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Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

FAST upon the news that Surrey Walking Club are to put on a 20km. special invitation race—presumably for the top rankers—at the Crystal Palace on August 31st, comes the announcement that an invitation race of ten miles, open to the best twenty men in the country, will be put on at the White City track at the London Fire Brigade Meeting on the same day!

Belgrave Harriers are the prime movers in the Fire Brigade sponsored event, and clearly the race will be to provide Stan Vickers with a deserved chance to have a crack at the British record at that distance set up by George Colman at Alperton last September.

This special track event is expected to start at 12 noon and the usually very well supported individual and team handicap, at the distance of two miles, will be in the main programme later in the day. Clearly, here is an unfortunate clash. Both Surrey and Belgrave will be wanting, and inviting, the country's best walkers. At the moment there is an *impasse* both promotions are going ahead. Surrey's point is that they are committed financially and have decided they cannot retract. Further, their meeting is also to include a six miles open Handicap to attract the rank and file competitor to Crystal Palace.

Lol Allen Returns

The Northern Senior Ten Miles at Sheffield, postponed from last month, suffered a little in numbers as a result, but Sheffield, even without Roland Hardy, the holder, and Albert Johnson, overshadowed the rest. Lol Allen took his opportunity to return as Northern Champion, and he had the good margin of over two minutes at the finish from Sheffield's most promising new man Dave Shaw. Ken Camp, the ex-Derby man, now with Leicester W.C., was third another half minute back. From the start Allen showed in front with Joe Barraclough not far away, then, at a mile-and-a-half out, the Lancashire man was ruled out for Allen to have an easy journey. It was good to see Yorkshire Walking Club, after a period of hibernation, turning out a team again and scoring third.

Ken Matthews made his first essay at the longer distances and stayed the course well to win the Lozells H. 15 miles Inter-Club race at Birmingham by just two minutes from George Chaplin, who has his eye on the Midland distance titles. These two had Freddy Brooks for company and the latter was in second place at 10 miles where Chaplin had been passed by John Edgington, but Brooks had trouble with chafing and retired while Chaplin

made a come back in the closing stages, The latter was only just over a minute in front of young John Edgington, still in the Junior age group.

Eric Hall beat his own course record of two years back by 20 seconds in the Steyning A.C. 15 miles, where he had a four minutes advantage over Malcolm Tadd of Brighton and Hugh McGreechan of Belgrave and the Police, the latter showing some return to form.

George Meadows and Bob Goodall dead-heated at Mitcham in the London Vidarians 15 miles and in the good time of 2h.1m.3s., this was two minutes faster than Eric Hall's winning time of last year. Ron Davies was third and George Checkley, his second race within two days, fourth.

"Dicky" Green won Surrey Walking Club's "Keston" 14 miles, but without the usual hard race from clubmate Ted Hipkins, was two minutes down on his best time. Vic Stone, somewhat impatiently waiting for the Bath Road "100" to come round, filled in his time by finishing second.

George Checkley retained the National Police title, over a very stiff course at Harrogate on Thursday of last week, and turned the tables on Charlie Fogg who beat him for the Met. Police honours a month back. Alex Macfarlane, second, put up his best of the season.

Today's Fixtures. The Southern AAA 7 miles at Battersea Park has attracted 45 entries, but not that of the winner for the past five years, and record-holder, Bryan Hawkins. Stan Vickers should win and may beat Hawkins' best of 53m.09.4s. Eric Hall, Tom Misson, the new Middlesex 10 miles Champion, George Meadows and Rod Hutchison will be the strongest opposition to Vickers. John Edgington (Godiva H.), the National Junior Champion, should have a clear win in the Junior 6 miles although Michael Shannon of Newport will give him a hard race, and R. Bygrave, R. H. Sheppard and S. F. O'Connor are the best in the Youths' 3 Miles.

Stock Exchange A.C. 25 Miles Championship is at Hayes, Kent, 10.30 start.

R.W.A. Northern Area 10 Miles Championship, Sheffield. 1, L. Allen (Sheffield) 77.25; 2, D. Shaw (Sheffield) 79.48; 3, K. Camp (Leicester) 80.17; 4, T. J. Hardie (Lancs. W.C.) 82.21; 5, B. Marston (Sheffield) 82.27; 6, M. Greasley (Sheffield) 84.14; 7, L. Surgey (Sheffield) 84.32; 8, L. J. Yeomans (Yorks W.C.) 84.47; 9, H. Wheeler (Yorks W.C.) 85.12; 10, J. Englert (Sheffield) 87.06. **Teams:** 1, Sheffield U.H. (1,2,4,5) 12; 2, Lancashire W.C. (3,10,17,19) 49; 3, Yorkshire W.C. 54.

Other walking results held over to next week

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

THE result of the International Cross Country race at Waregem must have sounded incredible to those at home who heard it on the radio or television.

It was incredible and it is difficult to understand how runners like Driver and Firth could be nearly four and over three minutes respectively below their normal form this season.

Discussing International prospects with Ken Norris at the Southern, Ken said he could only see four men up to the required standard. But the four he mentioned did not include Heatley or Chorlton, both of whom I suggested should be included. My idea then was that if we could get six in front of Chorlton, whose consistency I admire, we were certain winners, and that we could still do so if he was our sixth scorer. As it turned out these two ran above themselves and if ever we should have won an International Championship, we should have done so easily this year. A fit Ibbotson would almost certainly have ensured victory and it was bad luck that tonsillitis kept him out of the team.

It was a pleasure to note the support given to that enthusiastic young club, Chingford, in their road relay race last Saturday. Their programme was an unusually fine effort, with a complete map of the course and positions of all the teams who ran in the last two races. Keep up the good work.

To-day's events include the Wigmore "15," Wolverhampton, T.V.H., Gosforth and Watford Road Relays, Southern 7 Miles Walk, Women's International at Mus-selburgh and Ilford Women's Road Relay, for which, incidentally, Paignton A.A.C. are making the long trek from Devon.

The Southampton-Bournemouth Relay results came in too late for inclusion this week and others have been held over owing to lack of space.

THE EDITOR.

MACCLESFIELD H. ROAD RELAY

4 x 2½M.—March 16th

1, Macclesfield H. (Morton 11.06; Lafferty 12.12; Corcoran 10.40; Boswell 11.34) 45m.32s.

2, Stone and Dist. A.C. (Whittaker 11.15; Gerrard 11.39; Lovatt 12.24; Sheldon 12.15) 47m.33s.

3, Stockport H. "A" (Mallon 12.00; Clayton 12.07; Fitzsimmons 11.32; Johnson 12.18) 47m.57s.

4, Crewe 48.56; 5, Macclesfield "B" 49.06; 6, Alsager Training Coll. 49.54; 7, Stockport "B" 50.15; 8, N. Staffs 50.42; 9, Macclesfield "C" 51.31; 10, Alsager T.C. "B" 53.55; 11, Stone "B." **Fastest times:** Corcoran (M) 10.40; Morton (M) 11.06; Whittaker (S) 11.13.

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Letters to the Editor

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Dear Sir,

After hearing the B.B.C. radio programme, "What do you Know," in which four well educated people compete for the title "Brain of Britain," I was shocked to hear that these so-called brains were unable to give the correct answer to the question, what event did Chris Brasher win his gold medal in the 1956 Olympic Games.

I have since asked my office colleagues this general knowledge question, and find that on an average 1 in 3 also do not know. I think this is appalling. What do you readers think?

Chris is a British hero, a man who has, for the first time in 20 years, achieved something which no other British man has done, and much to my disgust the British public do not know how or why.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. Andrews.

North Thames Gas Board, S.A.

TRIBUTE

Dear Mr. Editor,

Now that athletics has become a major sport in this country, I am, and I expect many others who have spent most of their lives following the sport, must be grieved at the intrigue that seems to have developed recently and which came to a head last Saturday, 16th March.

Apart from the fact that Jack Crump has not been an "active" athlete, due I believe to leg injuries, he has since the War been an inspiration to the sport and has been one of the people responsible for its present popularity. He has spent a considerable amount of his time in the furtherance of athletics, sparing no effort to better the sport.

I know from personal experience that he puts himself to endless trouble and expense giving talks on athletics, the Games, etc., to clubs of all sizes, travelling long distances and using his rationed petrol without thought of reward. Therefore if he does receive fees for his T.V. and Radio appearances, and written articles, surely they must be swallowed up in his personal expenses incurred in giving these very valuable instructive and inspiring talks. I do

not know of many officials keen enough to spend such a lot of their time and money in this way.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. J. Hawkins,

Mr. Crump was an active athlete—a walker—until a leg injury put paid to any further active participation.—Ed.

