C. Stubbs (Craw) 15.08; 8. C. Harmon (Craw) 15.30.

Teams: Pts.
1. City of Rochester (1, 3, 4) 8
2. Crawley (2, 7, 8) 17
3. Guildford (6, 9,11) 26

NATIONAL JUNIOR C.C.

Entries for the National Junior C.C. Championship to be held at Richmond Park, Kingston, on January 25th close January 11th to Mrs. M. E. Cotton, 70 Melbury Avenue, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex (SOU 3840).

The caption (supplied with the photograph) on page 24 last week was incorrect. The photograph showed the winning Selsonia team of Beryl Davies, Pam Davies and Joan Briggs.



Margaret McSherry (Cambridge H.) winning the Greater London League race for 12-13 year old girls at Morden. Margaret is unbeaten over the country this season.

Ron Linstead

OLYMPIC BALL

OLIVER CUTTS makes a special appeal and invitation to all amateur athletes in connection with the Olympic Ball and Dinner to be held at Grosvenor House on Tuesday, January 28th, 8 for 8.30 p.m. The proceeds are in aid of the Marquess of Exeter's Olympic Games Appeal Fund and tickets are normally 3 gns. each. Amateur athletes are invited to attend as a special concession at 2 gns., the approx. cost to the organisers. There will be dancing to Victor Sylvester and his orchestra until 2 a.m., demonstration dancing by world champion dancers and a first class cabaret. During the evening there will be a raffle (tickets 1/- each) for which the first prize will be a mini-car. Any amateur athlete who would like to go should write to Oliver Cutts, New Westbury, Garrads Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, enclosing 2 gns. for each ticket.

JOHN ANDERSON WINS MORPETH-NEWCASTLE '13 $\frac{1}{2}$ '

THE Morpeth—Newcastle 13 Miles Road Race, on New Year's Day, produced one of the finest tussles ever seen on the roads of Britain, with five runners fighting it out in the lead all the way until John Anderson made his break in Gosforth High Street, some 3½ miles from the finish. Thirty-one seconds covered the five at the finish.

There were 120 starters and John Anderson (Saltwell), Jim Alder (Morpeth), Brian Kilby (Coventry Godiva), Fergus Murray (Dundee Hawkhill) and Alastair Wood (Aberdeen) were soon out in front. Arthur Dennis (Hartlepool) might have held them for some time but not long after the start was brought down from behind, getting up to find himself 100 yards behind the leaders and staying in sixth position to the finish.

First one and then another made the pace until Anderson cut loose and opened up a gradually increasing gap from Alder with Murray and Kilby hanging on grimly and Wood not far behind. At the finish there was still less than 50 yards in it, with a similar separating Alder and Murray who had opened up a 25 yard gap from Kilby.

With all five of the leaders biding their time and waiting for someone to "break", Arthur Keily's record of 1:06.03 remained intact despite a fastest ever run over the last few miles.

With Eddie Kirkup taking 24th place to back up Kilby and Juan Taylor (7th), Godiva were fairly easy winners of the team race, with Dundee Hawkhill just beating Middlesbrough by one point for second place.

Joe Doull, 47 year old Morpeth Harrier,

won the handicap with a fine run of 1:23.55 which with his allowance of 21 mins. gave him an almost unbeatable 1:02.55.

1. J. Anderson (Saltwell H.) 1:06.38
2. J. Alder (Morpeth H.) 1:06.46
3. A. F. Murray (Dundee Hawk.) ... 1:06.54
4. B. L. Kilby (Cov. Godiva) 1:06.59; 5. A. J. Wood (Aberdeen) 1:07.09; 6. A. Dennis (Hartlepool) 1:08.44; 7. J. Taylor (Cov) 1:10.00; 8. T. Rooke (Middlesbrough) 1:10.02; 9. T. Laybourne (Jarrow) 1:11.00; 10. T. Pugh (Halifax) 1:11.03; 11. J. Britland (Hallam.) 1:11.14; 12. R. Coleman (Dundee) 1:11.15; 13. R. Moore (Longwood) 1:11.18; 14. W. Ramage (Gosforth) 1:11.19; 15. T. Horne (Morpeth) 1:11.27; 16. P. Keeling (Hallam.) 1:12.26; 17. D. Newman (Roth'm) 1:12.30; 18. G. Dance (Benwell) 1:12.32; 19. E. Holmes (Midd) 1:12.42; 20. N. Ross (Edin. S) 1:12.52; 21. D. Pearson (Leeds) 1:13.23; 22. M. Nunn (Long) 1:13.29; 23. J. Newsome (Wakefield) 1:13.39; 24. E. Kirkup (Cov) 1:13.56; 25. A. Totten (Ponders E) 1:14.07; 26. H. Summerhill (Shet'n) 1:14.20; 27. J. Carcas (Gos) 1:14.27; 28. F. Innes (Bedlington) 1:14.28; 29. R. Duncan (Aber) 1:14.29; 30. I. Titterton (Derby) 1:14.39; 31. A. Marshall (Roth'm) 1:14.55; 32. H. Collett (Midd) 1:14.59; 33. H. Thompson (Roth'm) 1:15.04; 34. A. Weatherill (R.N.) 1:15.10; 35. E. Bowen (Gates. Cong) 1:15.21; 36. R. Thompson (Bedl'n) 1:15.26; 37. J. Burn (Gates. H) 1:15.29; 38. J. F. Smith (Roth'm) 1:15.48; 39. B. Harbottle (Elswick) 1:15.55; 40. B. Cordes (Gos) 1:16.12; 41. P. Miles (Gos) 1:16.16; 42. M. Divon (Royton) 1:16.19; 43. H. Morrison (Dundee) 1:16.19;

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The Bury and Radcliffe A.C. teams who make the long journey to compete regularly in the Greater London Cross-Country League.

Ron Linstead

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEDS AND HUNTS

At Luton

1. P. Coleman (Luton UAC) 38.57
2. J. O'Callaghan (Luton UAC) 39.07
3. D. Brown (Luton UAC) 39.26
4. A. Wilson (Luton) 39.53; 5. J. Lawrence (Luton) 40.15; 6. H. Soper (Luton) 40.52; 7. A. Coleman (Bedford) 41.05; 8. M. Boyle (Luton) 41.15; 9. J. Pinner (Bedford) 42.33; 10. W. Harris (Bed) 42.41; 11. C. Langford (Bed) 44.56; 12. Lilley (Bed) 45.11; 13. R. Tanswell (Bed) 45.19; 14. E. Smith (Luton) 46.24; 15. B. Duffy (Luton) 48.21; 16. M. Rowe (Bed) 57.14; 17. R. Busson (Bed) 57.15.

