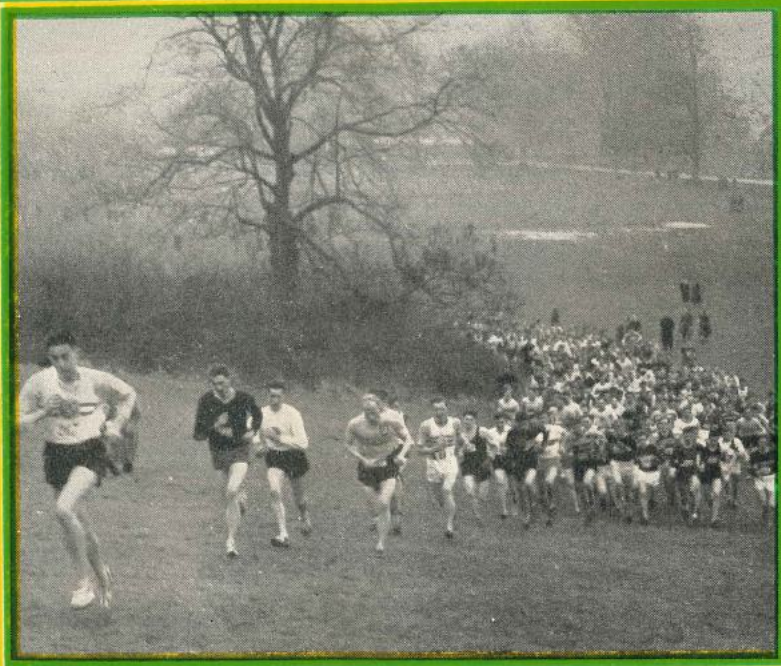


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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

TO-DAY is "National" Day and the great trek to Cardington will be made from all parts of the country. There are record entries all round.

I expect to see Gordon Pirie (S.L.H.), R. G. Bee-croft (Clayton-le-Moors) and Alan Cocking (Bramley) first home in their respective events, though it will be interesting to see how McLaren, the Scottish champion, fares in the Junior. The Senior team title should go to South London Harriers, and Sheffield United Harriers should be their most dangerous opponents, with a fine packing team ready to take advantage of any slip by S.L.H.

It is far more difficult to endeavour to forecast the winning teams in the Junior and Youths' races. The Junior would appear to rest between South London, Coventry Godiva and Liverpool Pembroke, the area winners. It looks like being a tussle here between the better packing of Liverpool Pembroke and the placing of their fourth scoring man by the other two.

The Youths may rest between Woodford Green, Sefton and Leicester H., who might cause a surprise with some good packing. With four scorers they would have won the Midland title easily, but cross-country in the Midlands is so much in the doldrums that it is not easy to assess their quality.

From what I hear, the course and general arrangements should be first class, so I am hoping it won't be necessary this year for me to inform the E.C.C.U. Committee that their missing President is taking money on the gate.

Incidentally, in the rush to get the area championships into print last week a typographical error converted 10in. of snow into 10ft. It was pretty bad at Sedgefield but not that bad!

To get away from the snow and ice for a moment and think of more pleasant conditions, Don Macmillan's latest effort, which has just come in as we go to press—4min. 5.8sec.—in the mile "down under," makes Joe Galli's prophecy of this genial giant accomplishing 4.2 very much a possibility. I thought Joe was being a little optimistic, but there must be something in that Aussie air which suits Don. It will be interesting to see if he can improve still further before their season ends.

It should be noted that in the Maidenhead Relay on April 11th, an entry fee of 2/6 covers both individual and handicap events. Some entrants have been sending 5/- to cover the two, which is not required.

THE EDITOR.

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Welsh Notes

TO-DAY'S Welsh Senior reverts to Caerleon Racecourse, Newport, where so many battles royal have taken place in the past. More often than not the enemy here has been the weather and the underfoot conditions, but with the snow and frost of recent weeks, the course this year will probably more closely resemble a rough country road. Many changes have taken place at Caerleon since the Senior was last held there, three years ago. The grandstand has been demolished, and the white rail around the course has been removed, so the scene will be even bleaker than usual.

The entry is not very good—5 teams, Newport, Roath, Barry and Aberystwyth and Cardiff Universities and 10 individuals. Among the individuals is John Disley, who tells me that he intends to go on training and racing until the end of May, when his new job at Capel Curig will be his first consideration. At the moment he is training for an hour or so each day, often with Gordon Pirie, so we should see a first class performance from him to-day. H. S. Oliver, the former European Games representative, and Norman Wilson are also among the individuals.

Much has been said and written about the Senior, and whether it should again become an official trial for the International, and there seems to be a good case in favour of it. Although many Anglo-Welshmen are no doubt fulfilling club obligations by competing elsewhere on the day of our Senior, they would doubtless make the journey to Wales if their selection for the International team depended upon it. The obvious solution is to hold it on a date which does not clash with any major event across the border, and to make it a trial, choosing our team according to performance in this event. Even if this means holding it very early in the season it will be worth while, for it is virtually impossible to compare performances in different events, held under different sets of conditions. There are other aspects to be considered of course, and the Welsh C.C.A. is fully aware of them, and indeed, has given the question a full and very open discussion at many of its meetings.

In the Midland Senior at Rugby, Lyn Bevan, of Newport, surprised many by finishing 3rd, and despite his poorshowing in the Inter-

county event, bids fair to retain his title this year. Other Welshmen in the Midland event finished thus—6, A. Pumphrey; 15, K. Huckle; 18, W. Butcher; 19, N. Wilson; 28, Dyfrig Rees; 30, P. Wallace; 36, R. Franklin; 73, A. Jensen; 85, D. Mends.

In the Junior 6 miles Newport might easily have won the team event if they had had a fourth man, for Rathbone, Phillips and Haile packed well in 6th, 7th and 8th positions. In the Youths' event H. Tawton, of Roath, caught the eye in 5th place, 18 seconds behind the winner, J. Darby, of Coseley Harriers.

Nothing came of my suggestion in this column on 8th Jan. that Welsh Y.M.C.A. might incorporate a Youth Club entry into their own championship this year, though their committee accepted the idea in principle. On making further enquiries I found that the Welsh County Youth Association intend holding their own championships next year anyway, so there is hope of some progress.

The Y.M.C.A. International at Port Talbot on 26th March, will be held at the Margam Works in the morning. This is to enable the teams with long distances to travel to make an early return that day.

B. W. L. B.

L.A.C. SCHOOLS' MEETING

Complimentary tickets will be issued again for the L.A.C. Schools Meeting at White City, on April 22nd and 23rd. Each ticket will admit two Teachers or Leaders and twenty scholars. Applications should be sent to G. D. Basan, 45 Tierney Road, Streatham Hill, London S.W.2, with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Wimbledon A.C. elected the following at their A.G.M.—President, Mr. S. Black, O.B.E., J.P.; Chairman, R. W. L. Thrasher; Hon. Secretary, A. V. Reeve, 18 Chester Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19; Hon. Treasurer, C. F. Peach; Track Sec., P. C. Cubitt, 93 Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19. A few days after the A.G.M., a well attended meeting in the Wimbledon Town Hall saw the 1952 Olympic Games film. Peter Hildreth (Poly) described the events and gave a running commentary while the film was being shown.

DON MACMILLAN ran his second world class mile in a week—but typical of Australia, was robbed of sensational time again.

Macmillan, a vastly improved runner on his English form, won the Victorian title in 4m. 11.8s., on February 12th, defeating Murray Halberg (NZ) 4:12.1 and John Plummer (NSW) 4:17.0.

Conditions were the worst imaginable. Saturating humidity all the week—and on the day—meant that, allied to some rain, the grass tracks were lifeless (muddy in parts), and they had been neither clipped nor rolled.

Halberg does not impress as a threat for the 1956 Olympic Games. Too many weaknesses, and what appears to be an inferiority complex. He had the chance to win in the last lap, but instead of making full flight for the tape, he kept looking around to see just where Macmillan was—and he, powerful finisher that he is now, was drawing closer at each peek.

But Macmillan was always the master, and there's no doubt that he'd beat Halberg ten out of ten, under all conditions. In other words, Macmillan can run 4:2, although he prefers the half-mile now.

Pleasing surprise of the meet was Terry Clarke, a 17-year-old unknown, who won the 100y. in 9.8 on a sprint strip so bad the 120yd. hurdles had to be postponed!

Despite a poor getaway (his weakness), Clarke was up with the field at 40yd., and raced neck and neck with Herb Kimpton and Brian Randall to win by inches. Kimpton, second, would have been inside 9.9sec. (but outside 9.8), with Randall 9.9sec. for third place.

Dave Stephens lapped the field (some twice) to score a crushing 6 miles win by about 450 yd. from Geoff Warren, in 29 min. 49.2sec. There's no doubt about it, Dave's in a class on his own.

Only other performance of note was Don Brenen's 220yds. hurdles in 24.7sec., on a track torn to pieces, to down defending champion Ken Doubleday by a narrow margin.

The second half of the programme, scheduled for the evening of February 14th, was washed out by torrential rain—to everyone's pleasure,

as it means Macmillan might get the conditions to run the 880yd. in 1:50.

Hec Hogan won the Queensland 100yd. title in 9.8sec., on the first day, in Brisbane, February 12th. John Loveday turned on the season's best display of hurdling to win the 120yd. in 14.9sec., and the 220yd. in 24.7sec.

Bruce Peever, the national pole vault champion, scored an easy win, although 2in. down on his best of 13ft. 4in., but his clearance of 13ft. 2in. was a new state record.

The Empiad javelin champion, Jim Achurch, just can't locate anything like his Vancouver form. But he won the title, with only 181ft. 11½in.

Dave Stephens is scheduled to race over 3000 and 5000 metres in Sydney in March. It is likely that he will shatter Australian records, judging by his recent 8:51.9 and 28:38.0 efforts over 2 and 6 miles respectively.

WIGMORE HARRIERS 9th Annual 15 Miles Team & Individual Open Road Race and Handicap

to be held on

26th March, 1955 - at 2.30 p.m.

Parliament Hill Track, Hampstead
(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Awards for First Four Places and First Three Teams (teams of three). Medals to be awarded to all completing the course in the standard time of 1hr. 31mins. Time Certificates for finishing the course.

Entries on A.A.A. Forms (3/- each) by 14th March, to Mr. Blackmore, 20 Dalgarno Gds., N. Kensington, London, W.10.