THE SCHOOLS' A.A. AND THE A.A.A.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Mr. A. B. Wignall's letter in your issue of March 9th, appears to be an official A.A.A. reply to our case since he signs himself, "Hon. Secretary, A.A.A. Schools' Consultative Committee and Chairman, A.A.A. Development Committee." He is quite right in assuming that the S.A.A. seeks representation under clause (d) of the A.A.A. Constitution, as stated, but although the first application for such representation was made in 1949, this is the very first time this essential change has been mentioned by the A.A.A., whose answer, at the time, was to set up the A.A.A. Schools' Consultative Committee. The S.A.A., by the way, is not lacking in its knowledge of constitutional procedure and was quite aware that such a change would have to be made and sincerely hopes that the time is now ripe for direct consideration of this matter. Another application will certainly be made.

With regard to Mr. Wignall's further points in giving a "true picture" of the relationship of the Governing Body to the Schools A.A., he would be well advised to get his facts right. These are—

- (a) The S.A.A., as such, has never been asked to send a representative to the A.A.A. General Committee. Mr. W. Butler (the Hon. Secretary) attends with Mr. G. Rush (Grammar Schools) as nominees of the A.A.A. Schools' Consultative Committee.
- (b) The S.A.A. has certainly got five members on the A.A.A. Schools' Consultative Committee, fully representative of thousands of schools, but regretfully introduced by Mr. Wignall as "the opposition!" Opposition my foot! No-one has done more for the advancement of athletics in schools than the

S.A.A., whose view is that we are all travelling towards the same goal, athletically, and that "co-operation" and not "opposition" should be the operative word in every way.

- (c) The A.A.A. has never invited three members of the S.A.A. to serve on its Development Committee. One representative only has been asked and only one has attended.

The S.A.A. appreciates the fact that it has a representative on the A.A.A. Coaching Committee, not mentioned by Mr. Wignall, and sincerely reciprocates the views expressed in his last paragraph. It emphatically reiterates its views on the request for official recognition by direct representation on the General Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Campion,

Hon. Publicity Secretary, Schools A.A.

NORTH OF THE BORDER

Dear Editor,

I would like some of your readers who send in weekly, and often justifiable complaints, that on the question of facilities they are, indeed, fortunate.

Here in Edinburgh we have four tracks of which two are 440 yard tracks. This is not too bad, but one of the two large tracks has been literally ploughed up over the winter and has no changing facilities anyway. The other, the Scottish Championship "track," if it can be called that, is the only ground with a permanent groundsman, yet it is not open during the day, but only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and then on the outside lane only.

During the day, when I must train, we have to go to a speedway track with a concrete starting gate, around which we could "stagger" until a horse started training there too, and made it impossible to run on! When we complained we were told the horse had as much right to train there as we had!

The other two tracks crumble away through lack of care and have no stripping accommodation readily at hand. "We are lucky if we get any water, never mind hot water!" This state of affairs exists where there are quite a few athletes in the top ten rankings, and they cannot get a track to train on, nor are they able to get implements or run any time-trials.

And what happens when we complain to our own officials? We are told, believe it or not, that we ought not to be training at this time of year!

Yours sincerely,

"Ecossais,"

University of Edinburgh
(Name and address supplied)

LANES FOR 880 AND 800m.

Dear Sir,

Much has been said in recent years about running the 880 yards and 800 metres in lanes.

Recent international practice has been to make the start from a line very near to the bend and I feel this to be a step in the right direction.

However, I append for consideration the following suggestion. Certain tracks, Chiswick and Motspur Park are examples, have extra width on the home straight to accommodate sprinters and hurdlers without using the inside lanes. This means that by making the starting line parallel with the straight (the runners starting at right angles to the straight where the 100 yards men finish), there would be perhaps 40 yards before entering the first bend and this would, I hope, ease the pushing and shoving so apparent under present conditions.

As the Polytechnic Club were courageous enough to experiment with lanes last year, perhaps they would give this idea some thought before arranging the Kinnaird half-mile.

Yours faithfully,

L. Crouch,

Treorchy.

LEAVE THE 50 Km. WALK ALONE

Dear Sir,

Now that the A.A.A. have agreed to the suggestion that the 50km. walk, when part of Olympic Games or other international contests, taking place in the summer months, should be held in the morning or evening, have they got any reasonable idea, as to the time the race should start?

A 50km. race in this country takes anything up to 6 hrs. and usually starts at 1.30 or 2.0 in the afternoon, thus finishing in the comparative "cool" of the day. If the race is to start in the morning, walkers will be walking

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BRITISH ALL TIME BEST PERFORMERS

By H. E. D. O'NEILL

(Continued)

800 Metres (*—880y. less 0.7)

1:47.4	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green)	Berne	28.8.54
1:47.5	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Glasgow	15.9.56
1:48.4	S. C. Wooderson (Blackheath H.)	London	20.8.38
1:49.2	M. A. Farrell (Birchfield H.)	Melbourne	26.11.56
1:49.7	M. A. Rawson (Birchfield H.)	Istanbul	12.8.56
1:49.8	T. Hampson (Achilles)	Los Angeles	2.8.32
1:50.0*	R. G. Bannister (Achilles)	London	3.8.53
1:50.1	A. Webster (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	Helsinki	21.7.52
1:50.3	J. V. Beesley (Achilles)	Ely	1.8.55
1:50.5	H. J. Parlett (Dorking St. Paul's)	Brussels	26.8.50
1:50.7	R. D. Henderson (Elswick H.)	Bordeaux	4.9.55
1:50.8	J. V. Powell (London A.C.)	Stockholm	20.8.36
1:50.8*	D. C. E. Gorrie (Achilles)	Oxford	10.3.56
1:51.1	J. V. Paterson (Edin. U.A.C.)	Glasgow	4.8.56
1:51.2	D. G. A. Lowe (Achilles)	Berlin	19.8.28
1:51.2*	I. H. Boyd (Herne Hill H.)	Vancouver	3.8.54
1:51.2	W. Aylett (Blackheath H.)	London	13.10.54
1:51.4	A. Littler (Pilkington Rec.)	Cologne	20.8.39
1:51.4	M. F. Walmesley (S.L.H.)	Helsinki	4.6.56

1,000 Metres

2:19.9	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Manchester	22.9.56
2:20.4	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green)	Malmo	4.9.56
2:22.1	A. D. Gordon (Achilles)	Malmo	4.9.56
2:24.6	G. W. Nankeville (Walton A.C.)	Brussels	17.9.49
2:25.6	J. V. Beesley (Achilles)	Goteborg	2.9.55

1500 Metres (m—made in mile race)

3:42.2m	R. G. Bannister (Achilles)	Vancouver	7.8.54
3:42.6	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Melbourne	1.12.56
3:43.0	I. H. Boyd (Herne Hill H.)	Melbourne	1.12.56
3:43.4	K. Wood (Sheffield U.H.)	London	19.5.56
3:43.4	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	London	12.9.56
3:43.6m	C. J. Chataway (Achilles)	Aldershot	2.7.55



English and Midland
Junior Cross-Country
Champions, 1956-7,
Bristol A.C. L. to R.:
J. Sparks (Chairman),
R. Allen, M. Price, A.
Upsher, D. Smith, E.
Strong, K. Smith, D.
Salway, M. Sully, G.
Selley (Manager).

G. L. Selley

3:44.4m	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	London	6.8.56
3:46.4	A. D. Gordon (Achilles)	London	12.9.56
3:46.6	G. W. Nankeville (Walton A.C.)	Stockholm	13.9.53
3:46.8	D. J. N. Johnson (Wood, Green)	Sarpsborg	2.8.56
3:47.0	E. Shirley (Finchley H.)	London	19.5.56
3:47.4	J. S. Evans (Poly. H.)	London	19.5.56
3:48.2	D. C. Law (Achilles)	Goteborg	31.8.55
3:48.4	S. C. Wooderson (Blackheath)	Gothenburg	9.9.45
3:49.0	D. C. Seaman (London A.C.)	Stockholm	3.9.53
3:49.2	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	Amsterdam	24.6.56
3:49.8	P. J. Robinson (Achilles)	London	31.5.52
3:50.0	L. Eyre (Harehill Liberal)	Belgrade	25.8.51

1 Mile

3:58.8	R. G. Bannister (Achilles)	Vancouver	7.8.54
3:59.4	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	London	6.8.56
3:59.8	C. J. Chataway (Achilles)	London	28.5.55
3:59.8	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham)	London	28.5.55
4:01.6	K. Wood (Sheffield U.H.)	Aldershot	2.7.55
4:02.2	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	Croydon	28.7.56
4:03.2	I. H. Boyd (Herne Hill H.)	London	6.8.56
4:04.2	S. C. Wooderson (Blackheath)	Gothenburg	9.9.45
4:04.6	P. B. Driver (S.L.H.)	London	12.6.56
4:05.0	V. R. Milligan (Instonians)	Vancouver	7.8.54
4:05.8	F. L. Wyatt (Bristol A.C.)	London	14.8.54
4:05.8	R. H. Dunkley (Poly. H.)	Chiswick	18.6.55
4:06.2	A. D. Gordon (Achilles)	London	7.4.56
4:06.8	C. W. Brasher (Achilles)	London	21.9.55
4:06.8	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green)	Manchester	26.5.56
4:07.0	J. R. Cameron (T.V.H.)	London	21.9.55
4:07.0	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	London	6.8.56
4:07.4	G. W. Nankeville (Walton)	London	9.9.53
4:07.6	B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)	London	13.8.55
4:07.6	C. Everett (Shettleston)	Glasgow	9.6.56

