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WALKING By A. D. McSweeney

BIRMINGHAM "OUTER-CIRCLE" 25 MILES

There was no Albert Johnson to push Don Thompson to a record this year but nevertheless his time of 3:33.7 was only 70 secs. outside. Clubmate Tom Misson proved the strongest challenger and, after dropping George Chaplin who pushed in front at five miles and faded at twelve, the two Met. boys had it all their own way.

Thompson eventually proved the stronger to beat Misson by 2 minutes but the latter's time of 3:35.31 was a fine one and inside the best up to 1956. Chaplin recovered his bad spell but could not get nearer than 3rd in 3:39.09, a personal best incidentally.

Belgrave easily won the team race and Hugh McGreechan, making something of a comeback, was their first man, in fourth place. George Checkley unaccountably fell back to 11th after a good start. Karl Abolins, the Blackpool winner, put up a strong finish and was second Midlander.

Showers helped the field generally to good times but Birmingham feel that the close proximity of the "Bath 100" cut their entry rather badly.

London Clubs' International 5 Miles

Conditions at the White City on Saturday were favourable to fast walking, and early on, Stan Vickers, with the Italian, Guiseppe Dordoni, lying handy to prod or goad him, looked all set to push the best British performance, 35m.15s., by Roland Hardy, off the record books. 6.52 for one mile and 13.58 for two lent an air of expectancy. An average of 7m. 5s. per mile was needed for the next three miles, but a slow third mile in 7.16 wrecked all hope of new figures.

The Italian, having caught Vickers, began a tactical race the like of which we have not before seen here in a walking event. With spurts, go-slows and "after-you-Claude" efforts Dordoni must have had Vickers well puzzled. But it served a purpose and sapped Vickers' strength for the latter had nothing left when the Italian put in an almost dangerous sprint with 200 yards to go.

Coleman beat the second Italian, A. Pamich, in the customary British wearing-down style but lost ground on the leaders after holding them to within 80 yards for three miles in the middle of the race.

Twenty-Minute Win by Misson

Transport difficulties hit the Dover-Canterbury 28 miles field pretty hard and knocked the starters to 23. Tom Misson (Met.) confirmed the opinion that he has definitely "arrived" in the long-distance sphere by carving nearly ten minutes off the course record held by George Checkley and by "losing" the rest of the field. In fact he won by **twenty-one minutes** — the kind of performance we only expect from

Don Thompson. Naturally Misson also beat the handicapper by several minutes.

George Beecham repeated his second place of last year, but in five minutes slower time, and Pat McEvoy went up to third only, only 20 yards behind the holder, Neilson, was fourth.

Birmingham W.C. "Outer-Circle" 25 Miles. 1 D. J. Thompson (Met. W.C.) 3:33.33; 2 T. W. Misson (Met. W.C.) 3:35.31; 3 G. Chaplin (Godiva H.) 3:39.09; 4 H. McGreechan (Belgrave H.) 3:49.38; 5 R. Newson (Belgrave H.) 3:52.27; 6 K. Abolins (R. Sutton W.C.) 3:53.08. **Teams:** 1 Belgrave H. 16; 2 Leicester W.C. 36; 3 R. Sutton Coldfield W.C. 51. "Hill" Shield: Leicester. "Bishops" Cup: G. Chaplin.

Dover-Canterbury & Back 28 Miles. 1 T. Misson (Met.) 3.59.44; 2, G. Beecham (Belgrave) 4.20.50; 3, P. McEvoy (Highgate) 4.20.55; 4, H. Neilson (Woodford) 4.22.32; 5, R. Pantling (L. Vids.) 4.32.21; 6, J. Culver (Essex. B.) 4.33.59. **Teams:** Belgrave 17; Polytechnic 39.

We regret to report the death, on Thursday, 11th July, of Mr. Harold Robinson, for many years Hon. Treasurer of the Bradford and County Walking Association, and last year President of the R.W.A. Northern Area. His loss will be keenly felt in the Walking world and particularly in Yorkshire where he was always ready to give promoting organisations a helping hand.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

OVERSHADOWING all other topics this week has been the wonder mile at the White City last Friday evening, in which four men beat the 4min. barrier.

What a pity one or two people had to start talking and writing about the possibility that pacing would nullify any record. Jack Crump felt so strongly about one journalist misquoting him that he sent a strong letter of protest to the newspaper concerned.

The rule about pacing was intended to stop any repetition of the "old pals act" which we were getting some time ago with Bannister, Chataway and Brasher, and which was put on with the sole idea of helping Bannister to achieve a fast time and was all against the spirit of the sport.

The race at the White City was entirely different. It was a great race from start to finish and with half a lap to go no-one could say with any certainty who was going to win. The fact that Blagrove deliberately set a fast pace for two laps, faded on the third and eventually dropped out, has nothing to do with the validity of the race at all. It would be carrying things to ridiculous lengths to suggest that any time a runner sets a fast pace but does not finish means that none of the other runners can set a new record!

The match between London and New York was thoroughly enjoyable, but I do hope we do not have repetitions of the "twin" announcing, whereby we seemed to be getting a fairly loud voice coming through the amplifiers normally used by the starters for the "round the track" races. Certainly a voice was coming from somewhere to either mingle at cross purposes with the proper announcer or at most inconvenient times, such as when the starter had his men in the set position and found the "voice" confusing. Except for this and the failure to announce the right competitors in some events, organisation seemed to be good, with the commentaries not only excellent but most helpful in the presentation of the field events. I am sure everyone enjoyed these events far more in consequence.

By contrast, a letter from a prominent competitor at the Waddilove meeting, which has just come in, says that the organisation there was "shocking," with the programme finishing 1 hour 20 mins. behind time, a Birchfield man invariably in the inside lane, and so many competitors in the 2 miles team race that it looked like the start of the London-Brighton "100." Remember, these are a competitor's comments — an event winner — not mine!

The Waddilove result came in too late for inclusion this week and owing to a number of queries about some of the results of the All-England Schools' Championships, these, too, will appear next week, with a report by Reg Kerslake.

To-day's main event is the A.A.A. Junior Championships at Hurlingham, in which we should see some outstanding competition and, if conditions are good, some new best performances.

THE EDITOR.

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Letters to the Editor

FRONT RUNNING

Dear Sir,

This year's A.A.A. Champs. were, despite the weather, among the best that I have yet seen. Not only for the actual results and performances, but for the spotlight put on our major 'weakness'. This is this blind refusal, or maybe inability, on the part of our better men to try to win the race from the gun.

One has got used to seeing the trot round till the last 'thrilling' 300 yard burst, which assuredly does win races here where practically everyone else runs the same way—but what happens when we meet the Continentals? Just remember Tabori, Richtzenhain, Roszavolgyi, Jungwirth and, above all, Siegfried Hermann. Our 300 yard merchants wondered what hit them!

This year we had the fantastic scene of a four minute miler, and in the half mile, an Olympic finalist, being unable to qualify. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM OF THE HEAT WINNERS AND FIVE FASTEST LOSERS GOING THROUGH. Only a moron would risk not qualifying in a slow time on the expectation of beating out one of the worlds greatest runners.

But it doesn't stop there. In the 440 yards a great prospect will leave too much for the last half of the race. And now the *piece de resistance*—220 yards men taking it easy round the bend or,

worse still, easing at the finish. May I thank men like Segal, Higgins, Paterson, Buswell, Clark, Eldon, etc., who can rest assured that they will reap the benefit of their attitude to running in the near future. Jungwirth *et al* are ushering in a new era of front running which will kill off the *finis Anglais* before it starts. It is then that the men who have got used to forcing the pace themselves will come into their own. Ibbotson ran his greatest race in the A.A.A. 3 miles—not because of the time—but because he pushed it all the way. I would go on record as saying that it is now virtually impossible for Kuts—the greatest front man of them all—to crack Derek.

Kuts and Jungwirth used to rush ahead, build up a big lead, then gradually get caught and passed. But one day—lo and behold, they didn't come back!

Yours faithfully,

S. Greenberg

Dear Sir,

The majority of the Sports writers in the popular Press have been complaining over the fact that Ibbotson and Farrell failed to qualify for their respective finals in the A.A.A. Championships.

I think that their failures may prove to be a good thing for British Athletics. It can prove to be the end of the Bannister/Chataway era of "running as slowly as possible and finishing with a fast last 300 yards". But will our runners learn from the mistakes of Ibbotson and Farrell?

In 1955 in the match versus Germany at the White City, the Germans ran ridiculously slow in the Mile. The lap times of 71.4, 2. 23.6, 3m. 30.4 were even too slow for a junior club race; but Hewson ran the last lap in 51.2 and Wood covered the distance in 52.4 seconds. Lawrenz of Germany ran the last lap in 52.2 and therefore "stole" two points. Two weeks later Chataway did the same thing in the 3 Miles versus Hungary, being outsprinted by Tabori in a race he should have won. But Chataway had lost races in the same way before. In 1951 he lost to Beckett and in 1954 he lost to Green in the A.A.A. 3 Miles races. Then in 1956 he was again outsprinted, this time by Ibbotson. In each of these races Chataway was given the same time as the winner.

As early as 1952 Bannister was almost beaten in the heats of the A.A.A. 880 yards. After following a slow first lap of 59.2 he just managed to hold off Anzola (T.V.H.) in the time of 1m. 58.2 seconds. As this was his first "big" race of the season his Olympic selection hinged on his running in the Championships, yet Bannister almost threw it away.

For our middle distance runners to win races in the coming International matches they must learn to run from the front as was always done by

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Zatopek; as is always done by Kuts; as was done by Bowden in his sub 4 minute mile (and in his subsequent defeat of Delany); and is now done by Jungwirth. Pirie can do it. Ibbotson has run this way in the past and today proved that records can still be set up by "front" running.

Yours faithfully,

A. Wilkins,
(Grafton A.C.).

WALKING OFFICIALS TO BLAME?

Dear Sir,

Further to Mr. Davies's letter in your issue of 6th July on Walking, it would appear from a recent experience that walking officials are themselves to blame for apathy in this sport.

The New Haw and Woodham A.C. (96 members, one walker!) promoted a 5 miles open handicap and scratch walk at Addlestone on Whit-Monday, 10th June. We wrote to Mr. L. W. Woodcock, Hon. General Secretary, R.W.A., on 11th April, requesting judges and timekeepers for the walk. His reply of 16th April stated that he had informed Mr. R. C. Mawbey, Hon. Secretary of the Judges' Sub-Committee, of our request and that in due course Mr. Mawbey would inform us of the names of the judges and timekeepers who would be officiating at our walk.

On 11th May at the R.W.A. 20 Miles Championship at Hendon, Mr. Mawbey said he would be letting us know in due course.

On Thursday, 6th June, not having heard from Mr. Mawbey, I telephoned him and received the news that he had done nothing in the matter but that he would notify judges immediately. He asked for eight officials' tickets to be sent to him. This was done and on Whit-Monday I received a letter stating that he had notified twelve judges, some of

whom were timekeepers. He returned the tickets as he had not had time to allocate same.

On the Whit-Monday two judges turned up, neither of whom was a timekeeper! Is this the way to encourage a club putting on a walk in its first year and whose members are 98 per cent non-walkers?

Yours faithfully,

R. A. West,
Chairman.
New Haw & Woodham A.C.

Winner of the W.A.A.A. 1 Mile Walk Championship was Gillian Williams, of London Olympiades, not Dilys Williams, of Birchfield, as given in Reg Kerslake's report of the meeting.

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Fourth place in the Southern Junior 880 Yards was filled by A. H. Milner (Walton) with 1:58.7, not as previously published.

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Open events in the Chatteris Gala Day include 100, 220, 440, 880 and mile handicaps, Ladies' 80, 220 and 440 handicaps and men's Tug-of-War.