Ross-on-Wye Athletic Club HEREFORD TO ROSS-ON-WYE

7th Annual

OPEN ROAD RACE (App. 14 miles)
(Under A.A.A. Rules)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1955

Start from The Ship Inn, Hereford
INDIVIDUAL—Ross Urban Council Challenge Cup, also prizes value £7/7/0, £4/4/0, £2/2/0.

TEAM—Halwin Challenge Trophy, also miniature Cups, 1st, 2nd, 3rd runners of first 3 teams.

Prizes value £2 to 1st Veteran and 1st Novice.

Entries—Individual 2/6; teams 7/6.

Entries close—11th March, 1955.

Prospectus from B. J. WINTLE c/o The New Inn, Broad Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Letters to the Editor

"PARTISANSHIP"

Sir,

Your Ilford correspondent with a chip on his shoulder about pro-Spartan partisanship, hasn't got his facts quite correct about the disqualification of his Junior Relay team at the 1954 W.A.A.A. Championships. My own club team who ran in fourth, were half-way to the dressing-room tunnel when an announcement over the P.A. that Ilford had been disqualified for a faulty take-over brought them back to the prize table for four bronze medals.

All credit to Pam Wyatt and Val Cutting is also due, as he suggests, for high-class performances in the Junior "100" that day—but hasn't he forgotten that the Final was won, also in 11.3 secs., by a girl quite literally from the "backwoods" by the name of Janet Pearson. I don't recall seeing Pam at either this year's Senior or Intermediate Championships, but am pleased to say the backwoods girl is still holding her own, with a 2nd in the Intermediate "100" (to another lass from the NORTH!) and two standard medals in the Senior Championships (17ft.2in. Long Jump and 25.8 in the 220).

Yours sincerely,

R. E. S. Clay
Holbeach A.C.

In another letter, Mr. H. H. Lockwood, Ilford A.C. Club Coach, states that he would not like it to be thought that Ilford are suffering from any "persecution complex." He says "Ilford have never received unfair treatment in the columns of 'A.W.' In fact, the report of the Leyton Junior Floodlit Meeting gave generous praise to the Ilford girls in general and to Pam Wyatt in particular."—Ed.

METRIC DISTANCES

Dear Sir,

Mr. Bentley takes a very superficial view of this problem. Metric distances make very nice round figures on paper, but it ends there. We in this country have been more practical. We recognise that the lap, 440 yards—or 400 metres—is the standard which facilitates the running of a meeting for the benefit of all concerned, most of the races starting and finish-

ing at the same point. Lap times can be readily taken and broadcast; speed in this is essential.

In contrast, the metric events, starting at various points of the track, are more difficult to follow and are not capable of ready subdivision of times. I must stress the practical aspect; it is not always possible for the announcers to keep abreast, and if there is only one point to keep an eye on when watching field events you are not so likely to be caught napping when the gun is the first intimation that a race is on. There is so much of interest to the old hand, timing, composition of heats, etc., that all possible simplification is desirable and to my mind the adoption of metric distances as at present constituted would be a retrograde step. Is there anything in favour of 1,500 metres? 1,600 seems the obvious distance, double the 800, and in line with the established practice, of three quarters of a century, something not lightly to be discarded.

In conclusion—I would like to make it clear that I am not against changes, but they must be improvements. In this case the only advantage would be in comparing times.

Yours sincerely,

H. E. Perrott

THE STEEPLECHASE

Dear Sir,

Last year I took up the steeplechase as a main event and generally found conditions favourable with one bad exception. The water jump.

Looking up the regulations on this obstacle I find that it must be three feet high, and of a substantial nature. The water must be twelve feet wide, and two feet six inches deep at the fence sloping to zero depth at twelve feet. During my limited experience I have found that most water jumps fall away steeply at the shallow end. Adding to this ankle shaking situation, several of these obstacles had large holes worn in the popular side, increasing the hazard of a nasty jolt.

A good example is set by the White City, where a level slope protected from erosion by coconut matting provides safe jumping conditions.

I would like to hear some more experienced views, and plead that more care be tended to the water.

Yours sincerely,
W. Morehead

CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS

Dear Sir,

I was very surprised and upset to see that the A.A.A. are "cashing-in" on the now popular athletics.

It does not seem to matter now to consider the clubs and the "old faithful" clubman who has supported the Championships year after year. Mr. "Rising Price" has at last hit the Club Ticket—no more 5/- seats for 3/6, all now at 5/-. Why?

Yours sincerely,
F. H. J. Hawkins.

BROKEN RULES

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to read Mr. Mott's letter in to-day's issue. It is a fact that Championship rules are broken, particularly in the athletically backward counties. Dates of birth and qualifications are not always properly examined, and team events have been won by composite teams to the detriment and sometimes disheartenment of a genuine first claim team.

The reasons given are simple and, on the face, justifiable—namely, that had the rules been strictly adhered to there would have been no race. The object should be to promote and encourage athletics and not to discourage it with disqualifications.

However, rules were made to be kept and officials would get more respect, and consequently more support, if they made correct and intelligent interpretations of these rules. It might also be a good idea if all officials, on acceptance of office, made a point of reading the rules that they might have to apply.

Yours truly,
John Rowe

THANKS

Dear Sir,

Although space is your major problem, I hope you will allow me to express, through the medium of your journal, my deepest thanks to all those who helped me after a collapse

during the Hyde Park Relay last Saturday. I should particularly like to thank those gentlemen of Imperial College and the one unknown runner for getting me to hospital and I should like them to know that largely due to their efforts I was able to leave by 7 o'clock the same evening.

Yours truly,
W. McDonald
Bristol University Cross-Country Club.

A.A.A.

Facilities for Throwing and Jumping

The Rugby Union have generously offered facilities for training in respect of **throwing** and **jumping events** on the West Car Park at their Twickenham ground on two evenings during the week and Sunday mornings with dressing room accommodation available.

Before accepting this offer and incurring the expense of laying out circles and run-ups, it is necessary to know what support will be forthcoming. Will any athlete, Coach or Club interested please write to L. F. Northam, c/o A.A.A., 118 Chancery Lane, W.C.2.

GERMAN INDOOR MEETINGS

Frankfurt, Feb. 11th. 70m.(1): 1, Futterer (Germ.) 7.8; 2, Pohl (Germ.) 7.8; 3, J. A. N. Railton (G.B.) 7.9. (2) 1, Futterer 7.8; 2, Blummel 7.9 (Railton 5th 8.1). 400m. Stracke 51.6; 800m. Dohrow 1:56.5. 1500m.: 1, J. Disley (GB) 3:51.2; 2, Schmalz 3:56.0; 3, Schoteck 3:57.2. **Women's 70m. Hdds (1):** 1, Seonbuchner 10.1; 2, J. Desforges (G.B.) 10.2; 3, Schreyer 10.3. (2) 1, Seonbuchner 10.1; 2, J. Desforges 10.3; 3, Schreyer 10.4.

Dortmund, Feb. 13th. 60m.: 1, Futterer 6.2; 2, David (Fr.) 6.3; 3, Knorzer 6.4 (Railton (G.B.) 5th in heat 1 in 6.7). 800m.: 1, Stracke 1:54.0; 2, Djan (Fr.) 1:54.4. 3000m.: 1, J. Disley (GB) 8:23.0; 2, Herman (Belg.) 8:23.8; 3, Hermann 8:25.2. **Women's 60y.:** C. Stubnick-Selinger 7.1 (Desforges (GB) 5th in 7.3). **Women's 60y. Hdds.:** Fisch 8.9 (Desforges 8.2).

Pontefract and Castleford A.C. have appointed G. A. Froment, 51 Front Street, Glasshoughion, Castleford, as their Hon. Secretary.

Hackney Borough Sports Meeting will take place on July 9th, not July 2nd, as given in fixture list.

Women

JUNE BRIDGLAND FIRST HOME IN SOUTHERN C.C.

Parliament Hill, February 19th

The Southern Women's C.C. Championship was held over a 3 miles course of two laps, 68 runners facing the starter. At the end of the first lap June Bridgland (Southampton), Leila Buckland (Cambridge H.) and Madeline Wooller (Spartan) were running together, well ahead of the rest of the field, but during the second lap June Bridgland drew away and won fairly comfortably in 20.53, thus retaining the title she won at Bramshott last year.

Mrs. Buckland used her greater stamina during the last half-mile to gain second place from the National Junior Champion, and behind M. Wooller, Phyllis Perkins (Ilford), a previous holder, made up quite a bit of ground in the later stages to finish fourth. Thirty seconds covered the next ten runners and many positional changes took place in this group on the run-in to the finish.

Ilford A.C. "A" team, with 48pts., regained their team championship from last year's winners, Selsonia, and London Olympiades.

A.M.J.

1. J. Bridgland (Southampton A.A.C.)	20.53																														
2. L. Buckland (Cambridge H.)	21.11																														
3. M. Wooller (Spartan L.A.C.)	21.48																														
4. P. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)	22.02																														
5. J. O'Grady (Ilford A.C.)	22.17																														
6. S. Amey (Southampton A.A.C.)	22.27																														
7. P. Benn (Highgate H.)	22.28; 8. J. Stonehouse (Farnham)	22.31; 9. H. Vincent (London Olymp.)	22.37; 10. C. Slemon (Selsonia)	22.38; 11. D. Batchelor (Dartford H.)	22.38; 12. M. Ricketts (London Olymp.)	22.41; 13. S. Gaiger (Orpington)	22.44; 14. P. Evans (Selsonia)	22.46; 15. M. Flin (Selsonia)	22.49; 16. M. Westney (Ilford)	22.52; 17. B. Berwick (Surrey Beagles)	22.54; 18. N. Smalley (Portsmouth At.)	22.57; 19. E. Stone (Bedford)	23.07; 20. J. Timbs (London Olymp.)	23.17; 21. J. Byatt (Hampstead H.)	23.22; 22. A. Bowler (Selsonia)	23.23; 23. J. Worcester (Ilford)	23.30; 24. B. Dawson (Highgate)	23.32; 25. E. Vivian (London Olymp.)	23.47; 26. E. Harvey (Epsom and E.)	23.52; 27. J. Hall (Selsonia)	23.53; 28. M. Beckford (Ilford)	23.56; 29. M. Maslin (Selsonia)	24.03; 30. J. Williams (London Olymp.)	24.22; 31. V. Newman (Spartan)	24.29; 32. B. Tiffin (Ilford)	24.32; 33. K. Pickles (Spartan)	24.38; 34. S. King (Highgate)	24.56; 35. S. Gibbs (Ilford)	24.58; 36. A. Shephard (Orpington)	25.00; 37. J. Weaver (Phoenix)	25.01; 38.

