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WALKING

By A. D. McSWEENEY

IT'S the Road Walkers' National this Saturday, from the Samuel Osborn Ground, Malin Bridge, **Sheffield**, start 2.30. The Inter-Counties 10 Miles Championship is incorporated with the R.W.A. race so making this perhaps *the* Championship of the year. 22 National teams and 14 County teams are entered.

Apart from a club outing on Saturday Stan Vickers has yet to have a race since his flu spell while Ken Matthews seems to have kept in form, and Stan, holder of both the R.W.A. and Inter-Counties' titles for the past two years, may get his hardest test of the series. Matthews has chalked up seven-mile wins over his rival but has yet to beat him at any longer distance. This should be worth watching.

Belgrave look set for another team win, Sheffield being unsuccessful in persuading Roland Hardy and John Proctor to enter the arena again. Essex, Inter-County team winners 1957 and '58, are without Bob Goodall although Colin Williams is in great form. Surrey are stronger this year but I think Middlesex will win.

There were quite a number of non-starters in the **Gosport A.C. Open 7 Miles** and the line-up was rather disappointing to the promoting Club. A possible winner in Dennis Read was missing, and John Godbeer, of Cambridge H., led throughout to get home by about 160 yards in 53.08 on a very fast course. John Northcott, recovering from a 'flu, set-back was second and Ray Pearce of Poly. third. Pearce has been off colour for some time but this performance, 54.56, was "bang-on" and better than his best. Brian Russell, of the local Club, confirmed his rapid improvement by finishing fourth in 55.07, and thereby winning the handicap. Poly. kept in the news with first team.

The complimentary Dinner to **Stan Vickers** was a select but enthusiastic affair. Stan was presented with A.A.A. and B.A.A.B. Plaques for setting new Eight Miles and One Hour Records last September with the new "International" Trophy — of which he is the first recipient—for his European Games 20km. win.

Vickers divulged that prior to his record breaking effort at Parliament Hill Track he had decided that 7.15 per mile all the way was an impossibility and he paid tribute to Ken Matthews without whose fighting effort he was sure there would have been no new records.

We are very sorry and very sad indeed to record the death, on Monday the 9th, of a great stalwart and servant of the Sport in **Mr. R. C. Mawbey**. Dick Mawbey, aged 58, had had a serious internal operation a few months back and was convalescing when he had a relapse and had to return to Epsom General Hospital where he died.

Mr. Mawbey, Walking Hon. Secretary of the old Valentines' Sporting Club, later absorbed by the Ilford Athletic Club, was president of the Race Walking Association in 1947 and was elected a Life-Member a year or so later. He was respected for his forthright views and line of action he took upon all matters needing his judgment. He was entirely independent of any groups or cliques and an excellent man for the job he held for the 21 years prior to 1956—Honorary Secretary of the National and Southern Area Judges' Sub-Committees.

Gosport A.C. Open 7 Miles. 1, J. F. Godbeer (Cambridge H.) 53.08; 2, J. F. S. Northcott (Highgate) 53.52; 3, R. Pearce (Poly.) 54.56; 4, B. Russell (Gosport) 55.07; 5, C. G. Ball (Southampton) 55.55; 6, F. Butler (Poly.) 56.21.

Teams: 1, Poly. 35; 2, Gosport 42; 3, Highgate 60. Handicap: B. Russell.

Surrey W.C. "Keston" 14 Miles. 1, R. Green (Stock Ex.) 2.1.55; 2, D. Griggs (Surrey W.C.) 2.4.37; 3, W. Garratt (Surrey W.C.) 2.5.59. Teams: Surrey W.C. 188, Stock. Ex. 219. Handicap: L. Mathews.

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EVERY SATURDAY—NINEPENCE

AN OPEN INTERNATIONAL

THIS week-end's most important event is the International Cross-Country Race in Lisbon, which will start at 6 p.m. to avoid the heat of the day.

It is not easy this year to sum up our prospects but I fully expect to see Sando, Norris and Eldon to the fore. Any one of these three could win, though both Mimoun (France) and Van de Wattyne (Belgium) will want a lot of beating, to say nothing of the other opposition. Our team chances will, in my view, depend a great deal on our men getting near the front from the start and being able to hold it. Anderson runs a most consistent race and Maynard is going better than he has ever done. The others are a sound bunch and the only disturbing doubt in my mind is the distance those after Anderson were behind Norris in our own race. I fancy they will have to be a lot closer if we are to beat France and Belgium.

ON another page Mr. D. L. Woolcott mentions timing by lanes. I only hope this does not come into being, though I know there is something to be said for it. But I can visualise numerous instances of Bill Bloggs in lane 2 finishing second, or even third, to Jim Smith in lane 4, in a faster time than the winner. This would be farcical. Far better, surely, to leave things as they are now, even if we do get some anomalies at times.

MR. SAMSON HOWARD, President of Sheffield Utd. Harriers, is proud of the fact that Sheffield's winning National team came through from their Boys' race up there. I understand from Peter Hedley that he and three others—Johnny Nichols, Alan Bargh and Albert Barden—now have English Championship medals in all three grades—Youth, Junior and Senior. As Mr. Howard says, they are all "home made" and certainly a team to be proud of.

OWING to pressure on space in recent issues a reply from the Hon. Medical Officer to a letter from David G. Robinson, of the Royal Veterinary College, about the donating of blood has not yet been published, but will appear next week, as will a letter from Percy Cerutti in reply to David Thornton's letter which was published a short time ago.

The L.O.A.C. Relay report, for which we were holding space, arrived too late for inclusion in this issue but, with other results which could not be included, will be published next week.

Cover photo by G. E. H. Cranham
L. to R: S. E. Eldon (Windsor), M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill), F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.), J. Anderson (Saltwell) and Gerry North (Blackpool) chasing the winner, Fred Norris (Bolton) at 3 miles in the "National."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Views expressed in readers' letters are not necessarily those of the Editor or the publishers

JUNE BRIDGLAND MEMORIAL

The Mayor's Parlour,
Civic Centre,
Southampton.

Dear Sir,

The world of athletes suffered a very severe blow a few months ago by the tragic and untimely death of June Bridgland.

To us in Southampton and Hampshire, and indeed to hundreds of her fellow athletes throughout the country, her death was a personal loss because we knew her so well, and held her in the highest esteem and affection, not only for her brilliant achievements but for her charming personality. June was a sportswoman in the highest sense of the word, and her presence at an athletic meeting enhanced the sport she loved so well.

It is the unanimous wish of the Hampshire County Women's Amateur Athletic Association, and of the Southampton Amateur Athletic Club, that some tangible memorial should be created to commemorate the name of June Bridgland in the Athletic world.

We the under-signed, representing those most closely associated with June, believe that this wish will be shared by a great many of her admirers and that they will desire to be connected with it.

THE LATE MISS D. PERROTT

Dear Sir,

It is with very deep regret that we have read the sad news of the passing of Miss Doris Perrott, and we offer to her brother, Mr. H. Perrott, our deep sympathy in what must be an irreparable loss.

She was, as the writer in *Athletics Weekly* says, the lady who followed us in all we did, wet or fine — yes, truly followed us, together with her interest in our sport, and with an affection and loyalty to us, both official and active athlete. We and our sport are the poorer for her passing, but richer for having known her.

To us all, especially the youth, she was a great example of loyalty and devotion, for she never allowed her physical handicap to take precedence over her love for the sport that gave her so much happiness, and which she was able to follow to the end of her courageous life.

Her death has broken a life long partnership

It has therefore been decided to inaugurate a fund to be known as The June Bridgland Memorial Fund, the objects of which will be as follows:—

1. To provide a trophy to be known as The June Bridgland Memorial Cup to be competed for by women athletes in an event to be decided later.

2. The balance of all donations received to be used in such a way as will inspire young women athletes to follow June Bridgland's example.

It will be appreciated that no definite decision can be made in regard to the second part of the proposal until it is known how much money will be available.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. R. Hammond,

Mayor of Southampton

F. R. Byerley,

President of the Hampshire County Women's Amateur Athletic Association

R. G. Gosney,

Chairman of the Southampton Amateur Athletic Club

Donations should be sent to The Mayor at the above address..

with her brother, and to all of us who were so privileged to know her, such personalities leave us richer in character, and deeper in gratitude for our many blessings.

Horsham Blue Star Harriers.

NORTHERN JUNIOR RESULTS

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter re Northern results, I appreciate Alan Caldwell's disappointment in finding only the first 20 Juniors published when he finished 24th, but perhaps there was a reason for this. He will see from the official results that in the Junior race all finishing from about 32 are shown as finishing one position better, hence Pembroke's total 2 points less. This mistake was not by an official but I think by a runner who confused the result.

On the publication of results you should decide whether you prefer to see some unofficial results the following week, or wait until such

time as official results are ready. Mr. Caldwell points out a number of errors and appears to suggest these mistakes may be due to officials, this surely supports my opinion that until everything is checked no official results are published, but there is no reason why some fairly accurate results should not be obtained and published the following week, but these may have some mistakes such as the published Northern results in the "Weekly" e.g. Turner was 5th, his number 159, and this must have been mistaken for 189 Schofield. The Northern includes a Boys' Championship; this is an extra race to some other areas, and entails extra work, and the job of checking all recorders' sheets, disc recorders' team cards etc., I would imagine takes many hours before ready for typing.

