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Distances?*

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SWEDEN BEAT HUNGARY IN BUDAPEST

By Torsten Skogh

When this match was planned, Hungary wanted to include the women's match in the result, but Sweden, believing their women athletes not good enough for such competition, refused. The women lost their match 49-57, but even if this had been included, Sweden would still have won.

The matches were held in the new Nep Stadium, which has a marvellous track, and this was its first big event. Unfortunately, in the 110m. hurdles one of Lundberg's obstacles was placed on the 80m. mark, causing the Swede to fall. At first he was disqualified, but after a protest he was placed fourth.

Sweden were disqualified in the 4 x 100m. relay for a faulty change, but in some of the events their performances were very good indeed. Brannstrom did 47.4 in the 400m., equal to Wolfbrandt's new national record. He also put up the second fastest time ever by a Swede in the 200m., one tenth slower than Strandberg's 21.4 in 1942. In the 400m. hurdles Eriksson and Ylander were given the same time of 52.2, and the latter declared the winner. After studying a photo of the race, the judges later awarded the race to Eriksson.

In the women's match, Ingrid Almqvist made a new Swedish record when winning the javelin with 43.81m. (143'8½"), and in the long jump Karin Martensson cleared 5.69m. (18'8") for another national record, though only placed second to Gyarmati. Naranka Kazi set a new Hungarian record in winning the 800m. in 2:12.7 and Feher made yet another when winning the shot with 13.62 (44'8¼").

1st Day

100: 1, Goldovanyi (H) 10.7; 2, P. O. Trollsas (S) 10.8; 3, Zarandi (H) 10.9; 4, B. Andersson (S) 11.0.

400: 1, G. Brannstrom (S) 47.4; 2, L. E. Wolfbrandt (S) 47.8; 3, Solymosi (H) 48.5; 4, Banhalmi (H) 49.1.

800: 1, T. Ekfeldt (S) 1:50.7; 2, Szentgali (H) 1:51.2; 3, O. Aberg (S) 1:51.4; 4, Bakos (H) 1:52.0.

5000: 1, Kovacs (H) 14:15.4; 2, B. Albertsson (S) 14:31.6; 3, A. Andersson (S) 14:34.2; 4, Garay (H) 14:59.2.

400H: 1, S. O. Eriksson (S) 52.2; 2, L. Ylander (S) 52.2; 3, Lippay (H) 52.3; 4,

Lombos (H) 53.9. Race awarded to Ylander but decision changed after studying photo of finish.

PV: 1, R. Lundberg (S) 14'1¼"; 2, Homonnay (H) 13'9¼"; 3, E. Hultqvist (S) 13'5½"; 4, Kovacs (H) 13'1½".

HSJ: 1, R. Norman (S) 49'8½"; 2, S. Eriksson (S) 49'5¼"; 3, Puskas (H) 49'2¼"; 4, Bolyki (H) 47'6¼".

D: 1, Klics (H) 162'11¼"; 2, Szecsenyi (H) 162'10¼"; 3, L. Arvidsson (S) 162'1¼"; 4, R. Lindman (S) 148'8".

J: 1, O. Bengtsson (S) 233'3½"; 2, G. Sjostrom (S) 218'9¼"; 3, Krasznai (H) 203'9"; 4, Lukaos (H) 203'6¼".

4 x 100 Relay: 1, Hungary 40.9.

2nd Day

200: 1, G. Brannstrom (S) 21.5; 2, J. Carlsson (S) 21.8; 3, Goldovanyi (H) 22.1; 4, Banhalmi (H) 22.2.

1500: 1, T. Ericsson (S) 3:50.6; 2, S. Karlsson (S) 3:51.6; 3, Iharos (H) 3:52.6; 4, Rozsavolgyi (H) 3:52.8.

3000 S'chase: 1, Apro (H) 9:07.2; 2, C. Soderberg (S) 9:10.6; 3, Jeszensky (H) 9:14.2; 4, R. Asbrandt (S) 9:16.4.

10,000: 1, Kovacs (H) 29:58.2; 2, Juhasz (H) 30:53.0; 3, L. Dillen (S) 30:55.8; 4, K. Lund (S) 31:08.6.

HJ: 1, B. Nilsson (S) 6'6¼"; 2, G. Svensson (S) 6'4¼"; 3, Hemela (H) 6'0¼"; 4, Szabo (H) 6'0¼".

LJ: 1, Foldessy (H) 25'1½"; 2, Zaiki (H) 24'1¼"; 3, C. E. Israelsson (S) 23'2"; 4, J. Magnusson (S) 22'11¼".

Wt: 1, Sonegard (S) 49'6½"; 2, Edlund (S) 49'3¼"; 3, Mihalyti (H) 48'4¼"; 4, Kovesdi (H) 47'6".

H: 1, Csermak (H) 197'7"; 2, Nemeth (H) 190'3"; 3, P. Asplund (S) 176'4¼"; 4, A. Ringstrom (S) 172'9¼".

4 x 400m. Relay: Sweden 3:15.2; Hungary 3:15.9.

WOMEN

1st Day

100: 1, B. Martensson (S) 12.5; 2, Tilkovszky (H) 12.6; 3, I. Denes (H) 12.7; 4, N. Spostrom (S) 12.8.

800: 1, N. Kazi (H) 2:12.7 (Hung. Rec.); 2, A. Oros (H) 2:15.3; 3, J. Carlsson (S) 2:26.6; 4, L. Severinsson (S) 2:27.19.

LJ: 1, Gyarmati (H) 19'1½"; 2, K. Martensson (S) 18'8" (Swedish Rec.); 3, G. Magnusson (S) 18'5¼"; 4, J. Lomazs (H) 18'4".

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EVERY SATURDAY — SIXPENCE

THE visit of Gordon Pirie to Woldemar Gerschler and Professor Reindell, at Freigurg, Germany, has brought forth much comment both in this country and abroad.

There are many who feel that Gordon, who had previously disdained the use of a Coach, should have sought the guidance he needed from his home country, which is producing the finest team of distance runners in the world, instead of in Germany, where so few distance men of class are produced that Charlie Smart, 43 year old veteran, was able to hold his own with all but one or two of their best men, yet found the pace in our Championships too hot and finished well back.

This view has been given much publicity in Germany, where our Press reports have been freely quoted. Most amusing comment, perhaps, is Gerschler's reported statement that "the British will have to be careful or they will wear Gordon out." No-one over here is likely to do that, for Gordon has always pleased himself and his record breaking has been his own doing.