P. Douglas (Ilford) 25.05; 39. M. Critchley (Ilford) 25.12; 40. J. Arnold (Ilford) 25.47; 41. S. Bradley (London Olymp.) 25.58; 42. J. Simmons (Dartford) 26.08; 43. D. Fitzpatrick (Selsonia) 26.12; 44. P. Griffiths (Phoenix) 26.16; 45. J. Thompson (Spartan) 26.24; 46. R. Wright (Wigmore) 26.25; 47. Pte. C. Millar (Aldershot) 26.25; 48. L/Cpl. B. Walton (Q.A.R.A.N.C.) 26.40; 49. J. Smith (Portsmouth) 26.42; 50. J. Coley (Wigmore) 26.47.

Teams:		Pts.
1. Ilford A.C. "A"	(4, 5,16,23)	48
2. Selsonia A.C.	(10,14,15,22)	61
3. London Olymp.	(9,12,20,25)	66
4. Spartan L.A.C.	(3,31,33,45)	112
5. Ilford A.C. "B"	(28,32,35,38)	133
6. Portsmouth At.	(18,49,62,63)	192
7. Wigmore H.	(46,50,57,66)	219

DIANE LEATHER RETAINS MIDLAND TITLE

At Chase Terrace, Feb. 19th

Diane Leather scored her third successive win in the Midland Senior Cross-Country Championship, winning comfortably from Dilys Williams, also of Birchfield.

Despite having the first two home, Birchfield had a shock in the team race, losing their title for the first time in ten years. Small Heath, who won in 1936, had four in the first ten, but only got home by the position of their last scorer after a tie at 28pts. each.

1. D. S. Leather (Birchfield)	17.55												
2. D. Williams (Birchfield)	18.26												
3. R. Ashby (Cov. Godiva)	18.37												
4. K. Field (Small Heath)	18.53												
5. P. Myatt (Smethwick H.L.S.)	19.00												
6. N. Loines (Small Heath)	19.06												
7. J. Fothergill (Harborne)	19.16; 8. V. Reynolds (Small Heath)	19.39; 9. P. Turney (Godiva)	19.47; 10. M. J. Heath (Small Heath)	19.51; 11. M. Nusser (Birchfield)	19.52; 12. G. Haddon (Harborne)	20.02; 13. M. Knight (Chase)	20.07; 14. R. Tongue (Birchfield)	20.12; 15. M. Lingen (Birchfield)	20.28; 16. R. Phillips (Smethwick)	20.39; 17. N. Mason (Harborne)	20.46; 18. S. M. Mansell (Westbury)	20.46; 19. M. Garvey (Small Heath)	20.54; 20. B. J. Edge

(Selsonia) 21.04; 21, R. Campbell (Godiva) 21.05; 22, J. Matthews (Birchfield) 21.07; 23, N. Blain (Birchfield) 21.16; 24, D. Elmes (Godiva) 21.22; 25, N. Grantham (Harborne) 21.25; 26, R. Phillips (Birchfield) 21.35; 27, A. Willetts (Small Heath) 21.41; 28, A. Hackett (Harborne) 21.46; 29, E. Partridge (Godiva) 22.35; 30, A. Stephenson (Chase) 22.37; 31, M. Holland (Harborne) 23.40; 32, A. Farr (Smethwick)

24.12; 33, C. Merriman (Smethwick) 24.45; 34, J. Coley (Harborne) 25.26.

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Small Heath H.L.S.	(4. 6. 8.10) 28
2. Birchfield H.L.S.	(1. 2.11.14) 28
3. Coventry Godiva H.L.S.	(3. 9.21.24) 57
4. Harborne H.L.S.	(7.12.17.25) 61
5. Smethwick H.L.S.	(5.16.26.29) 76

Chase L.A.C. failed to close in.

HARROGATE GIRL SURPRISE WINNER OF NORTHERN C.C.

At Knareborough, Feb. 19th

The Northern Women's Senior Cross-Country Championship was held over a very hilly snowbound and generally difficult course at Knareborough, Yorks.

Anni Oliver (Gosforth) was unexpectedly beaten by A. Dawson, a Harrogate girl, who ran extraordinarily well to win a good race in 15min. 39sec., and M. Richards, of Hallamshire. The team race was very close and virtually decided by the positions of the last scoring members of each team, Hallamshire winning with 31pts., despite Gosforth having three in the first eight.

1. A. Dawson (Harrogate A.C.).....	15.39
2. M. Richards (Hallamshire H.)	15.55
3. A. Oliver (Gosforth H.)	16.04
4. *M. Davies (Stockport H.)	16.17
5. O. Foster (Harrogate A.C.)	16.54
6. M. Reynolds (Saltwell Ladies)	17.13
*7, J. Gillyean (Airedale) 17.21; 8, J. Wells	

(Hallamshire) 17.26; 9, W. McQuade (Gosforth) 17.30; 10, D. Chrisp (Gosforth) 17.33; 11, A. Snowball (Saltwell) 17.58; 12, M. Farrell (Hallamshire) 18.12; 13, M. McDonald (Saltwell) 18.22; 14, F. M. Clarke (Harrogate) 18.25; 15, D. Bateman (Hallamshire) 18.25; 16, M. Grice (Saltwell) 18.25; 17, J. Renforth (Saltwell) 19.14; *18, R. Scott (Winton) 19.16; 19, M. McDonald (Halifax) 19.35; 20, M. Rutherford (Gosforth) 19.43; *21, G. Outhwaite (Sale) 19.53; *22, S. Reay (Sale) 20.09; 23, M. Canning (Halifax) 20.34; 24, M. Mitchell (Halifax) 21.06; *25, E. Porter (Manchester) 21.29; 26, C. Nelson (Harrogate) 21.40; *27, W. Smith (Winton).

* Individual

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Hallamshire H.	(2.6.10.13) 31
2. Gosforth H.	(3.7. 8.17) 35
3. Harrogate A.C.	(1.4.12.20) 37

AMENDMENTS TO BEST PERFORMANCE LIST

11.2	P. Wyatt, Ilford A.C.	On several occasions	
100 metres:			
12.0	S. Cheeseman, Spartan L.A.C.	Eton Manor	5.5
440 yards:			
58.6	J. Crump, Southend A.C.	Croydon	11.9
59.9	W. Longmead, Southend A.C.	Chiswick	5.6
880 yards:			
2m.19.0s.	A. Dawson, Harrogate A.C.	White City	18.6
2m.19.2s.	M. Beckford, Ilford A.C.	White City	18.6
1 mile:			
5m.03.8s.	A. Oliver, Gosforth H. and A.C.	Manchester	16.10
High Jump:			
5'5"	S. Lerwill, Spartan L.A.C.	Southampton	26.6
Shot:			
34'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	M. Rowley, Birchfield Harriers	Birmingham	18.9
33'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	M. Nusser, Birchfield Harriers		

Note: With reference to P. Wyatt's 11.1 at Leyton, Mr. Ward states that he has been given to understand on reliable authority that this performance was wind assisted and he has, reluctantly, to leave it out.

FAIR SHARES FOR THE HALF-MILER

THE first time I saw a photo-finish camera used in this country was at Wembley in the 1948 Olympic Games. It was also the first time I had seen a final of international class lost—but not won—by the luck of the draw.

John Parlett — drawn number nine in the 800m.—was depressed by his ill-luck and was never in the hunt, while Marcel Hansenne—drawn number eight—made no effort to move forward at the gun but waited a full half second to allow the field to move off and then tucked in behind them around the first bend.

What's this to do with photo finishes you may ask? Merely that elaborate and costly apparatus used for a photo-finish is not easily portable and since it is usually established at the end of the sprint straight the quarter and

half-mile races—or their metric equivalents—have to be started on the bend.

Equity is maintained in the quarter mile by using a staggered start and running the whole race in lanes—so that apart from tactical disadvantages there is no actual handicap in being drawn in an outside lane.

In races of a mile and upwards a yard or two lost at the start can easily be recovered and even a four-minute mile lasts sufficiently long and is run at a relatively slow enough pace for position at the end of the first furlong to be comparatively unimportant. In the half-mile, however, this no longer holds true and those of us who were fortunate enough to see the 800m. final at Berne, sympathise with Derek Johnson (probably the best half-miler in the world to-day) who was badly buffeted in



E. L. HARDY (Derby and Cty.) leading from G. RHODES (N. Staffordshire H.) halfway in the Midland Senior C.C. Championship.

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the first 20yds. by Boysen, of Norway, and Ekfelt, of Sweden, and certainly lost much more than the 2½yds. by which he was ultimately beaten.

With a first lap run in 52/53 seconds no runner can afford to stay out of the initial hurly-burly and give away up to 10 yards in the first furlong. Yet in joining the dog-fight at the start he quite literally risks being knocked out of the race.

If the half-mile is to remain a test of speed and stamina and not of pugilistic ability it is obvious that some modifications must be introduced into the start of the race.

Attempts have been made in the past to run the whole of the first lap in lanes. There are two obvious snags in this procedure. It tends to destroy the race as a spectacle and at the end of the first lap runners drawn in the outside lanes are decanted on to the outside of the bend and still have to run yards further than those on the inside.

There—so far as I am aware—the matter has rested for some years.

On the way home from Berne I pondered

on the subject of fair shares for half-milers and finally hit upon a solution which seems so simple that I feel there must be some obvious snag I've overlooked. If there is I'm pretty certain the readers of "A.W." will expose it in next week's correspondence columns.

Briefly the suggestion is this. Run the first bend only in lanes and use normal 220 staggers for the echelon start. As soon as the runners enter the back straight allow them to break lanes—a distinctive line across the track could mark the end of the "controlled section"—and use the whole of the back straight to sort themselves out.

In this way the runners will have covered some 220yds. (instead of 20) before "**contesting**" a bend and even in an Olympic final there will be a sufficient variation in tactics and pace for the runners to have "sorted themselves out" by the time they have run a furlong.

At first sight it may appear that the outside men are still getting the little end of the stick, but a little thought and calculation will show that the shortest route is a straight line to the next bend and so there is nothing saved by cutting in immediately one leaves the lanes and no temptation to do so.

