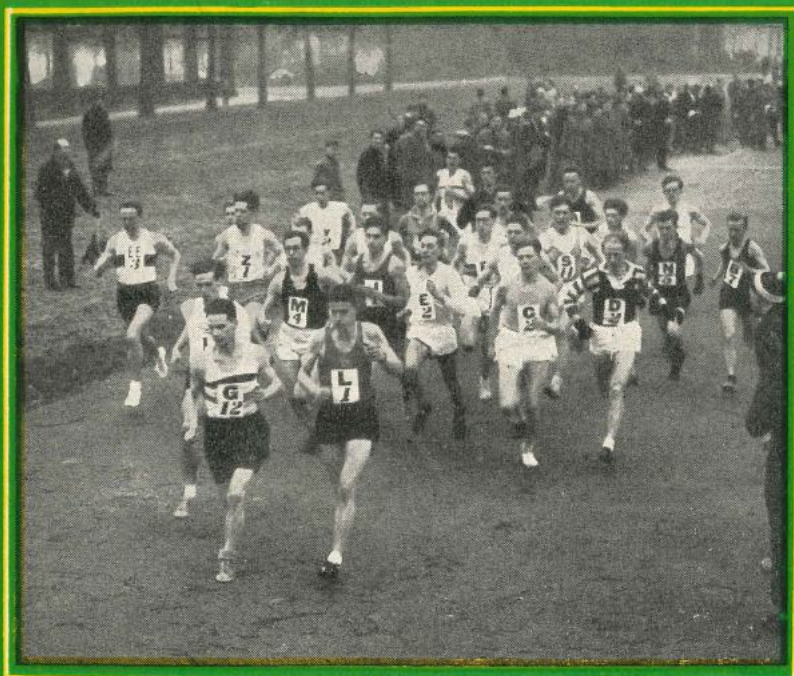


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A CASUAL spectator at the Oxford trials at Hurlingham last week would probably have been surprised if you had told him that three of the chilled and rather lethargic (no serious competition had been available for them for over a month) looking athletes before him were potentially among the greatest in the world at their specialities. He might have heard of **Derek Johnson**, who will break the world 880 yards record this year, as a "prospect" picked by some all-knowing sports columnist. But the names of the slight middle-distance runner with the puckish features and the quiet, dark hurdler would probably have escaped him.

Ian Hugh Boyd does not look a great athlete but rather like a not-very-hopeful contender for the L.A.C. schools meeting who has just won his school mile cup in about 5 minutes. And yet Boyd, in 1954, beat 4min. 13sec. for the mile six times, ran 1,500 metres in 3min. 49.2sec., had a best mile of 4min. 7.2sec., covered 880 yards in 1min. 51.9sec. at Vancouver and only reached his 21st birthday on December 8 last! Bannister's best before he was 21 was 4min. 11.1sec. I don't think that Boyd will produce anything inside 4min. 10sec. at the University Sports because of lack of competition but by the end of this year I think he will be among the favourites for Melbourne.

Robert Douglas Shaw, 23 next November, may turn out to be the greatest Welsh athlete of all time. In his fourth meeting over the quarter hurdles—"the man-killer of track and field" he reached the final of the European Championships and clocked 52.3sec. Last November in the Oxford and Cambridge Relays he ran a 440 relay leg in 49.2 and the 220 yards low hurdles in 24.0sec. He has the settled kind of personality that results in top class performances every time he competes.

The man who now may become Britain's second string shot-putter following the retirement of **John Savidge**, **William Berkeley Livingstone Palmer** (take a breath!) produced his best ever putt of 46ft. 9in. in spite of the cold at Hurlingham. Palmer, who is 6ft. 6in. tall and has a brother "Tiny" 6ft. 11in. tall, started as a javelin thrower and is still rather an eccentric performer with the shot—his previous best as far as I can remember was 46ft. 14in. in May, 1953. His latest has

only been beaten by **Savidge**, **Pharaoh**, **Giles**, **Pat Horn** and **Harold Moody** among post-war British athletes. I believe in practice Palmer has been up to 47 feet and I think that he might produce one of the best performances in what I expect to be a University Sports of rather a low standard but high excitement.

Frank Sando, whose training was televised last week, will be 24 on Monday. Last year he had the pleasure of becoming the English cross-country captain on the same day.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE	

THE National Cross Country Championships last Saturday went very much to form, though we had the usual ups and downs.

South London Harriers' treble in the team races was a wonderful club performance and more than made up for the fact that they had not previously won the Senior Championship. They look like dominating the cross-country field for some years to come. There is no doubt that Gordon Pirie's influence has had a great deal to do with this, for when a member of any club achieves fame, it is reflected on the membership. It attracts many promising youngsters, some of whom are bound to be an asset in the years to come.

The most outstanding individual performances were, I thought, those of McLaren in the Junior race and Rhodes in the Senior. It was tough going despite the lack of hills, and this only enhanced the performances of these two. Without wishing to play on McLaren's physical handicap, the wonderful rhythm of his running amazed many onlookers who had not seen him before. His victory was very popular with the large crowd.

Rhodes, in his second season, really did pull one out of the bag and he should improve on this in the future. He lasted the heavy course well and finished strongly to gain a place in the England team at San Sebastian. Last year he did not run in the National but finished 11th in the Midland, nearly 4mins. behind the winner! Hugh Foord confirmed his recent good running despite his hard race in the Southern. He lost ground in the later stages, as did Caulder, who needs another year to get nine miles properly. None of the other juniors from last year showed up particularly well, though Brian Barrett pulled up sixteen places on the last lap to finish 30th. Mike Barratt could not repeat his Southern performance and probably lacks the stamina for several races over this distance as yet. It is a big step from 6 to 9 miles for a young runner, particularly with the standard so high.

Two other runners who look like being right up there in the future are Tony Weeks-Pearson—pity we don't see more of him over the country—and E. Kirkup of Rotherham, who has the stamina and must have more pace than many have credited him with, judging from the way he went after Gordon Pirie and caught him during one stage of the race. Such an effort would have finished many runners, but Kirkup stuck it out well to finish 12th. With a little better judgement in his running he should be up with the best of them.

Next week at Hurlingham the L.A.C. promote their first Winter Meeting at Hurlingham. Over 190 entries have come in from 150 individuals, and from as far afield as Northern Ireland, Co. Durham and Glamorgan. In view of Arthur Gold's recent article on the half-mile, it is interesting to note that the first 100 metres of the 800 metres race will be run in lanes. There are the usual field events except the hammer, plus track races at 100, 800 and 5,000 metres. The meeting starts at 1.45 p.m.

To-day's events include the Oxford v. Cambridge match at White City, the English Y.M.C.A. Championships at Manchester, the Ilford, Southampton-Bournemouth and Q.P.H. Schools Road Relays, and the Orion 15 Miles Invitation Cross Country Race at Chingford, where a field of 40 is expected.

THE EDITOR



Just after the start of the Middlesex 10 Miles Walking Championship in Regents Park.

H. W. Neale

Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

THE National 10 Miles Championship takes place at Southport, Lancs., to-day, Saturday, starting from the Floral Hall at 2.30 p.m. The entry of 214 includes 19 teams. Ten counties are contesting the Inter-Counties Championship which, by custom, is being held in conjunction with the RWA race.

The course of 2½ miles out-and-home twice is very flat and times will, most certainly, be very fast indeed. Everything points to a seventh successive victory by Sheffield United Harriers. Albert Johnson was last year their fourth scoring man in 13th position. He is in much better form this year and with R. Hardy, the holder, R. Holland and L. Allen, well up, Sheffield reckon they can cut their points total of last year. If so, they must win handsomely.

Who are the chief challengers? Well, Sheffield are "cock-of-the-North," and there is no club in the Midlands to get near them, so it is left to the South, and by that I mean London. The best, in alphabetical order, will be Belgrave with James, Hall, Checkley and McGreechan; Highgate with Coleman, Meadows, Evans and Howell; Metropolitan with Hawkins, the two Thompsons and Terry Whitlock; and Woodford Green with Mash, the Goodall brothers and Cotton or Davies. It looks very open indeed for second and third team places and a couple of disqualifications could easily turn the balance of strength right over.

Roland Hardy has been "getting down to it"

in recent weeks and if he doesn't incur disqualification should win again. Besides those mentioned above others who will go close include J. Hubball (St. Albans), A. Macfarlane (Polytechnic) A. H. Poole (Worcester H.) and J. L. Barraclough, the Lancashire W.C. champion.

Middlesex and Yorkshire always have a keen fight for the Inter-Counties title and current holders, Middlesex—one point in front last year—look to be stronger this time. They should win by a useful margin.

Northern Ten Miles

The Northern Area Championship, postponed from the previous week, gave Sheffield a 1-2-3-4 team victory, and no one can better that. Dick Holland could not reproduce his recent "club ten" performance and was unplaced. Har'ly, as he has done time and time again, beat Allen by the odd seconds, with Johnson well over a quarter mile back in third place. Lancashire W.C. were second team.

Owing to the rough weather Enfield's intended 15 miles Inter-Club race was cut to about 10½ miles at Enfield on Saturday and R. F. Goodall and R. E. Davies of Woodford finished together nearly a minute ahead.

