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UK decathlon
record holder
PETER GABBETT,
currently training
and competing in
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4:00.4 BY MAPLESTONE

IN his first important outdoor race of the season, UK indoor mile record holder Bob Maplestone won the mile in 4:00.4 at Des Moines last Saturday . . . with Jim Ryun (stomach trouble) 7th in 4:09.0. Peter Duffy, from Manchester, was 2nd in a mile at San Jose on April 22nd in 4:03.8, with Dave Scharer 3rd in the 440y hurdles (52.3) at the same meet. Racing over the quarter hurdles for the first time since Mexico City, David Hemery hit the final hurdle and fell while leading in Philadelphia on April 28th. He finished 2nd in 54.6 (440y). Other recent marks in the USA by visiting UK athletes include a 47.5 440y by Peter Gabbett and an 11.5 100m by Anita Neil.

Allan Rushmer placed 8th (29:07.8) in the Warsaw 10,000m last Monday (May 1st), while Rita Ridley (4:20.7) lost the 1500m by a tenth. Results—10,000m: Ardizzone (Ita) 28:56.2, Ala-Leppilampi (Fin) 28:56.6, Jansky (Cz) 28:56.8; women's 1500m: Ligetkuti (Hun) 4:20.6, Ridley 4:20.7, Boxem-Lenferink (Neth) 4:20.8.

BLITZ START BY BRIAN GREEN

Brian Green (31 later this month) made a sensational start to the season by recording a wind-assisted 10.2/20.7 100m/200m double at St. Helen's last Sunday. Brian's best legal marks are 10.4 and 20.8. Paula Lloyd (17) ran 24.5w for 200m at the same meeting.

GOOD THROWING MARKS

Rosemary Payne threw the discus 53.78/176'5" ahead of Jean Roberts (48.68/159'8"), and Shara Spragg sent the javelin 45.70/149'11" at Perry Barr on April 23rd. Ian Chipchase threw the hammer 62.26/204'3" at Loughborough on April 26th.

THE GREATEST OF ALL-TIME

Here is the result of the readers' poll for the greatest athletes of all-time:—

World male: 1, Ron Clarke 162 votes; 2, Jesse Owens 115; 3, Emil Zatopek 106; 4, Al Oerter 48; 5, Paavo Nurmi 47; 6, Herb Elliott 46.

World female: 1, Fanny Blankers-Koen 168; 2, Chi Cheng 57; 3, Wilma Rudolph 48; 4, Iolanda Balas 30; 5, Mary Rand (Toomey) 27; 6, Betty Cuthbert 25.

UK male: 1, David Hemery 128; 2, Lynn Davies 96; 3, Gordon Pirie 68; 4, Sydney Wooderson 66; 5, Roger Bannister 64; 6, David Bedford 40.

UK female: 1, Mary Rand (Toomey) 320; 2, Lillian Board 155; 3, Dorothy Hyman 56; 4, Ann Packer (Brightwell) 28; 5, Dorothy Tyler 6; 6, Diane Leather 4.

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ARANKA KAZI

Aranka Kazi, the Hungarian 800m runner who was a great rival of Diane Leather and Phyllis Perkins in the mid-fifties, has died of leukaemia at the age of 38. She held the world 880y record at 2:11.6 briefly in 1954 and the same year contributed to Hungary's 3x880y relay world record of 6:36.2 and placed 4th in the European 800m. Her fastest 800m time was 2:08.1 in 1956 although perhaps her finest performance was a 2:07.2 relay anchor against Britain in 1954.

Paul Bannon, listed 2nd in the Youth cross-country rankings, is a member of Shettleston, not Springburn H. It was Bernard Ford who finished second in the Elgoibar race to Jim Brown, not David Black as printed last week.

Letter

THAT TELEGRAM

Dear Sir,

In response to your appeal in the last issue of "AW" concerning the text of an unsigned telegram, I would just like to say that as far as I am aware, it did not result from a consensus of opinion among Surrey athletes. Certainly, I personally was not consulted. The telegram's attribution to 'Surrey athletes' was therefore not as all-embracing as it appeared, although it may have represented a proportion.

I happen to know who sent the telegram, and hope in future that he will have the courage of his convictions, and not find it necessary to hide behind a collective term which includes athletes without their consent.

Barbara Corbett,
(Surrey athlete)

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, May 6th: Invitation Women's Pentathlon & Men's Decathlon (10.30 a.m.) at Crystal Palace; Oxford v. Cambridge Univ. at Crystal Palace (2.00 p.m.); Essex County '20'; Kent '20' at Hayes; Andover AC Young Athletes Meeting at Southampton; Bowthorpe Trophy (Men) & Lincoln Trophy (Women) at Crawley; Univ. of Wales Championships; South Wales & Monmouthshire AAA v. Colleges v. RAF; Great Lisburn Half Marathon at Lisburn; Midland Leagues (1 & 2); Grangemouth Olympiads Invitation Meeting; Thurrock H Open Events; Motorway League (women) at Stretford; Victoria Park AAC Open Meeting at Scotstoun; S. B. Crosland '10'; Hillingdon Open Graded Meeting; Southern 10km Walk at Brighton; Middlesex 10,000m and Relays at Southall.

Sunday, May 7th: Invitation Decathlon & Women's Pentathlon at Crystal Palace (2.00 p.m.); Scottish League at Edinburgh; Michelin 15km Road Race; Lancashire WAAA Pentathlon at Lancaster; P. & J. Coles Trophy at Oxford (Women); Kent Women's League at Erith.

Wednesday, May 10th: AAA v. Borough Road College, plus invitation events, at Crystal Palace (6.30); RAF v. Birmingham Univ. v. Madeley College at Birmingham; TVH Open Graded Meeting at West London; Crawley AC Open Graded Races at Crawley.

Saturday, May 13th: Midland Marathon at Rugby; National League (1st round); Southern League; Edinburgh to North Berwick Marathon; Midland League; Welsh League; Scottish University Championships at Peffermill; Lancashire Championships at Carlisle; Lancs WAAA Relays at Oldham; Festival Highland Gathering at Richmond; Chichester to Portsmouth '16'; Hampstead '10'; Yeovil Schools Championships.

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National Road Relay Championship

At Sutton Coldfield, April 29th

BIRCHFIELD FOILED BY TIPTON

THE old adage that no race is won until the finishing line is crossed was seen to hold good in last Saturday's National Road Relay Championship in Sutton Park. Birchfield supporters thought the title was secure when their anchor man took off with a lead of over 100 yards for the final stint, but Tipton's Jim Harvey was not to be denied—not only catching his man but opening up a 100 yard advantage himself by the finish. Tipton, only third in the shorter Midland event three weeks earlier, thus added another prestigious title to the English cross-country championship they carried off in this same park. The six scorers on that unforgettable occasion—Allan Rushmer, Keith Boyden, Jim Wright, Mick Orton, Keith Rollason and Doug Fownes—were joined by Alan Richards, Trevor Philpotts, Brian Cole, Arthur Bradley, Paul Allen and Jim Harvey in this fine display of team running. Had Rushmer (saving himself for a 10,000m race in Warsaw two days later) run his customary long leg the winning margin might have been appreciably greater.

It was not a day for very fast running. It rained incessantly and, as Peter Stewart explained, it's difficult to pull out all the stops when you are feeling physically uncomfortable because a chill wind is blowing a rainsoaked vest against your chest. Consequently no records were broken, but there were some notable individual efforts—particularly by Ricky Wilde, the Stewart brothers and Dave Black on the long stage (5.6 miles), and by Rushmer on the 3.1 miles leg. With five clubs in the first six positions, the Midlands were even more dominant than ever although it was unfortunate that Northern champions Bolton were non-starters along with Cardiff.

Mel Watman

STAGE 1

It seems to be a tradition in this race that the ultimate winners start off inconspicuously. In 1970, Godiva's first runner handed over 12th; in 1971 Birchfield's lead-off man placed 10th. This time, Tipton opened in 14th position, exactly a minute behind the leaders. Ken Harland, who becomes a vet next year, ran remarkably well for a 26.43 timing, 58 sec faster than last year, and corresponding to sub-29:40 10,000m pace.

1, Notts AC (R. Milne) 26.35; 2, Reading (G. Stevens) 26.41; 3, Cambridge H (K. Harland) 26.43; 4, Westbury (D. Burroughs) 26.44; 5, Coventry Godiva (J. Cadman) 26.55; 6, Hercules Wimbledon (M. Fuller) 27.06; 7, Belgrave (A. Brien) 27.07; 8, Sale (D. Farmer) 27.08; 9, Medway (S. Farley) 27.13; 10, Small Heath (G. Taylor) 27.16; 11, Salford (S. Clegg) 27.30; 12, Kettering (G. Sowler) 27.32; 13, Birchfield (C. Perry) 27.33; 14, Tipton (J. Wright) 27.35; 15, City of Stoke (A. Adams) 27.38; 16, Portsmouth (C. Plumpton)

27.47; 17, Blackheath (I. Wilson) 27.56; 18, Hillingdon (J. Mouat) 28.06; 19, Sheffield Utd. (I. Wainwright) 28.13; 20, Aldershot F&D (C. Downing) 28.24; 21, TVH (P. Stevens) 28.25; 22, Manchester & Dist. (W. Cooper) 29.06; 23, Morpeth (A. Mattheson) 29.29.

STAGE 2

Westbury opened up a handy lead thanks to one of the fastest short laps of the day, by Colin Ridler, while Tipton—though moving up three places—actually lost ground.

1, Westbury 41.49 (C. Ridler 15.05); 2, Reading 42.07; (C. Chater 15.26); 3, Belgrave 42.16; (P. Carton 15.09); 4, Sale 42.23; (R. Carrington 15.15); 5, Notts 42.34 (J. Eley 15.59); 6, Godiva 42.35 (B. Kilby 15.40); 7, Medway 42.37 (T. Briault 15.24); 8, Hercules W 42.46 (R. Raymen 15.40); 9, Birchfield 42.50 (R. Steele 15.17); 10, Small Heath 42.52 (J. Rowe 15.36); 11, Tipton 42.56 (A. Richards 15.21); 12, Portsmouth 43.07 (G. Edgington 15.02); 13, Cambridge 43.12 (B. Middleton 16.29); 14, Blackheath 43.20 (P. Horwood 15.24); 15, Salford 43.24 (A. Slaydon 15.54); 16, Hillingdon 43.25 (S. Buchanan 15.19); 17, Stoke 43.28 (J. Godding 15.50); 18, Kettering 43.42 (J. Montgomery 16.10); 19, Sheffield 43.45 (T. Hopkins 15.32); 20, TVH 44.14 (B. Standon 15.49); 21, Aldershot 44.32 (P. Leitch 16.08); 22, M&D 44.52 (B. Boxon 15.46); 23, Morpeth 45.08 (R. Bell 15.39).

STAGE 3

Junior cross-country international Tony Staynings kept Westbury in front but Reading, Belgrave and Godiva were all less than 100y behind, and Tipton were now fifth. Bernie Ford (19) ran a splendid 26.27 to gain six places for Aldershot.

1, Westbury 1:09:01 (A. Staynings 27.12); 2, Reading 1:09:12 (M. Duff 27.05); 3, Belgrave 1:09:13 (J. Bicourt 26.57); 4, Godiva 1:09:16 (K. Bartlett 26.41); 5, Tipton 1:09:57 (K. Rollason 27.01); 6, Medway 1:10:06 (M. Brameld 27.29); 7, Stoke 1:10:14 (R. Fowler 26.46); 8, Blackheath 1:10:19 (J. Baldwin 26.59); 9, Hercules W 1:10:26 (M. Beevor 27.46); 10, Small Heath 1:10:31 (M. Rollason 27.39); 11, Notts 1:10:34 (K. Lee 28.00); 12, Portsmouth 1:10:38 (J. Cain 27.31); 13, Birchfield 1:10:47 (R. Tilling 27.57); 14, TVH 1:10:58 (M. Davis 26.44); 15, Aldershot 1:10:59 (B. Ford 26.27); 16, Cambridge 1:11:10 (A. Jones 27.58); 17, Sale 1:11:11 (B. Goulden 28.48); 18, Sheffield 1:11:16 (B. Barden 27.31); 19, Hillingdon 1:11:34 (J. Brown 28.09); 20, Salford 1:11:52 (A. Walsham 28.28); 21, M&D 1:12:04 (N. Poole 27.12); 22, Morpeth 1:12:19 (J. Alder 27.11); 23, Kettering 1:14:19 (A. Kearns 30.35).

STAGE 4

Four-times champions Coventry Godiva took over, just, from Westbury; with Tipton dropping back to sixth a minute behind.

1, Godiva 1:24:23 (R. Woolaston 15.07); 2, Westbury 1:24:24 (T. Reed 15.23); 3, Belgrave 1:24:49 (W. Curtin 15.36); 4, Reading 1:25:17 (A. Roberts 16.05); 5, Medway 1:25:19 (V. Smith 15.13); 6, Tipton 1:25:25 (T. Philpotts 15.28); 7, Small Heath 1:25:47 (D. Biddell 15.16); 8, Blackheath 1:26:00 (B. Hawtin 15.41); 9, Birchfield 1:26:02 (J. Boggis 15.15); 10, Hercules W 1:26:10 (K. Wallis 15.44); 11, Stoke 1:26:11 (E. Johnson 15.57); 12, Notts 1:26:18 (P. Bourne 15.44); 13, Portsmouth 1:26:39 (S. Galloway 16.01); 14, TVH 1:26:44 (A. Joslyn 15.46); 15, Aldershot 1:26:44 (M. Barton 15.45); 16, Sale 1:26:47 (J. Davies 15.36); 17, Sheffield 1:27:09 (D. Barden 15.55); 18, Hillingdon 1:27:32 (G. Galvin 15.58); 19, Cambridge 1:27:48 (A. Leggart 16.38); 20, M&D 1:28:08 (P. Townley 16.04); 21, Morpeth 1:28:27 (R. Dunn 16.08); 22, Salford 1:28:39 (C. Aldred 16.47); 23, Kettering 1:30:34 (A. Blount 16.15).

STAGE 5

Godiva preserved a slender lead, the situation being that five clubs were clustered within 40 yards. One of these was Birchfield, the holders and favourites, due to a superb run by Peter Stewart of 25.59, his fastest ever on this course. In spite of back trouble delaying the start of training until January, Peter is in formidable form after a three sessions daily schedule and he could be ready to dip under 13:50 when he runs 5000m at Leicester late in May. Tipton fell back further to eighth but, significantly, they finished closer to the leaders—only 34 sec.

1, Godiva 1:51:57 (P. Eales 27.34); 2, Belgrave 1:51:59 (Gerry North 27.10); 3, Reading 1:52:00 (G. Biscoe 26.43); 4, Birchfield 1:52:01 (P. Stewart 25.59); 5, Westbury 1:52:04 (R. Cornish 27.40); 6, Small Heath 1:52:23 (J. King 26.36); 7, Stoke 1:52:26 (A. Birks 26.15); 8, Tipton 1:52:31 (M. Orton 27.06); 9, Medway 1:52:38 (J. Wigley 27.19); 10, Blackheath 1:53:31 (R. Richardson 27.31); 11, Sale 1:53:35 (S. Edmonds 26.48); 12, Sheffield 1:53:52 (P. Rawnsley 26.43); 13, Portsmouth 1:53:54 (R. Ingleton 27.15); 14, Hillingdon 1:54:03 (A. McKean 26.31); 15, Notts 1:54:20 (B. Lee 28.02); 16, Cambridge 1:54:22 (M. Benn 26.34); 17, Hercules W 1:54:41 (B. Collins 28.31); 18, Salford 1:55:16 (R. Haswell 26.37); 19, TVH 1:55:20 (J. Sheridan 28.36); 20, Aldershot 1:55:54 (J. Fletcher 29.10); 21, M&D 1:56:45 (G. Brock-

bank 27.57); 22, Morpeth 1:57:16 (J. Pearson 28.49); 23, Kettering 1:59:25 (K. Fyfe 28.51).

STAGE 6

It was Allan Rushmer who brought Tipton into contention for the first time, as he passed six men to hand over a mere 8 sec behind Birchfield—his 14.42 being the day's fastest although 16 sec outside Eddie Strong's 1970 record.

1, Birchfield 2:07:05 (M. Bardsley 15.04); 2, Tipton 2:07:13 (A. Rushmer 14.42); 3, Godiva 2:07:23 (M. Thorpe 15.26); 4, Reading 2:07:31 (R. Allden 15.31); 5, Belgrave 2:07:34 (J. Stow 15.35); 6, Stoke 2:07:41 (L. Austin 15.15); 7, Small Heath 2:07:46 (G. Davies 15.23); 8, Westbury 2:07:49 (N. Gates 15.45); 9, Medway 2:08:27 (M. Reader 15.49); 10, Sale 2:08:56 (A. Settle 15.21); 11, Blackheath 2:08:57 (C. Woodcock 15.26); 12, Hillingdon 2:09:44 (G. Power 15.41); 13, Portsmouth 2:09:55 (A. Wale 16.01); 14, Notts 2:10:09 (I. Barnard 15.49); 15, Sheffield 2:10:16 (G. Hulley 16.24); 16, Hercules W 2:10:40 (D. Smallbone 15.59); 17, Cambridge 2:11:01 (C. Mennie 16.39); 18, TVH 2:11:37 (D. Huffer 16.17); 19, Salford 2:11:49 (K. Darby 16.33); 20, Aldershot 2:12:41 (C. Whitty 16.47); 21, M&D 2:13:02 (R. Gregory 16.57); 22, Morpeth 2:13:31 (L. Forgerty 16.15); 23, Kettering 2:16:54 (D. Hanwell 17.29).

STAGE 7

Brian Cole (Tipton) got the better of Birchfield's Ray Smedley to open up a 30y lead, but breathing down their necks was Bill Adcocks (Godiva), whose 26.35 was a fine follow-up to his great '20' of the previous weekend. Ron McAndrew, with the same time, kept Reading in contention—but, in spite of a valiant 26.25 by Dave Holt, their Southern conquerors Hercules Wimbledon were well out of it.

1, Tipton 2:33:50 (B. Cole 26.37); 2, Birchfield 2:33:55 (R. Smedley 26.50); 3, Godiva 2:33:58 (W. Adcocks 26.35); 4, Reading 2:34:06 (R. McAndrew 26.35); 5, Small Heath 2:34:46 (T. O'Reilly 27.00); 6, Belgrave 2:34:51 (W. Weller 27.17); 7, Medway 2:35:25 (R. Newble 26.58); 8, Westbury 2:35:56 (G. Blackburn 28.07); 9, Stoke 2:36:25 (N. Deakin 28.44); 10, Sale 2:36:31 (D. Davies 27.35); 11, Portsmouth 2:37:00 (A. Cass 27.05); 12, Blackheath 2:37:01 (C. Fourie 28.04); 13, Hercules W 2:37:05 (D. Holt 26.25); 14, Hillingdon 2:37:12 (P. Francis 27.28); 15,

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Sheffield 2:37:41 (D. Pratt 27.25); 16, Notts 2:37:56 (C. O'Carroll 27.47); 17, TVH 2:39:14 (J. McNamara 27.37); 18, Salford 2:40:05 (S. Curran 28.16); 19, Cambridge 2:40:08 (G. Grant 29.07); 20, Aldershot 2:40:27 (P. Adams 27.46); 21, M&D 2:41:17 (P. Morris 28.15); 22, Morpeth 2:41:49 (D. Cockburn 28.18); 23, Kettering 2:45:54 (A. Toseland 29.00).