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Boston A.C. Hon. Secretary is now — P. Lynch, 1 Sleaford Road, Boston, Lincs.

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Walton A.C. would like away track and field fixtures on Sat., 31st August and Sat., 7th Sept. Please contact J. Harding, 37 Holly Ave., Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

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A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1957 *The Throws*

By Dennis Cullum

THROUGHOUT 1957 it has been apparent that the general standard of British throwing is undergoing a rapid improvement, and in all four events we now have athletes who can respond to the challenge of international competition on almost level terms. The 1957 Championships emphasised this fact, with excellent performances all round, which must have given equal pleasure to both British Coaches and Selectors. The Hammer on Friday and the Javelin on Saturday stole the field event limelight, with records toppling in all directions, but in all four events there was evidence of a solid depth of performance and a healthy infusion of new young athletes. British throwing is on the upgrade.

Hammer. This was the first of the throwing events to be decided and both Qualifying and Final competitions took place on the Friday. The Final had half an hour to itself in the late afternoon, which permitted a detailed commentary, and the standard of throwing justified this privilege. It was a small field, notable omissions being former A.A.A. Champions Douglas and Allday, and such stalwarts as Valentine, Harper and Gandy. The veteran Irishman, Healion, was on the programme but did not report for duty.

In the first round of the qualifying competition, 1953 champion Don Anthony had a long no-throw, but Michael Ellis booked his place in the Final with a smooth and powerful 189' 8". The small but technically efficient Porter banged out a good-looking four-turn 166' 10", whilst Vanhegan produced a personal best-ever of 162' 3". In the second round Anthony qualified with an impressive 187' 9" and both Bain and Nikazis got with the first 6 with 160 foot plus throws. In the third round Nikazis improved to 165' 3", whilst Scott pulled out exactly the same distance to take Vanhegan's sixth qualifying place. "Van" had to be content with a Standard. Rigamonti and Thomas, two of our up and coming young throwers, both beat 150 feet.

The Final took place in pouring rain but the throwers took the adverse conditions in their stride. In the first and second rounds, Anthony had long no-throws but got in a solid 185' 10" in the third. Ellis hit a quiet 187' 2" in the first round, had a big no-throw in the second and reached 190' 9" in the third, the best to date by a U.K. thrower in the championships. In the third round Porter got in a splendid four-turn personal best-ever of 171' 8", whilst Bain, Scott and Nikazis were all over 160 feet, in that order.

In the fourth round Anthony improved with a confident 187' 2", less than 4 feet behind Ellis, and looked as though he might yet challenge for his second championship. Ellis, who looked in tremendous form, had a no-throw of just under 200 feet. In the fifth round Anthony had a slight

relapse to 181' 10", whilst Ellis had another huge no-throw, measured at 202' 10". In this round Nikazis, who uses an unusual four-turn technique, achieved yet another personal best of 171' 0". Everything now depended on the last round, and neither of the principal contenders disappointed. Anthony pulled out an excellent 187' 3" to take second place for the second year in succession, and could be well pleased with his consistency. Ellis then stepped in to the rain-swept circle for his last attempt and produced the greatest competitive throw ever seen in this country—a huge towering 197' 9", which brought a roar from the crowd and great joy to his coach. Thus in one bite, the 20-year old Thames Valley Harrier took the British All-Comers, National and Empire Records, and improved his own English Native. Quite a day for British Hammer-throwing!

Weight. This was the second throwing event to be completed on the Friday, but after the excitements of the Hammer it was rather less spectacular. Nevertheless some solid distances were achieved and the first three were well over 50 feet—even without Lindsay, who elected to stand down in view of the Discus, due to take place early the following morning. Another notable absentee was Australian Olympic Finalist, Barry Donath. Owing to the state of the cinder circle, caused by the downpour, the Shot-putters "borrowed" the Hammer circle, complete with cage!

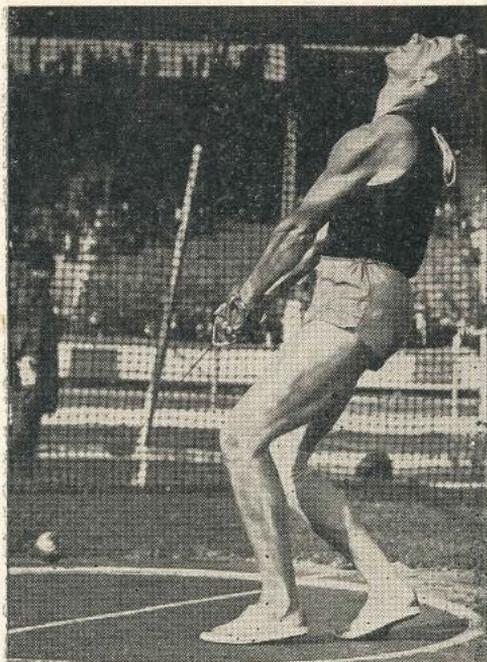
In the first qualifying round, no fewer than four reached the 46 feet required for a place in the Final—Rowe with 51' 3", Morgan with 48' 8", Lucking with 48' 0", and the promising Met. Policeman, McCorquindale with 46' 8". Savidge, making a determined effort at a come-back to International competition, had one which slipped to a mere 44' 2". He qualified in the second round, however, with a solid 51' 7", as did Waterhouse with 47' 4" and Weiland with 46' 9". Thus seven went forward to the Final.

In the first round of the Final, Savidge opened the proceedings with 50' 11", whilst Lucking reached exactly 50 feet and Rowe got somewhere near his potential with 53' 9". Next best were Weiland with 47' 10" and Morgan with 46' 11". In the second round Savidge hit exactly 50 feet, Lucking improved to 50' 11" and Rowe did 52' 0". The third round saw Savidge jump to 52' 9", whilst Lucking and Rowe lapsed to 49' 8" and 46' 5" respectively. Waterhouse pulled up to 45' 9". In the last three rounds only Lucking improved, with 51' 2" on his final attempt, after a no-throw and 47' 5". The consistent Savidge, completed six puts over 50 feet with 50' 4", 50' 3"

and 50' 10", whilst Rowe could only manage 48' 10", 50' 10", and 49' 11". Thus young Arthur Rowe won his first A.A.A. Championship with his first trial and confirmed his place as this year's No. 1 British Shot-putter. The overall standard in this event is improving fast.

Discus. The first throwing Final on Saturday was the Discus and the Qualifying Competition took place at the incredibly early hour of 10.30 a.m.—much too soon in the day for athletes to produce their best. Surely it could have been held at least an hour later, when a few enthusiastic spectators might be anticipated, and the Final substituted with the Javelin. The holder of the title, Mark Pharaoh, was shown as a competitor but was unable to get there to defend it.

Despite the hour, three competitors beat the qualifying distance of 140 feet in the first round—Carr with 159' 7", Lindsay with 152' 9" and Isbester with 149' 10". In the second round Williams reached 145' 9" and Sheldrick, this year's Southern Junior Champion, 141' 10". Two more just scraped into the Final with their third throws, Feldmanis with 141' 1" and Cleaver with



MICHAEL ELLIS throwing the hammer in the A.A.A. Championships in which he set a British All-Comers', British National and English Native record of 197ft. 9in.

H. W. Neale

140' 3", leaving behind such stalwarts as Drummond, the 1957 Scottish champion, Maksimczyk and Northern.

The Final took place at the more reasonable hour of 12.45 p.m., before a satisfactory number of spectators who followed progress with enthusiastic interest. In the first round Isbester took the lead with 154' 2", closely followed by Carr with 153' 11", Lindsay with 149' 4" and Cleaver with 147' 4". In the second round Lindsay took the lead with 161' 4" but Carr, who threw sixth, quickly regained it with 165' 4". The third round saw several improvements, with Carr going up to 166' 5", Cleaver to 149' 8" and Isbester repeating his opening 154' 2". Lindsay only managed 161' 1", but he put this right at the beginning of round four with a rugged throw of 166' 6", which gave him the lead over Carr by the minimum British margin of one inch. After that nobody improved except Isbester, who consolidated his third position with 155' 4" in the fifth round. Lindsay left the door open with two final throws of 155' 10" and 154' 3", but Carr could not catch him. He had two final no-throws, the first of which was in excess of 170 feet. Thus Mike Lindsay, of Queen's Park Harriers, joined the select few who have won an A.A.A. title whilst still a junior. His Coach, Doug. Mannion, was there to see him do it.

Javelin. This was the last of the throwing events to be decided, and the Final took place on Saturday afternoon before a large crowd who were given the finest and most spectacular exhibition of Javelin throwing ever produced by British athletes. The British National, Empire and English Native Records were broken no fewer than four times, thrice by Colin Smith and once by title-holder, Peter Cullen. The progress of the event was highlighted by an excellent and understandably enthusiastic commentary by Ken Brookman, the founder of the Javelin Club, and the spectators responded to the drama as throw beat throw and records were repeatedly broken. The Qualifying Competition took place on Friday afternoon and quickly sorted out the wheat from the chaff. Cullen (208' 8"), Smith (207' 3"), Loveland (204' 4") and Davies (202' 2") qualified with their first throws. Clayton (196' 5") followed with his third and Ruda got into the Final in sixth place with 191' 9". Qualifying distance was 195 feet.

In the Final, proceedings opened with a bang. Loveland's first throw was 222' 2", only 7 inches below the best Championship performance, and this set the tempo of the competition. Smith hit 217' 3", Cullen 208' 5", Davies 207' 1" and Ruda recorded a personal best of 199' 3". In the second round nobody improved except Smith who pulled out a deceptively smooth 228' 3" for a new Championship best performance. Loveland went back to 196' 6" and Cullen to 182' 9". In the third

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By Melvyn Watman

FRANCE (cont.)

The consistent Dave Sime was the outstanding performer at Nancy on July 7th, winning the 100 metres in 10.3, after clocking 10.4 in a heat. Second in Sime's heat was Alain David, who returned 10.5 to equal the French record. David was timed at 10.6 in the final.

Arnie Sowell turned his attention to the 1500 metres and, although he trains only for 440 and 880, turned in an impressive 3:48.1 to defeat Michel Bernard (3:48.5).

Other results: 200: Griffin 22.2; 800: Huertz (Lux.) 1:52.2; 3000: Frieden (Lux.) 8:31.6; 110H: Jones 14.4; HJ: Fehlen 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; PV: Morris 13' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (14' 6" exhibition); SP: Oerter 52' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; DT: Oerter 170' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; JT: Fromm 234' 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; HT: Hall 204' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Husson 194' 11".

Americans won five events at Sochaux on July 9th. 100: Sime 10.4; 200: Griffin 22.3; 800: Sowell 1:52.9; 110H: Jones 14.7; DT: Oerter 173' 2".

More good marks were turned in at Champagnole on July 11th. 100: Sime 10.4, Jones 10.6, David 10.7; 200: Griffin 22.5; 800: Sowell 1:48.5; 3000: Grimm 8:41.8; 110H: Jones 14.3; 400H: Yankoff 54.3; HJ: Fehlen 6' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; LJ: Vernus 21'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Griffin 21'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "!); PV: Morris 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; DT: Oerter 175' 3"; JT: Fromm 214' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; HT: Hall 204' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

FINLAND

The famous Turku track was the scene of yet another middle distance epic on July 11th—the greatest mass 1500 metres race ever.

Don Bowden, the American four minute miler, disappointed the 9,000 spectators by withdrawing, but the fans' dismay was short lived.

Nordstroem dashed into the lead from the gun and set a throbbing pace of 56.8 for the first lap. Dan Waern (Sweden) took over and passed 800 metres in 1:58.7, closely followed by the three Olavis from Finland—Salsola, Salonen and Vuorisalo.