There will be a good programme of Walking events at Battersea Park Track on 26th of this month, with the A.A.A. Southern 7 Miles Track Championship (holder: B. Hawkins) as

the chief event. Entries close to me at 50 Manor View, Finchley, N.3, on Monday. Supporting events are:

6 miles open Junior (18-21) Road Walk
3 miles open Youth (16-18) Road Walk and
6 miles Badge race for beginners. Any athlete who has not already gained an R.W.A. Badge for walking 6 miles (or 7 miles) within an hour can compete in this race. Interested persons should contact me for details and entry forms.

R.W.A. Northern Area 10 Miles Championship, Sheffield. 1, R. L. Hardy 76.22; 2, L. Allen 76.43; 3, A. Johnson 79.07 (all Sheffield U.H.).

Team: 1, Sheffield U.H. (1,2,3,4) 10pts.; 2, Lancashire W.C. (6,10,11,12) 39; 3, Sheffield U.H. "B" 52.

Enfield A.C. Inter-Club 10½ miles, Enfield. 1, R. F. Goodall and R. E. Davies (Woodford) together in 88.39; 3, J. F. Holding (Police) 89.21; 4, C. C. Saunders (Police) 89.46; 5, H. D. Neilson (Woodford) 89.52; 6, F. Freeman (Police) 90.15.

Tobacco-Trades A.A. 7 Miles Championship, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. 1, A. Roberts (Highgate H. and Carreras S.C.); 2, W. Garratt (Surrey A.C. and Molins S.C.); 3, C. E. Petersen (Cambridge H.). Times not available owing to course being over distance.

SOUTHERN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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MACMILLAN'S 4:05.8 MILE

DON MACMILLAN scored another easy win over New Zealand's Murray Halberg, in Sydney, on February 19th, and set a personal record of 4min. 5.8sec. Halberg clocked 4min. 9sec., and Allan Lawrence 4min. 9.6sec. for third spot, to become Australia's fourth sub-4:10 performer. The other five starters all bettered 4:15, which made it the fastest mile race in Australian history.

John Plummer was again the early leader, racing through the first "quarter" in 61.9; but young Les Wakefield was at the head of the field at the half-mile, run in 2:4.3.

At the "bell," Plummer and Macmillan were together in 3min. 7.5sec. In the last lap the ex-Polytechnic member took control, with Halberg again making another game bid to overtake him; but as I've said before, there just isn't anyone in the Southern Hemisphere to stop Don now.

Macmillan flew up from Melbourne on the morning of the race, left for home again the same evening—over a 1,000 miles of travelling to race 1 mile!

It really looks as though Macmillan will get his mile time down to 4min. 2sec. (maybe lower) in 1955-56, if Melbourne's new cinder track is as good as we hope it will be. A very strong wind was blowing in Sydney, and the cinder track there is not very helpful.

Other good quality performances in Sydney were by Peter Melhuish, 800 metres in 1min. 54.9sec. (this fellow is probably Australia's best half-miler, next to Macmillan); R. Gray, hop-step-jump 48ft. 5½in., and Neville Gadsden, hammer throw 163ft. 8½in.

With Hec Hogan in New Zealand, the Queensland state 220yd. crown went to Doug. Winston (the Australian champion) in 21.7sec., scoring an inches win over Tony Booth. Charles Porter continued his consistent high jumping by again clearing 6ft. 4in.; and Rod Carter won the 440yd. hurdles in 55.5sec.

The West Australian 100yd. title went to Evan Reid in a disappointing 9.9sec. John Dedford-Brown, better known as a high jumper, won the 440yd. in 49.6sec.; Don Keane the 2 miles walk in 13min. 15.2sec., and Kevin Salt took the broad jump with a leap of 22ft. 8½in.

At Berri in South Australia, national 440yd. champion Leon Gregory, registered 49.4sec., and Lloyd Hadfield threw the hammer 158ft. 9in.

In Melbourne, where the inter-club premier-ship semi-finals were run on a 6 laps-to-the-mile, egg-shaped track, Bob Morgan-Morris ran a remarkably fast 880yd., clocking 1min. 58.1 sec.

Rae James, 20, won the N.S.W. women's senior 100yd. championship in the fast time of 10.7sec., at Sydney on February 19th.

Gloris Cooke won the 80 metre hurdles in 11.5sec. Betty Cuthbert, age 16, established a state junior 220yd. record of 25.1sec.

Shirley Strickland maintained her good form in Perth, winning 100yd. in 11sec., and the 80 mtr. hurdles in 11.1sec.

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GREAT RACE FOR ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Phoenix Park, Dublin, Feb. 26th.

Over a tough, snow covered course of nine miles, the All-Ireland Senior Cross Country Championship was won by W. Dodds (East Antrim) after a great race. A few hundred yards from home J. Marshall looked the probable winner, but Dodds came with a great finish to win by a few yards only. Another 30 yards back D. Appleby (Clonliffe) and C. Owens (East Antrim) fought out another great finish, but they could not be separated and were given a dead-heat for third place.

East Antrim turned the tables on Ballydrain, who beat them in the Northern Ireland race, despite having to wait until 26th position for their last scorer. The first nine individuals will represent Ireland in Spain.

The Youths' race was won by T. Hanna, of Queen's Univ., who finished 50 yards in front of H. Lockhart, of Lisnagarvey. Dundonald had four in twelve and took the team race.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Running the Half-Mile by Leonard H. Ward, a Women's A.A.A. publication obtainable from the W.A.A.A. Coaching Secretary, Park Villa, Stoke Road, Shelton Stoke-on-Trent, price 1/3 plus 2½d. postage.

This is just about the most comprehensive booklet I have yet seen on the half-mile, in fact it is so comprehensive that it may prove complicated for those for whom it is intended—the 17-19 age group—unless they can sift the essentials from the remainder of the book. I feel I must make two criticisms, one, that Len Ward tends to reduce this event almost to a stereotyped, mathematical formula, and two, that he does not stress the main essential of all, that the track runner is "made" during the winter or off-season months, and this applies particularly to the half-miler. The author stresses the necessity for speed, but does not emphasize that this speed is largely produced by strength, strength which is obtained in the months before the actual track season starts.

Notwithstanding these criticisms, it must be said that much work and thought has been put into producing a book containing a wealth of detail and which should be of great benefit to girls thinking of adopting the "half" as their

Senior: 1, W. Dodds (East Antrim) 60.28; 2, J. Marshall (Ballydrain) 60.30; 3, D. Appleby (Clonliffe) and C. Owens (E. Antrim) dead-heat 60.35; 5, F. Walker (Clonliffe) 60.45; 6, D. O'Gorman (St. Albans C.) 60.56; 7, R. Hanna (E. Antrim) 61.21; 8, A. Brown (Ballydrain) 61.35; 9, J. Douglas (Avondale) 61.37; 10, R. Crossan (Dun Cairn) 61.40; 11, M. T. Walsh (Oxford) 62.10; 12, J. Dougan (Donore) 62.11.

Teams: 1, East Antrim (1.3½.6.10.12.26) 58½ pts.; 2, Ballydrain (2.7.9.11.16.18) 63; 3, Clonliffe (3½.5.15.19.20.21) 83½; 4, Willowfield 230; 5, Dun Cairn N. 244; 6, Donore 306.

Youths: 1, T. Hanna (Queen's Univ.) 20.05; 2, H. Lockhart (Lisnagarvey); 3, T. Monaghan (Queen's); 4, R. Hynds (Dundonald); 5, M. Jenkins (Clonliffe); 6, J. McNamara (Clonliffe).

Teams: 1, Dundonald (4.8.9.12) 33pts.; 2, Clonliffe 47; 3, Willowfield 71; 4, Ballydrain 84; 5, Lisnagarvey 88; 6, Donore 97; 7, Fingal 99; 8, 9th Old Boys 122.

event. They will do well to study the many points raised by the author, for there is much that they will learn and many general principles which are part and parcel of this middle distance track event and which must be understood by the athlete who, in many cases, will have graduated from the ranks of the sprinters. The half-mile needs strength and toughness, and this is brought about by one thing only—hard work. P.W.G.

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RUSSIA—Athletics Champions of the World?

By ALEXANDER JOHNSTON

UNTIL recently there has been no doubt which nation leads the world in the field of athletics. American supremacy in most events was established at the time of the 1932 Olympic Games and has been maintained ever since. Today, however, Russia has emerged as a potent challenger of the American position and, in the view of many, has already assumed the mantle worn for so long by the United States. What truth is there in this assertion?

In 1946 the Russians first entered a team in an international competition, the occasion being the European championships at Oslo. The advent of this team was unexpected for no intimation of its entry or arrival had been received by the organisers of the Games. However, goodwill overruled the regulations and the Russians returned home in due course with one man's and five women's titles, half a dozen placings, a wealth of experience and thousands of feet of cine film recording the technique of the leading athletes of other countries.

In 1950 Russia again entered a team in the European Championships, held on this occasion in Brussels. Here they won two men's and four women's titles and revealed that much had been learnt since 1946 with regard to technique and training.