STAGE 8

Tipton's pre-eminence was shortlived as both young Dave Moorcroft of Godiva (with the day's second best time) and Reading's Tony Ashton went past.

1, Godiva 2:48:49 (**D. Moorcroft 14.51**); 2, Reading 2:49:11 (A. Ashton 15.05); 3, Tipton 2:49:25 (A. Bradley 15.35); 4, Birchfield 2:49:35 (J. Potts 15.40); 5, Belgrave 2:50:14 (J. Phelan 15.23); 6, Small Heath 2:50:55 (C. Simpson 16.09); 7, Medway 2:51:52 (R. Hayman 16.27); 8, Stoke 2:51:56 (M. Billington 15.31); 9, Westbury 2:52:09 (D. Palmer 16.13); 10, Sale 2:52:19 (C. Burt 15.48); 11, Hercules W 2:52:56 (D. Beard 15.51); 12, Blackheath 2:52:58 (G. Botley 15.57); 13, Hillingdon 2:53:08 (G. Hallett 15.56); 14, Portsmouth 2:53:21 (C. Fletcher 16.21); 15, Notts 2:54:00 (S. Baker 16.21); 16, Sheffield 2:54:23 (C. Cope 16.42); 17, TVH 2:55:04 (M. Puddifoot 15.50); 18, Aldershot 2:56:23 (D. Curwell 15.56); 19, Salford 2:56:33 (N. Whiteside 15.28); 20, M&D 2:57:17 (G. Entwistle 16.00); 21, Cambridge 2:57:23 (M. Fielding 17.15); 22, Morpeth 2:59:00 (M. Newell 17.11); 23, Kettering 3:02:46 (G. Whymant 16.52).

STAGE 9

A very fit Ian Stewart, who plans to avoid track racing until next month, carried Birchfield into a useful 22 sec lead with a 25.37 timing—10 sec faster than in the Midland event three weeks earlier and 24 sec outside his 1970 record. This stage is traditionally the firing range for the "big guns" and there were spectacular explosions also by Dave Black (19) with 25.54 and by Ricky Wilde, whose 25.33 near the back of the field went largely unnoticed. This time, the day's fastest, was only 3 sec. slower than he clocked in 1970 shortly after his great European indoor 3000m triumph. The 1500m and 5000m track scene will be greatly enlivened by his presence this summer. Martin Hyman's slow time is explained by the fact that he limped home.

1, Birchfield 3:15:12 (I. Stewart 25.37); 2, Godiva 3:15:34 (C. Kirkham 26.45); 3, Reading 3:15:46 (D. Dipper 26.35); 4, Tipton 3:16:23 (K. Boyd 26.58); 5, Small Heath 3:16:49 (D. Black 25.54); 6, Belgrave 3:18:22 (P. O'Connor 28.08); 7, Stoke 3:18:49 (J. Jackson 26.53); 8, Hercules W. 3:19:19 (R. Holt 26.23); 9, Medway 3:20:00 (J. Simmons 28.08); 10, Westbury 3:20:28 (R. Johnson 28.21); 11, Blackheath 3:20:57 (J. Clare 27.59); 12, Notts 3:21:07 (J. Norman 27.07); 13, Sale 3:21:12 (F. Fossati 28.53); 14, Hillingdon 3:21:51 (E. Oxlade 27.43); 15, P. Portsmouth 3:22:20 (M. Hyman 28.59); 16, M&D 3:22:50 (**R. Wilde 25.33**); 17, Sheffield 3:23:44 (R. Duerden 29.21); 18, TVH 3:24:31 (D. Patterson 29.27); 19, Cambridge

3:25:25 (F. Maillardet 28.02); 20, Aldershot 3:25:42 (A. Smith 29.19); 21, Salford 3:26:02 (A. Sinkinson 29.29); 22, Morpeth 3:27:38 (A. Robertson 28.38); 23, Kettering 3:30:08 (P. Gilsenan 27.22).

STAGE 10

Birchfield edged slightly further ahead, with Tipton still languishing in fourth place over 14 minutes down.

1, Birchfield 3:30:29 (R. Panter 15.17); 2, Godiva 3:30:54 (P. Miller 15.20); 3, Reading 3:31:10 (B. Baldero 15.24); 4, Tipton 3:31:46 (P. Allen 15.23); 5, Small Heath 3:32:27 (D. Tierney 15.38); 6, Stoke 3:34:00 (**A. Dean 15.11**); 7, Belgrave 3:34:03 (T. Hart 15.41); 8, Hercules W. 3:35:24 (P. Mulholland 16.05); 9, Westbury 3:36:49 (M. Chandler 16.21); 10, Medway 3:37:02 (H. Green 17.02); 11, Notts 3:37:09 (R. Moore 16.02); 12, Sale 3:37:14 (G. Buckley 16.02); 13, Blackheath 3:37:15 (M. Hamlin 16.18); 14, Hillingdon 3:37:42 (M. Wands 15.51); 15, Portsmouth 3:38:36 (T. Townsend 16.16); 16, M&D 3:39:13 (G. Lawson 16.23); 17, Sheffield 3:40:38 (D. Gregory 16.54); 18, TVH 3:40:49 (G. Goodman 16.18); 19, Cambridge 3:41:59 (J. Wilkins 16.34); 20, Aldershot 3:42:21 (D. Ives 16.39); 21, Salford 3:42:37 (P. Martin 16.35); 22, Morpeth 3:44:08 (E. Hudspeth 16.30); 23, Kettering 3:46:12 (A. Page 16.04).

STAGE 11

Running 40 sec faster than on the same leg a year ago, Doug Fownes brought Tipton back into contention with a 26.33 stage that took almost a minute out of Birchfield's Mike Peake. Way down the field Cyril Leigh produced the 6th fastest time of the race.

1, Birchfield 3:58:00 (M. Peake 27.31); 2, Tipton 3:58:19 (D. Fownes 26.33); 3, Godiva 3:58:20 (J. Hammond 27.26); 4, Reading 3:58:51 (B. Bacon 27.41); 5, Small Heath 4:00:11 (R. Calvert 27.44); 6, Stoke 4:01:04 (C. Roberts 27.04); 7, Belgrave 4:01:25 (L. O'Hara 27.22); 8, Hercules W. 4:02:45 (S. Badgery 27.21); 9, Notts 4:04:29 (G. Thompson 27.20); 10, Westbury 4:05:20 (C. Ridley 28.31); 11, Medway 4:05:23 (J. Pettitt 28.21); 12, Sale 4:05:35 (M. Delaney 28.21); 13, Blackheath 4:05:58 (C. Haines 28.43); 14, Portsmouth 4:06:21 (G. Gough 27.45); 15, M&D 4:08:12 (P. Raval 28.59); 16, Hillingdon 4:08:25 (D. Fisher 30.43); 17, TVH 4:08:51 (C. Varney 28.02); 18, Sheffield 4:09:28 (B. Whittaker 28.50); 19, Salford 4:09:53 (**C. Leigh 26.16**); 20, Aldershot 4:10:56 (N. Jerome 27.32); 21, Cambridge 4:11:26 (G. Taylor 29.27); 22, Morpeth 4:12:45 (B. Cordes 27.37); 23, Kettering 4:14:29 (W. Allan 28.75).

STAGE 12

After a tense three-way struggle Jim Harvey opened up on a long climb in the last mile or so to enable Tipton to win the title for the first time. Curiously, Tipton's overall time was precisely the same as last year, when they finished third behind Birchfield and Godiva.

RESULT

1, Tipton 4:13:17 (**J. Harvey 15.17**); 2, Birchfield 4:13:35 (R. Davies 15.35); 3, Coventry Godiva 4:13:41 (P. Lancaster 15.21); 4, Reading 4:14:38

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McDaid Wins BLE '15'

IF Danny McDaid had been comparatively quiet during the cross-country season after his Helsinki marathon run he certainly chose the appropriate occasion for a return to his best form. The BLE National 15 miles road race on April 9th, run over an out and back course at Drogheda Co. Louth attracted a good field of 58 which indicates the popularity of this type of event.

The early pacemaker, Frank Greally, led the field through 3M in 15.12 and was followed by a group of six consisting of Des McGann, Frank Browne, Eddie Spillane, Danny McDaid, Brian Gerathy and George McIntyre in 15.25. Greally, a newcomer to this distance, still led the field through 5M in 24.19 but the following group had been whittled down a lot and McGann and McDaid, running shoulder to shoulder, were 13 seconds down. After this McGann took the lead for a short while but the turning point of the race came at 8½M. McDaid opened up a gap of ten yards on a steep incline and took good advantage of the downhill run to increase his lead to 50 yards. Greally retired at 9M with BLE International Secretary Eddie Spillane moving into third spot, followed by Keane and McIntyre.

At ten miles reached in 49.25 McDaid had 11 seconds to spare with Spillane a further 66 secs in arrears. Mick Molloy, Ireland's representative in Mexico and Athens, had come up to 7th spot and looked as if he was beginning to move through but he lacked sharpness, not having raced since a 40 miles in October. Once in the lead McDaid moved with power and looking very comfortable throughout, went on to take the title in 75.24. McDaid has his sights set firmly on the Munich Marathon and he is more than hopeful of improving on his 12th placing in Helsinki. He has been covering 160 miles a week in training and must now be favourite to take the National Marathon title in June and earn Olympic selection. Indeed the day before this race he had helped his club to victory in a road relay with a 4.22 (1 mile 60y) contribution to his team—faster than clubmate, sub-four minute miler Frank Murphy.

1, D. McDaid (Clonliffe) 75.24; 2, D. McGann (Civil Ser) 76.00; 3, E. Spillane (Donore) 78.14; 4, P. Keane (Clon) 78.42; 5, G. McIntyre (Clon) 78.56; 6, B. O'Shea (Don) 80.20; 7, M. Molloy (Oughterard) 80.21; 8, W. Dunne (Don) 80.44; 9, F. Browne (Lourdes) 81.14; 10, B. Gerathy (Galway Cty) 82.01; 11, J. McNamara (Don) 83.21; 12, B. Daly (Clon) 84.11; 13, P. O'Neill (Clon) 84.11; 14, D. Duffy (Lourdes) 84.12; 15, J. Power (Raheny) 85.23. **Nick Davis**

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TIPTON ROAD RELAY

April 22nd

1, Tipton (J. Wright 17.05, K. Rollason 17.05, K. Boyden 17.13, D. Fownes 17.02, A. Rushmer 16.30) 1:24.55.

2, Birchfield (J. Potts 17.02, R. Bartlett 17.34, I. Stewart 16.21, R. Panter 17.20, J. Boggis 17.13) 1:25.30.

3, Small Heath (G. Taylor 17.11, J. Rowe 17.28, T. O'Reilly 17.51, Mich. Rollason 17.51, R. Calvert 17.47) 1:27.46.

4, Tipton 'B' 1:28.23; 5, Coventry Godiva 1:29.23; 6, Rugby 1:32.08; 7, Tipton 'C' 1:32.46; 8, Small Heath 'B' 1:33.02; 9, Halesowen 1:33.24; 10, Tipton 'D' 1:34.17; 11, Coventry 'B' 1:36.00; 12, Wolv. & Bilston 1:37.40. Fastest (3½M) Stewart 16.21, Rushmer 16.30, Fownes 17.02, Potts 17.02, M. Orton (Tipton 'B') 17.03, Rollason 17.05, Wright 17.05.

PONDERS END ROAD RELAY

April 22nd

1, Reading (P. Willis 18.25, R. Piotrowski 17.34, B. Baldero 17.25, D. Dipper 17.00, M. Duff 16.57) 1:27.21.

2, Thurrock (D. Horsup 17.29, M. A'Bear 18.07, S. Walker 16.43, S. Purkis 17.25, D. Stanies 18.06) 1:27.50.

3, Belgrave (T. Hart 17.35, J. Stow 18.09, Gy. North 17.07, W. Curtin 17.53, L. O'Hara 17.15) 1:27.59.

4, Ealing & Southall 1:29.13; 5, TVH 1:30.07; 6, Enfield 1:30.58; 7, Shaftesbury 1:31.40; 8, Eton Manor 1:32.39; 9, North London 1:33.01; 10, Southgate 1:33.27; 11, Luton Utd. 1:33.51; 12, Havering 1:34.09. Fastest: Walker 16.43, Duff 16.57, Dipper 17.00, North 17.07, D. Galloway (N. London) 17.10, J. McNamara (TVH) 17.15, O'Hara 17.15.

BLYTHE '20'

April 23rd

1, T. Flory (Middlesbrough & C) 1:44.54; 2, C. Vaux (M&C) 1:45.25; 3, N. Rackham (Heaton) 1:46.10; 4, J. Hillen (Swell) 1:47.20; 5, J. Keating (Blaydon) 1:27.24; 6, R. Balding (Heaton) 1:49.19; 7, G. Freeman (Sund) 1:51.37; 8, S. Rackham (NSP) 1:53.06; 9, D. Taylor (NSP) 1:53.20; 10, A. Bone (S. Shields) 1:53.42; 11, T. Rooke (M&C) 1:54.08; 12, W. Halliday (Heaton) 1:59.08. Teams: 1, Middlesbrough & C 14; 2, Heaton 21; 3, N. Shields Poly. 34; 4, Gateshead 49.

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Surprise Relay Victory for Notts AC

At Rotherham, April 22nd

WITH Derby and County AC—ten times winners in the previous 14 years—having fallen from grace during the winter and course record-holders Manchester and District occupied in their own promotion, Yorkshire clubs were all set to take the honours in Rotherham's annual road relay race. However, they reckoned without another solid Midlands combination, for Notts AC took them completely by surprise and won the 4x4 mile event for the first time in 76.08, compared to M & D's 75.34 set in 1970.

Notts were given a fine start by Dick Milne and apart from a temporary set-back on stage two when little Skyrac AC had a brief moment in the limelight and led by six seconds, they were in command.

Yorkshire cross-country champion David Slater of Skyrac, intent on following up his impressive winter with an equally successful summer, was the first to show his hand. He made a break after a mile and split the leading group but he was unable to shake off the strong running Milne. The Notts athlete hung on up a half-mile long climb and, with the confidence gained, powered his way to the changeover with a second to spare over Slater.

Milne's return of 18.30 (though well outside Trevor Wright's course record of 17.49) was not beaten by anyone else in the race though Peter Rawnsley equalled it on stage two when he took Sheffield United from sixth to third, behind Skyrac and Notts.

Mike Baxter took Leeds City into the hunt on stage three when he moved from 6th to 2nd and there was also an eye-catching run by Wakefield steeplechaser Steve Hollings who, after a fortnight at altitude, raised his club from 14th to eighth. Notts led by 36 seconds at the final take-over and with Keith Angus on the last leg for Sheffield United the race was far from over. Angus passed John Lunn of Leeds to whom he had conceded 15 seconds but try as he did it was not his day. He clocked 18.39 and Notts hung on to win by 12 seconds.

Granville Beckett

1, Notts AC (R. Milne 18.30, B. Lee 19.09, J. Norman 19.17, C. O'Carroll 19.18) 1:16.08.

2, Sheffield UH (B. Barden 19.17, P. Rawnsley 18.30, I. Wainwright 19.54, K. Angus 18.39) 1:16.20.

3, Leeds City (G. Mountcastle 19.31, D. Nicholl 19.20, M. Baxter 18.35, J. Lunn 19.26) 1:16.52.

4, Airedale & SV (J. Temperton 18.58, A. Dewhurst 19.33, R. Harrison 19.18, P. Pape 20.02) 1:17.51.

5, Longwood (D. Quinlan 18.56, G. Dance 19.57, J. Sawyer 20.43, J. McGrow 19.02) 1:18.38.

6, Notts AC 'B' (G. Trampson 18.49, K. Lee 19.30, G. Astill 20.34, J. Byrne 20.21) 1:19.14.

7, Rotherham 1:19.55; 8, Wakefield 1:20.07; 9, Sheffield UH 'B' 1:21.28; 10, Skyrac 1:22.23; 11, Hallamshire 1:22.37; 12, Derby & City 1:23.32;



Dick Milne (Notts) hands over in the lead to Brian Lee, having run the fastest lap time of the race.

David Crossley

13, Rowntrees 1:23.42; 14, Notts 'C' 1:25.08; 15, Sheffield 'C' 1:25.30; 16, Airedale 'B' 1:25.42; 17, Sheffield 'D' 1:27.27; 18, Rotherham 'B' 1:27.33; 19, Rotherham 'C' 1:28.41; 20, Hallamshire 'B' 1:28.41. **Fastest:** Milne 18.30, P. Rawnsley (Sheff) 18.30, D. Slater (Sky) 18.31, Baxter 18.35, S. Hollings (Wakefield) 18.36, Angus 18.39.

NATIONAL POLICE '10'

At Wakefield, April 20th

1, M. Tebbutt (Metropolitan) 49.44
2, R. Bean (Surrey) 50.47
3, P. Barker (Teesside) 52.07
4, S. Bellard (Teesside) 52.21; 5, C. Haynes (W. Yks) 52.26; 6, W. Anderson (Met) 52.52; 7, M. Morrell (Cheshire) 52.56; 8, A. Roper (S. Wales) 53.02; 9, K. Hutchins (Met) 53.14; 10, S. Barnes (Wks) 53.33; 11, M. Smith (Met) 53.43; 12, S. Pether (Met) 53.55; 13, C. Fry (Dorset) 54.09; 14, S. Kinsella (Bigm) 54.23; 15, K. Foster (Met) 54.33; 16, R. Aconley (W. Yks) 54.53; 17, P. Bidmead (Sx) 55.23; 18, C. Vodden (W. Yks) 55.30; 19, B. Hicks (Met) 55.46; 20, S. McKenna (Leeds) 55.50. 71 finished.

LAC Schools Meeting**At Crystal Palace, April 28th/29th**

JUMPERS OVERCOME THE CONDITIONS

IT was two field event performances that were adjudged the best after a couple of windy, wet afternoons when the LAC Schools Challenge Cups Meeting swung back into business last Friday and Saturday at Crystal Palace. Harlow's Alan Dainton slipped neatly over 1.88/6'2" in the Junior high jump, and Eltham's Allan Williams vaulted 4.30/14'1½" in the senior pole vault in what was really an exhibition performance amid the gusting wind and depressing drizzle.

The other two listed vaulters, Steve Clark and Girish Patel, did not take part. Clark was competing for the Lambeth team in Germany and Patel preferred not to risk injury in what he considered to be dangerous conditions when his request to hold the event in the indoor area was opposed by Williams. Allan was not particularly enthused about things when he swung himself easily over 4.30 at the first attempt, and failed 4.40/14'5¼": "I suppose it's good to beat Steve Chappell's meeting record (4.28/14'0½") in the rain, but it's a bit of a non-event when no one else jumps," he said. "I'm really only interested in 4.60 (15'1") right now. The pole was too loose for me. I've got to get a stiffer one and hold higher. I went through three towels trying to keep my grip dry today."