Teams:

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|--------------------|--------------------|----|
| 1. Luton U.A.C. | (1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6) | 21 |
| 2. Bedford and Cty | (7. 9.10.11.12.13) | 62 |

BERKSHIRE

At Reading

1. D. Stevens (Reading) 38.33
2. G. Stevens (Reading) 39.11
3. M. Bryant (Read) 39.49
4. L. Fuller (Surrey AC) 39.55; 5. B. Kitchener (Read) 40.30; 6. S. Eldon (Windsor and Eton) 42.01; 7. A. Gibson (Bracknell) 42.21; 8. J. Walmsley (Birmingham Univ) 42.43; 9. M. Casse (Read) 42.59; 10. A. Ross (Read) 43.22; 11. M. Davies (Read) 43.39; 12. T. Moon (Read) 44.28; 13. B. Worrall (Read) 44.39; 14. A. Clegg (Nth Berks) 44.53; 15. D. Griffiths (Brack) 44.57; 16. D. Rikly (Brack) 45.00; 17. G. Tomlin (Read) 46.08; 18. R. Burns (Read) 46.29; 19. M. Harwood (Read) 46.29; 20. J. Gunn (Brack) 47.35.

Teams:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|
| 1. Reading A.C. | (1, 2, 3, 5) | 11 |
| 2. Reading 'B' | (10,12,13,17) | 52 |
| 3. Bracknell A.C. | (7,15,16,20) | 58 |
| 4. Maidenhead 102; 5. Reading 'C' | | 104. |

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

1. T. Stacey (Wycombe Phoenix) 39.55
2. D. Bignell (Windsor and Eton) ... 40.00
3. R. Foulkes (Vale of Aylesbury) ... 41.09
4. R. Parker (Ayles) 41.17; 5. D. Wraight (Ayles) 41.30; 6. J. Currell (Wyc. Phx) 41.51; 7. D. Slatter (Wyc) 41.51; 8. M. Tribe (Ayles) 42.43; 9. B. Codling (Wyc) 42.55; 10. M. O'Keefe (Maidenhead) 43.21; 11. R. Collins (Ayles) 43.35; 12. B. Coker (Wyc) 44.37; 13. R. Middleton (Wyc) 44.37; 14. J. How (Chalfonts) 46.01; 15. M. Hussey (Wyc) 46.39; 16. T. Taylor (Chal) 46.55; 17. D. Selwood (Wyc) 47.05; 18. J. Green (Wyc) 47.15; 19. W. Bailey (Chal) 48.04; 20. D. Cox (Wyc) 48.43.

Teams:

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|------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. Vale of Aylesbury | (3, 4, 5, 8,11) | 31 |
| 2. Wycombe Phoenix | (1, 6, 7, 9,12) | 35 |
| 3. Wycombe Phoenix 'B' | (15,17,18,21,24) | 95 |

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

At Cambridge

1. T. Johnston (Portsmouth A.C.) 41.44
2. J. Smith (Cambridge & Col.) 44.39
3. P. Fuller (Cambridge & Col.) 46.23
4. P. Field (Southgate) 46.56; 5. P. Chaplin (C & C) 47.47; 6. G. Phipps (C & C) 48.50; 7. H. Blake (C & C) 49.38; 8. B. Mynott (C & C) 50.33; 9. W. Spratt (C & C) 51.15; 10. B. Wallman (C & C) 52.49; 11. D. Phipps (C & C) 53.57; 12. A. Hine (C & C) 55.04; 13. D. Rowell (Liverpool H) 56.37.

Teams:

1. Cambridge & Coleridge A.C.

CHESHIRE

At Birkenhead

1. M. Cranny (Wirral A.C.) 36.30
2. B. Woolford (Wallasey A.C.) 36.56
3. R. Barlow (Wallasey A.C.) 37.05
4. B. Fozard (Chesterfield) 37.08; 5. W. Bennett (Wirral) 37.15; 6. R. Phipps (Winnington Park) 37.23; 7. L. Carroll (Wirral) 37.41; 8. S. Hope (Winn) 38.29; 9. L. Doyle (Wirral) 38.35; 10. J. Wright (Wall) 38.51; 11. R. Parry (Wall) 39.01; 12. B. Charlton (Wall) 39.05; 13. K. Mather (Wall) 39.15; 14. D. Rogers (Sale) 39.18; 15. D. Jeffs (Wirral) 39.26; 16. W. Ratcliffe (Liverpool Bound) 39.30; 17. K. Griffiths (Wirral) 39.36; 18. M. Vickers (Sale) 39.41; 19. R. Head (Sale) 39.44; 20. D. Rimmer (Wirral) 39.46.

Teams:

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| 1. Wallasey A.C. | (2,3,10,11,12,13) | 51 |
| 2. Wirral A.C. | (1,5, 7, 9,15,17) | 54 |
| 3. Sale H. 149; 4. Winnington Park 167; 5. Stockport 224. | | |

CORNWALL TRIAL

At RAF St. Mawgan, Newquay

1. P. Spencer (Falmouth A.C.) 34.07
2. F. Collins (RAF St. Mawgan)
3. P. Roskelly (St. Austell A.C.)
4. D. Bridge (Fal); 5. T. Cotter (RAF); 6. R. Blake (Fal); 7. J. Hartland (Devonport); 8. T. Tregunna (Northampton Coll) 9. P. Copeland (RAF); 10. V. Trevorrow (Fal); 11. A. Roskilly (Camborne Tech. Coll); 12. M. Kingdon (London Univ); 13. R. Hancher (RAF); 14. L. Bray (St. Austell); 15. T. Trevorrow (Fal).

Teams:

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| 1. Falmouth | (1,4,6,10) | 21 |
| 2. RAF St. Mawgan | (2,5,9,13) | 29 |

DERBYSHIRE

At Markeaton Park, Derby

1. M. Bullivant (Derby & Cty) 30.14
2. D. Keily (Derby & Cty) 30.15
3. P. Wilkinson (Derby & Cty) 30.58

4, M. Deakin (Dby) 31.20; 5, M. Lynn (Notts) 31.31; 6, G. Cooper (Dby) 31.41; 7, P. Calladine (Dby) 31.54; 8, G. Lawrence (Dby) 31.59; 9, E. Guilford (Dby) 32.30; 10, A. Corker (Sheffield U) 33.33; 11, I. Titterton (Dby) 33.48; 12, W. Hopkins (Dby) 34.05; 13, J. Sharpe (Dby) 34.43; 14, A. Blackenbury (Sheff) 34.59; 15, B. Heath (Dby) 35.26; 16, C. Fallon (Dby) 35.33; 17, F. Parry (Dby) 36.07; 18, F. Miller (Dby) 36.07; 19, P. Pointon (Notts City) 38.10; 20, J. Coggin (Hallamshire) 39.48.

ESSEX

At Great Wakering

1. L. Edelen (Hadleigh Olympiads) ... 38.08
2. R. Campbell (Essex Beagles) 38.55
3. A. Perkins (Ilford) 39.38
4. E. Floodgate (Ex. B) 39.42; 5, D. Plater (Ilf) 39.43; 6, T. Edwards (Hornchurch) 40.21; 7, P. Chillingworth (Colchester) 40.27; 8, F. Lowes (Had) 40.40; 9, B. Hill-Cottingham (Chelmsford) 40.49; 10, M. Gilson (Ilf) 40.51; 11, R. Bell (Chelms) 41.03; 12, R. Howe (Walthamstow) 41.04.