Then came the 1952 Olympic Games, the first for which the Russians had entered. While their men failed to win a single event in the

track and field programme, they performed well, and their girls met with even greater success. But the Games, which constituted the first trial of sporting strength between Russia and the U.S.A., resulted in a conclusive win for the latter who provided fourteen of the twenty-four winners in the men's events. But when the women's athletic events and other sports like gymnastics (22 Russian medals to nil) and wrestling (10-4 to the USSR) were taken into account, the American lead rapidly diminished.

The scene shifts to Berne in 1954 where the third post-war European Games were held. Here, eight years study of foreign methods, coaching and training (with particular reference to the Olympic Games) had begun to bear fruit, for the Russian team won eight men's and eight women's titles, thus virtually sweeping the board. As a leading power in the world of sport, Russia had arrived.

Observers from the United States were present at Berne and the significance of the Russian successes was all too apparent to them. But is it too early to say that athletic supremacy has already passed from the U.S.A. into Russian hands? A review of the 1954 World ranking list reveals that not only is America still producing top performers but is continuing to do so in quantity. And Russia? Let us look at these figures for a moment:—

Event	AMERICA		RUSSIA	
	Best Performance	Performers in World Ranking List	Best Performance	Performers in World Ranking List
100m.	10.3s. (3)	29 at 10.5s. or better	10.4s. (3)	7 at 10.5s. or better
200m.	20.9s.	6 at 21.2s. or better	21.1s.	Only one listed
400m.	46.3s.	5 at 46.9s. or better	46.1s.	Only one listed
800m.	1m.49.1s.	4 at 1m.49.6s. or better	1m.49.4s.	Only one listed
1500m.	3m.42.8s.	Only one listed	No Performers listed in first 14.	
5000m.	No Performers listed in first 13		13m.51.2s.	Only one listed
10,000m.	None listed in first 15		29m.21.4s.	4 at 30m.00.6s. or better
Marathon	None listed in first 14		2hrs.24m.55.6s.	2 at 2h.25m.26.6s. or better
3000m. S/Chase	None listed in first 15		8m.49.0s.	6 at 8m.56.0s. or better

Event	AMERICA		RUSSIA	
	Best Performance	Performers in World Ranking List	Best Performance	Performers in World Ranking List
110m.H.	13.6s.	6 at 14.2s. or better	14.3s.	Only one listed
400m.H.	51.7s.	Only one listed	50.5s.	3 at 52.1s. or better
High J.	6'11"	8 at 6'7½" or better	None listed in first 13	
Long J.	25'8½"	9 at 24'8" or better	25'0"	Only one listed
Pole V.	15'3½"	5 at 14'6" or better	14'7½"	4 at 14'4" or better
Hop, Step & Jump	None listed in first 16		52'9"	5 at 50'3½" or better
Shot P.	60'10"	8 at 55'4½" or better	56'5"	Only one listed
Discus	192'5"	5 at 177'5½" or better	179'2½"	Only one listed
Hammer	190'11"	Only one listed	207'9¼"	4 at 190'6" or better
Javelin	255'8½"	2 at 249'8½" or better	256'6½"	2 at 242'8½"

The following facts emerge from these figures:—

Score 10-9 to the United States or, scoring 5-3-1 in an imaginary match with each country fielding three competitors, 99-72 to the U.S.A.

It is, as can be seen, a very close thing and while it is perhaps true to say that the U.S.A. is still, by a small margin, the stronger in *depth*, the addition of the 1955 Worlds Women's ranking list alters the picture completely. Here, the Russians are supreme.

The next trial of strength between the two countries will be in Melbourne next year and it will be a fascinating contest to watch, however much we might deplore the introduction of the Nationalist spirit into the Games. By then, the Russians will certainly have made

further headway, for their determination, enthusiasm and fitness are backed to the hilt by a system which ensures that athletes get all the facilities, coaching and expenses they need. Whether or not State-aided sport is a good or a bad thing is neither here nor there: suffice it to say that the day Russian athletes gain complete world ascendancy, it will be very difficult indeed for smaller countries who favour entirely voluntary organisation and participation in sport to dethrone the new champions.

And surely that day is almost upon us? It is certainly reasonable to prophesy that by 1956, unquestioned Soviet ascendancy will be an accomplished fact, not only in athletics but possibly in most other sports as well.

PARIS INDOOR MEETING

February 27th

Derek Johnson, after being narrowly beaten in the 500m. race by Djian, was disqualified. He seemed to be as much sinned against as sinning, in a jostling race. Aylett finished fourth. John Disley won the 5,000m., but Chris Brasher was beaten on the post in the 1,000m. by Kontio, of Finland. Geoff Elliott beat Milakov and Sillon when taking the pole vault at 13ft. 5½in., and Jean Desforges won

the women's 60yds. in 7.5.

60y.: 1, Bonino 6.4. **500m.:** 1, Djian 65.9. **1,000m.:** 1, Kontio (Fin.) 2:32.4; 2, Brasher (G.B.) 2:32.6. **1,500m.:** 1, Disley (G.B.) 3:58.2. **3,000m.:** Laufer (Germ.) 9:02.6. **60y. hds.:** Dohen 7.4. **HJ:** Fournier 6'0¼". **PV:** Elliott (G.B.) 13'5½". **Wt:** Thomas 51'8". **Women's 60yds.:** Desforges (G.B.) 7.5. **Women's 500m.:** Mougin 1:25.8.



THE 1955 CROSS-C CHAMPIO

The field in the Northern Senior C.C. Championship, strung out $\frac{1}{4}$ mile after the start.

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THE 1955 National Cross-Country Championships were held at R.A.F. Cardington, Bedfordshire, over a course of three miles, largely comprised of rough grass, stubble and plough, muddy and heavy for the most part, but very flat.

In the Senior race, Gordon Pirie dashed into the lead immediately and was 20 yards ahead after a furlong. Coming round for the first time after one lap, Pirie was 25 yards in front of a group composed of Kirkup, Ranger, Ken Norris, Sando, Foord and Hardy, all fairly close together, then Maynard a few yards behind, followed by Caulder and Rhodes. It was a real test of both pace and stamina and it was noticeable that many well-known runners were quite a long way back, well down the field.

Going out into the country again, Kirkup went up to Pirie but this unwise move was his undoing, for he soon started dropping back and did well to hold on to 12th place in the end.

At the end of the second lap, it was Pirie out on his own, but with a smaller lead than many had anticipated. Ranger was making the pace for the next group, with Norris, Foord, Sando and Hardy in close attendance. A few yards behind came Maynard, then another 20 yards back was Kirkup, who was about to be passed by Caulder, another 20 yards and then came Bill Boak and Rhodes, who had dropped back a bit, and, in 12th place, Tony Weeks-Pearson.

Soon after the start of the last lap, Gordon Pirie lost a shoe and got rid of the other one to complete the rest of the race in bare feet. He had no difficulty in holding the lead to finish a comfortable winner in 51min. 44sec. Pat Ranger finished strongly and was well clear of Ken Norris, who held on to third place 25 yards in front of a batch of five who had a rare tussle for the next few places.

On the last lap Foord dropped back several places, while Bill Boak and Rhodes moved up in front of Caulder, then came a gap of 100 yards before Weeks-Pearson, another gap of 60 yards, then Kirkup.

Many people thought that South London, without Driver (absent with a cold), had failed to win the team race. In fact Bert Bashford told me "Birchfield couldn't lose." But S.L.H. did win, and win easily. Birchfield put up a far better performance than anyone but their most optimistic supporters could have expected. Bolton, though only a shadow of last year, improved on their Northern Championship showing to take third place, but Sheffield were disappointing.

Not content with taking the Senior, S.L.H. made a clean sweep by winning the Junior and Youths' team titles as well, a great performance, which has never before been accomplished. They were pressed hard by Coventry Godiva in the Junior, and the Youths' race was as closely contested as any race could be.

The Scottish junior champion, McLaren, put

NATIONAL COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

KEN GATES (Sheffield U.H.) taking the lead from E. KIRKUP (Rotherham H.) about a mile from the finish of the Northern Senior C.C. Championship.

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up a wonderful performance in soundly beating R. G. Beecroft after they had run together for the first half of the race. McLaren's task was not made any easier by the heavy, slippery going which greatly increased the physical handicap of this virtually one-armed runner.

As was expected, Cocking, of Bramley, was a comfortable winner of the Youths' race, and was followed home by the Southern champion, S. R. Langridge.

The organising efforts of the local Committee fell down rather badly on two points. Largely owing to the strong wind, the hurdles

which had been put up to keep the crowd back, had blown down, with the result that the large crowd were milling about all over the place. On the first lap the leaders had some difficulty in getting a clear passage and Gordon Pirie was almost sent flying by a small boy who got under his feet. The other point which annoyed competitors was the lack of hot water necessary to take off the thick layer of mud with which most runners were caked. There were also complaints about a bottleneck early on the course, a dangerous ditch, and poor but expensive refreshments.