Just as interesting was the reported comment from Gordon himself that there is no great trainer or coach of distance runners in this country. It is not a case of Britain having no such coaches, it is purely a difference in "set-up." There are probably a number of coaches over here who would prove as good, perhaps better than Gerschler, given the opportunity. Our distance running coaches are honorary; they coach in their spare time and with little fuss or publicity, but their results are there for all to see.

Gerschler, about whom there are varying opinions even in Germany, has the facilities available and time to spend on his charges, and with already established champions from other countries on which to work, should produce results. He will inevitably get much credit for putting the finishing touches to what has already been created.

This brings us to the question of a national centre for athletics, as suggested by George Pallett recently, a centre where research can be carried out and a full-time staff employed. In this respect we lag far behind some countries and while this is so, it remains impossible to have a full-time specialist approach to provide those finishing touches which our best men need and deserve.

THE EDITOR.

IN RETROSPECT

by R. A. OLVER

Should women run the longer distances?

WITH the news of Jim Peters' sensational marathon in Turku and Gordon Pirie's record four miles at Perry Bar, one of the longest and most successful track and field seasons comes to an end.

It is interesting, therefore, to turn back the pages and refresh our memories as to just what has been accomplished since last May.

First and foremost, five World's records. Three by the men and two by our women athletes. These were set up by Gordon Pirie (six miles) and our relay-teams in the 4 x 1500 metres and 4 x 1 mile. Our ladies' successes were obtained in the 4 x 220 yards and 3 x 880 yards relays.

Moreover, World's best performances in non-recognised distances for record purposes were obtained in the marathon by Peters and the one mile by Diane Leather.

The athlete of the year—without a doubt, Gordon Pirie. At the beginning of the season he held British records at three and six miles, as well as English native records at the four and five mile marks. During the season he not only improved on his times for all the above-mentioned events, but added records at the 1½ and 2 miles, thus annexing every one between 1½ and 6 miles. A truly remarkable feat.

And Pirie was not content with this. He accomplished a personal best in the one mile, sprinting past Wes Santee in 4 min. 6.8 sec. Then in Berlin and Stockholm he beat all previous British Empire bests at the 5,000 and 10,000 metres marks. Then he came home to run a leg of the 4 x 1500 metres relay in which our team beat the World's record and the Swedes and Germans at the same time.

So much for Gordon. But perhaps the best "come-back" was that of Bill Nankeville, who at the age of twenty-eight did a sensational 4 min. 6.6 sec. in the 4 x 1 mile relay and a personal best of 3 min. 46.6 sec. in the 1500 metres against Sweden.

The White City track was of course the

scene of most of the records. We shall never forget those relays under floodlights, and those memorable battles over one, two, three and six miles featuring Pirie, Freddie Green, Frank Sando, Ian Binnie and Jim Peters. We saw all too little of Roger Bannister and Chris Chataway, but new favourites appeared in Ralph Dunkeley, David Law, Brian Hewson and Don Seaman.

We missed the familiar stride of Arthur Wint, the tenacity of Derek Pugh, the sprinting of Nick Stacey and Les Lewis. We felt sorry for John Parlett, temporarily out of form, but trying so very hard to fight back. It was strange to see such great performers like Terry Higgins, Webster and Evans among the "also-rans." Then came the shock of McDonald Bailey turning professional. No, not as a runner, as a rugby player.

Even the ladies had their notable absentees, the most prominent being June Foulds and Sylvia Cheeseman. It is to be hoped that they will be with us again next season. In their places we saw the Misses Pashley, Newbould, Hampton and Johnson, all in great form during the season, and finally beating that World's relay record as a sprint team.

It seemed to me a great pity that just as this grand season was drawing to a close one of our well-known sports writers should choose to bring up again that old question of whether our women athletes should run more than a furlong. He gave his opinion that girls "should not attempt athletic performances for which they were never constructed." He spoke of "the sight of a girl with hair in rat tails, eyes staring out of her pallid face, and obviously at the end of her tether." He used the word "degrading."

Well, I ask you. Regular followers of athletics will, I am sure, agree with me that instances such as the above are very rare indeed. Of course our women athletes sometimes appear exhausted after a gruelling

race. So do the men. A perfectly natural reaction. And only a momentary one.

Personally I enjoy watching women's athletics. I am content to leave the question of whether or not they are constructed for any particular event to the W.A.A.A. and the girls themselves. They always seem to enjoy running. I cannot believe that such well-known athletes as Valerie Winn, Diane Leather, Ann Oliver, Phyllis Green and Enid Harding would fancy going into retirement. And what would the White City be like without them? Their own views would make interesting reading.

I suppose there comes a time when sports writers get short of copy, or have a space to fill. Hence the outburst. But publicity of this nature does a clean sport a lot of harm. What a pity some of the people who write in this manner do not get to see more than one or two meetings per season. They would surely appreciate the position better.

AUSTRALIAN HIGH JUMP RECORD

By J. H. Galli

Charles Porter, age 17, established an Australian schoolboy high jump record of 6ft. 3½in., at Brisbane, on October 3rd.

Porter, popularly known as "Chiller," improved on the previous record by 1½in., which establishes him as one of Australia's best high jump prospects since 1948 Olympic champion John Winter, who at the same age had not reached 6ft. He employs the "straddle" style very effectively for so young a boy, and possibly will go on to attain great heights.

Porter's aim is to "make" the Australian Empire Games team for Vancouver, but he will have to improve 3 or 4 inches to do this. Last summer John Vernon and Doug Stuart both cleared 6ft. 6½in., and can be reasonably expected to do at least as well in 1953-54.

In Sydney on the same day, Peter McInnes, also 17, won the NSW All Schools' "open" 100 yds. in 9.6 secs. (following wind, downhill track) and 220 yds. in 22sec.

The under 17 "double" was won by Kevin McCoy in 10.0 and 22.4 sec.

Despite the conditions, McInnes is a particularly promising sprinter, undoubtedly capable of a 9.8 sec. 100 yds. just now. He is the rugged, powerful type, fast off the blocks — in all, rather like Hec Hogan, holder of the national 100 yds record of 9.5 sec.

A. Puren, a schoolmate of McInnes', won the "open" hop-step-jump with 46ft. 5½in.

NORTH OF THAMES DINNER

The North of the Thames C.C.A. are holding a Dinner and Concert to celebrate the Association's 60th Anniversary, at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, on Tuesday, January 5th, 1954, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets at 17/6 may be obtained from Mr. A. L. Macdonald, 148 North Circular Road, London, N.13.