Teams: Pts.
1. Essex Beagles 79
2. Ilford A.C. 98
3. Walthamstow 164

GLAMORGAN

At Swansea

1. J. O'Brien (Port Talbot) 38.53
2. J. Godding (Birchgrove) 40.23
3. W. Stiffall (Birchgrove) 40.51
4, W. Hancock (Neath) 41.30; 5, B. Griffiths (Roath) 41.37; 6, B. Tucker (Roath) 41.38; 7, B. Townsend (Pt. Tal) 41.40; 8, W. Francis (Bir) 41.49; 9, P. Darney (Bir) 42.03; 10, J. Griffiths (Swansea) 42.17; 11, D. Robbins (Pt. Tal) 42.36; 12, J. Evans (Neath) 42.52; 13, J. Ingram (Bir) 42.59; 14, B. Lee (Roath) 43.06.

Teams: Pts.
1. Birchgrove H. (2,3, 8, 9) 22
2. Port Talbot H. (1,7,11,16) 35
3. Roath H. (5,6,14,17) 42
4, Swansea 106; 5, Barry 119; 6, BP Llandarcy 157.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

At Cheltenham

1. M. Hewer (Cheltenham & C) 38.52
2. G. Barrell (South London H) 38.54
3. I. Robertson (Cheltenham) 40.18
4, C. Franks (Chelt) 40.24; 5, T. Joyce (Chelt) 40.32; 6, J. Gingell (Bristol) 40.58; 7, A. Sheldon (N. Staffs & Ston) 41.10; 8, B. Angell (Westbury) 41.27; 9, K. Smith (Bris) 42.10; 10, A. Smith (Bris) 42.27; 11, D. Staines (Thurr) 42.47; 12, T. Turtle (Chelt) 42.50; 13, T. Spokes (Westbury) 43.02; 14, R. Bates (Bris) 43.15; 15, A. Houldey (Chelt) 44.23; 16, P. Lonnen (Bris) 44.49; 17, M. Laughton (Glos) 44.57; 18, P. Bowden (Chelt) 45.22; 19, C. Wootton (Glos) 45.34; 20, J. Parker (West) 46.33.

Teams:

1. Cheltenham & C. (1,2,3,4,8,10) 28
2. Bristol A.C. 50

HERTFORDSHIRE

At St. Albans

1. M. Wiggs (St. Albans) 36.32
2. W. Wilkinson (St. Albans) 37.13
3. M. Dixon (Watford) 37.40
4, J. Merriman (Wat) 37.53; 5, A. Taylor (Welwyn) 38.07; 6, A. Patten (Welwyn) 38.14; 7, A. Reavley (Barnet) 38.22; 8, D. Cannon (Icknield) 38.45; 9, M. Palmer (St. A) 38.58; 10, C. Hunn (Ick) 38.59; 11, R. Davies (Wel) 39.10; 12, K. Bradford (Ick) 39.27; 13, D. O'Gorman (St. A) 39.46; 14, J. Thorpe (St. A) 39.51; 15, G. Wenk (Wel) 39.55 16, D. Kent (Barnet) 40.01; 17, P. Smith (St. A) 40.03; 18, M. Prosser (Wel) 40.10; 19, W. Baxter (St. A) 40.14; 20, R. Bunnage (Wel) 40.32.

Teams: Pts.
1. St. Albans City (1,2, 9,13,14,17) 56
2. Welwyn A.C. (5,6,11,15,18,20) 75
3. Watford H. (3,4,23,26,29,31) 116
4, Barnet 131; 5, Icknield 133; 6, Watford "B" 265; 7, Welwyn "B" 275.

KENT

At Canterbury

1. W. D. J. Gibson (Surrey A.C.) ... 38.02
2. J. Herring (Blackheath H.) 38.39
3. J. Baldwin (Blackheath H.) 38.59
4, J. Pettit (Aylesford P.M.) 39.08; 5, F. Maillardet (Cambridge H.) 39.10; 6, K. Mitchell (Blackheath) 39.29; 7, K. Harland (Camb. H) 39.36; 8, A. Jones (Kent A.C.) 39.54; 9, R. Walsh (SLH) 39.55; 10, A. Whiting (Maidstone) 40.07; 11, D. Foxley (Rochester) 40.18; 12, F. Rogers (Blackheath) 40.23; 13, J. Oliver (Kent) 40.26; 14, B. Boulton (Camb. H.) 40.38; 15, A. Gibson (Maidstone) 40.43; 16, J. Rae (Maidstone) 40.45; 17, J. Mayatt (Aylesford) 40.47; 18, D. Ward (Rochester) 40.48; 19, E. Wilkins (Erith) 41.03; 20, D. Dellar (Camb. H.) 41.28.

Teams: Pts.
1. Blackheath H. (2, 3, 6,12,22,25) 70
2. Cambridge H. (5, 7,14,20,23,24) 93
3. Kent A.C. (8,13,21,27,29,41) 139
4, Aylesford P.M. 171; 5, C. of Rochester 173; 6, Maidstone 243.

LANCASHIRE

1. R. Hill (Bolton Utd) 33.29
2. D. M. Turner (Liverpool H) 33.46
3. P. Hall (Barrow A.C.) 34.32
4, P. Montague (M/r DLC) 34.49; 5, C. Robinson (Rochdale) 34.59; 6, B. Deary (Sefton) 35.06; 7, G. Entwistle (M/r) 35.12; 8, R. Carter (Roch) 35.20; 9, B. Hall (M/r) 35.22; 10, R. Wood (Wigan) 35.27; 11, A. Ward (M/r) 35.29; 12, F. Reeves (Barr) 35.42; 13, P. Revald (Horwich RMI) 35.47; 14, K. Johnson (M/r) 36.01;

15, D. Spencer (Barr) 36.04; 16, R. Williams (Roch) 36.06; 17, J. Wright (L'pool) 36.08; 18, M. Jefferson (Sale) 36.11; 19, C. Fay (Clayton-le-Moors) 36.13; 20, G. Brown (Sale) 36.20.

LINCOLNSHIRE

At Lincoln

1. N. Clarke (Lincoln Wellington) ... 43.05
2. C. Perry (Birchfield) ... 43.37
3. M. Crolla (Grimsby) ... 43.53
4. I. McLennan (Grims) 44.21; 5. J. Taylor (Grims) 45.02; 6. R. Bain (Grims) 45.33; 7. R. Matthews (Grims) 45.48; 8. D. Cox (Grims) 46.21; 9. I. Wilson (Linc. W) 46.23; 10. C. Dawkins (Grims) 47.45; 11. B. Longden (Hornchurch) 48.02; 12. K. Kitchen (Linc. W) 48.24; 13. B. Woolnough (Grims) 48.52; 14. M. Blandford (Grims) 49.17; 15. I. Sneddon (Spalding) 49.55; 16. M. Hall (Grims) 49.56; 17. R. Brittliff (Linc. W) 49.58; 18. Kullich (Grims) 52.27; 19. Wray (Grims) 52.46; 20. Swain (Boston) 55.13.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Grimsby H. (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) 25
2. Grimsby "B" (13,14,16,18,19) 80