Waern continued to set the pace and passed 1000 metres in 2:29.0. The Swede still had a few yards margin at the start of the run in but faded in the straight and was passed by the Finnish trio.

In a photo finish, Salsola was placed first in 3:40.2 and Salonen second in 3:40.2, with Vuorisalo third in 3:40.3 and Waern fourth in 3:40.8. The time of the first two was a new world record; displacing Istvan Roszavolgyi's 3:40.5; Vuorisalo also beat all previous figures; and Waern's time was a Swedish record.

The field was completed by Jorma Kakko (3:46.3), P. Hyoekinpuro (3:47), R. Hyoekinpuro (3:47.6) and Kolkkala (3:48.8). After a lapse of some 20 years, Finnish middle distance runners are at the top again.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Barely had the numbing effect of the Turku race worn off than came the news of Stanislav Jungwirth's "out of this world" time of 3:38.1 for 1500 metres at Stara Boleslav in July 12th! This not altogether surprising performance by the Czech is, according to the International Scoring Tables, equal in merit to a 3:56.0 mile. Thus, Jungwirth is almost two seconds faster than the next best 1500m/mile runner of all time (John Landy—3:57.9 mile).

In this writer's humble opinion, it is the greatest performance in the sport's history. That is not to say that Jungwirth's feat represents the last word in this event. Delany, for one, is capable of beating it. But the most significant feature of the run was the method, as seen from the intermediate times:

400m-54.9, 800m-1:54.2, 1000m-2:24.0, 1200m-2:53.5. He covered the first 400 in 54.9, the second in 59.3, the third in 59.3 and the last 300 metres in 44.6. Had he maintained that finishing speed for a further 120 yards he would have clocked about 3:54.6 for the mile.

Jungwirth's unprecedentedly fast running in the early stages (relatively speaking) may well revolutionize middle distance racing tactics. It would certainly make a refreshing change from the usual last lap bursts, and would probably lead to a great improvement in general standards.

(This was written before Ibbotson's 3:57.2 mile—Ed.)

HACKNEY BOROUGH TROPHY MEETING

(Under A.A.A. and W.A.A.A. Laws)

Saturday : August 17th, 1957

Eton Manor Sports Ground

Ruckholt Rd. : Leyton E.10

OPEN EVENTS

YOUTHS—(over 15 yrs. and under 17 yrs., April 1st, 1957) Open Scratch 100yds., 880yds., 4 x 110yds. Relay.

LADIES' JUNR.—(over 11 and under 15yrs., April 1st, 1957) 100yds. and 4 x 110 Relay. Open Handicaps.

LADIES' SENR.—880yds. Handicap.

MEN'S OPEN GRADED RACES—Open to athletes whose best time during the last two seasons has not bettered the following:—

One Mile Grade "B" 4mins. 15secs.

One Mile Grade "C" 4mins. 25secs.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase Grade "C"

9 mins. 45secs.

220yds. Hurdles Grade "C" 27.5secs.

Entrants to state on entry best performance, date and competition.

ENTRY FEES—Youth and Junior 1/-. Senior

Ladies and Men 1/6. Relays 2/6.

ENTRIES CLOSE first post Tuesday, August 6th to—**L. Golding**, 58 Love Lane, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS, Belfast, 29th June

Warm, sunny weather, though with a blustery wind, was the setting at Paisley Park, for Ronnie Delany's expected bid to set a new Irish All-Comers' and Native Record for the Half-mile.

Charlie McAlinden set a fast pace from the gun with Delany following closely, and the quarter was passed in 54.0 secs. with the rest of the field 20 yards back. Soon afterwards McAlinden—his work done—dropped out and the Olympic champion was on his own. Despite the complete lack of competition, he piled on the pace down the back straight and round the final bend to record the excellent time of 1:49.9—0.1 secs. inside his own record of two years ago. The second man was over 60 yards behind and Leslie Locke's N.I. All-Comers' Record of 1:53.2 lasted only 7 days.

Next best performance was in the 120 yards Hurdles by Eamon Kinsella, who won, easing up, in 14.8 secs. with Des Price second in 15.4 secs.

The best marks on the field were a 170' 2½" Hammer throw by veteran Bert Healion, a Shot-Discus double of 146' 10¾" and 141' 3" by R. H. Taylor of Trinity and D. G. Andrews' Javelin throw of 189' 9".

Ian Hagan set a new N.I. Native record when coming third in the 3 miles, which incidentally provided the best competition of the day, and Ronnie Chambers equalled his own Native record in winning the furlong.

100: 1, R. J. Chambers (Short & H) 10.1; 2, P. Toner (Albert F.) 10.1; 3, T. J. Attridge (Willowfield T.H.) 10.1. **220:** 1, R. J. Chambers 22.6; 2, G. Dempsey (Clonliffe) 22.8; 3, T. J. Attridge (W.T.H.) 23.0. **440:** 1, G. Dempsey (C.H.) 49.9; 2, W. H. Dundas (R.U.C.) 50.1; 3, P. McElliott (Queen's U.) 50.4. **880:** 1, R. Delany (Crusaders) 1:49.9; 2, T. E. Cooke (W.T.H.) 1:58.2; 3, P. King (Crus.) 1:59.2. **Mile:** 1, J. J. McLoughlin (CS) 4:19.4; 2, C. McAlinden (Donore) 4:19.4; 3, F. White (C.H.) 4:20.4. **3 Miles:** 1, T. Dunne (D.H.) 14:17.9; 2, J. Douglas (Avondale) 14:18.2; 3, I. Hagan (W.T.H.) 14:20.4. **120HH:** 1, E. Kinsella (D.H.) 14.9; 2, J. D. Price (Q.U.B.) 15.4; 3, G. A. Ziddah (Q.U.B./Nigeria) 15.7. **HJ:** 1, G. Caughey (Worcester C.) 5' 9"; 2, S. McKinney (A.F.) 5' 7"; 3, J. S. Warwick (W.T.H.) 5' 7". **PV:** 1, D. F. Archer (Trinity C.) 11' 6"; 2, K. Duggan (Crus.) 10' 6"; 3, G. O'Connor (R.C.S.I.) 10' 6". **LJ:** 1, N. G. Hamilton (Instonians) 22' 2½"; 2, W. D. Lemon (Crus.) 20' 7½"; 3, J. Delany (Crus.) 20' 7". **HSJ:** 1, T. Cairns (S. & H.) 45' 3¼"; 2, R. J. McColgan (A.F.) 44' 3¼"; 3, D. N. Neligan (T.C.D.) 43' 10¾"; **SP:** 1, R. H. Taylor (T.C.D.) 46' 10¾"; 2, T. F. B. Murphy (Q.U.B.) 39' 6"; 3, H. Robinson (W.T.H.) 39' 3¾". **DT:** 1, R. H. Taylor (T.C.D.)

141' 3"; 2, N. H. Lucas (Portadown) 124' 7½"; 3, J. McMullan (R.U.C.) 120' 11". **HT:** 1, B. Healion (C.H.) 170' 2½"; 2, J. McMullan (R.U.C.) 139' 6½"; 3, J. Lally (A.F.) 138' 1". **JT:** 1, D. G. Andrews (9th O.B.) 189' 9"; 2, J. B. Lawson (T.C.D.) 178' 2"; 3, T. J. Morrissey (R.U.C.) 173' 5½". **Marathon:** 1, F. Walker (C.H.) 2:39.58; 2, R. Crossan (Duncairn) 2:41.57; 3, R. Ingle (C.H.) 3:6.0. **Youths 100:** R. J. Roughan (D.H.) 10.5; **220:** K. N. Quinn (Ulsterville) 24.2; **880:** P. Twoomey (C.H.) 2:4.2; **Mile:** M. Hoey (C.H.) 4:34.0; **HJ:** H. Goodman (St. Malachy's Coll.) 5' 9"; **LJ:** A. N. Warnock (St. Columba's Coll.) 18' 7"; **SP:** K. Z. McNamara (Annadale G.S.) 45' 4"; **DT:** J. H. Leeson (St. Col. COL.) 128' 4"; **JT:** R. McBride (Instonians) 166' 9".

Dublin, 24th June. Centre-piece of the Clonliffe H. International Meeting was the Morton-inspired "Stadium Mile" which, if anything, gained by the publicity caused by the withdrawal of Derek Ibbotson and the inclusion of Gordon Pirie. At all events, 33,000 people crowded into Lansdowne-road Rugby ground, a record for an Irish athletics meeting.

There were five starters on the 5 lap grass track and Davies went into the lead from the gun, holding it until the 3/4 mark except for brief periods when Cameron came up to share the initiative. Intermediate 440 times: 60.0, 2.2, 3.10. Coming up to the last lap Delany went past Hewson and Davies and Cameron began to fade. Delany was never worried but Hewson came back well to pass a tiring Pirie. Result: 1, Delany 4:09.7; 2, Hewson 4:09.9; 3, Pirie 4:11.0. Other results included: **440:** T. S. Farrell (AAA) 49.2; **3M:** Pirie (AAA) 14:02.5 (Douglas 14:06.4, Gilligan 14:15.0); **120H:** E. Kinsella 14.8 (Hildreth 14.9).

Dublin, 26th June. Eire A.A.U. Championships at Lansdowne Road. In complete contrast to the International meeting of two days before, this meeting was held in very heavy rain and attracted only 200 spectators. Best mark of the evening was Dave Archer's pole-vault of 11' 4" and Ronnie Delany's half-mile win in 1:56.0.

100: G. R. Mason (TCD) 10.5; **220:** G. Dempsey (C.H.) 23.1; **440:** G. Dempsey (C.H.) 50.8; **880:** R. Delany (Crusaders) 1:56.0; **Mile:** J. J. McLoughlin (C.S.) 4:34.4; **2 Miles:** T. Dunne (D.H.) 14:42.1; **Mile Walk:** N. Maguire (C.S.) 7:1.9; **120HH:** D. Archer (T.C.D.) 18.2; **440H:** J. P. Coleman (D.H.) 60.6; **HJ:** J. Eliet (Crusaders) 5' 9"; **PV:** D. Archer (T.C.D.) 11' 4"; **LJ:** P. Godden (T.C.D.) 21' 2½"; **HSJ:** D. M. Neligan (T.C.D.) 42' 4"; **SP:** R. H. Taylor (T.C.D.) 46' 1½"; **JT:** J. B. Lawson (TCD) 169' 0".

NEW YORK 94 pts. LONDON 61 pts. (Men)

LONDON 52 pts. ROME 32 pts. (Women)

White City, London, July 19th and 20th

A GRAND meeting, with Ibbotson's mile on the Friday night overshadowing Saturday's excellent performances. Taking the events in their programme order:—(M—Match).

110m. Hds. (Inv.). Kinsella had his usual false start. Then the lithe, coloured equal world record holder, Gilbert (USA) went steadily away to win as he pleased. Hildreth hit the second hurdle and did well to record 14.7. 1, E. Gilbert (USA) 13.9 (eq. best U.K. perf.); 2, E. Kinsella (Eire) 14.4; 3, P. B. Hildreth (GB) 14.7; 4, V. C. Matthews (GB) 15.1.

Hammer. Best throwing ever seen in this country, to an excellent commentary by Dennis Cullum. Olympic champion Harold Connolly set a new British All-Comers' record with his first throw, then later improved to 205'6½", but second string Hall did even better, improving on the record until his winning throw of 206'11½". Mike Ellis beat his British records and was only 2in. off the 200ft. mark. He had one "no throw" of approx. 208ft. and should rank with the world's best ere long. 1, A. Hall (NY) 206'11½" (Br. A-C rec.); 2, H. Connolly (NY) 205'6½"; 3, M. J. Ellis (L) 199'10" (Br. Nat., Eng. Nat. and Br. E. rec); 4, D. W. J. Anthony (L) 188'5".

