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Midland Championships

At Aldersley, June 21st/22nd

WINDY 20.6 BY AINSLEY BENNETT

ON a sunny, but windy day, Ainsley Bennett (19) stole the limelight at the Midland Championships (Part 1) at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton. Ainsley gave an impressive show of sprinting, clocking a 10.5w 100 heat ahead of Richard Kennedy at 10.6. He repeated this 10.5 clocking in the final aided by a 4.4m wind, with Kennedy just finishing ahead of Tim Bonsor, both 10.6. With the wind increasing later in the afternoon Ainsley took full advantage, advancing to the 200 final with a superb time of 20.9. In a previous heat holder Chris Monk qualified with 21.4, and Richard Kennedy went through with 21.5. An excellent final was in prospect, and it lived up to one's hopes. Kennedy was in lane two, Bennett lane four and Monk lane five. Bennett got a good start, ad came off the bend first, chased home by Monk. His winning time of 20.6 was the fastest in the UK this year, albeit aided by a wind of 6.9m per second, with Chris Monk clocking an excellent 20.8.

A good finish developed in the 1500, after some fast heats the previous night, with Dave Moorcroft becoming champion ahead of Martin Knowles. In third place was junior Barrie Moss with a personal best of 3:47.7. Another junior to show promise was Cecil Moven (17) who took the 400 with a personal best of 48.8.

Despite unfavourable winds, Chris Wilson added 1cm to his personal best in the high jump, at the same time defeating new UK record holder Colin Boreham, who could only achieve 1.90m on this occasion. In the youths events Ian Ratcliffe (13.6w/6.47m) and Chris Beswick (11.0w/22.3w) scored good doubles.

Alan Lindop

100: (+ 4.4) 1, A. Bennett (Bir) 10.5 (= CBP); 2, R. Kennedy (W&B) 10.6; 3, T. Bonsor (Cov) 10.6; 4, R. James (W&B) 10.8; 5, R. Meredith (W&B) 10.9; 6, C. Nimmo (W&B) 11.2 (11.1 ht).

200: (+ 6.9) 1, Bennett 20.6; 2, C. Monk (Leic) 20.8; 3, Kennedy 21.2; 4, S. James (W&B) 21.5; 5, T. Rodwell (W&B) 21.5; 6, Meredith 22.1.

400: 1, C. Moven (W&B) 48.8; 2, J. Caines (Bir) 48.8; 3, C. Jacks (Cov) 50.2; 4, D. Caro (Bir) 51.2; 5, P. Pepler (Glos) 51.6 (51.5 ht).

1500: 1, D. Moorcroft (Lough) 3:46.6; 2, M. Knowles (Leic) 3:46.7; 3, B. Moss (Notts-J) 3:47.7; 4, M. Kearns (Birm Univ) 3:47.7 (3:47.3 ht); 5, R. Callan (Leic-J) 3:50.4 (3:47.7 ht); 6, B. Cole (Tip) 3:50.6 (3:47.8 ht); 7, T. Jefferies (W&B) 3:52.0 (3:47.9 ht); 8, S. Mitchell (Notts) 3:55.5 (3:54.6 ht); 9, R. Milne (Notts) 3:55.8 (3:51.9 ht); 10, R. Tilling (Bir) 3:56.7 (3:52.3 ht). In Hts: M. Downes (Cann) 3:48.2; D. Wright (Bir) 3:49.8; D. Biddell (S Heath) 3:52.6; P. Gilsenan (Kett) 3:53.0; K. Rasmussen (Cov G) 3:54.9; H. Elliott (W&B) 3:55.7; T. Colton (Lough) 3:56.0;

D. Dutton (Cann) 3:56.4; T. Edwards (Bir) 3:57.2; J. Dagnam (Bir) 3:57.6.

10,000: 1, A. Birks (Stoke) 30:24.4; 2, D. Fownes (Tip) 30:46.8; 3, B. Baldaro (Tip) 31:25.2; 4, D. Ashe (Stoke) 31:51.6; 5, A. Holden (Tip) 32:02.0; 6, C. Donovan (Leam) 32:31.8.

3000SC: 1, Holden 8:58.2; 2, R. Cytlau (Glos) 8:58.0; 3, R. Harris (Stoke) 9:13.6; 4, J. Offord (Leic) 9:24.0; 5, N. Thomas (Glos) 9:42.8; 6, R. Panter (Bir) 9:52.4.

110H: (+ 2.4) 1, A. Davis (Cov) 15.0; 2, R. Danville (W&B) 15.1; 3, S. Gregory (Bris) 15.7; 4, J. Crotty (Stoke) 16.0.

400H: 1, S. James (Birm Un/W&B) 54.1; 2, R. Barrington (Stoke) 55.6; 3, J. Kinahan (Notts) 55.7; 4, S. Trevellick (Birm Un/W&B) 56.5; 5, T. Barrington (Poly) 57.3 (56.7 ht); 6, A. Greaves (N'ton P) 59.3 (56.8).

HJ: 1, C. Wilson (Notts) 2.01/6'7"; 2, C. Boreham (Birm Un) 1.90/6'2"; 3, C. Ward (Stoke) 1.85/6'0"; 4, B. Doherty (Bir) 1.85.

PV: 1, B. Somerfield (W&B) 3.80/12'5"; 2, C. Hands (Spark) 3.70/12'1"; 3, Ward 3.70; 4, C. McCarthy (W&B) 3.70; 5, P. Edwards (W&B) 3.70.

LJ: 1, P. Sperrin (Sol) 7.04/23'1"; 2, P. Bevan (Bris) 6.98/22'10"; 3, Crotty 6.86/22'6"; 4, K. Reeve (Bir) 6.59/21'7".

TJ: 1, S. Power (Card) 15.16/49'9"; 2, A. Vincent (Cov) 14.82/48'7"; 3, M. Cannavan (W&B) 14.48/47'6"; 4, J. Tustin (Leic) 14.39/47'2"; 5, A. Jones (W&B) 14.38/47'2"; 6, Bevan 14.01/45'11"; 7, R. Sibley (Croy) 13.68/44'10".

SP: 1, R. Dale (Stoke) 15.37/50'5"; 2, D. Roscoe (TVH) 13.94/45'9"; 3, D. Brown (Sol) 12.07/39'7".

DT: 1, Roscoe 50.10/164'4"; 2, J. Holt (W&B) 38.26/125'6"; 3, P. Jefferies (Port) 37.32/122'5".

HT: 1, M. Emens (Bir) 51.04/167'5"; 2, Roscoe 50.28/164'11"; 3, R. Howkins (Glos) 46.44/152'4"; 4, P. Andrews (Bir) 45.74/150'1"; 5, D. Benning (Stoke) 41.78/137'1".

JT: 1, A. Bosworth (Notts) 62.88/206'3"; 2, J. Wurzer (B'field) 55.44/181'11".

(Continued next week)

BOB SERCOMBE SELECTED

Bob Sercombe has been chosen to join Ian Thompson and Bernie Plain for the European marathon championship. Letters on the marathon controversy appear on page 32; more next week.

Cover photo by Ron Linstead: from right to left—Tim Johnston, Eckhard Lesse, Dave Cannon (77), Don Faircloth, Colin Kirkham, Bob Sercombe (249), Grenville Tuck (not Graham, as reported last week), Bernie Plain, Bob Lunnion (227) and Jim Alder (96).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, June 29th: Poland v UK v Canada (1st Day) at Warsaw; British League (Div 1 at West London; Div 2 at Southampton; Div 3 at Bristol; Div 4 at Croydon); Northern League; Midland League; Southern League; Welsh League; Southern WAAA Inter and Junior Champs (Inc SWAAA Senior Pentathlon) at Crystal Palace; Southern WAAA v SW Counties v Wales v NI at Cwmbran; Scottish Junior, Youths and Boys Champs at Meadowbank; Northern WAAA Pentathlon and Walking Champs (Inc Senior and Junior 3 x 800 Champs) at Cudworth; Track Meeting at South Shields; Essex 50km Open Walk Champs; Eldwick Gala Fell Race (Cat: C); Cairngorm Hill Race (Cat: B) at Glenmore Campsite.

Sunday, June 30th: Poland v UK v Canada (2nd Day); Manchester YMCA '125' 20km Road Race; Mileta '10'; Portsmouth Atlanta Trophies Meet-
ing; Coronation Trophy at St Albans; Pitreavie 'Champions of the Future' Meeting; Dorset AAA Champs at Weymouth; Medway 5 Star Award Meeting at Gillingham; Westward League at Exeter; Cleveland Police and Variety Club 8½M Fell Race.

Wednesday, July 3rd: MCAAA v RAF v Wales at Aldersley; Blackburn H Open Meeting at Witton Park; TVH Open Meeting at West London; Senior Women and Inters HJ Competition at New River Sports Centre; Chrysler 3000 and Open Youths 1500 at Coventry; Rosenheim League at Carshalton.

Thursday, July 4th: Army Inter-Unit Champs at Aldershot.

Friday, July 5th: BUSF Champs at Kirkby; Midland CAAA U/20's and Boys Champs at Warley (1st Day); Army Junior and Youths Champs at Aldershot; Royal Navy Youth Competition at HMS Ganges.

A crowd exceeding last year's 10,000 is expected to attend the track meeting at South Shields today (Saturday) to watch Brendan Foster and Dave Bedford over 2M and later the same pair will partner for an attempt on the world best performance for a 2M paarlauf. Dave Black, John Kirkbride and the best North Eastern miler will race over one mile.

Ron Hill, Phil Romaine, Alan Blinston, Eric Austin and Ricky Wilde are among a record 300 entry for the Manchester YMCA 20km race on Sunday.

Southern Junior & Youth Champs

At Crystal Palace, June 15th/16th

OVETT SHARPENS UP WITH 47.5

Two others inside 48 secs.

STEVE OVETT (18) continues his relentless progress to super-fitness. His march towards the European 800 final took a major step forward at the Southern Junior championships when he scored a shock win over Bob Benn and Chris Van Rees in covering 400 in a sensational 47.5—half a second inside his previous best and in only his second 400 race in over a year! What a talent this Vardean schoolboy is . . . last year he won the Junior 1500 at this meeting and now he steps down two distances and defeats two members of the Duisburg 4 x 400 squad as all three run under 48 seconds in a classic race.

As Benn (49.5) and Van Rees (49.6) won their heats, Steve clocked 49.7 to take his race and they faced the starter 80 minutes later for the final. Characteristically, Benn blitzed the first 200 at a furious tempo with Van Rees in hot pursuit and Ovett flagging at the halfway point. Van Rees began to close on Benn as they came off the final turn, but Ovett finally got his long legs unwound

Garry Vose jumps 2-03/6' 8"

championships ever. Steve Green ran a throttled back 10.7 with a 1.1m/sec wind at his back, and David Hill outlunged Ian Cooper in the youth final, clocking 10.9 (wind: + 1.8) after taking his heat in a windy (+ 3.3) 10.9 also. Hill's clubmate Tony Smith had earlier won the Youth javelin with a record cast of 63.04/206'10".

Richard Bolam impressed with some gutty front running in the junior 1500 (59.1, 62.6, 63.8, 46.3) as did Patrick Fitzsimmons in the youth final. Keith Stock came back from a layoff through a heel injury to clear 4.50/14'9" in the pole vault, and Chris Sly scored a convincing win in a fast Youth steeplechase. Blessed with fine weather and first class officiating, this was a fine and memorable meeting. Top marks to announcers Peter O'Brien and Charles Elliott too.

(a) Saturday, June 15th

(b) Sunday, June 16th

Juniors

100: (b) (+ 1.1) 1, S. Green (Kt) 10.7 (CBP); 2, A. Gillies (Hill) 11.0; 3, P. Lavender (E&E) 11.0; 4, B. White (Croy) 11.1; 5, A. Cearn (Ilf) 11.1; 6, S. Payne (Step) 11.3; 7, C. Weavers (St Law) 11.5; 8, J. Williams (Med) 11.6.

200: (a) 1, G. Doerr (Wall HS) 22.0; 2, Lavender 22.1; 3, White 22.5; 4, M. Smith (Col) 22.5; 5, M. Levett (Brad Coll) 22.7; 6, R. Palmer (C&C) 22.8; 7, R. Bischert (Enf) 23.1; 8, R. Sanderson (C&C) 23.7 (22.9 ht).

400: (a) 1, S. Ovett (B&H) 47.5 (CBP); 2, R. Benn (Haber) 47.7; 3, C. Van Rees (Ox) 47.8; 4, A. Cearn (Ilf) 49.3; 5, R. Ashton (W Corn) 49.9; 6, J. Day (TVH) 50.6 (50.5 ht); 7, M. Clark (G&G) 51.7 (50.3 ht); 8, P. Key (Dul) 53.0 (50.8 ht).

800: (b) 1, P. Rafferty (Har) 1:54.9; 2, P. Ramsay (New) 1:55.4; 3, B. Meadows (Ilf) 1:56.4; 4, C. Chuter (AF&D) 1:57.1; 5, D. Roberts (Camb H) 1:58.4 (1:57.7 ht); 6, G. Jarvis (Oriol) 1:59.4 (1:57.7 ht); 7, J. Corbett (Lon I) 1:59.7; 8, G. Mead (Bris) 2:03.2.

1500: (b) 1, R. Bolam (Hav) 3:51.8; 2, J. Davey (Ips) 3:54.9; 3, A. Edwards (B'heath) 3:55.5; 4, R. Pepper (Shaft) 3:55.5; 5, A. Langdon (W Corn) 3:59.0 (3:58.8 ht); 6, T. Marsden (Mit) 4:00.4 (3:59.4 ht); 7, J. Goldring (Walth) 4:01.6 (4:00.2 ht); 8, A. Kirby (Brack) 4:01.6 (4:00.7 ht); 9, E. Brown (Bas) 4:02.0 (3:59.0 ht); 10, R. Green (Har) 4:06.0 (3:58.5 ht).

3000: (b) (2:47.4, 5:37.4) 1, J. Odlin (N Lon) 8:25.6; 2, M. English (N Lon) 8:35.6; 3, O. Arif (High) 8:36.0; 4, T. Butt (Stev) 8:38.4; 5, — 8:38.8; 6, G. Barr (Thurr) 8:43.0; 7, R. Payne (HHH) 8:43.0; 8, A. Hind (Port) 8:44.0; 9, G. Reid (Read) 8:44.0; 10, M. Brewer (Chelm) 8:45.4; 11, A. Barnett (And) 8:47.0.

Dave Cocksedge reports

and was climbing on both of them fast in the straight. Barely a dozen metres from the line, he strode into the lead and won going away—his was the strong man's race as his 200 splits were an incredibly even 23.6 and 23.9. The gallant Benn hung on to second in 47.7 whilst Van Rees found the fine time of 47.8 good enough for only third place!

The junior high jump, meanwhile, was providing almost as much excitement, with no less than 17 boys over 1.85/6'0½"—an unprecedented standard. Lanky Garry Vose (18), the ESAA champion, flopped a majestic 2.03/6'8" on his first attempt, and was desperately unlucky to lose a clearance at 2.06/6'9"—his heels just nicking the bar off as everything else went clear. Roy Mitchell raised his best to 1.95 for second place and the next day surprised Trevor Paice with his opening leap of 7.24/23'9" in the long jump. Can it be that the Royal Navy has found a worthy successor to Peter Gabbett?

Collecting two titles with a fairly unusual combination was Garry Doerr who won the Junior 200 in 22.0 and then snatched the triple jump title away from Frank Attah with just three jumps. His fifth round 14.91/48'11" held up against Attah's final assault of 14.85/48'8½". Richard Maull, unfortunately sidelined with a broken toe, watched from the stands—he hopes to be back in 15 metre plus form by August.

The sprinting was of a high standard, too, in what must be the best Southern Junior/Youth

2000SC: (a) 1, D. Warren (E&E) 5:56.8; 2, J. Rooks (Camb H) 5:57.2; 3, R. Charleston (Chelm) 6:03.6; 4, I. Logan (AF&D) 6:05.4; 5, P. Barber (Yeo) 6:09.0; 6, G. Heap (Hill) 6:10.8; 7, N. Skipper (Port) 6:12.2; 8, P. Betteridge (Port) 6:18.4; 9, B. Hayes (Ex B) 6:22.2; 10, B. Walters (TVH) 6:24.8; 11, A. Brown (Dul C) 6:26.8.

110H: (a) 1, M. Jackson (Wyc P) 15.2 (15.1 ht); 2, D. Gerrard (Met P) 15.2 (15.0 ht); 3, R. Honey (Ex B) 15.3; 4, W. Greaves (Ilf) 15.6; 5, P. Wilson (St Ed) 15.8; 6, J. Watt (Ips) 16.0 (15.9 ht); 7, J. Taylor (WS&E) 16.1 (15.7 ht).

400H: (a) 1, S. Johnson (E&E) 55.8; 2, E. Shirley (Hill) 57.0; 3, K. Butler (Enf) 57.4; 4, P. West (Port) 57.9; 5, C. Hughes (Worth) 59.1 (58.8 ht); 6, T. Saxon (B'heath) 59.1 (58.8 ht); 7, G. Millichamp (B'heath) 59.1; 8, P. Young (E&E) 60.8.

HJ: (a) 1, G. Vose (Sy B) 2.03/6'8" (CBP); 2, R. Mitchell (RN) 1.95/6'4½"; 3, M. Shorten (C&C) 1.95; 4, C. Meade (Mit) 1.90/6'2½"; 5, A. Shiret (S'end) 1.90; 6, G. Rikly (Brack) 1.90.

PV: (a) 1, K. Stock (Croy) 4.50/14'9"; 2, W. Best (Enf) 4.00/13'1½"; 3, J. Gutteridge (WS&E) 3.80/12'5½"; 4, T. Brooking (Ex B) 3.65/11'11½"; 5, H. Davis (N Lon) 3.50/11'5½"; 6, A. Hussain (HHH) 3.50.

LJ: (b) 1, Mitchell 7.24/23'9" (CBP); 2, T. Paice (Enf) 7.16/23'6"; 3, T. Henry (QPH) 6.97/22'10½"; 4, M. Griffiths (R&R) 6.78/22'3"; 5, H. McLean (Hav) 6.72/22'0½"; 6, F. Attoh (Shaft) 6.65/21'10".

TJ: (b) 1, Doerr 14.91/48'11" (CBP); 2, Attoh 14.85/48'8½"; 3, G. Gallagher (Med) 14.55/47'9"; 4, C. Carden (Med) —; 5, S. Ashdown (Lut) —; 6, G. Burgess (Wall HS) 13.81/45'3½".

SP: (b) 1, S. Rodhouse (BRC) 14.01/45'11½"; 2, R. Slaney (Craw) 13.55/44'5½"; 3, M. Eyres (Ex B) 13.45/44'1½"; 4, C. Jeffery (WS&E) 13.38/43'10½"; 5, G. Platt (Poly) 13.31/43'8"; 6, L. Thiel (Shaft) 12.41/40'8½".

DT: (b) 1, Slaney 46.26/151'9"; 2, C. Sutherland (Mit) 41.44/135'11"; 3, R. Whewy (Mill) 41.14/135'0"; 4, R. Manger (Barn) 39.74/130'4"; 5, C. Burns (New) 39.00/127'11"; 6, S. Berry (W Gn) 36.10/118'5".

HT: (a) 1, M. Mileham (W Gn) 48.40/158'9"; 2, M. Petra (Met P) 47.64/156'3"; 3, I. Lawlor (TVH) 46.60/152'11"; 4, R. Tucker (H&S) 39.04/

128'1"; 5, A. Nash (Camb H) 35.82/117'6"; 6, A. Southern (Ex P) 31.26/102'7".

JT: (a) 1, D. Ottley (Thurr) 67.52/221'6"; 2, N. Wade (HHH) 63.88/209'7"; 3, N. Proudman (Lut) 61.04/200'3"; 4, C. Taylor (H&S) 58.78/192'10"; 5, N. Thompson (Shaft) 58.26/191'2"; 6, G. Hinks (Hill) 55.80/183'1".

4 x 100: (b) 1, Croydon 43.1; 2, Epsom & Ewell 43.4; 3, Enfield 43.7; 4, Essex Beagles 44.7; 5, QPH 45.4; 6, Bradfield Coll 45.6; 7, Epsom & Ewell 46.0.

3000 Walk: (b) 1, D. Johnson (B&H) 13:55.6; 2, M. Dunion (Ex P) 14:00.2; 3, G. Nibre (Met P) 14:13.4; 4, D. Sheppard (Ex P) 14:44.4; 5, A. Thomas (Met P) 14:47.4; 6, A. King (Ex P) 14:59.4; 7, I. Slatter (—) 15:21.2; 8, A. Ellam (Ash) 15:52.8; 9, C. Pummell (B'heath) 16:43.2;

Youths

100: (b) (+ 1.8) 1, D. Hill (QPH) 10.9 (CBP); 2, I. Cooper (B'mouth) 11.0; 3, G. Ladlow (New) 11.1; 4, D. Baptiste (Step) 11.1; 5, J. Rhodes-Brown (Felt) 11.2; 6, P. Murphy (Port) 11.5; 7, R. Stanford (S'end) 11.5; 8, P. Conisbee (Med) 11.5.

200: (a) 1, Cooper 22.3; 2, T. Rees (Hill) 22.7; 3, S. Moriarty (E&E) 22.8; 4, I. Presnell (Ton) 22.9; 5, Baptiste 23.2; 6, Rhodes-Brown 23.3; 7, A. Robertson (Ips) 23.3; 8, C. Ball (B'mouth) 23.8 (23.3 ht).

400: (a) 1, R. Ridley (Brack) 50.6; 2, A. Farrell (Sy B) 50.9; 3, S. Wells (Stev) 50.9; 4, P. Abbey (Hill) 51.9; 5, Conisbee 52.5; 6, D. James (VPH) 53.4; 7, M. Woods (Felt) 55.6.