Dainton commenced flopping at 1.73/5'8", cleared that on his second try, and equalled the meeting record at 1.78/5'10" on his first. He then took 1.84/6'0½" and 1.86/6'1¼" with good second attempt clearances, and arched himself economically over 1.88/6'2" at the first lift-off before failing 1.90/6'2¾", which would have equalled Colin Boreham's record senior jump. Coached by Roy Snow at Netteswell Comprehensive school in Harlow, Alan, (born 6.1.1956) is keen to win the English Schools title this year, whilst sister Teresa, the WAAA Intermediate Indoor Champion, will be bidding for the equivalent Girls' event. "Like Teresa I only really enjoy the high jump. Things have been going well in training at school, but I was amazed to clear this high today—the fan was very wet and slippery. You certainly needed heel spikes out there."

Among the most impressive track winners were Steve James and Kirk Salmon. James moved strongly through the field off the second bend in the 400 final, taking Andy Baker with him, to clock 49.7 which equalled his heat time. Better known as a hurdler (13.9 as a youth) last year, he showed strength and excellent judgement in the long sprint. One had to admire the courage of Shene's Leslie Watson, however. He burned through the first 300 at a reckless pace only to die agonisingly in the final stretch and finish fourth. With more experience, he should realise some good times. Ian Featherstone looked superb in collecting the Junior event with deceptive ease in a most relaxed 50.5. Coached by Decathlete

Roy Fox, he looks a fine prospect. Kirk Salmon was the unexpected winner of the senior 1500m. Trailing Kevin Steere into the final backstraight he took off 250m out, and pulled away to build up a 2.4 sec winning margin at the tape in a personal best of 3:54.1. Ian Martyn outlunged Steere for second place behind him.

On Friday, Colin Boreham and Ray Kelly established records in the senior high jump and junior pole vault respectively. Boreham was recently recovered from a dose of 'flu, and admitted to feeling slow on the approach as he flopped 1.90/6'2¾" to remove a record from the programme that has survived for 14 years. Kelly, one of the Charles East "School" fresh from a 3.75/12'3¼" personal best at Newham two days before, started vaulting after all his rivals had departed and was well clear of 3.66/12'0".

The other Junior 1500m finalists found Paul William's 60.4 last lap too much for them. Taking the lead away from Peter Gronland with 700m left, he was an untroubled winner, whilst Gronland, who perhaps unwisely left most of his effort behind in a 4:04.3 heat the day before, was pipped for second by Richard Bolam. Tony Gershuny moved crisply for an 11.3 100m win against a stiff breeze though it was a pity Bob Munns did not run, and Garry Doerr upset favourite Frank Attoh with some fine clutch jumping in the junior triple. Attoh leapt 13.28/43'7" in the sixth round to lead only to see the Wallington schoolboy bound out to 13.51/44'4" a few minutes later with his last effort. The discus and shot titles were snapped up by Guy Dirkin, scoring his first LAC Schools wins in several years of trying and Tim Butt added to his reputation with a nicely judged effort in the 800m after Paul Hammond had whizzed through the bell in 55.2. Friday saw the steeplechase run as a straight final for the first time in this meeting and resulted in Steve Galloway briskly outpacing Neil Saunders over the last 300m. The re-scheduling allowed Galloway to run the next day for his club, Portsmouth, in the National Road Relay. Finally a vote of thanks to Len Beaven and Norman Simons for their invaluable assistance with results, and to Bob Sparks for his clear and informative announcing.

Dave Cocksedge**Senior Events**

100m: 1, A. Gershuny (Haberdasher's A) 11.4 (11.1 ht & sf); 2, G. Peters (Bilston) 11.5 (11.1 ht); 3, R. Tuohy (Highbury Tech) 11.6 (11.3 ht); 4, C. Granger (W'loo) 11.7 (11.3 sf); 5, J. Williams (Maidstone) 12.0 (11.6 ht & sf); 6, M. Marshall (Spencer Pk) 12.1 (11.3 ht); 7, S. Simon (Rutlish) 12.3 (11.5 ht); 8, A. Bloom (Highgate) 12.4 (11.6 ht).

400: 1, S James (Northampton) 49.7 (49.7 ht);

2, A. Baker (Medway & Maid) 50.2; 3, G. Cohen (Wulfren) 50.5; 4, L. Watson (Shene GS) 51.2 (50.6 ht); 5, J. Stephenson (St. Josephs) 52.3; (51.8 ht); 6, Simon 52.4 (51.1 ht); 7, P. McSweeney (Salesian) 52.8. Peters (52.0 ht) dnf.

800: 1, T. Butt (Hitchin) 1:56.2; 2, D. Glasspool (Bedford C) 1:56.7; 3, P. Hammond (Cams) 1:56.9 (1:56.5 ht); 4, C. Taylor (Sutton Man) 1:57.9; 5, G. Cooper (Patcham Fawcett) 1:58.2; 6, M. Lomas (B'pool) 1:58.5; 7, R. Sobey (Bilborough) 1:58.5; 8, T. Marsden (Eastfields) 2:05.3 (2:04.3 ht).

1500: 1, K. Salmon (Exeter) 3:54.1; 2, I. Martyn (Kingswood) 3:56.5; 3, K. Steere (Norfolk) 3:56.5; 4, D. Driver (N'ton) 4:00.2; 5, S. Barr (Basildon) 4:00.7; 6, P. McEvoy (Quarry Bank) 4:02.7; 7, J. Odlin (Stationers) 4:07.9 (4:07.5 ht); 8, N. Foster (Lutterworth) 4:10.6.

2000mSC (28th): 1, S. Galloway (St. John's C) 5:59.4; 2, N. Saunders (Minchenden) 6:01.6; 3, D. Daly (St. Philips) 6:08.4; 4, W. Snowdon (Cantonian) 6:10.0; 5, G. Styan (Chichester) 6:10.6; 6, M. Long (Purley) 6:11.4; 7, D. Brewster (Leeds) 6:19.0; 8, R. White (Kettering) 6:21.4; 9, R. Scotto (Sweyze) 6:26.2; 10, J. Mead (Loughton) 6:27.8.

110mH: 1, R. Rees (Preseli) 15.4; 2, P. Bredin (Luton VI Form) 15.6; 3, G. Peckham (Kingston) 15.7; 4, M. Jackson (Stowe) 15.8; 5, W. Strang (Sandback) 15.8; 6, J. Roberts (Q. Mary's) 16.0.

HJ: (28th) 1, C. Boreham (Bournemouth) 1.90/6'2 1/2" (MR); 2, A. Nursey (Maidstone) 1.80/5'10 1/4"; 3, eq. J. Roberts (Q. Mary's) 1.80 & M. Harrison (St. Edward's) 1.80; 5, R. Pearce (Millfield) 1.75/5'8 1/2"; 6, R. Doherty (St. Philips) 1.70/5'7".

PV: A. Williams (Eltham Green) 4.30/14'1 1/4" (MR). (Only competitor.)

LJ: (28th) 1, J. Gangadeen (Henry Compton) 6.79/22'3 1/2"; 2, I. Hardie (Chigwell) 6.74/22'1 1/2"; 3, T. Wells (Tom Hood) 6.61/21'8 1/4"; 4, J. Fenton (Langley Pk) 6.38/20'11 1/4"; 5, D. Davies (Manchester GS) 6.33/20'9 1/4"; 6, A. Cockell (Fryerns) 6.30/20'8".

TJ: 1, J. Mackin (John Griffith) 13.68/44'10 1/4"; 2, M. Evans (Haywards Hth) 13.31/43'8"; 3, P. Wallyn (Alley's) 12.96/42'6 1/4"; 4, R. Gysie (Wood Green) 12.92/42'4 1/4"; 5, M. Baldock (Langley Pk) 12.85/42'2"; 6, Davies 12.73/41'9 1/4".

SP: (28th) 1, G. Dirkin (Marple Hall) 13.88/45'6 1/4"; 2, G. Hunt (Vyners) 13.29/43'7 1/4"; 3, N.

Tabor (Barton Peveril) 12.07/39'7 1/4"; 4, A. Bogan (Salford) 11.96/39'3".

DT: 1, Dirkin 50.44/165'6" (MR-with 1.75kg); 2, R. Hammond (Marple Hall) 38.98/127'11"; 3, Tabor 38.62/126'8"; 4, M. Orchel (St. Mary's) 37.50/123'0".

HT: 1, S. Pinsent (St. Nicholas) 46.16/151'5" (MR-with 6.25kg); 2, P. English (Hazelwick) 44.30/145'4"; 3, T. Curtis (St. Mark's) 44.10/144'8".

JT: 1, D. Ottley (Gable Hall) 56.80/186'4"; 2, G. Keen (Haberdasher's A) 49.26/161'7"; 3, S. Jalowiecki (Canon Palmer) 48.06/157'8"; 4, P. Maddock (Berkhamsted) 47.18/154'9"; 5, C. Brooks (Millfield) 46.40/152'3"; 6, S. Foster (Oldham Hulme) 44.98/147'7".

3000mW: 1, P. Dyble (Tom Hood) 15:25.0; 2, C. Hobbs (Kings, Rochester) 15:47.6; 3, N. Thomas (Hounslow) 16:12.4. Style Prize. Dyble.

4x100: 1, Luton Sixth Form College 44.4; 2, Northampton GS 44.5; 3, Eastbourne College 45.4; 4, Christopher Wren Sch. 45.8; 5, Rutlish Sch. 46.0; 6, Oldham Hulme GS 46.3.

Senior Best Performance Award: Allan Williams (PV).

Junior Events

100m: 1, P. Lavender (Surbiton) 12.0 (11.8 ht); 2, R. Mapstone (Monks Pk) 12.2 (11.8 ht); 3, I. Ditchfield (Ormskirk) 12.3 (12.1 sf); 4, S. Perks (Llanelli) 12.3; 5, A. Bennett (Glyn) 12.4 (12.3 ht); 6, L. Cooper (King Edward VI) 12.7 (12.3 ht).

400: 1, I. Featherstone (Oldborough Manor) 50.5; 2, C. Van Rees (Colchester) 51.8; 3, S. Payne (Stepney Green) 52.5 (52.2 ht); 4, I. Cartwright (J. Fisher) 53.0 (52.8 ht); 5, K. Swoffer (Hab. A) 53.0; 6, A. Holding (Wood Grn) 53.4 (53.0 ht); 7, K. Patterson (Royal Newcastle) 53.6 (53.4 ht); 8, P. Young (Glyn) 54.8 (52.8 ht).

1500: 1, P. Williams (Chislehurst & Sidcup) 4:03.6; 2, R. Bolam (Hornchurch) 4:06.9; 3, P. Gronland (Parmiters) 4:07.2 (4:04.3 ht); 4, P. Lee (Chatham House) 4:11.0; 5, J. Parkinson (Montgomery) 4:12.2; 6, T. Walsh (Sheerwater) 4:12.2 (4:09.2 ht); 7, R. Lees (Dr. Challoners) 4:13.3 (4:11.7 ht); 8, S. Rolfe (Llanelli) 4:14.0 (4:12.4 ht); 9, R. Nicholson (Cestreham) 4:17.2 (4:11.5 ht); 10, R. Green (Burnt Mill) nt (4:15.3 ht).

100mH: 1, S. Johnson (De Burgh) 14.8; 2, T. Birtles (Sandbach) 14.9 (14.7 ht); 3, A. James

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Spotlight on Youth**By Dave Cocksedge****ANOTHER HALF-MILER NAMED CARROLL**

EVERYONE at Aldersley Stadium that day was stunned. A complete outsider, a virtual unknown, had just stolen the AAA Junior 800m title from right under the noses of twin favourites David McMeekin and Barry Smith. The "upstart" who cared nothing for the form book was young James Carroll of Liverpool Pembroke.

In my report of the race in "AW", I wrote: "After some exciting heats, the final developed into a tactical thriller as Barry Smith and Dave McMeekin decided to play safe and watch each other. Colin Oberlin-Harris led the first 200 in 27.4 before the pace slowed drastically. Smith jumped ahead just after the bell (58.1) and put in the third 200m stretch in 26.9 with McMeekin poised on his shoulder. He held on well in the straight as McMeekin folded, but could do nothing about the inspiration that took hold of Jim Carroll 60m out, losing out in the final stride."

Jim's comments on the race: "There were some anxious moments, particularly when they went past the bell in around 58 sec. I half expected McMeekin to set a blistering pace, but to my surprise he slowed it down in the second 200. I led for a bit, but at the bell I was blocked in on the curb, waiting for an opening which didn't come until it was almost too late. Suddenly Barry Smith and Dave McMeekin were a dozen metres up on me and we were all running hard. I didn't give up hope though, and belted down the home straight right to the finish. I passed McMeekin who was tying up badly and began gaining on Smith, finally just nabbing him on the tape as we both lunged for it. I was overjoyed, and so were Ken Gates and John Bradshaw, my coach and club secretary who were watching. I'd given up a trip to the Catholic Student Games to compete in the AAA Junior, and it paid off."

Who is Jim Carroll? That was the question buzzing around the stands. Well, James Matthew Carroll was born in Liverpool on March 13th, 1953, stands a slight 1.71/5'7½" and weighs a mere 51kg/112lb. He is a member of Liverpool Pembroke AC and attends St. Kevin's Roman Catholic Comprehensive School in Kirkby, and is coached by Ken Gates. One of his proudest moments came when he helped the Liverpool Pembroke team win the National Youth Cross-Country title at Norwich last year. Best marks: 11.9 (100m), 23.4 (200) 51.0 (400-50.1 relay leg), 1:52.5 (800), 3:56.9 (1500), 5:54/18'10" (1J), 12.16/39'11" (1J). Progression: 1968—57.3, 2:07.8y, 4:37.0 (mile); 1969—53.1, 2:00.4, 3:59.8; 1970—52.1, 1:58.0, 3:59.8; 1971—51.0, 1:52.5, 3:56.9.

"I became interested in athletics when I first went to St. Kevin's", says Jim. "But really I turned to athletics as a last resort. You see, I was a keen footballer, but failed selection for the school squad. Most of my mates had joined the cross-country team, and being curious I

also did, not knowing what I had let myself in for! Well, I became really serious when I joined the club in the summer of 1968; it was whilst I was running against Steve Deegan in an interschools 800m race. I finished just behind him and by coincidence Ken Gates was watching and he came up to me afterwards and asked me if I'd like to join the club lads for training. That was the start of our team that won the National Youth.

"On the whole I was pleased with the way things went in 1971, but I was **really** disappointed about not being selected for the Junior International in West Germany. After the AAA Junior. I really felt that I had a strong chance, but they picked Mike Fromant and Tony Settle. Well, I'd been third to Settle in the Schools and never ran against Fromant all year. This year I intend to take things as they come. 'A' level exams have priority, of course, but after taking them I aim to try hard for that elusive Junior International vest. My targets for the season are sub—1:50 for 800 and sub—3:45 for 1500. I don't consider myself for any Olympic chances this year, but by 1976 who knows?"

Jim feels that he owes much of his success so far to Ken Gates: "If it wasn't for the valuable time and dedication that he puts in, supervising our training, I can safely say that I'd be completely lost. Training with the other Pembroke boys is often strenuous and arduous, but it's also enjoyable. We are all pretty much same standard and in training this helps everyone though sessions can get very tough and competitive sometimes. I owe a lot to Kevin Carroll (no relation, but he's often mistaken for a twin brother), Steve Deegan and Dave Gaynor for pulling me through difficult periods in training."

A typical week's training in summer: Sunday—2/3M warm up. 6 strides from 100m to 200. 16 or 24x400 with 30sec/1 min recovery. 1M warm down. Monday—5/6M fartlek. Tuesday—2/3M warm up 6 strides. 16 or 24x200 with 30sec/60 sec recovery. 1M warm down. Wednesday—5/6M fartlek. Thursday—2/3M warm up. 6 strides. 16 or 24x150, 30 sec recovery. 1M warm down. Friday—5/6M fartlek or steady run. Saturday—Race. A typical week in winter: Sunday—Steady run for 1Hr 45min to 2hrs. Monday—6/9M steady. Tuesday—2/3M warm up. 6 strides. 6x1 mile with 5/7 min recovery. 1M warm down. (After Christmas 24x400, with 60 sec recovery). Wednesday—6/9M steady. Thursday—2/3M warm up. 6 strides. 12x800 or 8x1200 with 3/5 min recovery. (After Christmas 24x200 with 30/60 sec recovery). 1M warm down. Friday—6/9M steady. Saturday—Cross Country race.

"I plan to continue to concentrate on the 800 this year, but I'll also run quite a few 1500's. I'm still really undecided as to which is my better event and which one I'll run in major championship meetings. Basically, I enjoy them both though

Jim Carroll (6) outlunes Barry Smith (24) in the AAA Junior 800m final at Wolverhampton last August. Both clocked 1:53.5.



Ron Linstead

my 1500 is underdeveloped." Jim is the only sportsman in his family: "But both my parents and my relatives are extremely interested and they watch most of my races. My little sister Karla has become very keen, she's raring to join Liverpool Pembroke and race." He has a parting comment aimed at officials: "They are more often criticised than praised. Most of them are dedicated to the sport as we are, and give away valuable spare time for it, doing rough jobs in all kinds of weather. I've got nothing but praise and admiration for them, particularly those in the Liverpool/Manchester area."

Young Athletes' Results

London Inter-Schools Championships, at Hainault, March 17th. (3rd Years) 1, M. Mackray 17.55; 2, D. Hanson 18.25; 3, M. O'Reilly 18.29. Team: Dunraven.

Gloucester AC Schools CC Meeting, March 18th. (Sen) 1, K. Robinson (King) 17.55; 2, T. Trigg (Tewk) 18.00; 3, R. Barsellotti (Stra) 18.04. Team: Sir Thomas Rich S. (Juniors) 1, D. Farmer (STR) 11.28; 2, A. Braznell (Marl) 11.33; 3, M. Evans (STR) 11.40. Team: Sir Thomas Rich S.

Gloucester AC Schoolgirls CC Races, March 22nd. (Seniors) A. Sivell (Chosen H.) 12.47. Team: Newent. (Juniors) C. Carter (Chosen H.) 8.12. Team: Chosen Hill. (Minors) J. Bartles (New) 6.22. Team: Hucclecote.

London Inter-Schools Championships, at Hainault, March 24th. (2nd Years) 1, W. Smith; 2, M. Ovenall; 3, K. Diplock. Team: Charlton. (1st Years) 1, M. Mahoney; 2, S. Mulcair; 3, Weller. Team: Bishop Thomas Grant.

Gloucester AC Schools League, March 28th. (Seniors) K. Robinson (King) 13.52. Team: Sir Thomas Rich's. Final scores: 1, S. Thomas Rich 30; 2, Marling 27; 3, Tewkesbury 24. (Juniors) D. Farmer (STR) 11.13. Team: Sir Thomas R. Final scores: 1, Sir Thomas Rich 38; 2, Marling 36; 3, Chosen Hill 33.

