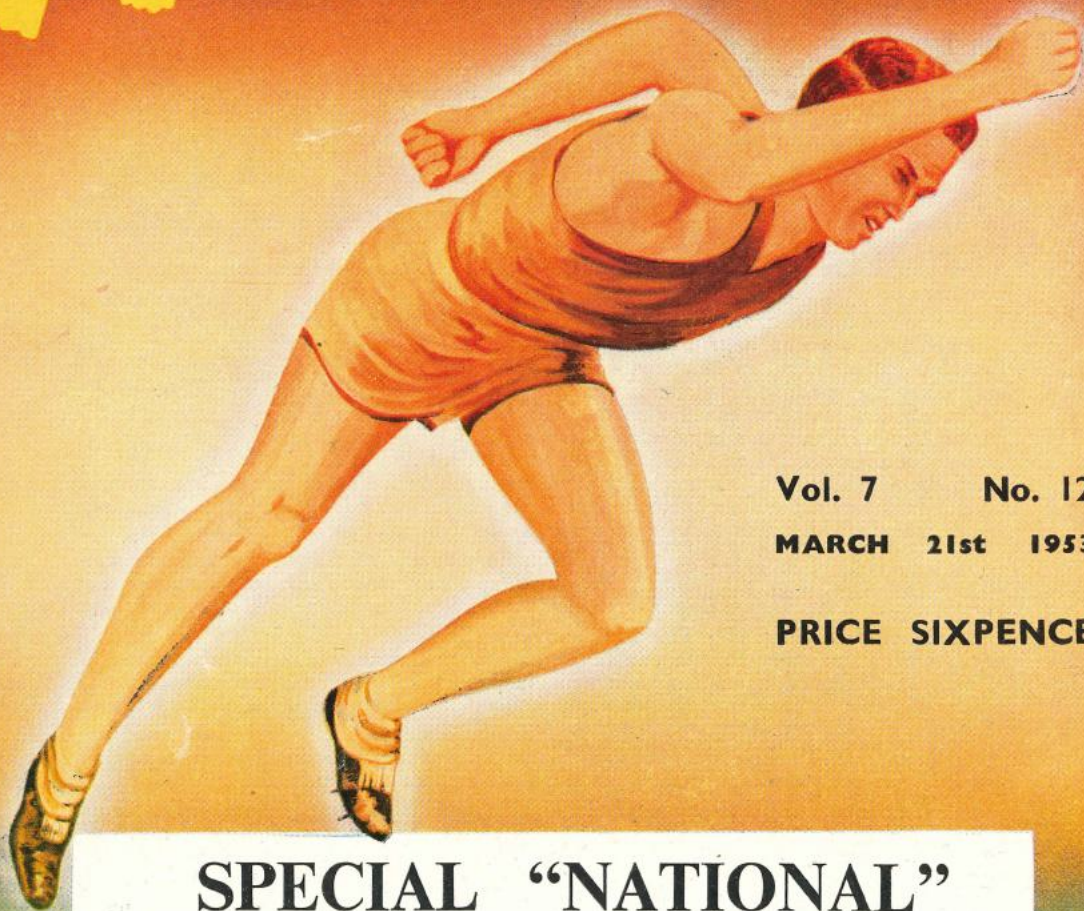


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WOMEN'S NATIONAL
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Women's National Cross - Country Championship

Birchfield Harriers gained a creditable double victory in the Women's 21st National Cross-Country Championship held over a course of 2½ miles at Woodgate, near Birmingham, on Saturday, March 7th. It was their tenth team victory, and was gained at the expense of Ilford A.C., holders of the title for the two previous years.

Individual honours went to the unbeaten 20-year-old Birchfield girl, Diane Leather, whose record to date shows her to have been successful in the Midland Turley Shield race; the National Junior championship; the Midland Senior event, and now the National Senior race. Her success was complete, for forcing the pace from the commencement, she led by 40 seconds from Marian Davies (Stockport) at half distance, and had almost doubled the advantage at the finish. Ruby Smith (St. Gregory's) winner in 1947, was third, with the holder for the past two years, Phyllis Green (Ilford) below normal form after illness, in seventh position.

Four teams failed to start; one of them, Saltwell A.C., arriving after the race had started.

1. D. Leather, Birchfield H.L.S. 15.17
2. M. Davies, Stockport H.L.S. 16.33
3. R. M. Smith, St. Gregory's A.C. 16.42
4. A. Gibson, North Shields Poly. 16.46
5. E. Harding, London Olymp. A.C. 16.56
6. H. Needham, Cambridge H.L.S. 17.00
7. P. Green (holder) Ilford A.C. 17.03
8. H. Cawston, Birchfield H.L.S. 17.07
9. H. Hennessey, Cane Hill S.S.&A.C. 17.09
10. J. Bridgland, Southampton A.A. 17.10
11. M. Nusser, Birchfield 17.11; 12. M. Richards, Hallamshire 17.17; 13. M. Westney, Ilford 17.23; 14. J. Worcester, Ilford 17.30; 15. J. Timbs, London Olympiades 17.33; 16. M. Ricketts, London Olympiades 17.41; 17. M. Harper, Birchfield 17.45; 18. A. Price, Halesowen 17.47; 19. J. O'Grady, Ilford 17.48; 20. J. Casse, Orpington 17.52; 21. J. Fothergill, Harborne 17.54; 22. M. Beckford, Ilford 18.2; 23. S. Rudd, London Olympiades 18.7; 24. E. Prince, Cane Hill 18.25; 25. H. Vincent, London Olympiades 18.27; 26. N. Grantham, Harborne "A" 18.38; 27. B. Tiffen, Ilford, 18.40; 28. G. Haddon, Harborne "A" 18.46; 29. M. A. Garvey, Small Heath 18.57; 30. M. Lingen, Birchfield 18.58; 31. M. Grice, Saltwell 18.59; 32. M. Blomfield, London Olympiades 19.3; 33. E. O'Conner, Cane Hill 19.16; 34. S. Gibbs, Ilford 19.21; 35. D.

