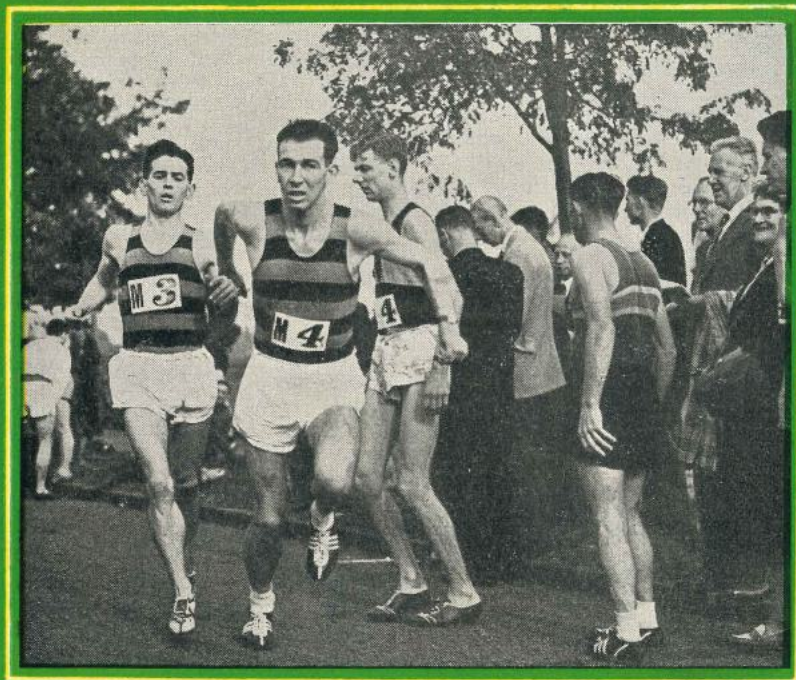


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WALKING

By A. D. McSweeney

KEN MATTHEWS (Royal Sutton Coldfield W.C.) won a great race against Eric Hall (Belgrave), and the clock, at the Highgate H. Meeting at Parliament Hill on Saturday to record 8 miles 9 yards within the hour, a fact which the R.W.A. will recognise with a special plaque in due course. Matthews is the seventh man in this country to have officially performed the feat of walking eight miles within an hour, and the first man from the geographical Midlands, as distinct from the A.A.A. Midlands which area dips down to within 25 miles of London.

The race became a renewal of the many battles this year — generally behind Stan Vickers, a non-competitor this time—between Matthews and Hall, and which have usually resulted in favour of the latter. Hall led slightly from the start, but there was only a yard in it at the first mile in 7m.15s. This continued for 2 miles in 14.41; and 3 miles in 22.12, then Hall gave ground and Matthews went out in front rather quickly. He soon opened up a useful gap and at 4 miles in 29.33 led by 12 seconds. This time gave Matthews a distinct chance of the 8-miles-in-the-hour target, and with Hall losing a little more ground each mile, interest centred on Matthews' efforts to beat the clock. 5 in 37.02; 6 in 44.42; 7 in 52.21, were slower miles and with one mile to go within 7m.39s. it was deadline with nothing to spare. Laps in 1.54, 1.54, 1.57 meant that he had to find a bit in the last lap if he was to succeed. Fortunately he did so and the crowd were with him, but it was touch-and-go up the last 100 yards straight and he passed the post with only two seconds to spare before the gun ended the race. Matthews was tiring in that last two miles, but once he stopped he appeared quite fresh and beamed his obvious pleasure at accomplishing his aim.

Eric Hall had no challenger for second place and he finished comfortably, 134 yards behind Matthews. John Edgington (Godiva) and George Meadows took five miles to decide who should have third place, and Bryan Hawkins, back to better form now, was not far behind, but Meadows had to let Edgington go and then George Chaplin came with a late burst to pass both Hawkins and Meadows and get fourth place. So Midland clubs finished three men in the first four places, a very encouraging result.

In the lower graded sections "B" race was won by John Northcott of the promoting club, a very powerful walker who has this year taken a more serious interest in walking, hitherto something of a side line to his many other activities which include Rugby, Swimming,

Tennis and occasional Cross-Country for his firm's team. Northcott scored 7 miles 626 yards, nearly a best performance for this section. The duel for second place was most interesting with two of Steyning's pack of fine young walkers, namely Ron Sheppard and Denis Read — younger brother of Olympic Champion Norman—dusting it up with the two Met. boys, Arthur Thomson and Mike Evins, G. J. Squire, of Leicester, and Wally Parr, of Trowbridge. Sheppard's stride pulled him well away in the last mile and in a final set-to over the lap Thomson beat Read by one yard for third place.