3,000 Metres (m—made in longer race)

7:52.8	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	Malmo	4.9.56
8:06.6m	C. J. Chataway (Achilles)	London	7.6.54
8:08.2	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	Glasgow	15.9.56
8:09.2	K. Wood (Sheffield U.H.)	London	12.9.56
8:09.4	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	Goteborg	6.8.56
8:13.2	K. L. Norris (T.V.H.)	Sodertalje	30.8.55
8:13.2	J. S. Evans (Poly. H.)		2.8.56
8:15.4	C. W. Brasher (Achilles)	Goteborg	3.8.55
8:16.6	P. B. Driver (S.L.H.)	Voss	7.9.54
8:17.4	F. Green (Birchfield H.)	Antwerp	4.7.53
8:17.4	J. A. Morrison (Camb. H.)	London	12.9.56
8:19.6	A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)	Goteborg	6.8.56

2 Miles

8:34.8	K. Wood (Sheffield U.H.)	London	30.5.55
8:41.0	C. J. Chataway (Achilles)	London	7.6.54
8:42.6	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	Croydon	15.8.56
8:45.6	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	London	30.5.56
8:45.6	C. W. Brasher (Achilles)	Geelong	14.11.56
8:45.8	B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)	London	30.5.55
8:47.8	H. V. Foord (Brighton)	Merton	27.6.56
8:52.2	P. B. Driver (S.L.H.)	London	21.5.55
8:53.0	F. Green (Birchfield H.)	London	30.9.53
8:53.6	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	Manchester	25.7.56
8:53.6	F. L. Wyatt (Bristol A.C.)	Manchester	27.5.56

(To be continued)

On My Travels

THE Annual General Meeting of the A.A.A. produced a record crowd and was covered in "A.W." last week, but the reports in the various newspapers varied considerably. One I noted said "the average person in athletics believes their officials should have no outside commitments." Stuff and nonsense! This is sheer impudence and quite untrue.

Though there are quite a number of people who would like to see the end of **Jack Crump** as administrator, writer, television and radio personality, the average athlete and follower of athletics would be sorry to lose an able administrator and one who, if only from his close contact with the sport, has an inside knowledge denied to most writers.

There is, of course, a principle at stake, or at least two sides to the question as to whether an official should have personal gain whilst holding office and obtained largely because of that office. Whether he should or should not is a matter of opinion and this seems to be sharply divided. But "sour grapes" is undoubtedly the reason for some opinions to the contrary, though not all, and I would suggest that the main point is whether or not an official's outside commitments are affecting his official duties. If they are, then he should choose between one and the other.

Much has been said about "cashing in" on athletics, but for the life of me I cannot see how Jack Crump is doing this by virtue of his position any more than **Chris Brasher** is "cashing in" on his Olympic victory in Melbourne. I know Brasher is reported as saying he will resign his position on the General Committee as Cambridge University representative, but this is a very different thing to the resignation of the British Team Manager and Hon. Secretary, which a number would like to see come about. For one thing I doubt very much whether the average athlete or follower of athletics even knew Brasher was a member of the General Committee.

In all these discussions two things are often lost sight of; one is that Jack Crump has always been connected with journalism, and the other is that little or nothing is ever said about the money he puts back into the sport. In fairness to the athletes concerned I won't mention names, but there are many young athletes who have Jack Crump to thank for the

By "ROAMER"

payment of their travelling expenses out of his own pocket for coaching or competition, to say nothing of the lectures, discussion groups and what have you which he attends regularly. Oh! I know there are many other officials who also travel about a bit at their own expense, but we're talking about "cashing in" on the sport, so let us have both sides of the argument, not just the one which a number like to rake up from time to time.

Nothing was said about Phil Gale's contract with I.T.A., or that Messrs. Collins and Finlay, both speakers at the meeting, might well have been concerned if B.B.C. auditions had been successful.

Phil Gale's proposal at the A.G.M. was one which will allow reasoned discussion by the General Committee on the many questions involved and I am quite confident that whatever they decide will be for the benefit of the sport generally. Then perhaps we shall have a little more constructive thinking in some quarters and less destructive criticism and indulging in personalities.

Who said the Army encouraged athletics? It does, I suppose, depend on individual Commanding Officers, but one club official who wrote a special request for a young soldier to be allowed to compete for his club team in the recent National Cross Country Championship received a brief reply stating that permission could not be granted as his company was on duty that week-end, "in addition we are entertaining the local dignitaries." The runner concerned was paying his own fare up from the West Country. He's better off financially, but encouragement, my foot!

Finchley Harriers celebrate their Silver Jubilee Year 20 Miles Road Race on 27th April. In 25 years the race has grown from a none too well supported event to one now recognised as a national institution. At one time the financial side of running the race nearly brought about its demise, but having weathered the storm the Finchley "20" is now considered a "must" by the majority of road runners in the South and inspires a regular trek South by many from the North and Midlands.

A 15 year old Harleston and Dist. A.C. member, **Lindsay Wigley**, is very keen to know all he can about a small oval silver medal

which was recently dug up in a neighbour's garden on a "pre-fab." housing estate. On one side is shown two athletes running, and there is a small panel with 1925 engraved. On the reverse side are the words "Winners Oudenarde." Lindsay is keen to find out for what race it was awarded, who won it and how it came to be found in a Suffolk field. If anyone can help him in his thirst for knowledge, perhaps they would let me know.

Ian Stewart, the Hayes and Harlington miler, is still out in Australia, where he went to see the Olympics. He liked it so much that he decided to stay on for a while and is now training with **Herb Elliott**, **Bill Baillie** and **Paul Penlington** (N.Z.), and two Victorian boys under **Percy Cerutti**, at whose training camp on the coast they spend their week-ends.

Ian says Cerutti's methods, about which we know quite a bit in this country now, are revolutionary and he describes them as the exact opposite to those of **Franz Stampfl**. It should be interesting to see whose methods come out on top in this tussle "down under" where distance running has improved tremendously in the last few years.

Ian describes **Herb Elliott** as "terrific" and also says he feels confident that he himself will run between 4 min and 4.02 next year. Good luck, Ian!

The Aussies are certainly hotting it up and now **Merv Lincoln** of the Stampfl camp has beaten that once magical 4 mins. Lincoln was out on his own in winning an invitation mile in Melbourne in 3.59, some 180 yards ahead of **Tom Roberts**, with **Ron Clarke** third. Lincoln was well beaten by Elliott in the recent Australian Championships, 4:00.4 to 4:02.6.

Many followers of the sport are often asking if **Walter Hesketh** is doing any running these days. Walter turned out last week in the M.A.C. 10,000 metres club championship but was in nothing like the form he showed a few years ago and finished 9th.

Another M.A.C. man in **Joe Lancaster** has been running throughout the winter with a foot injury which is spasmodic and sometimes gives him a lot of trouble. Joe thinks Manchester will do quite well in the coming London-Brighton National Relay.

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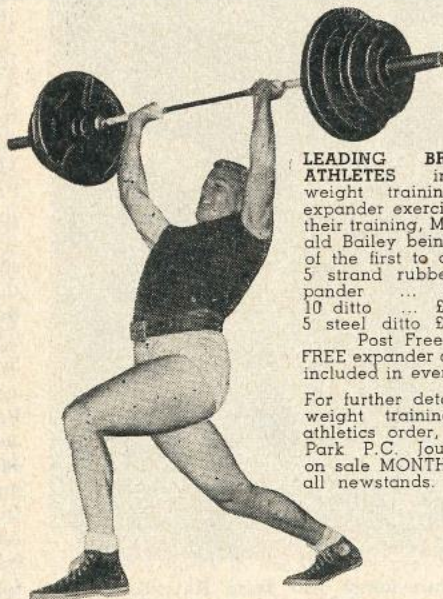
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U.S.A.

March 9th, New York. New York's last meeting of the season, the Knights of Columbus Games, was notable for a fine 1000 yards run by Tom Courtney. Passing through 440 in 54.8 and 880 in 1:53.2, Courtney snapped the tape 12 yards ahead of Dave Scurlock in 2:8.8, only 0.6sec. outside the world's best by Don Gehrman and Arnie Sowell.

Other meet records were set by George Dennis in the high jump, with 6.9½ (previously unbeaten by Phil Reavis was eliminated at 6.4) and in the 4 x 440 relay by a New York Pioneer Club team of Frank Bowers, Dick Maiocco, Reggie Pearman, and John Tucker, with 3:16.9.



Jack Brown takes over from Ray Tooby to start on his record breaking run in the Ilford Relay—later to be beaten by George Knight.

