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FASTEST EVER AUSTRALIAN MARATHON

BOB PRENTICE, game little marathon runner, earned the right to Olympic selection at his fourth try by winning a special test race in Melbourne on the evening of December 20th, in 2hr. 31m. 51.4sec.

It was the fastest full distance marathon ever run by an Australian, and the time was well inside the 1948 Olympic winner's, which should make Prentice our No. 1 selectee. The determined, 34-year-old Prentice, who isn't much over 5ft. tall, and weighs 8½st., has won four marathons in as many months, cutting his time down from 2:45:24, through 2:40:40 and 2:38:25.4 to the new record. In the latest race he was assisted by a number of runners who had nothing to gain but the pleasure of seeing Bob get into the Olympic team.

Prentice, a clerk, who started out as a cyclist, only recently commenced training under Percy Cerutti, who early advised him to run fast early. "You'll be no more tired running the first 10 miles in 56min., than if you ran it in 60 min.," said Percy, and Bob followed the advice as he covered that part of the race in 56½min.

Prentice was the seventh trackman to qualify for Olympic selection; and still all are Victorians. A few days earlier, on December 15th, walker Ted Allsop, in his second trial race, clocked 46min. 54.2sec. over 10,000 metres, beating the standard by 5.8 sec.

Winning over 100yds. in 9.8sec. at Brisbane (Dec. 15), Hec Hogan, Queensland champion, indicated that he will

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EVERY SATURDAY

JANUARY 12th, 1952

THE main feature this week is, of course, the cross-country championships which were held last Saturday. We are giving the senior results only this week, with juniors and youths next week. This will enable us to give a better coverage than if they were all included in this issue.

Results were, as usual, very interesting. Some great performances were put up in some of the races, none better than the fine running of Jim Peters in the Essex only a few days after his exacting effort in the Morpeth-Newcastle race on New Year's Day. Further proof this, that hard work and distance doesn't diminish one's speed. Geoff Iden, another marathon exponent, was up amongst the elite in the Middlesex, in which Andy Ferguson showed a clean pair of heels to Harry Hicks, who has been running really well recently.

Gordon Pirie, another product of real hard work, literally pulverised the field in the Surrey race. J. Eastham beat Geoff. Saunders in the Lancashire event. Gray got the better of the speedy Dalton in the Warwickshire. Bender trounced Hatton in the Staffordshire, and in the absence of W. R. Beckett, the holder, in the Kent, young Frank Sando of Aylesford ran away from Dick Adams and the rest of a good class field.

In one of the not-so-strong counties, Hertfordshire, J. D. Wood (Surrey A.C.), running for St. Albans, had a comfortable win and will undoubtedly add the junior race to his bag to-day. Here is a runner who, unless I'm very much mistaken, is going places. If he possesses the same determination industry, patience, and singleness of purpose, he might well be another Gordon Pirie. Time will show. Young

AMALGAMATION

On the 13th December, members of Godalming & Dist. A.C. and Guildford A.C. met in Guildford, when it was unanimously agreed that local athletics would benefit by the amalgamation of the two clubs. A new club was therefore formed from the 1st January with the title "Guildford & Godalming A.C." Mr. J. Simpson was elected President and Mr. H. F. Crossman, 5 Millmead, Guildford, is Hon. Secretary. Fixtures Secretary is Mr. W. L. Woodhouse, 3 Manor Field, Milford, Nr. Godalming, Surrey.

P. Perry (R.A.F. & Exeter H.), who wrote in some time ago for help with his training, came out and won the Devonshire title from the well-known Western Counties runner, G. Roberts.

Invalid

Fred Hulford, the old A.A.A. champion, now best known for his starting, is in Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W., awaiting an operation. No doubt there are many of his friends amongst our readers who would like to drop him a line in Prince Arthur's Ward. No ex-athlete likes lying in bed and there's nothing like a letter from an old friend to cheer one up. Buck up and get well, Fred, we want to see you in action again this next season.

To-day's Events

Mitcham A.C. have had a fine entry for their 15 Miles Open Road Race to-day, 158 altogether, including 19 teams from as far apart as Portsmouth and Coventry Godiva. A grand start which leaves little doubt that this could be as popular as the Finchley "20" in time.

THE EDITOR

AUSTRALIA (contd.)

trouble national title-holder Bill de Gruchy (WA) in the nationals there on January 26-28. Hogan will have the advantage of competing at home when the weather is cruelly hot and humid. His time equals the season's best by de Gruchy (twice) and Bruce Moore, of Victoria. All three must show considerable improvement if they are to earn the right to a place in the Olympic team—and sprint standards seem to be fading.

Melbourne athletes struck another bad day (this time a howling gale), as competition closed until January 5th, because of the long summer holiday break. John Landy, who has been anxious to get a really fast 880 yds., had to content himself with a 1:55.7 effort in soundly defeating Dave White; while the mighty Don Macmillan won his division in 1:58.4. Les Perry had aimed for a 14 min. 3s. miles for the last day of the year, but he ran just as he felt in the wind, winning easily in 14:38.6.

Jumping right into the teeth of the gale, Alan Stevens cleared 46ft. 11½ in: to win the "A" hop-step-jump; which is only 1½ in. outside the season's best. He was unlucky to foul at 48:10.

Fit again after her leg injury last season, Marjorie Jackson, who is highly favoured for the Olympic 100 metres, won over that distance in 12.2 sec., at her home town, Lithgow (NSW) on Dec. 15th. It was an invitation event, run into a headwind, so fast times can be expected soon from this fleet-footed lass.

In Sydney on the same day, Nancy Fogarty won over 100 yds. in 11.4 sec.; while in Melbourne, Joan Morrison scored a promising "double" in the Victorian state trials, winning the high jump with 5ft., and the broad jump with 17ft. 5in.

One of the most promising schoolgirl performances ever recorded here was turned in by Norma Austin, 14-year-old Adelaide girl, who won the Federal Jubilee Schools under 16 100 yds. title at Hobart in 11.3 sec. What makes this so remarkable (or even more remarkable, should one say?), was the state of the North Hobart Oval, where this first national schools meeting was staged. Heavy rain fell throughout most of the day, so that the grass tracks were just a quagmire. How Norma managed it is anybody's guess; but the time-keepers have no doubt that their timing was correct, and so was the distance run.

J. H. Galli



"Funny! Can't remember a stepping stone on the first lap."

SOUTH AFRICA'S IMPROVING MILERS

THE annual Union Castle Shield metric meet in Benoni on Nov. 24th, proved a two-way battle between Northern and Southern Transvaal. All the other provinces experienced financial difficulty in sending full teams.

While Ken Wyeth returned poor times in the 100m. (10.8), 20 year old Z. Joubert (Stellenbosch Univ.) caught the eye with a sparkling 21.4 in the 200m. and a very determined 48.7 400m., trouncing Ken Wyeth in the 200 and L. van Biljon in the 400m.