Assuming the back straight to be 80 yards long the runner in the 6th lane would have to run only 10 inches further than the inside man. It is hardly worth adjusting the staggers to compensate for this but the meticulous can make the necessary calculations. Run in this fashion the runners are on level terms within 15 seconds of the start of the race and both the spectators and the runners know exactly where they are from then onwards. This method was tried out at an L.A.C. Meeting at the end of last season and the half milers who took part were unanimous in their approval.

NO GREAT DIFFICULTIES

There are, of course, two or three foreseeable snags. It calls for yet another set of staggers on the track. These could easily be made in another colour — yellow instead of white.

It limits the number of men who can take part in a final to 6, 7 or 8 depending on the lanes available. Until 1939 the A.A.A. half-mile

was limited to 6 finalists and surely 6 or 8 runners are ample in an Olympic final! Reducing the field to 6 or 8 might involve an extra preliminary round but if this made for fairer racing it should surely become acceptable.

In any case all these objections have been raised and overcome in the case of the quarter mile.

I gather that Woodford Green A.C. are going to experiment with races on these lines next season and I hope that other Clubs may be tempted to do likewise so that the snags may be exposed and ironed out. In due course, if no insuperable obstacles are discovered, I hope that an endeavour will be made to run all top class 880yds./800 metre races with the first bend in lanes. Are the 1956 Olympics too soon to start?

Fair races brings us to the question of fair timing and judging by the correspondence in "Athletics Weekly," over the past few weeks. There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding of the rules in regard to the timing of races. For races up to 1,000 metres times to the nearest complete 1/10sec. shall be taken above that distance to 1/5sec. This means that in one race one man could run 100yds. in 9.81 seconds and another in 9.89 seconds and finish a yard apart and yet both be given, quite correctly, the same time of 9.9. In the next race the winner could return 9.89 and his runner-up 9.91 and yet, although no more than 7 inches separated them their times would be quite correctly returned as 9.9 and 10 secs. respectively.



Just after the start of the Southern Youths' Championship at Stanmer Park, Brighton.

E. D. Lacey

CLOSE FINISH IN EASTERN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Smith and Phipps (Cambridge) and Haw (Ipswich) went into the lead after a mile, Haw making the pace. In the last mile Smith went to the front and held off a desperate finish by Haw to win by the narrowest of margins. Lincoln's experience probably helped them to a 3 pts. victory over Ipswich.

Clark (Lincoln) and Sissons (Lysaghts) were well clear of the rest of the field in the Junior, and Lincoln completed a fine double in the team race despite having to wait until 20th position for their last scorer.

1. R. J. Smith (Camb. City) 48.40
2. D. W. M. Haw (Ipswich) 48.41
3. G. A. Phipps (Camb. C.) 49.10
4. R. C. Townsend (Crowland) 49.41
5. D. Dare Ipswich) 49.49
6. D. Wingad (Lincoln Well.) 50.12
7. K. Barnsdale (Lin. W.) 50.15; 8, J. Hobart (Camb. C.) 50.25; 9, F. Bauckham (Lin. W.) 50.50; 10, R. Girdham (Lin. W.) 50.50; 11, W. G. Noon (Ipswich) 51.00; 12, D. R. Abbott (Ipswich) 51.20; 13, R. C. Ashton (Grimsby) 51.30; 14, W. Harris (Bedford) 52.15; 15, A. Bemrose (Grimsby) 52.32; 16, D. V. Evison (Louth) 52.52; 17, E. W. Harrison (Lin. W.) 53.07; 18, R. G. Sutcliffe (Ipswich) 53.10; 19, V. G. Hayden (RAF Henlow) 53.32; 20, J. Osborne (Crowland) 53.38; 21, K. Fox (Boston) 53.48; 22, V. J. F. Farrar (Bedford) 54.24; 23, W. Trow (Camb. C.) 54.25; 24, E. Wilson (Lin. W.) 54.26; 25, W. Spratt (Camb. C.) 54.33; 26, T. Wray (Lin. W.) 54.37; 27, A. Morton (Boston) 54.39; 28, M. D. Prendergast (Ipswich) 54.50; 29, D. P. Stopher (Ipswich) 55.00; 30, G. Ridding (Crowland) 55.22; 31, A. Patchett (Grimsby) 55.26; 32, F. E. Driver (Ipswich) 55.37; 33, G. Page (Ipswich) 55.44; 34, D. J. Lake (Grimsby) 56.03; 35, P. Stenner (Louth) 56.13; 36, C. Thurlby (Lin. W.) 56.36; 37, D. Turner (Louth) 56.36; 38, C. Owen (Bedford) 56.42; 39, J. R. Russell (Crowland) 56.45; 40, F. V. Abbs (Crowland) 57.00; 41, A. Davies (Bedford) 57.10; 42, R. Martlew (Camb. C.) 57.14; 43, G. Fox (Boston) 57.25; 44, M. A. Blandford (Grimsby) 57.38; 45, J. Meiklejohn (Bedford) 58.30; 46, Cpl. W. E. Gauld (Henlow) 58.49; 47, G. Stone (Boston) 59.43; 48, L. Goodall (Louth) 61.14; 49, LAC P. B. Cook (Henlow) 61.53; 50, J/T P. A. Sellman (Henlow) 61.54.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Lincoln Wellington (6.7. 9.10.17.24)	73
2. Ipswich (2.5.11.12.18.28)	76
3. Cambridge City (1.3. 8.23.25.42)	102
4. Crowland 185; 5, Bedford 215; 6, Boston 242.	

Junior

1. N. Clarke (Lincoln Well.) 32.51
2. D. Sissons (Lysaghts) 32.59
3. D. G. Taylor (Grimsby) 34.06
4, E. Butler (Lin. W.) 34.35; 5, J. H. M. Fox (Lin. W.) 34.54; 6, D. H. Palmer (Norfolk and N.) 35.00; 7, R. Hemmings (Peterboro') 35.26; 8, J. H. Cooper (Grimsby) 35.56; 9, P. A. Sellman (RAF Henlow) 36.11; 10, R. Carter (Grimsby) 36.46; 11, C. Cullip (Bedford) 36.58; 12, B. Musgrave (Newmarket and M.) 36.59; 13, A. Coleman (Bedford) 37.00; 14, B. Wray (Grimsby) 37.31; 15, P. A. Bale (Henlow) 37.45; 16, M. Watson (New. and M.) 37.47; 17, LAC R. J. Warren (Henlow) 37.52; 18, LAC C. H. Maynard (Henlow) 38.12; 19, LAC J. F. Baker (Henlow) 38.59; 20, C. Clarke (Lin. W.) 40.09; 21, A. N. Willson (Peterboro') 40.24; 22, D. Morton (Grimsby) 41.37; 23, G. E. McClean (Grimsby) 42.14; 24, LAC R. Chambers (Henlow) 42.14; 25, A. Holloway (New. and M.) 42.39.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Lincoln Wellington (1. 4. 5.20)	30
2. Grimsby (3. 8.10.14)	35
3. R.A.F. Henlow (9.15.17.18)	59
4. Newmarket and M.	81

Youths

1. D. G. Bell (Lin. W.) 19.47
2. J. E. Hoskins (Diss) 20.00
3. J. Smith (Grimsby) 20.30
4, R. M. Greene (Framlington Coll.) 20.44; 5, D. Thomas (Lysaghts) 20.53; 6, N. Charlton (Boston) 21.01; 7, D. Ellis (Louth) 21.03; 8, J. Snow (Ipswich) 21.07; 9, M. J. Hall (Grimsby) 21.17; 10, P. J. Chillingworth (Fram. C.) 21.18; 11, C. P. Dawkins (Grimsby) 21.21; 12, T. Cox (New. and M.) 21.28; 13, R. D. L. Toleman (Fram. C.) 21.29; 14, J. Carpenter (Ipswich) 21.33; 15, D. Stocks (Lysaghts) 21.34.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Grimsby (3. 9.11.32)	55
2. Lysaghts (5.15.23.34)	77
3. Ipswich (8.14.19.37)	78
4, Bedford 103; 5, H.M.S. Ganges 105; 6, Perse School 127; 7, Peterborough 171; 8, Lincoln City GS 182.	

Boys

1. J. S. Bolland (Boston) 16.44
2. P. Coupland (Lin.W.) 16.56
3. S/B Finch (H.M.S. Ganges "B") 17.02
4, S/B Fuller (Ganges "A") 17.16; 5, P. Lowe (Sandye Place S.) 17.25; 6, P. Ramsden (New. and M.) 17.25; 7, I. W. Garfoot (Barton) 17.26; 8, S/B Bellingham (Ganges "B") 17.33;

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RESULTS

February 5th

VALE OF AYLESBURY YOUTHS' RELAY

1, Woodford Green (R. Davies 18.30; H. Windsor 18.25; A. Wiseman 18.36; W. Heiberg 18.01) 73.32.

2, Southgate "A" (T. Brookes 18.32; D. Coward 18.29; J. Warner 19.13; P. McIlwain 17.33) 73.47.

3, Essex Beagles (R. Campbell 17.42; B. Dew 18.11; E. Saxby 19.43; D. Gibbons 18.47) 74.23.

Fastest times: 1, P. McIlwain (Southgate) 17.33; 3, P. Campbell (Essex B.) 17.42; 3, W. Heiberg (Wood. Gn.) 18.01.

February 12th

BEDFORDSHIRE & HUNTINGDONSHIRE YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. W. Edwards (Vauxhall Motors) ... 20.23
2. P. Robinson (Luton GS) 20.39
3. D. Head (Luton) 20.54
4. M. Armstrong (Kimbolton S.) 21.03; 5, C. Field (Vaux. M.) 21.08; 6, C. Bass (Kim. S.) 21.15; 7, D. Bracey (Luton GS) 21.24; 8, J. Gibson (Bedford) 21.36; 9, I. Simpson (Bedford) 21.39; 10, W. Whiskin (Bedford) 21.40; 11, J. Batt (Bedford) 21.50; 12, V. Trafford (Kim.S.) 21.51; 13, T. Odam (Luton GS) 22.00; 14, C. Langford (Bedford) 22.06; 15, B. Router (Luton GS) 22.07.