I feel these results can be taken for publication with a bit of effort, our club, Sale Harriers, record at least the first 75 and in many cases the complete result of every race we compete in, and these results are on the notice board for Sunday morning, without recourse to any officials, etc.

Yours truly,
E. W. Powell,

Sale Harriers

Mr. Fred Ireland repeated to me at the National his observation that inefficient disc and team recorders appointed by clubs were responsible for the very large number of errors in the results. Ed.

THE NATIONAL

Dear Sir,

This Association wishes to congratulate all concerned with the excellent arrangements made for the National Cross-Country Championships at Peterborough.

We also extend our heartiest congratulations to all runners in the North for giving of their best and thereby bringing the three premier team awards back where they rightly belong and, we hope, where they will stay for many years to come.

Despite the wild forecasts of the popular press, two individual first awards also went to Northern runners.

Now that the North has proved it has the best runners in the country, it is sincerely hoped that the obviously uninformed press will try much harder to obtain details of teams and runners, other than the Southern Counties, who are capable, as has already been proved at Peter-

borough, of being placed in the National Championships.

Again, well done the North.

Yours faithfully,

Peter J. Laker,

On behalf of the North-Eastern Counties C.C.A.

COMPETITION FOR YOUTHS

Dear Sir,

I should like to congratulate the Track N.U.T.S. on compiling what must be the first ever Youths' National Ranking list, and on doing it very well; however it did make one point even clearer than ever before.

The fact that OVER ONE IN FOUR of the performances were achieved at the All-England Schools' Championships shows beyond all doubt the need for top-flight competition for youths, especially those like myself who have now left school.

Unless the "cream" of the youths are given the chance to compete in such competition, their development will obviously be impaired. How often do you see top youths "walking" a hundred yards in 10.6 secs. when they should "race" it in 10.1 secs. simply because there is no one to push them locally? Surely something can be done to provide more competition in the vein of the Junior 3A's inter-county matches and invitation events, for us competition-starved Youths.

Yours faithfully,
E. E. Stevenson,
(Woodford Green Athletic Club)

SUNDAY ATHLETICS

Dear Sir,

At the end of another cross-country season it is time to ask ourselves why this sport does not receive the publicity it deserves. considering the amount of time and effort put into it by both athletes and officials.

One answer, I feel, would be to hold our major championships on a Sunday. This would release into the spectator market thousands of Saturday afternoon football fans, and the money thus gained would reap immense benefit to the sport.

Also, has it ever been realised that most cross-country runners are from a privileged class of five-day-week workers? Thousands of shop-assistants, transport workers, etc., are not allowed to compete. What a wealth of hidden talent may lie therein?

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EXETER TO PLYMOUTH ROAD RELAY, March 7th

Stage 1. Welsh international, Roy Proffitt gave Devonport a lead which they maintained throughout. Leading positions: 1, Proffitt (Devon.) 26.40; 2, Lindsay (Ex. Un.) 27.32; 3, Mitchell (RN) 28.13; 4, Smith (Ex. H.) 30.33; 5, Fradley (Paignton) 30.48.

Stage 2. Stewart Williams increased Devonport's lead over the gruelling Halden Hill, while Morris (Exeter Un.) in his turn drew away from the other teams. Fastest times: S. Williams (Dev.) 31.21, Morris (Ex. Un.) 31.25, Mears (Ex. H.) 31.35.

Stage 3. Jim Hoskins (Ex. Un.) reduced the Devonport lead and by this time the race was obviously going to be a battle between these two teams. Fastest times: Hoskins (Ex. Un.) 17.15, Poil (Dev.) 17.10, Brown (RN) 18.02.

Stage 4. Broadbent (Ex. Un.) made up 37 sec. on Tolley of Devonport, but fastest time was recorded by Beveridge (Ex. H.) with 18.16. Next best: Broadbent (Ex. Un.) 18.33, Ackland 18.27.

Stage 5. Mike Cooper increased Devonport's lead by 1 min. 38 sec. Fastest times: Cooper (Dev.) 16.59, Semmens (Ex. H.) 17.19, Good-fellow (Paignton) 17.34.

Stage 6. Johnny Gilbert (Dev.) ran a splendid leg to finish only 2 sec. outside one of the pre-war records, the only runner to approach record this year, due no doubt to the strong wind. Veteran "Pop" Cann ran a stout hearted leg for Paignton in fifth position. Fastest

times: Gilbert (Dev.) 16.46, Broadribb (Ex. H.) 17.05, Sell (Ex. Un.) 17.36.

Stage 7. Mike Hobbs ran a fine race for Paignton over this hilly stage, while young Vic French maintained Devonport's position in the lead. Fastest times: Hobbs (Paignton) 28.58, French (Dev.) 29.30, Holding (Ex. H.) 30.00.

Stage 8. Terry Aplin handed over with Devonport well ahead, while Dave Woodward (Univ.) and Alfie Cox (Paignton) both reached the take-over point while their team-mates were "otherwise engaged." Fastest times: Aplin (Dev.) 27.15, Woodward (Ex. Un.) 27.58, Cox (Paignton) 28.15.

Stage 9. A battle of the "giants," though there was no doubt about the result, for Brian Kent-Smith was over 5 min. ahead of Phil Nash of the University. Although Denis Crook (Paignton) ran fastest stage in 33.31, both he and Nash lost some time at the take-over. Next best times: Nash (Ex. Un.) 33.36, Kent-Smith (Dev.) 34.08.

Stage 10. Keith Parsons handed over the message from the Mayor of Exeter to the Deputy Mayor of Plymouth, with Devonport finishing just over 6 min. ahead of their nearest opponents. Results:

1. Devonport A.C. 4h.11m.50s.
2. Exeter Univ. 4h.17m.51s.
3. Exeter H. 4h.20m.48s.
4. Paignton 4:27.44; 5. R.N. 4:32.20.

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The H.M.O. has received several queries from readers on the question of "dope" and feels that a few comments on this subject may be of interest to athletes generally.

DOPE AND THE ATHLETE

Doping in athletics is not unknown, but it is doubtful if the dope itself improves performances. The effectiveness, if at all of a dope depends upon the faith one has in it.

The A.A.A. say that drugs must not be used to improve performances, and this is the attitude of the majority of athletes and coaches.

By definition a drug is "any crude medicinal substance"; and a dope is a narcotic or stimulant drug used with intent to alter performance.

In athletics doping is intended for its stimulant effect, in horse and greyhound racing they can be used to diminish performances.

Agents used with the intention of improving athletic performance include massage, ultra-violet light, diets, vitamins, glucose, alkalis, hormones, caffeine, cocaine, benzedrine and strychnine. These are harmless apart from the last few. All have had their day and none proved effective.

A Cambridge eight were dieted on oranges, eggs and sugar, a harmless but ineffective meal; a few years ago seven of the team of the world soccer champions developed jaundice after the decisive match.

Bannister has shown that oxygen-enriched air can prolong endurance (safely?) but this is not a practical procedure. An effective dope would require the body to perform at a level beyond which it is trained, with possible injurious effects.

Recently the "New Scientist" reported a research report from the Vienna Sports Academy by Drs. Prokop and Tischer — A

hundred men and women between 14-52 performed two endurance tests before and after receiving tablets. They were told the tablets contained a South American drug used by Indians when hunting or at war, and that Soviet Sportsmen, using this drug, had broken several world records. Actually the pills consisted of malted starch, with sugar, talcum and cacao butter—all innocent substances. Fifty-three individuals (mainly the older athletes and females) showed better results in both tests after taking the "dope," 29 achieved better results at least in one test and 18 showed no improvement, and these last were all young people who did not believe in doping or did not like any drugs. Many of those tested said, after taking the tablets, that they felt headache, giddiness and heartbeating. Dr. Prokop expressed his hope that those who indulged in doping would reconsider it. He has since continued his work and has found no reason to amend his conclusions.

H.M.O.

Wimbledon A.C. invite clubs or athletes who would like to compete in invitation events (no fees, no prizes) at Wimbledon Pk. Track on Sat., May 9th to write to J. V. Whelan, 146 Durham Road, Wimbledon, S.W.20—Men's H.J., 2 M. Team, Hammer; Senior Ladies' 100 and L.J.; Int. Ladies' 100, L.J., Shot and Javelin.

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WOODFORD TAKE ILFORD ROAD RELAY

HONOURS went to Essex men in Ilford A.C.'s 37½ mile road relay, George Knight, of Essex Beagles, breaking his own lap record and Woodford Green winning the team event.

Haith brought Thames Valley home first on lap one with a time of 17 mins. 45 sec. for the 3½ miles and 11 secs. ahead of Mitcham's Pawsey, who confirmed his return to form with a fine 17:56. Reeve, of Poly., was 5 secs. behind, followed closely by Belgrave and Victoria Park H. Mitcham dropped to 14th on lap two, Poly moving into second and Belgrave to third.

Knight's great run came on the third circuit. He took over in 10th place and finished third in 17:21, a second faster than the record he set two years ago.

Poly had 50 secs. to spare from the Valley at the end of the fourth stage, but Beagles were only 5 yards behind in third place. The fifth leg saw Woodford Green go from sixth to second through Chapman (17:46) but the Poly still had nearly a minute in hand. Bels moved up here from fourth to third, 14 secs. behind Woodford.