Booyesen revealed that he is head and shoulders above all others in the 800m., coming away in the home straight with a terrifically fast sprint to show 1:54.1, after very mediocre performances before this meeting.

Piet Greyling and Ron Wilkie dead-heated in the 400m. hurdles in 53.5, Denis Hasenjager cleared 24ft. 1½in. in the broad jump (24ft. 9in. no jump) and A. du Preez high-jumped 6ft. 3½in.

Marking his return to Cape Town athletics after a season's break, Hendrik Kruger (20) reached 12ft. 5½in. for a personal best on December 1st.

Competing in a triangular meet in Bloemfontein on December 8th, Ivan du Preez, of Kimberley, dashed over 100 in 9.8 to down Piet Greyling (9.9) and Dave Sandler, national champion. Going for the 220, Schalk Booyesen won by 2ft. from Greyling and Sandler in 22.1. To round off the afternoon, Booyesen strode through a 48.6 quarter ahead of Gerhard Schmidt (49.1).

Quite the sensation of the season so far was the mile race between Dave Herbert, C. McDowell and D. Elliott in Port Elizabeth on December 8th. Elliott was the only one to have beaten 4.34 before the race, and he set what was, for South Africa, a fast pace. Showing very good trackcraft, Herbert came away at the right moment to beat McDowell by a chest in 4:21.3, the fastest time of the season. Herbert seems destined for greater things yet.

Dennis Hasenjager showed 10 dead in the short sprint and took the broad jump with 23ft. 3½in., while Johnny Veitch reached for the 200ft. mark with a hurl of 197ft. 2½in.

Outstanding performance at the inter-club meet held in Vereeniging on Dec. 15th was the impressive sprinting of Dave Sandler, when he turned in 10 secs. on a grass track which can best be described as a "feather bed." The

grass was easily an inch long. On cinders that is worth 9.7 any day!

A. J. "Bertie" Myburgh will be going to Oxford next October as a Rhodes Scholar. This brilliant scholar from the University of Cape Town was destined for a 14 flat 120 yds. hurdler when his finals cut short his hurdling career. He has times of 9.8 and 21.8 for the sprints, 14.3 (wind) and two 14.5's for 120 yds. hurdles, as well as two 23.7's for the 220 lows. A really valuable acquisition for Oxford, where Bertie will renew Varsity rivalry with A. J. Burger.

A. G. Matthews.

ARGENTINA

The results in the National Championships of Argentina were disappointing, and the only good performance was R. Heber's javelin throwing. He did over 230ft. in three of his throws, using a grass runway. Results were as follows: **100M:** E. Basallo 10.9; **200M:** G. Bonnhoff 21.9; **400M:** C. Jantorno 49.2; **800M:** J. Lombao 1:55.1; **1500M:** J. C. Gonzalez 4:09.5; **5,000M:** J. C. Gonzalez 15:29.0; **10,000M:** R. H. Gorno 32:32.5; **3,000SC:** P. Caffa 9:53.4; **110MH:** J. Carbone 15.6; **400MH:** M. Alonso 56.1; **HJ:** J. Alvarez 5ft. 9½in.; **LJ:** A. Geist 22ft. 5½in.; **HJ:** J. C. Guerra 47ft. 4in.; **PV:** L. Barja 12ft. 1½in.; **Shot:** G. Mielke 46ft. 11½in.; **Discus:** E. Porta 145ft. 5 15/16in.; **Javelin:** R. Heber 23ft. 8 7/8 in.; **Hammer:** M. Etcheparre 150ft. 4 7/8 in. T.R.

London Athletic Club, founded in 1863, is to take up cross-country running, as a club, for the first time. They will run from Parliament Hill Fields over Hampstead Heath.

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Colchester Harriers have had to disband owing to lack of support.

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A.A.A. COURSE FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Ninety-eight boys of 16-18, from fifty-five schools and eleven clubs, were chosen from 175 applicants for the seventh A.A.A. Young Athletes' Course held from the 1st-4th January at the University of London track, Mootspur Park, Surrey.

Three of these from Barrow-in-Furness Grammar School were accommodated in the Surrey homes of old boys of the school: others came from Beverley, Middlesbrough and Manchester in the North; Bedford, Denstone and Dudley in the Midlands; Bryanston, Cheltenham, Sherborne and Swansea in the West.

There was, too, an American boy on an "exchange" year at Marlborough (where a recent addition to the staff is the international hurdler, R. C. Barkway, who has been spending his holiday coaching in Mayala). Another schoolmaster international athlete, Mr. H. A. Askew, sent a small group from Royal Liberty School, Romford.

The course was again directed by G. H. G. Dyson, Chief Coach to the A.A.A., assisted by three National coaches, A. R. Malcolm, coach to the University of Cambridge, and G. J. Pallett, Honorary Senior Coach; and the pattern of instruction followed precedent: mass

limber-up, talks on fundamentals of technique, loop-films, demonstrations by international athletes and a 75 minute session of work in four main groups; sprinting and hurdling, middle-distance and steeplechase, jumping and vaulting, and throwing (including more time than hitherto on the hammer).

Apart from these specialist squads, emphasis has been on general athletics literacy so that all might acquire the background to appreciate every technique.

For the first time, weight training was introduced: Oscar State, who took this section, has recently been in Helsinki to advise the Finns about the Weight-Lifting side of the Olympic programme.

In an opening address, J. C. McPhail of the Amateur Athletic Association said that six who had attended previous courses were on the Olympic "Possibles" list. Of these, two had become internationals before they were 21; M. J. Denley, A.A.A. Javelin Champion (1950) and G. M. Elliott, English Native Record holder in Decathlon and Pole Vault.

The next Young Athletes' Course will be held in Leeds in April. The organiser is Dr. S. E. J. Best, Headmaster of Doncaster Grammar School.

ENGLISH C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great Barr, Birmingham, 8th March

Entry forms for the English Cross-Country Championships will be sent to clubs only if they make application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. N. Richardson, "Norcross," Lynton Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire. Entries close definitely on Saturday, 16th February and should be posted not later than Thursday, 14th February, to ensure being received in time.

Each year late entries are received on the Monday and Tuesday and have been accepted because, although the lateness of the entry is due to the negligence of the club secretary, it is the runner or runners who suffer if the entry is refused. This year *no late entries will be accepted under any circumstances*, any such entries being returned and the club reported to the District Association.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS OF NEGOTIATING AN OBSTACLE!
Competitors in the Middlesex Youths' C.C. Championship at Ruislip.

Race Walking

by F. W. Blackmore

LONDON Vidarian R. D. Carpenter is the 1952 Civil Service 7 miles road walking champion as a result of his victory at East Molesey on Saturday last. A stylish walker who has not as yet fulfilled all the rich promise shown in his earliest competitive days.