SENIOR — 9 Miles

1. D. A. G. Pirie (S. London H.) ...	51.44	14. K. Wood (Sheffield U.H.)	53.52
*2. W. P. Ranger (Eastbourne R.) ...	52.10	15. A. E. Dalton (Birchfield H.)	53.56
3. K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.) ...	52.22	16. R. Hatton (Birchfield H.)	54.10
4. E. L. Hardy (Derby & Cty.)	52.26	17. K. Gates (Liverpool Pembroke) ...	54.14
5. M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.) ...	52.27	*18. J. Salt (Rochdale H.)	54.35
6. F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.) ...	52.28	19. T. Pumfrey (Cov. Godiva H.) ...	54.40
*7. W. Boak (Elswick H.)	52.29	20. R. Turney (Cov. Godiva H.) ...	54.43
*8. G. Rhodes (N. Staffs H.)	52.30	21. T. Smith (Cambridge City)	54.45
9. H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.)	52.33	22. D. O'Gorman (St. Albans A.C.) ...	54.47
10. K. F. Caulder (Surrey A.C.)	52.49	*23. R. Davies (Liverpool H.)	54.49
11. A. J. Weeks-Pearson (Blackheath) ...	53.08	24. P. J. Pirie (S. London H.)	54.54
12. E. Kirkup (Rotherham H.)	53.20	25. L. Eyre (Harehills L.C.)	54.57
*13. A. Chorlton (Doncaster P.W.) ...	53.40	* Individual	

Team Placings:

1. South London H.—1, D. A. G. Pirie; 24, P. J. Pirie; 26, J. Lyne; 35, J. R. Humphreys; 38, M. W. Firth; 56, R. A. Ashforth; Pts. 180. 92, C. Wilson; 142, R. A. W. Jacobs; 217, B. J. F. Mottram.

2. **Birchfield H.**—15, A. E. Dalton; 16, R. Hatton; 43, B. Browning; 52, W. E. Butcher; 57, R. Reid; 60, J. R. Reid; **Pts. 243.** 85, E. C. Nicholls; 134, A. D. Mann; 203, L. A. Orton.
3. **Bolton U.H.**—27, F. Norris; 42, J. Haslam; 46, O. Wright; 51, J. Eastam; 62, A. Morgan; 63, H. Minshall; **Pts. 291.** 152, R. Williams.
4. **Thames Valley H.**—3, K. L. Norris; 47, E. G. Ellis; 54, A. E. Ingles; 79, E. Elderfield; 80, P. J. Vivian; 115, J. Cameron; **Pts. 378.** 140, H. W. Dennis; 153, D. W. Vinton; 266, J. E. Smith.
5. **Belgrave H.**—61, J. Masters; 71, C. Roffey; 72, P. Bagnall; 87, E. Patterson; 89, A. Bedford; 98, C. Walker; **Pts. 478.** 126, E. Gebbett; 139, J. Brown; 148, D. Baulch.
6. **Sheffield U.H.**—14, K. Wood; 32, D. Walker; 40, J. E. Nichols; 67, P. Hedley; 149, A. V. Corker; 210, G. Kirby; **Pts. 512.** 328, E. Willson; 393, J. Milnes.
7. **Coventry Godiva H.**—19, T. Pumfrey; 20, R. Turney; 50, D. Rees; 112, H. Lloyd; 154, G. Pearson; 163, P. Burns; **Pts. 518.** 171, J. Church; 277, K. Bull.
8. **Harehills Liberal C.H.**—25, L. Eyre; 74, F. Wrigley; 103, E. L. Smith; 109, J. Bloor; 111, A. Lawton; 122, K. Pawson; **Pts. 544.** 176, J. Parker; 315, A. Cockcroft; 383, A. Punt.
9. **Manchester A. and C.C.**—73, C. B. Colson; 88, J. A. Russell; 99, M. Porter; 114, N. Ashcroft; 117, R. Freeman; 132, J. J. Lancaster; **Pts. 623.**
10. **Sutton H. and A.C.**—41, R. W. McMinnis; 96, H. Tebb; 105, J. W. Harrison; 124, J. Chidlow; 137, F. McMinnis; 192, T. F. McIntyre; **Pts. 695.** 229, T. Fillingham; 293, K. Graville.
11. **Rotherham H. and A.C.**—12, E. Kirkup; 59, P. G. Wood; 68, R. O. Wood; 155, R. Cotton; 186, A. Oxley; 251, J. Rodgers; **Pts. 731.**
12. **Derby and Cty. H.**—4, E. L. Hardy; 81, D. Bates; 131, W. R. Keily; 138, J. H. Piggs; 173, J. T. Keily; 214, W. E. Ashby; **Pts. 741.** 265, A. H. Mail; 290, J. Tyler.
13. **Blackheath H.**—11, A. J. Weeks-Pearson; 128, D. A. Bentley; 130, R. J. Webb; 133, H. N. Nunns; 178, A. C. Brill; 182, P. E. Baldwin; **Pts. 762.** 187, D. H. Hopgood; 232, T. D. Payne.
14. **St. Albans City A.C.**—22, D. O'Gorman; 65, M. J. Blyth; 107, J. Thorpe; 213, P. R. Tearle; 218, E. J. Kean; 228, R. W. Hills; **Pts. 853.** 263, J. B. Alexander; 442, S. Webley.
15. **Westbury H.**—55, I. B. G. Hawkins; 58, J. E. Gamlin; 164, P. M. Butterfield; 184, W. J. Court; 185, J. D. Ivory; 256, J. A. Shepherd; **Pts. 902.** 261, W. S. Pow; 321, M. J. Parks; 322, J. Coole.
16. **Reading A.C.**—69, D. R. Booker; 86, W. A. Robertson; 100, C. Rowden; 175, C. Morley; 238, A. G. C. Turnbull; 247, C. J. Parr; **Pts. 915.** 259, E. Downer; 260, G. P. Burningham.
17. **Surrey A.C.**—10, K. F. Caulder; 30, B. T. Barrett; 189, H. W. F. Fenton; 239, R. A. Hunt; 240, J. T. Cleverley; 317, J. Hunt; **Pts. 1025.** 362, A. O'B. Weekes; 395, E. Floyd; 461, P. L. Bye.
18. **Aylesford P.M.**—6, F. D. Sando; 127, D. K. Turrell; 212, Sgt. A. V. Macoy; 222, S. S. Acott; 241, J. S. Ellis; 242, J. R. Charlesworth; **Pts. 1050.** 307, W. Clout; 308, B. L. Hucks; 377, R. G. Hearn.
19. **Liverpool Pembroke H. and A.C.**—17, K. Gates; 136, L. Hollingsworth; 208, G. Hampson; 209, J. Gurr; 297, J. Tustin; 300, S. Smith; **Pts. 1167.** 412, A. E. Hey.
20. **Hallamshire H. and A.C.**—110, B. Kay; 160, S. Ibbotson; 207, W. Farrell; 219, A. Hazel; 245, J. Ellis; 279, T. Hobson; **Pts. 1220.** 343, D. Grayson.
21. **Wirral A.C.**—147, J. F. Green; 179, N. Ainsworth; 181, K. Hall; 243, B. J. Parker; 249, D. Rowlands; 262, E. Stringer; **Pts. 1261.**
22. **Brighton A.C.**—9, H. V. Foord; 77, R. Newington; 159, E. F. Napier; 344, B. Theurer; 351, A. E. Foster; 354, E. Rose; **Pts. 1294.** 467, A. E. Rutter.
23. **Shaftesbury H.**—120, D. J. Thompson; 145, E. V. Pearce; 180, S. F. Beale; 205, J. A. Chaplin; 320, M. Tasker; 332, R. Hewitt; **Pts. 1302.** 434, F. Hobson.
24. **Ilford A.C.**—45, A. F. Perkins; 64, H. E. Wilson; 223, R. Betts; 295, H. W. Hubbard; 339, H. J. Catton; 371, H. Williams; **Pts. 1337.** 401, R. C. Horswill.
25. **Finchley H.**—37, E. W. Whitehead; 215, B. C. Neilson; 227, D. A. Raven; 252, R. W. Butler; 289, D. A. Francis; 323, E. M. North; **Pts. 1343.** 365, C. R. Ponter; 430, A. W. J. Milton.