800: (b) 1, S. Greaves (Ver) 1:57.4; 2, D. Arnold (Brack) 1:58.0; 3, C. Pascoe (Har) 1:58.0 (1:57.0 ht); 4, N. Brooks (B'heath) 1:58.2; 5, C. Tilley (Hav) 1:59.8 (1:58.3 ht); 6, A. Peppitt (Walt) 2:00.8; 7, J. Lay (Ex B) 2:01.3 (2:01.0); 8, S. Rebbeck (Ton) 2:01.5; 9, S. Hayter (Ryde) 2:04.3.

1500: (b) 1, P. Fitzsimmons (Ver) 4:02.6; 2, K. Boylan (Kt) 4:03.4; 3, E. Martin (Thurr) 4:03.4; 4, C. Bunyan (Trow) 4:07.8; 5, P. Baker (TVH) 4:09.6; 6, P. Broaders (Shaft) 4:09.7; 7, D. Beaver (Poly) 4:12.6; 8, K. Lowe (B'heath) 4:15.9; 9, N. Young (Priest) 4:16.2; 10, I. Hendry (B'heath) 4:22.6.

3000: (b) 1, G. Jackson (HBS) 8:40.2; 2, N.

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Martin (Brack) 8:48.4; 3, M. O'Reilly (High) 8:53.2; 4, L. Benjamin (Hill) 9:00.8; 5, R. Gibson (S&E) 9:10.4; 6, F. Felsenstein (Shaft) 9:11.4.

1500SC: (a) C. Sly (Felt) 4:25.1 (CBP); 2, J. Wilson (S&C) 4:30.3; 3, R. Button (Enf) 4:37.8; 4, Arnott (—) 4:42.8; 5, G. Fell (Ex B) 4:46.2; 6, Reynolds (—) 4:46.3; 7, C. Marr (Brent Sch) 4:50.4; 8, D. O'Brien (HHH) 5:05.9.

100H: (b) (+ 0.3) 1, J. Longman (S&E) 13.8; 2, P. Darrell (Hill) 13.9; 3, S. Adams (Enf) 14.0; 4, G. Oakes (H&S) 14.3; 5, D. Tighe (Shaft) 15.2 (14.8 ht); 6, I. Woodward (Med) 15.5 (15.0 ht); 7, S. Suttersby (Ilf) 16.9.

HJ: (b) 1, I. Murray (C&C) 1.89/6'2½"; 2, P. Redmond (Enf) 1.86/6'1½"; 3, D. Hewitt (Ilf) 1.86; 4, G. Robertson (Ox) 1.80/5'10½"; 5, M. Jones (Ver) 1.80; 6, C. Paine (Har) 1.80.

PV: (b) 1, N. McPhee (Lut) 3.45/11'3"; 2, G. Bird (HHH) 3.35/10'11½"; 3, D. Brown (Har) 3.25/10'8"; 4, M. Smart (Kenn Sch) 3.25/10'8"; 5, D. Willis (Chelm) 3.25; 6, K. Gurney (Wat) 3.15/10'4".

LJ: (a) 1, J. Torpey (E&E) 6.51/21'4½"; 2, V. Bramble (VPH) 6.44/21'1½"; 3, G. Oakes (H&S) 6.43/21'1½"; 4, H. Charteton (Leighton) 6.30/20'8"; 5, C. West (—) 6.30; 6, N. Latchem (B'heath) 6.21/20'4½".

TJ: (a) 1, P. Cartwright (J Fish) 13.30/43'7½"; 2, Torpey (S&E) 13.06/42'10½"; 3, C. Grayson (Haberd) 12.84/42'1½"; 4, B. Ogundipe (Brent) 12.81/42'0½"; 5, P. Mellor (St J) 12.80/42'0"; 6, W. Aylett (S'end) 12.80.

SP: (b) 1, M. Strzadala (Twick) 14.87/48'9½"; 2, M. Charge (Ver) 14.29/46'10½"; 3, A. Daum (Bryan) 13.98/45'10½"; 4, P. Wilson (St E) 13.54/44'5½"; 5, A. Vince (Chelm) 12.86/42'2½"; 6, M. King (Mit) 12.28/40'3½".

DT: (b) 1, A. Daum (Bryan) 45.60/149'7"; 2, O. Davis (Hill) 39.88/130'10"; 3, T. Pitharis (H&S) 39.64/130'1"; 4, B. Collins (Ex B) 38.38/125'11"; 5, G. Ellis (B'mouth) 36.56/119'11"; 6, E. Rogers (H&S) 35.48/116'5".

HT: (a) 1, J. Huizar (Gaywood) 50.32/165'1"; 2, A. Rago (Poly) 47.00/154'2"; 3, P. Czajkowski (H&S) 44.10/144'8"; 4, S. Sage (E&E) 41.44/135'11"; 5, A. Vermes (R&R) 40.10/131'7"; 6, A. Evans (Shaft) 40.08/131'6"; 7, C. Shaw (Shaft) 39.44/129'5"; 8, P. Lovell (C Wren) 36.18/118'8".

JT: (a) 1, T. Smith (QPH) 63.04/206'10" (CBP); 2, P. Crosbie (Bel) 50.02/164'1"; 3, K. Seldon (Hill) 45.96/150'9"; 4, T. Stainton (Brad Coll) 44.96/147'6"; 5, R. Templer (Shaft) 44.84/147'1";

6, P. Osbourne (Thurr) 44.62/146'5".

2000W: 1, G. Morris (Stey) 8:47.6 (CBP); 2, M. Dunion (Ex P) 8:57.4; 3, S. Tidey (B&H) 9:09.2; 4, P. Giblett (Mill) 9:22.4; 5, R. Vroobel (High) 9:38.0; 6, A. Heather (High) 10:16.2; 7, P. Travers (Mill) 10:21.8; 8, G. Dean (Ton) 10:26.8.

4 x 100: (b) 1, Hillingdon 44.4; 2, Croydon 45.0; 3, Hercules Wimbledon 45.2; 4, Enfield 45.2; 5, E&E 45.3; 6, Feltham 45.5; 7, Tonbridge 45.6; 8, Redhill & Reigate 45.8.

NORTHERN UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Blackburn, June 15th

Juniors

100: 1, W. May (Roth) 11.2; 2, M. Harrison (Q Eliz GS) 11.3; 3, D. Tomkins (Warr) 11.3; 4, A. Staniland (Leeds) 11.4; 5, C. Lodge (Rown) 11.6.

200: 1, May 22.1 (CBP); 2, Tomkins 22.3; 3, A. Bell (Q Eliz) 22.3; 4, G. Mayhew (Bart) 22.9; 5, Staniland 23.0; 6, P. Ainsworth (Bolt) 23.2.

400: 1, B. Jones (Liv) 48.6 (CBP); 2, P. Sankey (Warr) 51.0; 3, D. O'Brien (Hull S) 51.0; 4, M. Burgess (Warr) 53.3; 5, K. Addinell (Wake) 55.3.

800: 1, A. Mottershead (MAC) 1:54.3 (CBP); 2, M. Naldrett (MAC) 1:54.7; 3, C. Bewick (M'boro) 1:55.8; 4, P. Gayter (Sale) 1:56.8; 5, A. Hitchen (Wake) 1:57.9; 6, J. Parkinson (B&F) 1:58.8.

1500: 1, A. Amos (Gates) 3:56.2 (CBP); 2, M. Prince (Cty Hull) 3:57.7; 3, L. Valentine (Sale) 4:00.5; 4, B. James (Cty Hull) 4:01.3; 5, A. Armitage (A&SV) 4:02.1; 6, J. Devaney (Cty Hull) 4:02.3.

2000SC: 1, R. Cocks (Cty Hull) 6:02.0; 2, J. O'Brien (MAC) 6:10.0; 3, L. George (Pilk) 6:15.2; 4, S. Evans (Warr) 6:22.6; 5, T. Soutar (Brad GS) 6:24.2; 6, P. Gayter (Sale) 6:30.8.

110H: 1, M. Hay (Leeds) 16.5; 2, D. Jones (Sale) 16.6; 3, S. Ramos (W'loo) 17.4; 4, G. Pickup (B'burn) 18.2.

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REDCAR '10'

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

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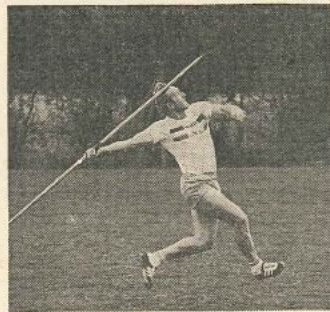
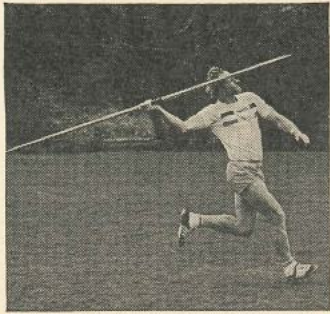
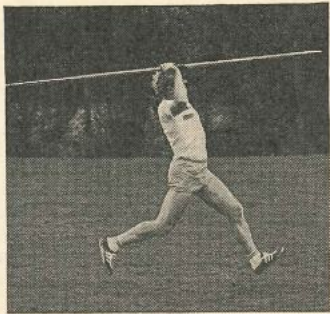
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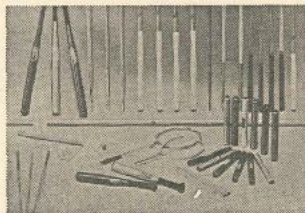
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UK v GDR (Women)**At Crystal Palace, June 19th****BRITISH 400 GIRLS EXCEL THEMSELVES****51.3 anchor by Donna Murray: Val Harrison leaps 6 feet.**

THE British women's team may have suffered its heaviest ever defeat at home but the final deficit of 46 points was at least an improvement upon last year's massacre in Leipzig when the East Germans rolled up a 56-point advantage. On that occasion the GDR won every event; this time there were individual triumphs for Jannette Roscoe and the 4 x 400 relay squad.

The brilliant running of the one-lappers notwithstanding, the highlight of the Philips-sponsored match for me came from a girl who placed third in her event: high jumper Val Harrison. She became the third Briton (after Linda Hedmark and Barbara Lawton) to clear six feet (1.83m) and at 1.64/5'4½" the shortest girl in the world to achieve that distinction. Indeed, the height she jumped above her own head—19cm (7½")—has only been exceeded by one woman: world record holder Yordanka Blagoyeva (1.94/6'4½") who stands 1.74/5'8½".

Mel Watman reports

Val, who is 19, flopped over on her second attempt and later showed that 1.86/6'1¼" is within her range. She had been going so well in training recently that she knew a 6ft jump was on the cards but her hopes were dented somewhat when she was taken ill on the Monday with a touch of flu together with earache, and was sent home from college. She spent all day Tuesday in bed . . . and produced the jump of her life on Wednesday! Val is confident she can go higher: "Twelve months ago people said I had reached my limit when I jumped five-six!" Val's 1.83 provided two other bonuses: she bettered the European qualifying standard of 1.80 and she became the first Briton to defeat Barbara Lawton internationally outdoors since September 1970. Meanwhile, the event was won by European indoor champion Rosi Witschas with an all-comers record of 1.89/6'2¼", followed by fellow straddler Rita Kirst at 1.86/6'1¼".

Jannette Roscoe's victory was her first in an international match and it reinforced the basic

principle that an athlete never gives up before the finish is reached. Angelika Handt (19), credited with 52.2 recently, found her legs beginning to crumble in the last few strides and Jannette—who had maintained pressure throughout—gleefully slipped past to win in 53.5. "Coming off the bend I felt very good", she reflected, expressing pleasure at the way she managed to stay relaxed.

Later on, Jannette contributed to a sparkling performance by the 4 x 400 team. True, the GDR were lacking the services of such great runners as Monika Zehrt and Rita Kuhne, but their team of Gisela Anton (52.1 last year), Jutta Meier (53.5), Angelika Handt (52.2) and Ellen Streidt, née Strophal (51.7) was still on paper appreciably stronger than Christine Warden (54.4), Jannette Roscoe (53.0), Verona Bernard (51.9) and Donna Murray (53.5). The British girls refused to be overawed and Christine set the tone with her 54.4 opener, five metres clear of Anton (55.0). Jannette (52.6) had a metre to spare over Meier (52.2) as she handed over to Verona, embarking upon her first 400 since her UK record run in Christchurch. Verona must have been operating at near 50sec speed as she built up a lead of over ten metres at one point but she slightly over-reached herself and was fading drastically at the end. Nevertheless she was timed at 51.7 and she sent Donna Murray away on more or less level terms. Verona's opponent, Handt, clocked 51.6.

Donna went off fast but the British girl's great basic speed held no terrors for Ellen Streidt, who also has just moved up to 400 and can point to sprint marks of 11.0 and 22.7, and the East German swept ahead along the backstraight. She was a stride ahead of Donna around the final bend and it was anyone's race. Now was the acid test for Donna; could she translate all that promise into actual achievement? Yes she could . . . slipping past her rival 70m from the finish and holding her form superbly to win by five metres. The team had clocked 3:30.0, third fastest ever by a UK squad, and Donna's run was timed at 51.3! What a race is in store when Verona and Donna get to grips, with Jannette

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH A.C.****Annual Boys****ROAD RACE & RELAYS****at Redditch, 7th September, 1974**

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SALE '15'

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

At Wythenshawe Park, South Manchester.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, at 3.00 p.m.

Change at the Park—4 lap course

Awards: 6 Indivs., O/40 and O/50 Vets.

Entries: 15p to J. M. Frost, 10 Woodlands Drive, Thelwall, Warrington. Tel: 61935.

Roscoe, Ruth Kennedy, Christine Warden and Liz Barnes in hot pursuit.

Earlier in the evening Donna had finished a good second in the 200 to Renate Stecher, well clear of 22.3 performer Doris Maletzki. Stecher had already won the 100, a tense race against Andrea Lynch. Andrea broke at the first attempt and Sonia Lannaman at the second; they were away at the third try with Andrea and Renate off on level terms. From my viewpoint, I thought the Olympic champion was slightly ahead all the way but Andrea feels she herself was "just a bit ahead of her for 60 metres". Stecher eventually won by six-hundredths, 11.44 to 11.50, which shows how Andrea has closed the gap this season. Last year Andrea finished 0.3 down in Leipzig and 0.32 behind in the European Cup Final. "I'm pleased", said Andrea. "It was really a good race, I felt good all through and was with her at 70 metres. It was the strongest race of my life; I was fighting all the way". This weekend, Andrea expects to race against Stecher's recent conqueror Irena Szewinska in Warsaw. Unhappily, Sonia Lannaman suffered a slight pull of the hamstring while travelling at full speed, and there seemed to be too long a delay in summoning medical attention to the spot. Stecher was involved in a third win when she gobbled up Margaret Williams along the backstraight in the relay, although Britain were still in with a chance until a bad change between Margaret and Judy Vernon. Judy did not have a good evening. She must have come close to being disqualified for false starting and she was never on terms with Annelie Ehrhardt. European indoor champion Annerose Fiedler also finished ahead. Good run by Blondelle Thompson who is developing this season into a really consistent hurdler.

The visitors made a clean sweep of the middle distance events. Maritta Cierpinski, née Politz (1:59.9 last year) was level with European junior champion Anita Barkusky at the bell in 58.5 (Lesley Kiernan followed some ten metres behind, with Rosemary Wright a similar distance further back) and took off along the backstraight to win handsomely in 2:01.6. In the 1500 Gunhild Hoffmeister took over top place in this year's European rankings with 4:09.6, passing through 400 in 64.2, 800 in 2:12.4, the bell in 3:03.6 and 1200 in 3:20.2. Mary Stewart gallantly stayed in contact until the third lap and went through the bell in around 3:05 before fading. Personal best for Christine Tranter, deputising for injured Rita Ridley.

Great performances abounded in the field events by the East Germans, and particularly Ruth Fuchs' javelin throw of 65.58/215'2", best in the world this year. Tessa Sanderson maintained her 50m-plus level and there was cause for rejoicing at the discus circle when Rosemary Payne joined Howard as a European qualifier.

100: (— 1.6m) 1, Renate Stecher 11.4; 2, ANDREA LYNCH 11.5; 3, Petra Kandarr 11.9; SONIA LANNAMAN dnf.

200: (— 0.5m) 1, Stecher 23.2; 2, DONNA MURRAY 23.7; 3, Doris Maletzki 24.1; 4, SHARON COLYEAR 24.3.

400: 1, JANNETTE ROSCOE 53.5; 2, Angelika Handt 53.6; 3, Jutta Meier 54.4; 4, LIZ BARNES 54.5.

800: 1, Maritta Cierpinski 2:01.6; 2, Anita Barkusky 2:05.2; 3, ROSEMARY WRIGHT 2:05.9; 4, LESLEY KIERNAN 2:06.2.

1500: 1, Gunhild Hoffmeister 4:09.6; 2, Ulrike Klapezynski 4:11.7; 3, MARY STEWART 4:18.7; 4, CHRISTINE TRANTER 4:23.8.

100H: (— 2.4m) 1, Annelie Ehrhardt 13.2; 2, Annerose Fiedler 13.6; 3, JUDY VERNON 13.7; 4, BLONDELLE THOMPSON 13.9.

4 x 100: 1, GDR (Kandarr, Stecher, Christina Heinrich, Maletzki) 43.8; 2, UK (HELEN GOLDEN, MARGARET WILLIAMS, VERNON, LYNCH) 44.5.

4 x 400: 1, UK 3:30.0 (CHRISTINE WARDEN 54.4, ROSCOE 52.6, VERONA BERNARD 51.7, MURRAY 51.3); 2, GDR 3:30.6 (Gisela Anton 55.0, Meier 52.2, Handt 51.6, Ellen Streidt 51.8).

HJ: 1, Rosemarie Witschas 1.89/6'2½" (UK all-comers rec); 2, Rita Kirst 1.86/6'1¼"; 3, VAL HARRISON 1.83/6'0"; 4, BARBARA LAWTON 1.80/5'10½".

LJ: 1, Angela Schmalfeld 6.47/21'2½" (6.44, 6.37, 6.47, —, 6.45, P); 2, Kristina Albertus 6.38/20'11¼" (5.96, 6.15, 6.20, 6.24, 6.38, 6.29); 3, RUTH MARTIN-JONES 6.32/20'9" (6.32, —, 5.96, —, 6.03, —); 4, ANN WILSON 6.07/19'11" (5.86, 5.90, 6.07, 6.04, 5.94, —).

SP: 1, Marianne Adam 19.11/62'8½" (19.11, 18.60, 18.81, 18.64, 18.38, 18.00); 2, Marita Lange 18.89/61'11¼" (—, 18.46, —, 18.89, —, 18.50); 3, BRENDA BEDFORD 15.02/49'3½" (14.13, 13.65, 15.02, 14.26, 14.52, 14.39); 4, JANIS KERR 13.97/45'10" (13.85, —, 13.95, —, 13.50, 13.97).

DT: 1, Gabriele Hinzmann 61.98/203'4" (60.68, 58.34, 61.96, 61.00, 61.98, —); 2, Sabine Engel 60.00/196'10" (—, 54.78, —, 57.52, —, 60.00); 3, ROSEMARY PAYNE 55.44/181'11" (52.86, 55.44, 51.28, 54.04, 54.36, 53.52); 4, MARGARET RITCHIE 47.98/157'5" (47.98, 46.28, —, 47.44, 46.82, 46.70).

JT: 1, Ruth Fuchs 65.58/215'2" (65.58, 59.22, 60.24, 60.86, —, 62.52); 2, Jacqueline Todten 62.06/203'7" (62.06, 56.68, 59.38, —, 58.86, —); 3, THERESA SANDERSON 51.22/168'0" (—, 47.02, 51.22, 50.54, 44.48, —); 4, PRU CARTER 45.74/150'1" (45.72, 45.72, —, 45.74, 44.36, 42.88).

Match Result: GDR beat UK 90-44.

HEREFORD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At RAF Credenhill, June 15th

JT: H. Wurzer (B'field) 53.78/176'5". (**Youths**) 100H: N. Trowell (Here CS) 14.5 (CBP). 4 x 100: Hereford 47.2 (CBP). (**Boys**) 100: J. Perrett (Ledbury) 12.0 (CBP). (**Women**) 100: K. Jenkins (Here) 12.3. (**Inter**) 400/800: K. Lock (St M) 60.3/2:19.1 (CBP).

UK v GDR (Men)**At Crystal Palace, June 19th/20th****ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR CAPES****Beats Briesenick with 21'00m: Colin Boreham jumps 2'11m**

ONE by one, Geoff Capes is collecting the scalps of the world's finest shot-putters. The latest is that of European champion Hartmut Briesenick, Olympic bronze medallist and the Old World's only 70-footer to date. Capes' competitive flair, not always apparent before this year, has won him the respect of the shot-putting elite and the word is out all over Europe that Britain now has a fighter in the Arthur Rowe tradition.

The competition in the Philips-sponsored UK v GDR match was stimulating to watch. Briesenick opened strongly with 20.30/66'7½", only to surrender the lead in the 2nd round to Capes' 20.60/67'7". Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg, a former European record holder, was in pain from a pulled abductor muscle yet he managed to reach 20.00/65'7½" with his fourth put before retiring. He was overtaken for 3rd place, though, at the start of a memorable 5th round by Mike Winch, whose 20.18/66'2½" was the second longest of his life and caused him great and justified joy. Next in the ring was Briesenick and he too was elated when he saw the shot land at 20.74/68'0½", his best for the season. If the pressure was on Capes now, it didn't show; while Briesenick was prancing around in delight he calmly prepared himself . . . and propelled the missile to the new UK record distance of 21.00/68'10½"! Capes had broken his absolute best of 20.95/68'8½" (indoors) as well as his pending outdoor mark of 20.90/68'7" and had reached a metric landmark that only ten men before him had attained. Briesenick's reply was 'only' 20.77/68'1½" and Capes had won a famous victory.