Haverling Boys Road Relay, at Hornchurch, March 31st. 1, Essex Bgls. (P. Kemp 8.23, C. Leahy 8.15, P. Orme 8.15, B. Hayes 8.17) 33.10; 2, Verlea (A. McFarlane 8.13, R. Verlander 8.34, J. George 8.51, K. Dumbleton 7.35) 33.13; 3, Woodford Green (Saville 8.50, A. Bird 8.31, J. O'Brien 8.16, P. Gronland 7.52) 33.29; 4, Haverling 33.41; 5, Hadleigh Oly. 33.51; 6, Thurrock 33.57. Fastest: Dumbleton 7.35, Gronland 7.52, McFarlane 8.13. (Colts) 1, Thurrock (P. Benton 8.47, A. Jousiffe 9.05, R. Martin 9.12, S. Baldry 8.26) 35.30; 2, Essex Bgls. (T. Power 9.06, G. Fell 8.59, P. Kemp 9.09, Phil Kemp 8.59) 36.13; 3, Elliott-Reed (M. Banfield 9.12, A. Banfield 9.28, A. Jones 9.00, R. Smith 9.05) 36.45; 4, Ilford 36.45; 5, Haverling 37.08; 6, Enfield 37.55. Fastest: Baldry 8.26, P. Nicholas (Ilford) 8.35, Benton 8.47. (Minors, U12) 1, Warrington 38.07; 2, Worksop 38.28; 3, Haverling 40.15; 4, Nettleswell Sch. 40.27; 5, Aldershot 40.37; 6, Enfield 41.17. Fastest: N. Denny (Warr) 9.01, N. Cook (AFD) 9.18, G. Arnold (Warr) 9.19.

A DAY BY THE SEA!

A number of open events are being held in conjunction with the Chelsea College of PE versus "Cliffhangers" charity match at Princes Park, Eastbourne, on Sunday, May 21st, some to accommodate members of a 25-strong club party from the Turnverein Unterstrass club of Zurich. Events are: (Men) 100m, 200m, 400m, 3000m, 110m hurdles, long and triple jumps, shot and discus; (Senior women) 100 and 200m; (Inter. women) 800m. Entries (all welcome) to Mr. S. Cluney, Flat 55, Coltash Court, 152 Whitecross Street, London E.C.1. Profits from this year's meeting go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

NEW MIDLAND CLUB

Burntwood AC (formed March 7th, 1972) officers: President, Mrs. Morrison-Wells; chairman, W. Watson; secretary, M. Lockwood, c/o 12 Meyrick Road, Stafford; treasurer, Mrs. P. Smith.

Do Six Athletes Make Up A Club Team?

WE went along to Chiswick on April 22nd hoping for a refreshingly new approach to the presentation of athletics. Polytechnic Harriers' promotion was earmarked an experimental meeting but on reflection I find it hard to see where the experiment side of things came in. Had it not been for the fact that the Sir Peter Studd Shield was at stake and the women were there in the Norrkoping Trophy to bolster up what was lacking on the men's side, this would have been an ordinary inter-club effort.

While I can see meeting organiser Arthur Winter's argument that you can put a team of six into two cars and thus bring about a clash between clubs that are unlikely ever to meet on the track, one would hardly rate Tipton Harriers as a track and field club. Surely six athletes don't make up a club team?

Indeed, there was no field to the Studd Shield, only a few track events plus a road race so Tipton, with a strong reputation for strength in middle-distance running had things all their own way. The so-called track and field clubs just didn't get a look in.

As for the "Relay Flash" with change-overs at about 30 and 70 metres—while it may be useful for relay-baton changing exercises I'm sure one athlete in particular, Chris Cheetham, is feeling a little sore about it. He pulled a muscle in a final lunge at the tape and then he missed out.

In fact, the only performance which saved a somewhat disappointing meeting was a fine run by Grenville Tuck, the inter-counties cross country champion in the 5,000m. Leading virtually from the gun he looked a fairly convincing winner in his first track race of the season, though his time in the windy, chilly weather was well outside his best.

On the women's side, there was a little more to talk about. But, after all, this was a conventional meeting. Janet Simpson's 55.8 400m relay leg was the highlight and another fine effort came in the 100m hurdles heats where Sheila Garnett clocked 13.8.

Tom Pollak

SIR PETER STUDD SHIELD

100m: 1, C. Cheetham (SAC) 10.7; 2, J. Gostelow (HW) 10.9; 3, G. Gower (Black) 10.9; 4, R. Kislingbury (Hill) 11.0. **400:** 1, G. Armstrong (Man) 49.4; 2, E. Coffey (Ex. B) 51.1; 3, J. Marsh (Poly) 51.5. **800:** 1, G. Eades (Tip) 1:59.2; 2, D. Clay (Sy B) 1:59.6; 3, D. Ashbourne (SLH) 1:59.8. **1500:** 1, T. Jones (Ach) 3:56.2; 2, G. Plant (Man) 3:57.4; 3, B. Mills (Tip) 4:00.3. **5000:** 1, Grenville Tuck (C&C) 14:31.0; 2, J. Bryant (Ach) 14:52.0; 3, N. Coupland (S'ton) 14:56.0. **5M road:** 1, P. Braithwaite (Ach) 21:58; 2, P. Francis (Hill) 22:07; 3, P. Allen (Tipton) 22:34; 4, J. McClenaghan (HW/guest) 22:43; 5, K. Wallis (HW) 22:45. **Trophy result:** 1, Tipton 86; 2, Manchester AC 84; 3, Achilles 80; 4, Cambridge H. 74; 5, Hercules Wimbledon 67; 6, eq. Surrey AC & Surrey Beagles 66; 8, Poly 61; 9, Croydon 55; 10, Blackheath 51; 11, SLH 50; 12, Hillingdon 44; 13, Southampton 43; 14, Bristol 40; 15, Essex B. 23; 16, Thurrock 17. **Invitation events:** Relay Flash: 1, Poly 11.4; 2, Surrey AC 11.5; 3, Camb. H. 12.3. Triple mile: 1, Thurrock 13:33; 2, Manchester 13:41; 3, Blackheath 14:35.

NORRKOPING TROPHY

100H: 1, S. Garnett (Ex. L) 14.2 (13.8 ht); 2, R. Martin-Jones (Birch) 14.9. **4x100:** 1, LOAC 49.8; 2, Birchfield 50.5; 3, Mitcham 50.6. **Lillian Board Relay** (200, 200, 400, 800): 1, LOAC 4:17.7; 2, Birchfield 4:19.1; 3, Mitcham 4:27.1. **HJ:** 1, S. Wright (Ex. L) 1.63/5'4"; 2, G. Hurst (LOAC) 1.63; 3, S. Rampton (Mx. L) 1.52/4'11". **LJ:** 1, R. Martin-Jones (Birch) 6.01/19'8"; 2, B-A. Barrett (Mit) 5.84/19'2"; 3, G. Taylor (Ex. L) 5.33/17'6". **SP:** 1, J. Roberts (Birch) 14.86/48'9"; 2, J. Kerr (Mit) 13.22/43'4"; 3, M. Pulman (LOAC) 12.54/41'1"; 4, S. Rampton (Mx. L) 10.85/35'7". **DT:** 1, Roberts 49.40/162'1"; 2, Kerr 40.32/132'3"; 3, Pulman 37.68/123'7". **JT:** M. Millbank (Mit) 35.22/115'7". **Trophy result:** 1, Birchfield 52; 2, Essex L. 46; 3, Mitcham 43; 4, LOAC 42; 5, Middx. L. 34; 6, Wigmore 27; 7, Thurrock 17. **Invitation event:** Relay flash: 1, Essex L. 12.8; 2, LOAC 13.0; 3, Mitcham 13.2.

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A PREFERENCE FOR CROSS-COUNTRY

ONE of the fears expressed by **Dick Bank** in his series on US Olympic prospects, published in "AW" earlier this year, was that **Doris Brown**, American record holder at 1500m and the mile, might get caught in a fast-finishing semi-final in Munich, and not make the final. Now through a recent comprehensive interview in the American magazine *Runner's World* it becomes clear that the 29-year-old Seattle PE teacher shares to some extent the same fear:

"I see it's going to be very difficult to make the final at 1500m. A couple of things could happen," she says. "Probably there'll be people who are very strong and can run very fast times—three in a row. On the other hand, it's possible that by the Olympic final some people could already have run their best race. I definitely think we need to programme ourselves to something under 4:10. Anyone who isn't thinking about a time under 4:10 might as well think about something else, not of placing in the Olympics".

Cliff Temple's CLIFFHANGERS

Mrs. Brown, of course, was a key missing figure at the International Cross Country championships in March, where she would have been trying for her sixth consecutive title (no-one else had won it previously, in fact) had the American AAU not decided she was more urgently needed for the indoor international against the USSR: views not shared by a disappointed Mrs. Brown, from all accounts.

As she has been one of the foremost figures in women's distance running in recent years, I think it's worth quoting some more extracts from the interview . . .

Do you prefer cross country to track?

"Yes I do. I think it probably is partially due to my success. But also I can relax in the longer distances. Cross country lends itself to a more relaxing setting."

What are the reasons for your success in cross country?

"I think part of it might be that I've enjoyed it so much. I realised this recently when thinking back over what I've done since I was young. Even when I was quite small—we lived out in the country, in the woods, with the beach behind our house—I went on long runs. When I started track and my coach said I had to do quarter-mile repeats, I can remember doing them and still going on these long runs afterwards. I didn't realise they had anything to do with my condition for track, because at that time nobody did this."

Do you think your progress internationally has been held back because the 1500m is the longest track distance for women (and 800 was before this coming Olympics)?



Doris Brown at White City in 1969: she won the GB v. USA 1500m in 4:18.6.
Ed Lacey

"I think what has happened to me has happened to the whole world. Many of the Olympic 800m runners from 1968 will go to 1500m this year. The only disadvantage I see in my case is that our country has been later than the Europeans in allowing us to run these distances. While these people haven't had the opportunity to run (1500m) in the Olympics, they've been running them at home. We rarely have 1500m races. If we run a mile, which is comparative, it is always at home in an unimportant meeting. You can go to some podunk meet down the road and run the mile by yourself, and your time isn't going to be as good as if you're running against someone. When we do get a chance to run 1500m it will be like once a year, and it's not really the same thing. We should be running many 1500's."

The Europeans are adding 3000 metres to their championships in 1974. It may be added to the Olympics in 1976. Do you think you'd have a better opportunity in that race than in the 1500?

"I'm sure I would. I don't have speed. I've sort of programmed myself for success at the longer races".

Are you tempted to get in something like a marathon? (These are permitted for women in the USA—CT).

"I would like to run a marathon, but I don't feel the training I'm doing is specifically for the

marathon. And I've had a lot of trouble with my feet. It doesn't seem sensible for me to prepare for one while I'm preparing for something else. Someday I will run one. When I see times like Cheryl Bridges' (2:49.40), it makes me want to try it just to see how I stack up with all these other people.

"A few years ago, I ran what I thought was about the right distance on my own. But times have never meant that much to me, and I forget how long it took. At least I know I can go the distance."

How do you think you've managed to maintain your position as long as you have?

"I think because I enjoy it, and also because I've been fortunate to have the coach I have, Dr. Ken Foreman, who has allowed track to be more than just a gruelling workout every afternoon. He hasn't forced us to enjoy aesthetic things, but has always taken these things into consideration. He has tried to give us places to run that are beautiful, where we can enjoy more than just working."

"For instance, when he was our coach last year in Spain for the International Cross Country championships, he thought it was important for us to spend a few days seeing the country, to know the people, to take every advantage of it. When we went to a cross country meeting in Ohio last autumn, he thought it was important, especially for the younger girls on the team, to stop in Chicago for the day. So athletics has not been a 'one-track' thing for us".

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Anita Neil is due back in Britain towards the end of May, after her training trip to the USA on a Winston Churchill Fellowship. "Anita left on February 19th, and has been training in California with a group of top American sprinters, including Iris Davis," says her coach Roger Beadsworth. "It's always been practically impossible for her to train for top class sprinting on our old school field at Wellingborough in the winter months, so the trip should do her the world of good."

"The idea was originally hatched a year ago, when Mary Toomey was over here visiting, and we were talking to her at a meeting at Hendon. In fact, Anita is going to spend some time with Mary and Bill at Santa Barbara before she comes home."

On the mend is sprinter - hurdler Sharon Colyear, UK track revelation of 1971, who injured a knee while trying out a Fosbury Flop in training. She was a spectator at the recent Alpha-Beta Trophy meeting, but hopes to be fit for competition "perhaps by the end of May or beginning of June".

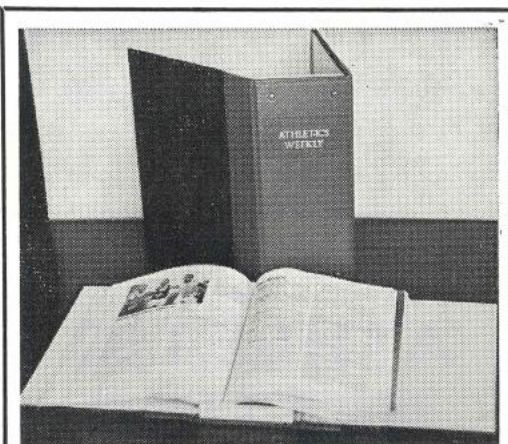
Latest news on the proposed Southern Women's League is that 55 clubs have replied favourably to a questionnaire on its formation. The League is expected to start operating in the 1973 season, with 25 clubs forming a First Division. No strict rules have been laid down yet, but it is hoped to follow the example of the men's Southern League

as much as possible, and an AGM is planned for September.

A number of clubs are, I understand, still undecided as to whether to join the proposed League or not, but it's surely worth them bearing in mind that if a National Women's League comes about in due course, entry to it would probably be via this League for Southern clubs, and the opportunity to get in on the ground floor now seems too valuable to miss.

Apparently a lot of the interested clubs favour six league meetings a season—which will bring a shudder to Fixture Secretaries already contemplating a claustrophobic calendar—but if, as may happen, some of these are staged as replacements for, or modifications of, existing trophy meetings, the congestion will be eased. Indeed, I foresee a day when trophy meetings, apart from a few major well-established fixtures, will practically disappear from the inter-club scene in favour of league athletics.

And talking of league athletics—good luck to the newly formed Motorway League, which kicks off its first season at Stretford today (May 6th).



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Overseas News and Results

USA: Boston in Form

ALTHOUGH there were occasions when they were thought to be lost to the sport, both Bob Beamon and his 1960 Olympic predecessor Ralph Boston are still to be seen in long jumping action. Beamon (25) was only 6th with 7.57/24'10" in a competition won by Arnie Robinson with 8.11/26'7½" (legal 8.08/26'6½") at Westwood on April 15th; but at Knoxville the same day Boston (32) showed signs of his old form with a windy 8.07/26'5½"—his best since 1968—backed up by three other wind-aided leaps of 8.05/26'5" or better . . . Jim Ryun produced a 53.8 last quarter to beat Tom Von Ruden in a 3:57.1 mile before a record 32,000 crowd at Lawrence, Kansas, on April 22nd—but Steve Prefontaine (27:22.4 6M in March) was even quicker with 3:56.7 at Eugene the same day . . . It should be noted that Kjell Isaksson's world pole vault record of 18'2" was also measured metrically, at 5.54m . . . Rod Milburn equalled the fastest 120y hurdles time on record, his own 13.0, on a cinder track at Lafayette on April 15th but it was wind-assisted.

14/15.4. Lafayette. 100y: (+ 1.6m) Porter 9.2; 120yH: (+ 3.2m) Milburn 13.0, Stubbs 13.6; LJ: Bolin 7.98/26'2½". **15.4. Knoxville.** 1500m: 2, CHRIS MASON 3:49.5; 5000m: PAUL LIGHT-FOOT 14:18.6; 10,000m: Walsh (RoI) 29:30.0 . . .

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5, Cusack (RoI) 30:04.0; 110mH: Murray (Jam) 13.9; LJ: Boston 8.07/26'5½" w; DT: Swarts 63.94/209'9", Drescher 63.80/209'4". **15.4. Pembroke.** 100y: Lide 9.3. **15.4. Iowa City.** HJ: Matzdorf 2.13/7'0". **15.4. Charleston.** 120yH: Aboyade-Cole (Nig) 13.9. **15.4. El Paso.** PV: Pullard 5.18/17'0"; HT: Farmer (Aus) 65.92/216'3" (rec). **15.4. San Diego.** 100y: Ravelomanantsoa (Malag) 9.4. **15.4. Westwood.** 220y: 5, J. Smith 20.8; 440y: Evans timed at 44.6 400m in his 44.9; SP: Feuerbach's series: 20.71/67'11½", 21.42/70'3½", 21.02/68'11½", 20.77/68'1½", 21.06/69'1½", 21.26/69'9½". **15.4. Norman.** 100y: Schultz 9.3. **15.4. Tempe.** Mile: DICK SELBY 4:03.7. **16.4. Long Beach.** DT: Van Reenen (SA) had 2nd best throw of 65.40/214'7". **20-22.4. Lawrence.** 100y: Washington 9.2; Mile: Ryun 3:57.1, Von Ruden 3:57.9, Rose 3:59.6, Swenson 4:00.5, Kaal (SA) 4:00.8; PV: Isaksson (Swe) 5.31/17'5" (failed 5.43/17'10"), Lagerqvist (Swe) 5.31, Seagren 5.18/17'0", Porter 5.18; SP: Feuerbach 21.05/69'1", Matson 20.81/68'3½".

SOUTH AFRICA

Fanie van Zijl, who had the previous month set national records of 3:37.9 for 1500m (laps of 58, 60, 58) and 3:56.4 for the mile (57, 61, 61, 57.4; 3:41.2 at 1500m), was the star of the South African Championships on April 1st and 3rd. On the first day he withdrew from the 800m and ran the 5000m instead (many are complaining because the organisers allowed this) and, finishing over 20 sec clear with a 57 last lap, he took 5 sec off De Villiers Lamprecht's national record with 13:48.4. On the second day he outclassed Dicky Broberg in a 3:41.3 1500m.

Andre van Heerden and Claudie van Straaten (who was disqualified for false starts in the 100m final) were clearly the best sprinters on view. The starting again caused much controversy and once again the standing start was blamed for the problems. As Geoff Dyson (guest of the SA Coaches Association) observed: "In many cases the starter is firing to let the officials know the athletes are coming". There has certainly been a complete breakdown of rapport between starters and sprinters, and there is no doubt that the standing start has been primarily responsible. Many feel that its days are numbered.

Emile Rossouw (18), who cleared 2.18/7'2" in last year's championships, this time flopped over 2.14/7'0½" and was not far off 2.21/7'3½". Broberg's winning 800m time of 1:50.2 was worth at least 5 sec faster! At the 300m mark the leader, Robert Dennis, tripped and fell, causing athletes to skittle over in all directions. Donald Timm, only slightly bumped, streaked into a huge lead but Broberg, when he got back onto his feet, set off and produced a fantastic effort to creep past in the final straight.

14.3. Pretoria. Women's 200: Hunt (NZ) 23.6, van Straaten 23.6, Hansen 23.7. **18.3. Pretoria.** 200: van Heerden 20.8; women's 100: van Straaten

OVERSEAS WALKING NEWS

KARL-HEINZ STADTMULLER'S new world records and Lutz Lipowski's 86:56.8 20km certainly enhance East Germany's chances of remaining number one walking nation for some years. These two youngsters, both 19, must now stand an excellent chance of reaching Munich in the 20km although the 'old guard' of Reimann, Frenkel and Sperling will be hard to beat in the final trial.