Section "C" was won by B. Elkins, of Gosport, with 7 miles 92 yards, and his club had high ambitions when all four showed in front, but they were broken up after a mile and Bert Radford, of Highgate, took over second until deposed by C. Rutter, of Met. Police, followed by M. Desmond of Essex Beagles. Rutter, who is still inside 20, has the right build for the job, and has a most promising future if he sticks at it.

Steyning A.C. repeated last year's success in the "D" section, scoring a highly popular win with little Gerry Thompson. The way he went by to lap the taller lads was most remarkable. He did over 6½ miles. Next was G. Mosley (Staffs), who, in only his second race, walked 6 miles 790 yards. His performance as an unattached man was duly noted by the Midland scouts. Third was new man John Telford, of Highgate, who went off too fast in second place, fell back to sixth and then staged a recovery.

Leicester W.C. have an excellent entry of over 100 for their Open 7 Miles to-day, and 12 teams contest the issue. Stan Vickers will have as opposition: Eric Hall, Ken Matthews, and the Sheffield trio, Dick Holland and the Greasley brothers.

Welsh Junior 5 Miles Championship, Newport. 1, M. S. Shannon (Newport) H. 39.34; 2, D. Davies (Newport) H. 39.39; 3, M. Bingham (Roath) 46.08.

Highgate H. "St. Dunstan's" One-Hour Meeting, Parliament Hill. Section "A": 1, K. J. Matthews (Royal Sutton Coldfield) 8mils. 9yds.; 2, E. W. Hall (Belgrave) 7m.1635y.; 3, J. Edgington (Coventry Godiva) 7m.1314y. **Section "B":** 1, J. F. Northcott (Highgate) 7m. 626y.; 2, J. Sheppard (Steyning) 7m.359y.; 3, A. G. Thomson (Met.) 7m.275y. **Section "C":** 1, B. Elkins (Gosport) 7m.90y.; 2, C. Rutter (Met. Police) 7m.10y.; 3, M. Desmond (Essex B.) 6m. 1735y. **Section "D":** 1, G. W. Thompson (Steyning) 6m.1390y.; 2, G. Mosley (Unatt.) 6m.1230y.; 3, J. Telford (Highgate) 6m.1130y. **Teams:** 1, Belgrave H. 36; 2, Metropolitan W.C. 57; 3, Highgate H. 87.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

DESPITE opposition from some of the Communist countries, the International Olympic Committee decided at their recent Conference in Sofia to cut down on the size of the Games. This decision will not affect athletics.

Another decision could have far reaching effects but may not make much difference to present regulations. This is the one regarding broken-time payments, which the I.O.C. decided to allow in future. But the I.A.A.F. are not necessarily going to amend or alter their rules because of this decision, which affects the Olympic Games only. It should be interesting to note the sequel.

I hear from Ron West that the Fund in aid of the dependents of John Rix has reached £44/3/6, with more still to come from road runners who are still collecting for the Fund. Southall A.C. collected £5/13/6 at their recent Road Race and I imagine other organisers are doing likewise. The funeral was held at Coventry on September 12th and a Memorial Service at All Saints Church, New Haw, on September 22nd. I understand that Mrs. Rix leaves for South Africa this week-end.

Would Mr. Evans, who requested the address of our Welsh correspondent Bernard Baldwin, kindly forward his own address, which he omitted to include on his postcard?

Events this week-end include the Birchfield Floodlit Meeting, the Manchester and Walton Road Relays, and the Ealing Cross Country Relay.

We were unable to include the Glasgow Floodlit Meeting report this week, but this and the Maidenhead Relay results, received too late for publication, will be included next week.

THE EDITOR

NORTHERN COUNTIES (MANCHESTER) WINTER TRAINING COURSE

The Northern Counties A.A. Manchester (No. 8) District Coaching and Development Committee are again holding their Winter Training Course for Athletes at the Territorial Army Drill Hall, Stretford Road, Manchester, on Wednesday evenings commencing October 9th. Hours are from 6.0 to 8.30 p.m. and the fee is 1/- per night.

All men and boys over the age of 15 (in some cases over 14 years) are eligible, and women and girls can also attend. Further details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Preston, 7 Manifold Street, Salford 6, Lancs., who will also be pleased to hear from anyone interested in Coaching.

Southern Cross Country Championships will be held on February 15th at Parliament Hill.