On the question of style in youth, my distinguished contemporary and friend, Lloyd Johnson, Leicester W.C.—the "old man" of the 1948 British Olympic Team, who none the less finished third in the 50 kilometres road walk—writes to tell me he is always most favourably impressed with the race-walking style of boys.

It may be recalled that Mr. C. Hatch in a letter to *Athletics Weekly* published in the 24th November issue, commented from personal experience that the style of most boys in Schools' walking races with which he had been associated was "very poor"; and that a week later I suggested that this derived from the fact that, due to the competi-

tive urge, boys attempted to *race* before they had learned something of the technique of the sport.

I think Lloyd has been lucky in his experience (or kindly in his judgment), for I have seen some shocking exhibitions in the L.A.C. Schools Championships at the White City—which none the less deserved more sympathy than criticism for the obvious lack of understanding of the fundamentals, demonstrating that even the most elementary tuition had not been given.

However, I am sure that two promising Leicester youngsters Lloyd names, B. Kibble and R. Briars, will in due course make their mark, though it was not to be in Essex Beagles' excellent promotion of an Open 3½ miles race for Youths and Juniors at Chigwell Row last Saturday. Naturally, they could not match the class of B. Shepherd, Walton A.C., or C. Young, Essex Beagles, who won the Juniors and Youths events respectively.

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Readers' Letters

LEADING C.C. CLUB?

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

In your issue of Nov. 3rd under Athletic Clubs of Great Britain—Aylesford Paper Mills A.C., James Audsley described Aylesford as the South's leading cross-country team of the year. As it would appear that no one else has challenged this, I should like to do so.

Let us consider the "National" statistics for Senior, Junior and Youth races:

Senior—Aylesford 4th, Belgrave 7th, T.V.H. 5th.

Junior—Aylesford 31st, Belgrave 12th, T.V.H. 1st.

Youth—Aylesford did not enter, Belgrave 4th, T.V.H. 9th.

Surely from these statistics we cannot regard Aylesford as the leading Southern club unless we deal solely with the senior race. The juniors and youths can be regarded as the nurseries of the senior teams and any club should therefore be judged upon its all-round performance and not upon the performance of one section.

Yours faithfully,

K. L. Norris,

(Thames Valley Harriers)

Though one readily appreciates the value of good juniors and youths, would you consider the Reserve and "A" teams of the Arsenal or Bolton in assessing the leading football team of the year?

James Audsley's statement was undoubtedly based on the fact that Aylesford was the first Southern club in both Southern and National Championships, a fair enough comment. Reader Norris forgets that Aylesford P.M. is a small club with something like one tenth of the members possessed by Belgrave and Thames Valley and they cannot be expected to provide winning Junior and Youth teams as well from their limited numbers.—Ed.

BETTER FACILITIES WANTED

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

I was extremely pleased to see in Mr. Harradine's letter, published on 29th December, a plea for cinder run-ups for

javelin throwers. It is lamentable that these are not provided everywhere, and disgraceful that they do not exist at such great centres of athletic activity as the White City and Motspur Park. Nor is it any argument to say that athletic authorities have no power to adapt conditions at these grounds, for it is surely no less deplorable that athletic bodies have centred their activity on grounds where they are powerless to provide basic essentials.

Admittedly, a dry, firm grass run-up is hardly worse than a good cinder run-up, but how often may this be guaranteed? During this last season I have made a note at each competition of the prevailing ground conditions, and on half the occasions when a grass run-up was used I have had to record comments such as "soft" or "slippery," and the White City was particularly bad in this respect. If our English climate may be expected to ruin any grass run-up that is provided, then something must be provided which the weather cannot harm.

In five years of fairly busy competition I have never yet thrown from a proper cinder run-up. I saw one once. It was at Wembley in 1948, and very pretty it looked, too; but it was covered up after about a week so that horses could jump on it. Since then I have not even seen one. We are fortunate at Oxford in having a very wide track which at two points allows a full run-up on cinder; yet even this serves only to heighten the tragedy; having felt the pleasure of throwing in sure-footed comfort we turn from our sheltered little world to the outside world of hard reality and soft turf—and the blow falls twice as hard.

This is Olympic year, and all British athletes are expected to produce best-ever form; it is only fair that they should be given the necessary encouragement. Even if it is no more than an experiment, let the authorities encourage our javelin throwers by providing a few cinder run-ups, on which they can show their true merit. It would be foolish to promise immediate leaps into the 250ft. class, but I am certain that the change would quickly result in some improvement—and in spite of our rising standard we can well do with it.

Yours faithfully,

D. E. Tucker,

Herne Hill Harriers & O.U.A.C.

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

The fact that Britain has need of more and better running tracks is universally known, but does the average fellower of athletics know that the 1951 Essex County Track and Field Championships were held in a field which appeared to be a strip of waste land.

Being a long jumper, the state of the actual track did not affect me, but during my warm-up and especially when sprinting, I noticed that at various points the ground just fell away by margins of quite six inches or more.

Just as a down-hill approach is useless for a major competition of this nature, so in fact is an up-hill one. The approach on this occasion besides being up hill, included several small "hillocks." In normal circumstances these "inconveniences" can be overlooked even by the most temperamental of athletes, but when a jumper who has commenced his run is forced to stop mid-way because a young lady wishes to purchase some refreshments, then something drastic is clearly indicated. I personally had to remove a young toddler from the run-way before I could attempt my jump. W. M. Dixon, who won with 22ft. 5½in. and D. R. Cox who won the high jump at 6ft. under similar conditions, are to be heartily congratulated.

Surely in a country with a population bordering upon 50 millions, each County could have at least two cinder tracks. It is true that the standard of British athletics has attained a new level, but with the set-backs already mentioned we will go no Higher, no Further and no Faster.

Yours sincerely,
Gerald D. Goodrich
South London Harriers

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

While I can see no justification for a reduction in the numbers of international teams, I feel that there is a sound reason for the suggestion that the international Cross-Country Championship be held earlier in the year, and over a shorter distance. Undoubtedly

this country is not alone in having a number of its most outstanding cross-country runners wishing to commence track training earlier than April.

In putting forward an alternative to your own programme, I would like to make the following observations:

1. It is advisable to plan for a fixed Saturday in the month, rather than on variable dates. When a month has five Saturdays, it gives the runners an additional week clear of serious competition.

2. Competition during December is somewhat restricted by the fact that the third and fourth Saturdays, on either side of Christmas are not really suitable for Championship events, as for various reasons many clubs would not be able to field their full strength.

3. While November is suitable for "Junior" Championships, such sub-district races as the North and South of Thames "Senior" require to come within the set-up of the Senior events.

Therefore I suggest the following:—

County—2nd Saturday, December.

Sub-District—1st Saturday, January.

District—3rd Saturday, January.

National—2nd Saturday, February.