As shown by their classic walking in the indoor match against the USA, Nikolay Smaga and Vladimir Golubnichiy (USSR) appear as ready for Munich as they were for Mexico City. The pace hotted up the further the race progressed, the mile splits being 6:50, 6:42 and 6:38. Incidentally, it was indeed Golubnichiy who was the first teenager to set a world walking record when he clocked 90:02.8 for 20km in Kiev back in 1955.

Colin Young

Further details on the Berlin walk of April 16th: Stadtmuller actually broke two world records—not only clocking 2:14:45.6 for 30km but also covering 26,911.6m (16M 1270y) in two hours. The former records were held by Christoph Hohne and Peter Frenkel respectively. Stadtmuller and Reimann (who failed to complete the full distance) passed 20km in 88:40. Lipowski finished the 30km in 2:17:22.4 with Sperling at 2:17:50.2 and Hohne at 2:18:22.6. At the same meet, Klaus Gunther (15) walked 10km in 45:53.4!

M.W.

11.3w; 200: Hunt (NZ) 23.5, van Straaten 23.5; 400: Hunt 54.1. **18.3. Cape Town.** Women's HJ: Elna Burger (15) 1.71/5'7½", Heidi de Kock 1.71 (world age 12 best; jumped 1.53/5'0½" in 1971). **22.3. Potchefstroom.** 100/200: van Heerden 10.3/20.6; HT: Barnard 63.66/208'10" (rec); women's 100/200: van Straaten 11.5/23.5; DT: Boshoff 52.84/173'4" (rec). **25.3. Pretoria.** Women's 100/200: van Straaten 11.5/23.5 (23.1 ht, rec).

1 and 3.4. Cape Town. (SA Champs) 100/200: van Heerden 10.4/21.3; 400: de Marigny 47.4; 800: Broberg 1:50.2; 1500: van Zijl 3:41.3; Broberg 3:47.9; 5000: van Zijl 13:48.4 (rec); 10,000: Krogman 29:56.6; 3000SC: Dorfling 8:46.4 (rec); 110H: Holtzhausen 13.9, Langley 14.1; 400H: Myburgh 52.0; HJ: Rossouw 2.14/7'0½"; PV: v.d. Walt 4.61/15'1½"; LJ: Langley 7.90/25'11" (rec); TJ: Nel 15.84/51'11½" (rec); SP: F. Botha 16.58/54'4½"; DT: H. Booysen 50.70/166'4"; HT: Barnard 63.36/207'10"; JT: Schnell 79.22/259'11"; 5kmW: Larcombe 23:01.4; 20kmW: Snyman 91:05.8; women's 100: Grobler 11.9 . . . van Straaten (11.7 ht) disq; 200: van Straaten 24.0; 400: du Preez 55.3; 800: Marais 2:06.6; 1500: S. van Zyl 4:26.9 . . . 6, Anne McKenzie (46) 4:50.2; 100H: Joubert 14.0; 200H: Boltman 27.3 (rec); HJ: v.d. Linde 1.75/5'8½", Burger 1.73/5'8" . . . 6, de Kock 1.63/5'4½"; LJ: van Wyk 6.01/19'8½"; SP: Nel 14.46/47'5½"; DT: Boshoff 52.78/173'2"; JT: Maree 52.00/70'7".

Doug Coghlan

NATIONAL ROAD RELAY *contd. from page 6*

(R. Piotrowski 15.47); 5, Small Heath 4:15:52 (B. Brookes 15.41); 6, City of Stoke 4:16:35 (S. Hope 15.31); 7, Belgrave 4:17:19 (A. Black 15.54); 8, Hercules Wimbledon 4:18:30 (J. Halliday 15.45); 9, Notts AC 4:21:06 (K. Pickles 16.37); 10, Westbury 4:21:26 (B. Popel 16.06); 11, Sale 4:21:28 (J. Robertson 15.53); 12, Medway 4:21:50 (A. Whiting 16.27); 13, Blackheath 4:22:24 (R. Shepherd 16.26); 14, Portsmouth 4:22:40 (J. Carlisle 16.19); 15, Manchester & Dist. 4:24:27 (M. Bateman 16.15); 16, Hillingdon 4:24:45 (L. Adams 16.20); 17, TVH 4:24:49 (R. Brandon 15.58); 18, Sheffield Utd. 4:26:09 (R. Mitchell 16.41); 19, Salford 4:26:43 (T. Reid 16.50); 20, Cambridge H. 4:27:24 (M. Paul 15.58); 21, Aldershot F&D 4:27:41 (R. Fudge 16.48); 22, Kettering 4:30:02 (J. Davidson 15.33); 23, Morpeth 4:30:28 (M. Auld 17.43).

FASTEST LAPS

Short Stage: A. Rushmer 14.42, D. Moorcroft 14.51, M. Bardsley 15.04, C. Ridler & A. Ashton 15.05, R. Woolaston 15.07, P. Carton 15.09, A. Dean 15.11, V. Smith 15.13.

Long Stage: R. Wilde 25.33, I. Stewart 23.37, D. Black 25.54, P. Stewart 25.59, A. Birks 26.15, C. Leigh 26.16, R. Holt 26.23, D. Holt 26.25, B. Ford 26.27, A. McKean 26.31, D. Fownes 26.33, M. Benn 26.34, R. Milne, W. Adcocks, R. McAndrew & D. Dipper 26.35, J. King 26.36, R. Haswell & B. Cole 26.37, G. Stevens & K. Bartlett 26.41, K. Harland, G. Biscoe & P. Rawnsley 26.43, D. Burbrough & M. Davis 26.44, C. Kirkham 26.45, R. Fowler 26.46, S. Edmonds 26.48, R. Smedley 26.50.

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Bill Tancred Beats Record—Officially

TWENTY-NINE year-old Bill Tancred at last laid claim this season to a "legal" UK record, when he tossed the discus 59.22/194'3" at Oxford on April 26th. A previous mark of 59.16/194'1" could not be considered for record purposes as there had not been enough graded officials present. However, at Oxford, where Bill was throwing as a guest in this Southern CAAA v. Borough Road College v. Oxford University match, the correct number of grade 1 Field Judges were available for record application forms to be filed. He began well, sending the 2 kilo disc spinning out to 57.80/189'7" on his first throw, and reaching 56.22/184'5" in the second round.

It was on his third throw that Tancred really got behind the implement. "I knew it was a good throw as I came out of the turn," he said later, "You can feel a good one way, way back in your arm as you wind up." The discus flew skywards, finally thumping into the turf 59.22/194'3" away, and Bill followed up with throws of 56.86/186'6", 58.60/192'3" and finally 58.28/191'2". The big throw was first announced as 59.18 but on re-measurement with a metal tape, was found to be another 4cms further. More significantly, it bettered the Olympic Qualifying standard by 22cms, allowing Bill the chance now to settle down for important exam studies before his finals at Loughborough Univ. 6 weeks away. "The wind wasn't very helpful tonight," he said, "If it had been coming in from the left directly towards us, I could have hit 200 feet, I think." Also guesting, Dennis Roscoe threw 52.36/171'9", whilst John Hillier, who has looked good in training recently, fouled out 6 times.

There was much good activity taking place on the track meanwhile. Steve Black easily handled Mike Haggerty with a 53.4 400mH win, and later on took the 200m low hurdles in 24.7 from Alan Lerwill, who had dashed straight over from the triple jump to make his debut at the event. Lerwill leapt 1.93/6'4" in the high jump, and secured the triple with 15.39/50'6". There was no holding Ron McAndrew in the steeplechase, as he led all the way in a fast 8:42.8 in an effort to impress on the Berkshire selectors that he wanted selection for that event in the Inter-Counties over clubmate Gerry Stevens. The 1500 saw two 800m specialists, Pete Browne and Phil Lewis, meet up for an interesting clash, but there was no doubt about the outcome once Lewis broke away and ran a very frisky looking 55.2 last lap. John Robertson was equally untroubled in taking the 400 and Roger Matthews just held on to win the 5000 over fast-closing John Valentine. Early pace-setter Phil Banning clocked an eye-opening 14:06.4 in fourth place. The high hurdlers were brought up sharp when they found the third flight wrongly placed, so Howard Rooks's time of 15.4 was therefore good in the circumstances. Brian Hooper was holding higher than usual on a stiffer pole; "But it was still not good enough, this pole's too soft for me now. I'm going to have

to move onto a 16 foot pole." He made 4.62/15'1½" third time with a scrappy vault, and then failed 4.75/15'7".

Dave Cockledge

Southern Counties AAA 157, Borough Road College 142, Oxford University AC 92. 100: 1, I. Green (BRC) 10.8; 2, C. Monk (BRC) 10.8; 3, R. McStocker (SC) 10.9; 4, S. White (O) 11.1. (Guest Race): 1, D. Cole (QPH) 10.8; 2, McStocker 10.9; 3, Green 10.9. **200:** 1, Monk 22.2; 2, J. Wilson (SC) 22.3; 3, White 22.4; 4, J. Harrison (BRC) 22.4; 5, L. Walters (SC) 22.5. **400:** 1, J. Robertson (SC) 48.1; 2, D. Patey (SC) 50.4; 3, E. Forman (O) 50.8. **800:** 1, M. Fromant (SC) 1:53.9; 2, A. Gibson (SC) 1:54.6; 3, A. Reekes (O) 1:55.1. **1500:** 1, P. Lewis (O) 3:49.4; 2, P. Browne (SC) 3:55.0; 3, C. Thomas (SC) 3:59.2; 4, A. Bentley (BRC) 4:00.1. **5000:** 1, R. Matthews (SC) 14:01.4; 2, J. Valentine (O) 14:02.2; 3, H. Starkey (SC) 14:02.8; 4, P. Banning (BRC) 14:06.4; 5, A. Moore (O) 14:07.2; 6, J. Waterhouse (O) 14:25.0. **3000SC:** 1, R. McAndrew (SC) 8:42.8; 2, P. Braithwaite (O) 9:04.4; 3, A. James (BRC) 9:09.8; 4, W. Ewers (O) 9:15.6; 5, M. Bromilow (O) 9:17.4; 6, H. Richards (Shaftesbury-G) 9:29.2; 7, R. O'Brien (O) 9:32.0. **110H:** 1, H. Rooks (SC) 15.4; 2, R. Gyles (O) 15.7; 3, P. Thompson (SC) 16.0; 4, L. Prince (BRC) 16.4. **200H:** 1, S. Black (BRC) 24.7; 2, A. Lerwill (BRC) 25.2; 3, M. Haggerty (SC) 25.2; 4, Thompson 25.9. **400H:** 1, Black 53.2; 2, Haggerty 54.0; 3, S. Nussey (O) 54.4; 4, R. Linter (BRC) 56.5; 5, C. Brooks (SC) 57.6.

HJ: 1, Lerwill 1.93/6'4"; 2, D. Kidner (SC) 1.88/6'2"; 3, A. Ababio (SC) 1.83/6'0"; 4, M. Maynard (BRC) 1.78/5'10"; 5, R. Munnings (O) 1.78. (Imperial). **PV:** 1, B. Hooper (BRC) 4.62/15'1½"; 2, A. Williams (SC) 4.25/13'11½"; 3, S. Clark (Croydon-Guest) 3.95/12'11½"; 4, N. Phipps (SC) 3.80/12'5½"; 5, R. Reeves (BRC) 3.65/11'11½"; 6, J. Sneideris (O) 3.50/11'5½". **LJ:** 1, P. Templeton (SC) 7.36/24'1½"; 2, D. Cole (SC) 7.27/23'10½"; 3, S. Atkins (BRC) 7.17/23'6½"; 4eq, White & Gyles 6.86/22'6½". **TJ:** 1, Lerwill 15.39/50'6"; 2, D. Boosey (SC) 15.11/49'7"; 3, Gyles 14.60/47'10½"; 4, Ababio 13.99/45'10½"; 5, Cole (Guest) 13.56/44'6"; 6, Atkins 13.42/44'0½". **SP:** 1, P. Tancred (BRC) 15.14/49'8½"; 2, A. Satchwell (SC) 15.09/49'6½"; 3, J. Wood (SC) 14.93/48'11½"; 4, D. Naylor (O) 13.06/42'10½". **DT:** 1, W. Tancred (Birchfield-G) 59.22/194'3" (UK National Record); 2, D. Roscoe (TVH-Guest) 52.36/171'9"; 3, P. Tancred 52.28/171'6"; 4, Satchwell 45.46/149'2"; 5, T. Neville (O) 45.14/148'1". **JT:** 1, N. Hart-Ives (SC) 67.82/222'6"; 2, A. Diffey (BRC) 65.80/215'10"; 3, P. Greenwood (O) 65.74/215'8"; 4, P. Sherlock (BRC) 57.40/188'4". **4x100:** 1, Borough Road Coll. 42.9; 2, Oxford Univ. 44.9. (Southern Counties disq). **4x400:** 1, Southern Counties (D. Patey, M. Fromant, P. Browne, J. Robertson) 3:18.7; 2, Borough RC (A. Sutton, R. Saunders, C. Laws, S. Black) 3:21.6; 3, Oxford Univ. (P. Temporal, E. Forman, D. Knight, S. Nussey) 3:21.7.

Newham Floodlit Meeting**At Plaistow, April 26th****Capes Twice Equals Rowe's Record****Great high jump display by Mary Peters : Livesey leaps 2.05**

THE absurdity of acknowledging two systems of measurement was demonstrated once more last week. When Geoff Capes twice put the shot 19.56 metres at Newham AC's Floodlit Meet he officially equalled Arthur Rowe's hallowed UK record which had, at Mansfield in 1961, been measured at 64'2" (conversion: 19.56m). Capes' efforts were measured, of course, in metric—but 19.56m converts to 64'2½" in feet and inches! So did Capes equal the record, or break it? This confusing situation is reminiscent in reverse of the world long jump record in 1967 when Igor Ter-Ovanesyan was credited with equalling Ralph Boston's 1965 mark of 8.35m (conversion: 27'4½"), whereas Boston's jump had in fact been measured imperially at 27'5". A similar state of affairs has existed with the discus record, concerning Rink Babka and Edmund Piatkowski (world) and John Watts and Bill Tancred (UK). As I've said before, roll on the day when we think exclusively in metres.

A standing put of around 18.30m while warming up indicated the instant demise of Rowe's record and Capes' 19.56 opener was startling, for it was seemingly propelled by brute force alone and owed little to technical finesse. Capes was as astonished as anyone by the distance: "It was so easy," he gasped. "I just pushed it and there it was." To his frustration, however, the second put went precisely the same distance and he was so anxious to remove Rowe's name altogether from the record lists. From then on the spark was gone: foul, 19.07/62'6¼", foul, 18.69/61'4". No matter, there will be many further opportunities and there is every possibility of Capes reaching his season's target of "20 metres (65'7½") plus". It should be realised that, in spite of all the training he lost during the winter because of a hernia, Capes is way up on his distances at the corresponding time last year when he reached 17.91/58'9¼" on April 24th and 18.33/60'1¼" on May 1st.

Another performance at this Golden Wonder Ltd. sponsored meeting was even more significant in terms of Olympic potential: Mary Peters' splendid high jumping. It was late, and becoming increasingly chilly, when Mary started the event—having earlier recorded a personal best long jump of 5.88/19'3½" and a 14.1 hurdles. She was content to enter at 1.50/4'11" and worked her way up slowly: 1.55/5'1", 1.60/5'3", 1.65/5'5", 1.68/5'6" (a personal best outdoors) and 1.71/5'7½" (equalling her absolute best, made indoors). Her first failure came at 1.73/5'8" but she was over on the second attempt, and at 1.75/5'8½" she successfully Fosbury-flopped at the third try (a three-inch improvement which at this level is worth 78 pentathlon points). She finally went out with the bar at 1.77/5'9¼".

"AW" readers were warned back in February what to expect from Mary in this event (her Munich target is 1.78/5'10"), but it is astonishing progress all the same by a girl who can trace her high jumping career back to 1956 (1.46/4'9¼") and who, for ten years, was stuck in a 5'4"/5'5" groove. Now she has overtaken such notables as former world record holders Dorothy Tyler, Sheila Lerwill and Thelma Hopkins, plus Mary Toomey, Dorothy Shirley, Ann Wilson, etc., to rank third on the UK all-time list behind Barbara Inkpen and Frances Slaap . . . or fourth if you include Linda Hedmark's jumps in Sweden.

What with Mary putting the shot 16.61/54'6" in training a few days earlier (and 13.94/45'9" with the 12-pounder!), her pentathlon prospects are looking marvellous. Her UK record of 4527 (5148 on the old tables) may not survive this weekend when, at Crystal Palace on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, she faces Ann Wilson, Ruth Martin-Jones, Judy Vernon, Janet Honour and Sue Hayward in what promises to be a fascinating, full-blooded competition with the tough Olympic qualifying standard (4200) providing plenty of motivation also.

Ann Wilson won the long jump at Newham, while Judy Vernon came up with personal bests of 11.9 for 100m and 13.9 for 100m hurdles (the latter probably windy, though). Judy's shot putting will be watched with interest; last year, during her four pentathlons, she ranged from the pathetic (8.34/27'4½") to the simply poor (9.35/30'8½"), yet recently in training she bettered 41ft—a possible bonus of some 200 points if she could reproduce that in competition.

Signs that the British women's 4x400m squad this year will be the finest since 1969 were provided by the running of Veronica Bernard, who surged past Madeleine Cobb near the finish of a swift 300m, and Janet Simpson who followed Margaret Beacham through a 62 first lap and sprinted ahead with 100m to go for a 93.9 600m clocking. Unhappily too many runners caused three girls—Thelwyn Bateman, Lesley Kiernan and Gloria O'Leary—to fall out of the race as the field converged on the first bend.

The most remarkable run in the men's events came not from double-winner Ian Matthews, or from Martin Winbolt Lewis (600m) or Jim Douglas (1500m)—both of whom look set for a successful season after so many setbacks in the past—but from Steve Ovett, a 49.8/1:55.3 performer last year. He chased Winbolt Lewis home, defeating several internationals, in 79.5 . . . a fair old performance by a lad of 16! Appropriately, in front of his home crowd, David Livesey displayed good high jumping form as he cleared 2.05/6'8½" at the

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A. Gershuny (TVH) 11.1; 3, D. Balderstone (Lancs
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300m: 1, Matthews 34.6; 2, R. Hearn (Luton)
34.8; 3, J. Aukett (W&B) 34.8; 4, S. Marlow
(Chelm) 35.2.

600m: 1, M. Winbolt Lewis (Ach) 78.7; 2, S.
Ovett (Brighton & H) 79.5; 3, K. Falla (Croy)
79.6; 4, C. Cusick (M&D) 79.7; 5, R. Roberts
(Bris) 81.0; 6, A. Todd (B'ton) 81.7; 7, J. Greatrex
(SLH) 85.7.

1500m: 1, J. Douglas (R. Navy) 3:45.6; 2, R.
McDonald (Monk) 3:47.6; 3, J. Cadman (Cov)
3:48.2; 4, F. Davies (Liv) 3:49.6; 5, J. McCarthy
(Gosf) 3:49.7; 6, R. Hollings (Wake) 3:50.6; 7,
R. Smedley (B'ham U) 3:51.3; 8, V. Smith (Med)
3:53.4; 9, R. Milne (Notts) 3:53.4.