Letters to the Editor

RECORDS AND RANKING LISTS

Dear Sir,

I was amused by Mr. Jewell's "comment and suggestion" in "A.W." of September 14th. The learned gentleman seems to have completely missed the point I was attempting to make.

My point, Mr. Jewell, is that if a performance is valid enough to be mentioned in the various publications you quote, then it should be recognised as a British Record. In fact, my complaint was that the Statement issued by the British Board took no account of the known facts—that the performances enumerated fully justified recognition as Records.

An inexplicable aspect of this question (which I and numerous T.N.'s find puzzling) is the refusal to recognise metric performances (even when set up in Britain). We thus have the paradox that two of Britain's three World Records cannot be regarded as British Records (Pirie's 3000m. and 5000m. records). In this context, I was amused to hear Vladimir Kut's 10,000m. time at the White City announced as an All-Comers' Record!

I am pleased to see that Mr. Jewell makes use of the McWhirter and Buchanan "Record Book," since only in those pages will he find a true representation of British athletic performances, unfettered by red-tape or unnecessary legalities. Mr. Jewell states correctly that the Record Book is in no way connected with the A.A.A. This is so regrettable when compared with the efforts of foreign Athletics Boards. The A.A.A. Handbook consists primarily, year after year, of pages of rules, rules and more rules; while tucked away in the middle are the records section and the results of the A.A.A. meetings. Why is it not possible to publish, officially, ranking lists such as are now being compiled only by a group of enthusiasts (who often find great difficulty in "prising" information from official sources)? Why is it not possible to invoke one of the aforementioned rules, to the effect that ALL results of ALL meetings should be notified to the A.A.A.? If the reason is that the A.A.A. cannot spare the manpower to deal with these results (or, put less euphemistically, cannot be bothered), would it not be possible to have the results made

available to the T.N.'s, thus saving them a vast amount of trouble and expense?

It seems to me extraordinary that of the world's major athletics powers, only Britain and U.S.A. (the two "founder" nations of modern athletics) do not produce official annual ranking lists.

Yours sincerely,

R. Sparks.

CLUBS' RECORD?

Dear Editor,

During the 1957 track season, Woodford Gn. A.C. have had a very fine series of Inter-Club match results which I believe may be a record as far as British clubs are concerned. In an attempt to get my belief proved right or wrong, would any club with results better than the ones produced below please contact me.

1. 30 Matches contested. 22 won including:
2. 10 Trophy Matches contested. 8 won.
(Gordon Pirie, Vancouver, Brockman, Beverley Baxter, Cecil Fry, Hackney Boro., J. Louis and Fulham Trophy). We lost the Sward and Kinnaird.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Hayward

HIGHGATE ROAD RELAY

September 21st

1, Woodford Green A.C. "A" (M. Carmell 24.45, R. F. Garrett 24.03, A. Lewis 24.07, J. White 25.39; C. P. Crump 24.19) 2hrs.02m.53s.
2, Hampstead H. (A. Shrimpton 24.17, D. Spencer 25.30, B. Gilbert 25.31, W. Morgan 26.04, H. Hicks 24.16) 2hrs.05m.38s.
3, City of Rochester A.C. "A" (B. Hawkes 25.02, D. Channon 25.34, D. Cross 26.46, R. C. Adams 24.22, B. Clark 25.01) 2hrs.06m.45s.
4, Highgate "A" 2:06.54; 5, Aylesford P.M. "A" 2:09.36; 6, Woodford Green "B" 2:11.52; 7, Wycombe Ph. 2:12.15; 18, Enfield 2:14.02; 9, Aylesford "B" 2:16.03; 10, Highgate "B" 2:17.04; 11, C. of Rochester "B" 2:19.38; 12, Hornchurch 2:20.08.
Fastest times: G. E. Brown (Highgate) 23.15 (course rec.); D. Pemble (APM) 23.50; B. Copling (Wycombe) 23.57; R. F. Garrett (Wood. Gn.) 24.03; A. Lewis (Wood. Gn.) 24.07; H. Hicks (Hampstead) 24.16.

NEW INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE

THE first session at the Indoor Training Centre, R.A.F. Station, Chigwell, was a great success. In fact it was immediately apparent from numbers attending that two sessions were necessary.

Now, "Juniors" (up to 9 feet cleared) and "Seniors" (over 9 feet cleared) will meet for Pole Vaulting at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively every Wednesday evening (meet at Buckhurst Hill, County High School Gym.).

In this photograph Geoffrey Elliott clears 13 feet at first attempt during a demonstration at the opening evening. He remarked that conditions were excellent—very fast—and it was the best pit in Great Britain. It is composed of sand, sawdust and wood-wool.