Inter-County—4th Saturday, Feb.

Inter-National—2nd Saturday, Mar.

With this programme in force, those runners who wish to help their club over the country but also have track ambitions, could combine the two, and by retiring from racing over country in mid-February leave sufficient time for the track preparation. Furthermore, for all except the select few, cross-country racing would end with February, leaving March for the increasingly popular short season of road relay racing.

My timing for the Inter-County race may seem unusual, but it could have two useful effects. At the moment, County selectors have only the County race on which to base their teams, and in consequence a consistently good man may be omitted in favour of one who produced a "flash in the pan." If selection were made after the District and National races, this would not be likely to occur. Similarly the selectors for the International team would have the Inter-Counties to confirm current form in the National, and the first nine would not be automatic choices.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. Rogers.
Cambridge Harriers.
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OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE DESIRABLE?

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

I was amazed to read in one of our National Newspapers, that through extra money being available from a campaign this newspaper will run, we will be able to send a much larger Olympic Team, which will include numbers of our promising youngsters to Helsinki to, as was stated, "give them full blooded insight to international competition."

One can only hope that these young stars of to-day do not burn themselves out by excessive hard competition, and become the old corks of to-morrow.

It is all very well to point to Nurmi and Zatopek etc., but remember they have built up and maintained their amazing ability by a long and rigorous system of training. As an Athletic Coach I would urge that *none* of these young athletes who are showing such grand performances be squandered on this idea. Make no mistake, this athletic material is *good*. If we can give it the care and attention which is so necessary for full development, we should be able to enter the 1956 Olympics with far more optimism than is possible in 1952.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Harker

Hon. A.A.A. Coach

One race—or perhaps two in the case of a sprinter—or one field event in the Olympics is not likely to harm any well developed youngster. The experience of competing in 1952 would mean that he is likely to take part in 1956 with considerably more confidence than if it was his first experience of Olympic competition. Far more harm could come from too much racing with insufficient training at home. I think we can safely leave it to our selectors to pick only those athletes likely to do themselves justice this year, or who will enhance their 1956 prospects by Olympic experience in 1952.—Ed.

C.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

My advocacy of a reform in the conditions of District "Junior" Cross-

Country Championships whereby the winning six runners could be re-admitted to the race three years later is deprecated by Mr. Beach of Eastleigh A.C., but I cannot see in his letter more than one real argument against it, which is that it would tend to rob some aspiring youngsters of one glorious moment of the limelight.

I suggest it is manifestly absurd to say that six runners dropping out each year is going to make it easier for some gifted novice to get in the first three. There are too many class athletes left who are still eligible to run again because their club did not win the team race. Take the case of Frank Close (Reading) who was able to compete in the South of Thames Senior race for another three years after once winning it. In all, he finished a winner of this event three times, while W. A. Townsend (Swindon) won twice, so how is your "novice discovery" robbed of a chance of hitting the headlines by six runners of one Club retiring each year? Moreover, your 5th and 6th scorers of the team championships, being perhaps in the forties or fifties, would, if re-admitted, present no obstacle whatever to a coming champion of a future year.

I realise that Mr. Beach was thinking primarily of the South of Thames District Race and not the Senior Championship, and with some of his views on the qualifying conditions of the former I quite agree.

I imagine many Club secretaries smiled at his belief that the Forces are returning as many athletes as they are taking. Even those who return with athletic interest unabated often excuse themselves turning out for a year or so because of having to catch up on their interrupted careers or studies for same.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Fox,
Westbury H.

CINDERELLA EVENTS

The Editor,
"Athletics Weekly."

Dear Sir,

As the Olympic year is almost upon us, I imagine the Amateur Athletic Association will make a plea to the promoters of athletic meetings to include some, if not all, of the "Cinderella" events in their programmes. A similar plea was made in 1948, and the response was quite good, enabling our triple-jumpers, pole-vaulters, 400 metres

hurdlers, and steeplechasers to be afforded competition in their respective events.

In years other than those in which the Olympic Games are held, the athletes who compete in these events are given little chance of competition. They therefore have to compete in an event closely allied to their own, or not compete at all.

The response of 1948 proved that with little extra effort, these events can be included on the programme of the average athletic meeting. Why then are these events not included at all times?

Unless they are included, one or all, in almost every athletic meeting, we shall never attain a high standard of performance in these events, and also we shall never hold our own at them, in International competition.

Yours faithfully,

L. Virr,
Thames Valley Harriers.

MORPETH-NEWCASTLE RACE FOR PETERS

But for easing up over the final stages of the 13½ miles Morpeth to Newcastle race on January 1st, Jim Peters (Essex Beagles) would have beaten Jack Holden's record. Holden accomplished 1 hr. 11m. 24.2s. in much better conditions than those prevailing this time, yet Peters was inside record for most of the journey.

R. F. Robins, destined to follow Peters over the marathon distance in a few years' time, accompanied his team-mate and set the pace in the early stages.

Robins dropped back later in the race, but came again over the final half-mile to finish second in his first effort over this distance.

Huntley (Bedlington) was a surprise third, with C. D. Robertson (Dundee Thistle) fourth, R. H. Pape (H.M.S. Ceres) fifth, and that grand veteran, Jack Winfield (Derby), sixth. Essex Beagles won a narrow victory over Bedlington in the team race, with Harehills third.

1. J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles) 1.11.45
2. R. F. Robins (Essex Beagles) 1.13.07
3. G. Huntley (Bedlington H.) 1.13.17
- *4. C. D. Robertson (Dundee T.) 1.13.43
- *5. R. H. Pape (H.M.S. Ceres) 1.14.41
- *6. J. Winfield (Derby & C.) 1.14.52
7. E. Thompson (Morpeth) 1.14.55; 8. B. Hemsley (Gosforth) 1.15.07; *9. R. Wallace (Shettleston) 1.15.30; 10. D. J. Dodds (Heaton) 1.16.21; 11. P. Bradley (Longwood) 1.16.39; 12. A. Cockcroft (Harehills) 1.17.05; 13. E. Smith (Harehills) 1.17.15; 14. R. Walker (Saltwell) 1.17.20; 15. G. R. Fail (Bedlington) 1.17.24; *16. F. McGrath (Airedale) 1.17.32; 17. A. Turner (Bedlington) 1.17.34; *18. J. W. Thompson (Border) 1.17.38; 19. R. Mathieson (Longwood) 1.17.44; 20. T. Dunn (Morpeth) 1.17.56.

* Individual

Teams:

1, Essex Beagles (1.2.20) 23 pts.; 2, Bedlington H. (3.11.12) 26 pts.; 3, Leeds Harehills (8.9.18) 35 pts.; 4, Gosforth 43; 5, Heaton 53; 6, Hartlepools Burn Road 64; 7, Morpeth and Longwood 70 each; 9, Gateshead C. 76; 10, Saltwell 85; 11, Gateshead H. 86.