Teams:

1. Bedford Mod. Sch. (8.9.10.11.14) 52
2. Kimbolton Sch. 65, 3, Luton G.S. 72.

Boys

1. M. Keith (Bedford MS) 15.00
2. A. Ross (B) 15.05
3. D. Boughton (Beechwood YC) 15.12
4, D. Simmons (Bedford MS) 15.24; 5, R. Daikins (Luton GS) 15.28; 6, W. Maloy (Luton GS) 15.29; 7, R. Pearman (Luton GS) 15.30; 8, A. Bell (Beechwood YC) 15.32; 9, M. Boylen (Beechwood YC) 15.34; 10, J. Seller (Bedford MS) 15.38.

Teams:

1. Beechwood Y.C. 75
2. Bedford Mod. Sch. 77
3. Luton G.S. 113

9, L. Armstrong (Lin. C. GS) 17.35; 10, S/B Kennedy (Ganges "B") 17.45; 11, G. Kent (Boston) 17.53; 12, S/B Heron (Ganges "A") 17.55.

Teams:

1. H.M.S. Ganges "B" (3. 8.10) 21
2. H.M.S. Ganges "A" (4.12.17) 33
3. Barton (7.15.20) 42
4, Silver Jubilee Sch. 47; 5, Sandye Place Sch. 60; 6, Lincoln City G.S. 64.

SHAFTESBURY H. BOYS' INTER-CLUB RACE

1. A. Sunderland (Shaftesbury)..... 13.56
2. C. Clark (Ruislip and N.) 14.28
3. B. Trowse (Ruislip) 14.29
4, A. Green (Essex Beagles) 14.32; 5, W. Whitman (Watford) 14.35; 6, B. Ellison (Southgate) 14.42; 7, P. C. Crane (Welwyn) 14.45; 8, M. Staines (Welwyn) 14.46; 9, S. Edwards (Hornchurch) 14.48; 10, M. Stevely (Hornchurch) 14.48; 11, D. Melton (Watford) 14.58; 12, G. Smith (Deptford Pk.) 15.05; 13, D. Gibbons (Essex B.) 15.06; 14, L. Denham (TVH) 15.12; 15, B. Savory (Southgate) 15.13; 16, D. Boughton (Beechwood "A") 15.15; 17, J. Simmonds (Essex B.) 15.16; 18, C. Holmes (Shaftes.) 15.20; 19, J. Boutle (Finchley) 15.22; 20, D. Broomfield (TVH) 15.23.

Teams:

1. Essex Beagles (4.13.17) 34
2. Shaftesbury (1.18.29) 48
3. Watford (5.11.36) 52
4, Welwyn 53; 5, Southgate 54; 6, Beechwood 60; 7, Hornchurch 76; 8, Ruislip and N. 77; 9, T.V.H. 81; 10, Southgate "B" 113; 11, N.L.H. 113; 12, E. Barnet Sdn. A.T.C. 125; 13, Finchley 128; 14, Beechwood "B" 139; 15, Harrow Weald 146; 16, Queens Pk. 150; 17, Southall 168; 18, Eton Manor 183.

Brentwood A.C. 23pts. beat **Brentwood O.B.** 56, **Bata S.C.** 65 and **Romford A.C.** 72. 1, N. Parsons (BAC) 22.26; 2, D. Fayers (Bata) 22.37; 3, L. Durrant (BAC) 23.00; 4, H. Hubbard (BAC) 23.05; 5, C. Appleton (BOB) 23.17; 6, I. Colbert (BAC) 23.34.

Orpington A.C. beat **Centymca** 21pts. to 65 at Goddington. 1 eq., R. Houghton (O); T. Newson (O) and M. Todd (O) 38.50; 4, P. Reeves (O) 39.50; 5, B. Doherty (O) 40.10; 6, R. Jones (O) 41.10.

Salisbury A.A.C. 7pts. beat **Tatchbury Mount A.C.** 18 and **Gosport A.C.** 29. 1, P. Clark (S) 33.14; 2, B. Lillicrap (S) 33.26; 3, J. Clark (T) 34.00; 4, D. Mould (S) 34.09; 5, C. Bulpitt (S) 35.19; 6, A. Newell (G) 35.34. **Juniors St. Vincent Trg. Ship** 9pts. beat **Salisbury 24, St. Vincent TS "B"** 26 and **Gosport** 38. 1, J. Beniman (S); 2, Cdt. Harris (St.V.); 3, Cdt. Hutchinson (St. V.).

N. Staffs H. 27pts. beat **Stone A.C.** 37 and **Staffs County Police** 79. 1, M. R. T. Evans (St.) 34.40; 2, A. J. Bates (NS) 34.45; 3, A. Colclough (NS) 35.24; 4, D. G. Shelley (St.) 35.28; 5, P. Stubbs (St.) 36.24; 7, A. Kinnereley (NS) 36.43.

Southgate H. 4½M. Road Championships. 1, S. E. W. Cox 21.52 (rec.); 2, D. Taylor 22.28; 3, W. Morgan 22.46; 4, G. W. Ash 23.14; 5, D. Hutchins 23.55; 6, E. Lawley 25.16. **Junior:** 1, B. Ward 22.15; 2, J. Barton 23.29; 3, D. Varney 24.51.

No. 27 Group Championship at R.A.F., Yatesbury. 1, T. R. Colson (Y) 30.55; 2, H. Benson (Y) 31.14; 3, R. W. Longstaff (Y) 31.39; 4, G. Morgan (Y) 31.37; 5, D. Lillicrap (Netheravon) 32.03; 6, D. Thornton (Y) 32.24; 7, I. D. C. Gurney (Y) 32.24. **Teams:** 1, RAF Yatesbury 23pts.; 2, RAF Locking 118; 3, RAF Catterick 149; 4, RAF Compton Bassett 157; 5, RAF Felixstowe 181.

Shoreditch Coll. beat Westminster Coll. 18 pts. to 41 over 5½M. at Elmstead Woods. 1eq. G. Stones (S) and P. Warner (S) 31.12; 3, Oliver (W) 31.24; 4, E. Bowditch (S) 31.38; 5eq., D. Bowles (S) and H. Williamson (S) 34.24.

R.A.F. Oakington beat R.A.F. Wyton 19pts. to 38. 1, Plt. Off. Barnard (O) 31.57; 2, Sapper Cryer (W) 32.01; 3, Cpl. Cross (O) 32.09; 4, Plt. Off. Slater (O) and SAC Palmer (O) 32.45; 6, LAC Buxton (O) 32.48.

North Herts A.C. 8M. Championship. 1, S. Smith 50.04; 2, J. Dillely 51.45; **Junior 5½M.:** 1, D. Cannon 31.36; 2, S. O'Neil 33.19; 3, J. Delouvios 36.39.

Barnet A.C. beat Eton Manor A.C. 45pts. to 91. 1, J. D. Wood (B) 23.15; 2, E. M. Smith (EM) 23.40; 3, B. Worthington (B) 23.48; 4, S. Randall (B) 23.50; 5, M. Jones (B) 24.03; 6 eq., T. Murray (B) and B. Day (B) 24.08.

St. Albans City A.C. beat Welwyn A.C. 25 pts. to 53 over 5½M. at Welwyn. 1, M. J. Blyth (St. A.) 34.04; 2eq. M. P. Garrod (St. A.) and J. Thorpe (St. A.) 34.27; 4, P. Cieka (St. A.) 34.44; 5, L. Clarke (W) 34.58; 6, P. R. Tearle (St. A.) 35.36.

South London H. beat Lloyds Bank A.C. 10 pts. to 26 over 5M. at Coulsdon. 1, P. B. Driver (SLH) 29.53; 2, R. Wadmore (SLH) 29.57; 3, D. G. Smith (SLH) 30.11; 4, M. R. Pryne (SLH) 30.11; 5, D. J. Cary (L) 30.38; 6, R. A. W. Jacobs (L) 31.11. **S.L.H.** 57pts. beat **Whitgift Sch.** 82 and **Caterham Sch.** 92 over 3½M. 1, A. Neville (SLH) 22.48; 2, B. C. Perkins (SLH) 23.23; 3, Warren (W) 23.34; 4, Pollard (W) 23.42; 5, Haines (C) 24.00; 6, A. C. Carruthers (SLH) 24.06.

Caterham Sch. beat Whitgift Sch. 58pts. to 78 over 2M. at Coulsdon. 1, Johnson (C) 12.27; 2, Thompson (C) 12.28; 3, Lavender (C)

12.31; 4, Sheppard (W) 12.39; 5, Braid (C) 12.55; 6, Gamble (W) 13.06.

Bexhill A.A.C. 5M. Championship. 1, J. Small 27.19; 2, F. Wicks 27.42; 3, A. Murrell 29.23.

Hercules A.C. beat Herne Hill H. 25pts. to 32. 1, E. Caiger (HAC) 39.20; 2, V. J. Fowle (HHH) 39.21; 3, R. Hallowell (HAC) 39.23; 4, K. Symons (HAC) 39.54; 5, S. Theed (HAC) 41.28; 6, F. Cornforth (HHH) 42.24.

Walton A.C. 72pts. beat Sutton and Cheam H. 92 and Guildford and Godalming A.C. 125 over 5M. at Milford. 1, R. Roath (W) 27.11; 2, K. Honney (W) 27.44; 3, B. Hammond (S) 27.46; 4, J. Addington (W) 28.01; 5, D. Funnell (S) 28.09; 6, G. McIntyre (S) 28.13.

Ealing H. 40pts. beat Blackheath H. 57 and Westminster Bank 79 over 8M. Epsom Downs. 1, D. Arnold (E) 49.52; 2, D. Lane (E) 50.56; 3, G. Glancy (E) 53.16; 4, G.M. Pearson (WB) 53.35; 5, A. J. Woodrow (B) 53.55; 6, R. B. Knight (WB) 53.59.

Chelmsford A.C. beat Polytechnic H. 31pts. to 47 over 5½M. at Chelmsford. 1eq., K. Rogers (C), J. Bowen (C) and R. Stewart (C) 31.24; 4, H. Hayter (P) 31.30; 5, K. French (P) 32.10; 6eq., G. Orrin (C) and G. Harris (C) 32.59.

Shaftesbury H. beat Cambridge H. 17pts. to 39. 1, S. Beale (S) 42.18; 2, D. Wheatley (S) 42.19; 3, J. Cunningham (S) 42.20; 4, E. Ford (S) 42.23; 5, B. Wright 43.26; 6, L. Blackeby (C) 43.29.