Capes, weighing in at 141kg/311lb, said he regarded his victory and the attainment of 21m as just another milestone; Rome alone was what counted this year. He had treated even this contest as a training competition: "I was putting and lifting this morning". How good technically was his record put? "I went through the same technique we've been working on and just did it a lot faster and a lot harder. Everything was correct in the technique and I hit it harder and with more aggression—and this is all the difference. On the last throw, my hips were back, I wasn't going over the left foot and it still dropped on 20.96 (foul). Briesenick said 'why didn't you push your hips through—21.36 (70'1") easy, just like that'. When I thought about it I knew I could have done it. I'm going to throw well in Rome so these boys know they've got to throw well. I've just got the psychological advantage over them but they are good competi-

tors and can hold themselves together, I know they can". Capes will be competing in Warsaw this weekend (presumably against Olympic champion Wladyslaw Komar); then in Stockholm and Oslo as part of his Churchill Fellowship before returning for the AAA.

Another UK record fell in the field events—to high jumper Colin Boreham (20). His successful first-time flop over 2.11/6'11" is far below world class but nonetheless represents a significant step forward by the 1.88/6'2" tall Birmingham University PE student who can be expected to open the 7ft era of British high jumping any time now. He went close on his final attempt at 2.14/7'0½" and the competition was all the more memorable for him by virtue of defeating Olympic silver medallist Stefan Junge for 2nd place. Alan Lerwill the previous record holder at 2.10/6'10½", himself went close at 2.11. As Boreham points out, "UK high jumping is on the threshold, with Milton Palmer (the 15-year-old who recently jumped 2.02/6'7½"), Alan Lerwill, Garry Vose, Mike Butterfield and myself as the nucleus". Boreham is coached—by post from West Germany—by ex-Czech Milan Jarmrich (23), himself a 7ft jumper and the 1972 AAA champion. They met when Jarmrich came to Bournemouth to study English and have corresponded ever since. As they see each other only about once a year Jarmrich is unable to advise Boreham on technique ("in any case", smiles Colin, "he's a straddle jumper and doesn't know much about the flop") but he supplies Boreham with training schedules. "He knows a lot about conditioning, which British coaches are not so good at".

The night before losing his high jump record, Lerwill was beaten "on points" in the long jump by European champion Max Klauss. Both reached 7.84/25'8½" but whereas Klauss had two such jumps Lerwill's second best, his final effort, fell short at 7.72/25'4". Consolation for Lerwill was that he achieved the European qualifying standard. Another Helsinki gold medallist, Jorg Drehmel, took the triple jump as expected, but there was a surprise in the pole vault where Wolfgang Reinhardt (no relation to the 1964 Olympic silver medallist) raised his personal best of 5.05/16'6½" three times, ending up with 5.25/17'2½"! He could be the man East Germany has been seeking as Wolfgang Nordwig's successor. Mike Bull, beset by injuries this season, placed 3rd in his outdoor pole vault debut.

Dave Travis alone prevented the GDR scoring maximum points in the long throws, but Howard

Payne—with his longest ever throw on British soil of 69.50/228'0"—was not far away from upsetting Karl-Heinz Beilig, who leads the world rankings this year at 73.70/241'9". Chris Black who could become the next UK record holder, experienced the calamity of fouling five times and had to settle for a dismal but point-scoring 59.02/193'8" on his sixth. In the discus, Bill Tancred's 2nd round 59.70/195'10" kept him in 2nd place until former European champion Hartmut Losch went past in the final round.

The track events produced home victories for Steve Green in the 200, David Jenkins in the 400, Tony Simmons in the 5000 and for the 4 x 400 squad, but the final points score of 126-85 in GDR's favour resulted in a far heavier defeat than in the previous encounters in 1970 (114-97) and 1973 (113-97).

Steve Green's was a great come through performance. As if it wasn't enough to be up against a 20.2 man like Hans-Jürgen Bombach (he had run 20.7 this year as against Green's 21.3), Steve ran a sluggish turn to enter the straight dead last and about 4m down on Bombach. Situation hopeless, it seemed, until Green turned on full power and galloped past everyone, an incredulous Bombach included, to win—21.08 against 21.15—into a slight headwind. It was a personal best without wind assistance for Green ("I was so shocked to win; I was so far behind I thought I'd had it"), and there was excellent support from Ainsley Bennett,

a year older than Green at 19. The night before, Green had given Hans-Joachim Zenk and Jürgen Pfennig (both 10.2 this year) a good run in the 100, so it was surprising to find Steve anchoring the British 'B' team in the relay.

David Jenkins, now living down in London where he is being advised by David Hemery, looks set for a good season. He clocked 45.8 to win the individual 400, his first since Christchurch and the earliest in the summer he has ever broken 46sec. Later, he ran just as fast as was necessary to win the relay, and was timed at 45.1. The team performed excellently for a 3:03.9 timing, fastest ever by a British squad at home. John Wilson handed over 3m up on 46.5 man Reinhard Kokot in 46.8, Steve Marlow kept his team ahead with an excellent 45.9 contribution; Bill Hartley (46.1) finished very strongly after being 5m down at one stage to hand over ahead; and Jenkins did the rest. The previous day, Hartley had opened his summer campaign at 400 hurdles with 2nd place in 50.7, a Rome qualifying standard.

Tony Simmons has never run better: he and Bernie Ford broke away from the redoubtable East German pair after 3500m (time at 3000 was 8:05.8), they passed 4000 in 10:51.2 and Simmons drew clear on the penultimate lap. Simmons' finishing pace was fast and prolonged: 59.2 for the last lap, 2:37.6 for the final kilo-

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1974

11th BRACKNELL RELAYS

(Under A.A.A. and W.A.A.A. Rules)

Sponsored by Bracknell District Council

**SPORTS CENTRE, BAGSHOT ROAD
BRACKNELL**

EVENTS

Junior Ladies: 4x100m, 4x800m.

Inter Ladies: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m.

Senior Ladies: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x800m.

Youths: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m.

Juniors: 4x100m, 1600m Medley.

**Seniors: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x1500m,
1600m Medley.**

Entry Fees: 50p per team. Clubs limited to two teams per event. Entries to C. J. Hickey, 31 Farm Close, Bracknell, Berks. (Tel: 28124.)

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th

HARLOW ATHLETIC CLUB

present the

"HARLOW 10" ROAD RACE

(under A.A.A. Laws)

Sponsored by the Harlow District Council

SATURDAY, AUG. 24th, 3.30 p.m.

The race is held in conjunction with the town show. Race starts and finishes in the show arena in front of a crowd of 15,000 to 20,000. **TWO FREE ADMISSION TICKETS PLUS FREE CAR PARKING TO ALL ENTRANTS.**

PRIZES (values approx.): 1st £10, 2nd £7.50, 3rd £5, 4th £4, 5th £3, 6th £2.50, plus £1 prizes to the next 20 who receive no other prize. First Vet. O/40 £3, first Harlow man £3, first U/21 £3. Team prizes: 1st 3 £5, 2nd 3 £4, 3rd 3 £3.

Organisers: Les Maxted (Harlow 30744) and Billy Watson.

Entries and details: Billy Watson, 117 Barn Mead, Harlow, Essex.

Fees: Individuals 20p (all must enter as individuals). Teams 20p (6 to run 3 to score). Stamped addressed envelope please.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, AUGUST 12th.

NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS from page 6

400H: 1, T. Birtles (Cty Stoke) 55.5 (CBP); 2, J. Webster (A&SV) 58.7; 3, Ramos 61.6.

HJ: 1, G. Wright (Warr) 1.88/6'2" (=CBP); 2, W. Innes (Wall) 1.88; 3, C. Dean (St J) 1.85/6'0½"; 4, D. Bryau (Brigg) 1.85; 5, Ramos 1.85; 6, N. Edge (Sale) 1.83/6'0".

PV: 1, P. Hemmerman (M Lamb) 3.15/10'4"; 2, J. Delaney (Hull S) 2.50/8'2½".

LJ: 1, D. Bryan (Brigg) 6.73/22'1"; 2, S. Peglar (Stret) 6.69/21'11½"; 3, O. Parris (Leeds) 6.64/21'9½"; 4, S. Whiteside (Kes) 6.42/21'0½"; 5, M. Feeny (Wall) 6.10/20'0½"; 6, A. Challis (Linc C&C) 6.09/19'11½".

TJ: 1, Harrison 13.88/45'6½"; 2, T. Asprey (Wig) 13.84/45'5"; 3, G. Ball (Wig) 13.74/45'1"; 4, A. Challis (Linc C&C) 13.56/44'6"; 5, Peglar 13.34/43'9½"; 6, D. Bennett (Brad GS) 13.05/42'9½".

SP: 1, I. Lindley (Brad GS) 14.24/46'8½"; 2, P. Jones (Wig) 12.28/40'3½"; 3, K. Litherland (Sale) 12.25/40'2½"; 4, P. Thomas (Furn) 12.13/39'9½"; 5, G. Walton (Ross) 11.81/38'9"; 6, D. Bell (Sale) 11.22/36'9½".

DT: 1, A. Bradley (Wig) 39.96/131'1"; 2, R. Hammond (Stret) 36.14/118'7"; 3, A. Monaghan (Donc) 34.26/112'5"; 4, J. Foster (Unatt) 34.14/112'0"; 5, Lindley 34.00/111'6"; 6, D. Bell (Sale) 32.80/107'7".

HT: 1, J. P. Scott (NSP) 59.10/193'11" (CBP); 2, C. Preston (Wall) 49.14/161'3"; 3, Bell 46.08/151'2"; 4, M. Mabbutt (Stret) 44.46/145'10"; 5, A. Lunn (Leeds) 41.36/135'8"; 6, B. Reed (Sale) 40.16/131'9".

JT: 1, J. Brooks (S'port) 65.00/213'3" (CBP); 2, T. Asprey (Wig) 63.66/208'10"; 3, S. Osbourne (Rown) 63.30/207'8"; 4, Hammond 47.38/155'5"; 5, J. Clapp (Lanc R) 46.66/153'1"; 6, P. Thomas (Furn) 44.68/146'7".

Youths

100: 1, P. Sims (Sale) 11.5; 2, A. Taylor (S'port) 11.5; 3, D. Moss (Grim) 11.5; 4, T. Birch (S'port) 11.6; 5, M. Kinsey (Ches) 11.6; 6, P. Hutchinson (Leeds) 11.7.

200: 1, Kinsey 22.8; 2, I. Johnston (Cocker) 23.0; 3, S. Wymark (Hull S) 23.2; 4, Birch 23.2; 5, D. Murrie (Stret) 23.6; 6, Simms 23.6.

400: 1, D. Bluemink (Leeds) 50.2; 2, K. Mayhew (Grim) 51.3; 3, C. Lewis (Warr) 51.8; 4, B. Hughes (Lake) 52.6; 5, J. Baxter (Hallma) 54.9; 6, A. Jenkinson (Sale) 57.1.

800: 1, S. Caldwell (Bolt) 1:56.9 (CBP); 2, S. Wolstenholme (A&SV) 2:00.3; 3, S. Fairclough (Ross) 2:00.4; 4, S. Hampson (Sale) 2:01.7; 5, R. Harrison (Liv) 2:02.6; 6, M. Mallinson (Long) 2:02.8.

1500: 1, M. Bateman (B'burn) 3:56.8 (CBP); 2, S. Cahill (Leeds) 4:05.1; 3, N. Holliday (Warr) 4:06.6; 4, J. Mills (Gates) 4:11.2; 5, A. Harratt (Old) 4:13.4; 6, P. Campbell (Bolt) 4:18.4.

1500SC: 1, J. Crowley (Bing) 4:23.0 (CBP); 2, A. Howden (Hal) 4:26.8; 3, C. Fennell (Liv) 4:34.2; 4, R. Woodruff (Dby) 4:45.8; 5, M. Wheeldon (Warr) 4:52.2; 6, N. Brodley (Brigg) 4:54.0.

100H: 1, J. Dimond (Lanc) 14.5; 2, G. Thorp (B&F) 14.5; 3, D. Park (Scun) 14.8; 4, G. Fennell (S'port) 15.2; 5, S. Miller (Derw/WC) 15.5; 6, S. Beckett (Barr) 15.5.

HJ: 1, C. Girling (MAC) 1.79/5'10½"; 2, M. Snow (Warr) 1.69/5'6½"; 3, S. Hargreaves (B&F) 1.60/5'3"; 4, R. Ollerton (B&F) 1.60; 5, A. Van Hoffelen (Brigg) 1.60; 6, M. Brodley (Brigg) 1.60.

PV: 1, S. Wright (Leeds) 3.30/10'10"; 2, Van Hoffelen 2.65/8'8½".

LJ: 1, A. Taylor (S'port) 6.59/21'7½"; 2, M. Carter (Liv) 6.26/20'6½"; 3, C. McGinley (Birk) 6.16/20'2½"; 4, N. Harrison (MAC) 6.14/20'1½"; 5, C. Parker (Cock) 6.10/20'0½"; 6, I. Ramsbottom (Brad GS) 5.89/19'4".

TJ: 1, McGinley 13.62/44'8½"; 2, Birch 12.74/41'9½"; 3, Wymark 12.64/41'5½"; 4, B. Green (B&F) 12.34/40'6"; 5, Ramsbottom 12.06/39'6½"; 6, B. Couzens (St W) 12.00/39'4½".

SP: 1, S. Hughes (Sheff Cty) 14.40/47'3"; 2, P. Armstrong (J Smeaton) 14.29/46'10½"; 3, J. Potter (Wig) 12.98/42'7"; 4, H. Newby (Furn) 12.94/42'5½"; 5, C. Hutton (Linc C&C) 12.73/41'9½"; 6, J. Thomason (Boteler) 11.94/39'2½".

DT: 1, D. Allan (Work) 38.98/127'11" (CBP); 2, Armstrong 38.38/125'11"; 3, Potter 37.34/122'6"; 4, Hutton 36.90/121'1"; 5, Newby 34.68/113'9"; 6, P. Ellison (Mort W) 33.06/108'5".

HT: 1, I. Daddy (M Lamb) 38.02/124'9"; 2, G. Hogg (Leeds) 35.26/115'8"; 3, J. Dale (J Smeaton) 32.62/107'0".

JT: 1, L. Evans (Stret) 59.92/196'7" (CBP); 2, C. J. Harbage (Leeds) 57.04/187'2"; 3, C. Girling (MAC) 45.72/150'0"; 4, J. Hudson (Brad GS) 43.34/142'2"; 5, C. H. Harbage (Leeds) 42.90/140'9"; 6, P. Smith (St W) 42.30/138'9".

Senior 10,000 Champs: 1, M. Freary (Bolt) 29:31.0; 2, A. Byrne (Bolt) 30:05.6; 3, P. Carey (Liv) 30:29.0; 4, J. Calvert (B'burn) 30:57.6; 5, S. Clegg (Salf) 31:16.2; 6, B. Hilton (Leeds) 31:38.0.

Senior 4x100: 1, Liverpool 43.0; 2, City of Leeds & Carnegie 43.7; 3, Warrington 43.7.

Senior 4 x 400: 1, Liverpool 3:20.7; 2, Hickleton Main 3:25.2; 3, Manchester AC 3:27.1.

COATBRIDGE HIGHLAND GAMES

At Coatbridge, June 8th

'Coatbridge Mile': 1, R. Smedley (Birm Univ) 4:12.6; 2, R. MacDonald (Monk) 4:12.8; 3, D. Gibbon (Els) 4:14.9; 4, J. Cadman (Cov G) 4:18.2;

5, A. Weatherhead (EAC) 4:18.5. **2M Team Race:** 1, Smedley 8:55.4; 2, D. Lowes (Gates) 8:59.4; 3, MacDonald 9:08.0. **Teams:** 1, Birmingham University 14; 2, Gateshead 18; 3, Springburn 41. **SP:** 1, W. Fuller (E&E) 15.75/51'8½"; 2, H. Davidson (Inver) 14.81/48'7½"; 3, D. Edmunds (EAC) 14.78/48'6". **28lb Weight for distance:** 1, Fuller 20.68/67'10½"; 2, L. Bryce (ESH) 20.46/67'1½"; 3, Edmunds 19.66/64'6".

Scots HT: 1, Bryce 33.12/108'8"; 2, Fuller 32.46/106'6"; 3, Davidson 30.72/100'9". **56lb Weight for height:** 1, Fuller 4.11/13'6"; 2, Bryce 3.96/13'0"; 3, R. Davidson (Coat) 3.66/12'0". **Tossing the Caber:** 1, Bryce; 2, Edmunds; 3, Fuller. **Final positions:** 1, Fuller 20; 2, Bryce 17; 3, Edmunds 9. **(Vets) 3000 Handicap:** 1, C. McAlinden (Pais) (30m) 9:12.6; 2, W. Russell (Monk) (70m) 9:33.0.

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YEOVIL SPRING BANK HOLIDAY GAMES

At Yeovil, May 27th

100: 1, Cooper (B'mouth) 10.9; 2, S. Cooke (Yeo) 10.9; 3, Woodland (And) 11.0; 4, Fairley (Wood Sch) 11.0. 200: 1, M. Littelfield (B'mouth) 22.4; 2, Cooke 22.7. 400H: 1, M. Strange (Bris) 57.1; 2, N. Chislett (Yeo) 57.3. HJ: 1, G. Rickly (Brack) 1.86/6'1½"; 2, M. Rumam (Brack) 1.86. PV: D. Jolley (Exet) 3.66/12'0". TJ: C. Allan (Liv) 13.70/44'11½". 4 x 100: Bournemouth 44.1. (Youths) 100/200: Marsh (Swin) 11.2/22.8. 800: Hayter (Ryde) 2:01.6. 1500SC: Martin (Brack) 4:37.9; 2, Bunyan (Trow) 4:48.2. HJ: Pearce (B'mouth) 1.75/5'8½". HT: S. Sage (E&E) 40.00/131'3". 4 x 400: Bracknell 3:43.3. (Boys) 100: 1, Sharples (Bris) 11.7; 2, Carpenter (Exet) 12.0. 200: Sharples 23.1. (Senior Women) 100: 1, Issac (Exet) 12.3; 2, Martin (Exet) 12.3; 3, Hunt (Brack) 12.4; 4, Trevett (B'mouth) 12.4; 5, Manuel (B'mouth) 12.5. 200: 1, Hunt 25.6; 2, Issac 25.6; 3, Trevett 25.8. 800: Morrish (59C) 2:19.8. 400H: Kerbey (Yeo) 70.3. HJ: 1, A. Gilson (B'mouth) 1.63/5'4½"; 2, C. Bridges (Yeo) 1.60/5'3"; 3, J. Walden (Glos) 1.57/5'1½". LJ: 1, Issac 5.41/17'9"; 2, Bridges 5.29/17'4½". SP: 1, L. Collins (Yeo) 11.28/37'0½"; 2, L. Mallin (Torb) 10.51/34'5½"; 3, N. Harris (Brack) 10.22/33'6½". DT: 1, Mallin 45.08/147'11"; 2, Collins 32.14/105'5". JT: Collins 39.34/129'1". (Inters) 100: 1, Wey (Win) 12.6; 2, Staines (Brack) 12.7. 200: 1, Staines 25.6; 2, Wey 26.3. (Juniors) 100: 1, Croal (Exet) 12.6; 2, Flynn (Exet) 12.9. 200: 1, Croal 27.0; 2, Reynolds (59C) 27.1. 800: Norris (Trow) 2:25.3. (B): Kirkwood (Brack) 2:23.6. 1500: 1, M. Samy (Brack) 5:10.6; 2, S. Samy (Brack) 5:10.6. HJ: 1, J. Boreham (B'mouth) 1.54/5'0½"; 2, J. Parry (Glos) 1.51/4'11½"; 3, A. Kurgo (Taun) 1.48/4'10½". LJ: D. Smith (And) 4.84/15'10½". SP: S. Condon (Brack) 11.15/36'7". DT: 1, F. Condon (Brack) 31.94/104'9"; 2, S. Condon 28.12/92'3".

YEOVIL '10'

May 27th

1, R. Hill (Bolton) 50.38
2, B. Popel (Westbury) 51:50
3, G. Warren (Ealing & Southall) 52:40
4, E. Oxlade (West-Ind) 52:53; 5, J. Brotherhood (TH&H) 52:59; 6, C. Ridley (West) 53:36; 7, D. Smith (Ex) 54:20; 8, G. Steed (Ex) 54:42; 9, R. Jeans (Sal) 55:20; 10, R. Bradbury (Bath Univ) 55:47; 11, H. Chadwick (TH&H) 56:03; 12, G. Carpenter (Port) 56:11; 13, R. Cornish (West) 56:19; 14, J. Mills (Spark) 56:23; 15, J. Stage (Brack) 56:49. Teams: 1, Westbury 21; 2, Exeter 41; 3, Salisbury 52; 4, Bath University 62.

ROSENHEIM LEAGUE

At Wimbledon Park, June 5th

Croydon 90; Hercules Wimbledon 85; Sutton & Cheam 58; HHH 57; SLH 50; Mitcham 32.
1500: 1, R. Holt (HW) 3:58.5; 2, Gm Tuck (gst) 3:58.8. 3000: M. Fuller (HW) 8:36.0. HT: E. Berry (Croy) 57.96/190'2". (Youths) 100: 1, M. Filler (HW) 11.4; 2, S. Burgan (Croy) 11.4.

NORTHERN LEAGUE

(Division 1)

At Cleckheaton, June 1st

Leeds City 282; Blackburn 242; Middlesbrough & Cleveland 194; North Shields Poly 184½; Longwood 182½; Derby 174.