Ind. Handicap: Tie between R. Pape (6.0) and W. Gordon (Elswick) 10.30, both 1.8.41.

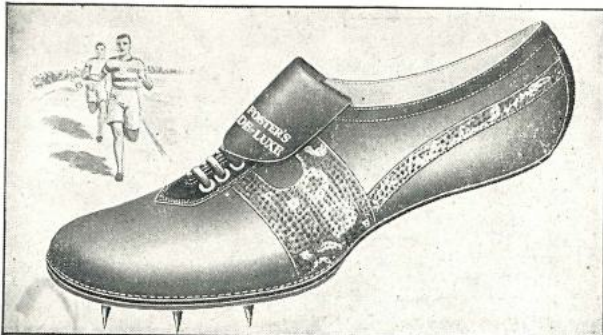
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* Individual Competitor

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, at Halton

1. C. G. Shirley (Wycombe Ph.H.) 53:03
2. D. Selwood (Wycombe Ph.H.) 53:11
3. D. Barlow (Wycombe Ph.H.) 53:20

Teams: Pts.

1. Wycombe Phoenix H. & A.C. 15
2. Wycombe Ph.H. & A.C. "B" 73

No other team closed in.

(Only results available)

CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND, at Millom.

(Senior & Junior race held in conjunction)

1. A. Byers (Border H.) 36.15
2. F. Collett (Kendal A.A.C.)
3. W. Pugh (S. Cumberland)

Team: Kendal A.A.C.

DEVONSHIRE, at Newton Abbot

1. P. Perry (Exeter H.) 34.58
2. G. Roberts (Plymouth C.S.) 35.06
3. A. W. Ashton (B'nstaple A.C.) 35.08
4. E. Birch (Devonport Y.M.) 35.11; 5. L. Williams (Newton Abbot) 35.17; 6. P. Holmes (Paignton) 35.22; 7. J. Semmens (Exeter) 36.02; 8. A. Beveridge (Exeter) 36.02; 9. D. Crook (Paignton) 36.11; 10. K. Thomas (Devonport) 36.20; 11. B. Aplin (Exeter) 36.32; 12. W. Coldridge (Exeter) 36.32; 13. J. Mitchell (Devonport) 36.32.8; 14. W. Werry (Plymouth) 36.47; 15. D. Foster (Plymouth) 36.53; 16. W. Camm (Paignton) 36.57; 17. C. Wilson (Paignton) 37.20; 18. S. Prowse (Paignton) 37.30; 19. K. Shinner (Devonport) 37.45; 20. W. Courtney (Exeter) 37.57.

Teams: Pts.

1. Exeter H. (1.7.8.11.12.20) 59
2. Paignton H. (6.9.16.17.18.21) 87
3. Plymouth C.S. (2.14.15.22.25.26) 104
4. Devonport Y.M.C.A. 108; 5. Newton Abbott A.C. 160.

ESSEX, at Woodford Green

1. J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles) 42.56
- 2.*K. C. Cook (Hadleigh A.C.) 43.28
3. W. Lennie (Chelmsford A.C.) 43.30
4. E. Baverstock (Essex Beagles) 43.36;
5. P. R. L. Morgan (Southend A.C.) 44.18; 6. T. R. Lowen (Southend A.C.) 44.51; 7. L. Durrant (Chelmsford A.C.) 44.57; 8. T. Hosking (Essex Beagles) 45.12; 9. R. O. McCalla (Southend A.C.) 45.17; 10. P. Huggett (Essex Beagles) and L. J. Cook (Southend A.C.) 45.26; 12. R. F. Robins (Essex Beagles) 45.27.

Teams: Pts.

1. Essex Beagles (1.3.7.9.11.15) 46

2. Southend-on-Sea A.C. 83
3. Woodford Gn. A.C. 121
4. Ilford A.C. 123; 5. Chelmsford A.C. 136; 6. Loughton A.C. 296; 7. Woodford Gn. A.C. "B" 323; 8. Essex Beagles "B" 382; 9. Orion H. 392; 10. Ilford A.C. "B" 413.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE, at Chipping Sodbury

1. A. A. Robertson (Westbury H.) 41.22
- 2.*J. Jefferies (Bristol A.C.) 41.39
- 3.*R. Rowles (Bristol A.C.) 42.35
4. J. Ashby (Westbury H.) 42.51; 5. J. Smith (Westbury) 42.52; 6. W. J. Court (Westbury) 43.06; 7. I. B. Hawkins (Westbury) 43.09; 8. D. Fincham (St. Gregory's) 43.22; 9. J. Hutton (Westbury) 43.27; 10. M. A. Wheeler (Westbury) 43.45; 11. J. Rose (Cheltenham) 44.15; 12. J. B. Tuck (Westbury) 44.24; 13. C. Page (St. Gregory's) 44.29; 14. V. Nolan (Cheltenham) 44.39; 15. P. Warner (St. Gregory's) 44.52; 16. R. S. Banks (Westbury) 44.54; 17. F. Bibbings (Cheltenham) 45.18 18. M. Biddescombe (Westbury) 45.19; 19. R. Watts (Cheltenham) 45.31; 20. P. Cummings (St. Gregory's) 45.36.

Teams: Pts.

1. Westbury H. (1.2.3.4.5.7) 22
2. Cheltenham C.H. (9.12.15.17.19.21) 93
3. St. Gregory's AC (6.11.13.18.22.25) 95

HAMPSHIRE, at Southwick

1. R. Brown (R.N.A.C.) 45.00
2. R. G. Gosney (Southampton) 46.02
3. M. Haddock (Walton A.C.) 46.39
4. D. Rees (Portsmouth) 46.43; 5. J. Clark (Southampton) 6.45; 6. W. Lemon (Eastleigh) 47.11; 7. F. Beach (Eastleigh) 47.43; 8. D. Burnett (Eastleigh) 48.08; 9. Ward (R.N.A.C.) 48.11; 10. B. Goater (Eastleigh) 48.15; 11. K. Crooke (Southampton) 48.17; 12. Horton (Portsmouth) 48.58; 13. N. Tabor (Eastleigh) 49.18; 14. A. Giles (Portsmouth) 49.32; 15. A. G. Biggs (Ryde H.) 49.34; 16. S. Bollen (Portsmouth) 49.42; 17. T. Finnigan (Portsmouth) 49.48; 18. J. Horn (Portsmouth) 49.51; Gardner (Southampton) 49.57; Smith (Portsmouth) 50.22.

Teams: Pts.

1. Eastleigh A.C. (6.7.8.10.13.26) 70
2. Portsmouth "A" (4.12.14.16.17.18) 81
3. Southampton (2.5.11.19.21.24) 82
4. R.N.A.C. (South) 122.