E. D. Lacey

Ron Delany retained his unbeaten mile record, defeating Burr Grim by 15 yards in 4:9.4—his slowest of the season. Horace Ashenfelter won the two miles for the seventh successive year, beating Jim Beatty by 40 yards in 9:1.4. Charlie Jenkins took 1:11 to win the 600. Newcomer Melvin Barnwell outsprinted George Sydnor in a 6.2 60 yards, Charley Pratt won the 60 yards hurdles in 7.3, and Don Bragg cleared 15.1 in the pole vault.

March 9th, Milwaukee. Max Truex, considered by many as the man to put American distance running on the map, made a successful indoor debut by winning the Journal Games two miles from John Macy in 8:56.7, over 17 seconds faster than Rich Ferguson's meet record of 1954. Two truly great performances were recorded by Olympic champions Bob Richards and Milt Campbell. The Vaulting Vicar broke his own meet record by clearing 15.5½, and Campbell, after equalling the world's best of 6.1 in a heat, clocked 6.2 to win the 50 yards hurdles. Other winners were Ira Murchison (5.3 50 yards), Arnie Sowell (2:11.5 1000 yards), and Ted Wheeler (4:13.3 mile).

March 9th, New York. Tom Carroll, 17-year-old New Yorker, continues to improve. At the Catholic high school championships, he won the 880 in 1:54.9, the fastest ever indoor 880 by a schoolboy. Carroll, 6ft. 1½in. and 11st. 11lb., clocked 1:54.7 outdoors last year. Frank Carroll, no relation, took the height jump at 6.4½. He is only 5.8½ tall.

March 9th, Laredo (Texas). Bobby Morrow, strongly tipped to break 20sec. for 220 yards this year, got off to a brilliant start at the Border Olympics, winning the 100 yards in 9.5 and 220 yards (straight) in 20.2. Eddie Southern won the high hurdles in 14.3.

England's two exports to Idaho University, Ray Hatton and Frank Wyatt, did not fare too well in their indoor bow at Philadelphia, on January 25th. Hatton finished fifth in the two miles in 9:31.5, and Wyatt retired 440 yards from the finish. The race was won by Horace Ashenfelter in 9:1.8. At Washington, on the following night, Hatton improved to 9:26.2 for fourth place in a race won by John Macy in 9:2.6. Wyatt was fifth in the mile, won by Bob Seaman in 4:16.5.

Outstanding indoor marks not previously re-

ported: 60 yards, 6.1—Charley Tidwell (Feb. 1); 6.2—Wooten (Feb. 9); 6.2—Walt Fillman (Feb. 16); 440 yards, 48.4—Dave Lean (Feb. 12); 600 yards, 1:10.6n—Reggie Pearman (Feb. 23); 880 yards, 1:50.8n—Tom Courtney (Feb. 9); $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, 2:59.5—Tom Courtney (Feb. 9); mile, 4:7.8n—Fred Dwyer (Feb. 16); 4:8.2n—Bob Seaman (Feb. 2); 2 miles, 8:57.2n—John Macy (Feb. 16); 50 yards hurdles, 6.2—Charley Pratt and Elias Gilbert (Jan. 25); 60 yards hurdles, 7.2 — Charley Pratt (Feb. 23); HJ, 6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ — George Dennis (Feb. 16); LJ, 25.3—Ernie Shelby (Feb. 1); PV, 14.9—Jerry Welbourn (Jan. 25); 14.8—Mel Schwarz (Feb. 9); 14.6—Earl Poucher (Jan. 26); Shot, 59.0—Dave Owen (Feb. 8), 58.11 $\frac{1}{4}$ —Ken Bantum (Feb. 16).

U.S.S.R.

Promising performances were recorded at the Ukraine winter championships: 800, Aleksey Ivanov 1:52.8; PV, Vitaliy Chernobay 13.9 $\frac{1}{4}$; Pyotr Denisenko 13.5 $\frac{1}{4}$; HSJ, Okup 49.3 $\frac{1}{4}$; G. Cherviak 49.3 $\frac{1}{4}$; SP, Viktor Tsibulenko 51.3 $\frac{1}{4}$; DT, Aleksey Mikhailenko 160.4 $\frac{1}{4}$; JT, Viktor Tsibulenko 237.3 $\frac{1}{4}$; HT, Dmitriy Yegorov 193.8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

INDIA

The day when India with her huge population, takes her place as one of the world's leading athletics nations, is fast approaching. In 1956, two Indians placed in the world's top 50: triple jumpers, Mohinder Singh, 24th equal at 50.10 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Kehar Singh, 44th at 50.1.

This season, India has a greater number of outstanding individuals and also a higher all-round standard.

The year started on a high note, for at Poona on January 12, J. R. Sharke ran 100 metres in 10.6 and Milkha Singh clocked 47.9 for 400 metres. Three days later, at Ambala, Mohinder Singh triple jumped 48.8 and, for good measure won the javelin at 189.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Two good Indian records were posted at Poona on January 24. Milkha Singh ran 400 metres in 47.4, and Ram Mehar long jumped 24.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to beat Mohinder Singh (23.10 $\frac{1}{2}$). On the same day, Mohinder Singh is reported to have clocked a record 21.0 for 200 metres, but this has not yet been confirmed.

The National Championships, held at Bangalore from February 8-10 were sub-standard as a result of the absence of Indian Police athletes, who were holding their own championships at Madras at the same time. Winners: 100, J. R. Sharke 10.9; 200, Milkha Singh 21.3;

400, Milkha Singh 47.5; 800, Sohan Singh Dhanoa 1:55; 5,000, Maria Ram 15:17.5; 10,000, Lal Chand 32:35.8; marathon, Piare Lal 2:48:56.2; 110H, Bhagwan Ram 15.1; 400H, Ganpat Singh 55.0; 3,000ST, Munuswamy 9:25; HJ, Ian Trower 6.4; LJ, C. Sankaran 23.4; PV, Gurdip Singh 12.4 $\frac{1}{2}$; HSJ, Ram Mehar 48.11; SP, Surat Singh 45.4 $\frac{1}{4}$; DT, Balkar Singh 142.9; JT, V. P. Malaviya 187.7; HT, Devi Dayal 163.8 (rec); Decathlon, C. M. Muttiah 5240; 20km. walk, Harnek Singh 1:44:18.6; 4 x 100, Services 43.2; 4 x 400, Services 3:21.

Women: 100, Stephanie d'Souza 12.9; 200, Stephanie d'Souza 25.7 (eq. rec.); 80mH, Violet Peters 12.4; HJ, G. Vasantha Kumari 5.1 (rec.); LJ, Deanna Syme 16.4 $\frac{1}{4}$; SP, Elizabeth Davenport 35.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ (rec.); DT, Celine O'Connell 101.3; JT, Elizabeth Davenport 120.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (rec.); 4 x 100, Mysore 55.0

Best performance at the police championships was a 6.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ high jump by Ajit Singh Bhullar.

(Acknowledgement to V. V. Kolatchoff, of Hong Kong)



First three home in the Windermere to Kendal Road Race. L. to R.: A. J. Brown (Blakan-tian) 3rd, E. Kirkup (Rotherham) 1st, and L. Cooper (Manchester and D.L.C.) 2nd.

S. Cook

CHILLA PORTER BEATEN BY 17 YEAR OLD

GEOFF WARREN, who in 1954 was Australian 3-mile champion and record-holder, snapped back to top form with a near record 13min. 35.4sec. on grass in Melbourne on March 3.

The 25-years-old Warren, a beautiful floating stylist who had slumped somewhat after 1954 (when he clocked 13:50 at the Empire Games), won by all of 300yds. from former junior star Ron Clarke, in time only John Landy (13:27.4) and Dave Stephens (13:31.8) have bettered here.

Warren said that a lot of his new success was due to his more lighthearted approach to training and racing.

"At one time I used to plan carefully, and that meant I spent too much time thinking, and thus worrying", said Geoff.

At the same Sunday meeting Bill Baillie (NZ) won the mile in 4min.7.6sec., from Clarke 4:8.2 and Ian Penlington,

Chilla Porter, Olympic runner-up, although

By J. H. GALLI

he had a fine take-off (it was a cricket pitch), couldn't better 6ft.7in. in the high jump—and he was a very disappointed young man because of it.

Hec Hogan, aided by a smart breeze, won the 100yds. in 9.6sec., and Barry Donath, who leaves very soon for England (he'll be competing here this year and next) put the shot 52ft.11in. to beat Wes Balodis, 49:5.

On March 2 in Melbourne, Kevan Gosper, in interclub, won over 100yds. in 9.9sec. (.2sec. outside his best), and the 440yds. in 47.5sec.

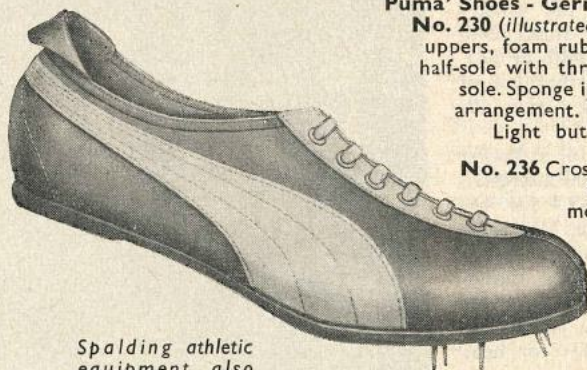
In an invitation high jump, Chilla Porter was BEATEN by 17-years-old Colin Ridgway. They both cleared 6ft.6in., but Ridgway had fewer misses en route.