Bateman, Hallamshire 19.23; 36. P. Reeves, Hallamshire 19.27; 37. R. Phillips, Birchfield 19.33; 38. J. Coley, Harborne "A" 19.38; 39. N. Blain, Birchfield 19.39; 40. L. Capener, Harborne "B" 19.40; 41. J. L. Warren, Newton Abbot 19.45; 42. A. Withey, Harborne "A" 19.47; 43. S. Coitrell, Harborne "A" 20.9; 44. M. Holland, Harborne "B," 20.44; 45. A. Moore, Birchfield 20.46; 46. H. Miles, Cane Hill 20.49.

Team Placings:—

1. Birchfield H.L.S. (1.8.11.17) 37
 2. Ilford A.C. (holders) (7.13.14.19) 53
 3. London Olympiades A.C. (5.15.16.23) 59
 4. Cane Hill S.S. and A.C. (9.24.33.46) 112
 5. Harborne H.L.S. "A" (21.26.28.38) 113
 6. Hallamshire H.L.S. (12.35.36.47) 130
 7. Harborne H.L.S. "B" (40.44.48.50) 182
- Saltwell H. (who arrived late) Airedale H.L.S., Halifax H. and A.C. and Orpington A.C. did not start.

Portsmouth Atalanta C.C. Championship.

1. Joan Pearson 18.45; 2. Barbara Smith 19.36; 3. Beryl Oakley 19.45; 4. Joan Smith 20.07. H'cp: 1. Pearson (Scr.) 18.45; 2. B. Smith (0.50) 18.46; 3. M. Fillery (1.20) 18.48.

WITH THE WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA

Marjorie Jackson strained an ankle tendon after winning the N.S.W. women's 100 yards title at Sydney, February 21st, in 10.6 sec., a tenth slower than her heat winning time. Her injury is not serious, but will prevent her competing again this season.

Marlene Matthews, a schoolgirl star a couple of years ago, won her 100 yards heat in 11 sec., finished third behind Erica Willis in the final.

The inaugural pentathlon was won by Gwen Wallace (age 16), with 1926 pts., from Erica Willis, 1656. Miss Willis, after achieving the best broad jump of 18ft. 7in., went off with an injured ankle.

Wallace, in the pentathlon 80m. hurdles, officially equalled her own national junior record of 11.5 sec.

Betty Cuthbert (14) was again to the fore, winning heat and final of the sub-junior 75 yds. in the record time of 8.6 sec.

J. H. Galli

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EVERY SATURDAY — SIXPENCE

WORKING on the "National" results last week made me think of the gentlemen who spend their leisure hours on that particular Saturday afternoon doing nothing but work out the team positions. I wonder if any of the athletes who run in these races realise just how much the sport owes to these enthusiasts who see nothing of the races, just the inside of a stuffy tent or small room, juggling with a mass of figures for several hours on end?

I know them all, by sight if not by name, from the gentleman in the bowler hat who, to my disrespectful mind, might have stepped straight out of one of the well-to-do racing establishments, to the burly Alf Harley, of Belgrave Harriers. These are the real enthusiasts. They do an absolutely essential job without which these big events could not be held, yet, except for occasional signs of irritation when pestered by other officials, the Press, and sundry other people, they do it happily and efficiently.

Even when approached by a large gentleman in a beret, who breezily announces—after most of the results have been worked out—that runner No. 791 had two discs and therefore disc No. 59 must be disregarded, with the result that all places after No. 58 come forward one, they merely give him a reproachful look reminiscent of a faithful spaniel, and resign themselves to starting all over again. The large gentleman retires unscathed, though to any onlooker it seems inevitable that they must have murder in their hearts.

Yes, spare a thought for these enthusiasts, some of whom travel halfway across England just to do this unenviable job and make these races possible. When we're younger and running ourselves, we tend to forget some of these things, in fact, in many cases they are not even known. So on behalf of all those who enjoyed the racing at Reading and throughout the season, may I tender a grateful "thank you" to these grand sportsmen. Your work is appreciated, even though it may sometimes be forgotten.

THE EDITOR

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S. HOLLIDAY (Bristol Univ.) No. B16, handing over to A. HABTU, No. B21, and R. DUNKLEY (London School of Economics) No. E49, handing over to D. ROBINSON, No. D51, in the Imperial College Relay in Hyde Park. Dunkley set up a new course record for the 2½ miles circuit.

H. W. Neale

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

IN Adelaide, John Landy won the S.A. state 1 mile title in 4m. 09.4 sec. (59, 63, 65, 62.4), without at all extending himself. Two and a half days earlier Landy won over the mile in 4:11.1 at Bendigo, Northern Victoria.

Graham Gipson, brilliant Perth prospect, won the West Australian 100 and 440 yards titles on February 21st (first day). His times were 9.7 and 48.2 sec. Bill de Gruchy was runner-up (4yd. back) in the 100 yds.; while second in the 440 yds., in 48.8 sec., was Frank Fox.

Race of the day in Melbourne's last full interclub premiership round, was the 1st division A grade mile. Geoff Warren, using his head, and the stamina he has developed through some years of hard work, won handily in the personal best time of 4min. 16sec.