26. **Hampstead H.**—76, H. Hicks; 91, P. Taylor; 144, A. Willmott; 190, G. Adams; 388, G. Henderson; 462, J. Reynolds; **Pts. 1351.**
27. **Highgate H.**—66, J. Shilling; 126, G. F. Harrison; 236, K. H. Cornes; 278, J. S. R. Bodkin; 298, E. W. Fosbrook; 373, J. H. Brown; **Pts. 1377.**
28. **Sutton and Cheam H.**—84, D. Loveless; 162, D. Funner; 167, R. Page; 221, G. McIntire; 349, P. Hedges; 415, A. Woodland; **Pts. 1398.**
29. **Woodford Green A.C.**—156, C. Lowson; 200, J. A. Dodd; 258, J. Manley; 268, E. Barker; 272, C. Stockings; 292, W. Hazle; **Pts. 1446.** 370, J. Burge; 385, A. E. Hefford; 408, A. Hughes.
30. **Walton A.C.**—102, R. Roath; 113, K. Honney; 274, B. Judd; 287, G. Winchester; 347, D. Cameron; 375, J. Ewens; **Pts. 1498.** 404, J. Dorsett.
31. **Small Heath H.**—53, J. Lake; 129, D. Fowler; 166, K. Dare; 302, J. Rose; 428, F. Bull; 452, J. Willis; **Pts. 1530.** 473, G. Garstang.
32. **Queens Park H.**—31, T. Harwood; 121, I. Brookes; 342, P. Neilson; 346, W. L. Carr; 352, K. W. Jones; 389, L. N. O'Byrne; **Pts. 1581.** 402, P. E. Torode; 454, K. L. Joy.
33. **Cambridge City A.C.**—21, T. Smith; 235, J. Black; 281, W. Spratt; 282, W. Trow; 353, R. Martlew; 411, T. Fox; **Pts. 1583.**
34. **Bramley and Dist. H.**—157, E. I. Wilkinson; 177, A. Baker; 233, G. H. Naylor; 248, J. Coop; 364, J. Twyford; 407, J. Stainthorpe; **Pts. 1586.**
35. **Wolverhampton H.**—106, C. Kemball; 158, B. Shaw; 255, D. Onions; 720, B. Gelsthorpe; 384, M. Swift; 436, H. Bowen; **Pts. 1609.**
36. **Portsmouth A.C.**—195, A. H. Isaac; 211, S. A. Bollen; 234, R. E. Paine; 285, G. R. Horton; 286, E. A. Tranter; 414, D. W. Gardner; **Pts. 1625.**
37. **Horsham B.S.H.**—44, M. A. Baker; 116, H. V. Martin; 172, M. J. Luxford; 441, J. Laker; 460, E. R. Grosse; 417, R. K. Hithersay; **Pts. 1650.**
38. **Mitcham A.C.**—49, W. Pawsey; 199, L. Scott; 273, J. Fitzgerald; 340, Davidson; 374, P. Munn; 419, A. Facey; **Pts. 1654.**
39. **Wigmore H.**—75, R. Lambert; 216, C. McRae; 314, R. F. Wilson; 326, W. G. Tyler; 341, L. G. Suckling; 435, J. Dunsford; **Pts. 1707.** 450, D. A. Matthewson.
40. **Victoria Park H.**—118, G. L. Iden; 169, E. Dunster; 283, D. G. West; 348, J. W. Flowers; 403, L. R. Williams; 464, E. S. Flowers; **Pts. 1785.**
41. **Clayton-le-Moors H.**—250, A. Walker; 276, G. Brass; 313, J. Bushby; 318, S. Bradshaw; 327, B. Lister; 421, W. Hill; **Pts. 1905.**
42. **Notts A.C.**—202, J. E. Gutteridge; 267, E. Morley; 280, T. C. Pearce; 360, J. H. Stevenson; 429, D. J. Rhodes; 444, D. A. Kirk; **Pts. 1982.**
43. **Southgate H.**—246, L. A. Gaskin; 305, E. Lawley; 311, G. W. Ash; 331, D. Hutchins; 399, P. Harvey; 425, J. Boddington; **Pts. 2017.** 471, J. Luzmore.
44. **Wycombe Phoenix H.**—183, L. Weston; 204, H. Everson; 264, D. Selwood; 440, G. Walker; 465, D. Grange; 469, G. Feast; **Pts. 2025.**
45. **Wakefield H. and A.C.**—306, S. R. Bailey; 312, B. Dockray; 330, J. W. Bentham; 386, R. D. Grant; 405, V. A. England; 410, R. Brown; **Pts. 2149.**
46. **Ranelagh H.**—269, J. L. Davis; 358, R. H. Switzer; 369, A. Pearce; 378, C. W. McDowell; 396, J. G. Hobby; 397, G. J. Moriarty; **Pts. 2167.** 431, D. W. Braybrook; 432, A. F. Allwright.
46. **Epsom and Ewell H.**—309, D. Budd; 325, G. Barker; 329, J. Smith; 372, A. Childs; 426, J. Simmonds; 427, D. Barrows; **Pts. 2188.**
47. **Watford H.**—224, G. Lindars; 271, S. Izzard; 356, L. Johnson; 418, J. Jaquest; 455, J. Harris; 468, P. Webb; **Pts. 2192.**
48. **Preston H. and A.C.**—198, F. C. Bagley; 244, M. F. Rainford; 438, R. J. Abbott; 439, M. Withnell; 445, A. G. Page; 458, G. C. Hodson; **Pts. 2222.**
49. **Smethwick H.**—254, C. C. Bonehill; 390, E. L. Holmes; 423, F. D. Meredith; 424, D. M. Stapleton; 443, G. Farquhar; 451, K. Westley; **Pts. 2385.**
50. **Polytechnic H.**—141, D. Hayter; 196, F. Redfern; 206, J. H. Wood; 304, J. C. Vivian; 333, R. A. Robertson; 345, T. L. K. White; **Pts. 2525.** 463, S. F. Jones.

The following did not finish a team—

Bedford and Cty. A.C.—90, W. Harris; 366, A. Davies; 400, J. Meiklejohn; 409, C. Owen; 416, G. Hudson.

B.T.H. (Rugby) R.C.—334, R. P. West; 355, H. E. Boswell.

Cambridge H.—95, M. E. Sheard.

City of Rochester A.C.—220, D. Channon; 319, D. Wigley.
Crowland A.C.—94, R. Townsend; 406, K. Jenkins; 420, J. R. Russell; 449, F. R. Wright; 459, J. Osborne.
Dartford H.—188, K. T. Batchelor; 193, R. Foreman; 310, F. J. Dyter; 437, A. E. Childs; 474, A. Thompson.
Essex Beagles—33, G. Knight; 78, P. G. West; 97, B. E. Hames; 225, P. Servante; 387, S. C. Robins.
Ealing H.—34, M. L. Barratt; 119, G. C. W. Glancy; 174, D. A. Lane; 296, D. R. Jessop; 359, L. J. W. Strange.
East Cheshire H.—146, N. Frost; 299, K. Blankley.
Herne Hill H.—5, M. R. Maynard; 28, R. S. Clark; 197, E. A. Kerridge; 336, A. E. Hine.
Kettering Town H.—48, A. W. Gale; 93, D. E. Smith; 170, P. Whiteman; 284, T. Palmer; 294, G. Smith.
Leicester H.—101, T. Edwards; 194, B. Ashwell.
Lincoln Wellington A.C.—226, E. Wilson; 368, T. Wray.
Northampton and City. A.A.C.—288, P. Davison; 391, T. Baldwin; 355, V. R. May; 466, R. N. Bullock; 470, A. Cosford.
North Herts A.C.—231, M. Smith; 376, J. Dilley; 398, S. O'Niel; 446, P. Plumb.
Norwich and Norfolk A.C.—151, A. J. T. Bayfield; 275, A. G. Snelling; 381, J. M. Capes; 382, M. Brennan.
Oxford City A.C.—201, S. Wilkins; 357, P. G. Porter; 379, M. Chadbone; 392, T. T. Smith; 457, D. Evans.
Royton H. and A.C.—36, A. Walker; 367, H. Wilkinson; 394, J. Moorhouse; 447, S. B. Crosland; 448, E. Hall.
Tipton H.—108, K. Rickhuss; 135, B. Twamley; 230, A. Cole; 301, R. Bentley; 350, J. Wall.

Individual Entrants:

2, W. P. Ranger (Eastbourne R.); 7, W. Boak (Elswick); 8, G. Rhodes (N. Staffs); 13, A. Chorlton (Doncaster P.W.); 18, J. Salt (Rochdale); 23, R. Davies (Liverpool H.); 29, J. W. Stone (Dorking St. P.); 39, E. Slaughter (Morpeth); 70, G. Hodgson (Harrogate); 82, G. R. Freeman (Sunderland); 83, E. Noble (Rochdale); 104, W. Bathurst (Bristol); 123, R. R. Chinchin (Bournemouth); 143, W. Aston (Bilston T.); 150, B. Hemington (Enfield); 161, R. Hale (Kent); 165 L. B. Jones (Grimsby); 168, D. Hobson (Liverpool H.); 191, T. Lambert (Lincoln Well.); 237, D. B. Evison (Louth); 253, W. O'Flanagan (N. Shields P.); 257, D. Vinall (Eastbourne R.); 291, H. Benson (Liverpool H.); 303, L. Bottomley (Rochdale); 316, A. Walsham (Salford); 324, N. Hindle (Rochdale); 337, Y. Buckingham (Leamington); 338, F. Blease (E. Cheshire); 361, W. J. Taylor (Redhill & R.); 363, T. Stanners (Morpeth); 380, B. Coulton (Bingley); 413, R. T. Barnes (Wareham); 456, B. Lewis (Bilston T.).

South London H. hold the "FRANK WYNNE" Cup as the winning team for one year.

D. A. G. Pirie holds the "CHESHAM" Cup as the individual winner for one year.

South London H. hold the "W. FINCH WAYTE" Cup as the leading Southern team for one year.