In Sydney on the night of February 27,

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OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE

By **NORRIS McWHIRTER**

Prospects for the opening meeting of the 1957 season

HISTORY's oldest duel meeting goes into its 83rd edition at the White City on Saturday, April 6th (2.15 p.m., first track event 2.30 p.m.) and all the signs are that the Oxford and Cambridge athletes will display a standard never before obtained.

In the sprints Oxford have the youngest reigning A.A.A. champion since Alan Paterson, in the heavily muscled rugby player, John Young, who equalled our 43-year-old English Native record of 9.8 secs., at Perry Barr last July. However, being an athlete who needs preliminary rounds to warm through, there is quite a possibility of a Cambridge victory by fast-finishing Gwilym Roberts, last year's winner. Roberts has a much greater chance of success in the 220 yards for which he set a meeting record of 21.9 secs. last year though Young's 21.6 secs. on the hard red Birmingham track in July must not be forgotten.

Cambridge's second string, J. R. A. Scott-Oldfield, recorded a 21.9 secs. at Fenners on March 8th, but this was a flattering mark due to an anticipatory start.

The deployment of the Oxford strength over the middle distances is not yet settled, but it

is believed that Olympic silver medallist Derek Johnson will concentrate on gaining his fourth double over the 440 and 880 yards so being able to equal Harold Abraham's record for Cambridge made in the 1920's of bringing his side eight victories. Johnson is most likely to be troubled by his partner the Australian Bob Solomon, who ran 48.8 secs. at the Oxford trials. Roberts will also compete in this event for Cambridge during which his debut occupied only 49.6secs. Cambridge's second string is the 1956 A.A.A. Championship finalist Malcolm Chaplin.

Johnson will dominate the 4-man half-mile field though he will not be able to take too many risks with Donald Gorrie, who improved on his own personal best with 1 min. 50.8 secs. on March 11th. Cambridge are likely to use their 1:52.7 man, David Thornton, in a seemingly hopeless bid to gain their first mile victory for 18 years. Despite his 4:11.3 secs. at Cambridge, Thornton would only have got fifth place in the Oxford trials behind Paul Abrahams (4:08.6), Johnson (4:09.4), Gorrie (4:10.2) and J. G. Eales (4:10.4) from the red-brick college Keble.

Favourite for the 3 miles must be Roger Dunkley (Cambridge) who set an undergraduate record of 14 mins. 4.8 secs., on March 7th, but he will have to go a lot nearer his personal best of 13 mins. 34.6secs. to be sure of defeating Oxford's D. J. P. Richards who recorded 14:02.5 on March 10th.

With their 14.9 secs. hurdler, David Carrington ill, the highs are a near certainty for John Malcolm, of Cambridge, who but for clipping three flights at Fenners must have improved on his personal best of 15.1 secs. The low hurdles should be a good thing for the powerfully built Scott-Oldfield whose 24.0 secs. at Fenners is 3/10ths inside Bob Shaw's meeting record.

All four of the high jumpers are 6ft. or better performers with the bearded B. E. Wardley (Cambridge) and the Sierra Leone athlete Desmond Luke (Oxford) the more probable winners.

The New Zealand doctor Kenneth North is certain of victory in the pole vault, while the long jump is very open with Luke the favourite in view of his 23'8" performance on March

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS (cont.)

at Botany Oval, Albert Thomas downed Olympic bronze medallist (in the 10,000 metres) Allan Lawrence to take his first N.S.W. State title—the 6 miles.

Thomas clocked 28min.30.4sec., or 1.8sec. outside his personal best set last September on the way to a 29:20 10,000 metres behind Lawrence.

Lawrence appeared sure of another win with the tape still 50yds. away, but Thomas, reversing the usual procedure, produced a terrific sprint to catch him only 5yds. from the finish.

At the line, Lawrence was a yard away, with Graham Thomas (sub-9min. steeplechaser) third 4yds. further back, and Dave Power another 15yds. away in fourth place—so that all easily bettered 29min.

Dave Stephens is on crutches following an operation in Melbourne recently for the removal of a heel bone spur that has been giving him trouble for more than a year.

Stephens, who in January 1956 set a world 6-mile record of 27min.54sec., said doctors could give him no guarantee that the spur would not grow again.

T.V.H. Take Cambridge Harriers' Relay

THIRTY-THREE of the 36 teams entered actually started, equalling last year's record number of starters. On the first lap Tony Weeks-Pearson, of Blackheath, went into the lead soon after the start, but Mayatt, of Aylesford, hung on surprisingly well and the two fought for the lead throughout with Weeks-Pearson getting away in the last 200 yards to return 17.56, only one second outside the lap record established by Pat Ranger and Mike Maynard last year when the course was somewhat lengthened. Mayatt followed in 18.03, and then came Dellar, of Cambridge, leading a close bunch consisting of Herne Hill (De'Ath), Orpington (Houghton) and Belgrave (L. Bishop).

On lap 2, L. Fletcher kept Blackheath in the lead with a lap of 18.26, but Tony Towl took Herne Hill up to 2nd place with a good run of 18 mins. Linford (18.29) brought Thames Valley up to 3rd, followed by Belgrave, Queens Park and Poly. Cambridge having dropped back to 11th.

Cameron (18.07) then took the Valley into the lead on lap 3, with Blackheath (Bentley) about fifty yards down, followed by Herne Hill, Belgrave, S.L.H. and Poly. Eddie Ellis ran lap 4 for T.V.H., but he was passed by Jack Heywood, of Herne Hill, who broke the lap record with a fine 17.52 and then by Jack Brown, who lowered it still further to 17.44 and handed

over in second place. Ellis returned 18.36, exactly the same time as Brent, of Blackheath, while S.L.H. and Poly maintained 5th and 6th positions.

Ingles restored T.V.H. to the lead on lap 5 with a run of 18.25, Herne Hill (A. Heywood) and Belgrave (Masters) handing over 2nd and 3rd, while a good run by Darchambaud (18.16) brought S.L.H., the holders of the Alex Spalding Trophy, up into 4th place, with Blackheath 5th and T.V.H. "B" team 6th.

Haslam was not unduly pressed to come home the winner in 110.40, followed by Herne Hill (Shave), Belgrave (Gebbett), S.L.H. (Smith), and Blackheath (Scotting), with Martin bringing Horsham up into 6th position. Fastest time on the last lap was shared by Haslam and John Morrison who brought Cambridge up from 13th to 9th with a run of 18.17.

1, Thames Valley (Vivian 18.46, Linford 18.29, Cameron 18.07, Ellis 18.36, Ingles 18.25, Haslam 18.17) 110.40.

2, Herne Hill (De'Ath 18.31, Towl 18.00, Grayson 19.07, Heywood J. 17.52, Heywood A. 19.18, Shave 18.36) 111.24.

3, Belgrave H. (Bishop L. 18.34, Tooby 18.44, Walker 18.46, Brown 17.44, Masters 19.14, Gebbett 18.48) 111.50.

4, S.L.H. (Gillon 18.44, Scovell 18.54, Wilson 18.35, Ashforth 19.03, Darchambaud 18.16, Smith 19.39) 113.11.

5, Blackheath (Weeks-Pearson 17.56, Fletcher L. 18.26, Bentley 19.09, Brent 18.36, Nash 19.42, Scotting 19.39) 113.28.

6, Horsham B.S. (Beadell 19.29, Farquhar 19.24, Baker 18.56, Smith 19.26, Lucksford 18.27, Martin 18.43) 114.25.

7, Thames Valley "B" 114.38; 8, Polytechnic Harriers 112.2; 9, Cambridge H. 116.12; 10, City of Rochester 116.48; 11, Mitcham A.C. 116.53; 12, Queens Park 116.56; 13, Aylesford P.M. 117.43; 14, Wigmore H. 118.09; 15, Herne Hill "B" 118.53; 16, Thames Valley "C" 121.28; 17, Polytechnic "B" 121.32; 18, Mitcham "B" 123.00; 19, Polytechnic "C" 123.51; 20, Cambridge "B" 124.15; 21, Orpington 124.37; 22, S.L.H. "C", 125.04; 23, Belgrave "B" 128.00; 24, Queens Park "B" 128.35; 25, Aylesford "B" 130.48; 26, Erith A.C. 131.38; 27, Cambridge "C" 132.10; 28, Mitcham "C" 134.58.

Fastest times: J. Brown (Belgrave) 17.44, J. Heywood (Herne Hill) 17.52, A. Weeks-Pearson (Blackheath) 17.56, A. Towl (Herne Hill) 18.00; Mayatt (Aylesford) 18.03, Cameron (TVH) 18.07, R. Darchambaud (SLH) 18.16, J. Morrison (Cambridge) 18.17, J. Haslam (TVH) 18.17, A. Ingles (TVH) 18.25, R. Adams (City Rochester) 18.26, L. Fletcher (Blackheath) 18.26.