A performance which went almost unnoticed on this leg was that by Dennis O'Gorman. Taking St. Albans from 16th to 12th the leprechaun clocked 17:23.

Woodford were 35 secs. behind Poly on relay 6, Bels. a further 51 secs. away and V.P.H., who were making a gallant fight of it, 29 secs. behind them and 16 secs. ahead of Beagles. The Valley had dropped to sixth.

Woodford took their winning lead on lap 7, Garrett coming home about a hundred yards ahead of Poly. By now Bels. were 73 secs. down on second place, and on the next leg they dropped to fourth, Perkins (17:31) bringing

Ilford through from sixth after a stern tussle with the Valley's Ingles (17:54). The Ilford man caught Walker of Belgrave, near the change-over and only 3 secs. separated these three clubs. Poly still had Woodford in their sights.

Lap 9 saw Bels. make a great come-back through Newell (18:09) and get within 59 secs. of the leaders. The Valley moved from fifth to third, ahead of Ilford, while Poly. slid to fifth.

On the final lap, Woodford's Heiberg brought Woodford's total time to 3 hrs. 04 mins. 42 secs., 23 secs. faster than T.V.H.'s previous course best set in 1957. Bels. Valley and Ilford stayed where they were—although Ilford gave Ken Norris's boys something of a scare — and V.P.H. ran home to a well-earned fifth place well ahead of Poly. Walton who arrived late and started 3½ mins. behind the field, were a very creditable eighth.

A. R. M.

1. Woodford Green A.C. (Weatherdon 18.44, White 18.42, Crump 18.21, Stearnes 18.47, Chapman 17.46, Lewis 18.25, Garrett 18.10, Dicker 20.26, Major 18.32, Heiberg 18.14) 3hr. 4min. 42s.

2. Belgrave H. (Baulch 18.03, Gebbett 18.45, Bhatia 18.28, Davies 18.40, Hollowell 18.38, Bishop L. 19.02, Robinson 18.53, Walker 18.49, Newell 18.09, Moore 18.58) 3hr. 6min. 25s.

3. Thames Valley H. (Haith 17.45, Norris 18.20, Hopcroft 18.55, Newman 18.41, Moody 19.14, Minchington 19.36, Card 18.55, Ingles 17.54, Elderfield 18.43, Vivian 19.11) 3hr. 7m. 14s.

4. Ilford A.C. (Roe 18.52, Plater 18.20, Collins 18.18, Goodway 19.50, Reynolds 18.41, Holdstock 19.18, Shuttleworth 18.22, Perkins

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Bertie Messitt (Donore H.) leading the All-Ireland Cross-Country Championship field at Santry, Dublin, where he won in convincing manner by exactly one minute from J. Douglas (Avondale).

Lensmen Photo.

PAWSON WINS MIDDLESBROUGH "12"

The Middlesbrough "12" promoted by the very active "Tees-side" branch of the Road Runners' Club, resulted in another fine victory in that district for Ken Pawson and his team from Leeds Harehills.

A blustery wind and the threat of rain, did not deter the runners from a very fast first 6 mile lap. At this point Jones (Bedlington) had a slight advantage over Pawson in 32.04 and 32.05 respectively. Course record holder, Terry Rook (Middlesbrough & Cleve.) looked comfortable in third position in 32.16.

At 6½ miles Pawson dropped Jones and then set about the task of smashing the course record by over 3 mins. to win comfortably in 64.46 (course record 68.18). The sealed handicap team race awards went to Leeds Harehills.

1. K. Pawson (Leeds Harehills) 64.46
2. J. Jones (Bedlington) 65.27
3. T. Rook (Middlesbrough & C.) ... 66.30
4. A. Lawton (Harehills) 66.35; 5. E. Watson (G. Congers) 67.06; 6. E. Holmes (Billingham Syn.) 69.25; 7. B. Gommersall (Leeds H.) 69.26; 8. R. Gowdy (G. Congers) 69.48; 9. K. Lambert (Leeds H.) 70.23; 10. J. Balls (Middles.) 71.03; 11. M. A. Barker (Leeds H.); 12. E. Hollinshead (Ashmores R.C.); 13. J. Raiton (Middles.); 14. A. Tibbett (Darlington); 15. W. Lawson (G. Congers); 16. R. Evans (Darl.); 17. F. G. Lewin (Hallamshire); 18. J. Barber (Sunderland).

Sealed Handicap Team Race: 1, Leeds Harehills. (Lawton 60.05, Lambert 61.57, Pawson 62.06) 184.08; 2, Gateshead Congers. (Watson 58.51, Gowdy 62.18, Lawson 65.02) 186.11; 3, Middlesbrough & Cleveland 191.59.

17.31, Tiffin 19.18, Owers 18.53) 3hr. 7m. 14s.
5. Victoria Pk. H. (Day 18.06, Everson 18.59, Rouse 18.38, Iron 18.32, Millward 19.03, Esson 18.47, Howlett 18.52, Greene 19.44, Hicks 19.11, Curtis 18.27) 3hr. 8m. 19s.

6. Poly H. (Reeve 18.01, Dunkley 18.16, Schofield 18.13, Fernes B. 18.21, Fernee D. 18.31, Hore 18.48, White 19.06, Hutton 18.57, Day 20.43, Vivian 20.26) 3hr. 9m. 22s.

7. Shaftesbury 3:11.07; 8. Walton 3:11.51; 9. Essex Beagles 3:12.17; 10. Hampstead 3:12.21; 11. Herne Hill 3:12.51; 12. Finchley 3:13.55; 13. Highgate 3:13.59; 14. Mitcham 3:15.18; 15. Ranelagh 3:15.38; 16. Southgate 3:16.05; 17. Watford 3:19.00; 18. Woodford "B" 3:20.11; 19. St. Albans 3:20.59; 20. Barnet 3:21.27; 21. V.P.H. "B" 3:22.08; 22. Deptford Pk. 3:23.12; 23. Southend 3:23.27; 24. C. of Rochester 3:24.11; 25. Chelmsford 3:25.38; 26. Enfield 3:26.15; 27. Cambridge H. 3:31.07; 28. Finchley "B" 3:33.30; 29. Highgate "B" 3:35.16; 30. Hampstead "B" 3:42.58.

R.A.F. WIN INTER-SERVICES

ROYAL AIR FORCE 31pts. beat **ARMY** 49, **ROYAL NAVY** 107

A pleasing feature of the 28th Inter-Services C.C. Championship at R.A.F. Henlow on 13th March was the improved running of the young Army team, all being "blooded" for the first time, which returned their lowest score since losing the title in 1952.

With excellent packing, the R.A.F. had no difficulty in retaining their team championship. Over the first lap Seal and Wood, the Scottish champion, alternated in the lead, with Mike Corcoran, the Army champion, occasionally splitting them, but at the start of the second lap Seal led Wood by 4 yards, and Corcoran was another 60 yards further back but well clear of the rest. Seal piled on the pressure and was an easy winner at the finish. Wood eased to help his team, then set about tackling Corcoran again, eventually finishing 50 yards to the good.

1. L.A.C. Seal (R.A.F.) 37.56
2. Fg. Off. A. J. Wood (R.A.F.) 38.44
3. Pte. M. J. E. Corcoran (Army) 38.54
4. Fg. Off. J. S. Evans (RAF) 39.31; 5. Pte. R. W. Barlow (Army) 39.50; 6. L.A.C. N. Clarke (RAF) 39.56; 7. Sgt. D. M. Sargent (RAF) 40.00; 8. Pte. A. Taylor (Army) 40.09; 9. L/Cpl. B. Roberts (Army) 40.14; 10. L/Cpl. A. Young (Army) 40.16; 11. L.A.C. A. Smith (RAF) 40.19; 12. A.B. J. McHale (R.N.) 40.24; 13. Sgt. M. James (RAF) 40.31; 14. L/Cpl. R. G. E. Shergold (Army) 40.49; 15. Pte. B. Birkinshaw (Army) 41.02; 16. P.O. Rel. R. E. Cowsill (RN) 41.06; 17. Sgt. D. A. Budden (RAF) 41.12; 18. Mne. P. G. Othen (RN) 41.47; 19. R.E.M. D. McFadzean (RN) 41.47; 20. Lieut. J. J. Mitchell (RN) 41.53; 21. Fus. G. E. Ogle (Army) 42.23; 22. Sub. Lieut. R. H. Pape (RN) 42.34; 23. R.E.M. J. Mathews (RN) 42.51; 24. P.O. A. Haskell (RN) 43.34.

The Northern club Slaithwaite United Harriers has been officially wound up after 51 years' existence. Once well known, with runners such as Arthur Norcliffe—one of four brothers who were members of the club—and Wilfred Garside, Slaithwaite Utd. H. had not really functioned since the last War, when they had to close down and were unable to revive after the cessation of hostilities.

FOUND AT NATIONAL

A pair of brown Adidas training shoes left in the Junior dressing room at Peterborough can be returned to the owner if he will contact K. Blower, 12 Hill Street, Leeds, 9.



D. Shaw (Birmingham University) started off on his lap in the Hyde Park Relay in 26th position, and went through the field, to hand over in first place.