Belgrave H. hold the "CHARLES OTWAY MEMORIAL CUP" for one year, as the team finishing nine runners with the least number of points (excluding the first three teams).

JUNIOR — 6 Miles

*1. J. McLaren (Shotts M.W.)	35.18	10. E. Williams (Liv. Pembroke) ...	36.46
*2. R. G. Beecroft (Clayton-le M.) ...	35.37	11. B. Jones (Cov. Godiva H.)	37.00
3. B. Grubb (Sheffield U.H.)	35.50	12. F. D. Gilson (S. London H.)	37.04
*4. A. S. Jackson (Leeds St. M.) ...	36.04	13. A. Barch (Sheffield U.H.)	37.06
5. S. E. Eldon (Windsor & E.)	36.11	14. W. G. Corneek (Poly H.)	37.09
6. R. Allen (Cov. Godiva H.)	36.19	15. J. Chamberlain (Leicester H.) ...	37.15
*7. T. Bailey (Hull H.)	36.39	16. E. O. Spencer (Shaftesbury H.) ...	37.17
8. A. J. Brown (Notts Univ.)	36.41	*17. T. Anderson (N. Shields Poly) ...	37.19
9. B. Heatley (Cov. Godiva H.) ...	36.45	*18. K. Flockton (Harehills L.C.)	37.20

19. G. Stones (Windsor & E.)	37.22	23. J. A. N. Pike (Westbury H.)	37.28
20. B. G. Lucas (Ilford A.C.)	37.23	24. L. Haile (Newport H.)	37.29
21. M. J. Palmer (St Albans C.)	37.26	25. J. R. Kirk (Ranelagh H.)	37.31
22. G. R. Last (Blackheath H.)	37.27	* Individual	

Team Placings:

1. South London H.—12, F. D. Gilson; 30, R. Darchambaud; 40, P. C. Hannan; 52, L. D. Reed; **Pts. 134.** 153, S. Thorpe; 196, M. Crickmore.
2. Coventry Godiva H.—6, R. Allen; 9, B. Heatley; 11, B. Jones; 117, J. Elliot; **Pts. 143.**
3. Liverpool Pembroke H.—10, E. Williams; 49, V. Bateman; 55, R. Williams; 76, D. Price; **Pts. 190.** 129, D. McMuldrough; 145, J. Robinson.
4. Shaftesbury H.—16, E. Spencer; 51, B. Roberts; 61, J. Cunningham; 74, L. Goad; **Pts. 202.**
5. Westbury H.—23, J. Pike; 53, B. Davis; 70, R. Young; 94, J. McDonald; **Pts. 240.** 116, B. Gazzard; 199, T. Spokes.
6. Newport H.—24, L. Haile; 33, A. Rathbone; 38, M. Phillips; 155, G. Holloway; **Pts. 250.** 183, K. Phipps.
7. Woodford Green A.C.—29, R. Garrett; 35, C. P. Crump; 96, M. Cannell; 143, D. J. Chapman; **Pts. 303.**
8. Sheffield Utd. H.—3, B. Grubb; 13, A. Barch; 58, A. Bardom; 243, P. Willson; **Pts. 317.**
9. Blackheath H.—22, G. Last; 87, A. Wood; 93, T. Sullivan; 135, D. Pinckard; **Pts. 337.** 157, J. Herring; 184, B. Stone.
10. Essex Beagles—26, B. Kiernan; 39, B. Coates; 102, C. Campbell; 175, A. Linge; **Pts. 342.** 211, J. Young; 238, R. Smith.
11. Small Heath H.—57, A. Ray; 73, J. Tucker; 111, A. McKenna; 120, J. Dale; **Pts. 361.** 187, A. Osborne.
12. Nottingham Univ.—8, A. Brown; 62, P. Roethenbaugh; 148, R. Hannant; 150, J. Raw; **Pts. 368.** 158, P. Farnsworth; 218, J. Wells.
13. Portsmouth A.C.—27, T. Porter; 64, W. Wheeler; 72, T. Hayden; 217, P. Ferrigan; **Pts. 380.** 222, F. Wheeler.
14. Herne Hill H.—37, A. Towle; 85, L. Mackenzie; 118, J. Davis; 142, A. Heywood; **Pts. 382.** 179, B. Shave; 203, A. Lowe.
15. Lincoln Wellington A.C.—36, N. Clarke; 46, G. Butler; 146, C. Clark; 156, F. Fox; **Pts. 384.**
16. Southgate H.—28, D. J. Shott; 48, J. R. Barton; 149, B. Ward; 180, A. Varney; **Pts. 405.** 234, G. Yelland.
17. Leicester H.—15, J. Chamberlain; 86, P. Otter; 124, C. Billson; 181, F. Spencer; **Pts. 406.**
18. Ilford A.C.—20, B. G. Lucas; 110, G. Marwood; 136, B. Holdstock; 151, D. Green; **Pts. 417.** 200, A. Lovett.
19. Manchester and Dist. L.C.—65, L. Cooper; 98, D. Yale; 134, J. Veals; 140, A. Day; **Pts. 437.** 177, A. Jordan; 178, P. Veals.
20. Thames Valley H.—54, J. Loader; 80, M. Tan; 137, P. Linford; 176, E. Stag; **Pts. 447.** 227, J. Davies.
21. Derby and Cty. A.C.—79, M. A. Brown; 95, G. Brown; 130, K. W. Doleman; 165, A. Griffiths; **Pts. 469.** 216, B. A. Coulson; 265, G. Bull.
22. Windsor and Eton A.C.—5, S. E. Eldon; 19, G. Stones; 235, R. Marshall; 247, A. Baigent; **Pts. 506.**
23. Bingley H. and A.C.—71, M. Ebbage; 88, R. Foster; 126, D. Burrige; 228, J. Williamson; **Pts. 513.**
24. Reading A.C.—89, R. R. Sale; 104, A. Ruwe; 105, M. L. Purvey; 221, M. J. Jefferies; **Pts. 519.** 230, P. Hampton; 269, J. Edginton.
25. Ranelagh H.—25, J. R. Kirk; 139, W. P. Bird; 147, J. D. Bull; 212, B. Switzer; **Pts. 523.**
26. Finchley H.—91, A. Horne; 115, H. Trudgett; 161, M. Day; 162, F. J. G. Salvat; **Pts. 529.** 262, B. A. Gummer.
27. Birchfield H.—82, C. G. Oakley; 84, A. Wigley; 114, G. B. Phillips; 255, P. Holland; **Pts. 535.**
28. Salisbury A.C.—50, B. Lillicrap; 67, C. E. Kennedy; 171, D. Lillicrap; 249, R. Harris; **Pts. 537.**
29. Salford H. and A.C.—63, J. Lloyd; 144, R. McClelland; 188, G. Doggett; 192, G. Linton; **Pts. 587.** 261, P. Dobson.

30. **Hallamshire H. and A.C.**—100, A. Liley; 107, P. Keeling; 132, B. Parsissons; 254, P. Robinson; Pts. 593.
31. **Cambridge H.**—41, M. E. Bergman; 152, G. F. Martin; 205, A. S. Gordon; 215, J. Godbeer; Pts. 613. 264, K. Munro.
32. **Grimsby H. and A.C.**—108, D. G. Taylor; 163, J. H. Hooper; 170, P. Walton; 186, B. Wray; Pts. 627.
33. **Surrey A.C.**—109, D. W. Caulder; 173, B. H. Nash; 174, M. R. Howell; 185, P. C. Tomkins; Pts. 641.
34. **Royton H. and A.C.**—141, D. Pilkington; 172, G. Pritchard; 213, L. Ashton; 246, E. Battersby; Pts. 772.
35. **Hercules (Streatham) A.C.**—68, E. Caiger; 219, M. Westall; 224, R. Haselam; 266, I. Champion; Pts. 777.
36. **Hampstead H.**—90, B. Parkes; 195, R. Byford; 245, T. Adams; 263, T. Bright; Pts. 793.
37. **Newmarket and Mildenhall A.C.**—113, B. Musgrove; 225, M. Watson; 250, D. Notley; 251, A. Holloway; Pts. 839.
38. **Walsall A.C.**—145, T. F. Moore; 242, J. Tucker; 267, G. Dawes; 268, A. Withnall; Pts. 922.
39. **Belgrave H.**—209, D. Hooper; 225, P. Pepé; 248, P. Childs; 270, F. Wright; Pts. 953.