3000m: 1, R. Young (Haver) 8:13.0; 2, J. Drake
(Basil) 8:17.2; 3, E. Pomfret (Durham Const)
8:17.4; 4, M. Absalom (E. Manor) 8:23.2; 5,
Vernon (W. Grn) 8:23.4; 6, R. Gill (Ilf) 8:25.8; 7,
S. Barr (Thurr) 8:27.0; 8, Small (Met Pol) 8:38.0.

400mH: G. King (Camb & C.) 58.0.

HJ: 1, D. Livesey (Newham) 2.05/6'8½"; 2, J.
Dickerson (Hill) 1.95/6'4½"; 3, C. Greenaway (W.
Gn) 1.83/6'0"; 4, R. Hunte (Enf) 1.78/5'10".

PV: 1, S. Chappell (TVH) 4.40/14'5½"; 2, P.
Goulding (Eal & S) 4.20/13'9½"; 3, G. Patel (New-
ham) 3.81/12'6"; 4, R. Kelly (Newham) 3.75/12'
3½".

LJ: 1, Greenaway 7.34/24'1"; 2, S. Matthews
(Met Pol) 6.94/22'9½"; 3, R. Snow (Ilf) 6.76/22'
2½".

SP: 1, G. Capes (Mid-Anglia Const) 19.56/64'
2½" (eq. UK rec); 2, W. Fuller (Eps & E) 16.85/
55'3½"; 3, J. Watts (R. Navy) 16.82/55'2½"; 4, M.
Winch (B'ton) 16.46/54'0"; 5, T. Canham (Met
Pol) 13.26/43'6".

3000m Walk: 1, R. Mills (Ilf) 12:33.0; 2, O.
Caviglioli (Basil) 12:33.6; 3, W. Sutherland
(H'gate) 12:41.8; 4, D. Cox (S'end) 12:54.0; 5, A.
Seddon (Enf) 13:03.0; 6, R. Dobson (Basil) 13:03.6;
7, S. Gower (Ex B) 13:14.2; 8, B. Armstrong
(Ilf) 14:01.0; 9, A. Banyard (S'end) 14:03.4; 10, B.
Laver (Ex B) 14:13.0.

Trophy Events: 100m (A): M. Blackman (W.
Gn) 11.2; (B) C. Greenaway (W. Gn) 11.2. 200:
Blackman 22.7. 400: N. Crowley (Met Pol) 50.0.
1600 Medley: Met Police 3:37.2. Scores: 1, Met
Police 116; 2, Woodford Green 89; 3, Newham
76; 4, Eton Manor 72; 5, Ilford 55; 6, Essex
Beagles 53; 7, Chelmsford 13.

WOMEN

100m: (+1.5m) 1, A. Lynch (Sel) 11.9; 2, I.
Vernon (Mit) 11.9; 3, J. O'Neill (Leic) 12.2; 4, C.
Hooper (Rain) 12.4; 5, M. Tranter (W&B) 12.4;

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Great Races of the Past (14)**By Jack Barlow****SPECTACULAR FINISH TO 1500m DUEL**

"WATCH THE CLOCK" shouted the excited commentator as the big crowd gathered in the Marquette University stadium at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, took respective glances at both the titanic struggle being enacted on the track before them, and the hands of the giant Western Union Sports Clock erected high above the uppermost tiers of the stands as they crept relentlessly past first 3 min. 30 sec., then 3 min. 40 sec. and finally on towards 3 min 50 sec. The event was the 1,500m final at the National AAU Championships; the date was June 30th, 1934, and the head-on clash between Bill Bonthron of Princeton and Glenn Cunningham of Kansas resulted in one of the truly great races of the past as both men cracked the world's record with Bonthron making up all of a dozen yards over the last lap to stage the most spectacular finish of his career.

The Bonthron—Cunningham feud of 1934 was reminiscent in some ways to the classic Bill Carr—Ben Eastman rivalry over the quarter mile two years earlier. Like Carr before him, Bonthron, the young brilliant newcomer, finally just got the better of Cunningham, who, like Eastman, was the more famous and experienced performer of the two. The often told but true story of Glenn Cunningham being badly burned in both legs as a boy when his brother threw kerosene on an open fire bears out his characteristic abilities not to be set back by adversity. Despite medical opinion that he would be lucky even to walk again, this dour and determined Kansas youth developed into the toughest and most durable, as well as the fastest, of America's mile runners of the 1930s.

Born on August 4th, 1909 at Atlanta, Kansas, Cunningham was down to 4:11.1 for the mile

(within 1.9 sec of the standing world record) as a 22-year-old in 1932 and was on Uncle Sam's Olympic squad at Los Angeles where he finished a creditable fourth in the 1,500m final. By March 1933 Glenn had become the fastest indoor miler in history with a run of 4:09.8 in Chicago. He equalled this mark outdoors in the same city in June that year to come within 0.6 of Frenchman Jules Ladoumegue's international standard, but a month later he saw the official world figures hacked down to a fancy 4:07.6 by New Zealand's Jack Lovelock in defeating a certain young Princeton University star named Bonthron, who had also gone under the former record with 4:08.7 for second place.

By March 1934, Cunningham had reduced his best figures to 4.08.4 indoors in New York and this made him all the more determined to make the one mile record his sole property that coming summer. Glenn chose the Princeton Invitational Meet on June 16th for an all out attack on the record and he succeeded in admirable fashion by running a punishing 61.8 third lap to break and finally run away from a field including Bonthron to win in masterly style in 4:06.8. The "Iron Horse of Kansas" had finally come through; he outclocked everybody, he was at last the kingpin of milers.

He could hardly have realised at that moment of great personal triumph that the man he had just defeated, the tall, good looking, and hence aptly named, "Bonny" Bonthron, had—by winning the Inter-Collegiate (IC4A) 1,500m title completed the first step towards achieving the "Grand Slam" of American middle-distance running. Undaunted by his defeat at Cunningham's hands, the 21-year-



Two of the greatest names in miling during the 1930s — New Zealander Jack Lovelock defeats Bill Bonthron (USA) in the Oxford & Cambridge v. Princeton & Cornell match at White City in 1934. The winning time was 4:15.4.

old Princeton University star was rounding into the finest form of his life. That race against Lovelock in 1933 had confirmed his high reputation and he was now about to prove it still further. One week later at the National Collegiate (NCAA) Championships in Los Angeles on June 23rd he astounded all present with a sparkling 4:08.9 mile victory over a somewhat less ebullient Cunningham who took second spot in 4:10.6. Perhaps Glenn found this race somewhat anticlimactic after his world record run of one week earlier, but nevertheless must have fully realised that the mile crown was still not completely safe on his head.

The score was thus one all and the tie-breaker to come was the 1,500m championship race at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) meet in Milwaukee on June 30th. For the third successive weekend these American super-milers were to clash and not many track feuds have ever attracted such public attention as this one. In addition to Cunningham and Bonthron this field included another fine performer Gene Venske, who in 1932 had held the indoor mile record at exactly 4:10—the hallmark of a world class miler in those days.

The pace in this electric final was a scorcher from the start, 61.3 for the first lap with 800m reached in 2:01.8. That second 400m of 60.5 was the swiftest ever known for this stage and must have seemed fantastic in 1934 as it came close to four minute mile tempo. The lull before the storm came in the third circuit, covered in 64.2, and it was here that the rugged, barrel-chested Cunningham stole a march on his arch-rival. By the start of the final lap Bonthron was all of 12 yards down and it must have looked as if the great Kansan runner could not be overtaken.

Not so, however, for they all reckoned without Bonthron's famed big kick. All the way round that final lap it slowly gathered momentum. Still the powerful Cunningham held grimly on to his diminishing lead and, as thousands roared vociferous encouragement to their chosen favourite, it was not until Cunningham had almost reached the sanctuary of the tape that the tall, lunging

figure of Bonthron just caught and finally thrust himself past to snatch an incredible victory. That last 300m had been covered in as little as 42.8, again the fastest known in a world class race, and furthermore as the crowd, almost simultaneously with the race's end, glanced up at the huge Western Electric Sports Clock they let out another roar for it was seen that the giant fingers had stopped at a shade inside 3:49. Yes, big Bill Bonthron had not only achieved the IC4A-NCAA-AAU grand slam, he had smashed Italian Luigi Beccali's world 1,500m record by 0.2 sec with new figures of 3:48.8. The gallant Cunningham was also under the old mark with 3:48.9 while Venske finished third in 3:50.5 to take sixth place on the all-time list.

It was Bonthron's finest hour for he was never quite the same again. The great mental and physical strain of those three struggles against Cunningham had undoubtedly taken a lot out of him. And although he did manage to run a world's best ever time of 3:00.8 for 1,320 yards in Sweden during a European tour later that season, he lost two out of three races against Lovelock, being beaten in a 4:15.4 mile in London and in a 3:53.4 1,500m in Amsterdam. His one (and only) victory over the canny New Zealander came later in Paris where he at last managed to burst past to win a 1,500m tactical crawl in 3:58.0. He did little of note in 1935, the only time he came into prominence being in the famous "Mile of the Century" at Princeton where, although he outran Cunningham over the closing stages, he was beaten by Lovelock for the fourth time in 4:11.2.

His swansong came in 1936 with an effort to gain a berth on the American Olympic team but in the final Try-Outs at Randall's Island, New York, he was run out of a place in the 1,500m by the redoubtable Cunningham, newcomer Archie San Romani and the ever game Gene Venske in a speedy 3:49.9. No, for Bill Bonthron track immortality came on that June day of 1934 in Milwaukee when he came from behind to win by a hair's breadth in world's record time. Such races rarely happen more than once in an athlete's lifetime.

COAL INDUSTRY SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANISATION ATHLETICS MEETING

TO BE HELD AT WIGAN MUNICIPAL STADIUM, WOODHOUSE LANE, WIGAN
ON SATURDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1972, at 2.00 p.m. Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws

For Miners and Sons and Daughters of Miners in the North-Western Area

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YOUTHS: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 Metres, H.J., L.J., Discus, Shot.

BOYS (Under 15): 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 Metres, H.J., L.J., Discus, Shot.

BOYS (Under 14): 100, 200, 800, L.J.

LADIES: 100, 200, 800 Metres, H.J., L.J., Discus, Shot.

INTER. GIRLS: 100, 200 Metres.

JUNIOR GIRLS: 100, 200, 800 Metres, L.J.

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JENKINS v NEWHOUSE CLASH OVER 300m

FOR his first race of the season, David Jenkins will be able to measure himself against one of America's, and therefore the world's, leading 400m runners, Fred Newhouse. The distance is 300m, an ideal distance for both men, and this will be one of the invitation events in the AAA v. Borough Road College (Past and Present) match—sponsored by Visionhire Ltd.—at Crystal Palace next Wednesday evening (May 10th). The world's best time for the event is 32.1 by Jim Kemp (USA) and both Jenkins, who reached that mark in 32.4 during his European 400m victory, and Newhouse are capable in good conditions of bettering that. The 1.75/5'9" tall Newhouse (23) has impressive credentials; second to John Smith in 45.0 in last year's Pan-American Games 400m, he has run windy sprint times of 10.1 and 20.4 this year and is holder of the world indoor 440y record of 45.6. Also in the race will be Stuart Bell who, like Jenkins, is coached by John Anderson and is expected to be a candidate for Britain's Olympic 4x400m team.

Top-class overseas competitors will be seen in three other events. World 2 miles record holder Emiel Puttemans (Belgium) runs in the 3000m, for which he holds the European record with 7:39.8, along with colleague Andre de Hertoghe (3:37.1 1500m). France's European indoor 1500m champion Jackie Boxberger, Allan Rushmer, Ian McCafferty, Brendan Foster, Andy Holden, John Kirkbride, Jim Douglas and possibly Dave Bedford. The long jump features a duel between Alan Lerwill and French record holder Jack Pani (8.16/26'9½"); while in the pole vault former European record holder (5.37/17'7½") Herve D'Encausse clashes with Mike Bull and Brian Hooper.

Athletes involved in the match events will include Brian Green, Ian Green, Barrie Kelly, Alan Pascoe (who has organised the meeting on behalf of Borough Road College), Andy Todd, Geoff Capes, John Watts, Bill Tancred and Dave Travis.

The meeting starts at 6.30 p.m. and will end just before 9 p.m.

COLOUR TV SET PRESENTED

Visionhire TV Rentals Ltd., has presented a colour TV set to the athletes' hostel (upper lounge) at Crystal Palace. The set was originally offered to the AAA as first prize for the 5000m championship last July but as its value exceeded the permissible limit the idea was abandoned. The presentation to Crystal Palace was the suggestion of the AAA 5000m winner, Mike Baxter.

KANGAROO CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Kangaroo Club are staging invitation long jump (2.30) and triple jump (3.30) competitions at Crystal Palace on Sunday, May 7th. Any non-members, or those who have not received an invitation, who have cleared 22'6" or 47' will be welcome to compete.

NEWHAM FLOODLIT *contd. from page 23*

6, H. Davies (Eps & E) 12.5.

300m: 1, V. Bernard (W&B) 38.9; 2, M. Cobb (Sel) 39.1; 3, Tranter 39.9; 4, J. Stroud (Felt) 40.4; 5, Lynch 42.0.

600m: 1, J. Simpson (LOAC) 93.9; 2, M. Beacham (Barnet) 94.7; 3, E. Kubasu (Kenya) 95.6; 4, B. Price (Ux) 100.3; 5, C. Ansell (Verle) 101.4.

1000mH: 1, Vernon 13.9; 2, S. Garnett (Ex L) 14.0; 3, M. Peters (A. Fdry) 14.1; 4, L. Ilott (Ilf) 14.3; 5, J. Honour (Wok) 14.4.

HJ: 1, Peters 1.75/5'8½"; 2, S. Wright (Ex L) 1.68/5'6"; 3, T. Dainton (Harlow) 1.55/5'1".

LJ: 1, A. Wilson (S'end) 6.22/20'5"; 2, Martin-Jones 6.17/20'3" w (legal 6.13/20'1½"); 3, M. Chitty (Surrey) 6.14/20'1½"; 4, Peters 5.88/19'3½"; 5, Vernon 5.84/19'2" w (5.73/18'9½"); 6, Honour 5.74/18'10" w (5.49/18'0¼"); 7, S. Mapstone (Harlow) 5.67/18'7¼".

1500m Walk: 1, C. Coleman (H'gate) 7:53.3; 2, J. Finch (Sel) 7:58.7; 3, S. Hudson (Newham) 8:26.0.

4x200m: 1, Mitcham 1:41.6; 2, Wolv. & Bilston 1:41.6; 3, Essex Ladies 1:41.6; 4, Cambridge H 1:43.3; 5, Selsonia 1:44.3.

Intermediate 800mH: 1, Mapstone 12.0; 2, H. Alderton (Ex L) 12.8; 3, L. Hunt (Surrey) 12.9.

EUROPEAN RAILWAYS CC CHAMPIONSHIP At Bergen (Norway), April 16th

1, V. Spar (USSR) 23.59; 2, F. Eisenberg (EG) 24.02; 3, G. Eisenberg (EG) 24.15; 4, H. Parmentier (Bel) 24.22; 5, C. LEIGH 24.24; 6, A. Golub (USSR) 24.27 . . . 10, K. HINTON 24.54; 24, A. JONES 25.29; 33, J. WALSH 25.47; 38, W. WILKINSON 25.56; 39, J. TOWNSEND 25.57; 65, A. MATHISON 27.00. 128 finished. Teams: 1, USSR 71; 2, E. Germany 102; 3, Poland 120; 4, UK 149; 17 teams closed in.

Entries for the Michelin 15km Open Road Race on Sunday (May 7th) include Ron Hill, Eric Haslam, Mike Freary, Ron Grove, Dave Slater, Eric Austin, Harry Leeming, Tony Birks, Colin Roberts, Norman Deakin, Keith Boyden, Jim Wright, Doug Fownes, Derek Pratt and Pete Rawnsley.

A New Zealand high hurdler is coming over to England for 2-3 months and would like to find accommodation near the Crystal Palace. Anyone able to help, please contact Alan Pascoe (Tel: 01-670-9513—evenings).

Watford Harriers have a vacancy for one club to compete in the Willis and Barkway Trophy Meeting for Senior Men & Youths, on August 19th. Interested clubs should contact K. Morton, 17 Kendale, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Mitcham AC cross-country section officers: men's secretary A. Kimber, 1 Maple Close, Mitcham (01-640-2327); team manager, A. Pawsey; capt., J. Gowan; women's sec., T. Marsh, 88 Tonfield Road, Sutton (01-644-7371); team manager, G. Tedder; capt., Miss L. Marsden.

SCOTLAND

CHRIS BLACK SMASHES HAMMER MARK

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN'S Chris Black (22) crashed through the 200ft barrier and also surpassed 64 metres for the first time with a vengeance at Meadowbank on April 22nd when he tossed the 16lb hammer 64.84/212'9". It was a Scottish Native and National record, surpassing Lawrie Bryce's previous best of 61.78/202'8". After beating the meeting record with his opening throw, Chris let loose the big one in the second round, to the delight of himself and mentor Bob Watson. This effort brings Chris well within range of the Olympic Qualifying (66.00/216'6"). Despite the early stage of the year, there were some fine performances on a chilly, but sunny enough afternoon. Scottish Javelin champion Douglas Flett made a good start with a 65.58/215'2" throw and Adam Chedburn displayed tenacity in holding off Tom Renwick in a tight finish to the 800m.

Edinburgh SH 186, Edinburgh AC 146, Heriot Watt Univ. 130, Dundee Univ. 102, (Univ. Contest) Heriot Watt 87, Dundee 71.

100m: A. Wells (ESH) 11.5. **200:** 1, Wells 22.9; 2, I. Walker (ESH) 23.1; 3, W. Harrow (HW) 23.2. **400:** 1, Walker 49.5; 2, T. Renwick (HW) 50.6; 3, D. Vernon (DU) 50.7. **800:** 1, A. Chedburn (ESH-J) 1:56.2; 2, Renwick 1:56.2; 3, P. Halkett (HW) 1:56.5. **1500:** 1, H. Johnston (HW) 3:58.5; 2, I. Elliott (ESH) 3:58.7; 3, G. Bryan-Jones (ESH) 4:01.2. **5000:** 1, K. Ballantyne (ESH) 15:16.8; 2, T. Coyle (ESH) 15:29.0. **4x100:** 1, ESH 43.9; 2, EAC 45.5; 3, Heriot W. 45.8. **110H:** A. Murray (ESH) 16.3. **400H:** 1, A. Robertson (ESH) 55.0; 2, McGinn (DU) 56.8; 3, R. Sharp (HW) 58.5. **HJ:** 1, D. Flett (EAC) 1.83/6'0"; 2, A. McKenzie (ESH-J) 1.78/5'10". **PV:** 1, G. Rule (ESH) 4.27/14'10"; 2, P. Burgess (EAC) 3.66/12'0"; 3, R. Williamson (HW) 3.66. **LJ:** 1, A. Lorimer (ESH) 6.28/20'7½". **TJ:** Lorimer 13.76/45'1½". **SP:** C. Black (ESH) 12.80/42'0". **DT:** Black 36.64/120'2". **HT:** 1, Black 64.84/212'9" (Scottish National & Native Record); 2, S. Togher (ESH) 44.56/146'2"; 3, W. Gentlemen (EAC) 42.10/138'1". **JT:** Flett 65.58/215'2".