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LINDSAY DOUBLE IN L.A.C. WINTER MEETING

By REG KERSLAKE

THE London Athletic Club's Winter Meeting held at Hurlingham Park on March 23rd, attracted the remarkable total of 260 entries. There were naturally some non-starters, but on the whole the "field" was most encouraging for a meeting held at this time of the year. With warm sunshine at the start of the meeting—the temperature fell considerably towards the close of the events—conditions were favourable to good performances.

D. Segal twice ran the 100 metres in 11 secs., his runner-up, the Millfield scholar, J. B. Melen, twice returning 11.1. The half-mile attracted the largest number of competitors, and provided a close race for the final, in which B. T. Barnett won in the very good time of 1min. 64.6, a tenth of a second faster than P. Rutter, who challenged him to an inches finish.

The 5,000 metres had to be changed at the last minute to a 3 miles event, as the starting line had somehow got lost! Fourteen of the twenty-seven entries started, and after a first mile of 4mins. 38secs., R. J. Franklin, J. Merriman and A. S. Rogers had 'left' the other runners, for the Watford runner eventually to win in the good time of 14mins. 11secs. The holder of the Rugby Circle Run title, C. O. Rowley, did exceedingly well to gain sixth place.

The holder of the high jump title for this meeting, C. Van Dyck, had to yield first place to P. Stableforth, who had the same height of 6ft. All the placed long jumpers cleared the satisfactory distance of 21 feet. In the throwing events Dick Miller exceeded 200 feet early in the javelin competition and dual win-

ner, M. R. Lindsay foreshadowed as outstanding a career in senior weight and discus throwing as he has had in junior competition.

A very enjoyable meeting rewarding the efficient efforts of the promoting club!

100 metres: 1, D. Segal (T.V.H.) 11.0; 2, J. B. Melen (Millfield A.C.) 11.1; 3, D. C. Carter (Belgrave) 11.2; 4, B. J. Rider (Woodford G.); 5, E. R. Robinson (Hornchurch); 6, D. C. Brown (R.A.F. and T.V.H.).

880 Metres: 1, B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.) 1:54.6; 2, P. Rutter (Oxford City) 1:54.7; 3, J. Soine (South Africa) 1:55.5; 4, C. A. Lindsay (Q.P.H.); 5, R. J. Clements (SLH); 6, P. Shipley (Farnham).

3 Miles: 1, J. Merriman (Watford H.) 14:11.0; 2, R. J. Franklin (Newport H.) 14:46.0; 3, A. S. Rogers (Epsom and E.) 15:02.4; 4, F. Barnfield (R.A.F. and Leeds A.C.) 15:30.4; 5, C. Szondi (Budapest) 15:41.8; 6, C. O. Rowley (L.A.C.) 15:53.0.

120yds. Hds.: 1, R. A. Sutton (Poly H.) 15.2; 2, W. R. Malcolm (Achilles) 15.3; 3, A. E. Cook (T.V.H.) 15.6; 4, J. W. K. Duncan (L.A.C.) 15.6; 5, J. A. Searle (L.A.C.) 17.6.

H.J.: 1, P. Stableforth (Walton A.C.) 6'0"; 2, C. Van Dyck (L.A.C.) 6'0"; 3, O. Okuwobi (Camb. H.) 5'10"; 4, B. E. Wardley (Camb. Univ.) 5'10"; 5, B. J. Rolls (Camb. H.) 5'10"; 6, J. Kitching (Camb. Univ.) 5'8".

L.J.: 1, D. C. Brown (R.A.F.) 21'10"; 2, A. G. Whittaker (Oxford Univ.) 21'8½"; 3, T. G. Carpenter (L.A.C.) 21'4"; 4, G. J. Britten (Essex B.) 21'2"; 5, L. C. Parry (Wolverton) 21'0½"; 6, A. A. Duberry (L.A.C.) 21'0".

H.S.J.: 1, L. C. Parry (Wolverton A.C.)

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45'2½"; 2, J. G. T. Britten (Essex B.) 43'7"; 3, F. J. Alsop (Hornchurch) 43'6"; 4, R. W. Joslin (Woodford Gn.) 42'8½"; 5, J. J. Phillips (Trowbridge) 42'6"; 6, J. W. K. Duncan (L.A.C.) 42'1½".

Shot: 1, M. R. Lindsay (Queen's Park H.) 51'0"; 2, M. T. Lucking (Southend) 48'4"; 3, A. E. Cook (TVH) 44'7"; 4, H. L. Chinnery (Woodford Gn.) 43'1"; 5, A. J. Kovacovic (L.A.C.) 42'11"; 6, O. Feldmanis (Mitcham) 42'3".

Discus: 1, M. R. Lindsay (Queens Park H.) 157'4"; 2, E. A. Cleaver (Army and London A.C.) 154'7"; 3, P. Isbester (Oxford Univ.) 146'6"; 4, O. Feldmanis (Mitcham A.C.) 143'11"; 5, D. T. O'Neil (Southgate H.) 137'1"; 6, J. Keri-nage (Hungary) 132'8".

Javelin: R. D. Miller (Reading A.C.) 201'5"; 2, R. W. Barber (Cambridge Univ.) 197'0"; 3, C. G. Smith (T.V.H.) 190'5"; 4, D. J. Fleming (Mitcham A.C. and Met. Police) 188'7"; 5, D. F. A. Vanhegan (Southgate) 167'1"; 6, J. Kitching (Cambridgeshire) 163'9".

Women's HJ: 1, D. Cooper (Spartan) 4'10"; 2, M. Bignal (Millfield) 4'8".

Novices:

440yds.: 1, B. R. Coker (Wycombe Ph.) 53.6; 2, R. Cook (Millend CSS) 54.6; 3, P. A. Rament (Walton) 54.7.

Mile: 1, P. Dean (Millend CSS) 4:29.6; 2, D. Briggs (Worcester); 3, D. Webster (Watford).

LONDON ATHLETIC CLUB SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP MEETING

will be held at the

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(Under A.A.A. Laws)

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Entries close 10th April

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE (contd.)

11th, not forgetting Grant's 23 foot clearance at Fenners two days later.

The Yorkshire man G. R. Northern (Oxford) is probable winner for the shot putt with his 48'9½" victory over Art Siler (47'8") thus indicating that he is a candidate for the still slender ranks of British 50 footers.

Another record doomed to modernisation is that in the discus in which Siler, former captain of Havard, has already thrown 156'4". Cambridge are favourites for maximum points in the javelin in which their cricket blue, R. W. Barber (197'3") and jet pilot John Kitching (190'2") are too good for Oxford.

The records most threatened in this meeting are Sir Arthur Porritt's 9.9secs. set in 1925, Johnson's 1:51.9 for the half mile, Ian Boyd's 13:53.6 3 miles and Peter Isbester's discus record of 149'0".

The proceedings will be refereed with massive impartiality by the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Goddard, who ran in these sports in the 100 yards for Oxford in 1898. He is likely to witness Oxford taking the lead for the first time in the series since 1877 by dint of a 10th consecutive victory, so breaking the present tie of 38—38 wins each with six draws.

ROAD RUNNERS' CLUB

This Association is grateful to the great many representatives of Associations and Clubs who, at the Annual General Meeting of the A.A.A., supported its motions with the result that the A.A.A. 10 Miles Championship will be resuscitated and marathon runners in International competitions may not have to run through the heat of the day.

In view of the 10 Miles Championship being revived, the R.R.C. 10 Miles Championship, fixed for April 6th, will not be held.

The Bournemouth to Brockenhurst "15" has been changed from July 6th to July 20th, to avoid clashing with the Totton "10" and Belgrave "20."

The fourth annual Three Peaks Fell Race over 22 miles will be held on Sunday, 28th April, at 11 a.m., from the Hill Inn, Chapel-le-Dale. Inquiries to B. Lister, 65 Sycamore Avenue, Bursley.

MORE RECORDS FOR ST. ALBANS & GEORGE KNIGHT

RECORDS in the 3rd annual Chingford Road Relay (5 x 3½ miles) last Saturday had the same treatment as in the Ilford Relay the week before. The entry was almost double the previous best, George Knight was the fastest of the five who broke the old lap record (17.02) with 16.35 and St. Albans now hold the event record of 86.19, the old figures of 89.24 being well and truly beaten by the first four teams.

No doubt the warm, sunny weather with only a slight breeze blowing had a lot to do with these exceptional performances, but even taking this into account the rate of improvement is almost frightening. Of the 15 clubs who had competed previously, 12 put up a new best performance, and although Chingford showed the greatest improvement, almost 7½mins., they finished four places lower down.

The race was dominated by St. Albans, who lost the lead temporarily to Woodford Green, the holder, midway through the race, and withstood a challenge from 1955 winners, Essex Beagles, on the very last lap.