H. W. Neale



The first three in the Herne Hill Harriers' One Hour Race at Tooting Bec. L. to R.—Stan Allen, 3rd; Brian Shave, 2nd; and Jack Heywood, 1st, with a new club record performance of 11 miles 1270yds. 1ft.

H. C. Wylde

Overseas News

By MELVYN WATMAN

U.S.A.

Thomas Raises High Jump Record Again.

Five world indoor bests were broken and one equalled at what was generally acclaimed to be the greatest ever U.S. indoor championship meet, held in New York's Madison Square Garden on February 21st.

Most significant of the records was the 7'1½" high jump by John Thomas. This leap topped his own indoor best of seven feet and, more important, was fractionally higher than Yuriy Styepanov's official outdoor record. Thomas straddled over on his third attempt after clearing seven feet (for the third time this winter) at his first try.

Two more records fell in the "field" events. Parry O'Brien put a 16½lb. shot 62'1½", thus surpassing his 61'8½" made at Frankfurt last year; and the massive Bob Backus heaved the 35lb. weight 66'2½". Previous best in this event, which is contested only in the Eastern States, was Backus' own 65'4½" of last winter. It was O'Brien's seventh, and Backus' sixth, consecutive indoor title.

On the track, the spotlight was shared between Ron Delany and Bill Dellinger. The Irishman retained his unbeaten indoor record by speeding to a 4:02.5 mile victory (56.9 last lap). Delany's usual tactics once more paid off. Taking the lead a furlong from home, he won by

Joyce Byatt (Hampstead H.) receiving the "Wilton Bartleet" Cup from Mrs. V. E. Morrison-Wells, President of the Women's R.W. & C.C.A., after winning the Women's National Cross-Country Championship at Great Barr.

A. W. Hitchman



ten yards from Istvan Rozsavolgyi, whose time of 4:03.9 was truly amazing for his first race of the season. No doubt the presence of his former team-mate, Laszlo Tabori and Coach Mihaly Igloi contributed to his performance. Delany's time chopped 0.9 sec. off his previous indoor best.

The three miles quickly resolved itself into a struggle between Dellinger and Australia's Al Lawrence, and for 32½ of the 33 laps, Lawrence led by a stride. Dellinger possessed much the faster finish, however, and he snapped the tape ten yards ahead in an excellent 13:37.0, with Lawrence (13:38.6) also well inside Greg Rice's record figures of 13:45.7 made in 1942. At his present rate of improvement, Dellinger may well be within striking distance of the 3,000 to 5,000 metres world records this coming summer.

The other record of the evening must not be taken too seriously. Paul Winder's 6.1 clocking in winning the 60 yards title was achieved thanks to a blatant "flier." He won a farcical race by fully five feet from Jamaica's Keith Gardner, with defending champ Ed Collymore (left at the start) another foot back.

Outsiders won the 600 and 1,000 yards races. In the shorter event, Charles Jenkins seemed to have the race in his pocket when he held a five yard lead with only a furlong left. He was deprived of his title, though, for little Josh Culbreath raced past him in the finishing straight to win by two feet. Mike Rawson was never in the hunt and finished last. He would probably have fared better in the 1,000 yards. Britain's other representative Brian Hewson was ill and did not compete.



Fred Norris romps home an easy winner of the National Cross-Country Championship at Peterborough.

H. W. Neale

In the 1,000 yards the six-man field, drawn from five countries, was closely bunched until the final furlong. Zbigniew Orywal (Poland), the holder, took the lead at this point and fought off spirited challenges from Arnie Sowell and Germany's Paul Schmidt to win by a couple of feet. Tom Murphy, the favourite, had an off-day and was a poor last.

Results: 60y: Paul Winder 6.1, Keith Gardner, Ed Collymore, Ken Kave; 600y: Josh Culbreath 1:11.1, Charles Jenkins, Willie Atterberry, Mike Rawson; 1,000y: Zbigniew Orywal 2:12.6, Paul Schmidt, Arnie Sowell, Dan Waern (Sweden), Barrie Almond (Australia), Tom Murphy; **Mile:** Ron Delaney 4:02.5, Istvan Rozsavolgyi 4:03.9; Laszlo Tabori, Pete Close; **3M:** Bill Dellinger 13:37.0, Al Lawrence 13:38.6, Buzz Sawyer, Alex Breckenridge; **60yH:** Elias Gilbert 7.3, Dave Edstrom, Carl Brown, Charles Pratt (7.1 in semi-final); **HJ:** John Thomas 7'1½"; **PV:** Don Bragg 15'1"; **LJ:** Mike Herman 25'0¼" (2nd best, 24'10½"), John Douglas 25'0¼" (2nd best, 24'8¼"), Irvin Roberson 24'6¼", Ernie Shelby (injured) 24'3¼"; **SP:** Parry O'Brien 62'1½", Carl Shine 55'11½", Joe Marchiony 55'5½"; **35lb Wt:** Bob Backus 66'2½", Stew Thomson 63'10", Al Hall 61'11½", Steve Dillon 60'7¼", John Lawlor (Eire) 60'1½"; **1,060y Medley Relay:** Villanova Univ. (Ed Collymore, Joe Mannion, Jim Blackburn, Charles Stead) 1:53.2. Additional data will be given as soon as available.

Results of the I.C.A.A.A.A. Championships at Madison Square Garden on February 28th: 60y: Ed Collymore 6.2, Bob Brown (6.2 S-F), Mel Barnwell; 600y: James Stack 1:12.0; 1,000y: Ed Moran 2:09.6; **Mile:** Pete Close 4:10.1; **2M:** Richard Englebrink 9:13.3; **60yH:** Angelo Sinisi 7.3 (7.2 S-F); **HJ:** Charles Stead 6'7"; **PV:** Bjorn Anderson (Denmark) and Glen Cividin 14'0"; **LJ:** Mike Herman 25'0¼", John Douglas 24'5½"; **SP:** Carl Shine 54'11½"; **35lb Wt:** Eino Keerd (Estonian born) 60'11", Ed Bagdonas 59'8¼", John Lawlor 59'3"; **Invitation Mile:** Ron Delaney 4:07.1, Phil Coleman, Bill Dellinger, Paul Schmidt (Rozsavolgyi dropped out with stitch at 880 yards).

The Lindsay Saga (continued): Mike's improvement with the shot continues unabated. At Kansas City on February 28th he captured the important Big Eight College Conference title with 58'4¾", five inches further than ever before. The contest was held indoors.

Middlesex County A.A.A. elected: President, Lister Hey Esq. (Ponders End); Gen. Secretary, A. Mitchell, 9 Midway Close, Chelmsford, Essex; Treasurer, P. J. D'Arcy, 67 Cissbury Ring South, N.12; Champs. Secretary, E. T. Sutters, 7 Thurlstone Road, Ruislip, Middx.

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Individual Winner will hold for 1 year the "Alec Smith Trophy". Holder: Arthur Keily (Derby)
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All entries on A.A.A. forms obtainable from Hon. Race Secretary: A. W. Smith, 261 Broxtowe Lane, Aspley, Nottingham, to be received not later than Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

MELTON MOWBRAY A.C.

OPEN SPORTS MEETING

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

Saturday, May 23rd.

Start 2.30 p.m.

EVENTS—Men's 100, 220, 880 yds. Mile H'cups. Races, 2 Miles Scratch. Prizes valued £7, £3, £2. **Youths'** 100, 440 yds. H'cups. Prizes valued £5, £2, £1. **Ladies'** 100, 220 yds. H'cups. Prizes valued £5, £3, £1.

Entry forms from Mr. A. W. Perry, 65 Elmhurst Avenue, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

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A.A.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

London, March 14th

THE Annual General Meeting of the A.A.A. passed off quietly with little which was controversial. The continued yearly drain on the Association was not mentioned and it seems that everyone is waiting for the proposals being put forward by Mr. P. S. Gale at the next Committee Meeting on April 25th.

The Marquess of Exeter, K.C.M.G., LL.D., was re-elected President, and took the Chair, Mr. E. H. L. Clynes, O.B.E., will serve his 13th term in office as Honorary Secretary and Mr. A. D. Thwaites continues as Honorary Treasurer.

The proposed alteration to Law 4 which would have substituted "persons" for "amateurs" was not carried. In connection with this, the President read a prepared statement in which he defined the difference between amateurs and professionals, the essence of which was that the former partakes in sport for the love of it and the fitness which it brings, with no thought of financial reward, whereas the latter was mainly concerned with improving his financial position.

After the Northern Counties delegate had opposed the motion and requested a card vote if necessary, Peter Hildreth nearly caused an uproar by saying that though he had listened with respect to the President's remarks, there were many who did not agree with them and that the amateur of his (the President's) day was very different to the amateur of today, a statement which brought forth an indignant interjection by Mr. C. Smith (T.V.H.).

The proposed alteration had been brought about in connection with the recently formed A.A.A. Club and if the discussion did nothing else, it did clarify the position of the Club, which is a separate entity and not part and parcel of the Association.

A presentation of the Association's Honorary Plaque was made to Commander F. W. Collins (Rtd.) who recently resigned from the Secretaryship of the Development Committee. Cdr. Collins said he hoped to continue to serve the Association for many years to come.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Ernest Neville proposed a vote of thanks to the Assistant Secretary and the Office Staff for the invariably courteous treatment received by callers at the Office or on the telephone, a proposal which was passed unanimously.