Second was the raw, unconditioned George Fleming (21), a first year runner, in 4:16.6, with John Marks, the national cham-

pion way back in 1948 third in 4:17.8. Les Perry and team-mate Dan Stephens ambled in together in 4:21.5.

Improvements by Warren, Fleming, Stephens (all youngsters), Marks and Perry, should make the miles interesting in Melbourne over the next few years. They could provide some real competition for Landy and Macmillan.

Best of the youngsters may be Fleming—when he learns what it's all about—because Warren impresses more as a longer distance star, as his record this season has indicated. However, 4:10 and better is possible from them all eventually.

Warren's previous best was 4:25; Fleming's about 4:20. Fleming tends to sickness before almost every race.

At Bendigo on February 18th, Les Perry, following a day's work and a 100 miles car trip, won over 10,000 metres in 30m. 32s., missing his national record by 1 second. At 6 miles his time was 29:38.8.

J. H. Galli

Oxford win Battle of the Blues

THE Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Sports were held under almost ideal conditions for March, except for a cold wind blowing against the runners in the home straight. They were hardly ideal for record breaking, however, and this adds to the merit of performances in the mile and several of the other events.

Alan Dick set up a new record by winning the 100, 220 and 440, though none of the 100 men looked up to the usual standard. Dick's 220 and 440 were excellent, however, he looks likely to prove Britain's best prospect at the quarter for some years. One does not expect to see Harry Whittle running in the 220, but this time he was a good second in 22.7.

In the 880, I. H. Boyd and K. Marsden were last at the bell after a 56.4 first lap. Marsden went up, looking very comfortable, but Boyd put in a very strong last 220 to take first place in front of R. T. G. Day, who passed Marsden down the straight and was fast catching the winner near the tape.

The Mile was a great race and in assessing Chataway's great run, we must not lose sight of the really fine performances put up by Robinson and Law, both of whom proved themselves in world class and, what is more, should improve still further if they put the work in.

P. N. Miller took the field along at a very fast pace, running the first 440 in 58.6. This was a shade too fast and they all took a "breather" on the next, reached in 2:04.8; when Miller dropped out. Chataway then went up and led until the bell (3.10) when he appeared to ask Law to take over the lead, which he did until Chataway started his usual sprint for home with a furlong to go. Robinson just beat Law for second place after running a steady race throughout and putting up the fastest time ever by a Cambridge man. Chataway's time

was the third best ever by a British athlete.

The three miles proved a battle between J. J. Burnet (C) and Tony Weeks-Pearson (O) for most of the way. Pearson was a little doubtful about his stamina, having been included in the "three" unexpectedly only a fortnight before. He did not intend to go for the lead until two miles had gone, but in the actual race he was leading much earlier, then took a breather, but was back again at two miles, reached in 9:43.8. Burnet hung on grimly and from then on these two passed and re-passed each other until, when Burnet passed Weeks-Pearson with about 200 yards to go, the latter let him go and the race was over. The winner beat L. Morgan's record by one second.

Chris Higham had a fine double in the hurdles, the "lows" after two false starts, in the second of which he and Harry Whittle ran half the distance of the race before

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R. LAMBERT (W4) leading from D. KILBY (L5), R. HARVEY (N4) and R. MORLEY (M1) soon after the start of the Charlton Business House Relay.

E. D. Lacey

CAN I HELP YOU ?

What should I teach the Young Long Jumper?

IT is an exceptional youngster who is so well co-ordinated as to be able to perform with ease a complicated informal movement. Nor is it desirable to specialise in such a movement at too early an age. Boys and girls should be encouraged to spread their physical activity over a wide field. We have not yet reached the stage where we can say with certainty that outstanding proficiency in a specialised sphere in the formative years may be continued into the adult stage.

During these years it seems preferable to teach the simpler patterns of physical movement. It takes less time; it therefore leaves more time for other activities necessary for the general all-round development of the body and most great athletes have such a development.

By adhering to a simple and comparatively easy pattern, therefore, one sided

There is a fundamental difference between the two styles, a difference which is based on physical attributes in the adult athlete, but it is comparatively easy by a slight adjustment of technique to proceed from the one and a half to the two and a half. For convenience we will refer to a two stride jump and a three stride jump, which may be a better way of describing them. Because it is easier to learn, demands less physical strength and co-ordination powers, and could be used if necessary as a stepping stone to the three stride jump, a two stride jump is therefore selected for the young athlete and particularly for girls who, even in maturity may find the two stride style more generally suitable.

Both styles of striding jump provide a more effective take-off than the sail jump. The jumper can take-off with the weight

By GEORGE PALLETT

development as well as subsequent disappointment may be avoided.

On the other hand, it is desirable that the young athlete should learn at an early stage that economy of effort and efficiency of performance will pay dividends, and that the way a thing is usually done, often as the result of imitation based on ignorance or false premises, is not necessarily efficient or economical.

Balancing up these arguments I should incline to choose a one and a half hitch kick for the young long jumper. None will deny that the sail jump is out-moded and uneconomical. None of the best long jumpers in the world would dream of using it. On the other hand the two and a half hitch kick, which is probably the most effective form when technically perfect, calls for strength, power and co-ordination beyond the capacity of most young athletes. To a lesser degree the same argument applies to the "hang" style.

slightly more advanced beyond the board than in the case of the sail jumper. The natural elasticity of the ankle can therefore be used to better purpose to give height and relieves the knee joint of some of the strain by enabling it to flex to a lesser degree. The action off the board therefore becomes faster and smoother.