The first lap brought a whole string of surprises. P. Palmer brought St. Albans in almost 150 yards ahead of Porter (Finchley) and smashed the lap record with 16.40. Some 100 yards behind these two teams, both competing for the first time, came a number of "giant-killers", way ahead of their more famous rivals. Welwyn in 3rd place were followed by Deptford Park, Woodford "B", Chelmsford, Brentwood, Ealing and Eton Manor. To cap it all, each of the Woodford (13th), V.P.H. (20th) and Essex Beagles (21st) teams suffered the indignity of finishing behind their respective "B" teams (6th, 15th and 17th).

Lap 2 brought things back to normal. St. Albans (Blyth) had their lead cut slightly to 100 yards by Finchley (Eric Shirley 17.50) and a further 100 yards back Weatherdon had brought Woodford Green up 10 places to provide the unusual sight of their "A" and "B" teams finishing together. Baverstock also brought the Beagles from 21st to 5th and Garry Olding did likewise for Hornsey (19th to 6th), while Brentwood dropped from 7th to 26th.

Charlie Crump caught and passed St. Albans (M. Palmer) to take Woodford into a 2 sec. lead at the end of lap 3, with Beagles 3rd 200 yards behind them, then came Finchley 4th, Woodford still 5th and Eton Manor doing well to come in with them in 6th place.

St. Albans regained the lead on lap 4, J. Thorpe going right away to finish 250 yards ahead of Ibbetson, who had brought Beagles 30 yards in front of Woodford. Finchley were

now 200 yards further away, with N.L.H. and Woodford "B" similarly spaced behind them.

The final lap saw George Knight steadily gaining on Denis O'Gorman—no slow coach (16.58)!—to whittle away 250 yards lead to almost 100 at the finish, thus repeating his Ilford success with a lap record which should become well and truly established (?). Woodford, Finchley (Salvat 16.51) and N.L.H. held their positions to the end, but Ealing finished with a flourish, Mike Barratt (17.03) taking them from 12th to 6th.

Woodford's "B" team were easy winners of the "B" team medals in 7th place and V.P.H. improved on every lap to finish just behind them.

Frank Seal's last minute effort took Ponders End from 24th to 14th and only just failed to gain for them the first unplaced "A" team medals for the club which had not been in the first three, Eton Manor winning this award by 6 sec.

1. St. Albans City (P. Palmer 16.40, M. Blyth 17.58, M. Palmer 17.35, J. Thorpe 17.8, D. O'Gorman 16.58) (Record) 86.19.

2. Essex Beagles (I. McGregor 17.59, E. Baverstock 17.18, S. Robins 17.32, E. Ibbetson 17.17, G. Knight 16.35) 86.41.

3. Woodford Green (G. Jackson 17.48, P. Weatherdon 17.22, C. Crump 17.1, D. Stearns 18.1, R. Garrett 17.12) 87.24.

4. Finchley H. 87.41; 5. North London H. 89.24; 6. Ealing H. 89.46; 7. Woodford Green "B" 89.52; 8. Victoria Park H. 90.6; 9. Southgate H. 90.07; 10. Chelmsford 90.08; 11. Welwyn 90.15; 12. Ilford 91.02; 13. Eton Manor 92.01; 14. Ponders End 92.07; 15. Hornsey (St. M.) H. 92.21; 16. Southgate "B" 92.22; 17. V.P.H. "B" 92.29; 18. Barnet 92.31; 19. Hadleigh 92.37; 20. Deptford Park 92.54; 21. Chingford 93.10; 22. Enfield 93.41; 23. Woodford "C" 94.15; 24. Essex Beagles "B" 94.31; 25. Finchley "B" 94.42; 26. Brentwood 95.23; 27. Ilford "B" 95.41; 28. Woodford "D" 96.47; 29. Essex Beagles "C" 96.58; 30. Ealing "B" 97.22; 31. Loughton 97.58; 32. Hornsey "B" 99.37; 33. Hornchurch 99.41; 34. Chelmsford "B" 99.54; 35. Ilford "D" 101.02; 36. Thurrock H. 101.16; 37. Chingford "B" 101.29; 38. Deptford Park "B" 101.36; 39. Barnet "B" 101.39; 40. Enfield "B" 108.11; 41. Hornsey "C" 109.43.

Fastest laps: G. Knight (Essex B.) 16.35 (record); P. Palmer (St. A.) 16.40; F. Salvat (Finchley) 16.51; D. O'Gorman (S. A.) 16.58; C. Crump (W.G.A.C.) 17.01; F. Seal (P. End) 17.02; M. Barratt (Ealing) 17.03; A. Porter (Finchley) 17.04.

SANDO WINS CROSS-COUNTRY INTERNATIONAL

But England's "tail" brings defeat at Waregem

THIS year's International Cross Country Championship brought both triumph and disaster to England. What more could a team want than four in the first five home? And yet that wasn't good enough!

Our national champions, South London Harriers, provided three of this year's selected team, with prospects of all three being in the first ten and even perhaps in the first six. Yet not one of them was in the first 50!

Derek Ibbotson went down with tonsillitis on arrival and this brought in Humphreys of Bingley. The other two S.L.H. men were just too bad to be true. Peter Driver has always been inconsistent, though this year he seemed to have overcome this trouble and it was a pity he had to slump in this, of all races. Mick Firth has run most consistently all the season and this was his first bad race, due partly, perhaps, to the effects of the journey or a bad cold.

The obstacles were not quite as bad as anticipated and the most troublesome one appeared

to have been cut out, but they were frequent and broke up the rhythm of the running, which undoubtedly affected some more than others, in all teams. The most difficult of all was probably the water jump, something like that of a steeplechase. Most of the runners tried jumping it, but Frank Sando just went straight in and ran through it. He maintained that it took far less out of him than trying to clear it, or most of it, by jumping.

Basil Heatley, whose performance should stand him in good stead in the future, nearly caused a sensation by running away with the race and but for an attack of stitch about half-way he might well have done so. As it was Sando came through in masterful fashion and was a worthy and popular winner at the end.

Heatley led the field at the end of the first small lap, with Sando taking it easy in the rear. After 3,000m. Heatley led by 30 yards from a bunch composed of Vandewattynce, Jouret, Norris, Faria and Herman, with Chiclet, Geneve and Ben Aissa another 25 yards further

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440 Yds. Junior Handicap	£8 0 0
100 Yds. 15-17 yrs. Handicap	£5 0 0
220 Yds. 15-17 yrs. Handicap	£5 0 0
100 Yds. Veterans' Handicap	£8 0 0
High Jump (scr.) Men	£9 0 0
	(prov. 6 ent.)

WOMEN:

	3 Prizes to value
100 Yds. Open Handicap	£7 7 0
220 Yds. Open Handicap	£7 7 0
440 Yds. Relay Race (3 sets)	£10 0 0
Entrance fees: 1/6 first, 1/- additional; relays 2/6.	

Entries Close first post, Wed., 31st July, 1957

Enquiries and entry forms to be obtained from and returned to—C. H. Gilbert, Hon. Athletic Secretary, 24 Elmsleigh Road, Paignton, S. Devon. Phone 58721.

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back. Then came Sando and Chorlton leading the rest of the field. Even at this stage the rest of the English runners were well back, with Firth and Driver struggling near the rear.

After 7,000.n. Heatley was 40 yards in front, with Jouret second, followed by Sando and Norris, who were 10 yards in front of Vandewattyne and Faria, with Chiclet and Chorlton a similar distance behind them.

Nearing the end of the third lap Heatley developed stitch and dropped back, Jouret taking over the lead, with Chiclet in third position, closely followed by Sando and Norris, and Chorlton going well in sixth place.

There was not a great deal in the team race at this stage but the Belgians were packing well and despite the fine running by the leading English foursome, they had to wait until 34th and 40th positions for their 5th and 6th men, Perkins and Humphreys, who were not relishing the obstacles, and were in consequence also behind France in the scoring.

Sando moved up to Heatley and, moving well together, they drew away from Norris, up to Jouret, and eventually the Belgian cracked, leaving the two Englishmen to go steadily away on their own. After a while Heatley began to feel the strain and had to give his "skipper" best. Sando drew slowly away to win by something like 70 yards from Heatley, who in turn had drawn away from Jouret, the Belgian being also beaten on the run in by Ken Norris. Chorlton put up a fine performance to take fifth place.

King Baudouin was present to see the Belgian success, which had hardly been expected as they did not feel they had a good team at all this year, and many thousands of supporters appreciated the home victory, as indeed they did the fine running of the leading English runners. Portugal did well to win a very close race for fourth place.