It is proposed to add Hurdling to the events available, and a 60 yard run with full 120yds. hurdle spacing is possible. Kenneth Bone will be assisted in this work by Ron Webb, Geoffrey Elliot and Lionel Blackman—all of Woodford Green A.C.

SALISBURY ROAD RACE

September 14th

Senior 4½ miles. Bristol's J. Gingell, who set a fast pace from the gun, but he soon gave way to a bunch consisting of Kent Smith (Devonport), Strong (Bristol), Hawkins (Westbury) and Lillicrap (Salisbury). At halfway Lillicrap was leading the field of 111 runners, but with two miles to go Kent-Smith took over, trailed by Eddie Strong. Then, with half a mile to go Portsmouth's young miler, Plumptre, came into the picture as Hawkins dropped back. The Devon miler came home a good winner, though his time was 15sec. outside last year's record set by Laurie Reed (S.L.H.)

1. B. Kent-Smith (Devonport) 23.31
 2. C. Plumptre (Portsmouth) 23.36
 3. E. Strong (Bristol) 23.40
 4. B. Lillicrap (Salisbury) 23.42; 5. I. Hawkins (Westbury) 23.50; 6. K. Parsons (Devonport) 23.51; 7. D. Dobson (Eastleigh) 23.55; 8. J. Edwards (Bristol S.) 23.56; 9. J. Parker (Westbury); 10. J. Davis (Herne Hill); 11. D. Smith (Bristol); 12. T. Spokes (Westbury); 13. T. Hayden (Portsmouth); 14. S. Bollen (Portsmouth); 15. J. Lindsell (Portsmouth); 16. A. Newell (Gosport); 17. G. Roberts (Devonport); 18. T. Wray (Frome); 19. D. Hayter (Poly); 20. Pte. Rogers (R.A.P.C. Devizes).
 Teams: 1, Portsmouth 38pts.; 2, Bristol 56; 3, Devonport 58; 4, Westbury 60; 5, Eastleigh 93; 6, Salisbury 101.

Youths 2½ miles. Devonport had a field day when they provided the winner of the



GEOFF ELLIOTT clearing 13ft. at the first attempt at the Indoor Training Centre at the R.A.F. Station, Chigwell. K. J. Bray

Youths' race as well as the Senior, and took the team race into the bargain. Thomas was to the fore throughout and was a clear winner, improving on his last year's time by 35sec., when he finished 5th to Howard, of Watford, who was unable to defend this year.

1. A. Thomas (Devonport) 13.14
 2. J. Bayliss (Highgate) 13.23
 3. L. Stone (N. London H.) 13.33
 4. P. Kilford (Portsmouth); 5. B. Van-der-Plank (Eastleigh); 6. K. Somers (Westbury); 7. D. Dix (Reading).
 Teams: 1, Devonport 23pts.; 2, Portsmouth 26; 3, Westbury 27; 4, Highgate 54; 5, Bristol 59; 6, Westbury "B" 59.

Roundhay "10," Leeds, 5/8/57. 1, B. Heatley (Godiva) 50.56; 2, P. Wilkinson (Derby) 51.45; 3, R. Colton (Rotherham) 52.47; 4, R. Davies (Godiva) 52.54; 5, E. Smith (Harehills) 53.01; 6, E. Bend (Leeds) 53.40. Teams: 1, Rotherham 18pts.; 2, Leeds 28; 3, Godiva 29.

THE SOVIET CHAMPIONSHIPS

I HAD left the Soviet Union before the U.S.S.R. championships were decided and not all of the results were available by the time I returned to Prague. The week-long meet was highlighted by the Kuts-Bolotnikov battles at 5,000 and 10,000 metres, but talking points additional to Bolotnikov's defeat of the Olympic champion at 10,000 metres were the failure of Ignatyev in the 400 metres, the eclipsing of both Stepanov and Kashkarov by Sitkin in the high jump, and the downfall of Shcherbakov (hop, step and jump), Ovsepyan (shot) and Grigalka (discus).

In the 10,000 metres not only did the first eight get down under 30 minutes but the first seven of these were under 29:25.0. This hammer-and-tongs battle of the B. and K. personalities of Soviet athletics was not fought out in any cut-and-thrust manner as the intermediate times show. Not unnaturally the first and last kilometres were the fastest, but, except for slowing down in the 6th, 8th and 9th kilometres the pace was uniform and fast: (1) 2:47.0; (2) 5:39.0 (2:52.0), (3) 8:27.6 (2:48.6), (4) 11:27.1 (2:59.5), (5) 14:25.1 (2:58.0), (6) 17:26.5 (3:01.4), (7) 20:23.0 (2:56.5), (8) 23:25.0 (3:02.0), (9) 26:26.0 (3:01.0), (10) 29:09.8 (2:43.8).