The style does require considerable mobility of the hop girdle, for it depends for its efficacy on a wide range of leg movement from the hip. The jumper aims at an exaggerated knee-lift at take-off, allowing the leading leg to follow the line of the raised thigh so the foot of the lead leg reaches the highest possible point ahead of the body—the maximum stride possible consistent with the jumper's ability. He should be taught to forget the lead leg once it has done its work, until it is brought forward for the landing, and to concentrate only on the take-off leg, which must be

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OXFORD WIN BATTLE OF THE BLUES (contd.)

being stopped. In the actual race Harry Whittle almost caught him on the tape after being two yards down entering the straight.

In the High Jump, the New Zealander, Jefferies, won with 6ft. 2in., but failed when attempting a record of 6ft. 3½in. The Pole Vault was won by Lyons on failures from the former high jumper, M. Thouless.

The Weight was a close affair, less than 2ft. covering the four, while A. A. Reich, the American from Toomis, and B. A. Calaway put in some fine javelin throwing before Reich won by 3ft. D. Slater, who won the Weight, also took the Discus for another "double."

Oxford were worthy winners by 20 points and are now only three behind Cambridge in the series with 35 victories to 38, with six ties.

100 Yards—1, A. Dick (O) 10.4; 2, S. Richardson (O); 3, P. Bradshaw (C); 4, D. Stronach (C). Won by a yard.

220 Yards—1, A. Dick (O) 22.3; 2, H. Whittle (C) 22.7; 3, S. Richardson (O) 22.9; 4, A. Sexton (C) 23.00.

440 Yards—1, A. Dick (O) 48.9; 2, A. Sexton (C) 50.3; 3, J. Lloyd (C); 4, D. Bell (O).

880 Yards—1, I. Boyd (O) 1:56.8; 2, R. Day (C) 1:57.0; 3, K. Marsden (C) 1:57.8; 4, R. Perryman (O) 1:58.9.

1 Mile—1, C. Chataway (O) 4:08.4; 2, P. Robinson (C) 4:10.6; 3, D. Law (O) 4:10.8;

4, D. Honey (C) 4:24.2; 5, J. Beesley (C). P. N. Miller (O) did not finish.

3 Miles—1, J. Burnet (C) 14:24.4; 2, A. Weeks-Pearson (O) 14:30.8; 3, S. Bryant (O) 14:44.4; 4, C. Suddaby (O) 14:56.6; 5, J. Knopf (C) 15:10.2; 6, G. Surridge (C).

120 Hurdles—1, C. Higham (O) 15.3; 2, D. O'Sullivan (O) 15.5; 3, T. Clark (C) 15.9; 4, J. Simpson (C) 16.0.

220 Low Hurdles—1, C. Higham (O) 25.6; 2, H. Whittle (C) 25.6; 3, M. Jenkins (O) 26.1; 4, H. Stinson (C) 26.1.

High Jump—1, G. Jeffries (O) 6'2"; 2, P. Daniel (O) 5'10"; 3, I. Jones (C) 5'10"; 4, E. Painter (C) 5'8".

Long Jump—1, H. Whittle (C) 21'4"; 2, I. Jeffery (C) 21'1"; 3, F. Dakin (O) 20'9¼"; 4, G. Villiers (O) 20'7½".

Pole Vault—1, J. Lyons (C) 11'0"; 2, M. Thouless (O) 11'0"; 3, S. Paschal (C) 10'6"; 4, I. Burnett (O) 10'6".

Weight—1, D. Slater (C) 41'5"; 2, G. Butterworth (O) 40'7"; 3, W. Palmer (O) 40'0"; 4, J. Banes (C) 39'9".

Discus—1, D. Slater (C) 129'4½"; 2, R. Shaw (O) 125'9"; 3, W. Palmer (O) 123'5"; 4, T. Newell-Price (C) 118'7".

Javelin—1, A. Reich (C) 189'0"; 2, B. Calaway (C) 186'9"; 3, P. Garland (C) 175'4"; 4, W. Palmer (O) 171'9½".

Result: Oxford 73 pts.; Cambridge 53 pts.

76th in the Southern Senior C.C. Championship was R. W. Howell (Poly), not Tranter (Portsmouth).

brought forward in exactly the same way, flexed at the knee, and allowed to extend in front to the highest possible point. Then the lead leg which should have fallen back at full length, through the widest possible arc, is brought forward flexed and is then straightened for the landing. The arms should follow the movement of the opposite legs, falling down in turn at length after the take-off, back, rising flexed to the rear, coming forward flexed at shoulder or just above shoulder level, both catching up overhead just before landing to reach down and forward as far as possible.

Preliminary practice should take the form of a half length run-up to the board, when the athlete should concentrate entirely on

bringing the take-off leg through and reach out with the foot to a piece of paper placed just beyond reach in the pit. The jumper then lands in a semi-split position on the take-off foot which is well ahead and the knee of the other leg behind. **Make sure the pit is soft.** It is a natural progression to bringing the rear leg through for landing for a full two stride jump.

A hint not yet used, but which may well prove effective, is to put two threads of worsted across the pit at suitable intervals, and at an appropriate height and tell the jumper to take-off and by striding, break the worsted with the leading foot of each leg in turn. This may help to extend the stride to the maximum.

ENGLISH JUNIOR C.C. CHAMPION, 1953



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IMPERIAL COLLEGE RELAY Hyde Park, London, March 7th

London School of Economics broke the existing record for this Relay when retaining the Roderick Hill Cup in 83 mins. 24 secs. Bristol University were just leading at the start of the last lap, after R. H. Dunkley had just lowered the lap record to 13.09 in taking L.S.E. into second place. D. H. Robinson made up the two seconds deficit and eventually won by 19 secs.