Portsmouth A.C. "A" 42pts. beat Royal Navy (South) 85, Worthing H. 104, R.N.A.C. (S) "B" 116 and Portsmouth A.C. "B" 124. 1, H. C. Sharp (RN) 45.23; 2, A. J. Haskell (RN) 45.23; 3, T. W. Hayden (P) 45.41; 4, R. E. Paine (P) 45.46; 5, S. A. Bollen (P) 45.59; 6, R. Smithers (W) 46.03.

Devonport A.C. 15pts. beat St. Luke's Coll., Exeter 56, Plymouth C.S. 81 and Devonport Y.M.C.A. H. 88 in a 5M. Road Race. 1, M. Caloway (D) 24.59 (rec.); 2, G. S. Roberts (D) 25.04; 3, K. J. Parsons (D) 25.27; 4, J. Batten (D) 25.51; 5, T. Aplin (D) 25.59; 6, England (S) 26.24.

Tobacco Trades 5M. Championship at Banstead. 1, J. Dougan 29.13; 2, P. Stokes 29.46; 3, J. Ivory 30.26; 4, P. Norris 31.05; 5, J. Fitzgerald 31.12; 6, S. White 32.30. **Team:** 1, Players, Dublin 15pts.

Brighton A.C. 8M. Championship. 1, R. W. Newington 44.28; 2, E. F. Napier 46.42; 3, E. W. Rose 48.09; 4, G. Chester 48.35; 5, E.

Borrill 48.50; 6, D. Redgrave 53.17. **Old Members' H'cp.** held in conjunction. 1, G. Chester 39.50.

Barnet A.C. beat **Eton Manor** 45pts. to 91. 1, A. Wood (B) 23.15; 2, G. Smith (EM) 23.40; 3, S. Randall (B) 23.50.

February 15th

Eton Manor "A" 7pts. beat **Chingford A.C.** 14 and **Eton Manor "B"** 25 in a 3M. Road Race. 1, N. Fisher (EM) and G. Smith (EM); 3, R. Russell (C).

February 16th

LONDON COLLEGES TROPHY RACE

1, D. Richards (UCL) 23.38.1; 2, J. Evans (Imp.) 24.05.2; 3, B. Ward (LSE) 24.34; 4, T. Bailey (Imp.) 24.35; 5, J. Herring (LSE) 24.36; 6, A. Millwood (UCL) 24.44; 7, K. Yorke (King's I.) 24.46; 8, P. O'Neill (King's I.) 24.56.5; 9, P. Taylor (UCL) 25.05; 10, D. Terry (Westminster) 25.10.

Shoreditch Coll. beat **Borough Rd. Coll.** 39 pts. to 41 over 5½M. at Osterley Park. 1 eq., G. Stones (S), P. Warner (S) and E. Bowditch (S) 29.15; 4, Sutcliffe (BRC) 29.17; 5, Dearden (BRC) 30.25; 6, Hughes (BRC) 30.26.

R.A.F. Melksham beat **R.A.F. Colerne** 34 pts. to 46 over 4½M. at R.A.F. Colern. 1, Cpl. Edwards (C); 2, McRoberts (M); 3, Bosher (M); 4, Harwood (M); 5, LAC Lightfoot (C); 6, SAC Forrester (C).

February 19th

R.A.F. LINCOLN LEAGUE

1, Merryman (C) 36.24; 2, Spidy (L) 36.36; 3, Foster (Ind.) 37.33; 4, Underhill (Tu.) 37.34; 5, Edgar (L) 37.45; 6, McQuade (B) 37.47. **Teams:** 1, Catterick 53pts.; 2, Lindholme 171; 3, Edzell 198; 4, Topcliffe 232; 5, Turnhouse 234; 6, Acaster Macbis 246; 7, Yeadon 248; 8, Bulmer 274; 9, Wickenby 301.

Bath Civil Service A.C. 47½pts. beat **Bristol Univ. II.** 59 and **Kingswood Sch.** 69 over 5½M. at Bath. 1, Davis (CS) 29.30; 2, R. Werry (CS) 30.30; 3, Deans (BU) 30.40; 4, Cleator (KS) 30.43; 5, Buckmaster (BU) 30.50; 6, K. Werry (CS) 31.06.

Nottingham Univ. 82m.41s. beat **Sheffield Univ.** 85m.05s., and **Birmingham Univ.** 88m. 19s. in a Road Relay at Sheffield. **Fastest times:** Brown (N) 9.53; Usher (B) 9.57; Read (N) 10.01; Raw (N) 10.05; Rustidge (N) 10.05; Docker (S) 10.06.

Shoreditch Coll. beat **St. Mark's and St. John's Coll.** 31pts. to 49 over 5½M. 1, G. Stones (S) 32.08; 2, Lawrence (MJ) 33.26; 3, E. Bowditch (S) 34.15; 4 eq., P. Warner (S) and D. Bowles (S) 35.51; 6, Harniess (MJ) 36.12.

February 26th

Bingley H. 6M. Championship. 1, M. Ebbage 35.08; 2, D. Mitchell 35.17; 3, D. Thornton 36.08; **H'cp:** D. Mitchell (2.10) 33.07. **Youths:** 3M: 1, D. Farnsworth 19.43; 2, B. Moulds 21.21; 3, R. Farquharson 22.28. **H'cp:** B. Moulds (2.45) 18.36. **Boys 1½M:** 1, R. Craven 9.55; 2, A. Farnsworth 10.23; 3, F. Hill 10.32. **H'cp.:** M. Hillbeck (1.30) 9.26.

Coseley C.C. and A.C. beat **Stone A.C.** 15pts. to 21. 1, L. B. Cook (C) 28.53; 2, D. Shelley (S) 29.15; 3, J. Aston (C) 29.45; 4, J. Darby (C) 30.18; 5, M. R. T. Evans (S) 30.19; 6, W. S. Gerrard (S) 31.02. In a Junior match **Stone** beat **Coseley** 10pts. to 13 over 3M. 1, L. Ellis (C); 2, I. Gerrard (S); 3, D. R. Barnard (S); 4, M. Phillips (C).

Veterans' A.C. H'cp.: 1, S. Dickason (12.30) 26.01; 2 eq., L. Rolls (2.00) and E. Seers (5.15) 26.48. **Fastest time:** L. Rolls 28.48.

Midland Works and Business Houses 12½ Miles Road Relay, Edgbaston. 1, Lucas S.C. (D. Cottrell 16.42, R. Hatton 15.58, E. Freeman 18.56, A. E. Dalton 15.54) 67m.30s.; 2, Brit. Railways 68.06; 3, Austin Motors 70.40; 4, Brit. Railways "B" 75.06; 5, M.E.B. 77.33. **Fastest laps:** A. E. Dalton (Lucas) 15.54; 2, R. Hatton (Lucas) 15.58; 3, W. R. Keily (Brit. Rlys.) 16.24.

Darlington H. "Sam Lambell Memorial Trophy" Road Yacht Handicap, 3½ Miles. 1, A. Tibbett (1.00) 21.11; 2, N. Smith (3.40) 21.13; 3, A. Yates (Scr.) 21.31; 4, J. Wilson (3.15) 21.37; 5, M. Williams (3.05) 21.40; 6, D. Zissler (2.40) 21.48. **Fastest times:** 1, N. Smith 17.33; 2, J. Wilson 18.22; 3, M. Williams 18.35.

Chelmsford A.C. Beeton Cup (4th Race). 1, K. Rogers (scr.) 60.08; 2, A. Hogg (10.30) 60.49; 3, J. Bowen (0.40) 63.05; 4, B. Sheridan (6.30) 64.28. **Pts.:** 1, R. Meadowcroft 23pts.; 2 eq., J. Bowen and K. Rogers 20; 4 eq., A. Hogg and B. Sheridan 18.

Entries for the Chingford A.C. Road Relay, on March 26th, close on March 12th, to R. A. Russell, 8 Nightingale Close, Chingford, Hatch, E.4.

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We are informed that 51st in the Midland Senior Championship was A. J. Bates (N.Staffs. H.).

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Middlesex Senior Track and Field Championships will be held at Uxbridge Stadium on May 21st, and the 'Junior and Youths' Championships at Paddington Rec. Track on June 4th.

DAVE STEPHENS became one of the all-time greats, as far as I am concerned, when he ran three miles in 13min. 31.8sec. in bare feet at Melbourne, on February 23rd, in the Victorian A.A. championships. Stephens, who won by over 300 yards, has thus achieved a time which only **Kuts** (13min. 26.4sec.), **Chataway** (13min. 27.1sec.) and **Zatopek** (13min. 31.2sec.) have beaten in far better conditions. Following his Australian records over two and six miles this makes Stephens as much of a national pioneer as **Landy** was over the mile. If Landy did come out of retirement next season to race Stephens over three miles I think there would be a record of under 13min. 20sec. I look forward to reading Joe Galli's information on the interval times in this race.

Stephens said in an interview afterwards, "I started my winter preparation a fortnight ago after the Australian championships and at present am only running a slow 10 miles daily. I would have gone a lot better if I had had a Chris Chataway out there with me. By the end of the coming winter I hope to be running 20 miles daily and by then should be getting close to a record." After the race Stephens sent a cable to Zatopek (who has helped him with his training) telling him the news and then went home to rest before starting his early morning milk round seven hours later. Stephens

has said often enough that he would like to run and work in England but, even if he cannot get a job over here, I hope it will be possible for some promoter to invite him for one of the big holiday meetings.

At the same meeting, **Don Macmillan** broke his own Australian 880 yards record of 1min. 51.9sec. by three tenths. I recently saw a letter from Don in which he described his 4min. 7.0sec. mile in the Australian champs. as being worth 4min. 3sec. on the Essex Beagles track at Mayesbrook Park. In the same letter he said that he was sure that he will beat 1min. 50sec. for the half providing he gets good conditions (rare in Australia). He mentioned also that the great New Zealand miling prospect, **Murray Halberg** (4min. 4.0sec. at the age of 20!) hopes to compete over here next summer.

I have never seen **Gordon Pirie** look so distressed after a race as he did a few minutes after the finish of the Southern Championships at Stanmer Park, Brighton. As he talked to me his eyes were streaming and he held his hands to his temples. It is further proof of his incredible strength that he was able to beat Ken Norris in spite of such a bad attack of flu. Norris looked quite fresh and as usual was able to give a cool and intelligent analysis of the race. **Hugh Foord**, **Ken Caulder** and **Mike Barratt** all ran above themselves but I think that **Peter Driver** and perhaps **Frank Sando** are keeping something up their sleeves for the National. The race was one of the best organised (for the spectators) I have been to this year and there was an excellent information service provided by walkie-talkie operators.