HERTFORDSHIRE, at Watford

1. J. D. Wood (St. Albans) 42.39



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3 J. Wilshire (St Albans)	43.38
4. D. Wheatley (Watford H.) 43.59; 5, M. Kircaldie (Watford) 43.59; 6, M. Smith (N. Herts) 44.09; 7, S. Kennedy (Watford) 44.41; 8, W. Morgan (Southgate) 44.52; 9, R. Hill (St. Albans) 45.03; 10, S. Randall (St. Albans) 45.12; 11, T. Willey (St. Albans) 45.18; 12, A. Noonan (Watford) 45.39.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. St. Albans C.A.C. (1.2.3.8.9.10)	33
2 Watford H. (4.5.7.11.13.18)	58
3. N. Herts A.C. (6.12.21.26.36.37)	138
4. St. Albans "B"	183.

KENT, at Maidstone

1. F. Sando (Aylesford P.M.)	40.54
2. R. C. Adams (C. of Rochester) 41.21	
3.*M. C. Whenman (Aylesford).....	41.31
4. D. Holden (Cambridge H.) 41.36; 5, S. Acott (Aylesford) 41.48; 6, J. Charlesworth (Aylesford) 42.02; *7, J. Brown (Belgrave H.) 42.13; 8, D. Pemble (Maidstone H.) 42.14; 9, A. J. Brent (Blackheath H.) 42.42; 10, J. Scott-Wilson (Blackheath H.) 43.03; 11, J. Ellis (Aylesford) 43.17; 12, B. Hucks (Aylesford) 43.24; 13, A. V. Macoy (Aylesford) 43.36; *14, P. N. Ross	

(Reading A.C.) 43.45; 15, R. H. Pain (Blackheath) 44.01; 16, P. Blakiston (C. of Roch.) 44.22; 17, R. A. Morley (Blackheath) 44.43; 18, L. F. Cass (Cambridge H) 44.50; 19, R. Hale (Kent A.C.) 44.55; 20, D. Childs (Blackheath "B") 44.58.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Aylesford P.M. (1.5.6.11.12.13)	48
2. Blackheath "A" (9.10.15.17.21.27)	99
3. Cambridge H. (4.18.30.34.36.40)	162
4. C. of Rochester 237; 5, Blackheath "B" 258; 6, Blackheath "C" 342.	

LANCASHIRE, at Winton

1. J. Eastham (Bolton Utd. H.) 41.26	
2. G. B. Saunders (Bolton U. H.) 41.38	
3. R. Williams (Winton H.)	42.08
4, F. Norris (Bolton Utd. H) 42.29; 5, W. Berry (Bolton U.H.) 42.29; 6, S. J. Fell (Leigh H. & A.C.) 42.34; 7, B. McOwen (Rochdale H. & A.C.) 42.38; 8, J. A. Russell (Manchester A. & C.C.) 42.46; 9, N. Ashcroft (Manc. A. & C.C.) 42.49; 10, J. Fearn (Royton H. & A.C.) 42.55; 11, A. Christian (Manc. A. & C.C.) 42.58; 12, P. Thompson (Man. A. & C.C.) 43.14; 13, J. Chidlow (Sutton H.) 43.22; 14, T. J. O'Mahoney (Liverpool H. & A.C.) 43.24; 15, B. Crook (Bury	

A.C.) 43.41; 16, H. Bate (Rochdale H.) 43.51; 17, K. Gates (Pembroke A. & C.C.) 43.54; 18, R. G. Beecroft (Clayton-Le-Moors H.) 44.01; 19, C. Aldred (Salford H. & A.C.) 44.05; 20, M. Maleedy (Sutton H.) 44.06.

No team race.

LEICS. and RUTLAND, at Hinckley

1. D. Cobley (Hinckley T.C.) 37.10
2. A. W. Gale (Kettering T.) 37.17
3. J. C. Driver (Leicester H.) 37.50
4. E. R. Rowland (LCAT) 38.56; 5, K. Richardson (Leic. H.) 39.41; 6, K. Poxon (LCAT) 40.16; 7, M. Powell (Leic. H.) 40.38; 8, P. Harwood (LCAT) 40.45; 9, G. Powell (Leic. H.) 40.47; 10, R. Smith (Leic. H.) 40.48; 11, P. Driver (Leic. H.) 41.32; 12, S. Haines (Leic. H.) 41.50; 13, R. C. Brown (Hinckley T.C.) 41.53; 14, K. J. Chamberlain (Hinckley T.C.) 41.55; 15, H. F. Saunders (Leic. H.) 41.57; 16, D. Clocke (LCA1) 42.06; 17, E. Boot (LCAT) 42.23; 18, M. J. Collie (Old Ashbeins) 42.24; 19, V. C. Walker (Kettering T.) 42.32; 20, E. Berry (Leic. H.) 42.44.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Leicester H. (1.3.5.7.8.9)	33
2. Leic. C. A. & T. (2.4.6.12.13.16)	53
3. Old Ashbeins (14.17.20.22.25.27)	125

MIDDLESEX, at Cockfosters

1. A. T. Ferguson (Highgate H.) 44.33
2. H. J. Hicks (Hampstead H.) 45.22
3. H. A. Olney (T.V.H.) 45.58
4. D. J. Thompson (Shaftesbury) 46.30;
5, S. E. W. Cox (Southgate H.) 46.46;
6, G. L. Iden (V.P.H.) 46.49; 7, E. D. Ford (Shaftesbury) 46.54; 8, D. C. Lee (Shaftesbury) 47.1; 9, G. T. Olding (Hornsey St. M.) 47.4; 10, E. Shirley (Finchley H.) 47.21; 11, K. Harvey (Finchley) 47.37; 12, S. Ellis (Finchley) 47.43; 13, R. Chapman (Enfield A.C.) 47.44; 14, R. Lambert (Wigmore H.) 47.45; 15, E. Whitehead (Finchley) 47.48; 16, R. Genever (Cadogan A.C.) 47.49; G. Ward (Poly. H.) 47.50; 18*J. H. Pennington (Wadham H) 47.52; 19, W. Coyne (Poly. H.) 47.54; 20, D. Fotheringham (T.V.H.) 47.56.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Finchley H. (10.11.12.15.21.41)	110
2. Shaftesbury H. (4.7.8.22.35.36)	112
3. Thames V.H. (3.19.23.27.28.29)	129
4. Polytechnic H. 166; 5, Cadogan A.C. 207; 6, Highgate H. 302.	

NORTHANTS, at Peterborough

1. K. Weston (Northampton) 43.36
2. D. Covil (Northampton) 43.59
3. M. May (Northampton) 45.08
4, B. Barnett (Crowland) 45.09; 5, H.