100: D. Chapman (Leeds) 11.0. 400: 1, D. Price (B'burn) 49.7; 2, D. Bluemink (Leeds) 49.7. 800: 1, S. Markley (M&C) 1:54.7; 2, C. Hudson (Leeds) 1:55.2. (B) P. Bygate (Leeds) 1:55.5. 1500: 1, M. Baxter (Leeds) 3:51.7; 2, M. Bateman (B'burn) 3:55.3. 5000: 1, D. Nicholl (Leeds) 14:29.6; 2, J. Calvert (B'burn) 14:45.0. 3000SC: 1, Calvert 9:16.4; 2, P. Stevens (Leeds) 9:19.4; 3, K. Daykin (Dby) 9:21.0; 4, P. Barker (M&C) 9:32.0. (B): S. Breakwell (B'burn) 9:39.8. 110H: A. Shaw (Long) 16.0. 400H: 1, D. Eltrincham (NSP) 56.8; 2, B. Growes (B'burn) 57.2; 3, B. Scott (Leeds) 58.0. HJ: B. Taylor (M&C) 1.85/6'0¼". TJ: G. Riley (B'burn) 13.47/44'2¼". SP: 1, D. Sorrell (B'burn) 14.83/48'8"; 2, A. Gummerson (Leeds) 13.22/43'4¼". DT: 1, Gummerson 45.14/148'1"; 2, Sorrell 43.88/143'11". HT: 1, I. Chipchase (NSP) 57.84/189'9"; 2, H. Richardson (Leeds) 47.12/154'7". (B): P. Scott (NSP) 54.58/179'1". JT: B. Sanderson (B'burn) 60.48/198'5". Relays: Leeds 44.2/3:25.3.

(Division 2)

At Blackpool

Manchester AC 237; Blackpool & Fylde 232; Warrington 222; Rowntrees 220; Hull Spartan 187; Wallasey 154.

800: Barber (MAC) 1:53.5. 3000SC: 1, Moon (Hull S) 9:14.6; 2, Jarrett (B&F) 9:36.0. 110H: Kindon (Warr) 15.8. 400H: Robinson (Warr) 57.8. (B): Stables (Rown) 57.8. HT: Preston (Wall) 48.50/159'1". 4x100: Rowntrees 44.2. 4x400: 1, Blackpool & F 3:26.5; 2, Manchester AC 3:27.7.

(Division 3)

At Sale

Wakefield 280; Sale 'B' 264; Liverpool Pembroke 255; Lincoln C&C 137; Preston 103; Waterloo 27.

400: B. Jones (Liv P) 49.2. 800: 1, J. Davies (Sale) 1:54.9; 2, A. Hitchen (Wake) 1:55.6. 1500: A. Reade (Wake) 3:56.8. 3000SC: E. Dunkin (Linc C&C) 9:45.2. 400H: A. Fisher (Wake) 57.0. HJ: E. Forshaw (Pres) 1.87/6'1¼". HT: B. Reed (Sale) 40.32/132'3".

(Division 5)

At Oldham

Bingley 257; Bolton 249; Oldham 220; Manchester & Dist & Sheffield Utd 179; East Cheshire 157.

100: G. Knowles (Bolt) 11.1. 200: S. Whitney (Bing) 22.5. 1500: A. Byrne (Bolt) 3:59.1. 5000: M. Freary (Bolt) 14:32.6. 3000SC: 1, D. Blakeley (M&D) 9:33.0; 2, R. Duerdin (SUH) 9:37.8; 3, N. Ward (Bolt) 9:39.2. HT: F. McKenzie (Bing) 41.56/136'4".

(Division 6)

At Rawtenstall

Sheffield City 256; Southport 253; Border 195; Wigan 183; Rossendale 171; Sutton 167.

LJ: J. Sherwood (Sheff) 6.75/22'1¼". HT: A. Potts (Bord) 40.72/133'7". JT: 1, Aspey (Wig) 65.22/214'0"; 2, Brookes (S'port) 62.12/203'10". (B): Allen (S'port) 58.38/191'6".

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Musselburgh Riding of the Marches Week

July 21st to 27th, 1974

HIGHLAND GAMES

AMATEUR ATHLETICS EVENTS

(Under S.A.A.A. and S.W.A.A.A. Rules)

PINKIE PLAYING FIELDS**SATURDAY, JULY 27th, 1974****First Event at 1 p.m.****OPEN EVENTS (MEN)**

100 Metres Handicap

200 Metres Handicap

400 Metres Handicap

1000 METRES SCRATCH RACE, OPEN

('Reid Trophy')

3000 Metres Scratch Race—Individual and Team (3 to count).

15 MILES ROAD RACE

('Musselburgh News' Cup)

5 Miles Road Walk (Scratch)

Swedish Relay (400m, 300m, 200m, 100m)

Long Jump Handicap

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OPEN EVENTS (LADIES)

100 Metres Handicap

200 Metres Handicap

800 Metres Handicap

Long Jump, Handicap

Swedish Relay

YOUNG ATHLETES' EVENTS

800 Metres (Junior Men, 17-19) Handicap

100 Metres (Youths, 15-17) Handicap

1500 Metres (Youths, 15-17) Handicap

800 Metres (Senior Boys, 13-15) Scratch

100 Metres (Junior Ladies, 13-15) Scratch

ENTRY FEES: 15p per individual entry; 30p per team entry, 50p inclusive entry, **Heavy Events Championship.**

REGISTRATION: All entrants for ladies' events must be registered with the S.W.A.A.A. Closing date: Wednesday, July 10th. Entries and enquiries to: Mr J. Edgar, 6 Galt Avenue, Musselburgh EH21 8HB.

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Scottish League

McMeekin's Fastest 1500

At Meadowbank, June 8th

THE Division Two contest stole the show at the second Scottish League meeting at Meadowbank. Not only were seven division records set but 17 points covered all six clubs with the result in doubt until the last event. The contest had a surprising outcome too with Cupar & District a club formed only two years ago (who finished last in the first contest) winning the day to put them in third place in the table. Division One was hit by other meetings, with Bellahouston in particular fielding a dismal team, to finish last. Shettleston on the other hand, as if to demonstrate how wrong Bellahouston were to turn down amalgamation with them recently, achieved their best result for a long time finishing second to Edinburgh Southern and defeating Edinburgh AC.

The outstanding performance was David McMeekin's win in the 1500. McMeekin travelled back from Paris on Friday after running 800 in a very fine 1:46.8 and he soon showed that this was no isolated performance. He took the lead straight away in the Division One 1500 and the rest of the race was a procession with the field strung out behind him. McMeekin finished in 3:47.2, which was not only his best time by over a second, but knocked over 5sec off his own league record. Roy McCrone second in 3:53.0, still achieved his best time. Norman Gregor, looked strong in winning the 'B' 400 in 48.5 which was 0.2 faster than Roger Jenkins, his team-mate, recorded in winning the 'A' race.

The Division Two records were achieved by Drew Harley (200), Derek Leitch (800), Colin Martin (1500), Alan Partridge (5000), Bob Irvine (400 hurdles), Jim Johnson and Andrew Arbuckle (pole vault) and Gerald Taylor (javelin).

Sandy Sutherland

100 (Div 1): 1, D. Hislop (ESH) 10.9; 2, S. Bell (EAC) 10.9. 200 (Div 1): 1, G. Malcolm (Pais) 22.1; 2, S. McCallum (ESH) 22.1. (B): D. Combe (ESH) 22.6. (Div 2): A. Harley (Pit) 22.2. 400 (Div 1): 1, R. Jenkins (EAC) 48.7; 2, H. Stewart (FV) 50.1. (B): N. Gregor (EAC) 48.5. 800 (Div 1): 1, S. Easton (Shett) 1:55.1; 2, D. Lothian (FV) 1:55.3; 3, W. Sheridan (VP) 1:55.5; 4, J. Dingwall (EAC) 1:56.1. (B): 1, I. Grant (Shett) 1:54.8; 2, C. Douglas (ESH) 1:55.5; 3, M. Smith (EAC) 1:55.6; 4, A. Smith (VP) 1:55.8. (Div 2): D. Leitch (Gars) 1:55.9. 1500: (Div 1): 1, D. McMeekin (VP) 3:47.2; 2, R. McCrone (Bella) 3:53.0; 3, Douglas 3:53.8; 4, F. Gribben (EAC) 3:59.1. (B): I. Elliot (ESH) 3:53.9. (Div 2): C. Martin (Dumb) 3:57.3. 5000 (Div 1): 1, Easton 14:37.8; 2, D. Macgregor (ESH) 14:39.2. (B): M. Craven (ESH) 14:44.4. 3000SC (Div 1): N. Bailey (ESH) 9:36.0. 110H (Div 1): McCallum

15.1. 400H (Div 1): 1, K. Hay (ESH) 55.8; 2, P. McEwan (Pais) 57.0; 3, R. Smith (EAC) 57.5. (B): R. Caldwell (EAC) 57.7. HJ (Div 1): 1, G. Guild (Bell) 1.85/6'0 1/2"; 2, R. Fullelove (VP) 1.85. SP (Div 1): 1, N. Sandilands (Shett) 13.60/44'7 1/2"; 2, P. Buxton (ESH) 13.03/42'9". DT (Div 1): 1, C. Watson (VP) 45.40/148'11"; 2, Buxton 40.86/134'1". HT (Div 1): 1, Buxton 155'0"; 2, Sandilands 46.22/151'8"; 3, W. Gentleman (EAC) 45.12/148'0". JT (Div 1): D. Birkmyre (VP) 61.52/201'10". 4 x 100 (Div 1): 1, ESH 42.5; 2, EAC 43.6; 3, Paisley 44.3. 4 x 400 (Div 1): 1, EAC 3:23.4; 2, Victoria Park 3:27.6.

KIRCHHEIM TROPHY

At Swansea, May 27th

Swansea 556; Cardiff 483; Newport 253; Carmarthen 219; Cwmbran 187.

100: G. Edwards (New) 10.8. 400H: R. Richardson (Swan) 57.3. HJ: 1, M. Cummings (Carm) 1.85/6'0 1/2"; 2, C. Richards (Swan-Yth) 1.85. (B): C. Berry (Swan-J) 1.80/5'10 1/2". PV: 1, S. Pickering (Carm-J) 3.97/13'0 1/2" (Welsh Jnr rec); 2, D. Morris (Card) 3.81/12'6". HT: M. Gillingham (New) 42.98/141'0". (Youths) JT: G. Scales (Swan) 48.08/157'9". 4 x 100: Swansea 46.9. (Boys) SP: Hannam (Cwm) 12.25/40'2 1/2". (Senior Women) HJ: V. Rothera (Swan) 1.58/5'2 1/2". SP: 1, J. Beese (New) 11.71/38'5"; 2, J. Gray (Card) 11.39/37'4 1/2". DT: Beese 37.44/122'10". JT: Gray 37.10/121'9". (Inters) 400: S. Norman (Cwm) 60.9. (Juniors) DT: A. Hourihan (Card) 27.84/91'4". 4 x 100: 1, Cardiff 53.1; 2, Swansea 53.4.

SHOT & DISCUS CIRCLE NEWS

The Shot & Discus Circle is holding Open Throws competitions at Craneford Way Stadium, Twickenham, on Sunday, July 14th (the day following the AAA Champs). Competitions for men and women of all age groups will commence at 10.30 am. Light refreshments will be available. All throwers are invited to participate in these competitions, and help to make a successful day. Further details from the Hon Sec, Alan G. Dimsdale (Tel 01-500-0297).

NORTHERN COUNTIES AA

First Claim Qualifications

Approved: D. Whitfield, Border H&AC to Liverpool H&AC; W. P. Domoney, Horsham Blue Star to Sheffield United; G. Tebbutt, Grimsby to Sheffield United; P. Stevens, TVH to Leeds City; S. C. Hope, Stoke to Winsford; W. G. Day, Achilles to Southport; J. R. Waterhouse, Cambridge & Coleridge to Bingley; M. Whitaker, Halifax to Rotherham; G. M. Lee, Saltwell to Wigan.

Not Approved: M. Corden, Longwood to Sheffield City AC (f/c from 16.7.74); A. Beaumont, Rockingham to Dorothy Hyman TC (18.9.74); C. A. Beaumont, Rockingham to Dorothy Hyman TC (18.9.74); J. G. Morton, Blyth to Morpeth (26.11.74); B. C. Sweeting, South Shields H&AC to Sunderland (4.12.74).

OVERSEAS NEWS — *Compiled by Bob Sparks*

Frank Shorter Showing Formidable Track Form

OLYMPIC marathon champion Frank Shorter is currently in the form of his life as far as track running goes. He covered 6M in 27:09.6 in a solo effort on May 18th; clocked a personal best mile time of 4:02.6 (followed 20 minutes later by a 3M which he won in 13:35.6) on May 24th; and pushed Steve Prefontaine to an American 3M Record of 12:51.4, himself returning a splendid 12:52.0, on June 8th. Highlight of the National Collegiate Championships was a 19.9 220y by Jim Gilkes of Guyana but a following wind of 7.8/sec ruled it out as a world record. Tommie Smith holds that mark with 20.0.

18.5. Gainesville. 6M: Shorter 27:09.6. **18.5. Spokane.** 100y: Brathwaite (Tri) 9.2. **24.5. Gainesville.** Mile: Dyce (Jam) 3:59.7, Shorter 4:02.6 . . . 7, Liquori 4:12.9; 3M: Shorter 13:35.6. **24/25.5 Pittsburgh.** 220: Sands (Bah) 20.7 ht; 880: Francis 1:47.8; Mile: Hartnett (RoI) 4:00.4, Gregan (RoI) 4:01.5. **24/25.5. Santa Barbara.** Dec: Jenner 7991, Samara 7988, Warkentin 7969, Gough 7930. **25.5. Chicago.** 880: Wohlhuter 1:46.9; HJ: Matzdorf 2:14/7'0 1/2" (flopped 2:08/6'10"). **25.5. Gainesville.** 880: Dyce (Jam) 1:47.5. **25.5. Beaumont.** 120H: Stubbs 13.6, Davenport 13.6, Robinson 13.6, Gipson 13.7. **30/31.5. Charleston.** 100, 220 and 120H marks windy. **1.6. Wichita.** Mile: Wohlhuter (3:55.1) passed 1500m in 3:39.7. **1.6. Bakersfield.** Mile/2M: Kimball (Int Jnr CC champion) 4:06.6/8:46.6 (mile 70min after 2M) . . . Eric Hulst 8:50.6 (age 16 best). **1.6. Greenvale.** 100y: Willie Smith 9.3 (eq high school rec).

4/5.6. Austin. NCAA Dec Champ: Backman (Swe) 7874, George 7839. **6/8.6. Austin.** NCAA Champs: (fully electronic timing except for 220 final which was hand timed) 100y: (w) R. Jones 9.18, S. Williams 9.20 (9.19w ht), Riddick 9.36, Outlin 9.37 (9.29w ht) . . . 8, Garpenborg (Swe) 9.49 (9.40w ht); 220: (w) Gilkes (Guy) 19.9, Jones 20.0, Gilbreath 20.1, Brown 20.2, Black 20.2, McCullough 20.5; 440: L. Jones 45.46, Bond 45.63, Parks 45.76, Erickson 46.19 . . . 6, Sang (Ken) 46.48 (45.93 sf); 880: Thomas 1:48.7, Francis 1:49.0 . . . 5, Ouko (Ken) 1:49.3; Mile: Cummings 4:01.1, Waigwa (Ken) 4:01.8, Waldrop 4:02.3 . . . 10, Hartnett (RoI) 4:11.6 (4:01.2 ht); 3M: Geis 13:39.0, NICK ROSE 13:41.4, RON MARTIN 13:41.6, Ngeno (Ken) 13:52.0 . . . 8, GORDON MINTY 14:16.2; 6M: Ngeno 28:14.2; 3000SC: Brown 8:36.0, Addison 8:36.8, E. Leddy (RoI) 8:46.4 (8:45.0 ht) . . . 8, TONY STAYNINGS 9:03.6; 120H: (w) Foster 13.35, Shipp 13.45, Smith (Bah) 13.62, Gipson 13.68, Stubbs

13.68, Ngeno (Ken) 13.71; 440H: Collins 50.30; HJ: Smith 2:18/7'2", Adama 2.18, Kotinek 2.18, 5 men at 2:16/7'1"; PV: Lipscomb 5.26/17'3", Taylor 5.26, Tracanelli (Fra) 5.18/17'0"; LJ: Herndon 8.08/26'6 1/2", Williams 8.02/26'4"w (legal 7.94/26'0 1/2"), Smith 8.00/26'3"w, Haynes 7.99/26'2 1/2", Rea 7.94/26'0 1/2"; TJ: Ehizuelen (Nig) 16.66/54'8", McBryde 16.50/54'1 1/2", Hayes 16.31/53'6 1/2" . . . 5, Taylor 16.11/52'10 1/2" (16.41/53'10 1/2"w qual); 11, Washington 15.28/50'1 1/2" (16.45/53'11 1/2"w qual); SP: Stuart 20.25/66'5 1/2", Le Duc 19.99/65'7 1/2", Hoglund (Swe) 19.94/65'5", Dolegiewicz (Can) 19.74/64'9 1/2" (rec); DT: Pecar (Yug) 57.96/190'2"; HT: Farmer (Aus) 70.26/230'6"; JT: Judd 82.68/271'3".

8.6. Eugene. 100/200: Quarrie (Jam) 9.3w/20.1w; 880: Wohlhuter 1:44.1 (world rec), Sandison 1:51.0; 3M: Prefontaine 12:51.4 (rec), Shorter 12:52.0, Kardong 12:57.6, K. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:07.0; 440H: Bolding 49.5, Mann 51.3; HJ: Stones 2.22/7'3 1/2"; SP: Feuerbach 21.52/70'7 1/2", Woods 21.00/68'11"; Women's Mile: Larrieu 4:33.1; 5000m: Quatier 16:46.2 (rec); HJ: Huntley 1.85/6'0 1/2" (rec). **9.6. Los Angeles.** Women's 400H: Lester 59.5; LJ: Watson 6.46/21'2 1/2"w; JT: Schmidt 60.26/197'8"; Mile Walk: Sue Brodock 7:14.1 (world best).



Rick Wohlhuter, seen here behind Dave Cropper in a 4 x 800 relay at Crystal Palace, set new world 880y figures of 1:44.1.

Tony Duffy

BELGIUM

22.5. Aalst. 3000: Puttemans 7:55.4. 25.5. Namur. HJ: Moreau 2.15/7'04" (rec). 25.5. Woluwe. Women's HJ: van Landschoot (17) 1.75/5'84" (rec). 25.5. Seraing. 800: Pete Browne 1:49.6, Winzenried (USA) 1:50.0 . . . 5, COLIN CAMPBELL 1:50.6; 6, Crouch (Aus) 1:51.4; 5000: Puttemans 13:44.6. 26.5. Woluwe. JT: Zirniss (USSR) 81.42/267'1". 8.6. Woluwe. Women's Pen: Pollak (EG) 4632, Olfert (EG) 4437, Muller (EG) 4401. 8/9.6. Brussels. Dec: Andres (Swi) 7787, Ghesquiere 7772, Lespagnard 7625. 9.6. Nivelles. Mar ('Gailly Memorial'): van Renterghem 2:14.45, Pollet 2:17.40 . . . 33, Chantal Langlace (Fra) 2:46:18 (Women's World best).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

5.5. Trnava. 20kmW: Bencik 1:26:32, Forian (Hun) 1:26:37. 24-26.5. Prague. Women's HJ: Karbanova 1.85/6'04"; DT: Vyhralova 57.48/188'7" (rec). 27.5. Prague. 110H: Pereverzev (USSR) 13.7; women's SP: Melnik (USSR) 18.21/59'9"; DT: Melnik's series: F, 69.90, 65.16, F, F, F; 2, Andrianova (USSR) 60.80/199'6". 30.5. Bratislava. 1500: Crouch (Aus) ran 3:39.1, not 3:39.2; 5000: Hermens (Neth) won in 13:50.6 from Petr 13:51.8 (not 13:40.6 & 13:41.4); 110H: Nadenicek 2nd in 13.6, not 13.7; TJ: 6, Tiff (US) 16.35/53'74"; women's 100/200: wind readings on Szewinska's 11.1/22.4 were—0.3m and—1.3m; 800: 2, Mary Purcell (RoI) 2:06.5; DT: Melnik threw 68.84/225'10" (& 67.00/219'10"). 1.6. Ostrava. Women's SP: Fibingerova's series: 20.62, F, 21.03 (rec), 20.62, 20.64, F.

EAST GERMANY

29.5. Cottbus. DT: Pachale 61.02/200'2"; HT: Beilig 73.70/241'9", Engwicht 70.84/232'5". 31.5. Bad Blankenberg. Women's DT: Regel 60.00/196'10". 1.6. Jena. TJ: Gora 16.26/53'44"; 3, Dreihmel 15.95/52'4"; SP: 4, Beyer 19.35/63'6"; DT: G. Müller 62.38/204'8", Losch 62.34/204'6"; HT: 4, Sachse 70.08/229'11"; Women's 800: Hoffmeister 2:04.0, Cierpinski (née Politz) 2:04.2; 1500: Gluth 4:18.3, Klapczynski 4:18.4, Heinicke (née Kleinau) 4:18.4, Krebs 4:19.2; LJ: Nygrynová (Cze) 6.36/20'104"; SP: Adam 19.42/63'84", Lange 18.64/61'2", Griehsing 18.12/59'54"

(World Junior rec) . . . 6, Schoknecht 17.36/56'114"; DT: Hinzmann 62.68/205'8", Holdtke 60.76/199'4", Engel 59.76/196'1".