BILL ACHILLE FUND

The amount raised so far for the wife and family of the late Bill Achille is £230, including £105 from the match between an A.A.A. team and Middlesex, at the Kodak Ground, on June 24th. The fund is still open and it is hoped to reach £250, so for anyone who intended to send along a donation but has forgotten to do so, it is still not too late. Donations should be sent to A. J. C. Kendall, 10 Squires Lane, London, N.3.

Finchley Harriers hold their 76th Annual Dinner at the Headstone Hotel, North Harrow, on 13th November, at 7 p.m. Any past or present member wishing to attend should contact Mr. B. C. Nielson, 111 Carlton Avenue West, North Wembley, Middlesex.

Kent A.C. elected the following officials at their A.G.M. — President, R. J. Lowe, Esq.; Hon. Sec., F. Tregunno, 23 Otford Crescent, S.E.4; Hon. Treasurer, E. J. Tregunno; Track Fixture Sec., R. Graveney, 37 Cottingham Road, Penge, S.E.20; Track Captains, D. Millgate (men) and Miss E. Wittey (women).

New Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Section of Cambridge Harriers is Mr. L. Waller, 13 Effingham Road, Lee, S.E.12 (Tel. Lee Green 5475).

BEAGLES RETAIN CHELMSFORD RELAY TROPHY

(6 x 2 miles 256 yards)

As was generally anticipated, Essex Beagles had no difficulty in retaining the "Sidney C. Taylor" Memorial Trophy by winning the Chelmsford Relay last Saturday. Despite this easy victory by more than two and a half minutes, the race was a thrilling one, for the struggle for the next four places meant many changes of position before Alan Perkins ran a storming last stage to take Ilford from 4th to 2nd, and put up the third fastest time of 15m. 14s.

Stage 1.

George Knight was first home on the initial stage, giving the Beagles 13sec. advantage over Darnley, for whom Peter Barber, the half-miler, put up a surprisingly good performance. Leaders—

1. Essex Beagles (G. Knight).....	15.13
2. Darnley A.C. (P. Barber)	15.26
3. Woodford Gn. (R. Garrett).....	15.31
4. Southend A.C. (Hawkins).....	15.38
5. Brentwood A.C. (Motley)	15.42
6. Hadleigh A.C. (J. Duffy)	15.46

Stage 2.

H. E. Wilson, of Ilford, took his club up from 10th to 3rd here and put up the fastest time of the stage.. Chelmsford also went up from 8th to 4th, while Darnley dropped back to 7th. Aylesford, without Frank Sando, were well back in 11th position.

1. Essex B. (Robins 15.48)	31.01
2. Woodford G. (Helford 15.51).....	31.22
3. Ilford (Wilson 15.21)	31.26
4. Chelmsford (Bowen 15.32)	31.31
5. Southend (Lowen 16.01)	31.39
6. Brentwood (Parsons 16.01)	31.43

Stage 3.

McCalla, of Southend, ran a fine leg to move up from 5th to second, only 25 secs. behind the Beagles. S. Acott, of Aylesford, with second fastest time of 15.43, went up from 11th to 7th. Only 57 secs. covered the first five clubs at this point.

1. Essex B. (Leamouth 15.53).....	46.54
2. Southend (McCalla 15.40)	47.19
3. Chelmsford (Durrant 15.55)	47.26
4. Woodford Gn. (Evand 16.22).....	47.44
5. Ilford A.C. (Marwood 16.25)	47.51
6. Brentwood (Colbert 16.27)	48.10

Stage 4.

Jim Peters took a hand here and, running

the fastest time of the day, gave Beagles a lead which they never looked like losing. Ilford moved up in front of Woodford again and Turrell put Aylesford in the leading six for the first time.

1. Essex B. (J. H. Peters 15.00).....	61.54
2. Southend (L. J. Cook 16.00).....	63.19
3. Chelmsford (Orrin 16.24)	63.50
4. Ilford (Owers 16.01)	63.52
5. Woodford (Fenn 16.13)	63.57
6. Aylesford (Turrell 16.49)	65.11

Stage 5.

Positions changed considerably on Stage 5, with Chelmsford and Ilford dropping back and Southend and Woodford moving up. The Beagles went further away, Douglas putting up fastest time of 15.39.

1. Essex B. (Douglas 15.39)	77.33
2. Southend (Jones 16.11)	79.30
3. Woodford (Bray 16.13)	80.10
4. Ilford (Wheeler 16.46)	80.38
5. Chelmsford (Poulton 16.50)	80.40
6. Aylesford (Pettitt 16.35)	81.46

Stage 6.

The Beagles came home easy winners, but a thrilling struggle was taking place behind them. Perkins, of Ilford, started off well behind the Southend and Woodford runners, but ran a 'blinder' to well beat both at the finish. Southend dropped back badly to finish fifth only 45 secs. in front of Aylesford, for whom Whenman had closed a big gap. Final placings—

1. Essex B. (Baverstock 15.38).....	93.11
2. Ilford A.C. (Perkins 15.14)	95.52
3. Woodford Gn. (Vare 16.13)	96.31
4. Chelmsford (Rogers 16.05)	96.45
5. Southend (Hawkins 17.21)	96.51
6. Aylesford (Whenman 15.50)	97.36
7. Essex Bgls. "B" 98.2; 8. Ipswich 100.25;	
9. Hadleigh 100.57; 10. Brentwood 101.18;	
11. Cambridge City 101.24; 12. Darnley A.C.	
102.53; 13. Norwich and N. 104.00; 14.	
Woodford "B" 104.45.	

21 teams started, 19 teams finished.

Fastest laps: 1, J. H. Peters (Essex Bgls.) 15.00; 2, G. Knight (Essex Bgls.) 15.13; 3, A. Perkins (Ilford) 15.14; 4, H. Wilson (Ilford) 15.21; 5, P. D. Barber (Darnley) 15.26; 6, R. Garrett (Woodford) 15.31.

An Appreciation

THE SCHOOLS AND NATIONAL ATHLETICS

The outstanding success of this year's event has brought congratulatory tributes from all sections of the National Press and from numerous individuals. The efficient organisation of the Middlesex County S.A.A., and the amazing performances of the competitors were, as has been usual in recent years, the principal sources of admiration.