MIDDLESEX

At Trent Park

1. J. Hogan (Polytechnic) 42.05
2. M. Barratt (Ealing) 43.47
3. P. Mellor (Ponders End) 44.40
4. T. Briault (P. End) 44.43; 5. F. Seal (P. End) 44.43; 6. N. Fisher (Eton Manor) 43.47; 7. P. McMahon (Poly) 45.17; 8. B. O'Gorman (Poly) 45.31; 9. J. Moore (Cadogan) 45.37; 10. J. Wood (Poly) 45.39; 11. R. Gomez (S'gate) 45.54; 12. J. Hart (Cad) 46.09; 13. P. Mewell (Cad) 46.10; 14. P. Sulston (Shaftesbury) 46.39; 15. W. Swords (TVH) 46.46; 16. J. Lusty (Eal) 46.54; 17. R. Marven (Hampstead) 46.58; 18. J. Piper (Eal) 46.59; 19. C. Canton (Eal) 47.07; 20. J. Rowley (P. End) 47.08.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Ponders End (3, 4, 5,19,21,26) 78
2. Ealing H. (2,15,17,18,20,22) 94
3. Polytechnic H. (1, 6, 7,29,34,47) 124
4. T.V.H. 130; 5. Cadogan 197; 6. Southgate 233. 13 teams closed in.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

At Newport

1. M. Rowland (Newport) 45.36
2. G. Matthuidis (Newport) 45.44
3. I. Banner (Newport) 47.10
4. C. Turley (Birchgrove) 47.20; 5. J. Collins (Pontypool) 47.24; 6. D. Llewellyn (Birchfield) 47.41; 7. R. Pugh (Ponty) 47.52; 8. J. Rutter (Newp) 48.03; 9. T. Beese (Ponty) 48.09; 10. J. Flook (Newp) 48.17; 11. T. Woods (Newp) 49.22; 12. G. Sulway (Newp) 49.47; 13. E. Gorvin (Ponty) 54.10; 14. N. Fisher (Ponty) 54.10; 15. T. Christisson (Ponty) 54.32; 16. P. Wallace (Newp) 58.20.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Newport (1,2,3, 8,10,11) 35
2. Pontypool (5,7,9,13,14,15) 63
T. Edmunds (Gilwern) ran as a non-scoring guest and won the race in 44.12.

NORTH WALES

At Bangor

1. R. Harrison-Jones (Rhyl A.C.) 40.32
2. R. Williams (Thames Valley H.) ... 40.45
3. T. Billington (Birchfield) 41.47
4. A. Hodges (Wrexham) 41.55; 5. J. Berry (Rhyl) 42.05; 6. B. Waters (Wrex) 42.17; 7. D. Hughes (Rhyl) 42.35; 8. R. Bradburn (UCNW) 42.45; 9. S. Oultram (CNW) 43.20; 10. D. Hammonds (Poly) 44.37; 11. A. Joseph (Wrex) 45.00; 12. G. Hall (UCNW) 46.00; 13. K. Tudor (Wrex) 46.07; 14. J. Williams (Wrex) 46.10; 15. G. Innes (Rhyl) 47.15; 16. T. Bithel (Wrex) 48.25; 17. G. Guest (UCNW) 48.40; 18. D. Williams (Wrex) 49.10; 19. G. Baldwin (Wrex) 51.00; 20. D. Thomas (UCNW) 52.50.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Rhyl A.C. (1,2, 3, 5, 7,15) 33
2. Wrexham A.C. (4,6,11,13,14,16) 64
3. UCNW (8,9,12,17,20,21) 87

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

At Nottingham

1. J. Snowden (Surrey A.C.) 40.01
2. J. Whetton (Sutton-in-Ashfield) 40.29
3. P. Groves (Holwell Works) 41.12
4. M. Edwards (Oxford City) 42.36; 5. K. Lee (Notts AC) 42.47; 6. M. Jackson (Rotherham) 42.51; 7. M. Billings (Sutton) 42.59; 8. B. Gisby (Notts) 43.15; 9. J. Flemming-Smith (Rother) 43.27; 10. A. Bury (Notts) 43.39; 11. K. Stevenson (Rother) 43.52; 12. J. Daniels (Notts) 43.58; 13. R. Tutin (Notts) 44.04; 14. W. Haynes (Notts) 44.34; 15. J. Richardson (Notts) 44.36; 16. G. Astill (Notts) 45.19; 17. D. Underhill (Notts) 45.21; 18. J. Knight (Nott. City) 45.35; 19. J. Rathbone (Sutton) 45.56; 20. K. Picksey (Nott) 46.11.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Nottingham A.C. (2, 4, 5, 6, 7) 24
2. Sutton-in-Ashfield ... (1, 3,13,14,17) 48
3. Nottingham City ... (12,15,16,19,20) 82

OXFORDSHIRE

At Oxford

Senior/Junior

1. B. O'Sullivan (Oxford City) 39.44
2. P. Banner (Thames H & H) 41.20
3 *N. Barton (Oxford City) 41.46
4. C. Wade (Ranelagh) 41.50; 5. T. Escritt (Bristol Univ) 43.02; 6. A. Davis (Oxford C) 43.37; 7. M. Dunhill (Ox) 44.32; 8. *P. Brain (Old Bradfieldians) 45.11; 9. J. Pritchard (Ox) 45.13; 10. R. Martin (Ox) 45.45; 11. D. Jenkinson (Ox) 46.37.

* Juniors

SOMERSET**At Bath**

1. E. Strong (Fry's A.C.)	32.45
2. G. Blackburn (Westbury H)	34.31
3. R. Winter (Fry's A.C.)	34.35
4. J. Edwards (Bristol) 34.47; 5. A. Fyfe (Milo-	
carians) 34.48; 6. M. Gale (Bris) 35.00; 7. I.	
Edmunds (Frys) 35.05; 8. A. Williams (Mill-	
field) 35.20; 9. R. Taylor (Bris) 35.33; 10. C.	
Fitt (Mitcham) 35.40; 11. R. Turner (West)	
35.53; 12. eq. D. Jennings (Bris), D. Smyth	
(Bris), A. Benn (Bris) 36.29; 15. G. Tunnell	
(Mill) 36.34; 16. D. Lee (Bris) 36.35; 17. J.	
Flatters (West) 36.36; 18. G. Bowden (Bris)	
36.46; 19. P. Deane (Bath) 37.14; 20. J. Dean	
(Bris) 38.05.	

Teams:**Pts.**

1. Fry's A.C.	(1,3,7,29) 40
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STAFFORDSHIRE**At Trentham Park**

1. R. Boydon (N. Staffs)	39.15
2. J. Jackson (N. Staffs)	39.44
3. A. Johnson (Staffs Police)	39.50
4. D. Fownes (Tipton) 39.54; 5. J. Wright (Tip)	
39.58; 6. G. Rhodes (N. Staffs) 40.08; 7. G.	
Wood (Tip) 40.20; 8. J. Doyle (N. Staffs) 40.38;	
9. A. Whittle (Tip) 40.51; 10. A. Burkiitt (Tip)	
41.04; 11. A. Walker (N. Staffs) 41.08; 12. D.	
Willis (Wolverhampton) 41.15; 13. J. Lees	
(W'ton) 41.18; 14. K. Rickhuss (Tip) 41.26; 15.	
G. Dean (N. Staffs) 41.34; 16. W. Aston (Bil-	
lston Town) 41.37; 17. P. Butcher (Dudley)	
41.55; 18. Mike Whittaker (Stafford) 42.02; 19.	
Matt. Whittaker (Staff) 42.03; 20. D. Prince	
(W'ton) 42.07.	