WOMEN'S EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Pitreavie, April 22nd

There were some fine performances in blustery conditions. Wanda Sosinska continues to make progress and her time of 10:04.2 in the 3000m constitutes a new Scottish National record, beating Chris Haskett's 10:06.4. Although short of her sharpest form, Liz Sutherland provided abundant evidence of better things to come after a series of severe injuries which have kept her out of action since 1970. She took the 400 convincingly in 57.7. Sheila Pringle won the 100m in a very wind aided 11.8, which equals Helen Golden's Native record.

100m: 1, S. Pringle (ESH) 11.8 (wind over 6 mps); 2, E. Sutherland (ESH) 12.1; 3, S. Leverett (Harlaw Acad) 12.4. **200:** 1, Pringle 24.9 (+ 3.6); 2, Sutherland 25.4; 3, M. McEwen (PAAC) nt. **400:** 1,

Sutherland 57.7; 2, M. Munro (ESH) 58.4; 3, McEwen 60.0. **800:** 1, C. Haskett (Dundee) 2:20.5; 2, Munro 2:30.7; 4, M. Poole (EAC) 2:46.8. **1500:** 1, W. Sosinska (ESH) 4:53.4; 2, E. Livingstone (EAC) 5:13.0; 3, P. Lindsay (Dun) 5:18.4. **3000:** 1, Sosinska 10:04.2 (Scottish Native Rec); 2, M. Chambers (EAC) 10:48.6; 3, Lindsay 11:23.6. **100H:** 1, S. Forrest (ESH) 15.9; 2, C. Anderson (Dun) 17.8. **200H:** 1, Anderson 33.5; 2, E. Edgar (Lewisvale Sp) 36.7. **HJ:** No entries. **LJ:** 1, J. Burns 4.75/15'7½"; 2, J. Darling (EAC) 4.66/15'3½"; 3, F. Nicol (ESH) 4.54/14'10½". **SP:** 1, M. Ritchie (ESH) 11.20/36'9"; 2, J. Yorston (Harlaw A) 9.66/31'8½"; 3, Burns 8.74/28'8½". **DT:** 1, Ritchie 34.84/114'4"; 2, D. Grant (Madras C) 23.94/78'6". **JT:** 1, E. Rutherford (EU) 34.78/114'1"; 2, Anderson 17.66/57'11".

Intermediates

100: J. Joss (Dun) 12.7. **200:** Joss 26.0. **400:** A. Dunnigan (EAC) 60.8. **800:** Dunnigan 2:24.1. **1500:** M. Murphy (B'gate) 5:00.5. **80H:** D. Irving (ESH) 12.3. **HJ:** P. Cox (ESH) 1.33/4'4½". **LJ:** E. McNeill (RSH) 4.80/15'9". **SP/DT:** Y. Page (ESH) 9.04/29'8" & 32.08/105'3". **JT:** E. Dinwiddie (ESH) 23.23/76'2".

Juniors

100: I. Higginson (ESH) 12.4 (+7.2). **200:** D. Connell (PSH) 26.2. **800:** I. Gibson (PAAC) 2:26.0. **1500:** A. Cherry (F'house V) 5:10.1. **75H:** M. McLean (ESH) 11.8. **HJ:** H. Thomson (EAC) 1.45/4'9". **LJ:** McLean 4.74/15'6½". **SP:** A. Stenhouse (ESH) 10.10/33'1½". **DT:** L. Robertson (ESH) 29.97/98'3". **JT:** Stenhouse 26.46/86'10".

WOMEN'S WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Scotstoun, April 22nd

It was a bright and breezy start to the season in these early championships, with the wind behind the long jumpers and against the sprinters, especially later in the day. Georgena Craig, former Scottish champion and Commonwealth Games runner, continued her comeback with a win in the 1500 metres, although her time was inferior to both the intermediate and Junior performances.

J.L.

100m: 1, C. Sprigg (M'hill 12.7; 2, C. Wilkie (Western) 13.0; 3, C. Salmond (M'hill) 13.1 (12.7ht) In Hts: Wilkie 12.7. **200:** 1, Sprigg 26.1; 2, M. Brown (Larkhall) 26.7; 3, Wilkie 26.8. **400:** 1, M. Brown 58.7; 3, E. Brown (VP) 59.8; 3, P. Lloyd (West) 60.0. **800:** 1, C. Fenner (West) 2:27.4; 2, S. Dunn (L'hall) 2:28.8; 3, G. Craig (West) 2:32.6. **1500:** 1, Craig 5:03.6; 2, P. Spence (G'nock RP) 5:10.7; 3, S. Dunn (L'hall) 5:19.9. **100mH:** C. Smart (M'hill) 17.5. (only finisher). **200H:** 1, J. Allan (G'mth O) 32.6; 2, E. Mulder (M'hill) 33.3. **HJ:** 1, C. Black (M'hill) 1.53/5'0½"; 2, P. Robinson (VP) 1.53; 3, B. Thomson (GO) 1.45/4'9". **LJ:** 1, H. Toal (Bella) 4.87/15'11½"; 2, M. Wither (Unatt) 4.69/15'4½"; 3, S. Downs (Badock & W) 4.15/13'7½". **SP:** 1, H. Stuart (M'hill) 13.17/43'2½"; 2, W. Blackwood (M'hill)

11.54/37'10½"; 3, C. Chalk (M'hill) 10.58/34'8½"
(Measured Imperial only). **DT:** 1, Stuart 39.70/
130'3"; 2, Blackwood 37.84/124'2"; 2, Chalk 36.12/
118'6". **JT:** 1, Thomson 35.02/114'11"; 2, E.
Hagman (M'hill) 32.48/106'7"; 3, Lloyd 27.18/
89'2".

Intermediates

100: 1, F. McKenzie (GO) 13.2; 2, J. Armstrong
(VP) 13.3 (13.2ht); 3, J. McLean (M'hill) 13.4
(13.1ht **200:** 1, McLean 26.6; 2, McKenzie 26.9;
3, E. McMeekin (M'hil) 27.0. **400:** 1, E. McMeekin
58.7; 2, C. McMeekin (M'hill) 59.4; 3, E. Suther-
land (GO) 63.3. **800:** 1, L. Doran (M'hill) 2:28.2; 2,
V. Chalmers (GO) 2:30.3; 3, J. Jackson (Lesm)
2:32.8. **1500:** 1, M. O'Boyle (VP) 4:49.0; 2, J.
Higgins (VP) 5:15.6; 3, A. Munro (Strath) 5:19.1.
80mH: 1, McLean 13.2; 2, M. Cooke (M'hill)
14.0; 3, J. Kean (West) 15.0. **HJ:** 1, P. O'Neill
(VP) 1.47/4'10½"; 2, M. Cooke (M'hill) 1.43/4'8½";
3, M. Brown (VP) 1.39/4'6½". **LJ:** 1, P. O'Neill
(VP) 5.04/16'6½"; 2, J. Rennie (Shett) 5.02/16'5½";
3, M. Haughie (Shett) 4.87/15'11½". **SP:** (Imperial)
1, L. King (M'hill) 10.51/34'6"; 2, M. Wilson
(Shett) 6.37/20'11"; 3, M. McLaughlan (Strath)
6.12/20'1". **DT:** 1, L. King (M'hill) 36.72/120'6";
2, L. Cooke (M'hill) 25.40/83'4"; 3, E. Sutherland
(GO) 24.22/79'5". **JT:** 1, J. Dallas (M'hill) 25.64/
84'1"; 2, J. Higgins 15.40/50'6"; 3, J. Gourlay
(Strath) 15.04/49'4".

Juniors

100m: 1, A. Robertson (GO) 13.4 (13.2ht); 2, C.
McEwan (Bab) 13.4; 3, A. McLellan (M'hill)

14.1 (13.6ht). **200:** 1, Robertson 26.7; 2, McEwan
27.4; 3, A. Hutchinson (GO) 28.9. **800:** 1, A.
McKenna (VP) 2:34.3; 2, E. Treanor (Shett)
2:34.8; 3, E. Brownlie (Shett) 2:34.9. **1500:** 1, L.
Todd (GO) 5:02.6; 2, McKenna 5:13.8; 3, Brownlie
5:26.1. **75H:** 1, L. Brady (West) 13.2 (13.0ht);
2, A. McLennan (M'hill) 13.5 (13.3ht); 3, S.
McNab (VP) 14.7 (14.0ht). **HJ:** 1, P. McQuade
(Bella) 1.31/4'3½"; 2, J. Hall (GO) 1.27/4'2".
LJ: 1, P. McQuade (Bella) 4.70/15'5"; 2, V. White
(M'hill) 4.65/15'3½"; 3, A. Rorke (Law) 4.55/
14'11½". **SP:** 1, H. Thomson (GO) 8.92/29'3½";
2, E. Robertson (M'hill) 7.36/24'2"; 3, J. Harvey
(GO) 6.96/22'10". **DT:** 1, D. Hood (M'hill) 22.64/
72'11"; 2, C. Cameron (M'hill) 16.12/52'11"; 3,
F. Hogg (GO) 15.96/52'4". **JT:** 1, J. Cockburn
(Bab) 13.70/44'11"; 2, F. Cochran (VP) 12.04/
39'6"; 2, A. Husband (Bab) 10, 12/33'2". (**Minor
Girls**) **100:** 1, I. Anderson (West) 13.9; 2, J. Bain
(GO) 13.9. **800:** 1, I. Anderson (West) 2:35.3;
2, E. Nixon (GO) 2:39.7; 3, E. Kerr (Strath)
2:41.2.

WARWICKSHIRE WOMEN'S ROAD RELAYS

At Birmingham, April 15th
Seniors

Race cancelled.

Intermediates

1, Coventry Godiva (S. Lines 8.08, C. Smith
8.14, M. Morgan 7.46) 24.08 (rec); 2, Birchfield
25.59; 3, Coventry Godiva 'B' 26.13. Fastest:
Morgan 7.46 (rec).

Juniors

1, Lozells (J. Keen 3.47, M. Murray 3.49, P.
Gorman 3.41) 11.17; 2, Birchfield 11.22; 3, Coventry
Godiva 11.23; 4, Rugby & Dist. 12.45; 5,
Lozells 'B' 13.04; 6, Rugby & Dist. 'B' 13.28;
7, Lozells 'C' 14.01. Fastest: S. Healey (Birch)
3.39 (rec).

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Arms", at Downshire Hill, Hampstead.

Bridgend YMCA officers: Chairman, John
Davies; Secretary, Brian Adamson, 55 Heol Y
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Philip Griffiths.

WALLASEY FESTIVAL OF SPORT

ROAD RACES

(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)

Saturday, 10th June, at New Brighton

Men's 7 Mile Road Race for "Daily Post"
Trophy. Women's composite 1000 Metres Road
Relay. Entries close June 3rd. Details: C. R.
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Sam Downie (Falkirk Victoria) winning the Tom
Scott Memorial 10 Miles. Newlands Hamilton

Walking News

AS Amos Seddon was content to walk for third place, Roger Mills and Don Cox enjoyed a vast margin over the rest of the field in the Essex League 20km at Chelmsford on April 15th. Cox led for 5 miles, then Mills took the lead and gradually increased his advantage. Good performances from the young Essex Police squad and Steve King. 1, R. Mills (Ilford) 94.17 (46.23 at 10km); 2, D. Cox (S'end) 94.43 (46.33); 3, A. Seddon (Enf) 105.48; 4, J. Hedgethorpe (Ex. Police) 106.06; 5, R. Hammond (Ex. Pol) 106.21; 6, P. Rodgers (S'end) 106.42; 7, T. Riley (Ilford) 108.40; 8, M. Eldred (Ex. Pol) 109.02; 9, S. King (Ilf) 110.28; 10, D. Neagle (Ilf) 110.43.

John Lees 2 days up on Tulloh's schedule after 10 days. Accompanied by clubmate Phil Chapman and Ron Laird in the final stages, John Lees from Brighton has averaged over 50 miles per day for the first 10 days of his trans-America Walk despite having covered an extra 16 miles from the Pacific Ocean shore to Los Angeles Town Hall. Lees is already two days ahead of Bruce Tulloh's running schedule.

Lightman retains Middlesex '20' title, at Enfield, April 22nd. Shaun Lightman led all the way with Bill Sutherland absent. Behind him, Charlie Fogg pulled well away from Les Dick in the closing stages and Ray Blount almost caught Dick whilst beating Barry Ingarfield. 1, S. Lightman (Met)

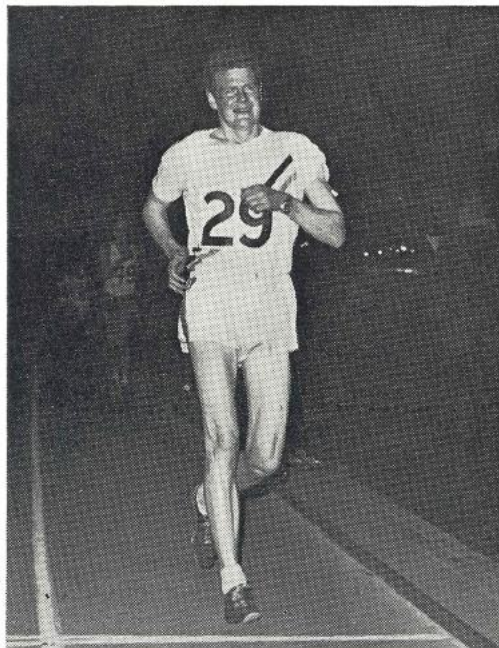
2:44.30; 2, C. Fogg (Enf) 2:48.27; 3, L. Dick (H'gate) 2:52.23; 4, R. Blount (Enf) 2:53.00; 5, B. Ingarfield (Bel) 2:53.51; 6, K. Easlea (Enf) 2:55.05; 7, K. Livermore (Enf) 2:55.09; 8, R. Porter (Met) 2:03.36; 9, W. Fenlon (Enf) 3:07.26; 10, P. Dicks (H'gate) 3:09.25. Middlesex Champs: 1, Lightman; 2, Fogg; 3, Ingarfield. Herts.: 1, Blount; 2, D. Cross (Enf) 3:19.14; 3, K. Cardoza (H'gate) 3:23.00.

Roger Mills edges Olly Caviglioli in Newham 3km, April 26th. Bill Sutherland led early on but Roger Mills soon took command and was never headed during the final 6 laps. Olly Caviglioli put in a final strong challenge, passing Sutherland and getting within 2y of Mills at the tape. Don Cox was just outside his best in fourth. (Results included in meeting report on page 23.)

Today's events. The Southern track 10km at Brighton looks to be a good thing for in-form Bill Sutherland. Against the Highgate policeman are ranged his protégé, Jacky Lord, local favourites Alan Buchanan and Bryan Hawkins and Les Dick. At Sutton Coldfield, the local club's open 20 miles has attracted an official French team and from the home front, Ron Wallwork, John Pad-dick, Eric Taylor, Ken Harding, Charly Fogg and the powerful Leicester squad should be to the fore. Tomorrow (Sunday) the UK Post Office 15km championship takes place from a new venue at Waddon, Croydon. Ray Middleton looks certain to have another comfortable victory, while Dennis Vale, in sharp form, should be second. Jacky Lord will be making his debut and it should be interesting to see how this outstanding youngster fares over this distance.

30km and 20 Miles UK Records for Nihill. During the Leicester 50km, Nihill clocked 2:28.44 at 30km and 2:40:42.6 at 20 miles knocking 1:37.6 and 1:01.2 respectively off Don Thompson's 12-year-old records set when the Olympic champion set the 50km record at 4:17:29.8. The maximum lead Paul had over George Chaplin was 5:52 at 26km 400m. Bob Coates actually walked 800m over-distance! His actual 50km time, therefore, was 4:56.53. Adjusted times: Lawton 4:49.45, Young 4:50.53.

Colin Young



BILL SUTHERLAND

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15M. at Steyning, April 29th. Richard Emsley pulled away from Dave Stevens and Alan Buchanan after 5M and was a full minute ahead at halfway. However by 10M this had been cut by half but a mile later Buchanan, with a heavy cold, had been dropped. Walking into the teeth of a gale force wind with heavy rain showers that caused half a dozen retirements Stevens strove to catch his young clubmate but the gap remained at the finish. The times were very good over this tough circuit despite the weather. 1, R. Emsley (Sx. Clubs) 2:06.58; 2, D. Stevens (SC) 2:07.29; 3, D. Holly (SC) 2:10.36; 4, J. Hedgethorpe (EC) 2:12.01; 5, D. Rosser (EC) 2:12.58; 6, P. Hodgkinson (Met. Police) 2:12.58; 7, A. Buchanan (SC) 2:14.22; 8, R. Hammond (EC) 2:14.44; 9, R. Penfold (SC) 2:16.25; 10, H. Hazlehurst (MP) 2:17.04; 11, D. Boxall (SC) 2:19.51; 12, L. Taylor (MP) 2:19.58. 30 finished. **Teams:** 1, Sussex Clubs 22; 2, Essex Clubs 51; 3, Met. Police 58.

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RESULTS IN BRIEF

March 22nd

RAF 26, Belgian Air Force 62 (CC), in Brussels. 1, R. Clark (RAF) 24.21; 2, Defreyne 24.56; 3, M. Hurd (RAF) 25.04; 4, A. Keith (RAF) 25.17; 5, V. Blackwell (RAF) 25.23; 6, G. Edgington (RAF) 25.25.

March 26th

International Women's CC, at Linden (Belgium). 1, J. Smith (Eng) 12.48; 2, v.d. Kerkhof (Neth) 12.53; 3, M. Coomber (Scot) 12.58; 4, van Santberghe (Bel) 13.03; 5, S. Carey (Eng) 13.08; 6, A. Lovell (Eng) 13.18.

March 29th

Leicester Coritanian Open Competitions, at Loughborough. SP: 1, W. Tancred 18.83/61'9½" (& 18.50/60'8½"); 2, C. Culley 13.98/45'10½". DT: W. Tancred 57.96/190'2".

April 1st

Manx Mountain Marathon. 1, J. Naylor 4:52.10; 2, J. Smith 4:52.42; 3, eq. R. Meadowcroft & J. Norman 5:47.25; 5, E. Norrish 6:39.19; 6, M. Davies 6:41.58; 7, M. Meath 6:44.20; 8, A. Heaton 6:47.50; 9, D. Weir 6:51.53; 10, M. Tyler 6:55.59.

April 7th

Leicester Coritanian Open Competitions, at Loughborough. SP: 1, W. Tancred 18.31/60'1"; 2, C. Culley 14.39/47'2½". DT: 1, W. Tancred 59.02/193'8"; 2, Culley 42.26/138'8".

April 8th

Worthing H. 10M Road Race. 1, A. Clarke 62.18; 2, I. Syred 64.55; 3, C. Lee 66.03.

April 9th

Woodford Green AC Club Trials. 3000: 1, R. Leem-Bruggen (Yth) 9:15.8; 2, J. O'Brien (Boy) 9:21.8; 3, G. Saville (Boy) 9:31.4.

April 10th

Leicester Coritanian Open Competitions, at Loughborough. SP: 1, W. Tancred 18.30/60'0½"; 2, P. Tancred 15.88/52'1½"; 3, G. Tancred 14.25/46'9"; 4, C. Culley 14.07/46'2". DT: W. Tancred 59.16/194'1". HT: 1, G. Tancred 57.24/187'9"; 2, J. Whitehead 55.10/180'9".