100(M). Only three runners. After a false start by Sime, they were away together and Sime gradually forged ahead to win in 9.5, with coloured, bespectacled Thomas just edging out Box from 2nd place, both with 9.7. Br. A-C and Eng. Nat records not allowable owing to wind, which was slightly in excess of maximum permissible. 1, D. Sime (NY) 9.5; 2, R. Thomas (NY) 9.7; 3, K. J. Box (L) 9.7.

Women's 80m. Hds. (Inv.). The Italian competitors scratched and in this all-homesters' affair Carol Quinton won a close race in good time. 1, C. Quinton (GB) 11.3; 2, A. Ivins (GB) 11.3; 3, K. Degg (GB) 11.4; 4, I. Pond (GB) 11.4.

Women's Discus (Inv.). Dark, attractive Olga Fikotava-Connolly, the Olympic champion, rather overshadowed the others. After a poor throw which was far too low and allowed Maya Giri to lead the first round with 134'11", the Czech girl, without reaching anything like her best, showed excellent technique combined with strength to win with 148'8½". 1, O. Fikotava-Connolly (Czech.) 148'8½"; 2, M. Giri (GB) 134'11"; 3, S. Needham (GB) 133'7½"; 4, J. McDonald (Canada) 125'3"; 5, G. Charman (GB) 123'6".

Pole Vault (Inv.). After the other competitors had been eliminated, Don Bragg pro-



A crucial moment in the A.A.A. Steeplechase Championship. A. C. Porter (Finchley) falling as he takes the last but one water jump when leading. This impeded Eric Shirley (Finchley) No. 1, who stumbled. John Disley (London A.C.), No. 4, then forced the pace and opened up a gap which he increased to 50 yards at the finish.

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ceeded to thrill the large crowd with some magnificent vaulting, first clearing 14'9" for a best ever in Britain and then 15'0" for a new best outside of the U.S.A. In excelling even the great Bob Richards, Bragg showed what a great vaulter he is and the audience were appreciative of his superlative performance. 1, D. Bragg (USA) 15'0" (Br. A-C rec.); 2, M. Schwartz (USA) 13'6"; 3, G. M. Elliott (GB) 13'6"; 3, G. E. Broad (GB) 12'6".

440(M). Wrighton probably paid the penalty for running too fast over the first 300 yards. He was leading with Higgins coming round the last bend into the straight but was already starting to fade. Jenkins and Pearman ran a more even race, and in the last 50 yards the former went through powerfully to win without difficulty. Though tiring, Higgins held on to take second place from a none too impressive Pearman. 1, C. Jenkins (NY) 47.4; 2, F. P. Higgins (L) 47.8; 3, R. Pearman (NY) 48.0; 4, J. D. Wrighton (L) 49.1.

Women's 220(M). False start by Costa, then away to a good start. Italian girls outclassed by the London pair. 1, M. Hiscox (L) 24.7; 2, J. Dudderidge (L) 24.8; 3, L. Bertoni (R) 25.5; 4, D. Costa (R) 25.5.

2 Miles (M). Knight into the lead at the start, then Pirie after 1½ laps. Soon after the half-mile the New Yorkers were dropping, and after a mile (4:22.4) King dropped out, completely outclassed. Only interest now in race between Pirie and Knight. Pirie led with 1½ laps to go, Knight went up powerfully along the last back straight, Pirie waiting for the "kill" on his heels, but when he made his effort entering the final straight, Knight strode out and held him off to the finish, looking much the stronger of the two. 1, G. Knight (L) 8:50.0; 2, D. A. G. Pirie (L) 8:50.8; 3, L. Stieglitz (NY) 9:10.2.

Discus (Inv.). Ellis, the U.S.A. second string, beat the Olympic champion, Oerter, and improved on the White City record but neither was near his best. Pharaoh only a shadow of his real self, obviously short of real competition. 1, J. Ellis (USA) 176'3½"; 2, A. Oerter (USA) 172'8½"; 3, G. A. Carr (GB) 164'0"; 4, M. R. Lindsay (GB) 159'5½"; 5, M. Pharaoh (GB) 155'10"; 6, P. Isbester (GB) 150'7½".

440 x 330 x 220 x 110 Relay (London Clubs). Belgrave most impressive winners of three heats and in the final later in the evening they won comfortably in the same time. Hahn, Blackheath junior, ran a powerful last 110 to help Blackheath to excellent second place. 1, Belgrave 1:55.8; 2, Blackheath 1:58.0; 3, S.L.H. 1:59.5; 4, Finchley 1:59.7; 5, Hercules 2:00.7.

High Jump (M). Rolls out early, and Barksdale (NY) after clearing 6'4". Okuwobi achieved his best in this country with a grand

6'6", his speedy clearance being an interesting contrast to that of Reavis, whose "lift" always gave the impression that he would achieve the greater height. His winning jump was, perhaps, a trifle fortunate, for he made the bar shake, but it stayed on for him to set a new White City best. 1, P. Reavis (NY) 6'8"; 2, O. Okuwobi (L) 6'6"; 3, R. Barksdale (NY) 6'4"; 4, B. Rolls (L) 6'0".

4 x 100m. Relay (Inv.) Metcalf lost ground for London on stage 1 and with New York not running quite as well as expected, Warsaw held a surprising lead entering the final straight, only for Staniszewski to pull a muscle after 40 yards. Box, Segal and Shenton ran well to pull up to close second. 1, New York (Thomas, Maiocco, Collymore, Sime) 41.4; 2, London (Metcalf, Box, Segal, Shenton) 41.1; 3, Warsaw (Baranowski, Foik, Jarzebowski, Staniszewski) 44.5.

One Mile (Inv.). The event everyone was waiting for. Blagrove and Gordon came in for Berisford and Clark. Blagrove dashed into the lead and set what might have been expected to be a suicidal pace. He led through 440 in 55.3 (Jungwirth 55.7, Ibbotson 56.0) and the 880 in 1:55.8 (Jungwirth 1:56.1, Ibbotson 1:56.4). Then, rounding the bend into the back straight it was Jungwirth who was in front and the field bunched up, except Bla-

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE

31st ANNUAL SPORTS

(Under A.A.A., W.A.A.A. & N.C.U. Rules)

Saturday, 24th August, 1957

Wagon Works Sports Ground
Tuffley Avenue : Gloucester

First Open Event, 2 p.m.

	Prizes	Values
100, 220, 880 and Mile H'cps.	£12 0 0
Medley Relay Race	£17 0 0
120 Yds. Hurdles	£8 8 0
Putting the Shot	£6 6 0
100 and 220 Yds. Ladies' H'cps.	£8 11 0
660 Yds. M.C.W.A.A.A. Relay Champ. Medals	...	£7 7 0
80 Metres Ladies' Hurdles	£6 0 0
80 Yds. Girls and 100 Yds. Boys' Handicaps	£6 0 0
500 and 880 Yds. Cycle H'cps.	£8 16 0
3 and 5 Miles Scratch	£12 0 0

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grove, who was dropping back. Jungwirth led at $\frac{1}{4}$ in 3 min, dead, with Ibbotson (3.00.3) on his heels, and Lewandowski and Delany only a few feet further back. Entering the back straight, with the tension mounting with every stride, Ibbotson dashed into the lead and with his powerful stride and driving arms, went all the way for home. Jungwirth was in full pursuit and Delany was moving up but did not look to possess any of his usual finish. Rounding the last bend it became obvious that it was Ibbotson's race, for he was full of running, whereas both Jungwirth and Delany looked as though all the steam had gone out of them. The latter did manage to pass the tiring Czech, but he made no impression whatever on the winner, who "brought the house down" with his grandstand finish. Ken Wood, not yet fit, ran his fastest ever to beat the 4min. barrier and close up to Jungwirth's heels, while Lewandowski was only just outside. The crowd were sure the world record had gone and when the board beat the announcer to it, showing 3:57.2, chaos reigned for some minutes, with the winner mobbed by athletes, officials, photographers, who followed him all over the ground taking photographs. The greatest mile of all time and there was no questioning Ibbotson's superiority. 1, G. D. Ibbotson (GB) 3:57.2 (World rec.); 2, R. Delany (Eire) 3:58.8; 3, S. Jungwirth (Czech.) 3:59.1; 4, K. Wood (GB) 3:59.3; 5, S. Lewandowski (Poland) 4:00.6 (Pol.) rec.); 6, A. D. Gordon (GB) 4:03.4. The 1500 m. time—3:41.2 (Ibbotson).

Shot (M). The massive Bantam a comfortable winner, but Martin Lucking put up an amazing performance to beat Marchiony, with John Savidge a very close up fourth. 1, K. Bantam (NY) 54'4"; 2, M. T. Lucking (L) 52'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, J. Marchiony (NY) 52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4, J. A. Savidge (L) 52'2".

440 Hds. (M). A good race with Kane and Metcalf within striking distance round the last bend, but being unable to withstand the relentless finish of the Americans. Culbreath appeared to have the race well won but Lewis ran him close to be given the same time. 1, J. Culbreath (NY) 51.5; 2, A. Lewis (NY) 51.5; 3, H. Kane (L) 52.9; 4, J. Metcalf (L) 53.2.

800m. (Inv.). Mackay led from Buswell through 440 in 54.0, then Pearman went up to 2nd. Rawson went up and for home along the back straight, chased hard in the closing stages by Farrell, who looked at one time as though he might catch the winner. Pearman a disappointing last. 1, M. Rawson (GB) 1:49.2; 2, M. Farrell (GB) 1:49.2; 3, E. W. Buswell (GB) 1:50.4; 4, D. I. B. Smith (GB) 1:50.6; 5, R. Mackay (GB) 1:51.7; 6, R. Pearman (USA) 1:53.2.

Women's Long Jump (M). Close but un-spectacular contest with Italian pair surprisingly taking maximum points. 1, P. Fassio (R) 18'4"; 2, E. Mattana (R) 18'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, C. Hamby (L) 17'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, J. Whitehead (L) 17'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

200m. (Inv.). Segal won a fine race A, but race B became a procession when the only original entrant, Collymore (USA) outclassed his opponents. **Race A:** 1, D. Segal (GB) 21.4; 2, B. Shenton (GB) 21.5; 3, Z. Baranowski (Pol.) 21.5; 4, A. Khaliq (Pak'n) 21.5; 5, A. A. Playle (GB) 22.3. **Race B:** 1, E. Collymore (USA) 21.2; 2, E. R. Sandstrom (GB) 22.1; 3, F. McCarvel (GB) 22.6; 4, M. Sharif Butt (Pak'n) 24.0.

Women's One Mile (Inv.). Phyllis Perkins led early on, with Diane Leather going into the lead near the end of lap 1. Only Maureen Bonanno could stay near Diane as she went through the laps—74, 2:26.5, 3:38.0. In the last lap Leather strode out to increase her lead over her smaller and short striding opponent, who had the satisfaction of beating the 5min. mark substantially. Perkins came through very fast after lying well back to take third place. 1, D. Leather 4:50.6; 2, M. Bonanno 4:53.6; 3, P. Perkins 5:01.5; 4, J. Bridgland 5:04.9; 5, R. Ashby 5:07.0; 6, P. Benn 5:13.4.

2M. Team (London Clubs). Ralph Dunkley led early on. Schofield was spiked and dropped out, but Poly still won, with Richards taking second place behind the fast finishing Frank Salvat. 1, Poly 15pts.; 2, Finchley 17; 3, Herne Hill 21. **Ind.:** 1, Salvat (Finch.) 8:57.0; 2, Richards (Poly) 8:59.8; 3, Porter (Finch.) 9:02.2.