1, London Sch. of Economics (Cameron, Arthur, Ward, Thwaites, Dunkley, Robinson) 83.24 (record); 2, Bristol Univ. 83.43; 3, Manchester Univ. 84.28; 4, Univ. College (Lond.) 85.09; 5, Imperial Coll. 85.27; 6, Notts. Univ. 86.35; 7, Birmingham Univ. 86.57; 8, RAF College, Cranwell 86.58.

"Who's Who" C

The winner of the "Who's Who" Competition is—

E. Pettingale,
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Barrow-in-Furness,
Lancashire

to whom a cheque for £5 has been forwarded. His entry had a total of 29 correct forecasts out of 32.

Consolation prizewinners with 28 correct are:—

W. D. Thomas, 8 Morella Road, London, S.W.12.

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Robert C. Brett, Flat 4, 24 Ullathorne Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16.

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5 Junior Events

(age 14—16) for Boys only, also
4 x 110 yds. Relay (entries limited)

Full details and entry forms from—
G. D. Basan, 45 Tierney Road, Streatham Hill, London S.W.2.

Entries close 28th March and no entries will be accepted after that date

Competition Result

ENGLISH SENIOR C.C. CHAMPION, 1953

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Mount Pleasant Road, Grange Hill,
Chigwell, Essex.

L. G. Gebbett, 53 Bishops Mansions,
Bishops Park Road, London, S.W.6.

The thirty-two athletes whose photo-
graphs we published, were:—

1. R. G. Bannister
2. E. McDonald Bailey
3. J. Foulds
4. C. J. Chataway
5. M. Pharaoh
6. R. Hardy
7. D. Tyler
8. D. A. G. Pirie
9. L. Eyre
10. M. Whitfield (U.S.A.)
11. W. Hesketh
12. A. Pashley
13. P. Veste (France)
14. W. Santee (U.S.A.)
15. A. Oliver



D. A. G. PIRIE (S. London H.)

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Saturday, 6th June, 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

MEN	Open Events	Prizes	Valued
19.	Invitation 100 yds.	£7	£3 £2
20.	100 yds. H'cp ...	£5	£2 £1
21.	220 yds. H'cp ...	£5	£2 £1
22.	880 yds. H'cp ...	£5	£2 £1
23.	4 x 440 yds. Relay	£5	£3
24.	3M. Team (4r., 3s.)	£5	£3
25.	2 Mile Scr. Walk...	£7	£3 £2
26.	1 Mile Medley Relay	£5	£3
27.	4 x 110 yds. Relay	£5	£3
28.	Pole Vault ...	£5	£2 £1
29.	High Jump ...	£5	£2 £1
30.	Long Jump ...	£5	£2 £1
31.	Putting the Shot...	£5	£2 £1
32.	T. of War (C'wts.)	£9	£4.10
33.	10M. Rd. Rce. Indv.	£5	£3 £2.5
	Team (4 run, 3 score)	£4.10	£3 £2

WOMEN	Open Events	Prizes	Valued
39.	100 yards scratch...	£5	£2 £1
40.	220 yards Scratch...	£5	£2 £1
41.	4 x 110 Yds. Relay	£5	£3
42.	100 Yds. H'cp ...	£5	£2 £1
43.	220 Yds. Handicap	£5	£2 £1
44.	Kent County 660 Yds. Relay.		

Entrance fee: 1/6 first event; 1/- additional;
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Entries close First Post 15th May, 1953

Entry Forms from THE SECRETARY, Sports
Committee, Woolwich Borough Council,
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16. Lunis (France)
17. D. Warburton
18. K. Doubleday (Australia)
19. J. Linsell
20. A. Cruttenden
21. Thiam Papa Gallo (France)
22. N. Batson
23. C. MacGibbon (Australia)
24. P. Green
25. G. M. Gray
26. W. Fleming
27. C. D. Robertson
28. J. Disley
29. T. Richards
30. J. Desforges
31. G. W. Coleman
32. F. J. Parker

Race Walking

By F. W. Blackmore

FOR the fifth successive year, Sheffield United Harriers secured team and individual honours in the R.W.A. 10 miles National Championship at Cheltenham last Saturday; an astonishing record. Moreover, team and individual victories were equally emphatic, for Roland Hardy won as he liked to finish over two minutes ahead of the second man, clubmate R. Holland. He certainly could not have been soft-peddalling, and such a performance over ten miles, scrutinised by the keenest judges in the country, ridicules some of the unknowledgeable critics of the fairness of his walking.

It fell to Brian Hawkins, Metropolitan W.C., to be the first of Southern Area competitors to finish, with G. W. Coleman, Highgate Harriers—at one stage doing battle for the lead with Hardy—in fourth position, and some interesting placings close behind.

Jones, of Brighton A.C., in finishing sixth, gave further evidence of his qualities, so consistently maintained in various events this season. Behind him was S. R. Mantor, Enfield A.C., a walker now so seasoned over varying distances that it might have been thought unlikely he would be so far up in an event of this kind over such a distance. Well done indeed, both Jones and Mantor.

Woodford Green A.C. in second team position, and Metropolitan W.C. in third, both lacked a strong fourth man to make their tally of points a little more challenging to Sheffield. The absence of Belgrave and Highgate Harriers from the first three teams is a sign of changing times; though both clubs will doubtless come again. With these two clubs, as with others, the new blood is not yet sufficiently matured to adequately replace the familiar names now dropping out of active competition, or otherwise suffering from *anno domini*.