2.6. Erfurt. 200 (+ 0.6): Zenk 20.6, Pfennig 20.6, Pfeiffer 20.7, Schenke 20.7, Bombach 20.8; (B, + 0.9): Ray (16) 20.8; 400: 4, R. Kokot 46.5; 800: Ohlert 1:46.4, Stolle 1:46.6 . . . 4, Fromm 1:48.9; 10,000: Kuschmann 28:18.0, Lautschmann 28:21.8, Leiteritz 28:28.2, Haase 28:42.0; 400H: Laser 50.0, Mayer 50.3, Jones 50.6, Schönberger 50.7, Schwatke 50.7; 3000SC: Straub 8:32.8, Grigas (USSR) 8:33.0, Cierpinski 8:38.4; SP: Briesenick 20.31/66'74", Hlawatschke 19.49/63'114"; JT: Hanisch 80.68/264'8"; Women's 100 (— 0.8): Stecher 11.2, Heinich 11.3, Kandarr 11.3, Maletzki 11.3, Meyer 11.4, Berend 11.4 (11.3 ht), Streidt 11.5 (11.4 ht); 200: Stecher 22.8, Maletzki 22.8, Streidt 23.0, Kandarr 23.2, Heinich 23.3, Bodendorf 23.3, Meyer 23.5; 400: Dietsch 53.2, Meier 53.5, Anton 53.7, Handt 53.9; 800: Hoffmeister 2:00.9, Cierpinski 2:02.2, Fischer 2:04.6; 1500: Klapczynski 4:14.2, Franke 4:16.4, Gluth 4:18.1, Mewis 4:18.7, Wagner (née Claus) 4:18.7; 100H (— 1.0): Ehrhardt 12.9 (12.9 ht), Fiedler 13.0, Berend 13.1, Schaller 13.2, Pollak 13.3, Walden 13.5; LJ: Voelzke 6.44/21'14", Albertus 6.41/21'04", Olfert 6.41, Thon 6.33/20'94"; JT: Fuchs 61.86/202'11".

FINLAND

26.5. Jyväskylä. 10,000: Viren 28:52.0, Nikkari 28:52.6 . . . 8, Vasala 29:42.0; JT: Siitonen 84.46/277'1", Aho 81.64/267'10". 30.5. Raah. JT: Jaakola 82.38/270'3". 1.6. Orimattila. 5000: A. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:43.4, Viren 13:51.8; 3000SC: Kantanen 8:40.6, Garderud (Swe) 8:41.6; SP: Stahlberg (pronounced Stawberry) 20.69/67'104" (rec); JT: Siitonen 86.34/283'3". 2.6. Nokia. DT: Tuomola 61.82/202'10"; JT: Hovinen 83.28/273'3", Lappalainen 81.04/265'10", Kinnunen 80.56/264'4". 4.6. Kyroskoski. SP: Stahlberg 20.20/66'34". 4.6. Helsinki. 5000: Paivarinta 13:47.8, Tomasini (Ita) 13:48.2, Garderud (Swe) 13:48.8, Arese (Ita) 13:50.2 . . . 8, Lismont (Bel) 13:53.6 . . . 12, Vasala 13:55.6; 13, Viren 13:55.8;

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FRODSHAM HILL RACES

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Sunday, September 1st, 1974

4½ MILE
SENIOR RACE
Fred Foord Trophy
holders
Airedale and Spen.
V.A.C.
£20, £8, £4, £2.

3½ MILE
YOUTH RACE
Sam Williams Trophy
holders
Springburn Harriers
£10, £4, £2, £1.

2½ MILE
BOYS RACE
Birtles Trophy
holders
Leicester Corr. A.C.
£5, £3, £2, £1.

2½ MILE
COLTS RACE
Mothers Trophy
holders
Leicester Corr. A.C.
£5, £3, £2, £1.

Also first 3 teams of 3 in each race. First 3 Veterans over 40 and First Locals.

IND. ENTRY FEES: Sen. 20p, Youth 20p, Boys 15p, Colts 15p (all must enter as individuals).

TEAM ENTRY FEES: Sen. 50p, Youth 50p, Boys 40p, Colts 40p.

Enquiries and entries to A. G. Bunner, 3 Borrowdale Close, Frodsham, via Warrington WA6 7LN.

Entries close August 19th, 1974.—No late entries accepted.

Ages on 1.9.74—Seniors over 18, Youths age 16 and 17, Boys age 14 and 15, Colts age 12 and 13.

IRELAND

THREE SPRINT WINS FOR CLAIRE WALSH

THE G. V. Ryan Trophy and Vandendries Trophy meeting probably ranks as the major competition of the Irish season from the point of view of evaluating relative club strengths and this year's event at Santry on May 25th/26th was well run and presented. The holders of the men's trophy, Leevale, retained their number one spot without ever reaching the high standards of their first victory last year. But it was mainly individual performances which took the highlight.

Tim Crowe, a 21-year-old P.E. student at Limerick College of Education, became the third fastest Irish man at 400m hurdles when he clocked 53.7 and came back later the same day with an easy win in the 200 in 22.0. He was not finished yet, as on Sunday he clocked 48.1 in a fluent 400 run, knocking 0.6 off his previous best. Noel Carroll won a moderate 800 and proved he can still sprint after a slowly run first lap. Mick Treacy was a surprise winner of the 5000 when he outprinted national title holder Pat O'Riordan in 14:22.6. In the field Bernie Hartigan threw the hammer 57.18/187'7" with Conway in close attendance with a personal best of 56.74/186'2" and the former 60ft. plus shot putter came back next day with a discus win.

On the women's side Claire Walsh had a sprint treble of 12.0/24.4/54.4 with Mary Purcell (née Tracey) recording 2:05.2 in the 800. An interesting competitor in the 400 was Adrienne Smith (formerly Lynch) who clocked 55.0. Also back in action in the guise of Mrs. Gay Hogan was the former Gay Porter and she made her presence felt in recording a shot/discus/javelin treble and setting an Irish record on the way in the shot with 12.71/41'8½". Gay is married to Irish international shot putter Sean Hogan and should boost Irish field events considerably.

Team Placings: (Men) Leevale 74, Crusaders and DCH 69, Limerick 54, Waterford and Civil Service 49. (Women) Crusaders 129, Clonliffe 108, Guinness 36, Avondale 21, Shorts 7.

100: T. Phelan (Crus) 11.0. 200: 1, T. Crowe (Lim) 22.0; 2, V. O'Brien (C. Serv) 22.2; 3, G. Carson (Shorts) 22.5. 400: 1, Crowe 48.1; 2, R. Norwood (Don) 49.3; 3, N. Carroll (C. Serv) 49.7. 800: 1, Carroll 1:53.5; 2, K. Humphries (DCH) 1:54.2. 1500: 1, Humphries 3:53.6; 2, D. Noonan (Clon) 3:55.5. 5000: 1, M. Treacy (DCH) 14:22.6; 2, P. O'Riordan (Lee) 14:24.4; 3, Noonan 14:24.4. 3000SC: 1, T. Murphy (Don) 9:09.2; 2, G. Deegan (Wat) 9:21.2. 110H: B. Curtin (UCD) 15.9. 400H: 1, Crowe 53.7; 2, C. Beatty (Shorts) 56.9; 3, J. Alderdice (Shorts) 58.0. 4x100: 1, Shorts 43.2; 2, Leevale 43.3. 4x400: C. Service 3:23.0. HJ: J. Fanning (Don) 1.98/6'6". LJ: C. O'Regan (Wat) 6.89/22'7½". TJ: M. O'Flynn (Lee) 14.25/46'9" ... 3, T. Lammey (Shorts) 13.76/45'2". PV: L. Gleeson (Nenagh) 3.96/13'6". SP: B. Coghlan (Lee) 15.21/49'11". DT: P. Conway (Crus) 45.64/149'9". JT: P. Moore (Lee) 63.94/209'9". HT: 1, B. Hartigan (Lim) 57.18/187'7"; 2, Conway 56.74/186'2".

Women

100: C. Walsh (Clon) 12.0. 200: Walsh 24.4. 400: 1, Walsh 54.4; 2, A. Smith (Shorts) 55.0; 3, P. O'Dwyer (Clon) 55.3. 800: 1, M. Purcell (Guin) 2:05.2; 2, P. Reece (B'mena) 2:09.7; 3, A. Morrisson (Crus) 2:11.8. 1500: 1, D. Nagle (Guin) 4:28.8; 2, Appelby (Clon) 4:39.1; 3, E. Dowling (Avon) 4:46.8. 100H: S. Flatman (Crus) 17.0. 4x100: Crusaders 49.4. HJ: Flatman 1.57/5'2". LJ: Flatman 5.15/16'11". SP: G. Hogan 12.71/41'8½" (rec). DT: Hogan 37.16/121'11". JT: Hogan 30.08/98'8".

NATIONAL BLE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

The National BLE Marathon, sponsored by Omega and run on the accurately measured out and back course at Portlaoise on May 26th, proved a triumph for Dublin-based Donegal man Danny McDaid. McDaid, a postman, was in the leading bunch of 15 which included all the big guns and pre-race favourite Donal Walsh at 5,000m passed in 16:25. At 10,000 McDaid and the main group passed in 32:24 with a break following shortly which saw Mick Murphy (Leevale), who also runs with Salford, open a 100m gap on the field to pass 15km in 48:15 with the group caught at 48:41. Eddie Spillane led through the turn in 67:32 with Mick Molloy in close attendance and McDaid in fifth spot. At 30km it was the surprising Dick Hodgins who led in 1:37:32 followed by Paddy Coyle 11 sec in arrears with McDaid 24 sec behind the leader.

McDaid, who represented Ireland in Helsinki '71 and Munich '72 really came into his own coming up to 20 miles and at 35km, reached in 1:54:23. Hodgins was 29 sec in arrears with Coyle at 1:56:52, Walsh 1:57:27, Molloy 1:56:44, McNamara 1:57:16. McDaid, to use his own quote after the race, was now "bombing along" and finished strongly in 2:19:02.4 with Hodgins holding on for second from last year's winner Brendan O'Shea who came from nowhere to take third from Mick Molloy, the Mexico Olympian making a return to serious competition.

1, D. McDaid (Clonliffe) 2:19:02.4; 2, R. Hodgins (Leevale) 2:21:59.6; 3, B. O'Shea (Donore) 2:23:58; 4, M. Molloy (Oughterard) 2:24:31; 5, J. McNamara (Donore) 2:25:23; 6, P. Coyle (Lourdes) 2:26:02; 7, M. Murphy (Lee) 2:27:45; 8, A. Murphy (Clon) 2:28:20; 9, G. Murphy (Lee) 2:29:30; 10, M. Hayden (Tullamore) 2:30:22.

Nick Davis

WEST MIDLAND TRACK LEAGUE

At Aldersley, May 28th

Wolverhampton & B 120; Tipton 100; Dudley & S 53; Warley 43; Halesowen 38; Lozells 20. 100 (B): R. Banthorpe (W&B) 11.6. 1500: T. Jeffries (W&B) 3:56.0. (B): S. Durnall (W&B) 3:59.0. 3000: K. Rollason (Tip) 8:27.4. (Jnrs) 100: A. James (W&B) 11.5. (Women) W&B 127; Halesowen 97; Warley 76; Tipton 60; Dudley & S 37; Lozells 2. 100/200: V. Bernard (W&B) 12.7/26.1. LJ: M. Tranter (W&B) 5.43/17'9½".

BRITAIN'S NEW AAA DECATHLON CHAMPIONS



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At Motspur Park, May 15th

100/200: D. Halliday (R) 11.1/22.7. 400: G. Vince (R) 51.0. 400H: 1, G. Walker (R) 56.9; 2, West (L) 57.0. PV: 1, R. Morris (R) 3.80/12'5½"; 2, C. Parr (R-n s) 3.70/12'1¼". SP: B. McEwan (R) 13.24/43'4¼". DT: Bebbington (L) 41.78/137'1". HT: B. Fraser (R) 55.96/183'7". JT: 1, Hollywood (L) 61.50/201'9"; 2, K. Stewart (R) 60.76/199'4"; 3, J. Romer (R) 56.58/185'7".

WREKIN 10 MILES ROAD RACE

(Inc Shropshire AAA Champs)

May 27th

1, A. Rushmer (Tip) 49:41; 2, J. Edwards (Tip) 53:03; 3, B. Forster (Rug) 53:31; 4, L. Austin (Stoke) 54:11; 5, M. Mountford (Staff) 54:28; 6, B. Mainwaring (Wrex) 55:04; 7, E. Johnson (Stoke) 55:13; 8, R. Morris (Shrew) 55:27; 9, G. Roberts (Tip) 55:51; 10, R. Griffin (Tip) 55:57. Shropshire '10': 1, Edwards; 2, Morris; 3, Griffin. Telford Cup: J. Harris (Shrew) 60:00. Vets (O/40): B. Boyce (Tip) 60:01. (O/50): J. Haden (Tip) 67:04.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE

(Division 2)

At Harlow, June 1st

Cambridge & Coleridge 121; SLH 119; Harlow 112; Norfolk 94; Yeovil 85.

400: Laing (SLH) 50.4. 800: J. Greatrex (SLH) 1:56.0. 5000: 1, Gren Tuck (C&C) 14:34.0; 2, R. Gevers (SLH) 14:40.0. 3000SC: A. Jukes (C&C) 9:44.2. HJ: Murray (C&C) 1.94/6'4¼". PV: Glover (Har) 3.50/11'5¼". LJ: Percival (C&C) 6.71/22'0¼". HT: 1, Elvin (Har) 43.34/142'2"; 2, Cousins (Nor) 40.44/132'8". JT: Mottram (C&C) 59.62/195'7".

NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Sheffield, June 22nd. 100: B. Green 10.6; 200: D. Artley 21.7; 400: I. Saunders 47.8; 800: J. McCarthy 1:53.5; 1500: G. Whittleston 3:48.4; 5000: A. Byrne 14:13.4; 3000SC: K. Daykin 9:26.4; 110H: M. Kindon 15.0; 400H: A. James 52.4; HJ: A. Hill 1.85/6'0¼"; PV: S. Ellesmere 4.00/13'1¼"; LJ: P. Scott 7.30/23'11¼"; TJ: R. Johnson 15.33/50'3¼"; D. Johnson 15.28/50'1¼"; SP: J. Alderson 17.38/57'0¼"; DT: G. Dirkin 52.52/172'4"; J. Watts 51.54/169'1"; HT: I. Chipchase 64.28/210'11"; JT: P. Ostapowycz 68.02/223'2". Detailed results and Joe Lancaster's report next week.

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OVERSEAS NEWS from page 17

Wagner (WG) 8:41.4; 110H: L. Wodzynski (Pol) 13.6; PV: Slusarski (Pol) 5.20/17'04"; DT: Kahma 64.26/210'10", Wolodko (Pol) 62.64/204'2"; JT: Siitonen 87.50/287'1"; women's 400: Salin 53.3; HJ: Sundkvist 1.75/5'84" (rec). 6.6. Kuusankoski. JT: Siitonen 86.70/284'5", Hovinen 81.70/268'0". 6.6. Turku. 1000: Boit (Ken) 2:18.2 (52.9, 1:49.1, Crouch (Aus) 2:23.0; 3000: Paivarinta 7:58.4, Tomasini (Ita) 7:58.6, Arese (Ita) 7:59.6, Viren 8:00.4, Lismont (Bel) 8:02.0, Jansky (Cz) 8:02.0, Vasala 8:02.0; DT: Kahma 64.98/213'2".

FRANCE

Guy Drut finally got his European record—13.2 in the French Scholastic championships (the equivalent of our BUSF and All-England Schools combined into one meeting) at Charléty Stadium, Paris, on June 3rd. Five days later he repeated the performance (despite stumbling on landing after the final hurdle), all three watches recording 13.2 and the wind-speed 1.9m/s. Between records he easily defeated Willie Davenport at the Méricamp Memorial meeting, but on a cold evening had to be satisfied with a 13.4 clocking.

3.6. Clicheville. HT: Schmidt (WG)—World record holder, out of action since operation in 1972) 68.00/223'1". 6.6. Paris. See last week's issue and add: 5000: Zhelobovskiy (USSR) 13:49.0, Bonzet (SA) 13:50.2; 10,000: Liardet 28:37.6, Tijou 28:38.4; 110H (— 0.4): Drut 13.4, Davenport (USA) 13.6, M. Wodzynski (Pol) 13.9, Moshiazhvili (USSR) 14.0; PV: Isakov (USSR) 5.20/17'04"; TJ: Sanyeyev (USSR) 16.56/54'4"; DT: van Reenen (SA) 64.00/210'0"; JT: Lusis (USSR) 84.08/275'10"; Women's 100 (— 1.8): Szwinska (Pol) 11.1 (= rec), Streidt (EG) 11.6, Telliez 11.6; 800: Dubois 2:02.5, van Nussel (Bel) 2:05.0 (rec); 4 x 100: Poland 44.0, France 44.9. 8.6. Fontainebleau. 110H (+ 1.9): Drut 13.2 (= Eur rec); LJ: Rousseau 7.98/26'24" (+ 1.8). Bonheme 7.79/25'63" w; HT: Mikolajczyk 68.80/225'9"; 4 x 100: France 39.8. 8.6. St Maur. 110H (+ 0.1): Drut 13.4; PV: Simpson (Can) 5.20/17'04"; Women's 100 (+ 0.4): Szwinska (Pol) 11.0 (rec), Telliez 11.4, Meyer (EG) 11.4.

SWEDEN

18.5. Malmö. DT: Bruch 64.66/212'2", Haglund 60.68/199'1", Akesson 60.28/197'9". 19.5. Malmö. DT: Haglund 61.38/201'4". 30.5. Malmö. JT: J. Svensson 80.46/264'0". 30.5. Södertälje. PV: Kalliomäki (Fin) 5.30/17'44"; DT: Bruch 67.38/221'1", Haglund 60.10/197'2". 4.6. Stockholm. 800: Boit (Ken) 1:46.6, Sisovsky (Cze) 1:47.3; 1500: Crouch (Aus) 3:42.8; 5000: Hermens (Neth) 13:36.4, Suchan (Cze) 13:44.8, Glans 13:46.6, Hansen (Den) 13:48.2; 400H: Kodejs (Cze) 50.6; HJ: Almén 2.16/7'1", Tørring (Den) 2.16; DT: Bruch 65.96/216'5", Tuokko (Fin) 62.36/204'7", Wilkins (USA) 61.84/202'11". 8/9.6. Stockholm. E. Germany 133, Sweden 79; E. Germany 144, Norway 65; Sweden 125, Norway 84 (Men); E. Germany 94, Sweden 39 (Women). First day—100: Zenk (EG) 10.57; 400: Scheibe (EG) 45.97, Faager 46.60; 1500: Justus (EG) 3:41.8, Högborg

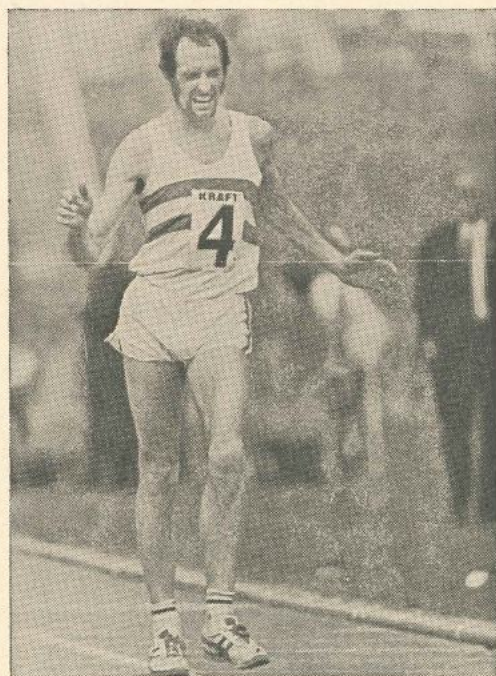
3:42.4; 10,000: Leiteritz (EG) 28:21.4, Halle (N) 28:23.4 (rec), Risa (N) 28:27.0, Bengström 28:32.8 (rec), Haase 29:09.6; 110H: Fiedler (EG) 14.07; HJ: Almén 2.20/7'24", Falkum (N) 2.18/7'14" (rec), Junge (EG) 2.15/7'04"; LJ: Klauss (EG) 7.92/26'0"; SP: Briesenick (EG) 20.15/66'14", Rothenburg (EG) 19.57/64'24"; HT: Seidel (EG) 69.98/229'7", Theimer (EG) 69.72/228'9"; 4 x 100: E. Germany 39.34, Sweden 40.56; Women's 100 (hand timing): Stecher (EG) 11.4, Haglund 11.5, Heinich (EG) 11.9 (11.3 previous week); 400: Dietsch (EG) 53.5, Meier (EG) 53.6, Larsson 54.4; 800: Hoffmeister (EG) 2:01.8, Cierpinski (EG) 2:01.9; HJ: Witschas (EG) 1.90/6'24", Kirst (EG) 1.81/5'114"; DT: Hinzmann (EG) 60.20/197'6"; 4 x 100: E. Germany 43.47; Second day—200: Zenk (EG) 21.3 800: Ohlert (EG) 1:49.2; 5000: Kuschmann (EG) 13:26.6 (rec), A. Kvalheim (N) 13:28.6 (rec), Børø (N) 13:29.0, Lautschmann (EG) 13:43.8, Najde 13:44.2; 3000SC: Gärderud 8:29.4, Sörnes (N) 8:31.8, Straub (EG) 8:32.2, Cierpinski (EG) 8:32.6, Glans 8:36.4, Voje (N) 8:37.6; 400H: Laser (EG) 50.4, Mayer (EG) 50.7; PV: Isaksson 5.20/17'04"; JT: Drehmel (EG) 17.00/55'94", Gora (EG) 16.60/54'54"; DT: Bruch 65.40/214'7", Pachale (EG) 60.86/199'8", Müller (EG) 60.20/197'6"; JT: Hanisch (EG) 83.74/274'9", Koski-Vähälä 81.28/266'8"; 4 x 400: EG 3:08.1, Sweden 3:08.6; Women's 200: Haglund 23.47, Maletzki (EG) 23.80 (22.8 previous week); 1500: Klapezynski (EG) 4:12.8; 100H: Ehrhardt (EG) 12.99, Fiedler (EG) 13.41; LJ: Albertus (EG) 6.46/21'24"; SP: Adam (EG) 19.25/63'2", Lange (EG) 18.68/61'34"; JT: Fuchs (EG) 61.16/200'8"; 4 x 400: EG 3:33.0.