1. F. D. Sando (England)	45.58
2. B. Heatley (England)	46.09
3. K. L. Norris (England)	46.18
4. D. Jouret (Belgium)	46.19
5. A. Chorlton (England)	46.29
6. M. Chiclet (France)	46.33
7. Vandewattyne (B)	46.47; 8. Van Laere (B) 46.49; 9. Geneve (F) 46.50; 10. Amoros (Sp) 46.53; 11. Herman (B) 46.56; 12. Faria (P) 46.57; 13. V. Driessche (B) 47.00; 14. Ben Lasmin (M) 47.13; 15. Ben Aissa (F) 47.15; 16. Garcia (Sp) 47.19; 17. Beddiaf (F) 47.20; 18. Ventura (P) 47.25; 19. Aberlenc (F) 47.27; 20. Ben M. Said (F) 47.29; 21. Kunen (F) 47.33; 22. Bogey (F) 47.39; 23. Douglas (I) 47.40; 24. Huylebroeck (B) 47.40; 25. V. Borre (B) 47.57; 27. Duleau (F) 47.59; 28. Moy (Sc) 48.02; 29. Cuje (H) 48.03; 30. Sherry (I) 48.04;

31. Dunne (I) 48.09; 32. Keesom (H) 48.15; 33. Messitt (I) 48.24 34. A. F. Perkins (Eng.) 48.25; 35. McLaren (Sc) 48.25; 36. V. Hoeven (B) 48.27; 37. Bannon (Sc) 48.36; 38. Russell (Sc) 48.39; 39. D. Humphreys (Eng.) 48.41; 40. Morgan (W) 48.43; 41. Escudero (Sp) 48.46; 42. Duarte (P) 48.47; 43. Hurtado (Sp) 48.48; 44. Santos (P) 48.52; 45. Araujo (P) 48.53; 46. Jeannotat (Sw) 48.59; 47. Appleby (I) 49.15; 48. Delnoye (H) 49.17; 49. Vidal (Sp) 49.20; 50. Silva (P) 49.23; 51. Fenion (Sc) 49.25; 52. M. W. Firth (Eng.) 49.27; 53. McDougal (Sc) 49.34; 54. Narazza (Sp) 49.35; 55. Harrison (I) 49.58; 56. Suter (Sw) 49.40; 57. Verra (H) 49.44; 58. McCormack (Sc) 49.50; 59. Luis (P) 49.52; 60. P. B. Driver (Eng.) 49.55; 61. De Pauw (B) 50.08; 62. Jonckers (H) 50.09; 63. Vardas (Sp) 50.15; 64. Connolly (Sc) 50.16; 65. Sutter (Sw) 50.17; 66. Horrell (W) 50.26; 67. Dodds (I) 50.30; 68. Molis (Sp) 50.34; 69. De Quay (Sw) 50.36; 70. Rees (W) 50.46; 71. Pumfrey (W) 50.48; 72. Jesus (P) 50.49; 73. Winfield (W) 50.58; 74. Davies (W) 51.04; 75. Bueno (Sp) 51.14; 76. McCue (I) 51.15; 77. Calderwood (Sc) 51.25; 78. Didier (Sw) 51.30; 79. Butcher (W) 51.50; 80. Verbaan (H) 51.50. 88 finished.

Teams:

Pts.

1. Belgium	(4.7. 8.11.13.24)	67
2. France	(6.9.14.15.17.19)	80
3. England	(1.2. 3. 5.34.39)	84
4. Portugal 201; 5. Holland 212; 6. Spain 213; 7. Ireland 219; 8. Scotland 242; 9. Wales 394; 10. Switzerland 395.		

LETTERS (contd.)

into the heat of the day and will be forced to combat mounting fatigue and mounting heat—not, I think, inducive to a good performance. If the race starts in the late afternoon it will finish in the dusk or darkness, as did the European Games walk at Berne in 1954. How can judges watch the competitors in the darkness? After sweating through the late afternoon competitors will cool off completely and get really cold. Again not very helpful.

I think the 50km. walk should be left alone as it takes too long to be messed about with early or late starts. I voted against the motion at my club's committee meeting but was out-voted by the runners!

I have raced 50km. in extreme heat and had no ill-effects, probably because I trained in the heat, which many walkers avoid doing.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. Davies,
Woodford Green A.C.

Scottish News

By W. DIVERTY

CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIPS, 16/2/57

Victoria Park A.C.

Senior 9m: 1, J. McLaren 47.10; 2, G. A. Dunn 48.20; 3, R. C. Calderwood 49.28; 4, J. D. Stirling 49.38; 5, R. Kane 50.08; 6, A. Forbes 51.47.

Junior 6m: 1, R. Russell 35.50; 2, R. Lees 36.06; 3, J. Whitelaw 37.44.

Youths' 3m: 1, E. Smith 12.18; 2, J. Taylor 12.32; 3, F. McPherson 12.48.

Shettleston H.

Senior 9m: 1, G. E. Everett 49.11; 2, E. Bannon 50.13; 3, J. L. Hendry 51.42.

Junior 6m: 1, G. Govan 31.40; 2, W. Gorman 33.20; 3, I. Donald 34.32.

Youths' 3m: 1, H. Summerhill 17.28; 2, T. Malone 17.58; 3, L. Botfield 18.31.

Bellahouston H.

Senior 9m: 1, J. Connolly 48.28; 2, G. Nelson 49.41; 3, D. Penman 51.05.

Junior 6m: 1, D. Wright 34.40; 2, R. Black 34.57; 3, D. Watt 37.20.

Springburn H.

Senior 9m: 1, J. McCormack 46.11; 2, C. McAlinden 47.40; 3, F. Morgan 47.53.

Maryhill H.

Senior 7m: 1, J. E. Farrell 41.26; 2, J. Gibson 41.56; 3, W. Kirkwood 42.18. This was J. Farrell's 21st successive victory, a wonderful performance for a man of 48 years of age.

Garscube H.

Senior 9m: 1, S. Horn 47.31; 2, G. Dickson 48.52; 3, A. Kidd 49.38.

LANARKSHIRE A.A.A. BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS, 9/3/57

Senior Boys, 1½m: 1, A. Chalmers, Shettleston 8:01; 2, W. Rennie, Shettleston; 3, T. Grantham, Springburn.

Junior Boys, 1½m: 1, R. Taylor, Shettleston 8:36; 2, J. Laidlaw, Cambuslang; 3, W. Brown, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.

Dundee and District 2½m. (Road) Youths' Championship, 9/3/57

The favourite, Willie Kennedy, Hawkhill H., was early in the lead and after half a mile had, with Club-mate, E. McLean, opened up a lead of 30yds. over the rest of the field. McLean soon fell back and after the mile had been passed, Kennedy led by 20yds. from S. Ireland, Morgan Ac., and S. Phin, Harris Ac. Descending the long hill to Blackness, Ireland closed the gap, but this effort proved too much for him and he failed to hold Kennedy over the last half-mile. Ireland is also a member of Dundee A.A.C., while Phin and

A. Beattie are members of Hawkhill H.

1, W. Kennedy (Hawkhill H.) 14:12; 2, S. Ireland (Morgan) 14:32; 3, S. Phin (Harris) 14:35; 4, A. Beattie (Harris) 15:01; 5, J. Kennedy (Hawkhill) 15:17; 6, E. McLean (Hawkhill) 15:25; 7, A. Smart (Hawkhill) 16:09; 8, B. Murray (Dundee) 16:33.

Scottish Women's National 2M. C.C.

Championship, at Ayr, 16/3/57

Morag O'Hare, Maryhill H., was a good winner of this race, beating Betty Rodger, Shotts A.C., by 40 yards in 12:50. Miss O'Hare took the lead early on and was never seriously challenged, although there was considerable interchanging in the other positions. The first six girls in this race will represent Scotland in the International against England at Musselburgh on Saturday, 30th March.

1, M. O'Hare (Maryhill) 12:50; 2, B. Rodger (Shotts) 12:57; 3, H. Cherry (Bellahouston) 13:12; 4, D. Fulton (Springburn) 13:17; 5, D. Greig (Bellahouston) 13:22; 6, M. Campbell (Maryhill) 13:35.

Team Race: 1, Maryhill H. (M. O'Hare 1, M. Campbell 6, K. Boyle 11)—18pts.; 2, Ayr A.A.C.—33pts.

Road Race Fixtures for 1957

April

13 Balloch to Clydebank—12M. (Confined to Dumbartonshire A.A.A.)

27 Clydebank to Helensburgh—16M.

May

4 Brechin "Right of Way"—12M.

18 Scottish Y.M.C.A. Championship—10M.

25 Falkirk Agric. Society—16M.

June

1 Dundee Corporation—13M.

8 Goatfell Hill Race (Height 2866ft.)—8M.

8 Babcock & Wilcox A.C. at Renfrew—15M.

15 Marathon C. Champ. at Cambuslang—20M.

22 S.A.A.A. Marathon Falkirk to Edinburgh

July

13 Dundee North End F.C.—12M.

20 Gourock H.G.—14M.

August

3 Strathallan H.G.—16M.

10 Aberfeldy H.G.—13M.

10 Carluke H.G.—11M.

24 Bute H.G. at Rothesay—18M.

September

7 Shotts H.G.—14M.

7 Ben Nevis Race (Height 4406ft.)—14M.

21 Marathon Club Champ., Springburn—12M.

Particulars of all these races can be obtained from J. R. Scott, Hon. Sec., Scottish Marathon Club, 29 Burnbank Gardens, Glasgow, N.W.