One is ever mindful, too, of the valuable sponsorship of the "News Chronicle" which, since 1949, in various ways has encouraged the development of athletics in the schools.

But even more satisfactory in the Press reports this year is the realisation of the wider aims and more lasting results of the Association's activities. This is shown in the following extracts from "The Times," of July 20th—

"One has become accustomed in recent years to a steady rise in athletic standards without, perhaps, fully appreciating how much the advance has been due to well-planned and highly skilled training.

This latest and largest of our own school tournaments with its spate of new best performances, was a heartening experience.

It was indeed, a wonderful meeting, and evidence of what a well-directed youth movement can accomplish."

Credit to all the teachers throughout the country responsible for the advance of British athletics is expressed by Mr. J. C. G. Crump, manager of Britain's International and Olympic teams, and Hon. Secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, who has written:—

"Having been so tremendously impressed and generally thrilled by the excellence of the Schools A.A. Championships, I want to write to congratulate you on such a wonderful success.

It was literally amazing that so much has been accomplished in so short a time and I have looked through the programme and been the better able to appreciate

the grand efforts over a long period of so many of you.

It seems that I have known the principal Officers of Schools Athletics for many years and how nice it is to be able to pay them all, and their colleagues whom I have not actually named but certainly not forgotten, a great tribute for their enthusiastic and efficient labours.

But there will be lots and lots of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses whose labours in their own school have produced the great young athletes we saw last week-end. If opportunity occurs will you try and see that the unqualified congratulations and grateful thanks of all of us so deeply concerned with the future of British athletics are passed on.

They may think that, as years pass and their erstwhile proteges pass into the senior ranks and their prowess attributed to others, that the credit for putting them so soundly and so long on the road to success is forgotten. Much of it will be I am afraid and I fear that this must be regarded as inevitable in sport as it is in other spheres.

But they will, I trust, have the satisfaction of knowing that in the really formative years, the job has been very well done and perhaps derive from that knowledge the greatest reward.

We must keep up the good work wherever opportunity occurs, strive to see the talent which your members are producing for us given the proper facilities in the form of athletic tracks and field event facilities.

These young athletes need and deserve such facilities and so do the large band of workers in the teaching profession who have produced so many splendid bricks with the very minimum of straw."

WEIGHT TRAINING SCHEDULES

Weight Training Schedules are again available from the A.A.A. Offices at Crown Chambers, 118 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2., price 1/3 post free.



J. S. Evans (Poly) going away from A. H. Bruce (Belgrave), and J. A. Mercer (Essex Beagles) on Stage 4 of the London to Brighton (Southern) Relay. H. W. Neale

A VILLAGE IN WILTSHIRE

Box, Wiltshire. Population 2197. Bath, 6 miles.

THUS, briefly (if they mention it at all), do gazeteers dismiss a village that yet has several interesting features. It is, for instance, the Western end of Box Tunnel, which, when it was constructed 115 years ago, was the longest railway tunnel in the world. It is nearly 2 miles long and 300 feet underground; and, in the early days, many passengers covered this stretch by road, because they feared suffocation!

Box also has stone quarries, the remains of a Roman villa, and a chapel that started as a refuge for 15th-century Glastonbury pilgrims and passed through a phase when it was the hide-out of a notorious highwayman, Tom Baxter.

And it has an inn called the "Bear," that

has already earned a place in sporting history as the starting point of five attempts on the Bath to London 100 miles running record—a place of which it made doubly sure at 3 a.m. this (Saturday) morning when a sixth attempt started; an attempt which, involving as it did more than one runner,

By

JAMES AUDSLEY

was the first amateur 100 miles road running race staged in Britain.

This Bath road is second only to the

Brighton road in the challenge it has had for sportsmen through the years. If it cannot offer as lengthy a list of record-breaking stage coach runs as the Brighton road, this is probably because it was a favourite haunt of highwaymen, who tended to delay coaches. Thousands of stages used it, though; and this part of the road's story was re-enacted earlier this year when a coach was taken over it by one of the few competent whips of to-day—a girl!

The last of the regular coach drivers spent much time cursing the first cyclists; and cyclists have contributed a large part of the road's sporting history. The famous Ken Joy has set recent records on it, and the annual Bath road 100 is the highlight of the time trial season to many riders, including 1953's British Best All-Rounder, Vic Gibbons.

Walkers, too, have shone on the Bath road, especially in last October's great Bath to London 100, but also in the annual Chip-

penham to Calne 6 miles, which attracts a nation-wide entry.

The first Bath road runner was probably Foster Powell, a lawyer's clerk, born (like Gordon Pirie) in Leeds, who, in 1734, ran 50 miles on it in 7 hours — still inside "standard" for the distance! The whole 100 miles, however, were not run until Arthur Newton arrived.

Newton, an Englishman who spent much time in South Africa and Rhodesia, came to the road with a 100 already to his credit. There was a 100 miles track record of 16:07:43 in existence, held by an American named Hatch; and, on July 12th, 1927, Newton attacked this (at an altitude of 5000 feet) on the road between Gwelo and Bulawayo. He was opposed or accompanied by a six-man relay team from Bulawayo Harriers; and he returned 14:43:00—including a 12-minute stop for a meal of soup, chicken and fruit pie!

On the Bath road, Newton made four at-



Stage 1 of the London to Brighton Relay. Jack Brown (Belgrave), first at the changeover, is out in front. This group, composed of J. D. Wood (Surrey A.C.) W.20, G. Knight (Essex Beagles) E.11, M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill) H.14, K. Harland (Cambridge H.) D.3, and Ralph Dunkley (Poly), fight it out for second place.

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tempts, in two of which he got the whole distance—but that tells nothing of the story of a great athlete who found a veritable hoodoo in this famous road.

The first attempt was in January, 1928; and, after 25 years in Africa, Newton trained for it in snow drifts! Despite this, he recorded 14:22:10 on a run in which he was accompanied by a four-man relay team consisting of G. Hubert (still an active 50-miler), M. Terrett, H. Wickington and R. Norton.

Newton was not satisfied, though; and, now a professional, he returned to the road on 1933's hottest day, July 1st. At 70 miles, he was 45 minutes inside his record—but, at 80, he was out with stomach trouble. Three weeks later he tried again, though doubtful about an inflamed Achilles tendon. His doubts were justified, for he got only a third of the way.