P. W. G.

YOUNG ATHLETES' COURSES

Surrey County A.A.A., in conjunction with the C.C.P.R., hold a Y.A. Course (14-19 years) at Mottspur Park from 7th to 9th April. Brian Hewson, Gordon Miller and Dave Segal will be amongst the demonstrators. Details from C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. Fee for the Course 10/-.

Kent County A.A.A., in conjunction with the C.C.P.R., hold a Y.A. Course (15-19 years) at Aylesford Paper Mills from 1st-3rd April. Fee 7/6. The Sauna Bath will be available from 4 p.m. on the first two days. Details from the C.C.P.R. as above.

The N.L.H. "All Fools" Meeting will be held at the Henry Barrass Stadium, Edmonton, London, N.9., not as given last week.



M. Greasley (Sheffield U.H.) No. 35, who finished 1st and T. J. Hardie (Lancs. W.C.) No. 9, who was 3rd in the R.W.A. Northern Area 10 Miles Championship. Tiger Photos.

Womens' Results

February 8th

Hampstead H. 3 Miles Cross-Country Champs. 1, J. Byatt 14.53; 2, D. Dowsett 17.41; 3, A. de Laubenque 18.19; 4, B. Atkinson 19.24; 5, M. Chapman 20.46; 6, S. Weir 22.29; 7, C. Stevens 23.28. **Handicap:** 1, M. Chapman; 2, B. Atkinson; 3, D. Dowsett.

March 1st

Ealing H. Winter Meeting. 80: M. Cummings (Ealing Olympic) 9.9; 150: M. Cummings (Ealing O.) 19.0; **LJ:** C. Dickerson (Eal. O.) 14'11"; **HJ:** C. Dickerson (Eal.) 4'3"; **SP:** B. Garrett (Eal.) 32'8".

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WOMEN'S Y.A. COURSE

Southern Counties W.A.A.A. and C.C.P.R. have arranged a Young Athletes' Course for Girls to be held at the University of London Athletic Ground, Motspur Park, Surrey, on April 1st and 2nd. The opening lecture will be given by Geoff Dyson. Application forms can be obtained from C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. (S.A.E. please).

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Marise Chamberlain (New Zealand) ran 440 yards in 55.6sec. in Sydney last Saturday.

WOODFORD'S "KANGAROO CLUB" TO JOIN THE SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Regular readers of "Athletics Weekly" will have noticed the results and reports of the "minor" Specialist Club for long and triple jumpers, which has been formed in conjunction with Woodford Green A.C., for the past two years. Already the inter-school "leagues," inter-club and inter-University Winter Postal competitions have met with considerable success, and already these schemes started in the Essex Region, are spreading rapidly throughout Britain. For this reason it is hoped to expand this club further and to join the Specialist Clubs' Association. In order that the Club's officers may be elected, a new constitution formulated, and qualifying distances for membership be decided, etc., an "open" meeting is being held at the C.C.P.R. Offices, 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1., on Friday, 3rd April, 1959, at 7.15 p.m., to which anyone interested in these events will be welcomed.

Ken Wilmshurst, who has agreed to stand as the Club's first President, if elected, will give a short talk to all members, on a topic of interest to every jumper, after the Inaugural Meeting.

Further details may be obtained from Derek Hayward, 36 Primrose Road, South Woodford, London, E.18. (S.A.E., please).

The next "Whip & Carrot" Club Winter H.J. Competition will be held at the Duke of Yorks H.Q. Track on Sat., 28th March (2.15 p.m.). Those wishing to compete should write to R. J. Murray, 11 New Farm Road, Bromley, Kent, as soon as possible.

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Herb Elliott won the Queensland Centenary Mile in Brisbane last Saturday in 3min.58.9s. from Merv Lincoln and Tony Blue.

OTHER RESULTS

February 21st

Rotherham H. 36pts. beat **Steel, Peach & Tozer A.C.** 37 and **Rotherham Wheelers** 47 in a Cyclo-Cross Country match over 5 miles at Brinsworth. 1, M. Blackwell (W) 25.24; 2, P. G. Wood (RH) 26.40; 3, E. Kirkup (SPT); 4, M. Jackson (RH); 5, J. Fleming-Smith (SPT); 6, K. Rollinson (SPT). In a Youths' & Boys' match **S.P. & T.** beat **Rotherham H.** by 17 pts. to 20. 1, P. Gilbert (SPT); 2, K. Stevenson (RH); 3, I. Pratt (SPT); 4, F. Rocket (SPT).

Iford A.C. 5 Miles Road Champ. 1, A. F. Perkins 22.35; 2, T. J. Collins 22.49; 3, D. G. Plater 22.55; 4, J. Reynolds 23.00; 5, W. Roe 23.19; 6, R. Shuttleworth 23.24.

Dartford H. 22pts. beat **Orpington A.C.** 65, **Maidstone H.** 76, over 10 Miles. 1, J. Parker (D) 55.16; 2, G. Knight (Tonbridge) 58.38; 3, J. Roberts (D) 57.07; 4, B. Barnett (D) 60.10; 5, Mills (Ton.) 60.17; 6, A. Childs (D) 61.35.

February 24th

CHINGFORD & DIST. LEAGUE

3 Miles

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| 1. F. Seal (Ponders End) | 16.38 |
| 2. P. Mellor (Enfield) | 16.49 |
| 3. N. Fisher (Eton Manor) | 16.59 |
| 4. G. McIntyre (Ponders E.) 17.13; 5, R. Winchester (Ponders E.) 17.20; 6, D. Day (Ponders E.) 17.34; 7, D. Moys (En.) 17.37; 8, J. Hassell (En.) 17.38; 9, R. Will (Ponders E.) 17.39; 10, T. McEnroe (Hornsey) 17.41. | |

Teams

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| 1. Ponders End | 37 |
| 2. Enfield | 93 |
| 3. Hornsey (St. M.) | 141 |
| 4, Wadham 162; 5, Chingford 237; 6, Eton Manor 259; 7, Loughton 290; 8, Grafton 371. | |

Final League Placings

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| 1. Ponders End | 45 |
| 2. Enfield | 40 |
| 3. Hornsey (St. M.) | 35 |
| 4, Chingford 27; 5, Eton Manor 25; 6, Wadham 20; 7, Loughton 16; 8, Grafton 12. | |

North Staffs & Stone H. & A.C. 6pts. beat **Old Newcastilians A.C.** 19, **Wolstanton G.S.** 39, **St. Joseph's College** 46, in a junior match over 2½ Miles. 1, A. E. Walker (NS & S) 15.08; 2, M. Deakin (NS & S) 15.50; 3, R. K. Boydon (NS & S) 16.08; 4, A. Johnson (NS & S) 16.20; 5, A. Kinnereley (ON) 16.36; 6, P. Heathcote (ON) 16.46.

February 25th

Loughborough Colleges "B" beat **High Storres G.S.** by 27pts. to 29, over 5½ Miles. 1, M. Whiteoak (L) 33.24; 2, H. Bradwell (HS) 34.26; 3, Jenkins (HS) 34.26; 4, D. Gill (L)

34.33; 5, M. Fleet (L) 34.37; 6, J. Boulton (L) 34.37.

February 27th

R.A.F. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The R.A.F. Cross-Country Championships (Finals) were held at Henlow over a fast 6½ mile course. Seal (Henlow) went into the lead from the start, setting a fast pace. Only F/O Wood, Scottish 1959 champion and the holder, could keep within reasonable distance of the leader, who was 60 yards in front after one lap. Seal eventually came home 180 yards ahead of Wood, with N. Clarke third well over a minute further back. 1, LAC Seal 35.14; 2, F/O Wood 35.49; 3, LAC Clarke 37.02; 4, Sgt. James 37.32; 5, F/O Evans; 6, LAC Smith 38.14; 7, Sgt. Budden 38.15; 8, SAC Turner 38.30; 9, Sgt. Sargent 38.34; 10, Sgt. Munnery 38.39; 11, SAC Reynolds 38.50; 12, AC Black 38.53. **Teams:** Div. 3—Halton; Div. 2—Stanmore; Div. 1—S. Cerney. Open Team: Halton. Inter-Command: Bomber.

February 28th

WIGMORE "UNITY" CUP RACE

The first joint men's and women's competition for the Wigmore Harriers' "Unity" Cup took place at Parliament Hill. The ladies' race was held first, individual winner being Diane Elliott (Wigmore) in 18.36 from Sandra Lewis (Wig.) 19.01 and Daphnie Dowsett (Hampstead) 19.24. Leading club placings at this stage were: 1, Wigmore 10 pts.; 2, Hampstead 17; 3, Brentwood 24. J. Atkinson (Hampstead) won the men's race from G. Harrison (Highgate), both 29.10, after a great finish, team placings being: 1, Highgate 29pts.; 2, Hampstead 30; 3, Wigmore 53. Final placings: 1, Hampstead 47pts.; 2, Wigmore 63; 3, Highgate 70; 4, Brentwood 83; 5, Cambridge H. 89.