WEST GERMANY

2.6. Dortmund. Women's 100 (A; — 2.0): Richter 11.3; (B; — 1.2): Richter 11.2. 200 (— 0.7): Richter 23.2, Kroniger 23.4, Helten 23.5. 3.6. Rehlingen. 400: Singletary (USA) 46.8. . . . 4, Nallet (Fra) 47.9; 800: Malan (SA) 1:48.3, Winzenried (USA) 1:49.0; DT: van Reenen (SA) 63.36/207'10", Neu 61.88/203'0", Wilkins (USA) 60.38/198'11"; HT: Beyer 70.68/23'11", Encsi (Hun) 70.28/230'7", Barnard (SA) 67.78/222'4"; Women's HJ: Meyfarth 1.80/5'104". 8.6. Kassel. Finland beat W. Germany & Poland in a field-events match, 217-215-196. Note the clean sweep by the Finns in their favourite event, the javelin, with Wolfermann relegated to fifth place. HJ: Wszola (P, age 18) 2.20/7'24" (eq rec); PV: Kozakiewicz (P) 5.20/17'04", Kalliomäki (F) 5.20; LJ: Cybulski (P) 7.91/25'114", Busse 7.81/25'73"; TJ: Joachimowski (P) 16.57/54'44" w, Garnys (P) 16.43/53'11" w, Sontag (P) 16.41/53'104"; SP: Stahlberg (F) 19.94/65'5"; DT: Tuokko (F) 64.40/211'3", Kahma (F) 64.08/210'3", Neu 62.12/203'10", Hennig 61.66/202'3", Wolodko (P) 61.48/201'8", Tuomola (F) 61.34/201'3"; HT: Klein 71.40/234'3", Hünig 70.32/230'8", Beyer 70.14/230'1"; JT: Siitonen (F) 86.74/284'7", Hovinen (F) 84.48/277'2", Aho (F) 82.08/269'3", Lappalainen (F) 81.04/265'10", Wolfermann 78.44/257'4".

WALKING NOTES

Lambeth Open 5M Walk, June 11th. With Paul Nihill racing in his first London 'Open' for 18 months, a hot pace was assured as a good class field set out to test his fitness from the off. However after less than one lap of the new three lap, traffic-free, course inside Brockwell Park, Paul stepped off the road. His comment, "I didn't feel like it". Shaun Lightman led all the way to win from a sharp looking Carl Lawton with Amos Seddon a clear third. Very much improved performances on recent weeks from Lou Mockett, Brian Armstrong and John Moullin. Surrey WC, with Peter Selby, John Nye and A. Tanner won a closely fought team race. In the youths/boys race, 15 year old Steve Tidey was a convincing winner and must be hoping that the series of illnesses and injuries that have held him down in the past two years are behind him as he has a bright future: 1, S. Lightman (Met) 34:45; 2, C. Lawton (Bel) 35:22; 3, A. Seddon (Enf) 35:48; 4, P. Selby (Sy) 37:38; 5, L. Mockett (Ilf) 38:51; 6, B. Armstrong (Ilf) 37:56; 7, D. Stevens (Stey) 38:09; 8, A. Buchanan (B&H) 38:14; 9, A. Ardley (Ton) 38:22; 10, J. Moullin (Bel) 38:44; 11, P. Hodgkinson (Camb) 38:58; 12, J. Nye (Sy) 39:05; 13, G. Hunwicks



Brian Adams wins the Inter-Regional 3000 metres walk title.

Ed Lacey

(Ilf) 39:30; 14, A. Tanner (Sy) 39:32; 15, M. Fullager (Sy) 39:46; 16, J. Lees (B&H) 39:51; 17, A. Lancefield (Sy) 40:02; 18, F. Turner (B&H) 40:13; 19, C. Ruddock (Ilf) 40:42; 20, K. Read (Sy) 40:50; 21, G. Robinson (Enf) 40:54; 22, D. McMullen (Bel) 41:02; 23, K. Tuson (S'end) 41:03; 24, J. Lucas (Bel) 41:08; 25, R. Penfold (Stey) 41:26. **Teams:** 1, Surrey 23; 2, Belgrave 27; 3, Ilford 30; 4, Brighton & Hove 33. (Youths 2½M): 1, S. Tidey (B&H) 17:45; 2, J. Dunsford (Bel) 18:16; 3, C. Pope (Stey) 18:59; 4, A. Harman (Stey) 19:46; 5, S. Wood (B&H) 19:56; 6, K. Morris (Stey) 20:26; 7, P. Harman (Stey) 20:12; 8, I. Statter (Sy) 20:28; 9, D. Buchanan (B&H) 20:34; 10, B. Rogerson (Lon V) 20:37. **Teams:** 1, Steyning 10; 2, Brighton & Hove 12.

3000m at Withead Stadium, June 12th: D. Johnson (B&H-J) 13:48.4.

Ladies 3km road at Withead, Brighton, June 2nd: 1, C. Coleman (High) 15:32.6; 2, S. De Giovanni (Croy) 16:19.0; 3, B. Francis (B&H) 16:30.0; 4, S. Martin (B&H) 17:05.0. **Junior Girls:** 1, M. De Giovanni (Croy) 16:14.0; 2, G. Luckhurst (Med) 17:38.0; 3, M. White (Med) 18:32.0.

Road Races at St Aubin-les-Elbeuf, France, June 2nd. A large party of Midland walkers made their presence felt with four winners in the nine races. Most impressive was Steve Miley in the junior race and English schools champion Sylvia Saunders in the Senior Ladies race which fielded some good class French girls. The major race over 20km for seniors had the large crowd round the small 15 lap tour of the town applauding all the way as Alain Moulinet, fresh from his 4:21 in the French 50km champs, and Alan Buchanan tussled for the lead before the Frenchman's superior strength in hot sunshine told in the last 3km. (20km): 1, A. Moulinet 104:55; 2, A. Buchanan (B&H) 105:47; 3, J. Demy 113:39; 4, R. Gardner (Nomads) 116:02. 30 walked. (Junior 9,310m): S. Miley (Marb) —. (Youths 5,320m): 1, D. Levoyer 27:40; 2, C. Wilkes (Harb) 27:55. (Boys 3,990m): N. Hartles (Nomads) 20:16. (Minor Boys): M. Miley (Harb) 14:15. (Ladies 3,990m): 1, S. Saunders (Nomads) 22:08; 2, V. Gueroult 23:01; 3, E. Bernard 23:06. (Junior Girls 2,660m): 1, C. Maho 14:05; 2, S. Stevens (Harb) 14:21; 3, Stermann 14:40. (Minor Girls 1,330m): 1, Ravet 6:56; 2, D. Wickley (Nomads) 7:37; 3, L. Dumoulin 7:40.

Alan Buchanan

Veterans AC 5M Road Champs at Battersea Park, June 4th. Turner, Maynard and Easlea were level at 3 miles. Maynard dropped a few yards, then at 3½M Easlea dropped back leaving Turner an easy winner, Maynard as isolated second with Easlea holding off McMullen—in seventh place, Fred Nicholls (45:58) won the 'Over 55' Champs: 1, F. Turner (B&H-gst) 39:08; 2, D. Maynard (Camb H) 39:50; 3, K. Easlea (Enf) 40:28; 4, R. McMullen (Bel) 40:38; 5, L. Evans (Bel) 42:53; 6, P. Worth (Ver) 42:54; ... 8, A. Roberts (High-72 y-o) 46:35.

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Excellent 3000m PB for Tony Taylor at Leigh, June 11th. A. Taylor (B'burn) 12:45.6.

Eric Crompton wins League 3000 at Blackburn, June 12th. 1, E. Crompton (Ley) 13:47.4; 2, S. Maxwell (Ley) 14:41.8.

Tony Taylor easy winner of Leyland 9M at Leyland, June 8th. 1, A. Taylor (B'burn) 67:38; 2, E. Crompton (Ley) 70:08; 3, J. Hopkins (B'burn) 71:50; 4, G. Goodair (B'burn) 73:12; 5, K. Smith (Cov G) 74:12.

Roy Thorpe wins British Railways 1500m Champs at Doncaster, June 8th. 1, R. Thorpe (SUH) 6:27; 2, P. Furey (Enf) 6:52; 3, K. Harwood (Yorks) 7:02.

Large entries in South Western Championships. Fields of 30 are expected in both the 3 and 10km championships, a massive improvement over recent years. With Stuart Maidment and Charly Fogg likely to lead home the field, the general standard progresses encouragingly and local organiser Harry Callow is very happy with the situation.

Robert Rinchart wins Strasbourg to Paris again with 2 hours plus margin over Josy Simon, June 6th/9th. The full 525km course was covered by only two men, Rinchart and Simon, who dominated the race completely. Bad weather during the first night upset many of the competitors and amongst the retirements was the French No. 1 hope, Roger Quemener. Simon had a half hour lead at one stage but, as last year, Rinchart put in a hard effort and was only 6 minutes down at Bar-le-Duc (255km). Soon afterwards the Belgian strained some leg ligaments and it was over 100km later before he again got within range of the redoubtable Simon. Almost unbelievably a series of bursts between the two leaders took place before Rinchart moved ahead. Seven minutes ahead at Eprenay (380km), the tall Belgian gradually increased his lead beating, en route, the previous best at 500km (64:42) by four minutes. Seven men were officially classified: 1, R. Rinchart (Bel) 67:29 (525k); 2, J. Simon (Lux) 70:12 (525k); 3, T. Besmer (Fr) 71:55 (484k); 4, C. Bedee (Fr) (470k); 5, R. Anxiomnat (Fr) 71:10 (459k); 6, R. Porallet (Fr) 65:15 (408k); 7, G. Haquebart (Fr) 66:53 (408k).

20km track walk included in Poland match. Our representatives in the UK v Poland match in Warsaw on June 30th will be Roger Mills and Brian Adams. Poland have become quite a force in the sport over the years and men such as Ornoch, Sliworski and Raska are now rated highly in European lists.

Kannenberg for AAA 3km? The Munich 50km champion and multi-record holder may well be in the line up for the event on the July 13th. A sponsor has been found to bring Bernd and his coach over here and a decision is now awaited from the German. With Roger Mills, Peter Marlow, Brian Adams and Paul Nihill all very likely to be around 12:20 the incentive to chase Kannenberg may well result in one of our boys getting below 12½ minutes.

Colin Young

WALES**WOMEN JUSTIFY GOING IT ALONE**

AFTER many years of mixed men's, women's, boys' and girls' championships in Wales there were raised eyebrows when the women decided last year to go it alone and hold all three age-group events on one day. Although marred by bad weather the championships proved a success last year and this year's meeting held on June 1st at Brecon, had an intimacy and friendliness which is all too rare these days. Averil Williams had firm but friendly control on the microphone and the events ran to time. I have rarely attended a happier meeting and I feel sure the women have now justified their action in seceding.

Jean Lochhead, who has always been loyal to Wales, showed that by Welsh standards at least she is still a force to be reckoned with. She won the 800, 1500 and 3000 events comfortably and was the only triple champion. The discus showed a tremendous improvement in every section with national records going in all three events. A mere 4cm separated the first three in the senior event, won by Janet Beese. Janet has been at Darlington College for three years and is now a PE teacher at Hartridge High School, Newport. She was the first record breaker of the day with 40.60/133'2" in the senior event.

I spoke to Miss Lynette Harries, Women's

Chairman, after the meeting. She was delighted with the progress made and pointed out just how many different clubs were named on the results sheets. I counted 23 different clubs in the list.

The absence of Ruth Martin-Jones, who opted for the Southern, was given some ventilation by the Press, but the Women's association stick by their ruling that barring injury or illness no one who competes elsewhere on Welsh championships day will be considered for future internationals. This is at least bold and clear. The decision might well work wonders. The men have tried it, then rejected it, many times since the war and their indecision has been a running sore.

★ Stephen Evans of Abertillery AAC, that Monmouthshire club which does so much for young athletes, won the 1500SC in 4:23.0 leading from the gun to tape at the Camberley meeting recently. At the same meeting Neil Quantick won the Boys' 400 in 55.7—a grade one standard. The Abertillery AAC meeting is on Sunday, July 7th, at Abertillery Park, where during the war I ran many times before crowds of 40,000 during the government's 'Stay at home' holiday campaign.

★ The new track at Cwmbran will make Cwmbran Stadium the Mecca not only of Welsh clubs but those of the West country too, as the Severn

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Bridge has shown since its construction. The bridge has assisted Bristol and surrounding clubs to enter the Gwent League and the existence of the new track at Bristol will prove invaluable to clubs on a home and away basis.

★ The Welsh AAA beat the RAF 132-127 with Welsh Colleges third with 100 points in the three-cornered match at Cardiff College track on May 29. The women's match went to the Welsh also. They beat the colleges by 97-73 with WRAF third with 55 points. Gareth Edwards' 10.7 100 was stirring and he won comfortably. He is still smarting at the fact that his 6.7 in the Welsh Indoor Championships has not been officially acknowledged as a joint UK best. Islwyn Rees of

Ysgol Gruffudd Jones, a Carmarthen Harrier, raised his personal best in the pole vault to 4.06/13'3½", eclipsing his own Welsh youth record. ★ Susan James from Troedyrhiw is nursing an arm injury which she acquired in Christchurch, but in an inter-school meeting at Sherborne recently her throw was measured at 167'/50.90m. She is now preparing for 'A' levels at Millfield and hopes to enter a PE College in September. Liz McKay, also of Millfield School, has been working on javelin throwing with Susan and Gareth Brooks. Another very bright prospect, she enters Newport Technical College in September.

Bernard Baldwin

Welsh Championships

At Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, June 15th

AS befits their position as League Champions, Cardiff AAC dominated the Welsh Senior Men's Championships, with David Roberts pulling off a 10.5/21.7 sprint double. The most exciting races were the 800 and 1500. In the former Alun Roper just beat his Swansea club-mate Tony Dyke, while in the 1500 it was a three man race with Ratcliffe leading most of the way to be pipped by Davies and Theophilus in the run-in.

The late move from Cwmbran to Cardiff caused some organisational difficulties and probably explained the absence of any records. This did not deter the juniors however. Evans returned a fine 4:22.9 in the Youths 1500 steeplechase, while Rees set a new Welsh Junior record of 4.15m when coming second in the Pole Vault.

B.A.P.

100: 1, D. Roberts (Card) 10.5; 2, R. Griffiths (Lut) 10.6; 3, G. Edwards (New) 10.7. 200: 1, Roberts 21.7; 2, Griffiths 21.9; 3, N. Davies (Card C) 24.8. 400: 1, M. Delaney (Card) 47.7; 2, W. Leyshon (Card) 48.5; 3, E. Evans (Leic) 51.8. 800: 1, A. Roper (Swan) 1:52.0; 2, A. Dyke (Swan) 1:52.4; 3, D. Le Masurier (Card) 1:54.3. 1500: 1, G. Davies (Swan) 3:49.8; 2, J. Theophilus (Swan) 3:50.0; 3, P. Ratcliffe (Card) 3:50.1. 5000: 1, D. Fowles (Card) 14:25.8; 2, S. Gibbons (Swan) 14:52.0; 3, C. Williams (Card) 14:59.2. 3000SC: 1, R. Evans (Card) 9:15.4; 2, B. Griffiths (Card) 9:26.0; 3, P. Wood (Aber) 9:46.0. 110H: 1, J. Gyles (Card) 15.6; 2, N. Davies (Card C) 15.7; 3, J. Owen (Card U) 16.8. 400H: 1, L. Godfrey (WS&E) 56.8; 2, B. Lease (Card) 59.1; 3, W. Hughes (Rhon) 59.2. HJ: 1, M. Cummings (Card) 1.90/6'2½"; 2, Gyles 1.90; 3, C. Griffiths (Glos) 1.90. PV: 1, D. Lease (Card) 4.50/14'9"; 2, I. Rees (St C/Carm) 4.15/13'7½" (Welsh Jnr rec); 3, C. Pickering (Lland) 4.00/13'1½". LJ: 1, R. Turkington (W&B) 7.34/24'1"; 2, Gyles 6.98/22'10½"; 3, K. Thompson (Card C) 6.81/22'4½". TJ: 1, J. Phipps (Card) 14.83/48'8"; 2, M. Lucas (Card) 13.96/45'9½"; 3, S. Phillips (Card C) 13.13/43'1". SP: 1, D. Rees (S&E/Aber) 15.93/52'3½"; 2, J. Walters (Card) 14.38/47'2½"; 3, R. Hurley (S&C) 11.37/37'3½". DT: 1, Rees 45.82/150'4";

2, Walters 44.46/145'10"; 3, G. Jenkins (Swan) 30.86/101'3". HT: 1, M. Lia (Card) 51.38/168'7"; 2, A. Davies (Card) 49.30/161'9"; 3, P. James (Card C) 34.42/112'11". JT: 1, G. Brooks (Card) 56.50/185'4"; 2, W. Carey (Aber) 56.06/183'11"; 3, G. Jenkins (Swan) 54.14/177'7". 3000W: 1, A. Tanner (Sy) 14:28.4; 2, J. Thomas (W Gn) 14:37.0; 3, R. Gardner (Nom) 15:24.8.

Juniors

110H: 1, N. Lloyd (Llan) 15.9; 2, R. Cole (Aber) 16.9; 3, A. Everett (Aber) 18.4. 400H: 1, R. Jenkins (Card C) 59.1; 2, A. Everett (Aber) 64.1. 2000SC: 1, J. Thomas (Aber) 6:12.0; 2, M. Evans (Swan) 6:17.0; 3, A. Darby (Cwm) 6:35.8. HT: 1, P. Jones (Afan T) 40.38/132'6"; 2, D. Jones (Bridge) 33.28/109'2"; 3, B. Meale (New) 30.06/98'7". 4 x 100: 1, Carmarthen 44.8; 2, Rhondda 46.4; 3, Swansea 47.9.

Youths

100H: 1, L. Hovey (Croes) 15.6; 2, L. Solly (Bishop G) 16.9; 3, L. Silezin (Aber) 17.2. 1500SC: 1, S. Evans (Aber) 4:22.9; 2, H. Norman (Card) 4:36.2; 3, K. Jones (Rhon) 4:42.6. 4 x 100: 1, Cardiff 46.2; 2, Croesyceiliog 46.5; 3, Bishop Gore 47.9.

Boys

80H: 1, D. Nicholas (Carm) 12.6; 2, I. Jones (Afan T) 13.5; 3, P. Fox (Swan) 13.6. 4 x 100: 1, Cardiff 49.2; 2, Bridgend 50.9; 3, Bishop Gore 50.9.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

(Division 3)

At Redhill, June 1st

Newham 123; Redhill and Reigate 116; Tonbridge 114; Twickenham 107; Walthamstow 69. 400: 1, Shephard (New) 50.4; 2, Leroy (Ton) 50.6. 3000SC: Sharp (Ton) 9:44.6. HJ: R. Evans (R&R) 1.83/6'0". LJ: 1, T. Wells (New) 6.93/22'9"; 2, M. Griffiths (R&R) 6.79/22'3½". (B): S. Tufton (New) 6.78/22'3". SP: Hudgell (Twick) 13.04/42'9½". DT/JT: R. Ball (R&R) 40.30/132'3" and 56.90/186'8".

Southern Championships**At Crystal Palace, June 21st/22nd****ANDREA EQUALS WORLD 60m RECORD**

IN going one place better than last year, Steve Ovett (18) bettered the European Qualifying standard when lifting the Southern 800m title last Saturday at Crystal Palace with a canny display of foot racing. A fast pace throughout was ensured by irrepressible John Greatrex burning off at a fast lick from the gun and leading the field as they broke from lanes at 300m. The SLH man was narrowly ahead at the bell in 52.0 but lost the lead a couple of strides later as a swiftly accelerating Ovett swept past and into the third turn, taking Pete Browne, the holder, and Colin Campbell with him. Steve ran that 3rd 200 in 27.4 and it was strictly a three man race as they turned into the final straight. Campbell's challenge faded out here but Browne attacked strongly in the last 80 metres just as Ovett had done in this race last year. As on that occasion, however, the man in front stayed in front. Gritting his teeth, the Brighton teenager held onto his slim lead and broke the string a metre in front to better the Championship best of 1:48.1 by 0.5sec. Behind him, Browne equalled the Rome qualifying mark of 1:47.8.

"Greatrex doing what he did worked just nicely for me", Ovett said afterwards, "and when I went at the bell I was feeling confident that I could hold them off. I'm running in Warsaw next weekend (June 29th/30th) and hoping for better there. I was surprised by the selection, but it's nice to be picked on merit—shows the selectors have some faith in me." Informed of his 600m time (79.4) he grimaced: "Too slow, I've got to be able to go through in 77.0 and still have something left."

Racing over the rarely run 60 metres, usually an indoor distance, Andrea Lynch equalled the World best of 7.2 as she scored convincingly over Raelene Boyle. The wind assistance was 1.5 metres per second. Later in the afternoon though, the Mitcham girl looked decidedly jaded as Boyle won over 200m in 23.2 (wind: + 1.8 in the straight). The dangers of over-racing seem very real for Andrea at the moment.

Best of some good throwing events was the discus, where Bill Tancred showed he is getting over a recent knee injury by spinning a record 61.98/203'4". Behind him, John Hillier was close to his best with 58.60/192'3" and Mike Cushion produced a personal best in narrowly defeating Mike Winch. Back in ninth place Paul Dickenson improved to 47.58/156'1"—earlier in the day he had hammered a championship best of 64.12/210'4" in a competition which saw five men over 60 metres. In the shot, Mike Winch unloaded his winner of 19.24/63'14" in the second round; Geoff Capes did not compete because of a family illness.