Woodford Green A.C. are holding on May 7th, at Ashton Fields, what is, apparently, the first ever annual inter-club meeting over metric distances. **Polytechnic**, **Herne Hill**, **Belgrave**, **Essex Beagles**, **Ilford**, **T.V.H.** and **Southgate** will compete for the Vancouver Trophy which commemorates the performances of Woodford athletes **Derek Johnson** and **Geoff Elliott** in winning Empire Games titles. The meeting will include all Olympic distances and events except the 10,000 metres, javelin and long jump. In addition there will be a 3,000 metres walk. I hope that other clubs will soon follow where Woodford lead.



Pte. D. Humphreys (2nd Tng. Bttn., Supplies RASC) leading in the Southern Junior C.C. Championship, which he won in 35min. 33 sec.

H. W. Neale

SURPRISE WINNER OF SCOTTISH C.C. TITLE

The Scottish Cross-Country Championships were held last Saturday at Hamilton Park Racecourse, where conditions generally were quite good. There were patches of snow on parts of the course, but overhead the sun was shining brightly.

At the start of the Senior race, Ian Binnie went into the lead, followed by his club colleague, D. Henson, and Joe McGhee. These three were soon 20 yards up and followed by a group consisting of the Stevenson brothers, J. B. Wilkinson and Eddie Bannon. At half distance the positions were still the same.

On the last circuit, D. Henson went into the lead, with J. Stevenson, McGhee, T. Stevenson and Binnie following. Coming through strongly was Irishman A. C. O'Boyle, of Clydesdale H., while Eddie Bannon was dropping back and now in 7th place. The closing stages were quite exciting, but Henson held on to his lead to win, by 30 yards from John Stevenson, with Joe McGhee a close third.

The winner, though perhaps unexpected, has been improving steadily throughout the season and is a worthy title holder. Shettleston and Victoria Park had a great tussle for team honours and the former won largely through the position of their last scorer, who finished 32nd compared to the Park's 50th. Clydesdale put up a grand performance to finish third.

In the Junior Championship, Jack McLaren took the lead from the start, followed closely by J. Russell, A. S. Jackson and G. Everett. McLaren opened up a gap before long and with two miles to go was some 60 yards ahead of Jackson and Russell, who were fighting it out for second place. On this form McLaren should be chosen for the International. Edinburgh Univ. packed in well to take the team race easily.

The lead in the early part of the Youths' event was shared by D. Fraser and W. Goodwin (Bellahouston), J. Wright and R. Clark, of Clydesdale. At the halfway mark Goodwin was going ahead and he eventually finished a comfortable winner, some 60 yards ahead of Wright, of Clydesdale. Shettleston just got home in the team race from Clydesdale, again on the position of the last scorer, the latter losing by four points after waiting until 30th place for their man.

Senior

1. D. Henson (Vict. Park)	49.30
2. J. Stevenson (Greenock W.)	49.36
3. J. McGhee (Shettleston H.)	49.39
4. I. Binnie (Vict. Park)	50.01
5. T. Stevenson (Greenock W.)	50.10
6. A. C. O'Boyle (Clydesdale)	50.15
7. E. Bannon (Shettleston) 50.30; 8. W. F. Lindsay (Gala H.) 51.04; 9. A. H. Brown (Motherwell YMCA) 51.06; 10. A. C. Gibson (Hamilton) 51.17; 11. G. White (Clydesdale) 51.38; 12. P. Younger (Clydesdale) 51.39.	

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Shettleston H. (3. 7.17.19.28.32)	106
2. Victoria Pk. (1. 4.18.20.29.50)	122
3. Clydesdale H. (6.11.12.30.52.54)	164
4. Greenock W.H. 222; 5. Springburn H. 301; 6. Falkirk Vic. H. 305; 7. Edin. S.H. 388; 8. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. 426; 9. Garscube H. 429; 10. Plebian H. 600.	

Junior

1. J. McLaren (Shotts M.W.C.)	33.07
2. A. S. Jackson (Edin. Univ.)	33.28
3. J. Russell (Vict. Pk.)	33.35
4. G. Everett (Shettleston) 34.50; 5. P. Moy (V. of Leven) 35.00; 6. G. Nelson (Bellahouston) 35.13.	

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Edinburgh (2. 9.11.12)	34
2. Bellahouston (6. 8.18.21)	53
3. Shettleston (4.13.15.32)	54
4. Springburn 107; 5. Vict. Pk. 114; 6. Braidburn 136.	

Youths

1. W. Goodwin (Bellahouston)	16.40
2. J. Wright (Clydesdale)	16.54
3. J. Ewing (Vict. Pk.)	16.59

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Shettleston H. (4.12.13.21)	50
2. Clydesdale H. (2. 7.15.30)	54
3. Braidburn A.C. (6.25.26.27)	84
4. Vict. Pk. 94; 5. Aberdeen A.A.C. 103; 6. Springburn 121.	

Scottish Y.M.C.A. Championships at Renfrew

The Senior race over a 7M. course was a triumph for Motherwell, whose close packing gave them victory, with 21 pts. to Glasgow's 53pts. The individual race was won by J. Stevenson (Larkhall) in 40m.23s. His Club-mate, T. Reid, was 2nd, with A. Small (Plebeian H.) in 3rd place. The holder, A. H. Brown, who is in the Services, was a non-runner.

The team to represent Scotland in the Y.M.C.A. International in Wales on Saturday, 26th March, was chosen after the race.

1. J. Stevenson (Larkhall) 40.23; 2. T. D. Reid ((Larkhall) 40.30; 3. A. Small (Plebeian H.) 42.30.

Team Race: 1, Motherwell (D. McFarlane 3, J. McMillan 5, A. Marshall 6, J. Campbell 7)—21pts. 2, Glasgow (D. Ross 8, R. Donald 12, J. R. Scott 16, J. Blake 17)—53pts.

Youths—3 Miles

1, T. Parker (Irvine) 22.15; 2, R. Kennedy (Irvine); 3, J. Poulton (Motherwell).

Team Race: 1, Irvine (T. Parker 1, R. Kennedy 2, J. Nelson 6)—9pts.; 2, Motherwell 12 pts.; 3, East Kilbride 29pts.

International Team — J. Stevenson, T. D. Reid, N. Duncan (all Larkhall), A. H. Brown, W. S. Sommerville, D. McFarlane, T. Scott, M. Mitchell (all Motherwell) and S. Cuthbert (Irvine).

Club Championships, 12/2/55

Shettleston H.

Senior 7M.: 1, E. Bannon 43.27; 2, J. McGhee 44.00; 3, R. C. Wallace 44.48.

Junior 6M: 1, G. Everett 33.11; 2, R. Witherspoon; 3, I. Cloudeley.

Youths 3M.: 1, G. Govan 15.00; 2, I. Donald; 3, J. Begley.

Hamilton H.

Senior 10M: 1, A. Gibson 53.53; 2, H. Gibson; 3, A. Craig.

Victoria Pk. A.C.

Senior 9M: 1, D. Henson 48.43; 2, J. D. Stirling 49.38; 3, W. Sloan 50.07.

Junior 7M: 1, J. Russell 36.22; 2, P. Keenan 36.51; 3, W. Burns 39.52.

Clydesdale H.

Senior 10M.: 1, G. White 55.23; 2, P. Younger; 3, R. Boyd.

Bellahouston H.

Senior 10M: 1, H. Fenion 55.50; 2, T. Mercer 56.35; 3, G. Bell 59.57.

Youths 3M: 1, W. Goodwin 18.51; 2, D. Fraser; 3, W. Wright.

Garscube H.

Senior 8M: 1, G. Dunn 47.09; 2, A. Kidd 48.43; 3, S. Horn 51.17.

St. Andrew's Un. 4½M.

1, J. Maycock 28.16; 2, J. MacMillan 29.36; 3, P. Carpenter 30.02.

Maryhill H.

For the 15th successive time, J. E. Farrell won his Club's 7M. Championship. John, who is 47 years of age, has created a Club record which will be very difficult to beat. His 13 year-old son was runner-up in the Boys' 1½M. race.

Senior 7M: 1, J. E. Farrell 42.22; 2, J. Wright 43.18; 3, T. Harrison.

Junior 7M: 1, W. Black 43.46; 2, G. B. McLintock; 3, G. Prentice.

Club Championships, 19/2/55

Monkland H. 9M.: 1, W. McBrinn, 49m.12s.; 2, W. McIntyre 52m.29s.; 3, W. Drysdale 53m.2s.. Handicap Winner—J. Geddes (4m) 49m.34s.

Clydesdale H. Boys 14-16 yrs. 1½M.: 1, G. Abbott 7m.43s.; 2, N. Buchanan 7m.44s.; 3, E. McMahon and S. Wilson, equal 7m.52s.

Paisley H. 8M. (Calaper Trophy): 1, A. Napier 45m.36s.; 2, J. Campbell 46m.58s.; 3, G. Napier 48m. Handicap Winner—J. Campbell.

6M. Inter-Club Race at Belfast: 1, J. V. Paterson (Edin. U.) 35.00; 2, J. Dougan (Donore) 35.03; 3, T. Hanna (Queen's U.) 35.06.

Teams: 1, Edinburgh Univ. 40pts.; 2, Queen's Univ. 60; 3, Donore H. 75.

The Field Events Club

The Field Events Club 1955 programme will commence at the end of March and continue till the end of September.

The weekly confined meetings will be held on Thursday evenings and Craiglockhart, the Edinburgh University Sports ground, will again be the venue.

Dr. E. C. K. Douglas, Scottish Champion and British National Record holder in the Hammer, who is the Club Secretary, informs me that his Club Members hope to visit various schools coaching the boys. This will be a great opportunity for boys interested in Field Events to get started on the right lines and one they should not let slip.

I expect Ewan Douglas himself to reach 190 ft. in the Hammer during the coming season, while R. Scott, whose best throw in 1954 was 161'5", should be reaching 170' and over.

Jack McLaren, the Scottish Junior C.C. Champion, is competing in the English Junior C.C. Championship at Bedford. Jack, who has a withered arm, recently beat Eddie Bannon and Joe McGhee and will give a good account of himself. He may spring a surprise on his English rivals.

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Elsbeth Hay and Pat Devine, Scotland's two outstanding women athletes, have decided to go to London. Both girls consider that they will get better coaching, training, and stronger competition in the south than they get at home. Elspeth and Pat are probably quite right in their views, but their departure will be a loss to Scottish Athletics.