PLYMOUTH SPARTAN A.C. 10 MILES

ROAD RACE

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| 1. Parsons (Devonport A.C.) | 57.30 |
| 2. Dolling (Paignton A.C.) | 58.31 |
| 3. Gilbert (Devonport A.C.) | 59.16 |
| 4. Woodward (Univ. of Exeter) 59.34; 5, Cheeseman (Paig.) 62.17; 6, Broadbent (U. of Ex.) 62.33; 7, Cox (Paig.) 64.06; 8, Sell (U. of Ex.) 64.32; 9, Britton (U. of Ex.) 65.32; 10, Mitchell (Exeter) 67.16; 11, Walker (U. of Ex.) 68.01. | |

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CYPRUS ALL-ISLAND C.C.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The All-Island Cross-Country Championship, held over a 5½ miles course at Kykko Camp,

Nicosia, on Feb. 28th was won by Corporal Ian Evans (R.A.F. Akrotiri/Wakefield H.) in 27 minutes 28 seconds. Thus completing a fine hat-trick, for he has already won the Royal Air Force and Inter-Services' Championships.

Jackie Brown (Belgrave H.) made a welcome return to competitive racing, but failed to keep the title he won last year by 9 seconds.

Royal Air Force runners filled the next three places with Bunker, Harris (both Nicosia) and Jeans (Episkopi)

The race attracted a field of 85 runners, and was a triumph for the Nicosia A.C., who finished the season with an unbeaten record.

1, Cpl. I. Evans (R.A.F. (Akrotiri) 27.28; 2, J. W. Brown (Nicosia A.C.) 27.37; 3, S.A.C. Bunker (R.A.F. Nicosia) 27.47.

Teams	Pts.
1. R.A.F. Nicosia "A"	53
2. R.A.F. Episkopi	80
3. R.A.F. Nicosia "B"	142
4. R.A.F. Akrotiri 160; 5, 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers 183; 6, 37 Field Engineer Regiment, R.E. 189; 7, 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment 191; 8, 518 Coy. Royal Pioneers 245; 9, Command Pay Office 304.	

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WESTMORLAND SCHOOLS TRIALS

Westmorland, competing this year for the first time at County level, held its first Trials on a 1½ mile lap course in Dallam Tower Deer Park on Feb. 28th. The 17-19 age group saw only 3 starters but there were 62 in the junior race. Results: **Seniors:** 1, M. Craven (Hever-sham S.) 23.44; 2, D. Beck (Kendal GS); 3, D. Foster (Kendal GS). **Inter.:** 1, A. Swainbank (Kendal GS) 17.33; 2, P. Holland (Wmere GS); 3, B. Jackson (KGS). **Juniors:** 1, G. Smithson (Kendal Mod.) 11.26; 2, M. Fiddler (Ambleside S.); 3, F. Hall (Kendal Mod.).

SUTTON & CHEAM H. 4 x 1½ MILES YOUTHS' & BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY

1, Sutton & Cheam H. (B. Fidler 7.35, T. Naish 7.02; C. Smith 7.43, P. Gittins 8.05) 30.25.

2, Mitcham A.C. "B". (R. Wilkinson 7.44, P. Smith 7.48, G. Biscoe 7.55, B. Hallett 7.09) 30.06.

3, Mitcham A.C. (J. Cohen 7.48, K. Corner 7.51, R. Butler 7.46, P. McGhie 7.27) 30.52.

4, Mitcham "C" 31.56; 5, Sutton & Cheam "C" 32.56; 6, Sutton & Cheam "B" 33.16; 7, Mitcham "D" 33.45. **Fastest laps:** 1, T. Naish 7.02; 2, B. Hallett 7.09; 3, S. Horn 7.18; 4, G. Enefer 7.24; 5, P. McGhie 7.27; 6, I. Waterman 7.28.

FOUR VALLEYS YOUTH ORG. CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Castle Hill, Huddersfield

Seniors 3½ Miles: 1, M. Harrop (Calder); 2, M. Baines (Delph.); 3, G. Whitehead (Delph.). **Team:** Delph. & Dist. Y.C. **Junior 2½ Miles:** 1, T. Lodge (Meltham Meeth); 2, D. Hoyle (Sowerby Bridge); 3, R. Benson (Kirkburton).

Maidstone H. beat Dartford H. by 34 pts. to 45, over 5 Miles. 1, A. Gibson (M) 31.52; 2, S. Roberts (D) 32.10; 3, J. Pemble (M) 32.57; 4, M. Vincent (M) 33.06; 5, L. Cooper (D) 33.23; 6, J. Dearberg (M) 33.46. In a youths' match **Maidstone G.S. beat Maidstone H. by 14 pts. to 22, over 2½ Miles.** 1, M. Fuller (GS) 17.54; 2, R. Marks (GS) 18.30; 3, J. Beck (M) 18.37; 4, A. Bonner (M) 19.00; 5, A. Andrews (GS) 19.07; 6, P. Tester (GS) 19.22.

Hove A.C. 6 x 2½ Miles Road Relay. 1, Portsmouth 80.58; 2, Walton 81.12; 3, Brighton 83.36; 4, Redhill & Reigate 85.45; 5, North London 86.15; 6, Worthing & Dist. 86.30. **Fastest laps:** 1, M. Hyman (P) 12.36; 2, R. Roath (Wal.) 13.07; 3, B. Vanderplank (Eastleigh) 13.08; 4, J. Lindsell (P) 13.13; 5, H. Foord (B) 13.16; 6, T. Hayden (P) 13.24.

Chingford A.C. 10 Miles Road Champ. 1, J. Baldwin 58.44; 2, J. Dearing 59.11; 3, G. Hurdwell 65.15; 4, S. Worboys 66.31; 5, R. Jacobs 67.36; 6, R. Russell 78.11. **Handicap:** 1, J. Baldwin 53.14; 2, J. Dearing 54.51; 3, S. Worboys 58.01.

Veterans' A.C. 5 Miles Road Race. 1, A. Bedford 27.09. **Handicap:** 1, A. Bedford (Scr.) 27.09; 2, W. Smith (5.55) 28.56; 3, A. Smith (6.25) 29.45.

Shaftesbury H. beat United Hospitals H. & H. by 40 pts. to 41, over 5 Miles. 1, A. Patten (S) 27.17; 2, A. Sperry (UH) 27.26; 3, G. Napier (UH) 27.29; 4, R. Parker (S) 27.43; 5, I. Sneddon (S) 27.59; 6, R. Collins (S) 28.21.

Blackheath H. beat Polytechnic H. by 23 pts. to 32, over 6 Miles. 1, A. J. Brent (BH) 33.22; 2, R. Dunkley (P) 33.43; 3, A. W. Wood (BH) 34.26; 4, R. Allen (P) 34.46; 5, M. A. Taylor (BH) 35.12; 6, R. A. Morley (BH) 35.27.

Blackheath H. beat Ardingly College by 35 pts. to 45, over 4 Miles. 1, P. D. Jackson (BH) 34.26; 2, R. Allen (P) 34.46; 3, B. Lee (BH); 4, J. B. Wheals (BH); 5, Cutlass (AC); 6, Rowin & Wicks (AC).

Ealing H. 17pts. beat Southall A.C. 30, Ruislip-Northwood A.C. 31, over 5 Miles. 1, D. Case (E) 29.34; 2, B. Trowse (R-N) 30.26; 3, J. Barnard (E) 30.40; 4, C. Herd (S) 31.11; 5, D. Arnold (E) 31.19; 6, R. Garner (S) 31.29; In a youths' match **Ruislip-Northwood A.C. 21pts. beat Southall A.C. 31, Ealing H. 32, over 2½ Miles.** 1, Brennan (R-N) 14.52; 2, M. Roberts (E) 14.56; 3, M. Smith (S) 15.09; 4, J. Rose (S) 15.26; 5, R. Stoker (R-N) 15.29; 6, Bush (R-N) 15.31.

Highgate H. beat Victoria Park H. by 73pts. to 98, over 6 Miles. 1, G. Brown (H) 31.25; 2, S. Day (VPH) 32.23; 3, G. Harrison (H) 32.36; 4, M. Marlow (H) 32.44; 5, R. Curtis (VPH) 32.52; 6, R. Iron (VPH) 34.21.

Kangaroo Club's 4th Inter-University Postal Jumping Competition. Loughborough Colleges A.C. 194'5½" (rec.). LJ: 1, J. B. Woolley (LC) 22'7" (rec.); 2, S. Gunn (LC) 21'5½"; 3, J. Calkin (LC) 21'0½". **HSJ:** 1, D. Taylor (LC) 43'10" (rec.); 2, R. Herron (LC) 42'10½"; 3, M. Arnold (LC) 42'8".

Victoria Park H. 3½ Mile Road Trial. 1, S. Day 19.51; 2, R. Curtis 20.06; 3, K. Rouse 20.12. **Handicap:** 1, R. Curtis (0.31) & J. Flowers (1.50) 19.35.

Ranelagh H. beat Deptford Park A.C. by 37 pts. to 53, scoring 6 a side over 5 Miles. Scoring 4 a side **Ranelagh H. 13 pts. beat Deptford Park A.C. 27, Wimbledon A.C. 47.** 1, J. Bull & W. P. Bird (R) 27.42; 3, A. J. Hedger (R) 28.02; 4, R. Harper (DP) 28.11; 5, C. Edwards (W) 28.35; 6, V. Daker (DP) 30.16.