Brian Hooper took back his Southern pole vault title from Allan Williams by making 4.80/15'9" first time. After Williams failed at this height, Brian improved the Championship best to 4.95/16'24" and then had three close shots at 5.05/16'64". Vaulting on after the competition, he cleared 5.05 and 5.10/16'84". In the long jump, Don Porter of Enfield produced a startling 7.56/24'93" to crush the opposition into total submission, and Rodney Heward-Mills bounded 15.59/51'14" for an easy victory over John Vernon in the triple jump.

On the track, Phil Banning looked back to his best as he struck for home in the 1500, and, covering his last lap in 56.8 and the last 300 in 41.9, repulsed repeated attacks from Jim Douglas. Graham Haskell and Ian Matthews traded wins in the 100 and 200, and John Wilson had a busy day defeating Jim Aukett in the 400 and posting a best of 21.4w for fourth in the 200. Clive Thomas improved by 11sec as he dominated the steeplechase field, and Frank Briscoe showed no ill effects from a recent groin injury as he churned out a 13:48.2 win in the 5000 with a last kilometre of 2:44.8. Seven men bettered 14 minutes behind him. John Davies opted for the 3000 and front-ran his way to a fast 8:03.0. The meeting was sponsored by 'Accolade'.

Dave Cocksedge

100: (+ 2.0) 1, G. Haskell (Hill/Aus) 10.6; 2, I. Matthews (TVH) 10.8; 3, D. Cole (TVH) 10.8; 4, R. Cornaby (Read) 11.0; 5, McStocker (Poly) 11.0; 6, T. Collins (Ex B) 11.0; 7, S. Matthews (Bris) 11.0; 8, P. Clerc (Hill/Swi) 11.3 (injured).

200: 1, Matthews 21.2; 2, Haskell 21.3; 3, Collins 21.4; 4, J. Wilson (QPH) 21.4; 5, S. Marlow (Chelm) 21.8; 6, S. White (Bel) 22.0 (21.9 ht); 7, M. Blackman (W Gn) 22.0.

400: 1, Wilson 46.9 (= CBP); 2, J. Aukett (W&B) 47.6; 3, D. Laing (SLH) 48.0; 4, R. Benn (Croy) 48.2; 5, A. Williams (RAF) 48.6; 6, H. Davies (W Corn) 48.7; 7, R. Ashton (W Corn) 49.4; 8, P. White (Poly) 49.5.

800: 1, S. Ovett (B&H) 1:47.6 (CBP); 2, P. Browne (QPH) 1:47.8; 3, C. Campbell (Poly) 1:48.5; 4, K. Spencer (Har) 1:53.0; 5, E. Coffey (Ex B) 1:54.0 (1:52.9 ht); 6, P. Chimes (Felt) 1:54.6 (1:53.2); 7, C. Van Rees (Ox) 1:54.9 (1:52.8); 8, J. Greatrex (SLH) 1:55.1. In Hts: J. Dunsch (Ach) 1:53.4; I. Powell (Had) 1:53.6; I. Pierce (Hav) and J. Dryden (Shaft) 1:53.8; K. Crew (Enf) 1:54.2; D. Doring (Ex B) 1:54.4; D. Elston (B'mouth) 1:54.8.

1500: 1, P. Banning (And) 3:42.2 (CBP); 2, J. Douglas (Ex) 3:42.6; 3, J. Goater (Shaft) 3:43.5; 4, R. Newble (Inv) 3:44.4; 5, R. Young (Hav) 3:45.1; 6, J. Cadman (Cov) 3:47.3; 7, N.

Gates (West) 3:48.8; 8, M. Fromant (Mit) 3:48.9; 9, R. Small (Met P) 3:50.1; 10, I. Hicks (AF&D) 3:51.5.

3000: 1, J. Davies (TVH) 8:03.0 (CBP) (2:41.2, 5:24.0); 2, P. Standing (B&H) 8:11.6; 3, D. Long (B'mouth) 8:18.0; 4, D. Collins (Ply) 8:18.8; 5, M. Heath (H&S) 8:20.2; 6, M. Fuller (HW) 8:20.4; 7, B. Walters (TVH) 8:24.0; 8, L. O'Hara (Bel-Vet) 8:24.8; 9, P. Martin (Ply) 8:27.2; 10, P. Norell (H'gey) 8:27.6; 11, R. Church (P'boro) 8:28.6; 12, K. Clifford (Wyc P) 8:29.0; 13, C. Morrish (Inv) 8:29.2; 14, J. Sullivan (HW) 8:29.2; 15, M. Broyd (Enf) 8:30.0; 16, A. James (H'gate) 8:32.6; 17, R. Green (Harlow-J) 8:34.2; 18, P. Bidmead (Hast) 8:34.2.

5000: 1, F. Briscoe (HW) 13:48.2; 2, A. Staynings (Bris) 13:51.6; 3, K. Penny (Camb H) 13:52.2; 4, B. Smith (Thurr) 13:53.0; 5, S. Walker (Thurr) 13:53.0; 6, J. Brown (Hill) 13:54.2; 7, J. Bicourt (Bel) 13:57.6; 8, R. Holt (HW) 13:59.2; 9, J. Bednarski (Swin) 14:01.2; 10, H. Starkey (Shaft) 14:01.8; 11, Graham Tuck (C&C) 14:03.0; 12, W. Domoney (Sheff Univ) 14:06.0; 13, B. Standen (TVH) 14:07.2; 14, R. Crabb (Swin/RAF) 14:15.8; 15, N. Coupland (S&E) 14:16.4; 16, R. Gevers (SLH) 14:36.8.

5000 (Standards): 1, A. Catton (Ilf) 14:19.0; 2, J. Cain (Ports) 14:20.8; 3, T. Baker (Sy B) 14:21.2; 4, S. Barr (Thurr) 14:23.6; 5, J. Wigley (Inv) 14:27.0; 6, R. Stevens (Shaft) 14:36.0; 7, L. Coleman (Har) 14:43.4.

3000SC: 1, C. Thomas (TVH) 8:44.0; 2, R. Bean (C&C) 8:52.8; 3, N. Jeffrey (S&E) 8:59.4; 4, C. France (E&E) 9:07.0; 5, N. Barton (AF&D) 9:11.4; 6, A. Nixon (Ilf) 9:15.8; 7, R. Samuel (Shaft) 9:16.6; 8, A. Black (Bel) 9:16.8; 9, Dryden 9:25.4; 10, B. Goodfellow (Camb H) 9:34.0; 11, G. Styan (HBS) 9:38.6; 12, I. Logan (AF&D) 9:39.2; 13, R. Wyatt (Read) 9:48.6.

110H (+ 1.3): 1, G. Gower (Hill) 14.5; 2, R. Palmer (Read) 14.8; 3, K. Purves (Hill) 15.0; 4, G. Shaw (Lut) 15.1 (15.0 ht); 5, D. Gerrard (Met P) 15.2 (15.0 ht); 6, A. Cronin (RN) (14.8 ht); 7, M. Jackson (Wyc P) 15.4 (15.3 ht); 8, G. Peckham (E&E) 15.4 (15.2 ht).

400H: 1, C. O'Neill (Bris) 52.2; 2, P. Young (Felt) 53.8; 3, M. Whittingham (HHH) 54.0; 4, S. Hinchcliffe (Poly) 54.1; 5, S. Johnson (E&E) 54.4; 6, D. West (Port) 55.0 (54.8 ht); 7, Dryden 58.0 (56.1 ht).

HJ: 1, M. Butterfield (RAF) 1.96/6'5"; 2, G. Vose (Sy B-J) 1.96; 3, M. Shorten (Camb TC) 1.93/6'4"; 4, G. Rikly (Brack) 1.93; 5, L. Hall (Craw) 1.93; 6, A. Dainton (Har) 1.90/6'2½"; 7, E. Fitzgerald (RNAC) 1.90.

PV: 1, B. Hooper (Wok) 4.95/16'2½" (CBP); 2, A. Williams (Camb H) 4.65/15'3"; 3, K. Stock (Croy-J) 4.40/14'5¼"; 4, P. Goulding (TVH) 4.15/13'7¼"; 5, G. Agakida (H'gate) 4.15; 6, C. Kidd (Hill) 4.15; 7, S. Clark (Croy) 4.00/13'1½"; 8, J. Gutteridge (WS&E-J) 4.00; 9, W. Best (Enf) 3.90/12'9½"; 10, K. Ellis (RNAC) 3.90; 11, C. Boreham (Lut) 3.80/12'5½"; 12, B. Drayton

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BROOKMANS PARK '10'

June 8th

Holbeach's Phil Romaine, a 27 year old, buyer for an engineering firm added the Brookmans Park '10' to his Kettering '10' victory and sixth place in the Inter-Regional 10,000 metres. Romaine, who established the record for the new course of 49.44, was amongst the leading group of seven after a mile covered. It was between seven and eight miles that Romaine, 'Chichester to Portsmouth' winner Weller and Jeff Henry, who was second in the Hampstead 10 broke away. Romaine who felt he was under no pressure tested out his two rivals at eight miles, which put paid to Brian Standen's pursuing effort to almost get on terms with the group. At the bottom of the steep hill with 600 yards left to go, Romaine made his decisive break, quickly taking a ten yard advantage, with Henry again reducing his personal best ten mile time in second place.

TVH added a narrow team victory over Belgrave, to 1st in the Hampstead 10, 1st Mitcham 15, 2nd Hillingdon 5 and 2nd Finchley 20.

After the race, Romaine, who has been averaging 120 miles a week for 18 weeks remarked "I found the organisation and the marking very good and the course a long but interesting ten". He went on to say "I like ten's but I don't like doing Marathons because I find them a bore and I can't concentrate. I feel I could do 28 minutes for 10,000 metres but I like to enjoy life and I think there are other things in life besides athletics!"

Alastair Aitken

1, P. Romaine (Holbeach)	49:44
2, J. Henry (Shaftesbury)	49:51
3, W. Weller (Blegrave)	49:57
4, B. Standen (TVH) 50:10; 5, R. Graham (WS&E) 50:35; 6, L. Mann (Bel) 50:35; 7, G. Dugdale (TVH) 50:47; 8, R. Brewitt (Hol) 50:56; 9, D. Davies (TVH) 51:29; 10, D. Patterson (TVH) 51:40; 11, J. McNamara (TVH) 51:46; 12, R. Little (Shaft) 51:51; 13, M. Puddifoot (TVH) 52:31; 14, P. O'Connor (Bel) 53:10; 15, G. Goodman (TVH) 53:29; 16, R. Maley (Ver) 53:46; 17, C. Cloke (Enf) 54:00; 18, D. Clark (Ver) 54:19; 19, T. Ryan (N Lon) 54:30; 20, R. Franklin (TVH-V) 54:41; 21, J. Beckett (Hol) 55:03; 22, M. Prosser (Hol) 55:15; 23, R. Charney (TVH) 55:31; 24, R. Brandon (TVH) 55:46; 25, N. Fisher (Har) 55:47; 26, M. Grey (Shaft) 55:55; 27, E. Saberton (C&C) 56:04; 28, C. McSweeney (Orion) 56:10; 29, B. Hercoc (Enf) 56:11; 30, S. Charlton (TVH-V) 56:12. Teams: 1, TVH 20; 2, Belgrave 23; 3, Holbeach 30; 4, TVH 'B' 39; 5, Shaftesbury 40; 6, Verlea 40; 7, TVH 'C' 85; 8, Enfield 107; 9, North London 121; 10, Met Police 124; 11, Chelmsford 163; 12, TVH 'D' 165; 13, Highgate 172; 14, Orion 173; 15, C&C 189.	

At Guildford, June 9th

SP/DT: W. Fuller 16.80/55'14" & 49.00/160'9".

N. IRELAND

BRILLIANT COMEBACK FOR ADRIENNE

ADRIENNE SMITH (née Lynch), who ran 800 in 2:06 at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, made an impressive comeback in the 400 by recording 55.0 to break her own native record of 55.9—on May 25th. Mrs. Smith, formerly with Ballymena AC and now a member of Shorts, 'retired' from the sport in 1970 and only resumed training in December.

Two other Shorts' athletes whose early season performances have been impressive are the brothers Beattie. Both are 400 hurdles specialists. Paul, the elder took the Irish Universities' title in a personal best of 53.9 while Colin, still a Junior by IAAF rules, won a 'B' race at Santry on May 25th in 56.2.

Paul Lawther ran his first race of the season on May 19th in Milan. Competing in an international 1500 he finished third in 3:44.9. While slower than his UK Junior Record (3:43.1) it was nevertheless a pleasing opener.

However much the NIAAA put on a brave face, the fact remains that the serious political situation in the province is having its effect on the morale of the athletes. Already the Schools' Athletic Union has had to postpone its District and Central Championships as well as pulling out of the All-Ireland Meeting.

On a brighter note, Annadale Striders, a recently-formed club from Belfast, is looking for some club meetings for their Youths and Juniors on the mainland. If any club would be interested, please write to me at 24 Beechgrove Gardens, Belfast BT6 ONP.

Neill Morton

IRISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Belfield, Dublin, May 4th

100/200: M. Kelly (Q) 11.4/22.1. 400: T. Crowe (NCPE) 48.7. 800: J. Glover (Q) 1:53.6. 1500: J. McGuinness (Q) 3:58.4. 5000: J. McLaughlin (Q) 14:29.4. 110H: C. J. Kirkpatrick (Q) 14.5. 400H: 1, P. Beattie (Q) 53.9; 2, Crowe 54.4. Relays: QUB 43.1/3:24.6. HJ: 1, I. Falch (RCS) 1.93/6'4"; 2, M. Bull (Q) 1.78/5'10". LJ: 1, Falch 7.43/24'4"; 2, W. Kirkpatrick (Q) 7.35/24'1". TJ: J. McLister 14.40/47'3". SP: Bull 13.43/44'0". DT/JT: B. Heggelund (RCS) 40.44/132'8" and 60.32/197'11". HT: K. Hutton (Q) 39.66/130'1". Points: Queen's Univ. Belfast 162, Univ. College Dublin 72, Trinity 62. (Women) 100/200: L. McCurry (Q) 12.5/25.0. 400/800: E. Kelly (UCC) 58.0/2:20.8. 1500: J. Folan (UCC) 4:56.2. 100H: R. Alger 17.1. Relays: UCC 51.6/4:17.8. HJ: M. Adams (NCPE) 1.57/5'2". LJ: M. Doyle (UCC) 4.90/16'1". JT: G. Friel (NCPE) 25.42/83'4". Points: NCPE 71, UCC 64, Queen's Univ 45.

COUNTY ANTRIM HALF MARATHON

Balmoral—Lisburn and back, May 11th

1, M. Teer (NBH) 66:02; 2, D. Martin (NBH) 67:22; 3, J. McLaughlin (Ach) 68:26; 4, R. Kernaghan (NBH) 70:08; 5, D. Seaton (NBH) 70:55;

6, M. Lavery (NBH) —; 7, C. McCullough (W'field) 71:56; 8, M. Murdock (Ach) 73:07; 9, B. Gregory (Ach) 74:08. Team: North Belfast.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

(Division 1)

At Bristol, June 1st

Bristol 141½; Leicester 134; Sparkhill 104½; W&B 103; Birchfield 90; Coventry 52.

100: 1, C. Monk (L) 10.6; 2, S. Matthews (Bris) 10.7; 3, F. Breakwell (W&B) 10.9. (B): 1, R. Walters (W&B) 10.8; 2, E. Merchant (S) 10.9; 3, P. Walsh (L) 11.0; 4, A. Hignett (C) 11.1. 200: Monk 21.8. (B): Walters 22.6. 3000SC: P. Kenny (L) 9:36.6. 110H/LJ: C. Mainwaring (L) 15.2/6.78/22'3". HJ: J. Hills (L) 1.85/6'0½". PV: 1, R. Berry (Bris) 3.60/11'9½"; 2, P. Edwards (W&B) 3.50/11'5½"; 3, C. Hands (S) 3.50. DT: K. Giles (S) 40.96/134'4". 4 x 100: 1, W&B 44.1; 2, Leicester 44.5. 4 x 400: Bristol 3:28.8. (Youths) 200: 1, K. Davies (W&B) 22.4; 2, P. Maynard (L) 22.9. 800 (B): C. Shaughness (C) 2:01.2. 100H: 1, A. Newsome (Bris) 14.0; 2, G. O'Brien (W&B) 14.5. (B): T. Aldridge (Bris) 14.9. HJ: T. Oldridge (Bris) 1.82/5'11½".

(Division 2)

At Cannock, June 1st

Cannock Chase 129; Westbury 121; Leamington & Stoke 103; Notts 91; Kettering 86.

(Division 3)

At Solihull, June 1st

Solihull 142; Tipton 118; Bromsgrove & Redditch 110; Shrewsbury 94; Warley 86; Newcastle 63.

(Division 5)

At Sutton, June 1st

Sutton 144; Rugby 125; Nuneaton 91; Stafford 46; Berry Hill 43.

(Division 6)

At Black Bridge, June 1st

Gloucester 169; Cardiff 149; Worcester 124; Hereford 77.

3000SC: 1, S. McHale (G) 9:03.0; 2, P. Harris (C) 9:18.0; 3, P. Hoddy (G) 9:29.4. HT: 1, R. Hawkins (G) 45.54/149'5"; 2, T. Hill (W) 40.38/132'6".

Merthyr Carnival 3M (Road). 1, A. Davies (Card) 14:08; 2, J. Walsh (Card) 14:56; 3, K. Davies (Gil) 15:04.

Gail Allnutt (Surrey AC) won the 800 and 400, not the 1500 as stated in our photo caption (May 25th), in the Southern League Match at Exeter. Team-mate Annette Roberts won the 1500.

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metre. At the end he was over 40m ahead and his time was a splendid 13:28.8, good for 7th spot on the UK all-time list and a personal improvement of 9.4sec. Ford was superb, too, running 13:35.2 (remember, in his 'AW' interview, he said he wanted to run about 13:35 in the Southern?) as against a previous best of 13:48.2. Both men look ready to break 28min for 10,000 now. The 10,000 runners in the match, though, were well outclassed (Frank Briscoe had groin trouble) and Manfred Kuschmann, the new GDR 5000 record holder at 13:26.6 as well as being a 2:23 marathoner, indicated he could be a medal threat in Rome as he toured the 25 laps in a most impressive 28:10.0 (14:04.0 and 14:06.0), including a 61.2 solo last lap.

Other East German doubles came in the 800, 1500 and steeplechase. Hans-Henning Ohlert outkicked 1969 European champion Dieter Fromm in 1:46.8, with Dave McMeekin a close up 3rd in 1:47.2; Ohlert returned next day to beat Ray Smedley over 1500, but the clear winner was Klaus-Peter Justus in 3:39.0. Smedley passed through 400 in 57.9, 800 in 1:59.5 and 1200 in 2:58.0, but that 58.5 third lap was too ambitious and he was not only passed by Justus with 200 to go but by Ohlert also in the final 25m. With John Davies again considerably below his best form, the steeplechase challenge was left to Dave Camp. His was a gallant effort, second at the bell in around 7:28, and it was not until the last hurdle that he relinquished the runner-up position. His time of 8:34.4 was comfortably a personal best, and inside the Rome standard. Bad luck for the visitors in the high hurdles, where Klaus Fiedler (a 13.5 man and husband of Annerose) got tangled up with the 6th hurdle, and the 20km track walk where Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller had to drop out after a sizzlingly fast first half in 43:02.8.

Times in results below have been adjusted per photo-finish.

Mel Watman

First Day, June 19th

100: (nil wind) 1, Hans-Joachim Zenk 10.8; 2, Jurgen Pfennig 10.8; 3, STEVE GREEN 10.8; 4, LES PIGGOTT 10.9.

800: 1, Hans-Henning Ohlert 1:46.8; 2, Dieter Fromm 1:47.0; 3, DAVE McMEEKIN 1:47.2; 4, FRANK CLEMENT 1:48.5.

10,000: 1, Manfred Kuschmann 28:10.0; 2, Karl-Heinz Leiteritz 28:33.0; CHRIS STEWART 29:01.8; 4, FRANK BRISCOE 29:39.2.

400H: 1, Jurgen Laser 50.2; 2, BILL HARTLEY 50.7; 3, Jochen Mayer 50.8; 4, COLIN O'NEILL 51.6.

4 x 100: 1, GDR (Zenk, Pfennig, Hans-Jurgen Bombach, Eberhard Weise) 39.7; 2, UK (PIGGOTT, DON HALLIDAY, IAN MATTHEWS, BRIAN GREEN) 40.0; 3, UK 'B' (DAVE ROBERTS, CHRIS MONK, AINSLEY BENNETT, STEVE GREEN) 40.2.

LJ: 1, Max Klauss 7.84/25'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.22, 7.63, 7.45,

UK 3000 RECORD FOR JOYCE SMITH

An all-domestic women's 3000, held in conjunction with the men's match on the second day, produced a wonderful run by Joyce Smith whose time of 9:04.4 broke her own UK record and is the fastest in Europe this year. Of course, she will need to go much faster in Rome (Joyce and her husband/coach Bryan feel 8:40 will be necessary to win there) but this was an excellent effort for Joyce's first serious outing of the season. Although the depth was unprecedented in Britain (all 13 finishers breaking 10min with the all-time list absolutely transformed), Joyce was quickly out on her own. Kilometre splits were 2:58.4, 3:01.4 and 3:04.6.

7.69, 7.84, 7.84); 2, ALAN LERWILL 7.84 (7.66, 7.68, 7.84, 6.28, 7.58, 7.72); 3, Wolfram Lauterbach 7.69/25'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.69, 7.66, retired); 4, GEOFF HIGNETT 7.43/24'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.43, 7.27, 7.32, 7.23, 7.15, 7.18).