However, Newton would not give the Bath road best. On July 20th, 1934, he was back at that starting point that is barely a mile outside his native Somerset. 14 hours 6 minutes later, he was at Hyde Park Corner. He was 51 years of age. Three years later, in July, 1937, Newton combined with the great Australian professional, McNamara, in advising and assisting a young South African challenger. Thus helped, Hardy Ballington recorded his wonderful 13 hours 21 minutes.

Ballington's figures remain unattacked (as well they might) until to-day, when two South Africans, W. Hayward (the Brighton record holder) and J. Mekler, and one British runner, D. Reynolds (native 40 and 50 miles record holder), set out at the invitation of the "News of the World" and Joe Binks, who also organised Newton's efforts. And, for the sixth time, Newton will also be there while this 100 is being attempted.

Though only three runners were invited, it is possible that four will be running—for J. Legge has issued dark hints that this is a public road, and that he, as a member of the public, will be running on it. And no-one has a better right—for he, alone of all the candidates, has already run a 100, and on this road. It was earlier this year, and it took 17 hours.

The road these men will tackle starts at about 100 feet above sea level, and finishes at about 50 feet—but it climbs to over 600 feet on the way, the highest point being at about 18 miles and all the worst hills being in the first third of the journey. The towns, evenly spaced at about 10-mile intervals are not difficult to negotiate, apart from the appallingly crowded Slough—which marks 80 miles and the start of the final, downhill 20. 12 miles from the start—reached in the dark with a 3 a.m. start—is Calne, famous as the birthplace of W. G. George (who assisted Newton in his runs) and described by Newton as "a most sporting town." As the 1952 walkers discovered, the whole of this earlier section of the route is sport-minded, dwellers along it being quite willing to wait at the roadside for hours in the dark to give competitors a cheer. To-day's runners however, will pass through it in those depressingly small hours for which even the keenest enthusiasts can hardly be expected to wait. In Box itself, though, there will undoubtedly be some early rising (or late retiring), for the villagers are thoroughly experienced at giving 100-milers a send-off.

A key-point on the route may be the Marlborough district, which marks a quarter of the distance. Approaching it just as it is getting light, the runners may be startled by a glimpse of Silbury Hill, towering 130 feet above them on the left of the road. This is the biggest artificial mound in Europe; and about all that is known about it is that it was there before the Romans came. Beyond it and to the right, competitors may sight the "white horse." This was cut in the downs in 1840, and is one of five in Wiltshire. Next comes Marlborough itself, which, when it is cold, is the coldest place in England (statistics prove it!). Leaving it, the runners face the stiff climb that is the start of the slightly sinister section through Savernake Forest, which sometimes produces a cold, damp mist. From there on, things are more straightforward, for the day will be getting some light and heat in it, and the worst of the climbing is done.

Yes, a great course. To complete it will be a great achievement: to set a new record for it a superb one.

WALKING NOTES

By A. D. McSweeney

THE programme entry of 306 (256 actual) for the Highgate H. 24th Annual open 7 miles at William Ellis School, Parliament Hill to-day, Saturday, is second biggest of the series. Thirty-one teams are entered, with four apiece for the "Bels" and for the promoting club, and practically every Southern Club is represented.

George Coleman, A.A.A. 2 Miles Champion, will make a big effort to continue his winning way this year and will have as his chief rivals, Bryan Hawkins and F. W. Barrett, winner of the event in 1951 and 52, and turning out with the knowledge that if successful he will be the first man to win the race three times over this course. Others expected to be close up are A. Mash (Woodford) and R. H. Richards (Cambridge), second and third last year, D. Tunbridge (Highgate), R. F. Goodall (Woodford), S. R. Mantor (Enfield), R. McMullen (Belgrave) and L. T. Adams and W. D. Leveridge (Essex Beagles). The team race is very open with Cambridge, Highgate and Woodford, on paper, looking stronger than Met., Essex B. and Belgrave.

There can be fewer courses, if any, with a tougher start than this one—three-quarters of a mile of hard climbing. Many curse it but they seem to come back for more, year after year, and the times generally are good. Coleman's course record of 53m. 48s. is good enough for a full seven miles anywhere. A theory I hold on this is that on a notably flat course many walkers are inclined to travel too fast for their capabilities over the initial stages, something they are much less likely to do with a hilly start. A personal experience of this comes to mind when I recall the National Ten Miles of Olympic year, 1948, when the race was held over a dead flat course—except for the pronounced camber—around Hyde Park. The field, but for half-a-dozen of us who were left standing, went off like a rocket. However, over the last lap of three miles, I found myself gaining on sprinters and passing sold-out "flyers," to an extent I would not have expected on the toughest of courses. The nature of the course had, in fact, lured them to their own destruction.

Even-paced walking after a slightly faster first mile is the way to get the best out of oneself, I am sure, even though there are here and there the odd ones like myself with engines which must be nursed over the first few miles before accelerating.

Midland walkers will be assembled in strength at Worcester for the first of the Midland R.W.A. Winter League series of seven miles races. This is the Midlands answer to the Southern programme of Open 7s which keep the sport ticking over so successfully during the dark months.

THE "YOUNG" CHAMPION

Colin Young, of Essex Beagles, is the new R.W.A. Junior 5 miles Champion, and he deservedly won a fine race at Luton on Saturday. Metropolitan retained the team title—three to score—by a very clear margin over Leicester and Essex B, and would have won by an even bigger score had Rod Hutchison stayed in the race.

G. Lewis (Roath, Cardiff) and D. Ayton (Sheffield) were early disqualifications, and this left Hutchison in front with J. Devis (Highgate) about 40 yards behind and Young third, and R. A. Hosking (St. Albans) fourth, similarly spaced at two miles. Young looked the strongest here and at half distance the leading three had closed up and came along together. The contrast in styles was noticeable. Young—forceful and direct, Hutchison—too muscular and inclined to roll, due to his stocky build, Devis—tallest of the three, light in action but lacking thrust. Here, the Essex boy, who is still more than two years inside the age limit, began pulling away and Hutchison, obviously tiring, tried to hold him but was ruled out on the next downhill stretch. So Young, Devis and Hosking became the order and this prevailed to the finish.

Oct. 17th, at Luton, Beds.

Road Walking Association National Junior 5 Miles Championship — 1, C. A. Young, Essex B., 38m. 49s.; 2, J. Devis, Highgate H. 39:11; 3, R. A. Hosking, St. Albans City A.C. 38:29; 4, B. A. Kibble, Leicester W.C. 39:58; 5, D. Thompson, Met. W.C. 40:3; 6, N. Thompson, Met. 40:26.