The following Clubs did not finish a team—

- Bolton U.H.**—125, T. Ramsden; 133, J. Smith; 231, G. Windsor.
Brighton A.C.—83, P. Abrahams; 229, C. F. Newman; 232, E. Borrill.
B.T.H. (Rugby) R.C.—45, R. M. Bateman; 92, D. S. Lee; 239, B. Fickling.
City of Rochester A.C.—189, T. Lancaster; 202, R. Thomas; 223, C. Oasgood.
Ealing H.—119, D. D. Arnold; 190, R. F. Morland; 260, D. A. Painter.
East Cheshire H.—66, C. Hebb.
Epsom and Ewell H.—44, A. Kitchen.
Hornsey (St. Mary's) H.—191, C. Weight; 233, L. Fox.
Kettering Town H.—106, D. Curtis.
Longwood H.A.C.—77, B. Clegg; 101, B. W. Priestley; 12, J. Booth.
Manchester A. and C.C.—103, P. Sadler.
Nuneaton H.—166, D. Cox; 167, G. Mills.
Polytechnic H.—14, W. G. Corneck; 78, K. J. P. French.
Queens Park H.—164, E. J. Lindsell; 236, N. R. Rees.
Ruislip-Northwood A.C.—214, A. Wilson; 220, J. Durling; 237, T. Youdale.
Sutton H. and A.C.—60, K. Crouch; 99, S. Heeson; 131, J. Smith.
St. Albans City A.C.—21, M. J. Palmer.
Wycombe Phoenix H.—34, A. Redrup; 201, A. Dale; 244, A. Seymour.
Wallasey A.C.—207, H. Pritchard; 210, J. W. Lynch.

Individual Entrants:

- 1, J. McLaren (Shotts M.W.); 2, R. G. Beecroft (Clayton-le-Moors); 4, A. S. Jackson (Leeds St. M.); 7, T. Bailey (Hull); 17, T. Anderson (N. Shields P.); 18, K. Flockton (Harehills); 31, A. E. Morton (Macclesfield); 32, F. A. Seal (Ponders End); 42, T. Aisbitt (Morpeth); 43, B. Cook (Bilston T.); 47, J. Merriman (Watford); 59, R. G. Dale (Radcliffe); 69, S. McLean (Long Eaton); 75, D. Sissons (Lysaghts); 81, W. Giddings (Kent); 97, J. D. Loten (Camberley); 112, R. Ackroyd (Norwich and N.); 122, J. Woolley (Stafford); 123, G. A. C. Gausden (Reigate & R.); 128, C. M. Slinger (Lancaster Primrose); 138, W. R. Richardson (Leics. Coll.); 159, F. D. Jones (Orpington); 160, C. Appleton (Hornchurch); 168, A. Coleman (Bedford); 169, M. Swinney (Sunderland); 193, J. Barker (Rochdale); 194, L. A. Fuller (Camberley); 204, M. Pearson (Liverpool H.); 206, W. J. Airey (Lancs. Prim.); 208, R. M. Stone (Bournemouth); 240, J. Ward (Long Eaton); 252, D. Weston (Highgate); 257, D. Mason (Enfield); 258, V. G. Hedges (Westbury); 259, R. A. Brown (Southall).

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YOUTHS — 3 Miles

1. A. Cocking (Bramley & Dist. H.)	17.42	14. J. Benniman (Salisbury A.C.)	18.40
2. S. R. Langridge (S. London H.)	18.03	15. C. Henderson (Tipton H.)	18.42
3. W. Heidberg (Woodford Gn. A.C.)	18.09	16. B. Hall (Manchester & Dist. L.C.H.)	18.43
4. H. C. Mousley (Birchfield H.)	18.11	17. G. Flanagan (Belgrave H.)	18.44
5. *M. J. Corcoran (Macclesfield H.)	18.20	18. R. Shrimpton (North'ts & C.A.A.C.)	18.45
6. D. Farnsworth (Bingley H. & A.C.)	18.22	19. K. Beanland (Leeds A.C.)	18.46
7. D. Worth (Birchfield H.)	18.22	20. M. Edwards (Sheffield U. H. & A.C.)	18.47
8. J. Hurt (Leicester H.)	18.23	21. G. Knight (Sutton & Cheam H.)	18.51
9. D. Shaw (Leeds St. Marks H.)	18.34	22. B. Focard (Sefton H.)	18.52
10. B. Warman (Doncaster P.W.A.C.)	18.36	23. J. H. Lindsell (Portsmouth A.C.)	18.53
11. A. Ball (Nuneaton H.)	18.37	24. C. Endersby (North Herts A.C.)	18.55
12. C. W. Plumpton (Portsmouth A.C.)	18.38	25. M. C. Palmer (S. London H.)	18.57
13. D. Cannon (North Herts A.C.)	18.39		

* Individual

Team Placings:

- 1. South London H.**—2, S. R. Langridge; 25, M. C. Palmer; 60, J. S. Downer; 105, R. M. Stuart; Pts. 192. 126, A. J. H. Pegley; 179, A. Neville.
- 2. Manchester and Dist. L.C.H.**—16, B. Hall; 30, G. Clarke; 53, B. Hamer; 118, P. Scholfield; Pts. 217. 201, P. Burns; 282, B. Locke.
- 3. Portsmouth A.C.**—12, C. W. Plumpton; 23, J. H. Lindsell; 79, R. Bailey; 107, G. Drew; Pts. 221. 208, E. G. T. Lindsell.
- 4. Sefton H.**—22, B. Focard; 37, A. Linford; 42, P. Snape; 139, B. Needham; Pts. 240. 261, P. Rogers; 351, E. Hayes.
- 5. Thames Valley H.**—34, D. M. Sargent; 69, B. Miles; 71, D. A. F. Haith; 132, M. J. Moody; Pts. 306. 246, J. D. Young; 276, M. Stagg.
- 6. Essex Beagles**—44, R. Campbell; 51, D. E. Toggwell; 90, B. W. Dew; 134, B. R. Simmonds; Pts. 319. 145, E. J. Saxbey; 259, J. Martin.
- 7. Wallasey A.C.**—43, T. R. Shaw; 64, W. F. Farrell; 97, P. B. White; 116, B. Woolford; Pts. 320. 171, I. McIvor; 225, R. Wood.
- 8. Leicester H.**—8, J. Hurt; 83, T. Warnes; 99, L. Pratt; 136, C. Wilcox; Pts. 326. 251, J. Roper.
- 9. Bramley and Dist. H.**—1, A. Cocking; 29, P. Watson; 73, T. Holloway; 224, B. Little; Pts. 327. 328, T. Briggs.
- 10. Hercules (Streatham) A.C.**—18, M. Lydiatte; 31, E. A. Earl; 98, J. Coe; 181, D. Cobb; Pts. 328. 302, D. E. Swainson; 325, L. D. Silva.
- 11. Leigh H. and A.C.**—58, J. Billington; 62, J. Hutchinson; 80, B. Jackson; 133, J. Bryne; Pts. 333.
- 12. Woodford Green A.C.**—3, W. Heiberg; 93, A. J. Wiseman; 94, E. Major; 160, H. Windsor; Pts. 350. 310, R. Peppiatt.
- 13. Surrey A.C.**—28, E. Watt; 53, J. P. Snowden; 119, G. R. J. Winder; 146, M. Snowden; Pts. 356.
- 14. Southgate H.**—26, D. J. Coward; 56, T. J. Brookes; 72, P. J. McIlwain; 203, R. G. Middleditch; Pts. 357. 210, G. A. Monk; 266, J. Warner.
- 15. Belgrave H.**—17, G. Flanagan; 49, J. Palmer; 138, R. Braine; 158, H. Boreham; Pts. 362. 167, C. Dabbs; 228, P. Carr.
- 16. Nuneaton H.**—11, A. Ball; 50, W. Boffin; 144, I. McDonagh; 172, B. Ewington; Pts. 377.
- 17. Small Heath H.**—57, B. Edwards; 75, A. Sturdy; 110, B. Richardson; 418, I. Court; Pts. 390. 168, J. Walker; 229, J. Nix.
- 18. Birchfield H.**—4, H. C. Mousley; 7, D. Worth; 230, A. Jones; 238, D. Rafferty; Pts. 479. 285, T. Keight; 311, C. A. Lewis.
- 19. Isle of Sheppey A.C.**—48, M. J. Murton; 127, L. A. J. Bull; 128, A. E. Earl; 209, J. Hobday; Pts. 512. 326, A. M. D. Puxty.
- 20. Wirral A.C.**—39, D. Harris; 96, D. Jeffs; 190, R. Manley; 207, I. Hill; Pts. 532. 236, A. Mallon; 256, B. Cartmill.
- 21. Tipton H.**—15, C. Henderson; 88, A. Brown; 131, G. Bentley; 303, P. Boxley; Pts. 537.
- 22. Grimsby H. and A.C.**—91, M. J. Hall; 142, J. Smith; 147, W. E. Gyte; 159, C. P. Dawkins; Pts. 539. 231, J. Dann.
- 23. North Herts A.C.**—13, D. Cannon; 24, C. Endersby; 232, J. De-Louvius; 272, B. Graham; Pts. 541.