The flat course was conducive to the fast times, especially in the ideal weather conditions. But on the whole, a study of certain individual performances, representing the competitors' likely "best" over the distance, suggests that the course was the full ten miles.

A fillip to Cheltenham North A.C. to stage their first major championship.

Other than the Welsh Junior 5 miles and Youths 3 miles championships, to-day is given over to club events. But next week, there is the AAA Southern Area 7 miles walking championship at Battersea Park, and in the North, Sheffield United Harriers promote their annual Open 15 miles, which no doubt their members will use as preparation for a further assault on the R.W.A. 20 miles title to accompany the "10" won last week!

In post-War years, there has been no stopping the Sheffield boys. How gratified that great worker and sportsman, Jim Hackwood—past-President of the R.W.A.—must feel,

February 28th

Northern Senior 10 Miles Road Walk, Southport — 1, R. Hardy (Sheffield U.H.) 76.10; 2, R. Holland (Sheffield U.H.) 78.57; 3, J. R. Marsden (Lancs W.C.) 79.25. **Teams:** 1, Sheffield U.H. 12 pts.; 2, Lancs W.C. 38; 3, Sheffield U.H. "B" 44.

March 7th

Stock Exchange 25M. Champ. — 1, R. Andrews (Foster and Braithwaite) 3.59.53; 2, R. E. Green (Wedd Jefferson and Co.) 4.4.6; 3, W. G. Lawrence (Vivian Gray and Co.) 4.14.13; 4, H. Rhodes (W. A. Simpson) 4.19.53.

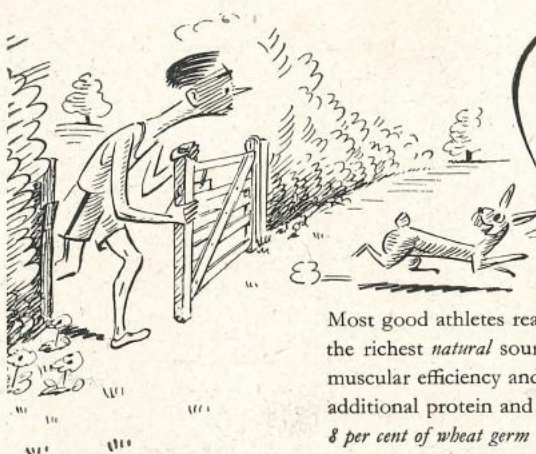
Trowbridge Open Walk — F. W. Barrett (Cambridge H.) 83.57; 2, S. R. Mantor (Enfield A.C.) 85.06; 3, A. Housden (Trowbridge) 86.04. **Teams:** 1, Trowbridge A.C. 24 pts.; 2, Roath Y. and A.A.C. 34; 3, Belgrave H. 40. In a Junior race held in conjunction — 1, R. A. Hosking (St. Albans City A.C.) 29.59; 2, M. Stone (Eastleigh) 30.59; 3, C. Cornes (Essex B) 31.08; **Teams:** 1, Essex Beagles 9 pts.; 2, Eastleigh A.C. 16; 3, Cheltenham N. 21.

British Workers' Champ. — 1, G. W. Coleman (Luton Co-op) 80.55; 2, A. Cotton (U.P.W.) 83.54; 3, K. C. Easlea (A.E.S.D.) 84.00; **Teams:** 1, Luton Co-op 10 pts.; 2, Addlestone Co-op. 14; 3, London Co-op. 21. H'cp: K. Camp (N.U.R.) (11.00) 76.16.

14th March

R.W.A. 10 Miles Championship, Cheltenham — 1, R. Hardy (Sheffield UH) 74.53 2/5; 2, R. Holland (Sheffield UH) 77.10; 3, B.

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U.S.A. INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE 1953 version of the A.A.U. National Indoor Championships, held in the Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 14th, produced some excellent results by veterans and newcomers alike.

Foreign entrants also played their part in some fierce competition. Olympic bronze medalist, Heinz Ulzheimer, defeated an all-star field in the third best-ever time of 2:09.4 for the 1,000 yards event, other placings being 2, Don Gerhmann; 3, Roscoe Browne; 4, Lawton Lamb and 5, Carl Joyce.

Ulzheimer's compatriot Rolf Lamers did not fare so well in the Mile, coming only fifth, the race being won by Fred Dwyer, as yet undefeated in 1953, in 4:12.4 with Fred Wilt second, Len Truex third, Molineaux fourth and Lamers fifth.

The other German competing was Herbert Schade, who placed second to Horace Ashenfelter in the three miles. Ashenfelter's time of 13:47.5 was only 1.8 seconds slower

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than Greg Rice's indoor record of 13:45.7. The fractional times being—mile 4:34.9 and 2 miles 9:18.8 (both Schade). Harrison Dillard won his seventh indoor championship from Calhoun, Milt Campbell and Pratt in 7.3 for the 60 yards hurdles. Mal Whitfield, who is having his best season "on the boards," won the 600 yards in 1:10.4; 2, Ollie Sax; 3, Reg Pearman; 4, Vern Dixon.

The Shot provided a set-back for Jim Fuchs, who could only muster 54ft. 4½in. against Parry O'Brien's 55ft. 10½in., and 55ft. 0½in. by aged Bernie Mayer. Olympic 200 metres champion Andrew Stanfield, was beaten by newcomer John Haines in the 60 yards flat sprint, third being O'Connell and fourth Art Bragg. Lindy Remigino did not start owing to a damaged muscle.