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RESULTS

10th October

Devonport Y.M.C.A. H. 39 pts. beat **Paignton 55** and **R.N.E.C.** 111, over 4½M. 1, P. Holmes (P) 27:25; 2, T. Letori (P) 27:25; 3, J. Batten (D) 27:35; 4, D. Ellacott (D) 27:50; 5, J. Gilbert (D) 28:07; 6, K. Thomas (D) 28:25.

Queens Park H. "Pateman Cup" 5M. Staggered Hep. 1, J. Linsdell (4.30) 26.28; 2, M. Gray-Hunter (4.30) 26.54; 3, T. Harwood (Scr.) 26.59; **Fastest times:** 1, T. Harwood 26.59; 2, G. Hanson 28.03; 3, G. Thompson 29.13.

Wadham H. beat **Grafton A.C.** 24 pts. to 37 over 3½M. Road. 1, R. Lambert (W) 16.45 (course rec.); 2, J. Pennington (W) 17.37; 3, L. Dias (G) 17.58.

13th October

Victoria P.H. 2½M. Road Hep. 1, J. Symons (1.50) 12.20; 2, H. Tempan (1.35) 12.25; 3, G. Smith (1.05) 12.32; 4, D. Stubington (2.05) 12.36; 5, A. Abrahams (2.00) 12.39; 6, G. L. Iden (Scr) 12.40 (course Rec.).

17th October

Poly H. beat **Univ. of London** by 636 pts. to 652 scoring 25 a side. 1, J. S. Evans (U) 22.51; 2, D. R. T. Macmillan (P) 22.54; 3, R. H. Dunkley (U) 23.17; 4, T. E. Keegan (U) 23.27; 5, T. Barley (U) 23.44; 6, W. N. Coyne (P) 24.27. In another match held in conjunction, **Poly.** 884 pts. beat **Finchley H.** 933 and **U.L.A.C.** 1056. F. Salvat was first home for Finchley with 23.43.

Blackheath H. beat **Univ. Coll., London**, by 27 pts. to 51. 1, D. J. P. Richards (UC) 31.29; 2, L. F. Fletcher (B) 31.35; 3, A. J. Brent (B) 31.47. **Club Hep. 5M. Champ.** held in conjunction: 1, A. J. Woodrow (8.40) 26.57.

Shaftesbury H. beat **Queens Park H.** 137 pts. to 214 over 5M: 1, F. Lakin (S) 32.29; 2, G. Hanson (Q) 32.36; 3, E. V. Pearce (S) 33.11. Held in conjunction **Shaftesbury H.** 3M. Novices Race: 1, D. Martin 17.30.

Eastleigh A.C. beat **Ryde** 29 pts. to 61 over 4½M. 1, N. Tabor (E); 2, T. Dobson (E); 3, Spiers (R).

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Maidenhead beat **Wycombe** 32 pts. to 46. 1, Ellis (M) 31.27; 2, Selwood (W) 31.36; 3, Cannon (M) 31.39; 4, Brown (M) 32.14; 5, Weston (W) 32.25; 6, Deane (M) 32.55.

Salisbury A.C. 27 pts. beat **Swindon A.C.** 28 over 5M. 1, P. Clark (S) 25.05; 2, D. Amor (S) 25.17; 3, B. Lillicrap (S) 25.41; **Juniors: Swindon A.C.** 9 pts. beat **Salisbury A.C.** 12 over 3M. 1, C. Kilminster (S) 17.14; 2, P. Hill (S) 17.18; 3, J. Pratt (S) 17.33.

Mitcham A.C. beat **Met. Police** 41 pts. to 95. 1, eq., E. Brown (M), W. Burroughs (M), W. Pawsey (M) 33.47.

Portsmouth A.C. beat **Horsham B.S.H.** 118 pts. to 138. 1, J. Edwards (H) 31.21; 2, M. Baker (H) 31.46; 3, G. E. Scutts (P) 32.40; 4, D. Humphreys (H) 32.52; 5, E. Tranter (P) 33.07; 6, D. G. Rees (P) 33.28.

Manchester Univ. "A" beat **Sale H. "A"** 28 pts. to 59. 1, B. Smith (S) 32.44; 2, G. B. Saunders (M) 33.36; 3, eq., D. A. Driver (M) and D. Schieffer (M) 34.01.

Watford H. beat **Watford Grammar Sch.** 46 pts. to 62. 1, D. Fear (W) 19.40 (course rec.); 2, Gilbert (WG) 20.20; 3, P. Oldfield (WG) 20.30.

WALTON 9½M. ROAD RACE

1, R. H. Pape (RN) 49.06; 2, R. S. Clark (HHH) 49.35; 3, J. Heywood (HHH) 49.52; 4, S. W. Gawler (Belgrave) 50.02; 5, A. Llewellyn (Walton) 50.09; 6, J. Hovell (Finchley) 50.16; 7, P. Goodsell (Walton) 50.23; 8, J. Andrews (Finchley) 50.25; 9, J. E. Burr (Belgrave) 50.43; 10, K. Harvey (Finchley) 50.53; 11, E. Kerridge (HHH) 50.57; 12, E. A. Short (Belgrave) 50.57; **Teams:** 1, HHH 26 pts.; 2, Walton A.C. 40; 3, Belgrave 41.

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Second race at Darlington: 1, K. L. Norris (R. Sigs.) 32.01 (course rec.); 2, E. Hird (Bill. Synth) 32.24; 3, R. Longstaff (Darlington) 33.44; 4, J. Balls (Middlesboro). **Teams:** 1, Billingham Synthonia 78 pts; 2, 2 Training Regt., R. Sigs. 142 pts.; 3, Darlington H. 125; 4, 1 Trg. Ret., R. Sis. 143.

LANCASTER MONSTER RUN.

1, W. Boak (Border H); 2, G. Boak (Border H.); 3, M. Humphreys (Border); 4, M. Rainford (Preston); 5, H. Ogden (Barrow); 6, A. B. Parker (Barrow). 1, Border 19 pts.; 2, Barrow 29; 3, Preston 44; 4, Lancaster Primrose 76; 5, Lancaster H. 84; 6, Preston 107; 7, Blackpool 131; 8, Kendal 169.

Devonport Y.M.C.A. H. 38 pts. beat **Paginton A.A.C.** 46 and **R.N.A.C.** 69 over 5½M. 1, T. Letori (P) 33.04; 2, K. Shinner (D) 33.18; 3, J. Batten (D) 33.25; 4, J. Gilbert (D) 33.50; 5, P. Holmes (P) 33.44; 6, K. Thomas (D) 34.47.