Spire (Crowland) 45.25; 6, F. Jones (Kettering) 45.26; 7, V. R. May (Northampton) 45.48; 8, J. Smith (Kettering) 45.51; 9, T. Webb (Kettering) 46.02; 10, T. Gunn (Kettering) 46.12; 11, D. Beaumont (Northampton) 46.22; 12, R. Owen (Kettering) 46.31; 13, A. Dickens (Northampton) 47.20; 14, Trev. Sulch (Kettering) 47.27; 15, F. Wright (Crowland) 47.28; 16, F. Abbs (Peterboro') 48.23; 17, N. Tester (Kettering) 48.31; 18, N. Bond (Crowland) 48.31; 19, K. Ward (Northampton) 48.41; 20, A. Wilson (Peterboro') 49.01.

Teams:	Pts.
Northampton C.H. (1.2.3.7.11.13)	37
Kettering T.H. (6.8.9.10.12.14)	59
Crowland A.C. (4.5.15.18.22.25)	89
4, Peterborough.	

SOMERSET, at Yeovil

1.*F. L. Wyatt (Bristol A.C.) 39.33
2 *A. Canning (Bristol A.C.) 40.42
3 *I. M. Burke (Bristol A.C.) 41.39
4. S. G. Amatt (Yeovil H.) 41.59; 5, J. M. Evans (Yeovil H.) 42.32; 6, P. J. Bowden (Bristol South H.) 42.33; 7, S. Cave (Yeovil H.) 43.00; 8, T. M. Chorlet (Bristol S.H.) 43.02; 9, N. Thorn (Taunton A.C.) 43.10; 10, M. Savage (Taunton A.C.) 44.10; 11, R. D. Knight (Bristol S.H.) 44.44; 12, F. Thurlow (Yeovil H.) 44.57; 13, K. Yard (Taunton A.C.) 45.11; *14, P. K. Bottomley (Taunton A.C.) 45.21; 15, G. Kneeshaw (Taunton A.C.) 46.01.

Teams:	Pts.
1 Yeovil H. (1.2.4.9)	16
2. Bristol South H. (3.5.8.13)	29
3. Taunton A.C. (6.7.10.11)	34

STAFFORDSHIRE, at Warley

1. A. E. Binder (Wolverhampton) 37.25
2. R. Hatton (Birchfield H.) 38.33
3. C. Kemball (Wolverhampton) 38.47
4. H. Williams (Tipton) 39.06; 5, E. H. Hollinshead (Stourbridge) 39.17; 6, F. R. Haden (Dudley) 39.29; 7, A. J. Cole (Tipton) 39.29; 8, W. Swindells (Smethwick) 3.40; 9, F. Goode (Smethwick) 39.43; 10, S. A. Dean (Tipton) 39.50; 11, W. Wheeler (Smethwick) 39.54; 12, G. Mycock (N. Staffs) 40.03; 13, B. Waldron (Smethwick) 40.05; 14, M. Whittaker (Stafford) 40.32; S. Cootes (Smethwick) 40.37; 16, D. Matthews (Stourbridge) 40.40; 17, M. Short (Smethwick) 40.43; 18, A. E. Cooper (N. Staffs) 41.00; 19, D. Evans (Wolverhampton) 41.02; 20, D. Onions (Wolverhampton) 41.04.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Smethwick H. (8.9.11.13.15.17)	73
2. Wolverh'ton H. (1.3.19.20.24.31)	98
3. Tipton H. (4.7.10.22.29.30)	102

4. North Staffs H. 142; 5. Stourbridge Wordsley & D.H. 176.

SUFFOLK, at Ipswich

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| 1. M. Saunders (Ipswich H.) | 38.32 |
| 2. C. Whittell (Ipswich H.) | 38.48 |
| 3. E. Page (Ipswich H.) | 39.06 |

No team race.

(Only results available)

SUSSEX, at East Brighton.

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| 1. W. P. Ranger (Eastbourne R.C.) | 41:11 |
| 2. D. Coghlan (Horsham B.S.H.) | 41:32 |
| 3. H. Martin (Horsham B.S.H.) | 41:43 |
| 4. D. Gander (Horsham B.S.H.) | 41:43; |
| 5. J. Randall (Horsham B.S.H.) | 41:51; |
| 6. J. Edwards (Horsham B.S.H.) | 42:10. |

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| Teams: | Pts. |
| 1. Horsham Blue S.H. (2.3.4.5.6.20) | 40 |
| 2. Brighton A.C. | 86 |
| 3. Bexhill A.A.C. | 106 |
| 4. Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C. | 113 |

(Only results available)

SURREY, at Oxted.

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| 1. D. A. G. Pirie (S. London)..... | 35.05 |
| 2. C. W. Walker (Belgrave) | 37.36 |
| 3. E. A. Short (Belgrave H) | 37.37 |
| 4. S. Wilkins (Walton A.C.) 37.42; 5. J. Broughton (Belgrave) 37.53; 6. J. C. Green (Herne H.) 38.06; 7. W. E. Lucas (Belgrave) 38.11; 8. G. Scotting (Surrey A.C.) 38.14; 9. A. W. Bedford (Belgrave) 38.31; 10. R. S. Clark (Herne H.) 38.43; 11. L. W. Herbert (Belgrave) 39.05; 12. W. Burroughs (Mitcham) 39.12; 13. F. J. Orton (S. London) 39.15; 14. P. J. Hyde (Herne Hill) 39.19; 15. S. C. Belton (Surrey A.C.) 39.23; 16. P. J. Pirie (S. London) 39.27; 17. M. R. Maynard (Herne H.) 39.31; 18. H. P. Wheeler (Surrey A.C.) 39.32; 19.*R. Belmore (Guildford & G) 39.34; 20. L. Scott (Mitcham) 39.37. | |

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| Teams: | Pts. |
| 1. Belgrave H. (2.3.5.7.9.11) | 37 |
| 2. Herne H.H. (6.10.14.17.21.27) | 95 |
| 3. S. London H. (1.13.16.23.24.34) | 111 |
| 4. Surrey A.C. 141; 5. Epsom & Ewell 204; 6. Mitcham A.C. 205. | |

* Individual

WARWICKSHIRE, at Coventry

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| 1. C. M. Gray (Small Heath) | 38.18 |
| 2. A. E. Dalton (Birchfield) | 38.44 |
| 3. J. R. Reid (Birchfield) | 38.47 |
| 4. R. Reid (Birchfield H.) 38.48; 5. C. Simpson (Small Heath) 38.57; 6. T. Wyer (Godiva) 39.00; 7. D. Kennedy (Godiva) 39.16; 8. F. Froggatt (Small Heath) 39.24; 9. B. Heatley (Godiva) 39.34; 10. G. Russell (Small Heath) 39.35; 11. J. Waller (Godiva) 39.40; 12. T. Coss (Godiva) 39.48; 13. L. Orton | |