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ILFORD RELAY RECORDS

From the start of the Ilford Road Relay, it was obvious that records would go. D. H. Holden (Camb. H.) smashed the lap record on the first stage by 4 secs., but on the third leg Walker put Belgrave in front, and there they stayed for six laps until Essex Beagles caught and passed them on the 8th circuit.

Poly were second for laps 3, 4, 5 and 6, dropping to third when Jim Peters equalled his previous record on the 7th lap. On the next, Baverstock went into the lead and the Beagles held it to the end, which was reached in the new record time of 3 hrs. 7 min. 28 secs. The second and third teams also beat the old record. Result:—

1, Essex Beagles (R. Robins, S. Robins, A. Murray-Carter, D. Corney, T. Learmouth, J. Mercer, J. H. Peters, E. Baverstock, E. R. Douglas, G. Knight) 3hr. 7min. 28sec. (record); 2, Polytechnic H. 3:08.42; 3, Belgrave H. 3:08.50; 4, Blackheath H. 3:11.24; 5, Finchley H. 3:12.24; 6, Herne Hill H. 3:13.43; 7, Ilford A.C. 3:14.34; 8, Mitcham A.C. 3:16.08; 9, Cambridge H.



3:16.32; 10, Victoria Pk. H. 3:17.03.

Fastest Times: 1, D. H. Holden (Camb. H.) 17.50 (record); 2, J. H. Peters (Essex B.) 17.54; 3, A. Barrett (Surrey A.C.) 17.58; 4, R. Dunkley (Poly H) 18.12; 5, J. Braughton (Black. H.) 18.16; 6, M. Schofield (Poly H.) 18.17.

WELSH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Welsh Cross-Country Championship, held over a course of about 9 miles at Cardiff, on Saturday, March 7th, was again won by Norman E. Wilson, of the R.A.F. (St. Athan). With P. R. Ll. Morgan, of South London Harriers, who would probably have won very easily, having to retire with stitch before the half-distance, Wilson had an easy task and he completed the distance in 46min. 10sec. Results: N. E. Wilson (R.A.F., St. Athan) 46mn. 10sec. 1; K. Huckle (Roath H.) 46.42, 2; D. G. Rees (Portsmouth A.C.) 46.55, 3; L. Bevan (Newport H) 46.55, 4; D. Rees (Coventry Godiva H) 47.6, 5; T. C. Wood (Newport H) 47.16, 6; P. Griggs (Coventry Godiva H) 47.51, 7; T. Richards (South London H) 47.57, 8; W. Butcher (Birmingham Atalanta) 48.0, 9; J. G. Williams (R.A.F., Aylesbury) 48.25, 10; J. Nash (Port Talbot Y.M.C.A.) 48.27, 11; J. L. Edwards (Carmarthen Y.M.C.A.) 48.45, 12.

Teams: Roath H. 39 points, 1; Newport H. (holders) 49 pts., 2; University of Wales 92 pts., 3.

More results next week

RACE WALKING (contd.)

Hawkins (Metropolitan W.C.) 77.27; 4, G. W. Coleman (Highgate H.) 77.57; 5, F. W. Barrett (Cambridge H.) 78.05; 6, A. K. Jones (Brighton A.C.) 78.30; 7, S. R. Mantor (Enfie'd A.C.) 78.55; 8, R. F. Goodall (Woodford Green A.C.) 79.01; 9, A. L. Mash (Woodford Green A.C.) 79.16; 10, H. T. Whitlock (Metropolitan A.C.) 79.53; 11, T. W. Misson (Metropolitan W.C.) 79.54; 12, D. A. Tunbridge (Highgate H) 80.06. **Teams:** 1, Sheffield United H. 36 pts.; 2, Woodford Green A.C. 64; 3, Metropolitan W.C. 69, Highgate H. 73; 5, Cambridge H. 81.

Inter-Counties Championship—1, Middlesex 22 pts.; 2, Yorkshire 44 pts.; 3, Kent 60.

FRANK SANDO (Aylesford P.M.) finished just the stronger of two very tired runners to beat G. M. GRAY (Small Heath H.) for second place in the National Senior C.C. Championship.

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M. REEVE (Southend-on-Sea A.C.) winning the National Youths' Cross-Country Championship.

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U.S.A. INDOOR CHAMPS. (contd.)

The mighty Grand Street Boys' Club quartet of Herb McKenley (440), Mal Whitfield (110), George Rhoden (220) and Andy Stanfield (330) established a new world's indoor record in the 1,000 yds. medley relay with a time of 1:52.0.

Other results—

High Jump—1, Lewis Hall 6'8½"; 2, Ken Wiesner 6'7½"; 3, Jim Herb and Vic Fritts 6'5½".

Long Jump — 1, Meredith Gourdine 24' 9½"; 2, Jerome Biffle 24'7½".

Pole Vault—1, Bob Richards 15'0¼"; 2, Don Laz 14'8".

SOUTHERN 6 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern 6 Miles Championship will again be held at the L.A.C. Schools Challenge Cup Meeting, on Saturday, April 18th. Entries close on 30th March to V. C. Sealy, Hon. Championships Secretary, at the A.A.A. Offices.

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From the Editor's Postbag . . .

GREATEST OF THEM ALL

Dear Sir,

Perhaps I should answer Mr. W. Frauke ("Athletics Weekly," Feb. 28th, 1953) regarding my omission of Rudolf Harbig in my article on the "Greatest of them All."