3,000m. S'chase (Inv.). Brlica (Czech.) led most of the way from Shirley, with Llewellyn well up. Shirley ran powerful last lap to win easily. 1, E. Shirley (GB) 8:51.4; 2, V. Brlica (Czech.) 8:56.4; 3, J. Llewellyn (GB) 9:01.5; 4, E. Ellis (GB) 9:07.5; 5, Stryker (USA) 9:39.4.

400m. (Inv.). Maiocco (USA) led until near the end, when Harry Kane came through strongly to win by several yards. 1, H. Kane (GB) 48.1; 2, H. Maiocco (USA) 48.5; 3, C. Goudge (GB) 48.8; 4, C. Surety (GB) 49.8; 5, C. Lindsay (GB) 50.2; 6, L. Locke (GB) 50.6.

New York 47pts.; London 28 (Men).

London 11 pts. Rome 11 (Women).

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Second Day

Though Saturday's events did not bring Friday's excitement, there was some interesting competition.

5 Miles Walk (Inv.). One of the greatest walking races seen in Britain, with veteran 1952 Olympic champion Dordoni carrying just too

many guns for gallant Stan Vickers. 1, G. Dordoni (It.) 35:49.6; 2, S. Vickers (GB) 35:51.4; 3, G. W. Coleman (GB) 36:34.0; 4, A. Pamich (It.) 37:29.0; 5, E. Hall (GB) 37:33.6; 6, R. Goodall (GB) 37:50.4.

Discus (M). Exciting competition compensated for moderate distances. Oerter led round 1 with 155'9". Carr replied with 160'10". Ellis went to 163'5½" in round 3, but Carr then threw 164'10". Ellis settled matters with 168'1" and 168'11½", with Oerter scraping into second. 1, J. Ellis (NY) 168'11½"; 2, A. Oerter (NY) 166'6½"; 3, G. Carr (GB) 164'10½"; 4, M. Lindsay (GB) 158'8".

Pole Vault (M). Don (Tarzan) Bragg gave another superlative display, well over 14'6", but unable to master 15'1". 1, D. Bragg (NY) 14'6"; 2, G. Elliott (GB) 13'6"; 3, M. Schwartz (NY) 13'6"; 4, G. Broad (GB) 12'0".

80m. Hds. (M). Italian girls no match for speedy London pair. Carol Quinton ran one of her best races to beat Thelma Hopkins. 1, C. Quinton (L) 11.3; 2, T. Hopkins (L) 11.5; 3, M. Greppi (R) 11.7; M. Musso (R) 11.9.

Hammer (Inv.). Hall again mastered arch-rival Connolly and raised his day-old All-Comers' record to 208'8". Mike Ellis was within a foot of his previous throw and succeeded in defeating Connolly. When he can improve his timing he will be a match for anyone in the world. 1, A. Hall (NY) 208'8"; 2, M. J. Ellis (L) 198'10½"; 3, H. Connolly (NY) 198'8½"; 4, D. Anthony (L) 186'7".

120Hds. (M). Gilbert romped home, unopposed, in 14.1 with Hildreth never in danger of losing second place. 1, E. Gilbert (NY) 14.1; 2, P. B. Hildreth (L) 14.7; 3, R. D. Shaw (L) 15.1; 4, M. Herman (NY) 15.3.

100 (Inv.). Dave Sime looked every inch a world record sprinter as his huge strides carried him over 100yds. in Br. A-C record equalling 9.6 and 100m. in 10.5. **Race A:** 1, A. Khaliq (Pak.) 10.7 (100y. in 9.7); 2, R. Thomas (USA) 10.7; 3, P. Crosby (GB) 10.8; 4, Z. Baranowski (Pol.) 10.9; 5, A. Playle (GB). **Race B.** 1, D. Sime (USA) 10.5 (100y. in 9.6); 2, M. Foik (Pol.) 10.8; 3, E. Sandstrom (GB) 10.8; 4, J. Metcalf (GB) 10.9; 5, A. S-Butt (Pak.).

Women's Discus (M). Undistinguished, but Olga Fikotova-Connolly reached 156'8½" as a guest. 1, P. Paternoster (R) 136'11½"; 2, S. Needham (L) 133'6"; 3, E. Ricci (R) 131'3½"; 4, G. Charman (L) 125'4½".

High Jump (Inv.). A beautifully executed straddle of 6'6" was good enough to win for the 5'9½" tall Phil Reavis. 1, P. Reavis (USA) 6'6"; 2, R. Barksdale (USA) 6'5"; 3, O. Okuwobi (GB) 6'5"; 4, C. Vandyck (GB) 6'2"; 5, B. Rolls (GB) 6'0".

Women's 440(M). Leather and Bonner ran very steadily and were quite undistressed at

the finish. 1, D. Leather (L) 58.0; 2, J. Bonner (L) 58.4; 3, F. Depaoli (R) 60.7; 4, G. Jannaccone (R) 64.4.

220 Hds. (Inv.). Gilbert looked even more impressive than in the "highs" and his 23.3 was excellent for the sharp White City bends, equalling Hildreth's A-C record of 23.3 (straight track), being .4sec. faster than Vine's record time round a bend. 1, E. Gilbert (U.S.A.) 23.3; 2, A. Lewis (U.S.A.) 23.9; 3, P. B. Hildreth (GB) 24.2; 4, R. D. Shaw (GB) 24.6; 5, P. Vine (GB) 24.7; 6, F. Yaqib (Pak.) 25.0.

Women's 100(M). Weston was a yard up at 40yds. and held it to the finish. 1, M. Weston (L) 10.9; 2, E. Wheeler (L) 11.0; 3, D. Costa (R) 11.3; 4, M. Musso (R) 11.4.

880(M). Hewson a non-starter through injury. Mackay took his place and led through 440 in 53.9, but was overtaken soon after by the world's fastest schoolboy, Tom Carroll (17). Johnson, tailing the field, moved up along the back straight to challenge the powerful Courtney, now out in front. He chased him gamely round the final bend but the American's superior speed and strength carried him to the tape 5yds. ahead for yet another All-Comers' record of 1:47.7. Johnson, running with bandaged ankle, was rewarded with B.E., National and English record. 1, T. Courtney (NY) 1:47.7 (Br. A-C rec.); 2, D. J. N. Johnson (L) 1:48.5 (B.E., Br. Nat. and Eng. Nat. rec.); 3, T. Carroll (NY) 1:52.7; 4, R. Mackay (L) 1:52.9.

1 Mile (M). Peter Clark had a field day. Into the lead from the gun he went through the laps—59.2, 1:59.8, 3:00.2. He never relented and finished courageously in 4:03.5, a great lone effort. Laurie Reed's 4:07.7 was a revelation, but he had a difficult task in resisting the challenge of Burr Grimm. 1, P. R. Clark (L) 4:03.5; 2, L. D. Reed (L) 4:07.7; 3, B. Grimm (NY) 4:07.7; 4, I. Matza (NY) 4:27.0.

5,000m. (Inv.). Pirie finally hit the winning trail by defeating the Czech, Mirko Graef, in the fair time of 14:05.6. Both were always up with the leaders who passed the mile in 4:31 and 2 miles in 9:09.8. Graef led Pirie by two yards at the bell and at the 3 miles post they were level at 13.41. The Czech held off Pirie's challenge round the last bend, but the latter, exhibiting the spirit which carried him to three world records last year, came again in the straight and won by a yard. Kevin Gilligan ran brilliantly to finish third after passing 3 miles in 13:42.4, while John Disley ran his best flat race to record 13:46.4 and 14:13.2. 1, D. Pirie (GB) 14:05.6; 2, M. Graef (Czech.) 14:05.8; 3, K. Gilligan (GB) 14:09.2; 4, J. Disley (GB) 14:13.2; 5, F. Salvat (GB) 14:20.4; 6, H. V. Foord (GB) 14:22.6.

Shot (Inv.). Close but disappointing contest

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Heather Young completes a meritorious double by winning the W.A.A.A. 220 yards in 24.2sec. The other runners L. to R.: M. Hisco (Spartan) 2nd, J. Paul (Spartan) 5th, J. Dudderidge (Middx. L.) 3rd, E. Wheeler (London Olympiades) 6th, and V. Cutting (Ilford) 4th.

E. D. Lacey

With the Ladies

June 28th

Middlesex Youth Meeting—18/21. 100: M. Wood (Hayes) 12.9; 150: M. Wackett (Finchley) 18.2; 220: M. Draper (Finchley) 28.1; LJ: M. Silver (NW Mx.) 16' 7" (rec.); DT: M. Breadon (Hendon) 85' 11½"; JT: B. Franks (SW Mx.) w.o. 15/18. 100: M. Chapman (Hendon) 12.0; 220: P. Nunn (SWMx.) 28.4; 150: P. Mason (Wood. Gn.) 17.6 (rec.); 80H: D. Glazebrook (Hendon) 12.0 (eq. rec.); LJ: S. Stocks (Wood Gn.) 16' 2"; HJ: H. Wall (Heston) 5' 1" (rec.); DT: S. Burt (Hayes) 101' 8½"; JT: S. Platt (Hendon) 139' 2" (rec.); Relay: Hendon 51.9.

July 2nd

Brighton Ladies' Club Championships. 100: L. Jones 11.9; 440: L. Jones 62.0; LJ: M. Wakelin 16' 6"; SP: M. Burtenshaw 33' 8½"; DT: M. Burtenshaw 125' 5½"; Juniors. 100: S. Potter 12.2; 70H: M. Vidler 10.6; LJ: S. Potter 16' 2½".

July 4th

Wimbledon A.C. Championships. DT: E. M. Robertson; C. Moulden 64' 7".

July 6th

Staveley Works Sports. 100: D. Bateman (Hallamshire) 4½, 11.2; 220: F. Benyon (Widnes) 18½, 25.4.

Chelmsford Festival Trophy Meeting. 100 (1): J. Brown (Ca.) 11.9; 100(2): N. Jones (H and H) 12.4; 220(1): J. Blagden (I) 24.4; 220 (2): G. Polls (I) 24.3; JT: Hawke (Ca.) 82' 6"; 4 x 110 Relay: Cambridge 52.1; Junior 100(1): W. Lethbridge (H and H) 12.5; 100(2): S. Buttress (Ch.) 12.4; 4 x 110 Relay: Hayes and H. 53.8.

July 6th

Yarmouth & Gorleston A.C. 23 pts. beat Lowestoft & District A.C. 18, Norwich and Norfolk

A.C. 17 & Ipswich H. 14. 100: A. Pashley (Y) 11.4; 220: B. Watson (L) 26.6; 80mH: A. Pashley (Y) 12.6; LJ: A. Pashley 16' 11½"; HJ: J. Cooper (N & N) 4' 7"; SP: V. Davies (I) 31' 10½"; DT: V. Davies (I) 102' 11"; JT: J. Cooper 85' 6½".

PORTSMOUTH ATALANTA TROPHY MEETING

100(1): A. Packer (R) 12.5; 100(2): E. Davies (R) 12.5; 220(1): D. Watkinson (G) 26.8; 220(2): M. Dollery (A) 26.8; 440(1): L. Jones (B) 62.0; 440(2): A. Dale (B) 71.2; Mile Walk(1): J. Pearson (A) 8:25.4; Mile Walk(2): B. Smith (A). LJ(1): M. Waklin (B) 16' 2½"; LJ(2): L. Jones (B) 15' 6½"; SP: M. Burtenshaw (B) 33' 11"; SP(2): P. Mason (B) 30' 6½"; DT(1): M. Burtenshaw (B) 126' 3½"; DT(2): P. Mason (B) 93' 6½"; 880 Relay: Brighton 1:58.9. Result: 1, Brighton 70 pts; 2, Atalanta 58; 3, Walton 39; 4, Gosport 38; 5, Reading 22. Invitation Mile: 1, M. Bonnano (Highgate); 2, J. Bridglad (Southampton); 3, J. Ruff (Basingstoke) 5:09.4. Juniors: 60(1): R. Tidey (B) 7.9; 60(2): S. Ellard (B) 8.0; 100(1): S. Potter (B) 12.8; 100(2): M. Vidler (B) 12.9; 150(1): P. Stevens (B) 17.6; 150(2): R. Tidey (B) 17.7. LJ(1): S. Potter (B) 17' 1"; LJ(2): S. Ellard (B) 15' 2½"; 4 x 110 Relay: Brighton 53.5. Result: 1, Brighton 50 pts; 2, Walton 29; 3, Atalanta 27; 4, Reading 24; 5, Gosport 18.