April 15th

Bournemouth AC Open Meeting. 5000: P. Martin (Ply) 14:50.6. HJ: E. Fitzgerald (RNAC) 1.80/5'10½". SP: 1, R. Gardner (Reading) 14.37/47'2"; 2, A. Tamblyn (Lough. C) 13.61/44'8". DT: Gardner 45.00/147'8". HT: 1, D. Bayes (Poly) 54.86/180'0"; 2, E. Berry (Yeovil-J) 52.28/171'6"; 3, B. Marden (Halesmere) 50.98/167'3" (Imperial). Junior 3000: J. Hayward (Salisbury) 9:03.2.

April 16th

Croydon H. One Hour Track Run. P. Lill 17.661m (10M 1723y); 2, P. Honniball 17.352m (10M 1383y); 3, R. Dickson 17.190m (10M 1205y).

Mr. J. Webber of 25 Greenways, Haywards Heath, Sussex, is anxious to obtain A.W.s. for 1950, also 1951 (Nos. 3, 9, 10, 22, 27, 28): '52 (35, 36, 39, 47, 48); '53 (12, 34, 52); '54 (3, 4); '57 (51).

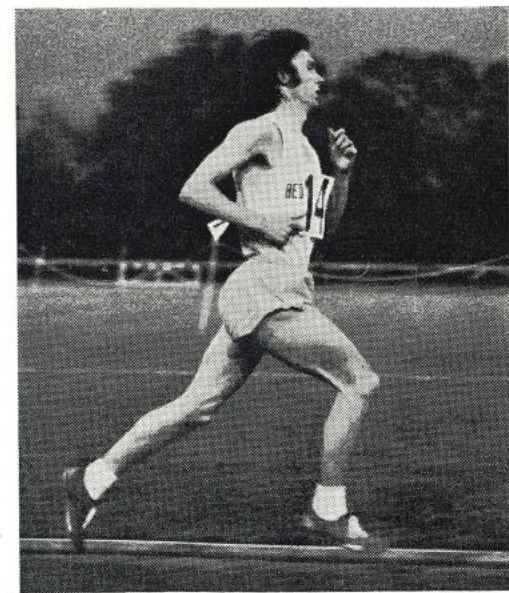
Brian Roberts in Form

At West London, April 22nd

DESPITE the very cold, windy weather a number of fine early season marks were set at the RAF/TVH/OUAC meeting. In the javelin, Brian Roberts improved throughout the competition as his series shows: 67.96, 69.36, 70.80, 72.12, 70.30, 73.46. He ended up with his second best ever competitive throw. The conditions were far from helpful, and there is clearly much potential here. Dennis Roscoe was another looking in good shape as he sent three discus throws arching out over 50 metres, but was unable to better his opener of 52.28/171'6". Outstanding track performances came from Phil Lewis, who dominated the 800m and there was also some sharp sprinting from Ian Matthews and Don Halliday.

Peter Matthews

100m: (+ 1.3) 1, I. Matthews (TVH) 10.6; 2, D. Halliday (RAF) 10.6; 3, G. Vince (RAF) 11.0; 4, B. Griffiths (TVH) 11.1. (B Race) (+ 4.4) A. Gershuny (TVH) 11.0. (C) (+ 3.4) D. Barton (OU) 11.1. **200:** 1, Halliday 21.6; 2, Matthews 21.7; 3, L. Walters (TVH) 22.5; 4, Vince 22.5. **400:** 1, A. Williams (RAF) 49.5; 2, M. Delaney (RAF) 49.9. **800:** 1, P. Lewis (OU) 1:52.2; 2, D. MacGregor 1:55.8; 3, C. Thomas (TVH) 1:55.8. **1500:** 1, M. Davis (TVH) 4:01.2; 2, A. Joslyn (TVH) 4:01.8. **3000:** 1, R. Clark (RAF) 8:21.8; 2, Joslyn 8:39.4. **2000mSC:** 1, I. Forster (RAF) 6:01.0; 2, J. Wild (RAF) 6:07.0. **110H:** (+ 2.0) 1, S. Scott (RAF) 15.8; 2, Gyles 15.8; 3, B. McEwan (RAF) 15.9. **400H:** R. Coles (RAF) 56.3. **HJ:** A. Munnings (OU) 1.77/5'9". **LJ:** 1, S. White (OU) 7.19/23'7" w; 2, P. Davies (TVH) 6.97/ 22'10" w; 3, A.



Tony Simmons during the Southern 10,000m championship which he won in 28:34.6.

Ed Lacey

Henry (TVH-J) 6.87/22'6" w. **TJ:** Davies 13.89/45'7". **SP:** 1, E. Palsay (RAF) 15.07/49'5" w; 2, McEwan 14.23/46'8" w; 3, D. Roscoe (TVH) 14.18/46'6" w; 4, Naylor (OU) 13.74/45'1". **DT:** 1, Roscoe 52.28/171'6"; 2, Neville 46.84/153'8"; 3, Palsay 43.26/141'9"; 4, McEwan 42.22/138'6". **HT:** W. Robertson (TVH) 52.42/172'0". **JT:** 1, B. Roberts (TVH) 73.46/241'0"; 2, R. Silvester (S'gate-guest) 67.64/221'11"; 3, J. McSorley (TVH) 67.02/219'10"; 4, P. Greenwood (OU) 61.42/201'6"; 5, D. Fowle (RAF) 61.18/200'9"; 6, R. Mawson (RAF) 58.78/192'10". **4x100:** 1, RAF 42.6; 2, TVH 43.2; 3, OUAC 44.6. **4x400:** 1, RAF 3:22.8; 2, OUAC 3:30.0; 3, TVH 3:32.5. **Result:** RAF 182, TVH 126, Oxford Univ. 109.

WAAA Rule Amendments

AMENDMENTS to the 1971 edition of the WAAA Rule Book:—

Constitution

Page C.3. Rule 12 (c) alter to read 'Vice-Presidents of whom there shall not be more than 13 (four each from the NCWAAA, MCWAAA, SCAAA and one from Wales)'.

Page C.3. Rule 12 (e) alter to read 'Four representatives each from the NCWAAA, MCWAAA, SCWAAA, and one from Wales'.

Competition Rules

Page 9. Rule 17 (e) alter to read:—After 28 days from ceasing to be a member of a Club or Association an athlete shall not be eligible to compete in Open Competition until she has again become a member of an affiliated Club or Association.

Page 38. Rule 98 (b) alter second paragraph to read:—A competitor's throw must not be marked and measured if she steps on the arc or touches the ground beyond the arc or extended scratch lines.

Page 40. Rule 99 (e) delete 100m and insert 200m.

Page 47. Rule 104 (1) and where necessary throughout the rules the operative date now reads August 31st/September 1st.

Page 47. Rule 104 (2) (c) now reads:—In addition to being allowed to run distances of up to 200m (220y), Juniors shall be allowed to compete on the track at distances of 800m (880y) and 1500m.

Page 48. Rule 104. 3 (b) now reads:—Juniors holding WAAA Standard Certificates showing performances in identical events equal to or better than; etc.

Page 48. Rule 104 add to 'Note' nor in Shot Putt, Hurdles or Pentathlon.

Page 48. Rule 105. Intermediate Championships delete '3,000m' and insert '400m'. Junior Championships—add '1500m'.

ERRATA: Page 10 Rule 17 Note (b) rule 102A (7) should be 100 (7). Page 34 Rule 93 (d) alter 75mm to 75cm. Page 38 Rule 97 delete 12mm from column headed Maximum. Page 46 3 (b) alter 1500m to 1600m in both instances.

V. Searle,
for Rule Book sub-Committee

COLCHESTER ATHLETIC CLUB 4th FESTIVAL 5M ROAD RACE

SUNDAY, 11th JUNE, 1972, at 4.15 p.m.

Awards: Team Trophy, First 3 Ind. and First 3 Teams (3 to score). Fees: 15p per ind., no add. team fee. Under A.A.A. Laws.

Entries to G. Goodenough, 58 Lisle Road, Colchester, Essex, by 5th June.

LANCASHIRE WALKING CLUB 45th Annual

Manchester-Blackpool Walk

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

SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, Start 6.15 a.m.

Prizes: 1st-4th Individuals, 1st-4th Open H'cap, 1st & 2nd Veterans H'cap, 1st & 2nd Novice, 1st-3rd Teams, 1st & 2nd Class Standard Medals (inside 9½ & 11 hrs. respectively). Accommodation available pre-race night at Race Headquarters. Entry Fee 50p.

Entries close 3rd June to F. O'Neill, 2 College Close, Fearnhead, Warrington, Lancs.

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ENTRIES CLOSE 18th MAY, 1972

HECKINGTON SHOW & SPORTS

SATURDAY, 29th JULY, at 1.30 p.m.

(Under A.A.A. and W.A.A.A. Laws)

	Prize Values			Fee
	1st	2nd	3rd	
800m Open Scr	£8	£4	£2	15p
1500m Open Scr.	£10	£6	£4	15p
Ladies 100 Yds. Scr.	£4	£2	£1	10p
Ladies 800m Open Scr.	£8	£4	£2	10p
Youths 800m Scr.	£5	£3	£1	10p
Junior Girls 100 Yds. Scr.	£1	75p	50p	5p
Boys 100 Yds. Scr.	£1	75p	50p	5p

TEN MILES ROAD RACE. Start 3.30 p.m.

Entry Fees: Teams 35p, Individual 15p

Prize Values: Individual—1st £8, 2nd £4, 3rd £2. Team (6 run, 3 score)—1st 3 at £3, 2nd 3 at £2, 3rd 3 at £1.

Entries on A.A.A. forms to D. G. Bell, Esq., 71 Church Street, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincs.

CLOSING DATE SATURDAY, 15th JULY

SHREWSBURY ATHLETIC CLUB 10½ MILE WREKIN ROAD RACE

Monday, May 29th, 1972, at 3 p.m.

Start: Grammar School, Wellington, Salop.

PRIZES AND TROPHY

Entries (15p Ind., no Team) to A. Martin, 22 Mount Gilbert, Wellington, Telford, S.A.E. for details. Entries close 22nd May, 1972.

POLYTECHNIC HARRIERS OPEN JUNIOR, YOUTHS & BOYS EVENTS

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Wednesday (6.30) May 17, June 7 and 28

Details from David Barrington, 3A North Common Road, W5 2QA (Home Tel: 579-6787).

CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS

SUN., 11th JUNE (I.A.A.F. Laws)

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Tony Ward: A PLEA FOR SANITY

Dear Sir,

"Now is the winter of our discontent" said Richard the Third and certainly this has been so for athletics over the past few months though perhaps the word "dishonour" would be more appropriate. Certainly though the unprecedented public rowing and wrangling, the amateurish political plotting and bitter animosity engendered over the past few months would not have taught Richard much it has brought enormous discredit to the sport as a whole.

LETTERS

It says nothing for either the accused or the accusers that the positive orgy of washing our dirty linen in public should have taken place in Olympic year when the public's attention is more upon our sport than at any other time nor for their total lack of sensitivity to the damage they are doing the sport as a whole. The appearance of *Athletics Truth* is deplorable but those who rightly condemn the appearance of other underground magazines as products of a sick society must also appreciate that the appearance of this vilifying, if occasionally truthful, scandal-sheet is indicative of a sick sport. What must be made clear is that the great issues which have so pre-occupied the Press and the fragment of top athletics administration for the past months: who swore at whom at the Crystal Palace, who didn't get enough Kraft cheese to eat during the winter, who actually voted for what at the IAC AGM, who asked for money for running in a televised cross-country race, who's ahead in a popularity poll for team manager and the final decadent moment of British distance running when some international runners refused to run once, twice or whatever up a steep sand-hill in South Wales is of absolute and total inconsequence to the sport as a whole.

In talking to club officials all over Britain as I am lucky and privileged enough to do one thing becomes abundantly clear: that what happens at national and international level is of almost complete and utter disinterest to them. It is a serious state of affairs which accounts for the total apathy displayed towards those momentous annual events, the AGM's of the AAA and the BAAB. Equally those who serve in top positions in our sport and their most fervent, current critics are as equally unconcerned about what occurs at what is popularly called "grass-roots level."

Yet it is a basic fact of sporting life that a sport really is only as strong as its clubs. If, to be macabre for a moment, the whole of Britain's international team, team management and professional coaching squad were to disappear over the Atlantic on its way to a meeting the sport, though somewhat dented, would carry on. If, conversely, three-quarters of our clubs were to dis-

appear suddenly it would not take long for the sport to be in a very serious position indeed. Until some imaginative plan which involves every unit in athletics as an integrated whole is evolved we shall continue to stagnate. We must, if we are to survive as a viable sport and an international force, make everyone feel involved. Historically the channels to the top are long and tortuous and acting as great blankets between the man doing positive work on a club track and "the corridors of power at Park Crescent" as someone once fancifully called them to me, are great, creaking, cumbersome committees composed mostly of people who talk as opposed to those who actually do.

If one is to make severe critical comment about the way our sport is run at national and international level—and I do—one must also make as severe comment about those who are forming, at the present time, 'the opposition'. The IAC really must put its house in order. Its performance in creating a great rumpus about team management at Helsinki, in going into a great conclave with the BAAB about it and in coming out afterwards with exactly the same team management with absolutely no comment, coupled with its performance at the weekend gathering at Loughborough must harm its credibility and its new officers must have some hard thinking to do. The completely overhauled and de-coked Specialist Clubs Committee with its new self-styled dynamic leadership has certainly made more noise and spent more money on advertising than its predecessor but whether it has made any positive contribution to the sport as a whole over the past few months is open to debate. Certainly (though perhaps the latter would vehemently deny this) neither organisation represents the rank and file athlete or club official upon whom, ultimately, the future of athletics rests.

What they do represent—and it is a fundamental failing of our top officials to recognise this—is frustration. Frustration with stagnation, frustration with the status-quo, frustration because people are all changing hats and then saying 'Look we've changed'. *Athletics Truth* (read by only 0.001% of the athletics population) represents an extreme of this frustration.

Meanwhile as the main protagonists adopt their sometimes absurd postures the club official becomes more and more disenchanted. After three hours on his local club track he goes to his pub to be greeted by derisory comments concerning his sport which have been picked up from the new sporting gossip columns of the Sundays. What is the use in his explaining that that isn't really what it is all about? I suspect that we have now reached the stage where many club officials find it better to pretend that the BAAB, AAA and WAAA simply just don't exist and certainly to those working to keep athletics alive in Cumberland, Inverness, Cornwall and even the Home Counties, Park Crescent is as far away as Peking.

I must admit (sorry about this, Frank) that my favourite character of 1971 worked about 20 hours a week on his club, had never heard of Frank Horwill and thought that a *Chef d'Equipe* was a cook for a French sporting newspaper.

What we need now—and what the majority of those who are training for and dreaming about Munich need now—is some sanity. What officialdom must learn to do is to meet criticism squarely and fairly instead of either thinking themselves above it or taking it all as a personal attack. What the critics must ask themselves is what they hope to achieve by any dramatic change in Olympic year—surely no one in his right senses would take over the reins at this late juncture. After Munich we must recognise that this terrifyingly wide gap between clubs and national administration needs tackling; our leading officials must realise that there is much more to athletics than the international scene and the IAC must recognise it too; clubs must waken to the fact that they owe a duty to the sport as a whole to take an interest in what goes on outside the sixth lane of their own track; the personal vendettas must stop and we've got to have less position-grabbing and activation by personal motive and a little more in the interests of the sport as a whole.

But surely this is where we came in in 1956, 1960, 1964 and last year? The tragedy is that the whole farce, probably with much the same cast, will be enacted again in 1976. If that's so, here is one that won't be in the audience.

Tony Ward

Thank you, Tony, for expressing so brilliantly a viewpoint which will be shared by all who have the welfare of the sport truly at heart.—Ed.

THE OLYMPIC APPEAL

Dear Sir,

The British Olympic Association was conscious of the difficulties which might arise when Rothman's offered to help The Olympic Appeal. This offer was received very early on when the Association was faced with raising the formidable sum of £200,000.

The offer was accepted on the grounds that people in this country can be divided into smokers and non-smokers. It was felt that smokers should be given the opportunity to support the Appeal. It is not believed that The Rothman's Appeal will in fact, encourage others to smoke.

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On balance, therefore, with both smokers and non-smokers helping the Appeal it would seem that this form of Appeal can be justified. In a situation like this there are, however, always valid arguments for and against.

Sandy Duncan,
General Secretary,
British Olympic Association

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(Calving Hill) 15.1 (14.4 ht); 4, J. Fairweather (Elliott) 15.2 (15.2 ht); 5, N. Bryant (Wootton Bassett) 15.4; 6, C. Murray (Elliott) 15.4 (15.3 ht).

HJ: 1, A. Dainton (Netteswell) 1.88/6'2" (MR); 2, M. Nangreave (O. Mary's) 1.67/5'54"; 3, R. Stallard (Rossall) 1.67; 4, eq. ———— & S. Bayston (Wallington) 1.63/5'44"; 6, S. Harrison (St. Edward's) 1.60/5'3".

PV: (28th): 1, R. Kelly (East Ham) 3.66/12'0" (MR-new event); 2, J. Jones (Bilborough) 3.20/10'6"; 3, K. Homer (Calving Hill) 3.10/10'2"; 4, J. Fogwell (St. Edward's) 2.90/9'64"; 5, B. Allum (Hounslow) 2.80/9'24".

LJ: (28th) 1, S. Kohut (Coleshill) 6.39/20'114"; 2, A. Phillips (Man. GS) 6.33/20'94"; 3, A. Richmond (Sutton Manor) 6.09/19'114"; 4, K. Cheong (Alley's) 6.04/19'94"; 5, M. Toulson (Springhead) 5.96/19'64"; 6, J. Wolmersley (St. Edward's) 5.95/19'64".

TJ: 1, G. Doerr (Wallington HS) 13.51/44'4" (MR-new event); 2, F. Attoh (Hendon) 13.28/43'7"; 3, N. Burrows (Ravensbourne) 13.01/42'84"; 4, Womersley 12.91/42'44"; 5, P. Kalfayan (Kings, Cant.) 12.58/41'34"; 6, J. Berry (St. Joseph's) 12.56/41'24".

SP: 1, T. Smead (Stepney Green) 13.57/44'64"; 2, L. Worthington (N. Manchester) 13.19/43'34"; 3, R. Allingham (Portchester) 12.83/42'14"; 4, G. Sass (Cranford) 12.47/40'11".

DT: (28th) 1, Allingham 42.26/138'8"; 2, J. Cuesta (Portchester) 42.10/138'1"; 3, S. Berry (Fairlop) 41.26/135'4"; 4, Major (Orange Hill) 39.64/130'1"; 5, J. McCarthy (Alley's) 38.86/127'6"; 6, R. Wheway (Millfield) 38.78/127'3".

4x100: 1, Stepney Green Sch. 46.8 (46.7 ht); 2, Christopher Wren 46.9 (46.8 ht); 3, Sir Frederick Osborn 47.0; 4, King Edward VI 47.2; 5, Springhead Sch. 47.7; 6, Royal Grammar Sch. 47.8 (47.8 ht); 7, Swayne 47.9.

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