In my heart I do not think that Wooderson is quite as great as the premier five athletes that I named, but I added a footnote because I think that he is possibly the "next on the list." This, of course, being due to his very large divergence from excelling in one event. I feel that the span of 800m. to 5,000m. and 10 mile cross-country does, in fact, justify his inclusion, whereas I consider the calibre of the performances of Hagg, etc., to be greater.

The calibre of Harbig is undisputably as great as any of the five athletes that I list, but the latter get my vote because of their wonderful combination of performance, superiority and versatility — a combination which I consider to be greater than in the case of Harbig. There are other athletes in a similar position to Harbig, e.g. Matti Järvinen (who ranked 15th in Finland in 1952 with a throw of 209'6" at the age of 43), Charlie Paddock and Warmerdam. However, I will relent that it is a close fight between Wooderson and Harbig for 6th place.

Yours sincerely,

Lionel F. Blackman.

ENGLISH NATIONAL?

Dear Sir,

We sent an entry from our Club for a team to compete in the English National Championships three weeks prior to the date of the event, as has been done in previous years. We have had the entry returned as being much too late for consideration. Yet we have had no official notification of a closing date, either this year or in any previous years of our Club's short history.

We have no representative on any of the A.A.A.'s Committees, neither do we know any of the Committee members. How are we to know what is going on? Are we to become the Cinderellas of Athletics through no fault of our own?

Many of our members feel rather "out of the picture," and more than a little annoyed at the loss of a chance to give our best "showing" to date. They feel, and rightly I think, that to have finished second in the North of the Thames Championship and Eighth in the Southern Championships (with a team little more than at half strength) should be a clear indication that we are in athletics not just as a name, but as an active body of individuals, who take part in the sport we are offered for the love of the competition it affords and to encourage others in our area to join us. It is common talk in cross-country circles that the main reason clubs are given no encouragement to enter the major Championships is because it is felt that the "field of competition" would not be of a manageable size. Why

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Whit. Saturday, May 23rd

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Ladies:—

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Whit. Monday, May 25th

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Tug-of-War (6 men). Cycling: 660 yds., Mile
5 Miles.

Ladies:—

100, 110, 150, 880 yds. Open H'cps., Jumps, Hurdles, Shot, Discus, Javelin, 4 x 110 R relay
Juniors: 100 yds., 4 x 110 Relay.

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then do we have Scottish teams taking part, when they enter their own team in the international event? The English Cross-Country Union would do well to remember the valuable time and money it costs some of the smaller clubs to participate, more especially those of us who always have long distances to travel. If the National Field must be cut down, why not use the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Midland Championships as eliminators for the National, with say the first ten teams from each, together with those athletes in the first fifty of each event whose team is not fortunate enough to qualify. The competition would be greater and if anything, more keen and I am sure no "would-be International runner" would be made to suffer. I can well understand how other clubs feel, that have had their entries returned. Perhaps like us, they will now get down to filling up next year's entry form and posting it immediately.

Yours sincerely,

L. H. Dilley,

Hon. Secretary, Oxford City A.C.

Editor's Note—

While regretting that Oxford City did not take part in the "National," one can have little sympathy with their attitude. There is no question of discouraging entries. It is merely that with larger and larger entries, there is more and more work for the Secretary before the actual race takes place. Many do not appreciate just how much time is needed for the checking, setting, re-checking and printing of the programme.

The bringing forward of the closing date for entries was fully publicised and was given prominence in our issue for January 3rd. It should be remembered that in entering for any event, the onus is on the club secretary to make himself conversant with the rules governing the competition, and in this case application should have been made to Mr. L. N. Richardson for entry forms, when the new closing date was stressed.



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- ***Three Miles.**—D. A. G. Pirie (S. London H.), 13 min. 44.8 sec., White City, May 31.
- ***Five Miles and Seven Miles Walk.**—R. Hardy (Sheffield U. H.), 35 min. 15 sec. and 49 min. 28.6 sec., White City, May 31.
- ***Six Miles.**—D. A. G. Pirie, 28 min. 55.6 sec., White City, June 20.

BRITISH NATIONAL

- ***440 yards Hurdles.**—H. Whittle (Reading A.C.), 53.3 sec., White City, June 21.
- ***440 yards Hurdles.**—A. W. Scott (Achilles), 53.2 sec., White City, August 4.
- Pole Vault.**—G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green), 13 ft. 6 in., Motspur Park, May 14; White City, May 31; White City, August 9.
- Shot Putt.**—J. A. Savidge (R.N.A.A.), 54 ft. 9½ in., Dorking, September 20.

ENGLISH NATIVE

- ***100 yards.**—B. Shenton (Polytechnic H.), 9.8 sec., White City, September 17.
- ***1,000 yards.**—G. W. Nankeville (Walton A.C.), 2 min. 11.1 sec., White City, June 2.
- ***Four Miles.**—D. A. G. Pirie, 19 min. 21.2 sec. White City, June 20.
- ***Five Miles.**—D. A. G. Pirie, 24 min. 9.6 sec., White City, June 20.
- ***Six Miles.**—D. A. G. Pirie, 28 min. 55.6 sec., White City, June 20.
- Marathon.**—J. H. Peters, (Essex Beagles), 2 hr. 20 min. 42.2 sec., Windsor to Chiswick, June 14.
- ***Javelin.**—M. J. Denley (Thames Valley H.), 214 ft. 7½ in., Walton-on-Thames, May 29; 216 ft. 1 in., White City, June 21.
- Pole Vault.**—G. M. Elliott, (Woodford Green), 13 ft. 1 in., Motspur Park, May 10; 13 ft. 6 in., Motspur Park, May 14.
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