July 13th

Wolsey Sports. 100: B. Franklin (Birchfield) 14, 11.0; 220: A. Eades (Lozells) 21½, 24.4; Mile Walk: B. Franklin (Birchfield) 121, 7:49.2; Inter-Club Relay: Birchfield "A" 52.0.

The result of the W.A.A.A. Junior Javelin event, not included in our report last week, was as follows:—1, A. E. Turner (Essex L.) 100' 1"; 2, A. James (Birchfield) 98' 10½"; 3, P. Adams (Stoke) 88' 4¼"; 4, L. Harper (Stoke) 86' 8"; 5, J. Barnsby (Uxbridge) 84' 9¼"; 6, E. Harrington (Streatham) 75' 2¼".

NEWS FROM ITALY

By R. L. QUERCETANI

THE first half of the Italian track season is practically over. After participating in the Exagonal Meet in Brussels, July 27/28th, our athletes will, as usual, "take ten" during the hot mid-summer weeks, to be back at it in September. The latter part of the season, ending in November, will notably include the National Championships and some international meets. (Incidentally, that traditional mid-summer lull may create a problem for our athletes in 1960, since the track events of the Rome Olympiad are scheduled for the first half of September.)

There have been signs of a turnover in our track ranks recently. Armando Filiput, European 400 metres hurdles champion in 1950, is on the retired list. Others like walker Dordoni and hammer thrower Taddia are on the downgrade. And, what is most significant, Adolfo Consolini is no longer Italy's No. 1 star in athletics. Though still good now and then for 170'/175', our 40-year-old discus champion is now internationally less prominent than shot putter Silvano Meconi. The latter, a 25-year-old stalwart, recently upped the Italian shot put record to 17.41 mtrs. (57' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), which mark now places him fifth on the European All Time List, behind Skobla, Ovspeyan, Balyayev and A. Raica.

Among the new prospects, sprinters are outstanding. Franco Galbiati, Luigi Gnocchi and the latest find, Livio Berruti, can be considered good European class. Middle and long distance runners have resumed progress after a standstill of many years. Last year, Gianfranco Baraldi succeeded Luigi Beccali as holder of the 1,500 metres record. Now we look for Giovanni Scavo to succeed Mario Lanzi in the 800 metres. But, evidently, our men are not keeping pace with the fast moving international parade in these events. Hurdlers are a mediocre lot, while in the field events several young men have come to the fore with promising marks. Worthy of mention here are Gian Mario Roveraro, our first "2-Metre Man" in the high jump (he cleared 6' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " last year), hop-step-jumper Enzo Cavalli and javelin thrower Raffaele Bonaiuto. This last, close to 240' at the age of 19, may dethrone Giovanni Lievore, the man who placed sixth in the Melbourne javelin final.

Main feature of recent weeks was the visit of a 10-man team from U.S.A., including among others athletes like Elias Gilbert, Ernie Shelton, Ira Murchison. Braving a sweltering heat and the fatigue of extensive travelling, the guests attracted fairly large crowds in Milan, Turin and Bologna, and generally produced fine marks. Ira Murchison, the real "Mr. Five-by-Five", loved the "Texas heat" that prevailed at the Milan premiere and posted the fastest 100 metres clocking in Italian track annals—10.3. Clifton Cushman, the sen-

sational Kansas University freshman, beat sub-1:50 men Scavo and Lang Stanley in a 1:50.4 800 metres race, and came back the following day to annex his special event, the 400 metres hurdles, in 52.6. Cushman, barely over 18, ran this distance in 51.9 at the Kansas Relays—the first time he went over the intermediate hurdles in competition! Elias Gilbert sped to an easy 14.0 in the high hurdles at the Bologna meet.

Meconi proved his consistency by winning 2 out of 3 from Dave Owen in the shot put. The 21-year-old American could not reproduce the form which had won the N.C.A.A. title for him at 59' 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Meconi added two more to his collection of 17 metres-plus (55' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") marks. His winning distances in recent meets have been: 16.97 m. (55' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), June 9, 17.41 m. (57' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), June 16, 17.25 m. (56' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), June 21, 16.98 m. (55' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), June 23, and 17.14 m. (56' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") twice, July 6 and July 10.

Summaries

Milan, July 6 (Night meet). 100m: I. Murchison (U.S.A.) 10.3, E. Shelby (U.S.A.) 10.5, L. Berruti 10.6; **400m:** J. Telford (U.S.A.) 47.7, A. Loddo 47.9, R. Panciera 48.0; **800m:** C. Cushman (U.S.A.) 1:50.4, G. Scavo 1:50.6, L. Stanley

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WYCOMBE PHOENIX HARRIERS AND A.C.

5 MILE ROAD RACE

(Under AAA Rules)

SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1957

At 3.30 p.m.

AT

Keep Hill Road, High Wycombe

FULL VALUE FURNITURE PRIZES

For Individual and Team Races (6 to run—3 to score)

ENTRY FEE — 2/- per Individual

Entries Close Saturday, 10th August, to
Hon. Sec., W.P.H. and A.C. H.Q.,
Keep Hill Road, High Wycombe.

Last Year's Winners—

1st—A. J. Redrup, Wycombe Phoenix
2nd—P. Driver, South London Harriers

OTHER RESULTS

June 25th

Essex Beagles 60 pts. beat Ilford A.C. 56 & Eton Manor A.C. 23. **220**: J. Spooner (EB) 22.4; **440**: D. Powell (I) 50.0; Mile: N. Fisher (EM) 4:19.8.

June 27th

Westbury H. 64, R.A.F. Yatesbury 36. **100**: D. Carter (W) 10.2; **440**: R. Johns (W) 52.3; **880**: P. Griffin (W) 1:55.6; Mile: J. McDonald (W) 4:19.0; **2M**: I. Hawkins (W) 9:30.0; **SP**: K. Maksimczyk (W) 42'3"; **DT**: K. Maksimczyk (W) 152'3".

June 28th

MIDDLESEX YOUTH MEETING

19/21. **100**: B. Adler (Hendon) 10.8; **220**: P. Weekes (Hendon) 23.0 (rec.); **440**: A. Bechman (Hendon) 52.9; **880**: T. Rogerson (NW Mx.) 2:01.5; Mile: C. Beckwith (NW Mx.) 4:37.8; **SP**: D. O'Dwyer (Heston) 38'3"; **JT**: T. Greiggs (Hendon) 140'5"; Relay: Hendon 45.1 (rec.). 17/19. **100**: A. Connif (Wembley) 10.3 (rec.); **220**: D. Withers (Potters B.) 24.0; **440**: J. Clarkson (Edmonton) 52.9; **880**: R. Eatell (Heston) 2:06.0; Mile: P. Moss (Edmonton) 4:30.4; **120H**: M. Gillingham (Wembley) 16.0; **HJ**: A. Williams (Southall) 5'8" (rec.); **SP**: M. Payne (Heston) 41'0"; **DT**: D. Clarke (NW Mx.) 118'2½"; **JT**: B. Taylor (Potters B.) 144'5"; Relay: Southgate 45.9 (rec.). 15/17½. **100**: J. Goode (Hayes) 10.8; **220**: J. Price (Hayes) 24.1; **440**: P. Smith (SW Mx.) 54.2; **880**: D. Clarke (Hayes) 2:03.1 (rec.); Mile: T. Baker (Southgate) 4:40.6; **110H**: D. Bowers (Hendon) 14.9; **LJ**: R. Ashcroft (Southall) 20'6" (rec.); **HJ**: J. Russell (Wembley) 5'5"; **SP**: I. Lee (Hayes) 43'5½"; **DT**: R. Hayes (NW Mx.) 135'3"; **JT**: D. Dodge (Hayes) 170'8"; Relay: Hendon 46.6 (rec.).

28/29th June

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS

100: 1, Gnr. D. Needham; 2, 2/Lt. R. J. Baddeley; 3, Sgt. G. C. Thomas 10.2. **220**: 1, 2/Lt. R. J. Baddeley; 2, Sgt. G. C. Thomas; 3, Gnr. D. Needham 22.8. **440**: 1, Lt. A. V. Ford; 2, Lt. J. F. Grove; 3, Gnr. S. G. Purkiss 49.8. **880**: Lt. D. F. Williamson; 2, Pte. S. G. Taylor; 3, Cpl. R. D. Henderson 1:56.9. Mile: 1, Cpl. E. W. Watt; 2, Bdr. I. Roberts; 3, Pte. B. Marchant 4:20.0. **3M**: 1, Cpl. B. Heatley; 2, L/Bdr. H. R. Fowler; 3, Sgt. P. J. Mellor 14:24.2. **120H**: 1, S/Sgt. J. R. Bradley; 2, Cpl. M. C. Robinson; 3, 2/Lt. Blane 15.2. **220H**: 1, Sgt./Instr. C. Andrews; 2, S/Sgt. B. A. R. Thomas; 3, Sgt. D. Lillis 25.7. **440H**: 1, Sgt./Instr. C. Andrews; 2, Cpl. M. C. Robinson; 3, S/Sgt. B. A. R. Thomas 54.7 (rec.). **3000 m. S'chase**: 1, Cpl. B. Heatley; 2, Tpr. B. Grubb; 3, Pte. MacKnight 9:22.2 (rec.). **LJ**:

1, Sgt. J. H. Cork 22'9"; 2, Pte. A. Gazard 22'5½"; 3, Cfn. B. J. Bale 22'3". **HJ**: 1, L/Cpl. D. Wilson 6'1"; 2, W/O 2 G. C. Clarke 5'11"; 3, Sgt. C. Collins 5'9". **HSJ**: 1, 2/Lt. A. A. Madiebo 44'11½"; 2, 2/Lt. D. C. Dix 44'2"; 3, Lt. D. C. Frost 42'11". **PV**: 1, Gnr. G. Knight 11'6"; 2, Capt. A. Good 11'6"; 3, Cpl. R. Toon 11'3". **SP**: 1, 2/Lt. D. Harrison 45'5"; 2, S/Sgt. R. Guest 43'6"; 3, Sgt. P. Jones 43'1". **DT**: 1, CSMI E. Cleaver 150'10" (rec.); 2, Sgt. P. Jones 134'1"; 3, 2/Lt. H. Eastwood 125'3". **JT**: 1, Lt. J. N. Fair 180'0"; 2, L/Cpl. G. Evans 175'2"; 3, 2/Lt. J. Sale 169'2". **HT**: 1, Lt. Col. C. J. Reidy 152'2"; 2, Sgt. G. Collins 146'3"; 3, Sgt. A. G. LePrince 139'4".

Invitation Events:

300: 1, J. D. Wrighton (Southgate); 2, H. Kane (LAC); 3, B. Rider (Wood, Gn.) 31.5. Mile: 1, R. Dunkley (Achilles); 2, J. R. Cameron (TVH); 3, S. E. Eldon (Windsor and E.) 4:19.4. **120H**: 1, R. D. Shaw (Achilles) 14.6; 2, P. B. Hildreth (Poly) 14.6; 3, P. A. L. Vine (Achilles). **220H**: 1, P. B. Hildreth (Poly); 2, R. D. Shaw (Achilles); 3, P. A. L. Vine (Achilles) 24.6.