Hornsey (St. Mary's) H. 4M. Cross-Country H'cp. 1, D. Desborough (6.10) 20.28; 2, D. Ashby (6.05) 20.59; 3, J. Ryan (7.10) 22.22; 4, W. Waskett (7.30) 22.23; 5, G. T. Olding (Scr.) 22.24; 6, R. Errington (6.20) 22.44; **Fastest time:** G. T. Olding 22.24.

Ealing H. Schools Invit. Race for the George Boughey Challenge Shield. 1, J. C. Green (H) 13.37; 2, J. P. Molony (PM) 13.53; 3, K. J. Ledbury (PM) 14.04; **Teams:** Harrow County 10 pts.; 2, Preston Manor 15; 3, Bishopshalt 23.

Veterans' A.C. H'cp. 1, W. G. Isaac (4.00) 31.27; 2, A. Smith (3.15) 32.18; 3, F. R. Webb (3.00) 32.35.

Maidstone H. beat **Orpington A.C.** 16 pts. to 20. 1, J. Pemble (M) 24.33; 2, T. Newson (O) 24.36; 3, R. Piles (M) 24.42; 4, A. Cook (M) 24.45; 5, P. Reeves (O) 24.59 and D. Metcalf (D) 24.59.

Ranelagh H. "B" 48 pts. beat **Wandsworth Sch.** 56 and **Tiffin's Sch.** 71. 1, H. Lydiate (W) 23.45; 2, R. Maylor (R) 23.54; 3, J. Bull (R) 23.56.

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SPECIAL NOTE

- ● In response to readers' requests a new cover—with a return to the action photograph—is now in course of preparation.

1, N. Cole (5.30) 22.32; 2, G. Davis (2.45) 22.44; 3, P. Chantler (6.10) 22.49; 4, T. Morford (6.10) 22.51; 5, G. Smart (4.10) 22.54; 6, J. Small (5.50) 22.56. **Fastest times:** 1, P. Chantler 16.39; 2, T. Morford 16.41; 3, N. Cole 17.02.

Loughborough Coll. beat Lincoln and Kettle Colleges by 21 pts. to 69 over 54M.
1, M. Sibley (L), D. Ascroft (L), M. Whitaker (L), P. Brearley (L), I. Curle (L), B. Douglas-Jones (L), A. Henderson (L), J. Lyne (L), 33.50. *More Club results next week*

ENGLISH AMATEUR NATIVE RECORDS APPROVED BY THE A.A.A. GENERAL COMMITTEE, ON SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1953

Miles				
1	4:03.6	R. G. Bannister, Achilles Club	Oxford	2/5
1½	6:39.0	D. A. G. Pirie, South London H.	Oxford	2/5
	6:35.8	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	25/5
	6:35.8	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	9/9
2	8:49.6	C. J. Chataway, Walton A.C.	White City	25/5
	8:47.8	D. A. G. Pirie, South London H.	White City	9/9
3	13:41.8	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	20/6
	13:36.4	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	1/8
4	18:45.2	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	10/7
5	23:34.2	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	10/7
6	28:19.4	D. A. G. Pirie	White City	10/7
11	57:02.8	J. H. Peters, Essex Beagles	White City	25/5
12	1:02:25.2	J. H. Peters, Essex Beagles	White City	25/5
Hr. Miles Yd.				
1	11 986	J. H. Peters, Essex Beagles	White City	25/5

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440 Yds.			
Hurdles	52.7	H. Whittle, Reading A.C.	White City 11/7

Field Events

Pole			
Vault	13'6"	G. M. Elliott, Woodford Green A.C.	White City 11/7
	13'9"	G. M. Elliott, Woodford Green A.C.	Doncaster 23/7
Discus	154'8½"	J. A. Savidge, Royal Naval A.C. (South)	Chiswick 9/5
	155'3½"	J. A. Savidge, Royal Naval A.C. (South)	Chiswick 9/5
	155'10½"	M. Pharaoh, Walton A.C.	Motspur Park 27/5
	161' 1"	M. Pharaoh	Hull 20/6
	162' 5½"	M. Pharaoh	Hull 20/6
Hammer			
	174' 4½"	P. C. Allday, London A.C.	White City 17/5
	174' 8"	D. W. J. Anthony, Watford H.	White City 10/7

MILOCARIAN TROPHY COMPETITION 1953

1. King Alfred School, Plon, B.A.O.R.	11	41.6	9. Penzance Grammar School	19	30.0
2. Halesowen College of F. Ed.	10	40.8	10. Watford Grammar School	30	28.4
Warri College, Nigeria	10	36.2	11. Erith Grammar School	17	28.3
3. Redruth Grammar School	14	36.0	12. Hitchin Grammar School	22	28.0
4. Southfield School, Oxford	16	35.7	13. Bedford Modern School	30	27.6
5. Lancing College	29	34.7	14. H.M.S. Conway	30	26.0
6. St. Austell Grammar School	14	33.9	15. King Edward VI. Sch., Southampton	30	20.8
7. Rhyl Grammar School	13	33.6	16. Royal Signals Training Regt., Beverley	30	19.6
8. Queen Elizabeth's Sch., Barnet	16	33.1			

ADDITIONS TO FIXTURE LIST

The Southern and Northern C.C. Championships were given last week as taking place on Feb. 13th, whereas they should have been listed for Feb. 27th, the Southern at Parliament Hill Fields and the Northern at Winton. It is also understood that the Midland 7 Miles will take place at West Bromwich on November 7th. Additional dates:—

October

31 N. Yorks & S. Dur'm. Lge. Middlesboro.

November

7 London Bus. Houses 5M., Parl. Hill
14 S.E. Lancs. League, Royton
14 N. Yorks & S. Dur'm Lge., Catterick
14 "Aaron" Memorial Race, Leeds
21 N. of Thames 5M. Inter-Team, Woodf'd
28 S.E. Lancs. League, Rochdale

December

5 Dorset Champs., Dorchester
5 N. Yorks & S. Dur'm League, Stockton
5 L.B.H. Senior Champs., Parl. Hill
12 S.E. Lancs. League, Blackley
12 Middx. Youths Ch., Cranford
12 North & Dur'm Lge., Morpeth
12 Wiltshire Champs., Swindon
19 North & Dur'm Lge., Saltwell
19 N. Yorks & S. Dur'm Lge., Billingham
19 Portsmouth AC. 5M. Open Road H'cp.