Teams:**Pts.**

1. North Staffs	(1, 2, 6, 8,11,15) 43
2. Tipton H.	(4, 5, 7, 9,10,14) 49
3. Wolverhampton H. (12,13,20,21,22,23)	111
4. Bilston Town 228; 5. Stafford 249; 6.	
Smethwick 272.	

SUFFOLK**At Ipswich**

1. A. Butcher (Ipswich H.)	44.12
2. D. Watkins (1st Bn. Para. Regt) ...	44.46
3. P. Jarrold (Ipswich H)	43.30
4. R. Hadwen (Ips) 46.41; 5. D. Norman (Ips)	
47.08; 6. R. Double (Ips) 47.24; 7. G. Ginn	
(Camb & Coler) 47.56; 8. R. Leek (Ips) 48.03;	
9. H. Bain (Ips) 48.39; 10. B. Jeffs (Cams &	
Coler) 48.41; 11. D. Mildenhall (Ips) 50.01;	
12. C. Chaplin (Ipps) 51.03; 13. B. Noon (Ips)	
52.53; 1. A. Milton (Ips) 62.12.	

Teams:**Pts.**

1. Ipswich H.	(1,3,4,6) 14
2. Ipswich "B"	(2,5,8,9) 24

SURREY**At Coulsdon**

1. B. Collins (Surrey A.C.)	41.52
2. J. Roberts (South London H.)	42.06
3. E. Watt (Surrey A.C.)	42.17

4. D. Harvey (Mitcham) 42.24; 5. P. Barber (SLH) 42.30; 6. K. Hazeltine (Sur) 42.32; 7. A. Milner (Walton) 42.38; 8. A. Sawyer (Sur) 42.44; 9. C. Strange (Wal) 42.49; 10. P. Duggan (Hercules) 42.50; 11. R. Harwood (Guildford) 43.02; 12. A. Harris (Mit) 43.04; 13. A. Baker (Wal) 43.11; 14. P. Milner (Wal) 43.16; 15. J. Thresher (Belgrave) 43.29; 16. A. Rogers (Mit) 43.39; 17. C. Walker (Bel) 43.41; 18. A. Black (Bel) 43.42; 19. J. Derham (Herne Hill); 20. R. Robinson (Guil) 43.47. 112 finished.

Teams:**Pts.**

1. Walton A.C.	(7,9,13,14,25,26) 94
2. Surrey A.C.	(1,3, 6, 8,32,47) 97
3. South London H.	(2,5,21,28,42,43) 141
4. Mitcham A.C. 151; 5. Guildford & Godalming A.C. 185; 6. Hercules A.C. 198. 11 teams closed in.	

SUSSEX**At Horsham**

1. M. Baker (Horsham)	40.17
2. P. Standen (Brighton)	40.49
3. R. Roseman (Brighton)	41.06
4. J. Luxford (Hors) 41.14; 5. S. Larkin (Bex-	
hill) 41.51; 6. R. White (Bognor) 41.59; 7. J.	
May (Crawley) 42.01; 8. R. Goodwin (Hors)	
42.32; 9. H. Scott (Hors) 42.57; 10. J. Cobley	
(B'ton) 43.04; 11. C. Lee (Worthing) 43.11; 12.	
P. Humphrey (Hors) 43.22; 13. A. Brown	
(Worth) 43.49; 14. T. Barnes (Craw) 43.51; 15.	
C. Newman (B'ton) 43.55; 16. R. Taylor (B'ton)	
43.56; 17. B. Grogan (Eastbourne) 44.15; 18.	
J. Awcock (Hors) 44.19; 19. G. Prout (Hove)	
44.24; 20. B. Tilbury (B'ton) 44.26.	

Teams:**Pts.**

1. Horsham Blue Star	(1,4, 8, 9,12,18) 52
2. Brighton A.C.	(2,3,10,15,16,20) 66
3. Worthing & Dist.	147
4. Crawley 188; 5. Brighton "B" 277.	

WILTSHIRE**At Salisbury**

1. R. Townsend (Swindon A.C.)	39.49
2. R. Shergold (Salisbury A.C.)	40.01
3. P. Blair (Achlles)	40.09
4. P. Carr-Locke (Swindon) 41.39; 5. P. Free-	
man (Salis) 41.47; 6. R. Jeans (Salis) 42.07; 7.	
E. Cameron (Salis) 43.08; 8. M. Prynne (SLH)	
43.15; 9. D. Bradshaw (Salis) 43.18; 10. B.	
Amey (Salis) 44.20; 11. A. Oke (Swin) 45.20;	
12. P. Davies (Salis) 45.55; 13. W. White	
(Salis) 46.46; 14. M. Grist (Trowbridge) 47.10.	

Teams:**Pts.**

1. Salisbury A.C.	(1,2,3,4) 10
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YORKSHIRE TRIAL**At Beckett Park, Leeds**

1. T. Pugh (Halifax)	39.00
2. H. Clayton (Bristol)	39.00
3. K. Stewart (Airedale)	39.12
4. G. Ibbotson (Longwood) 39.25; 5. A. Cock-	
ing (Bramley) 39.26; 6. T. Rooke (Middles-	

brough) 39.35; 7, J. McGrow (Long) 39.41; 8, P. Watson (Bram) 39.45; 9, W. Wilkinson (Rowntrees) 39.54; 10, J. Bentley (H'fax) 40.07; 11, D. Anderson (Bingley) 40.26; 12, I. Evans (Rotherham) 40.30; 13, P. Hicks (Midd) 40.31; 14, J. Sugden (Harehills) 40.33; 15, C. Kingswood (H'hills) 40.35; 16, P. Richards (Hallam) 40.47; 17, D. Evans (Hallam) 40.49; 18, K. Clark (A'dale) 40.50; 19, R. Moore (Long) 40.52; 20, J. Britland (Hallam) 41.05.