BROCKMAN TROPHY MEETING

Croydon, June 29th

Belgrave and Woodford Green had a great tussle before the latter won the day by the narrow margin of 1½ points. The result showed how steady progress over the past few years has made Woodford Green one of the strongest clubs in the London area.

In Belgrave's favour, however, it must be said that they might well have won the Trophy but for Leroy's disqualification in the 440 yards final for two false starts.

Okuwobi showed his appreciation of the heat by winning his speciality with 6ft. 5in., while one of the best track performances was put up by Langridge, who hung on to Ken Norris when the latter killed off the rest of the field halfway in the race, and then had sufficient pace to get the better of the T.V.H. man in the final straight.

100: 1, Morgan (TVH) 10.4; 2, M. Page (WG) 10.4; 3, D. Carter (B) 10.6. **220**: 1, M. Page (WG) 22.7; 2, G. S. Ellis (LAC) 22.8; 3, J. Kessler (S) 23.2. **440**: 1, F. P. Higgins (S) 49.0 (eq. rec.); 2, C. O. Buchanan (HHH) 51.0; 3, M. Jones (WG) 51.8. **880**: 1, J. Baker (WG) 1:55.6; 2, I. H. Boyd (HHH) 1:56.5; 3, A. Wiseman (WG) 1:57.5. **1500m**: 1, A. Lewis (WG) 3:59.7; 2, J. Davies (B) 4:00.7; 3, R. J. Darchambaud (SLH) 4:00.7. **3M**: 1, S. R. Langridge (SLH) 14:25.6; 2, K. L. Norris

(TVH) 14:27.6; 3, J. Heywood (HHH) 14:41.6.
3000m. S'chase: 1, C. Wilson (SLH) 9:39.8; 2, D. Stearns (WG) 9:55.0; 3, B. Ward (S) 9:57.0.
120H: 1, M. Ash (B) 15.5; 2, A. Sampson (WG) 16.0; 3, R. Van Rossum (WG) 16.5.
LJ: 1, G. Britten (EB) 21'8"; 2, J. E. Whall (LAC) 21'3"; 3, J. D. Howell (HHH) 21'0".
HJ: 1, O. Okuwobi (Camb. H.) 6'5"; 2, M. Ash (B) 5'10"; 3, J. Gilbert (WG) 5'8"; **HSJ:** 1, G. Britten (EB) 46'11" (rec.); 2, N. Woodhouse (TVH) 43'8"; 3, C. Jones (EB) 43'6½".
PV: 1, P. C. Delight (S) 12'0"; 2, M. E. Nugent (SLH) 11'6"; 3, M. Ash (B) and C. J. Weeks (SLH) 11'6".
SP: 1, D. Waterhouse (S) 45'7"; 2, J. P. Jones (B) 45'3"; 3, A. Cook (TVH) 43'6".
DT: 1, J. Butterfield (C) 132'0"; 2, D. Vanhegan (S) 131'11"; 3, D. O'Neil (S) 128'11".
JT: 1, D. E. Tucker (HHH) 194'4"; 2, D. Vanhegan (S) 168'10"; 3, G. Edwards (B) 168'2".
HT: 1, P. Porter (B) 159'3"; 2, D. Vanhegan (S) 158'2"; P. Richie (WG) 157'0".

Result: 1, Woodford Green 61pts.; 2, Belgrave 59½; 3, Southgate 47; 4, Herne Hill 40; 5, T.V.H. 38; 6, S.L.H. 30½; 7, Essex Beagles 21; 8, L.A.C. 19; 9, Cambridge H. 17.

Continued next week

LONDON v. NEW YORK (contd.)

with Bantum well below his usual form. 1, K. Bantum (USA) 53'8"; 2, J. Marchiony (USA) 53'3"; 3, D. Rowe (GB) 53'0"; 4, M. T. Lucking (GB) 52'2"; 5, J. Savidge (GB) 50'11½".

Long Jump (Inv.). Amazingly close contest with 8 inches covering six competitors. Churchill, a junior, did remarkably well to better 23ft. 1, G. Shaw (USA) 23'8½"; 2, M. Ramzan (Pak.) 23'4"; 3, M. Herman (USA) 23'2"; 4, P. Whaley (GB) 23'1½"; 5, R. Coleman (GB) 23'1½"; 6, D. W. Churchill (GB) 23'0½".

220(M): Collymore and Segal fought a torrid duel down the long straight with the powerful American just snatching the verdict. 1, E. Collymore (NY) 21.6; 2, D. Segal (L) 21.6; 3,

B. Shenton (L) 22.1; 4, R. Maiocco (NY) 22.1.

2 Miles Team (London Clubs). Easy win for Darchambaud, though his lead was cut over last furlong. 1, S.L.H. 19pts.; 2, Hercules 25; 3, Highgate 31. **Ind.:** 1, R. Darchambaud (SLH) 8:58.8; 2, S. R. Langridge (SLH) 9:03.6; 3, P. O'Connor (QPH) 9:04.4.

4 x 440 Relay (M). Woodland ran a well judged first leg to hand over 5yds. up on Carroll. Josh Culbreath hacked down the deficit against Wrighton and Reggie Pearman managed to hand over to Olympic champion Charlie Jenkins 2yds. up. Higgins tucked in behind but Jenkins was never really troubled and won by 3 yards. 1, New York (Carroll, Culbreath, Pearman, Jenkins) 3:12.0; 2, London (Woodland, Wrighton, Solomon, Higgins) 3:12.4.

1500m. Jnr. S'chase. (Inv.). A most impressive winner whose time was equal to about 4.50 for a mile over the obstacles. 1, B. Craig (Blackpool) 4:24.0; 2, G. J. Howard (Watford) 4:28.2; 3, A. L. Thomas (Devonport) 4:28.4; 4, R. Shiell (Poly) 4:30.8; 5, J. Wenk (Welwyn) 4:32.0; 6, D. Gibbons (Stratford GS) 4:35.0.

Women's 4 x 110 Relay (M). Despite atrocious baton changing London had 15yds. to spare at the finish. 1, London (Wheeler, Wyatt, Paul, Weston) 47.6; 2, Rome (Musso, Bertoni, Grappi, Actis) 49.4.

4 x 110 Relay (M). First three stages were evenly contested, but Sime strode away from Shenton over the last leg. 1, New York (Thomas, Maiocco, Collymore, Sime) 41.4; 2, London (Metcalfe, Box, Segal, Shenton) 41.7.

M.W.

NEWS FROM ITALY (contd.)

(U.S.A.) 1:50.8, E. Spinozzi 1:51.2, G. Baraldi 1:51.7; **110mH:** E. Gilbert (U.S.A.) 14.1; **LJ:** E. Shelby (U.S.A.) 24' 2½", A. Bravi 24' 1"; **SP:** S. Meconi 56' 2½", D. Owen (U.S.A.) 55' 3½"; **JT:** R. Bonaiuto 239' 8", W. Duckworth (U.S.A.) 230' 11½".

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL

LONDON AMATEUR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

HURLINGHAM PARK, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1957 at 2.45 p.m.

Closing date for entries—17th August, 1957.

Entry forms and particulars from the Chief Officer of the Parks Department, Old County Hall, Spring Gardens, S.W.1 (1122).

Turin, July 7 (Afternoon meet). **200m**: I. Murchison 21.3, L. Berruti 21.5; **400m**: L. Stanley 48.3, G. Scavo 48.5; **400mH**: C. Cushman 52.6, F. Franzoso 53.9, D. Massacesi 54.1; **PV**: J. Welbourn 14' 4", E. Ballotta 13' 1½"; **SP**: D. Owen 55' 5½", S. Meconi 54' 11"; **DT**: A. Consolini 167' 8½"; **4 x 110mR**: Italian selection (Berruti, D'Asnasch, Sangermano, Boccardo) 41.0, U.S.A. team (Murchison, Telford, Gilbert, Stanley) 41.1.

Bologna, July 10 (Night meet). **100m**: I. Murchison 10.5, L. Berruti 10.7 (heats won by Murchison, 10.4, and Berruti, 10.6); **400m**: J. Telford 48.0, L. Stanley 48.3, G. Scavo 48.6; **1500m**: V. Mugosa (Yugoslavia) 3:47.7, G. Baraldi 3:48.9; **10,000m**: D. Stritof (Yugoslavia) 30:18.6, F. Volpi 30:28.2; **HJ**: E. Shelton (U.S.A.) 6' 7½"; **LJ**: E. Shelby 25' 2½"; **SP**: S. Meconi 56' 2½"; **D**: Owen 52' 7½"; **JT**: W. Duckworth 214' 0½"; **R**: Bonaiuto 213' 1½"; **110mH**: E. Gilbert 14.0.

Other Italian Performances, 1957

100m: F. Galbiati 10.5 (Alessandria, May 1), S. Giannone, L. Gnocchi 10.6; **200m**: S. D'Asnasch 21.3 (Milan, June 23), L. Gnocchi 21.4, V. Lombardo 21.5; **800m**: G. Scavo 1:49.2 (Paris, June 21); **110mH**: G. Mazza 14.8; **400mH**: G. Gimelli 53.3, D. Massacesi 53.8; **HJ**: G. Cordovani 6' 4½", G. M. Roveraro and C. Moise 6' 4½"; **PV**: G. Chiesa 13' 9¾", E. Ballotta 13' 7¾"; **LJ**: V. Colatore 24' 2½", L. Ulivelli 24' 0½"; **HSJ**: E. Cavalli 49' 8½"; **DT**: A. Consolini 175' (Verona, April 25), P. F. Guidi 159' 2¼", A. Giacobbo 159' 1½"; **HT**: S. Giovanetti 191' 6" (Piacenza, April 25); **JT**: G. Lievore 228' 9¾"; **3000mSt**: G. Della Minola 9:30.4 (Italian record); **Decathlon**: F. Radman 6,034 p. (Italian record).

WELSH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

100: 1, D. W. Roberts (D. Hughes GS) 10.1; 2, M. G. James (North GS) 10.3; 3, B. L. Thomas (RAF) 10.5. **220**: 1, G. Jones (Bishop Gore GS) 23.4; 2, N. B. Cooper (Porth GS) 23.6; 3, D. W. Roberts (D. Hughes GS) 23.7. **440**: 1, N. Cooper (Porth GS) 52.4; 2, G. H.

Motton (Barry) 52.6; 3, D. M. Young (Sale) 53.0. **880**: 1, A. R. Jones (Roath) 2:04.8; 2, W. D. Owen (Swansea Un.) 2:05.8; 3, J. B. Davies (Swansea) 2:11.0. **Mile**: 1, K. C. Jones (Swansea) 4:32.5; 2, D. Rees (Aberystwyth) 4:37.1; 3, D. R. Morgan (Garw. GS). **Mile Walk**: 1, P. R. Leyshon (Bridgend GS) 8:35.8; 2, W. M. Thomas (Barry GS) 8:38.6. **Mile S'chase**: 1, D. C. Hughes (Rhyll) 5:06.8; 2, J. R. Bale (Roath) 5:33.8. **120H**: 1, D. R. Michael (Llanidloes GS) 16.2; 2, E. Morgan (Duffryn GS) 19.0. **LJ**: 1, R. Gazard (Birchgrove) 20' 4½"; 2, D. R. Michael (Llanidloes GS) 19' 11½"; 3, P. A. Sayzeland (Newport HS) 19' 8". **HJ**: 1, A. D. Evans (Cowbridge GS) 5' 10"; 2, N. Richards (Rhondda) 5' 6". **HSJ**: 1, A. D. Evans (Cowbridge GS) 42' 10"; 2, R. M. Baker (Merthyr GS) 40' 6"; 3, N. Richards (Rhondda V.) 40' 5½". **SP**: 1, A. D. Evans (Cowbridge GS) 50' 2"; 2, D. H. Jones (St. Julian's HS) 42' 0½"; 3, A. J. Buttriss (Abergavenny) 38' 2½". **DT**: 1, P. Thomas (Swansea) 138' 8"; 2, N. Richards (Rhondda) 124' 4"; 3, A. D. Evans (Cowbridge) 121' 6". **JT**: 1, M. J. Seabrook (Rhyll) 186' 1".