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| (Birchfield) 39.48; 14. D. Rees (Godiva) 40.01; 15. P. Bull (Lozells H.) 40.09; 16. K. Dare (Small Heath) 40.11; 17. D. Faulconbridge (Godiva) 40.24; 18. P. T. Fricker (B.T.H. Rugby) 40.34; 19. F. Faulks (Small Heath) 40.40; 20. R. M. Jones (Birchfield) 40.44. |
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| Teams: | Pts. |
| 1. Cov. Godiva H. (6.7.9.11.12.14) | 59 |
| 2. Small Heath H. (1.5.8.10.16.19) | 59 |
| 3. Birchfield H. (2.3.4.13.20.21) | 63 |
| 4. Leamington C. & A.C. 238; 5. Spark-hill H. 300; 6. B.T.H. Rugby R.C. 320. | |

WILTSHIRE, at Yatesbury

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| 1. G. A. Coombes (Trowbridge) 39.32 |
| 2. T. J. Betteridge (Trowbridge) 39.50 |
| 3. M. J. Andrews (Salisbury) 40.33 |
| 4. A. H. Isaacs (Portsmouth) 40.45; 5. A. Cockran (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 40.49; 6. A. Ross (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 41.11; 7. A. Davis (Swindon) 41.20; 8. W. Carvey (Chippenham Wh.) 42.33; 9. Cpl. P. Weston (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 41.50; 10. N. A. Porton (Swindon) 42.18; 11. E. Richardson (Swindon) 42.26; 12. R. C. Willis (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 42.35; 13. J. Woodman (Swindon) 42.47; 14. Cpl. Tomlinson (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 42.58; 15. R. May (Swindon) 43.32; 16. L.A.C. Carey (R.A.F. Melksham) 43.36; 17. E. P. Grist (Trowbridge) 44.02; 18. P. A. Spencer (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 44.26; 19. S. Fell (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 44.26; 20. E. D. Harris (R.A.F. Yatesbury) 44.50; 21. S. G. Beaven (Trowbridge) 44.57. |

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| Teams: | Pts. |
| 1. R.A.F. Yatesbury (5.6.9.12) | 32 |
| 2. Swindon A.C. (7.10.11.13) | 41 |
| 3. Trowbridge A.C. (1.2.17.21) | 41 |
| 4. R.A.F. Melksham 96. | |

WORCESTERSHIRE, at Halesowen

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| 1. D. Pearsall (Tipton H.) | 39.39 |
| 2. K. Brettall (Halesowen) | 39.43 |
| 3. E. C. Nicholls (Bromsgrove) | 41.14 |
| 4. P. D. Hanson (Bromsgrove) 41.15; 5. E. R. Grose (Halesowen) 41.23; 6. B. Parsons (Halesowen) 41.32; 7. J. H. Haden (Dudley H.) 41.34; 8. W. Payne (Oldbury) 41.55; 9. E. Hundley (Worcester H.) 42.36; 10. D. Dunn (Halesowen) 42.58; 11. A. J. Rawlings (Harborne H.) 43.04; 12. B. Twamley (Tipton H.) 43.18; 13. H. Rudge (Halesowen) 43.24; 14. R. D. Clarke (Oldbury) 43.30; 15. G. S. Nicholls (Bromsgrove) 43.42; 16. W. T. Hawkey (Bromsgrove) 44.00; 17. G. Harris (Halesowen) 44.09; 18. N. C. Jackson (Dudley) 44.27; 19. J. Webster (Halesowen) 44.41; 20. P. Dyer (Worcester) 44.49. | |

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| Teams: | Pts. |
| 1. Halesowen (2.5.6.10.13.17) | 53 |

2. Bromsgrove (3.4.15.16.24.28) 90
 3. Oldbury (8.14.23.32.35.31) 150
 4. Dudley H. & A.C. 155; 5. Worcester H. 174; 6. Harborne H. 200.

Junior and Youth Championships will be included next week.

RACE WALKING (cont'd.)

Shepherd's prowess is already established, though it might have been considered likely that Norman Read, Steynning A.C., would finish ahead of him. Read, however, was disqualified soon after half distance when leading by about fifteen yards.

In a most interesting promotion, Highgate Harriers were team winners by the narrowest of margins from the youthful Metropolitan W.C. "school," with Cheltenham North A.C. (who had L. Phillips in second place in the Youth's event) commendably third.

By and large, the promise of youth for the future of race walking (provided it is not unduly curtailed or blunted by National Service) is undoubtedly brighter than it has ever been. Surrey W.C. have a youngster in Dave Perkins, still under twenty, who has won a Club race from such as W. N. Cowley, and Olympic walker, H. A. Martineau. A running member of Croydon Harriers, I am reminded of Lloyd Johnson's views by the fact that when he first took up race walking he had all the tendency to lean forward, on which Mr. Hatch and I have already commented. However, no doubt Lloyd would say: "Let me have them straight from school and I'll iron them out!"

Walking Performances

Despite Mr. Fulvio Regli's letter in last week's issue, and the Editorial invitation thereunder, I will forbear to give my comments this week, but will resolve them for publication in the next issue. Although, in point of fact, I think I have covered all these controversial issues (other than the statisticians lists) before from time to time! It may perhaps be that I am prejudiced and too set in my opinions (albeit they are derived from the widest possible experience); but I really must doubt Mr. Regli's authority for the assertions he makes and the judgments he pronounces.

This applies equally to the opinion expressed by Norris and Ross McWhirter (as quoted in Mr. Regli's letter) in their book "Get to your Marks." I cannot help feeling that somewhere in the background of all this is the mechanical mindedness (at least with

regard to judging race walking) of our sport's one-time antagonist, and my still not completely-converted friend, Harold Abrahams.

The recently-formed North-Western Cross-Country Association will hold its first annual Championships on February 9th, at Kendal, Westmorland, when there will be races for Boys, Youths, Juniors and Seniors. Hon. Secretary is G. E. Blenkham, "Burtree," Ashford Road, Lancaster.

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Airedale Harriers are to stage their annual "Telegraph & Argus" invitation Road Relay on April 26th from the Horsfall Playing Fields, Bradford. Holders are Birchfield H.

SCHOOLS A.A. NOTES

We are off to a good start for the New Year. A report from Bradford on the preparations for the Championship meeting in July is most encouraging. This is a job for real long term planning and the spade work in these early days is all important for a successful venture in the summer. The Standard Attainments Tables for 1952 are now available and the new Rule Book is in preparation and will be ready for distribution by the end of the month. There are signs of renewed enthusiasm from all parts of the country. The next *News Chronicle* film is in the making—this time on Javelin Throwing—and there is other evidence that the throwing events are giving a new urge to Athletics in Schools. Shortly an advisory pamphlet on Walking will be distributed and a further note on Cross Country work for schools will be issued. This is the comprehensive plan of the Association but it will not be complete without a firm resolution in the schools and may that be that 1952 will be worthy of the best effort yet made for the success of Schools' Athletics. A Happy and Successful New Year to all! E.C.

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