(Juniors and Youths next week)

MORPETH-NEWCASTLE continued

44, A. Heath (H'pool) 1:16.21; 45, R. McAllister (Edin. S) 1:16.32; 46, D. Hoare (Wake) 1:16.35; 47, R. Fletcher (R.N.) 1:16.49; 48, B. Fletcher (Wake) 1:16.51; 49, J. Wilcock (Wake) 1:16.53; 50, G. Garnett (Bing) 1:16.54; 51, T. Slack (Hallam) 1:17.01; 52, C. Coleman (Ben) 1:17.06; 53, J. Smith (S. Shields) 1:17.07; 54, R. Pape (RN) 1:17.19; 55, P. Duffy (Aber) 1:17.27; 56, A. Watson (Gates. C) 1:17.29; 57, R. Checkley (Heaton) 1:17.42; 58, J. Barber (Sund) 1:17.45; 59, D. Hindhaugh (Bed) 1:17.46; 60, R. Thompson (Gos) 1:17.54; 61, R. Donkin (Sund) 1:18.09; 62, B. Boothroyd (Long) 1:18.20; 63, W. Kennedy (Dun) 1:18.35; 64, W. Morrison (Mor) 1:18.54; 65, J. Patten (Mor) 1:19.06; 66, R. Potts (Gates. H) 1:19.09; 67, C. Falconer (Edin. S) 1:19.13; 68, J. Thompson (Midd) 1:19.16; 69, J. McMahon (Gates. H) 1:19.27; 70, K. Maughan (H'pool) 1:19.34.

Handicap: 1, J. Doull (Morpeth) 21.00, 1:02.55; 2, H. Morrison (Dundee) 13.00, 1:03.19; 3, J. Britland (Halam.) 6.00, 1:05.14.

Teams: Pts.

1. Coventry Godiva (4, 7,24) 35
2. Dundee Hawkhill (3,12,43) 58
3. Middlesbrough (8,19,32) 59
4. Hallamshire 78; 5. Rotherham 81; 6. Gosforth 81; 7. Morpeth 81; 8. Aberdeen 89; 9. Longwood 97; 10. Wakefield 117; 11. Hartlepool 120; 12. Bedlington 123; 13. Edinburgh S.H. 132; 14. R. Navy 135; 15. Gateshead H. 174; 16. Benwell 174; 17. Gateshead Congers 197; 18. Sunderland 227; 19. Billingham Synthonia 234.

Team H'ep: 1, Morpeth 3:15.38.

N.E. Teams: 1, Middlesbrough.

Veterans (O/35): D. S. Pearson (Leeds).

Novices: I. Titterton (Derby).

1st Morpeth H.: J. Alder.

1st Newcastle Associated Clubs: G. W. Dance (Benwell).

JOHN COOKE WINS POOLE ROUND THE HOUSES RACE

JOHN COOKE (Portsmouth) scored a convincing victory in record time in Poole A.C.'s Round the Houses race on Boxing Day, finishing with about 100 yards to spare over his team-mate A. Shergold. Cooke led from

the start and was never seriously challenged.

Seniors

1. J. Cooke (Portsmouth) 30.06
2. A. Shergold (Portsmouth) 30.24
3. H. Edwards (Bristol) 30.29
4. R. Mathews (Bournemouth) 30.34; 5. T. Vincent (B'mouth) 31.17; 6. M. Gale (Bris) 31.32
7. R. Dunn (Weymouth) 31.37; 8. B. Smyth (Wey) 31.55; 9. B. Totten (B'mouth) 31.57; 10. L. Thomas (Wey) 32.00.

Teams: Pts.

1. Bournemouth (4,5, 9,11) 29
2. Weymouth (7,8,10,12) 37

Juniors

1. C. Stewart (Bournemouth) 18.40
2. R. Holman (Bournemouth) 20.00
3. D. Saltmarsh (Bournemouth) 20.19
4. B. Fox (S'ton) 20.33; 5. P. Gillson (Wey) 20.37; 6. White (B'mouth) 21.09.

Youths

1. D. Atley (Bournemouth) 13.51
2. M. Gubb (Poole) 14.54
3. R. Westbrook (Bournemouth) 15.04
4. S. Radford (B'mouth) 15.14; 5. G. Theobald (Poole) 15.27; 6. L. Finney (B'mouth) 16.11.

Irish Notes

Graham Wins Miskimmon Cup Race

EVEN with the visit of two teams from Dublin, the 9th Old Boys had no trouble in retaining the team prize in the Miskimmon Cup 6 miles cross-country race at Ballyclare on January 4th. Their nearest rivals were Duncairn Nomads 48 points behind.

In the individual race Derek Graham broke away from the leading bunch in the second lap with Colin Shillington and Harry Simpson having a keen battle for second place. Close behind Michael Teer, Irish Youth champion, and former winner Jim Douglas had a good race on their own for fourth place, the Dublin runner's stamina telling in the end.

Seniors

1. D. Graham (9th Old Boys) 33.21
2. C. Shillington (Willowfield) 34.01
3. H. Simpson (9th Old Boys) 34.25
4. J. Douglas (Avondale) 34.57; 5. M. Teer (N. Belfast) 35.15; 6. M. Wilson (Ballydrain) 35.27; 7. W. Dodds (E. Antrim) 35.30; 8. J. Barrett (9th OB) 35.32
9. T. Hunter (E. Antrim) 35.42; 10. R. Leet (Duncairn N.) 35.53; 11. W. Thompson (N. Belfast) 35.55; 12. P. Linnane (Crusaders) 36.02.

Teams: Pts.

1. 9th Old Boys (1, 3, 8,15,17,18) 62
2. Duncairn Nomads (10,13,16,20,22,29) 110
3. North Belfast (5,11,24,27,35,48) 150
4. Willowfield 166; 5. Crusaders 183; 6. East Antrim 189.

Youths 2 Miles

1. L. Murdock (Duncairn) 13.15

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Welsh Notes

By Bernard Baldwin

NOS GALAN—BEST YET

STAN ELDON, who has run in each Nos Galan since its inception in 1958 described the event as "the best yet," after finishing eleventh in this year's 4 miles race in Mountain Ash on New Year's Eve.

Unquestionably the event reached a higher standard of efficiency in presentation than ever before, and with wonderful weather, and the added attraction of a visit by the fabulous Christmas Tableau from Blackwood, the whole locality turned out to watch this athletics meeting on the road.

John Whetton won the mile and was third in the 4 miles—a repeat of his 1962 performances—Eddie Strong broke his own record in the midnight race after a ding-dong struggle with Tom O'Riordan, Ron Jones won his first ever sash in the 100 yards (after five tries), Carole Mitchell stole everyone's heart in Penrhiwceiber when she won the Women's Mile, and Sue Tulloh became the first woman ever to make the historic run-down from the church in the hills, when she (unknown to the organiser) accompanied Bruce, the Mystery Runner this year. Ten women milers ran down the final mile as acolytes to the Mystery Runner as he entered Mountain Ash, and although Gordon Pirie had to help the diminutive Bruce to mount the rostrum to light the Nos Galan beacon in front of the Town Hall, the flame was well and truly lit, and the scene was set for the best ever midnight race in the series. 211 started, and Worcester Harriers won the team race and the Ken Norris Trophy.

Mopping up the next day was comparatively easy this year, except that one rocket somehow went through a front room window and set a fireside chair cushion alight; diplomacy had to be used in dealing with this problem. But such is the spirit of Nos Galan that the unfortunate householders shrugged and admitted that it was a chance in a million. "Perhaps it won't happen next year" they said.

100 Yds.: 1, R. Jones (Woodford Gn) 9.9; 2, K. Agboola (Herne Hill) 10.1; 3, D. Granville (U. of London) 10.2; 4, T. Pelopida (Gloucester C).