March 1st

EALING H. WINTER MEETING

80: D. Tattam (Southall) 8.6; **150:** M. Fitch (Ruislip & Northwood) 15.2; **330:** C. Lindsay (Q.P.H.) 35.5; **660:** C. Lindsay (QPH) 1.24.4; **¾ Mile:** P. Lindford (T.V.H.) 3:12.1; **1½ Miles:** D. Case (Ealing) 7.30.0; **SP:** F. Simons (Eal.) 42'11". **Junior ¾ Mile:** M. Smith (South.) 3.32.5. **Youths' 80:** A. Minchin (South.) 8.8; **150:** A. Minchin (South.); **330:** G. Webb (Hayes & Harlington) 41.1; **660:** G. Webb (Hayes & H.) 1.32.3; **¾ Mile:** M. Legg (Eal.) 3.43.8; **SP:** S. Ager (South.) 44'11". **Boys' 150:** Brookes (Eal.) 17.1; **660:** B. Palmer (Hayes & H.) 1.51.0.

March 4th

Bexhill G.S. 27pts. beat Eastbourne College 32, Gillingham G.S. 48, Hastings G.S. 65, Rye G.S. 70, Eastbourne G.S. 90, over 5 Miles. 1, J. Cobley (EC) 30.57; 2, S. Larkin (BGS) 31.15; 3, D. Marshall (BGS) 31.23; 4, J. Beck (GGS) 31.31; 5, C. Hayes (RGS) 31.32; 6, P. Glossop (HGS) 31.54.

March 7th

HEREFORD C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Youths—3 Miles 1000 yds.

1. A. T. Foxton (Pontrilas A.C.)	22.34
2. D. Taylor (Pontrilas A.C.)	22.49
3. G. C. Dunsford (Pontrilas A.C.)	22.53
Lindsay Jones (Leominster G.S.)	22.53
5. D. E. Essenhigh (Individual)	23.23
6. H. A. E. Durnin (Jun. Ldrs. Regt.)	23.56
7. R. Boothroyd (Jun. L.R.)	24.15
8. C. P. Pope (Jun. L.R.)	24.29
9. R. Stanley (Jun. L.R.)	24.30
10. G. Stevens (Jun. L.R.)	24.52

Teams	Pts.
1. Pontrilas A.C. (1.2.3.)	6
2. Jun. Leaders Regt. R.A. (6.7.8.)	21

Boys—2½ Miles

1. P. Coles (Jun. Ldrs. Regt. R.A.) ...	17.11
2. M. J. Francis (Jun. Ldrs. Regt.) ...	17.12
3. I. Harris (Whitecross S.M.)	17.13
4. G. C. Chilcott (Jun. L.R.)	17.30
5. D. Hall (Whitecross)	17.37
6. R. Settle (Jun. L.R.)	18.13
7. L. C. Steer (Jun. L.R.)	18.18
8. Cooper (White. "B")	18.20
9. Clements (White. "B")	18.24
10. B. Maund (Ross S.M.)	18.25

Teams	Pts.
1. Jun. Leaders Regt. R.A. (1.2.4)	7
2. Whitecross S.M. School (3.5.11)	19
3. Ross S.M. School (10.12.13)	35
4. Whitecross S.M. "B" 36; 5, Ross S.M. "B" 56; 6, Whitecross S.M. "C" 71.	

Feltham A.C. Cross-Country Champs. Seniors 8½ Miles: 1, B. Forey 45.14; 2, T. Gale 47.15; 3, S. Charlton 49.23. **Junior 5 Miles:** 1, V. Jones & R. H. Smith 28.03; 3, B. Coker 29.20. **Youths 3½ Miles:** 1, K. Randell 21.15; 2, D. Martin 23.00; 3, J. Jones.

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WELSH NOTES

By **BERNARD BALDWIN**

MOST human endeavours require good leadership if they are to succeed, and from time to time we see examples of leadership in Welsh athletics which should be marked well.

On Saturday morning last, in pouring rain, four teams from Mountain Ash, Pontypool, Pontypridd and Barry met in a cross country race over 4 miles at Barry Grammar School. When they set out I wondered just how many would have made the effort if their respective teachers had not used their influence to get them there. We should mark well the efforts of such people.

Mr. V. A. E. Taylor of West Mon. Grammar School, for example, who runs many scores of miles each week with his team, must have felt the effort in getting his team from Pontypool to Barry (30 miles) was well worth it despite the conditions, for they won handsomely. Result: 1, Price (West Mon.) 24.06; 2, Gear (Barry G.S.) 24.12; 3, Richards (Mountain Ash G.S.) 24.18; 4, Miles (West Mon.) 24.35; 5, Williams (West Mon.) 24.53; 6, Randall (Pontypridd G.S.) 24.53. **Teams:** 1, West Mon. G.S. 17pts.; 2, Barry G.S. 35; 3, Mountain Ash G.S. 39; 4, Pontypridd G.S. 68.

Barry G.S. (10pts.) beat Mountain Ash G.S. (30pts.) in a junior race

The leadership example was shown in Cardiff last week, when young David Thomas, a pupil of St. Illtyd's organised the first Cardiff Schools' C.C. Championships. He made all preparations and the events went off well, with the assistance of Mr. Jack Collard and Mr. Jim Thomas of Birchgrove Harriers. Result: 1, D. Thomas (St. Illtyd's) 15.54; 2, P. Bate (Cardiff H.S.) 16.7; 3, M. Goode (C.H.S.) 16.12; 4, R. Noverraz (CHS.) 16.25; 5, M. Job (C.H.S.) 16.31. **Teams:** 1, Cardiff H.S. "A" 14pts.; 2, St. Illtyd's College 28; 3, Cardiff H.S. "B" 55; 4, Canton H.S. 61.

It was coincidental that the Welsh Y.M.C.A. Championships at Coleg y Fro, Rhose, on 14th March should be held the same weekend as the course in Leadership, for they were a shining example of it.

Conditions were bad, and with an attractive rugby match in Cardiff and on television, it was good to see the boys turning out. There were three age groups, and the Senior race was a trial for the International to be held at Rhyl, North Wales on 28th March. The first five men were chosen automatically, with the remaining four elected by committee later.

Result:

Boys (Under 16): 1, A. Cook (Barry) 11.48; 2, B. Matthews (Barry) 12.29; 3, C. Knibb (Hirwaun) 12.45. **Teams:** 1, Barry 7pts.; 2, Port Talbot 20.

Juniors (16 to 18): 1, D. Thomas (Penarth) 19.0; 2, P. Gray (Penarth) 19.1; 3, D. Townsend (Port Talbot) 19.47. **Teams:** 1, Penarth 13pts.; 2, Mountain Ash 27; 3, Bargoed 30.

Seniors: 1, R. Franklin (Newport) 36.25; 2, James O'Brien (Port Talbot) 36.28; 3, T. Woods (Newport) 37.20; 4, W. Hancock (Neath) 5, I. Adams (Newport). **Teams:** 1, Newport 9pts.; 2, Port Talbot 17.

Two new fixtures for 25th April have appeared recently, they are: A 4 x 2 miles road relay for Seniors and a 4 x 1 mile road relay for juniors at Port Talbot Y.M.C.A. (Details from Mr. M. Patten, Y.M.C.A., Port Talbot) and a 10 miles road race at Pontypool (Promoted by Pontypool Council).

PRESTON CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY

PRESTON Harriers tried, as an experiment, a Cross-Country Relay from their H.Q. on March 14th. Ten clubs entered but three were unable to make up a full team.

Over a fairly fast 2 mile lap course Manchester & Dist. Lads' Club were unfortunate in leading throughout, only to find no sixth man to run the last leg. They accepted the Referee's decision that this put them out of the race, in the best spirit, but how disappointing it must have been can be imagined from the fact that they continued to run the last leg with a runner who had already taken an earlier stage and still finished in 62min. 47sec.

Three leading runners were misdirected on the first leg by spectators but this was quickly adjusted on the next. In the earlier stages it was a race between Manchester & D.L.C., Bolton and Pembroke, but Preston gradually came into the picture and on the last leg J. Bell passed Iddon of Bolton to take second place and also gain fastest time award.

1, Pembroke A. & C.C. (Camden 8.58, Robinson 10.45, McIvor 10.53, Bateman 11.07, Caldwell 10.50, Highton 10.45) 63m.18s.

2, Preston H. & A.C. (Jebb 11.18, Instone 9.09, Tilley 11.14, Rainford 11.03, Barrow 11.03, Bell 10.31) 64m.18s.

3, Bolton Utd. H. (Platt 8.46, Morgan 11.24, Whittle 11.12, Sherwood 11.07, Crook 11.08, Iddon 11.5) 64m.52s.

4, Lancaster Primrose 69m.52.

Before the race **Chorley G.S.** beat **Preston H.** in a boys' match by 17pts. to 20. 1, McGrath (P); 2, Gray (CGS); 3, O'Neill (P); 4, Gear (CGS); 5, Pennington (CGS); 6, Allinthorne (CGS).

Belgrave H. Field Events Meeting

Battersea Park, March 14th

THE third annual winter meeting for field events organised by Belgrave Harriers was held at Battersea Park on March 14th. There was a good entry for all events with the exception of the pole vault in which only two competed. In four of the seven events there were new best performances for the meeting. These were in the javelin, discus, high jump and triple jump.

In the high jump Gabriel (Nigeria) cleared 6'2" with ease and only narrowly failed on his second attempt at 6'4". The triple jump produced good performances by both Britten and Robinson, the latter having a marginal no-jump of 47'2".