W.D.

NO TURN-UPS IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FAST times were much in evidence on Saturday in the Home Counties' 10 miles Championships and it fell to Bryan Hawkins (Metropolitan) to clock the best, 77m.06s. in the Middlesex race at Regents Park, but the course there was much the easiest of those used, so impressive as the time is, this fact must be taken into consideration in summarising the relative merits of the performances. George Coleman, obviously getting fit again, won the Beds. County race in 77.42, and by the huge margin of over four minutes from John Hubball, the Herts. title holder. If Hubball walked as well as he did when winning the Southern "Garnet" 10 miles at Mitcham three weeks ago then Coleman must really have moved.

R. F. Goodall (Essex) 78.14 and R. H. Richards (Kent) 78.39 were also fast times and Richards' performance was a course record for the Bexley circuit. The closest fight for team honours was at South Croydon, Surrey, where Belgrave and Surrey Walking Club engaged in a grim neck-and-neck struggle resolved in a "photo-finish" verdict in favour of the "Bels." by one point, and the time factor being one second. Syd James won the race from Eric Hall which gave their Club a great start, then Surrey packed their scoring four in the next six positions to take the initiative. Beecham for Belgrave followed and Doubleday, another three places back, clinched it by going over the line just in front of the former Police champion, "Paddy" Woods.

Biggest field of the day was in the Middlesex race where 64 started. The two Thompsons went into the lead but after a mile or so the holder, B. Hawkins, showed in front and A. L.

Mash (representing Highgate for this race) went into second place from his close rival, A. Macfarlane (Polytechnic). There was no change in this order to the finish but Hawkins eased on the last lap to lose some of the big lead he had built up in seven miles. This was his third successive victory in the race. There was never any doubt of the "Met's" ability to hold the team title and they dominated with their scoring four in the first seven positions. Highgate H., whose fastest four men this season have not got Middlesex qualifications, were a comfortable second from Cadogan, whose jerseys so closely resemble Belgrave's as to be absolutely indistinguishable.

At Chigwell, over a testing course with a really hard last mile, the Goodall brothers and G. L. Meadows had a hard race throughout with Meadows trying to split his rivals. They were together up to 9 miles and then the Woodford pair began to open a gap and "Bob" beat John by 80 yards with Meadows another 100 yards away. Len Adams "had a go," but is obviously not in his old form and was ruled out. Woodford well won from Essex Beagles. Only two teams contested the Hampshire event at Southampton, and A. J. "Tubby" Walton, of the local club, won very easily in 81m. 16s. So impressive was his performance that an eye witness reports that Walton will "make" the first six at Southport. Well, that's aiming a bit high and we'll have to wait and see.

"Bob" Richards (Cambridge H.) gave the rest no chance at Bexley, where he romped home nearly four minutes ahead of his colleague, Fred Barrett. J. N. Keyton, of Dover, was third and a very promising young man in G.

MAIDENHEAD C. & A.C. 10 MILE ROAD RACE (Under A.A.A. Laws)

Easter Monday, April 11th, at 3.15 p.m.

From Kidwells Park, Maidenhead

Team Race (4 run, 3 score) for Challenge Cup, presented by The New Taplow Paper Mills Ltd. Winning team receive plaques, 2nd and 3rd teams medals. Entry fee 7/6.

Individuals. Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Certificates all finishers. Entry fee, 2/6.

Handicap. Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Entries on A.A.A. forms. Entry fee 2/6 covers ind. and h'cp.

Entries close Monday, March 28th, to Mr. D. Deane, 52 Market Street, Maidenhead.

CHERTSEY BRITISH LEGION

AUGUST MONDAY

New First Class Grass Track

100, 220, 880, Mile, Vets. 100, Ladies' 100, 200, Relay, Six Mile Road Race and Walk; Tug-of-War.

Details:

H. W. Waspe, 10 Stepgates, Chertsey

M. Weston, of Cambridge H., fourth. Weston's call to the R.A.F. unsettled his training, but he's going to be one of the best in the South when he's handed in his blue-greys. It was interesting to find Blackheath H. fourth to Dover in the team race, for the Surrey W.C. owes its origin very much to the Blackheath Club who might be termed a godfather to the now famous Walking Club. Frozen roads ruled out the Northern Area 10 miles at Sheffield on Saturday, and it will take place instead this week-end.

10m. County Championship Results

Beds and Heris (in conjunction) Luton to St. Albans. **Beds.**: 1, G. W. Coleman (Vauxhall M.) 77.42; 2, R. G. Dick (Vauxhall M.) 85.39; 3, E. L. Moore (Vauxhall M.) 89.44. **Herts.**: 1, J. Hubball (St. Albans C.) 81.53; 2, J. P. Moran (St. Albans C.) 87.41; 3, C. Abbey (Woodford) 91.30. Inter-County Match: Beds. 38; Herts 42.

Essex, at Chigwell Row. 1, R. F. Goodall (Woodford) 78.14; 2, J. Goodall (Woodford) 78.34; 3, G. L. Meadows (Essex B.) 78.58. **Team**: 1, Woodford Green 13; 2, Essex B. 23.

Hants., at Southampton. 1, A. J. Walton (Soton) 81.16; 2, C. G. Ball (Soton) 3, P. G. Wright (Soton). **Team**: Southampton A.A.C.

Kent at Old Bexley. 1, R. H. Richards (Cambridge H.) 78.39; 2, F. W. Barrett (Cambridge H.) 82.54; 3, J. N. Keyton (Dover A.C.) 84.10. **Team**: 1, Cambridge H. 13; 2, Dover A.C. 31; 3, Blackheath H. 40.

Middlesex, at Regents Park. 1, B. Hawkins (Met. W.C.) 77.06; 2, A. L. Mash (Highgate H.) 78.33; 3, A. Macfarlane (Poly. H.). **Team**: 1, Metropolitan W.C. 17; 2, Highgate H. 33; 3, Cadogan A.C. 45.

Staffordshire. 1, D. Carter 88.07; 2, G. Hall 90.35; 3, T. Binnion 90.45, all Sutton Coldfield.

Surrey, at South Croydon. 1, S. H. James (Belgrave H.) 80.21; 2, E. Hall (Belgrave H.) 80.42; 3, B. Shepherd (Walton A.C.) 81.27. **Team**: 1, Belgrave H. 24; 2, Surrey W.C. 25; 3, Surrey A.C. 63.

Sussex, at Brighton. 1, M. Tadd (Brighton A.C.) 86.33; 2, J. A. Friend (Brighton A.C.) 86.46; 3, K. A. Elmslie (Crawley H.) 90.10. **Team**: 1, Brighton A.C. 13; 2, Steyning A.C. 32; 3, Crawley H. 38.

Wiltshire, at Chippenham. 1, J. E. Housden (Calne W.C.) 81.51; 2, T. Turner (Trowbridge A.C.) 84.24; 3, R. G. Harrold (Trowbridge A.C.) 85.32. **Team**: Trowbridge.

OTHER RESULTS

L. Vidarians W.C. 10m. Club Championship, Mitcham. 1, R. D. Carpenter 86.25; 2, R. C. Pantling 86.48; 3, A. G. Turner 93.46. **Handicap**: A. G. Turner.

Metropolitan Police 10m. Championship,

Imber Court. 1, A. L. Mash "C" Div. 80.35; 2, A. Macfarlane "A" Div. 81.06; 3, G. Checkley "T" Div. 83.40. **Team**: "K" Div. **Handicap**: F. Freeman, "N" Div.

Leicester W.C. 10m. Club Championship. 1, A. Staines 83.10; 2, B. Rawlings 89.03; 3, D. Trigg 89.36. **Handicap**: J. Marriott.

F. STAMPFL'S TEAM 76 pts.; OXFORD

UNIV. 74 pts.

In a friendly contest at Iffley Road, on February 12th, Franz Stampfl's team beat O.U.A.C. by 76 points to 74. Although staged in freezing weather and on a soggy track, some notable performances were recorded.

Main event of the day was the one mile in which 4:7.2 miler Ian Boyd managed only third place. Gordon led from the start, and although Lloyd was gaining towards the finish, he ran home a comfortable winner in a fine 4:16.4.

D. Miller's surprising javelin throw of 199' 4" brings the total of British athletes over 199 feet this year to three—a fact which augurs very well for the summer.

Winners—100 (A): I. Mayers (ST) 10.2. 100 (B): D. Durham (O) 10.2; 220 (A): C. Gibbs (ST) 23.2; 220 (B): R. Exell (O) 23.6; 440 (A): J. Groves (ST) 51.4; 440 (B): R. Boyce (ST) 52.6; 880: D. Gorrie (O) 1:58.9; Mile: A. Gordon (O) 4:16.4; 2 Miles: C. Suddaby (O) and A. Weekes-Pearson (O) 9:44; 120y.H.: R. Shaw (O) 15.3; 220y.H.: C. Hicks (O) 26.1; Ht: G. Jeffries (O) 5'6½"; LJ: P. Luxon (ST) 21'2½"; PV: N. Jenkins (O) 10'6"; Wt: W. Robbins (O) 43'8"; D: T. Gaworski (ST) 126'5"; J: D. Miller (ST) 199'4"; H: J. Bard (O) 159'10".

JUGOSLAV NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Zagreb, 6th February

MEN

60m.: 1, S. Lorgier; 2, M. Jovancic; 3, B. Dragasevic. **600m.**: 1, D. Cular; 2, R. Miler; 3, P. Tedeskini. **1:30.4**: 1, M. Vipotnik; 2, L. Hocevar, 2:40.6. **3,000m.**: 1, P. Krstic; 2, F. Tratnik; 9:13.6. **60m. hds.**: 1, S. Lorgier; 2, D. Cerner; 3, F. Kovac; 8.1. **H.J.**: 1, B. Miler, 5'10½". **P.V.**: 1, M. Milakov, 12' 1½". **Wt**: 1, Z. Penko, 48'6".

WOMEN

60m.: 1, A. Stamejic; 2, M. Babovic; 3, M. Tuce, 7.9. **600m.**: 1, N. Slamnik; 2, A. Belaj; 3, N. Safar, 1:44.7. **60m. hds.**: 1, M. Babovic; 2, M. Tuce; 3, B. Petanjek, 9.2. **Wt**: 1, F. Hudobivnik, 39'7½". **H.J.**: 1, M. Tuce, 4'9½".