100 Boys: 1, K. Ryan (Pontypridd) 11.0; 2, K. Bevan (Mountain Ash) 11.2; 3, T. Greenway (Ynysybwll) 11.3; 4, G. Price (Abercynon) 11.6.

Mile: 1, J. Whetton (Lough. Coll.) 4:13.6; 2, Boulter J. (Bol. U) 4:14.6; 3, N. Barton (King's Coll.) 4:16.1 (all three broke previous best); 4, T. Beese (Bangor Un); 5, S. Eldon (Windsor and E.); 6, M. Rowland (Newport). 23 finished.

4 Miles: 1, E. Strong (Bristol) 18.22; 2, T. O'Riordan (Donore) 18.32; 3, J. Whetton

(Lough. C.) 19.02; 4, E. Austin (Worcs) 19.03; 5, J. O'Brien (Pt. Talbot) 19.05; 6, D. Walker (Worcs) 19.10; 7, D. Gibson (Surrey A.C.) 19.15; 8, T. Edmunds (Gilwern) 19.19; 9, T. O'Reilly (S. Heath) 19.20; 10, S. Eldon (Windsor and E.) 19.21. 25 finished. Teams: 1, Worcester 21; 2, Small Heath 56; 3, Gilwern 58. Welsh Team: 1, Gilwern 58; 2, Aberystwyth 94 3, Aberystwyth Univ. 96.

Women's Mile. 1, C. Mitchell (Mitcham) 5.18; 2, E. Joyce (Epsom) 5.24; 3, P. Davies (Selsonia) 5.26; 4, A. Smith (Mitcham) 5.41; 5, S. Tulloh (London Olymp.) 5.50; 6, J. Barnett (Newport) 6.05. 10 finished.

WELSH MARATHON

PORT TALBOT Borough Council will again sponsor the Welsh Marathon, scheduled to be held over the same course on which Brian Kilby returned 2:14:43 last year. The race, held in conjunction with the Welsh marathon championship, will be held at 3 p.m. on June 27th. Enquiries to Mr. A. E. Williams, 13, Hafod St., Port Talbot, Glam.

The inter-club cross-country between Birchgrove H., Neath H., Swansea H. and BP Llandarcy A.C. saw them finishing in that order with Jim O'Brien (Port Talbot H.) showing them the way home. For once his team failed to complete the count.

Result: 1, J. O'Brien (PTH) 34.49; 2, W. Hancock (Neath) 35.00; 3, W. Francis (Birchgrove) 35.11; 4, D. Robbins (PTH) 35.17; 5, K. Bennett (Birchgrove) 35.25; 6, J. Evans (Neath) 35.51.

Bridgend YMCA Harriers held their first annual Boxing Day road race in the Ogmere Valley, in which Port Talbot placed three in the first five to win the team award and winner Jim O'Brien knocked nearly 2½ minutes off the course record.

Result: 1, J. O'Brien (PTH) 24.13; 2, C. Williams (Birchgrove) 25.09; 3, D. Townsend (PTH) 25.11; 4, A. Jeffreys (Bridgend YMCA) 25.19; 5, D. Robbins (PTH) 25.32. Teams: 1, Port Talbot (1,3,5) 9 pts. 2, Birchgrove (2,6,7) 15 pts.; 3, Bridgend YMCA (4,8,10) 22 pts.

IRISH NOTES continued

2, E. McMaster (9th Old Boys) 13.21
3, J. Ferris (9th Old Boys) 13.29
4, B. Hill (M.C.B.) 13.35; 5, W. Irvine (N. Belfast) 13.47; 6, J. Moreland (Albert Fdry) 13.54.

Irish senior and junior teams will contest the International Cross-Country Championships in Dublin on March 21st. A special trial race will be held in Dublin on February 22nd to select the junior team, and the senior team will be announced after the All-Ireland Championship in Belfast on March 7th. Any athlete of Irish birth can compete in both races. Entry forms from Mr. J. Stevenson. 43 Cherryhill Road, Dundonald, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

G. Montgomery.

LETTERS continued

matters must be studied simultaneously. They are part of the same problem. The Specialist Clubs could give valuable advice and the N.U.T.S. could be asked to experiment and to provide statistical information.

Thirdly, it is time we followed continental practice and used midnight 31st Dec./1st Jan. as the effective date for all age-groupings. This is at once logical and easy to operate. In this way we might even see the U.K. joining in the now well established full-scale junior internationals which are a feature of the continent's fixture lists.

Yours sincerely,

John F. Douglas,

N.U.T.S.; Chairman Notts. S.A.A.;
Champs. Sec., Notts. A.A.A.

E.S.A.A. SECRETARY REPLIES

Dear Sir,

My attention having been drawn to certain letters which have appeared in the "Athletics Weekly," dated January 4th, and to your editorial comment upon these. I trust that you will be able to find similar space in some future issue, to print my reply on behalf of the E.S.A.A., which I feel it is essential should be known.

Your correspondent, H. L. Samuels (Hereford) questions the way in which the age dates and age-ranges for future national competitions were altered, and hints that some unconstitutional action had been adopted. For his information, may I inform him that we did exactly what he suggested should have been done, namely, we circulated to all our affiliated county associations, through their three appointed delegates to the Annual Council Meeting, all the relevant information of these and other changes in good and sufficient time for them to be discussed at county level by those likely to be affected. It may well be that the lack of information noted by H. L. Samuels can be attributed to a weakness in disseminating this information through county sources, which is not the responsibility of the E.S.A.A.

All the changes which took place emanated from resolutions submitted by county associations, in whose name they were placed on the order paper for the Annual Council Meeting. They were properly introduced, seconded, debated and finally voted upon by delegates present, and in all cases received quite substantial majority votes. The "cross country" change resulted from an amendment, correctly submitted by a county association, which again received a majority vote, and so in accordance with the rule, became national policy. This latter is in reply to the letter of Mr. Crocker (South Oxon SAA). Incidentally, Mr. Editor, I have a feeling that neither Hereford S.A.A. or Oxford S.A.A. were represented at our 1963 Annual Council Meeting, although they were both fully entitled to send voting delegates, and to express county opinion.

May I hope Mr. Editor, that you too, will

now be aware of how our policy is formulated, and that there will be no further such comment as contained in your editorial—"It was the way the whole thing was done which has annoyed so many." (This reference was to the fact that many schoolteachers feel that when such important changes are contemplated, twelve months notice should be given, as well as adequate publicity. Ed.)

The newly adopted age dates and age ranges for competitions do ensure that for the first time competitors are placed in their correct age groups for the various competitions, at the time of the competition, which is July. Obviously whenever changes of any kind have to be made, there is temporarily some group of competitors who can feel legitimate grievance during the year of change, but once the first year is over, matters run smoothly, and the validity of the change is established and recognised. One can therefore feel some measure of sympathy with some of the remarks in the letter of M. J. N. McDonagh, who I note is 16 years old. Naturally he is perturbed at missing a year of competition to which he and others have looked forward, but the policy of any national association must be "forward looking" with the "greatest good for the greatest number" as its ultimate goal. I am sure, that in adopting these qualifying ages, and age-ranges for all its competitions at national level, that the E.S.A.A. has done the correct thing.