Colin Smith had a qualifying throw of 208'11" in addition to his winning javelin throw of 219'9". The shot was disappointing so far as some of our best known shot-putters was concerned but R. Guest with 46'1" did very well so early in the year to approach his personal best of 46'9". Eric Cleaver is clearly in excellent form as a second best throw of 156'11" indicates. Turan who was second in the discus is the Turkish national record-holder at 158'7" and is an Army officer at present on a course at Sandhurst. **L. F. G**

High Jump: 1, J. Gabriel (TVH) 6'2"; 2, K. Bryan (LAC) 5'10"; 3, A. Kilpatrick (LAC) 5'10"; 4, M. Hurman (TVH) 5'9"; 5, L. Tait (HHH) 5'8"; 6, J. Howell (HHH) 5'8".

Long Jump: 1, D. Brigden (Mitcham) 22'9"; 2, J. Howell (HHH) 22'0"; 3, L. Tait (HHH) 21'8½"; 4, N. Woolhouse (TVH) 21'1½"; 5, B. Wheeler (Essex B.) 21'0"; 6, D. Atlotley (Poly.) 19'8½".

Pole Vault: 1, W. Hamilton (Southgate) 11'0"; 2, L. Tait (HHH) 10'0".

Shot: 1, N. Morgan (Croydon) 46'7"; 2, R. Guest (LAC/Army) 46'1"; 3, N. Woolhouse (TVH) 43'10"; 4, M. Turvey (HHH) 42'1½"; 5, J. Howell (HHH) 41'10"; 6, D. Ansell (Belgrave H.) 40'12".

Discus: 1, E. Cleaver (LAC/Army) 158'0"; 2, N. Turan (LAC/Army) 147'0"; 3, H. Doyle (HHH) 141'11"; 4, L. Mackay (Met. Police) 135'6"; 5, G. Reed (Achilles) 127'6"; 6, D. Vanhegan (Southgate) 126'7".

Javelin: 1, C. Smith (TVH) 219'9"; 2, T. Clegg (St. Mary's) 171'0"; 3, A. Patstor (HHH) 166'8"; 4, R. Ciufford (St. George's) 165'1"; 5, G. Snow (Fulham) 164'2"; 6, R. Radley (Ilford) and J. Ware (Belgrave H.) 158'7".

Hop, Step & Jump: 1, G. Britten (Essex B.) 46'9½"; 2, E. Robinson (Hornchurch A.C.) 46'6"; 3, N. Woolhouse (TVH) 43'10"; 4, M. Turvey (HHH) 42'1½"; 5, J. Howell (HHH) 41'10"; 6, D. Ansell (Belgrave H.) 40'2".

Scottish News

By W. Diverty

Scotland's Team for Lisbon

A. J. Wood (Shett. H.); J. McLaren (Vic. Pk.); R. Irving (B'houston H.); G. E. Everett (Shett. H.); J. McGhee (Shett. H.); A. S. Jackson (Edin. Univ.) and J. Connolly (B'houston H.) Capt. Only Connolly, Jackson and McLaren were in last year's team while Wood and Irving will be running in their first International.

Scottish Women's C.C. Championships at Auchinairn, Glasgow, 7/3/59

Miss A. Paterson (Aberdeen) a 17-year-old, was the surprise winner of the Women's C.C. title over a 2½ mile course at Auchinairn. Miss Paterson was quickly into the lead and, running in fine style for a newcomer, won by 60 yds. from Miss B. Tait (Edin. H.), with Miss D. Greig (Unatt.) 3rd, a further 30 yds. in the rear. Miss I. M. Mooney (Jordanhill T.C.), the holder, retired about half-a-mile from the finish and was obviously not in her best form. Springburn H. won the team event with 20 pts. and were the only Club to finish a full team.

1, A. Paterson (Aberdeen) 18:14; 2, B. Tait (Edinburgh) 18:24; 3, D. Greig (Unatt.) 18:27; 4, D. Fulton (Springburn) 18:58; 5, A. Lusk (Maryhill) 19:41; 6, G. Summers (Aberdeen) 19:58.

TODAY'S EVENTS

As well as the International race in Lisbon, there are many events down for decision today, including the Wigmore "15," the Windermere-Kendal Road Race with an entry of 17 teams and 10 individuals—the latter including Derek Ibbotson and Jackie Haslam, and the teams Motherwell Y.M.C.A., the Swindon Road Relay, Cambridge Harriers' Road Relay, Gosforth H. Road Relay, Suffolk "10", Taunton "10", Worthing "10", Northern Schools' Championships at Lymne, Cheshire, and the S.L.H. Inter-Schools Race at Coulsdon.

RESULTS (contd.)

Hove A.C. beat Tonbridge A.C. by 13pts. to 26, over 5½ Miles. 1, K. Richardson (H) 33.55; 2, K. Mills (T) 34.07; 3, J. Harnes (H) 34.51; 4, B. Bartholomew (H) 34.52; 5, J. Vickers (H) 36.21; 6, R. Curtis (T) 36.41.

Torch A.C. Cross-Country Champs. Youths 4 Miles: 1, C. Forey 21.03; 2, E. Churchard 21.31; 3, D. Blake 23.10. **Boys (14 yrs.) 1½ Miles:** 1, J. Ridge 8.30; 2, A. Coates 8.32; 3, A. Dicker 8.56. **Boys (12 yrs. & under) 1½ Miles:** M. Ridge 8.12; 2, B. Millar 8.33; 3, D. Setford 9.00.

March 7th

Maidstone H. 10 Miles Road Champ. 1, A. Gibson 57.09; 2, J. Pemble 57.11; 3, M. Vincent 58.08; 4, J. Dearberg 59.08; 5, A. Cook 62.53; 6, G. Scotting 65.33.

LETTERS (contd.)

Furthermore, scores of others work on Saturday mornings and these often have to compete after having rushed to the venue without any meal at all and are not able to give of their best.

Sunday racing would nullify all these difficulties and before the religious objections appear, let us ask ourselves what sin there is in running over God's good earth on a Sunday (most athletes train on Sunday anyway).

It is officials' own fault that cross-country is a poor sport—the remedy is obvious.

Derek Fear,

Watford Harriers

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CLUB

Dear Mr. Green,

Might I ask Club Secretaries, through your columns, if they will be so kind as to ask any of their members, who are Scots or who have Scottish qualifications, to contact me in connection with the Anglo-Scottish Athletic Club.

This Club has been formed with the approval of the Scottish A.A.A. and Scottish Women's A.A.A. to assist Scottish athletes in the South and to keep a record of their performances so that they may not be overlooked by the Scottish Associations.

Membership is second claim and will not interfere with the athletes' first claim club. Full particulars will be gladly sent on request.

Yours truly,

T. Robertson,

Hon. Secretary,

226 Strand, London, W.C.2.

TIMEKEEPING

Dear Sir,

Controversy regarding mechanical timekeeping in athletics is not new, for it was very much in evidence more than 20 years ago when many experiments were carried out in electrical timekeeping. It has not yet been accepted because of certain disadvantages, possibly expense in installation and working is the most important, and sometimes of course there are failures due to the gun firing defects, as at the A.A.A. Championships in 1958.

Whatever the failings of timekeepers, they do spend a lot of time and money helping athletics along and that is certainly a consideration at this particular time. Delay in announcing times

is disconcerting to the track fans who like to know *immediately* the time of the race. Possibly photo finish timing may be perfected in the future, but I should expect it only to be superior to hand timing in events up to 440 yards. It is not yet of much use in distance races. No-one has yet enquired of the 6 miles electric times taken at Cardiff.

If, eventually, mechanical timing is generally adopted, and some timing company is prepared to set up apparatus in different parts of the country on many Saturdays each season, free of charge to the promoters, the timekeepers may gracefully retire. For, remember, not all records even in England are returned at the White City. Peter Radford's records were gained at Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Obviously we cannot have two kinds of timing, hand and electrical, and can we always rely on hand timing in other parts of the world, with slow starting watches and very fast get-aways? However, until something definite is decided, the timekeeper must carry on regardless. I would like very much to see improved positions for timekeepers. The facilities at Cardiff were appalling, and at the White City leave much to be desired. We must remember a timekeeper must judge and time as well, and why is he not provided with a raised stand as are the judges? We are, it seems, to try timing from lane positions, possibly at Wolverhampton in June, this type of timing has been talked about for some time, and many people would like to see it done, but it would be almost impossible from a position on an elevated plank on a couple of boxes as at Cardiff. It is imperative to be well above the finishing line, or how can lane 2 and 5 be sorted out and the athletes timed in a 440 race!

Finally, electrical and hand timekeeping, if taken exactly as rules allow, will always be very slightly different. The electrical timing a little slower than the hand timing.

Yours faithfully,

D. L. Woolcott,

M.C.A.A.A.

Wimbledon A.C. elected: President, Ald. Sydney Black, O.B.E.; Chairman: T. Robertson; Hon. Sec. & Fixtures Sec., J. V. W. Whelan, 146 Durham Road, Wimbledon, S.W.20; Team/Track Sec., R. A. Snow; Treasurer, W. F. Whelan; Capt. G. A. Moulden; C.C. Capt., R. A. Frewin; C.C. Sec., R. C. Brett, 12 Morris Gdns., S.W.18.