24. **Bingley H. and A.C.**—6, D. Farnsworth; 123, B. Moulds; 192, R. Fathers; 233, D. Briggs; Pts. 554.
25. **Clayton-le-Moors H.**—68, T. G. Wood; 157, M. J. Sutcliffe; 166, R. Wareing; 174, R. Hill; Pts. 565.
26. **Coventry Godiva H.**—40, B. Kilby; 121, T. Cox; 199, B. Evans; 216, D. Harcourt; Pts. 576. 241, R. Wilkinson; 270, R. Mullis.
27. **Rotherham H. and A.C.**—36, D. Denton; 103, B. Burton; 180, B. Burkinshaw; 258, B. King; Pts. 577.
28. **Mitcham A.C.**—77, R. Kersey; 109, J. Porter; 165, J. Davis; 245, D. Banks; Pts. 596. 294, E. Evans; 334, A. Pawsey.
29. **Longwood H. A.C.**—45, R. S. Higson; 86, G. N. Beldon; 215, J. Hubbard; 254, D. Amber; Pts. 600.
30. **Kettering Town H.**—52, G. Davis; 100, R. E. Fullilove; 200, A. Mathie; 260, B. Driver; Pts. 612.
31. **Liverpool H. and A.C.**—66, J. G. Brown; 92, K. Thomson; 198, P. Kenna; 263, J. Borrows; Pts. 619. 299, A. Matheson.
32. **Salford H. and A.C.**—78, D. S. Donhue; 173, D. S. Caplan; 187, A. Evans; 191, D. Elwell; Pts. 629. 308, N. Campbell.
33. **Barnet A.C.**—113, T. J. E. Murrey; 122, E. M. Jones; 178, K. B. Allbeury; 217, B. E. Day; Pts. 630.
34. **Ruislip-Northwood A.C.**—76, A. Brown; 87, G. D. Archer; 220, M. Sanger; 250, D. H. Brennan; Pts. 633. 257, D. Lloyd; 279, V. Clayton.
35. **Bristol A.C.**—33, D. A. Smith; 120, A. J. Upsher; 234, M. Sully; 265, C. Bolwell; Pts. 652.
36. **East Cheshire H.**—85, P. Turley; 89, C. Broom; 206, J. Turner; 281, H. McKnight; Pts. 661.
37. **Royton H. and A.C.**—74, R. E. Mills; 114, J. Harrop; 177, D. Jones; 296, S. Piggott; Pts. 669.
38. **Hornchurch H.**—81, B. Marchant; 169, B. Littlemore; 197, B. Turner; 283, J. N. Eckersley; Pts. 730.
39. **Ilford A.C.**—47, H. T. Goodway; 104, J. Blackeby; 423, W. R. Roe; 353, P. L. Harrison; Pts. 747.
40. **Queens Park H.**—61, M. C. Gray-Hunter; 186, A.H. Muchamore; 223, J. Whittingham; 287, M. Martin; Pts. 757.
41. **Hallamshire H. and A.C.**—84, A. Burton; 163, J. Phillips; 205, J. Buckle; 323, A. Marriot; Pts. 775.
42. **Blackheath H.**—124, J. R. Lees; 156, M. C. Drew; 222, A. A. Naggs; 305, M. Scott; Pts. 807. 330, R. E. Taylor.
43. **Shaftesbury H.**—59, R. A. Beaumont; 141, G. Pether; 307, J. Ayers; 306, B. Ward; Pts. 813. 358, T. W. Cripps.
44. **Derby and Cty. A.C.**—117, K. Wright; 152, G. A. Finch; 212, G. Maskrey; 336, D. Keily; Pts. 817.
45. **Louth and Dist. A.C.**—38, D. Ellis; 227, I. McLeod; 278, D. Doe; 291, B. Fletcher; Pts. 834.
46. **Ranelagh H.**—183, J. A. Cope; 193, D. P. Sturt; 195, I. A. Keith; 267, J. H. Sullivan; Pts. 838. 298, D. M. Warner.
47. **Bedford and Cty. A.C.**—135, C. Baily; 218, S. Woods; 221, P. R. Prudden; 288, T. Scott; Pts. 862. 352, G. Wright; 354, P. C. Carter.
48. **Royal Air Force Cosford**—184, B/E Packer; 196, B/E Wright; 235, B/E Church; 277, B/E Comley; Pts. 892. 321, B/E Whitlam; 347, B/E Skeels.
49. **Northampton and Cty. A.A.C.**—67, R. Whiting; 253, T. Cooke; 262, B. Leavey; 313, G. Allen; Pts. 895. 349, P. Gill.
50. **Manchester A. and C.C.**—115, S. G. Taylor; 194, P. Allen; 247, A. L. Renshaw; 360, J. M. Stockwell; Pts. 916.
51. **Herne Hill H.**—202, A. K. Cox; 264, G. F. Tollerfield; 339, J. B. Crawford; Pts. 930.
52. **Cambridge H.**—65, N. Roberts; 275, D. Rice; 284, B. Fenwick; 312, M. Brett; Pts. 936.
53. **Kimbolton Sch.**—176, M. J. Armstrong; 211, C. F. Bass; 255, V. N. Trafford; 301, W. T. Chamberlain; Pts. 943. 315, L. C. Geeson; 333, J. C. Cooke.
54. **Crowland A.C.**—170, J. Haylock; 214, K. Hall; 297, J. Munsey; 317, D. B. Trayford; Pts. 998. 357, C. Bannister.
55. **Preston H. and A.C.**—137, M. J. Devanney; 244, M. R. Starling; 280, J. C. Hind; 359, J. Rainford; Pts. 1020.

56. **Enfield A.C.**—111, B. Clarke; 274, P. Spooner; 314, B. Streather; 332, P. Ling! **Pts. 1031.**
344, J. Blunner.
57. **Wigmore H.**—143, R. Walker; 273, P. Cox; 293, J. Corton; 335, R. A. Ratty; **Pts. 1044.**
58. **Watford H.**—101, D. Thomas; 286, J. Davis; 324, A. Newnham; 338, T. Shenton; **Pts. 1049.**
59. **Highgate H.**—182, R. W. Corbett; 237, J. Gallagher; 319, J. F. Prendergast; 327, H. Cox; **Pts. 1065.**
60. **Llanelly Grammar Sch.**—213, G. Thomas; 269, R. Rogers; 316, L. Williams; 318, J. Jones; **Pts. 1116.** 329, D. B. Lewis; 331, B. Kemp.
61. **Reading A.C.**—151, B. E. Bacon; 342, D. E. G. Hearne; 343, A. R. Rivers; 356, J. N. Walters; **Pts. 1192.**
62. **Dartford H.**—320, K. T. King; 348, C. Powell; 355, M. R. Saxton; 361, H. Batten; **Pts. 1384.** 362, D. Stevens.

The following Clubs did not finish a team—

Aylesford P.M.—108, J. H. Mayatt.
Bolton U.H.—161, H. Whittle; 292, D. Horrobin.
Finchley H.—130, A. J. Coaker; 249, B. A. Worsley.
Hornsey (St. Mary's) H.—41, D. Webster; 102, D. Desborough; 239, B. Denman.
Nuneaton H.—185, M. Short; 290, G. C. Mills.
Polytechnic H.—189, B. Reekie; 271, B. H. Fernee; 346, M. Brownridge.
St. Albans City A.C.—154, W. N. Edwards.
Sheffield U.H.—20, M. Edwards; 70, A. Platt; 149, R. Haigh.
Sutton and Cheam H.—21, G. Knight; 248, N. Heywood.
Westbury H.—27, J. L. Parker; 240, C. Hannev.
Wolverhampton H.—340, R. Gibson.
Wycombe Phoenix H.—106, K. Cattermole; 219, A. Douglass; 309, B. Coker.

Individual Entrants:

5, M. J. Corcoran (Macclesfield); 9, D. Shaw (Leeds St. M.); 10, B. Warman; 14, J. Benniman (Salisbury); 32, A. V. H. Stainer (Camberley); 35, D. F. A. McQuade (Varndean G.S.); 46, P. J. Cosgrove (Radcliffe); 54, A.M. Howe (Meden Valley); 55, D. G. Bell (Lincoln Well.); 95, G. Froggett (Wakefield); 112, Derby (Coseley); 129, P. N. Turner (Kent); 140, K. F. Child (City of Rochester); 150, R. Coupland (Lincoln Well.); 153, R. C. Wilding (Smethwick); 155, B. Gill (Barrow); 164, T. Cox (Newmarket and Mildenhall); 175, I. R. Young (Southall); 188, D. G. Barker (Harehills); 204, D. K. Head (Luton Utd.); 242, D. Thomas (Lysaghts); 295, R. J. Perry (Ealing); 300, D. Robinson (Luton Utd.); 322, P. Davis (Swindon); 341, J. A. Clemmett (Bolton Utd.).

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France. 1, M. Ben Said 44.18; 2, Ben Aissa 44.28; 3, A. Ben Lahcen 44.29; 4, Simonet 44.44; 5, Blusson 44.54; 6, Chiclet 44.57; 7,

Mimoun 45.03; 8, Com; 9, Chicane; 10, Prat.
Belgium. 1, Vandewattyne 48.17; 2, Theys 48.25; 3, Van Laere 48.38; 4, Herman 49.04; 5, Depauw 49.15; 6, Deweer; 7, Van de Hoeven; 8, Davignon; 9, Daniels.

Spain. 1, Amoros 48.30; 2, Irizar 48.44; 3, Cerezo 48.56; 4, Garcia L.; 5, Guixa; 6, Moreno; 7, Bidegui; 8, Aguirre; 9, Larraza.

Owing to the National Cross-Country Championship results in this issue results of the Women's National Championships, Welsh Championships, Readers' Letters and other features have been held over until next week.

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