The E.S.A.A. has for some time been concerned at the differences in the qualifying ages between the A.A.A. competitions, and those for which it is responsible, and has always hoped that some conference could be convened at which the matter could be investigated. As long ago as 1960, the A.A.A. issued a memorandum on research conducted by Lt. Cdr. Sinfield on this problem, which could have formed the basis of such a conference, had the necessary invitation been issued to the E.S.A.A. and other interested bodies. But since that date no further progress has been made. Early this year the E.S.A.A. did notify the A.A.A. that age dates would again be discussed at the A.C. Meeting, but it was not possible to organise the desired meeting of those most concerned, and the opportunity has once again passed.

I am sorry to have had to reply at such length, but it is really necessary to clear the air of much misconception of the work of the E.S.A.A., which is after all, only the servant of its affiliated associations throughout the country. If this correspondence can lead to more interest being taken in schools athletics at county level, no one will be happier than the Officers and Executive of the E.S.A.A., who are very deeply conscious of the amount of devoted work which goes on in the "live" county associations, upon which our future progress depends.

Yours faithfully,

A. Foyston, Hon. Secretary, E.S.A.A.

GATESHEAD CONGRERS BOXING DAY ROAD RACES

Seniors (6½M)

1, J. Anderson (Saltwell)	30.48
2, A. Dennis (Burn Road)	30.59
3, E. Pomfret (Houghton)	31.30
4, J. Hillen (Salt) 31.39; 5, R. Balding (Heaton) 31.40; 6, T. Rooke (Midd & Cleve) 31.47; 7, T. Laybourne (Jarrow) 31.55; 8, W. Dance (Benwell) 32.10; 9, M. McDonald (Midd) 32.17; 10, P. Hicks (Midd) 32.24; 11, D. Little (Salt) 32.27; 12, I. Barnes (Darlington) 32.35; 13, J. Hawes (Heaton) 32.37; 14, M. Hall (Midd) 32.42; 15, W. Ramage (Gosforth) 32.45.	

Teams:

Pts.

1, Saltwell H.	(1, 4,11,17)	33
2, Middlesbrough & C. ...	(6, 9,10,14)	39
3, Heaton H.	(5,13,31,38)	87
4, Gosforth 100; 5, Gateshead 102; 6, Benwell 124; 7, Bedlington 198; 8, Sunderland 223.		

Handicap: 1, R. Balding, Heaton (2.10) 29.30; 2, M. Atkinson, Saltwell (3.15) 30.01; 3, D. Little, Saltwell (2.15) 30.12.

Youths (3½M)

1, J. Caine (Gateshead)	18.03
2, R. Milne (Elswick)	18.53
3, L. Robson (Gateshead)	18.59
4, H. Coyle (Consett) 19.18; 5, J. Crofts (Elswick) 19.27; 6, W. Robson (Saltwell) 19.32; 7, D. Thorn (N.S.P.) 19.34; 8, J. Dixon-Dawson (Houghton) 19.34; 9, G. Bellord (Midd) 19.39; 10, M. Newton (Sunderland) 19.42.	

Teams:

Pts.

1, Gateshead H.	(1, 3,12)	16
2, Elswick H.	(2, 5,11)	18
3, Middlesbrough & C.	(9,18,22)	49
4, Heaton 54; 5, Gosforth 58; 6, Gateshead "B" 75.		

Boys (1½M)

1, J. Trainor (Gateshead)	7.17
2, B. Foster (Gateshead)	7.30
3, R. Littlefield (N. Shields Poly)	7.42
4, M. Coleby (Darlington) 7.43; 5, P. Geary (Heaton) 7.43; 6, C. Kent (Sund) 7.47; 7, J. Foley (Gateshead) 7.54; 8, C. Patterson (Gosforth) 7.56; 9, S. Goodwin (Midd) 7.57 10, R. Best (Gosforth) 7.59.	

Teams:

Pts.

1, Gateshead H.	(1, 2, 7)	10
2, North Shields Poly	(3,12,30)	45
3, Heaton H.	(5,19,24)	48
4, Elswick 55; 5, Jarrow 69; 6, Saltwell 77; 7, Gateshead "B" 95.		

Warrington A.C. elected the following: President Cllr. B. J. Arnold; Chairman, T. A. Leigh; Secretary, C. J. Kelly, "Kals." 19 Chatsworth Avenue, Culcheth, Lancs.; Track Sec. D. Ryan; C.C. & Social Sec., R. Stringfellow; Treasurer, A. Bate; C.C. Captain, J. Deloos; Track Capt., J. Beswick; Ladies' Capt., Mrs. Fenney.

Advertise **YOUR** event and increase your entries

JARROW ATHLETIC CLUB OPEN ROAD RACES (Under A.A.A. & W.A.A. Laws)

SENIORS 6½ MILES	PRIZES AND
YOUTHS 3½ MILES	TROPHIES
BOYS 1½ MILES	VALUED
WOMEN 1½ MILES	£300

First Individual valued £5/5/0 and next twelve men (not otherwise prize-winner). Sealed Handicap—6 prizes. Team Race 1st, 2nd, 3rd teams.

For information and prospectus send to N. Wright, 30 College Road, Hebburn-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS

20th Annual 5x4 Miles

20 MILES ROAD RELAY

From Memorial Hall, Cranford, Middx.
Saturday, March 21st., 1964, at 3 p.m.

AWARDS—1st, 2nd, 3rd Teams; 1st team not in 1964 London-Brighton Relay; 1st Team of Vets (first 3 legs only); Plaques for first 3 individual laps.

Entries with fees (7/6 first, 5/- other teams) to H. W. Dennis, 19 Star Road, Hillingdon, Middx. by Wednesday, March 11th.

SHAFESBURY HARRIERS

invite all clubs to run in their
BOYS' 2 MILE TEAM RACE

(Under A.A.A. & E.C.C.U. Rules)

on Saturday, February 8th, at 3 p.m.
at Parliament Hill Fields

Team Trophy, medals to first 3 teams and individuals, unplaced team medals. Teams of 6 to run, 3 to score. Club teams only, not schools.

Entries on A.A.A. forms (2/6 per team) to H. J. Ashton, 18 Selkirk House, Defoe Road, Stoke Newington, N.16, by January 29th.

RHYL & DISTRICT A.A.C.

OPEN 6½ MILES ROAD RACE

From St. Asaph to Rhyl

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Saturday, February 8th at 3 p.m.

AWARDS — Individual prizes valued £6.10.0, £5.10.0, £3.10.0 to first three, and first Veteran (£3.10.0). The winning team will hold the "Rhyl Rotary Trophy" for 12 months and medals will be awarded to the five members of the first three teams.

Entry Fees: 2/6 individual, 7/- per team (5 to run, 3 to count). Entries close 31st. Jan. to J. R. Harrison-Jones, Llwyn Idrys, Brighton Road, Rhyl, N. Wales.