SP: 1, GEOFF CAPES 21.00/68'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Commonwealth & UK rec) (19.92, 20.60, 20.23, 20.40, 21.00, —); 2, Hartmut Briesenick 20.77/68'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (20.30, 19.89, —, 20.29, 20.74, 20.77); 3, MIKE WINCH 20.18/66'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (18.74, 19.35, 19.70, 18.31, 20.18, 19.08); 4, Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg 20.00/65'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (19.81, —, —, 20.00, retired).

Match scores: GDR led UK 47-26.

Second Day, June 20th

200: 1, STEVE GREEN 21.1; 2, Hans-Jurgen Bombach 21.2; 3, AINSLEY BENNETT 21.3; 4, Eberhard Weise 21.8. Wind: —0.25m.

400: 1, DAVID JENKINS 45.8; 2, Andreas Scheibe 46.1; 3, Roland Schwara 46.7; 4, JIM AUKETT 46.9.

1500: 1, Klaus-Peter Justus 3:39.0; 2, Hans-Henning Ohlert 3:41.4; 3, RAY SMEDLEY 3:41.9; 4, RON MACDONALD 3:43.1.

5000: 1, TONY SIMMONS 13:28.8; 2, BERNIE Ford 13:35.2; 3, Wilfried Scholz 13:49.0; 4, Joachim Lautzschmann 13:57.6.

3000SC: 1, Jurgen Straub 8:31.0; 2, Waldemar Cierpinski 8:33.2; 3, DAVE CAMP 8:34.4; 4, JOHN DAVIES 8:41.8.

110H: (+ 2.0m) 1, Thomas Munkelt 14.2; 2, CHARLES KIRKPATRICK 14.5; 3, DAVE WILSON 14.5; Klaus Fiedler dnf.

4 x 400: 1, UK 3:03.9 (JOHN WILSON 46.8, STEVE MARLOW 45.9, BILL HARTLEY 46.1, JENKINS 45.1); 2, GDR 3:04.0 (rec) (Reinhard Kokot 47.2, Jurgen Utikal 45.7, Schwara 46.2, Scheibe 44.9).

HJ: 1, Rolf Beilschmidt 2.17/7'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, COLIN BOREHAM 2.11/6'11" (UK record); 3, Stefan Junge 2.06/6'9"; 4, ALAN LERWILL 2.06.

PV: 1, Wolfgang Reinhardt 5.25/17'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, BRIAN HOOPER 5.00/16'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, MIKE BULL 4.70/15'5"; 4, Udo Pubanz 4.60/15'1".

TJ: 1, Jorg Drehmel 16.53/54'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (16.53, 16.05, —, —, —, 16.29); 2, Lothar Gora 16.08/52'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.77, —, 16.04, 15.88, 16.08, —); 3, WILLIE

CLARK 15.60/51'24" (15.37, 15.36, 15.58, —, 15.26, 15.60); 4, RODNEY HEWARD-MILLS 15.27/50'14" w (—, —, 14.93, 15.15, —, 15.27).

DT: 1, Gunnar Muller 61.58/202'0" (—, 61.58, —, 59.60, —, 60.34); 2, Hartmut Losch 61.44/201'7" (—, 55.88, 59.64, 57.50, 58.10, 61.44); 3, BILL TANCRED 59.70/195'10" (57.86, 59.70, 59.60, —, —, 57.94); 4, PETER TANCRED 54.48/178'9" (—, —, 54.24, 52.84, 54.48, —).

HT: 1, Reinhard Theimer 72.40/237'6" (70.96, 71.24, 71.82, 72.40, 71.32, 69.18); 2, Karl-Heinz Beilig 70.74/232'1" (68.28, 70.18, 70.04, 70.58, 70.06, 70.74); 3, HOWARD PAYNE 69.50/228'0" (68.68, 69.50, 65.72, —, 67.45, —); 4, CHRIS BLACK 59.02/193'8" (5 fouts, 59.02).

JT: 1, Manfred Ahlert 80.18/263'1" (80.14, 78.16, 80.18, 3 fouts); 2, DAVE TRAVIS 78.96/259'1" (72.00, 78.36, —, 78.86, 77.42, 78.96); 3, Wolfgang Hanisch 77.68/254'10" (77.68, 77.08, —, 76.14, 76.00, 75.04); 4, BRIAN ROBERTS 72.26/237'1" (69.50, 69.26, 70.80, 71.20, —, 72.26).

Match Result: GDR beat UK 126-85.

Non-match 20km Walk: 1, Siegfried Zschiegnier 1:33:05.0; 2, OLLY FLYNN 1:33:47.2; 3, PETER MARLOW 1:35:25.6; Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller dnf.

Women's Invitation Events

3000: 1, J. Smith 9:04.4 (Commonwealth & UK record); 2, A. Yeoman 9:21.2; 3, C. Gould 9:24.4; 4, P. Yeoman 9:29.2; 5, C. Haskett 9:31.8; 6, P. Yule 9:33.0; 7, A. Blake 9:35.4; 8, C. Readdy 9:36.4; 9, V. Howe 9:37.6; 10, K. Barnett 9:39.6; 11, C. McLoughlin 9:44.8; 12, C. Curthoys 9:49.2; 13, J. Lochhead 9:59.0.

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100H: 1, L. Hott 13.8; 2, L. Drysdale 13.9; 3, M. Nimmo 13.9; 4, A. Wilson 14.3; 5, P. Chapman 14.4; 6, L. Boothe 14.6; P. Pryce disq for 2 false starts.

SOUTHERN CHAMPS cont. from page 27

(S'ton) 3.70/12'14"; 13, N. Phipps (Wok) 3.70, (Extra Trial: Hooper 5.10/16'84").

LJ: 1, D. Porter (Enf) 7.56/24'94"; 2, Cole 7.27/23'104"; 3, T. Paice (Enf) 7.16/23'6"; 4, G. Byham (Met P) 7.06/23'2"; 5, D. Shaw (Sutt) 7.01/23'0"; 6, D. Walters (B&H) 6.95/22'94"; 7, M. Scott (Bel) 6.92/22'84"; 8, I. Campbell (AF&D) 6.89/22'74".

TJ: 1, R. Heward-Mills (Leic) 15.59/51'14"; 2, J. Vernon (Sutt) 15.35/50'44"; 3, R. Edwards (H&S) 15.03/49'34"; 4, F. Attioh (Shaft) 14.75/48'44"; 5, Kidd 14.66/48'14"; 6, P. Clarke (Ver) 14.48/47'64".

SP: 1, M. Winch (B&H) 19.26/63'24"; 2, S. Clark (W Gn-Vet) 16.08/52'94"; 3, A. Drzewiecki (Stoke) 15.76/51'84"; 4, A. Kerr (Hill) 15.51/50'104"; 5, N. Griffin (WS&E) 15.13/49'74"; 6, T. Canham (Met P) 14.24/46'84"; 7, T. Walhen (RN) 14.18/46'64".

DT: 1, W. Tancred (B'field) 61.98/203'4" (CBP); 2, J. Hillier (Hill) 58.60/192'3"; 3, M. Cushion (W Gn) 56.80/186'4"; 4, Winch 56.48/185'4"; 5, P. Tancred (BRC) 52.16/171'1"; 6, Griffin 51.20/168'0"; 7, Drzewiecki 49.70/163'1"; 8, D. Maloney (Twick) 48.00/157'6"; 9, P. Dickenson (Hill) 47.58/156'1".

HT: 1, Dickenson 64.12/210'4" (CBP); 2, J. Whitehead (B'field) 62.14/203'10"; 3, P. Aston (W Gn) 61.62/202'2"; 4, B. Fraser (RAF) 60.66/199'0"; 5, E. Berry (Croy) 60.18/197'5"; 6, C. Melluish (Camb H) 54.88/180'1"; 7, R. Gordon (Met P) 54.54/178'11"; 8, D. Bayes (Army) 52.66/172'9".

JT: 1, D. Travis (Sy) 76.84/252'1"; 2, K. Sheppard (Walt) 73.14/239'11"; 3, D. Ottley (Thurr) 71.20/233'7"; 4, R. Silvester (H&S) 69.28/227'3"; 5, P. Yates (Exet-J) 66.92/219'7"; 6, P. Hollywood (S'end) 66.24/217'4".

Women's Invitation events. 60: (+ 1.5) 1, A. Lynch (Mit) 7.2 (= world record); 2, R. Boyle (Aus) 7.4; 3, L. Barratt (DHTC) 7.5; 4, M. Williams (Bris) 7.6; 5, S. Pengilly (Card) 7.7; 6, L. Boothe (Mit) 7.8; 7, D. Fitzgerald (LOAC) 7.8; 8, J. Honour (Wok) 8.1.

200: 1, Boyle 23.2; 2, Lynch 23.5; 3, Williams 23.7; 4, Pengilly 24.1; 5, Barratt 24.2; 6, Boothe 24.6; 7, Fitzgerald 24.9; 8, Honour 25.8.

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THE MARATHON DISQUALIFICATIONS

Readers air their views on referee Arthur Winter's action

Dear Sir,

I should like to thank most sincerely the many runners and officials who supported me after my disqualification from the Polytechnic Marathon. I was especially moved by the unselfish attitude of those runners most likely to benefit from my disqualification, namely Keith Angus, Ron Hill and Tim Johnston, and also the runner who so generously offered me his award after the race. Unfortunately I was so upset by that time that I cannot now recall who the runner actually was.

I am very sorry if someone did indeed hurl abuse at Mr Winter, the race referee, when the incident took place, but I would willingly take an oath to the effect that I, personally, said absolutely nothing to Mr Winter. Moreover, I am sure I was near enough to Colin Kirkham to have heard anything he said. If Colin will forgive me, I do not think he was in a fit enough state at that late stage in the race to have said anything. I understand that several people who witnessed the alleged incident stated that the abuse came from someone in the crowd.

As regards the allegation of corner-cutting, I admit I was running on the right-hand side of the road. But so was every other runner in the race. In fact two of the feeding stations were positioned on the right-hand side of the road!

Bob Sercombe,
Newport

Dear Sir,

The disqualification of Bob Sercombe in the Poly Marathon bears an unpleasant similarity to the occasion in 1972 when, as you will recall, my brother Dave was seeded to run in the 10,000m non-championship event at the AAA (Olympic Trial) event despite the fact that he was one of the very few athletes entered who had achieved the Olympic qualifying standard.

Both events are examples of the worst kind of pig-headed officialdom and the inability of officials to admit error. Although I was not present at Windsor I am sure that after running 21 miles in blazing sunshine most runners would not have been sufficiently *compos mentis* to comprehend directions given. From the press

reports I have read it seems clear that Bob Sercombe had no intention of cheating and did not verbally abuse Mr Winter. In the circumstances an apology together with reinstatement as fourth finisher are the least that are due to Bob.

Bob Holt,
London SW11

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First to run 55sec
Ursula Donath (EG),
55.0 on 7.8.54.

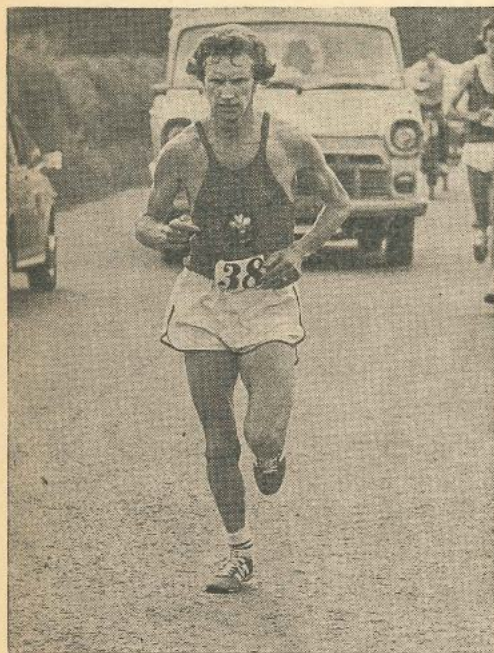
First to run 54sec
Maria Itkina (USSR),
53.9 on 1.10.55.

First to run 53sec
Sin Kim Dan (NK),
53.0 on 22.10.60.

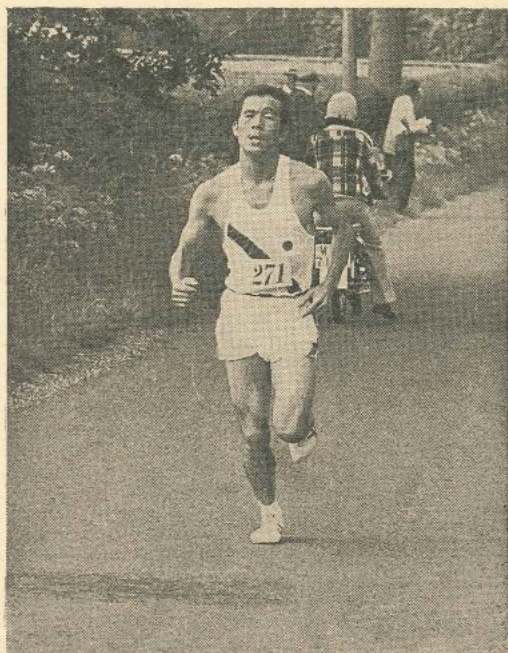
First to run 52sec
Sin Kim Dan (NK),
51.9 on 23.10.62.

First to run 51sec
Marilyn Neufville
(Jam), 51.0 on 23.7.70.

First to run 50sec
Irena Szewinska
(Pol), 49.9 on 22.6.74.

**Bernie Plain, first Briton home.**

Ron Linstead

**Akio Usami, winner in 2:15:16.**

Ron Linstead

Dear Sir,

I write as one of the few witnesses to the controversial disqualification in the 'Poly' marathon. The incident occurred at the 21M point, where I had by chance stopped to see the leaders through. I estimate that there were no more than about eight of us present at the time. The road at that point veered fairly sharply to the right and the competitors were apparently to keep to the left hand side in the interests of road safety. The first four complied with this regulation (Usami, Plain, Lesse and Angus)—although the Japanese was virtually in the middle of the road as he was throughout the race! In fifth place came Johnston, who had crossed over to the right hand side so as to take the inside of the bend. This was brought to my attention by a gesticulating official—who I now take to be Mr Winter—standing in Johnston's way such that he had to swerve out into the road and was only narrowly missed by a passing car!

We small band of spectators let the said official know in no uncertain terms what we thought of his potentially dangerous action. Sercombe, Kirkham, Alder and Hill followed on—in that order—in Johnston's footsteps (i.e. on the wrong side of the road), once again incurring the wrath of the official. Without pretending that I could hear all that passed between competitors and official (I must have been all of ten yards away) the only 'abuse' I can recollect is that directed by us, the spectators, at an official who was insisting on

some petty technicality with competitors who had already run 21 miles in scorching heat. Aside from possible danger in cutting the corner, what distance was actually gained? Five yards at the most I would suggest.

Once again petty officialdom appears to have reared its ugly head. It seems to me that if anyone is to be disqualified for running 'off course', it has to be ALL of the leading group who followed Johnston across the road, or NONE of them (not to mention several competitors who ran inside the markers during the first lap inside the stadium).

Derek North,

Isleworth

Dear Sir,

Whilst being deeply appreciative of the work done by the organiser and most of the officials. I feel that the action of the referee in disqualifying Sercombe and Kirkham is stupid, petty and almost unbelievable. Were it not so cruel it would be ludicrous.

The referee may be a most worthy gentleman who has done a lot in the past for the sport, but it would seem that the poor bloke just freaked out in the heat. The sole criterion is road safety, a fact all road runners are well aware of. With this in mind, I for one used all the road in an effort to find shade and also took drinks wherever I could, even outside the official feeding stations! I was reprimanded in a tactless manner by the said referee on at least two occasions,

with the result that I was provoked both into hurling a sponge at him and using a four letter word. In conditions such as those prevailing there is no way a marathon runner is going to obey unreasonable demands from unknown little men waving programmes. NO WAY.

I will finish by stating that we should all be disqualified if the referee's ruling is allowed to stand.

Roger Little,
Shaftesbury H

Dear Sir,

I cycled for the last 16 miles of the race, with the runners in the 4th to 12th position—first of all when they were all bunched, and later when they were strung out at some distance. In that time I am fairly certain that everyone cut a number of corners, and probably uttered a number of profanities to those officials who cluttered up the narrow lanes in their cars and vans. From these observations two points emerge.

Firstly, to penalise one or two athletes for the collective sins of many is ludicrous—though unfortunately not uncommon. Secondly the officials evident at the race saw very little of the proceedings at all—for if they had they would have stopped the illicit sponging and feeding of some of the athletes at regular intervals along the route, as well as noting the corner cutting by all and sundry.

Martin Knapp,
LSE & Eastbourne AC

Dear Sir,

The scores would appear to be about even in the almost annual sport of marathon athlete—breaking. On the positive side, one must applaud the selectors' wisdom in picking Ian Thompson though one feels that it is hard on Ron Hill that they have taken so long to realise their folly which, as I have previously observed, reached its apex in their treatment of Brian Kilby, successfully retiring him from world class marathon performances (which makes his fourth place in Tokyo one of the bravest runs of all time!). Ron should not complain, it does him little credit—after all, if all of us had been born 30 years sooner, look at the races we'd have won with our mediocre 1:49 20 miles. In my club (TVH) they won't even talk to you if you can't do that!

Now for the debit side; the case of Bob Sercombe. Though it may be 'sub judice' and/or happily resolved by now, may I state that he has never been abusive to anyone to my knowledge and in any case does not speak other than quietly and modestly in his general way. Let us hope that he does not become the victim of what could be a guilt-complex on the part of Mr Winter who successfully promoted the fastest time in the world on the basis of right hand turns from Windsor to Chiswick, year after year. Sorry to be so inflammatory but it needs saying;

a properly organised (selection) race should present no opportunities for course cutting and that's that!

Russell Brandon,
Cheltenham

Dear Sir,

1972 and now this!

POLYTECHNIC MARATHON

1909 — 1974

R.I.P.

P. J. Macnamara,
Richmond

Dear Sir,

Having just returned from the Poly Marathon at Windsor, and giving myself time to think rationally about the controversy concerning the disqualification of R. Sercombe and C. Kirkham, I have come to the following conclusion: The decision taken by the referee, Mr A. Winter, should be deplored and his antics should be examined by the B.A.A.B. before they allow him to run loose in any race again.

As an active spectator of many years I have got to know numerous officials who in the main do a fine job for athletics in all weathers and who generally interpret rules as tolerantly and as intelligently as they can. Of course rules should not be broken indiscriminately, but to see an official of Mr Winter's experience laying down the law to an athlete who has already run 20 miles in pretty torrid conditions is officialdom gone mad.

On reflection the heat may have been responsible for the referee's behaviour. I myself was personally involved with this gentleman during the course of the race. My first crime was committed somewhere on the course when I was giving a drink to a competitor who had withdrawn from the race and was in a distressed condition. With a 'Columbo' like approach I was accused by the referee of illegal feeding. I strenuously denied this and at this stage, he did not appear to be too friendly; he also incurred the displeasure of a few passing competitors, none of whom were disqualified, for remarks made.

My second difference of opinion happened at the point where he must have disqualified C. Kirkham who was in no position to defend himself, so I suggested to Mr Winter that discretion should be used. We failed to agree. I understand that the disqualification was for cutting corners which in effect means that practically the whole field could be excluded.

Alf Mignot,
London E16.

It has been pointed out that it was not B. Potter, representing the Southern Counties, who finished seventh in the 800m in the SCAA v UAU v Wales v PE Colleges at Crystal Palace on June 2nd.

IRENA UNDER 50!

"With all four starters in her heat automatically qualifying, Irena Kirszenstein ambled around last in 25.2—and I swear she could have kept that pace up for the whole lap! Her 400m debut is awaited with eager anticipation."—Mel Watman, reporting for 'AW' on the women's 200 at the 1966 European Championships.

SEVEN years went by before Mrs Szewinska made that 400 debut, but it was worth waiting for and strengthened the view that the world record was at her mercy: she ran 52.0 in Warsaw last September. In recent weeks, having shown the greatest sprinting form of her life—including two victories over Renate Stecher, a world 200 record of 22.0 (22.21 electrical) and 100 times of 10.9w and 11.0—it became increasingly likely that a 400 exploit was imminent. We predicted such in last week's issue, and in Warsaw on June 22nd the 28-year-old Pole produced what is perhaps the most stunning athletic performance yet by a woman in covering 400 in 49.9, no less than 1.1sec inside the world record shared by Marilyn Neufville and Monika Zehrt. It was a Beamon-like achievement, for Irena broke through two major barriers at one stroke: 51sec and 50sec. While the men's world record has remained at 43.8 (Lee Evans) since 1968, the women's mark has advanced during that period by two seconds!

Reporting from Warsaw for 'L'Equipe', Edward Strzelecki has provided details of Irena's fantastic run. Helped by the prevailing wind, she covered the first 100m in an extraordinary 11.5; at 200 her time was 23.0 (faster than the UK record!); her 300 split was 36.1. She had clocked 11.5, 11.5 and 13.1 for the first three 100 sectors; and the final quarter of the race, into the wind, took 13.8. It was a battle between herself and the stopwatches; Krystyna Kacperczyk just missed her personal best with 52.5 but finished nearly 20m behind.

Irena said afterwards she knew she was capable of breaking 51sec but was very surprised by her final time. She is not planning to run another 400 in the immediate future; in Rome she will go for the 100 and 200, plus one of the relays. ★ Steve Williams equalled the world 100m record of 9.9 in winning the AAU title in Los Angeles on June 21st.

FASTEST FOR HER AGE

Janis Walsh (14), of Mitcham, set a world age best of 23.8 for 200 at Crystal Palace last Sunday—a European qualifying standard.

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ENTRIES CLOSE SAT., JULY 27th.

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99th Annual ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Under A.A.A. and W.A.A.A. Laws)

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th, at 1 p.m.

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