MALTA A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Marsa Stadium, June 8th

100: C. Coppini 10.2; **220**: C. Coppini 23.8; **440**: G. Brewer (RAF); **880**: G. Brewer (RAF) 2:07.5; **Mile**: J. Gibson (RAF) 4:41.9; **LJ**: J. Parry (RAF) 20' 2½"; **HJ**: B. Skivington (REME) 5' 0"; **SP**: S. Debrincat (RMA) 39' 5"; **DT**: Davies (RAF) 105' 6"; **JT**: J. Mizzi (RMA) 147' 6" (rec.); **4 x 110 Relay**: Atalanta S.C. 47.2. **Juniors**: **100**: G. Stubbs (RN Sch.) 10.6; **220**: G. Stubbs (RN Sch.) 24.5; **440**: M. Gialanze 54.2; **880**: M. Gialanze 2:16.0; **Mile**: J. Cassar 4:58.2 (rec.); **LJ**: M. Bonello 20' 4½" (rec.); **HJ**: A. Bajada 5' 0"; **HSJ**: M. Bonello 38' 4½"; **SP**: D. Saliba 37' 0½" (rec.); **DT**: L. Camilleri 94' 9"; **JT**: D. Stephens 158' 6" (rec.); **4 x 110 Relay**: St. Edward's College 47.6 (rec.); **Mile Medley Relay**: St. Edward's Coll. 4:01.2 (rec.).

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Scottish Results

Glasgow Corp. Transport, 25/6/57. 880 Inv.: J. V. Paterson (EU) 1:52.4; **HJ:** C. Fairbrother (VP) 5' 11"; **2M:** J. L. Hendry (Shett.) 9:18.6; **Team—Bellahouston 12 pts.;** H'cps—**100:** J. Young (S'burn) 3½, 9.9; **220:** A. Watson (GU) 6, 23.0; **880:** W. J. More (Kil'k) 22, 1:54.2; **1M:** E. H. Smith (VP) 125, 4:08.9.

Inter-club, Westerlands, 26/6/57. Glasgow Univ. won team contest with 64½ pts., runners-up being Vict. Pk. with 47½. 100: R. Whitelock (VP) 10.3; **880:** G. Everett (Shett.) 1:54.0; **1M:** J. L. Hendry (Shett.) 4:20.7; **3M:** J. Connolly (Bell'n) 14:30.6; **120H:** J. T. Johnston (GU) 15.9; **440H:** W. Hunter (J'hill) 58.3; **HJ:** D. Cairns (S'burn) 5' 10"; **LJ:** L. Rankin (VP) 21' 2"; **HSJ:** I. McLune (GU) 43' 1"; **SP:** C. F. Riach (J'hill) 40' 0"; **JT:** I. Allan (J'hill) 153' 6"; **HT:** A. Lester (GU) 102' 0".

Montrose Trophy Inter-City, 26/6/57. Dundee 63, Aberdeen 31. 100: I. Tullith (D) 10.2; **220:** J. Soutar (D) 23.8; **440:** J. Barratt (D) 54.2; **880:** T. Begg (A) 2:03.2; **1M:** A. Barrie (D) 4:39.0; **3M:** I. Docherty (D) 15:21.0; **HJ:** A. Smith (D) 5' 6"; **LJ:** J. Fraser (A) 19' 8"; **SP:** T. Johnston (D) 37' 1½"; **JT:** D. Kerr (A) 140' 9"; **Medley R:** Dundee 2:28.0. (Women)—**100:** D. Tyndall (D) 11.4; **220:** Tyndall 26.8; **HJ:** Y. Jones (D) 4' 7¾"; **4 x 176 Relay:** Dundee 1:12.8.

Stewart Bonnet Guild, 29/6/57. 100: R. Robertson (Gar.) 7½, 9.9; **220:** Robertson 16, 23.1; **880:** K. Phillips (Beith) 34, 2:00.0; **1M:** F. McPherson (VP) 150, 4:23.5; **LJ:** A. J. Arnott (Beith) 1' 9", 21' 11"; **HSJ:** A. Sutherland (G. Pol.) 2' 6", 41' 11"; **Relay:** Kil'k 3:54.4; **220 Jun.:** J. Brown (Camb'g) 13, 24.6; **100 Yths.:** J. McGeech (Ardeer) 2½, 10.5; (Women)—**100:** I. Bond (Ardeer) scr., 11.3; **220:** Bond scr., 27.4; **4 x 110:** Ardeer 53.6.

Linlithgow Sports, 29/6/57. 100: R. Grieg (Fal. V.) 6½, 10.2; **220:** G. Burns (EU) 14, 23.2; **880:** J. Nairey (St. Modans) 80, 1:56.9; **1M:** D. Simpson (Falk.) 145, 4:04.1; **PV:** P. Milligan (VP) scr., 12' 0"; **M. Relay:** Clydesdale 2:44.6; **R. the Loch Race:** A. H. Brown (Moth'll) 11:43.0;

SP: J. Brown (Ham'n) 8' 9", 43' 7"; **HJ:** R. Vannan (St. M.) 10", 6' 4"; **100 Jnr:** R. Greig (Falk.) 10.1; **80 Yths.:** D. Thomson (Brox'n) 3½, 8.4; **100 W'n:** B. Jeffreys (Grange'h) 5½, 11.6; **220 W:** D. Duncan (EH) 11, 27.0.

S.A.A.A. beat Atalanta 75-43 at Pitreavie, 2/7/57. 100: G. Carragher (S) 10.0; **220:** J. Edgar (S) 22.7; **440:** J. McIsaac (S) 49.8; **880:** G. Everett (S) 1:52.9; **1M:** P. Robinson (A) 4:15.6; **3M:** A. H. Brown (S) 14:19.6; **120H:** J. T. Johnston (A) 15.8; **440H:** A. Hannah (S) 55.6; **4 x 110:** SAAA 43.5; **HJ:** A. M. Law (S) 6' 0"; **LJ:** R. Gray (S) 22' 8½"; **HSJ:** H. M. Murray (A) 47' 3"; **PV:** P. Milligan (S) 12' 0"; **DT:** J. Drummond (S) 128' 1"; **SP:** Drummond 43' 2½"; **JT:** R. Findlay (A) 174' 5"; **HT:** R. S. Scott (A) 152' 5".

THE THROWS (contd.)

round Smith got the first of his three successive records with 229' 2", but Cullen responded to the challenge with 221' 4". There were now three home athletes over 220 feet for the first time ever in one competition, but it now became a personal duel between Smith and Cullen. In the 4th round Smith went up again to 230' 0", the first time this distance has ever been achieved by a British athlete. Whilst Cullen took a breather with 207' 3". The fifth round brought the real drama. Once more Smith improved, to 232' 11", and it looked as though he would become the 1957 champion, but Cullen was not giving up his title without a fight. He retired to the extreme end of the runway across the track, tore down towards the scratch line at great speed and unleashed the longest throw ever produced by a British Javelin-thrower. A moment of silence, then a roar from the crowd as the distance was given as 236' 6". (Later re-measured at 236' 7".) Smith's last throw was a gallant 231' 3" and Cullen for good measure replied with 227' 3", and the contest was over! Peter Cullen retained his title, but Colin Smith deserves great credit for his consistently high standard—his six throws averaged 228' 1½". A great day indeed for British Javelin throwing, with at last 200 feet regarded only as a stepping stone to world class.

MODERN MIDDLE & LONG DISTANCE RUNNING

A review by A. J. Weeks-Pearson, former Oxford "blue" and Army mile champion; of the latest book on distance running

THERE are in existence too few books on athletics and, most would agree, far fewer good ones. We have suffered to a great extent from specialists and even unqualified writers attempting comprehensive studies of all

events, and failing because of lack of space and of expert knowledge. Even adequate publications of the past are now superseded by current revolutionary changes.

The combined effort of Jim Peters, "Johnny"

Johnston and Joseph Edmundson is therefore all the more welcome on this count, as well as on that of experience. Not only that, but in addition, as might be expected, in the section on marathon running we have the only attempt to cover the subject competently apart from Arthur Newton—something which is well overdue. At the time of the Vancouver marathon there was much irresponsible talk by inexperienced critics. The tone of commonsense and even of moderation which prevails throughout this book is sufficient proof of the care and good sense behind Peters the whole time.

Not surprisingly there is some plain speaking by the authors about distance races in hot weather. Certainly the conditions of the recent Kinnaird race and the likely temperature in which the 1960 Rome marathon will be run make some sort of immediate action necessary—whether it be by officials or by the athletes who have to tolerate this sort of thing. As far as the next Olympiad is concerned, at present it seems inevitable that England's marathon runners will suffer—as they did at Melbourne, whether the race is run in the evening or not.

The authors' statement that dehydration takes place in the early stages of a race is sufficient incentive for an enquiry to be launched into the whole problem of what can be done about building up resistance to heat by artificial means. Training in the sun is all very well but most find this impossible because of working hours. The disastrous 1924 Paris cross-country race is mentioned by the authors, in which Nurmi was practically the only one unaffected by the heat. It is said that he included special heat treatment in Sauna baths in his training for the Games. Zatopek before his Sao Paulo New Year race victory is said to have trained in two track suits for the same purpose. There may not be much which can be done, but we can try what can be done to insure the body without sapping the vital energy.

INJURIES

The same need for research into specialised athletic injuries from bones down to blisters is suggested in yet another section of the book, that on injuries. A thorough study should be made, perhaps by such a double expert of the calibre of one of the authors' advisers, Harold Lee.

Inevitably, comparison will be made between this work and the only other comparable book

of this sort, that of Franz Stampfl. The recognition of the need for hard work is common to both, but the Stampfl school stands or falls on Interval Running while the Peters' principle is Pace. Of course, the two often merge: after all, what is hard training but extended repetition running? But on the whole, though the authors advise much hard work for marathon runners, very little mileage and very few repetitions are suggested for track runners during the track season. Whereas Stampfl advises anything up to thirty quarters, the authors seldom advocate anything as great as twelve, for example. That such runners as Sando have produced superlative results on such training is undeniable but it may be questioned whether 27 minutes for six miles, or athletes like Kuts and Iharos, known to train for four hours per day can result from these methods. Great athletes of the Sando variety must now become increasingly rare in the power-house of the modern athletic world.

Nevertheless, Peters, Johnston and Edmundson possess the indispensable advantage of practical experience—what European country, for example, has the climate to permit an athlete to train daily on a track throughout the winter as Stampfl's schedules demand? Undoubtedly Peters' methods of pace running and fartlek represent the only adaptable course for the English athlete in winter. Added to the general wealth of advice, there are in this book specimens from the training programmes of class athletes such as Sando and Landy; some necessary sense on the bogey, Style; sections on the later-life effects of middle distance and distance running, cross-country for schools, exercises for athletics, staleness and some excellent photographs. The post-mortem section on the 1956 Olympiad may not find favour with many—post mortems are never pleasant—particularly the criticisms of such athletes as Johnson—for "easing" after he had overtaken — of Chataway and, more surprisingly, Clark for their pre-Melbourne training, which latter is almost as startling as classing Bannister as Finchley Harriers rather than Achilles.

Nevertheless, this is the kind of book which is far too scarce, expressing up to date opinions on distance and middle distance running backed by good experience of longer standing than is usual, and — even more unusual — with no attempt to "fill out" with theories or unnecessary information about other events of which they know little.