January

9 S.E. Lancs Lge., Bury
9 North & Dur'm Lge., Newcastle
23 North & Dur'm Lge., Sunderland
30 Dorset Yths. Ch., Dorchester

February

6 Scottish District Championships
6 N. Eastern Champs., Gosforth Park
13 E. Lancs. Champs., Horwich
13 N. of Thames Champs., Hertford
13 N. Western Champs., Barrow
13 Yorkshire Champs., Bingley
17 Middx., R.A.F., Civil Serv. Leatherhead
20 U.A.U. Champs., Manchester
20 Bedfordshire Y. & B. Ch., Bedford
27 Northern Championships, Winton
27 Southern Champs., Parliament Hill

March

6 Scottish National Championships
20 Territorial Army Champs., Formby

May

8 Chichester-Portsmouth Road Race
8 Portsmouth Inter-Club "Twilfit" Match

STARTING TIMES

Dear Sir,

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of promoters and press to ignore the early field events when advertising starting times of meetings.

This is presumably to safeguard those whose only pretence to an interest in field events is a frenzied outburst at a 10' clearance in the pole vault, but is a little hard on those of us who enjoy, rather than endure, the performances of our field events athletes.

At the recent England v. Netherlands match I arrived at the White City with, as I thought, plenty of time to spare before the advertised 6.30 p.m. start, only to find that the women's discus and javelin (both match events) were already in progress.

Again, at this year's two-day Great Britain v. France match, those who relied on the Press for information would have arrived too late to witness fine performances in the discus, hammer, pole vault and women's long jump.

Surely it would be possible to advertise in all cases the starting time of the very first event, be it field, women's, or non-match, adding the time of the first race for the benefit of the aforementioned "track only" fans.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Luck

Enfield A.C.

With regard to the England v. Netherlands match, the two events mentioned were only added at the last moment, after the arrangements for a 6.30 start had been made. It was possible to get into the stadium to see these events, those enquiring being directed to a door left open for this purpose. It was not, however, made generally known that the first event started at 5 p.m.—Ed.

WALKING NOTES—contd.

Team Race: 1, Metropolitan W.C. (5, 6, 7) 18 pts.; 2, Leicester W.C. (4, 12, 13) 29; 3, Essex B. (1, 11, 17) 29.

Met. Police beat the **Stock Exchange** by 90 pts. to 119. 1, D. A. Tunbridge (S.E.) and A. L. Mash (M.P.) 83.15; 3, G. Checkley (M.P.) 83.27.

L.B.H. TROPHIES PRESENTED AT

B.T.H. DANCE

The past season's London Business Houses A.S.A. athletic trophies were presented by Mr. W. Potter-Mackenrot, Chairman of the L.B.H., at the British Thomson-Houston Company's Annual Ball, on the 8th October.

Some thirty events were covered, the highlight being the presentation to the Lensbury Club of the grand aggregate trophy.

The "Financial Times" shield and the Nuffield Cup, which the L.B.H. team won in the recent City Charities Floodlit Athletic Meeting were proudly displayed during the evening.

The B.T.H. Club was accorded the honour of holding these two trophies for the year, and Mr. C. Salisbury and Mr. D. I. Duncan (Chairman and Secretary) accepted them from Mr. W. J. Pepper, Chairman of the Athletic Section, L.B.H.A.S.A.

Mr. H. E. Cox, Manager of the B.T.H. Willenden Works, spoke of the B.T.H.'s pleasure in organising the presentation, and warmly congratulated the Lensbury Club on securing the premier trophy.

Chris Chataway and Ralph Dunkley attended the dance and were warmly received.

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Orpington A.C. have elected Mr. A. Shreeve, 84 Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, as their Hon. Secretary, in succession to Mr. F. Jones, who has resigned owing to ill-health.

SWEDEN BEAT HUNGARY (contd.)

HJ: 1, G. Larking (S) 5'11"; 2, A. Gyborn (S) 5'11"; 3, I. Nemeth (H) 4'11½"; 4, E. Kortes (H) 4'10½".

Wt: 1, Feher (H) 44'8½" (Hung. rec.); 2, Madgane (H) 42'5½"; 3, E. Olsson (S) 42'5½"; 4, B. Kihlstrom (C) 41'5½".

2nd Day

200: 1, Tilkovszky (H) 25.5; 2, S. Magnusson (S); 3, K. Martensson (S) 26.4; 4, Lohasc (H) 26.7.

80mH: 1, Gyarmati (H) 11.5; 2, Varkonyi (H) 11.9; 3, M. Hjertberg (S) 12.1; 4, S. Cronholm (S) 12.1.

D: 1, Seredi (H) 140'5½"; 2, Rozsa (H) 130'1"; 3, B. Osterberg (S) 128'3½"; 4, O. Schonberg (S) 126'8½".

J: 1, L. Almqvist (S) 143'8½"; (Swedish Rec.); 2, B. Osterberg (S) 136'9½"; 3, Laczó (H) 135'5½"; 4, Vigh (H) 126'7½".

4 x 100 Relay: Sweden 47.8; Ungern 48.4.

RUSSIANS IN SCANDINAVIA

The Swedish Olympic Committee has decided, writes Torsten Skogh, to send a total of 100, including officials, to the Olympic Games in Melbourne, at a cost of about £6,000.

Several international events were held the last week in September. At Orebro, T. Ekfeldt won an 800m. in 1:51.9 from O. Aberg 1:52.1, while at Oslo, Norway, the Russian Ignatjev won the 400m. with 47.1 from Wolfbrandt 48.6, and the 200m. in 21.6 from Sandadze (USSR) 22.0 and Wolfbrandt 22.1. Lituev (USSR) set a new 400m. hurdles record for the Bislett track with 51.4, Kuts (Germany) removed Sydney Wooderson's track record of 14:08.6 with 14:05.2. Saks-vik, of Norway, tried to stay with the German but tired at the finish and finished in 14:35.8.

Russians also did well in the field events and 4 x 400m. relay, which they won in 3:15.6 against Norway's 3:27.2. Kusnetsov won the javelin with 242ft. 6½in., while Zybinski took the women's shot with 48ft. 8½in. In the hammer, Strandli (Norway) had four throws over 192ft., with a best throw of 200ft. 7½in. The 21 year old Russian, Krovonossov, was second with 193ft. 1½in.

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