Despite the fact that Kuts was beaten by Bolotnikov we must continue to regard the blond Ukrainian as the better runner of the two. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that Bolotnikov cannot, on the strength of this win, be regarded as the equal of the double Olympic champion, for he has yet to demonstrate the pace of a Kuts at his best and is still a long way short of his fellow-countrymen as regards consistency. For the record here are the 10,000 metres placings:

1, Bolotnikov 29:09.8; 2, Kuts 29:10.0; 3, Pudov 29:19.4; 4, Zacharov 29:19.6; 5, Deyat-chikov 29:24.0; 6, Zhukov 29:24.0; 7, Chernyavsky 29:24.8. Zhukov, it will have been observed, improved considerably on his time for third place in the match against Britain at the White City.

Ten kilometres not having been regarded as Bolotnikov's best distance it was felt that the Muscovite might succeed once again when he and Kuts met in the 5,000 metres, but this time it was a revitalised Kuts in action and the bigger man was well and truly beaten:

1, Kuts 13:46.8; 2, Bolotnikov 13:57.8; 3, Zhukov 14:0.92; 4, Pudov 14:10.6; 5, Deyat-chikov 14:12.8; 6, Virkus 14:13.6.

Here the heated exchanges came early and the closing stages found Kuts, out on his own

By ARMOUR MILNE

with much less to do and the pace, as a result, was a shade more sedate: (1) 2:38.0, (2) 5:25.0 (2:47.0), (3) 8:10.0 (2:45.0), (4) 11:02.0 (2:52.0), (5) 13:46.8 (2:44.8).

For briskness of stepping-out probably the marathon will catch the eye most of all, for here the evergreen Popov came home at the head of the field in the highly creditable time of 2:19:50, and behind him (2) Filin 2:21:39, (3) Ivanov 2:22:00, and (4) Grashayev 2:23:03.

Other interesting track results were:

100: 1, Konovalov 10.5; 2, Bartenyev 10.5; 3, Plaskeyev 10.6; 4, Tokarev 10.6; 5, Babiyak 10.7; 6, Marin 10.8.

400: 1, Nikolski 47.4; 2, Yefishin 48.0; 3, Ignatyev 48.5.

Mikhail Nikolski ran last in the GB-USSR match. He is a soldier and a member of the Central Army Sports Club, Moscow.

1500: 1, Pipine 3:46.8; 2, Sokolov 3:47.6; 3, Golobyenkov 3:47.8.

Ionas Pipine, 22, USSR record-holder, is a Lithuanian, a student in Vilno. Evgeny Sokolov, 23, comes from Veetyebks in Byelorussia.

The walks were well supported and produced fast times. In the 20 kms., in which there were 71 starters, Lobastov led at 5 kms. in 22:41., and Vedyakov and Yegorov, who is 24, were together at 10 kms. in 45:20.0, the order at the finish being:

1, Yegorov 1:30:52.6; 2, Vedyakov 1:30:58.0; 3, Spirine 1:31:22.4. Most of the walkers contested both events, but Lavrov concentrated on the 50 kms., which he duly won. Result:

1, Lavrov 4:14:33.2; 2, Lobastov 4:16:59; 3, Vedyakov 4:19:05.4; 4, Uchov 4:20:32.

Following are the available results of hurdling events:

110H: 1, Michaylov 14.4; 2, Petrov 14.5; 3, Stolyarov 14.6; 4, Potyemkin 15.1.

200H: 1, Petrov 23.7; 2, Yulin 23.9; 3, Kriunov 24.0.

In the high jump, Vladimir Sitkin, Kiev, made a new Ukrainian record of 6'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", a height which Yuri Stepanov also got over, but a failure at 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " relegated him to second place. Kashkarov, Polyakov and Alexei Sayenkov all got over 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Sayenkov being the 12th Soviet jumper to clear that height this year.

Seven in the triple jump beat 50 feet, with Evgeny Chen an absentee and Leonid Shcherbakov relegated to second place. Result:

1, Ryachovski 53'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 2, Shcherbakov 52'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 3, Kreyer 52'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 4, Tsigankov 51'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 5, Yefremov 51'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 6, Tyerkel 50'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 7, Samochvalov 50'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "".

The new **discus** champion, Baltushnikas, is a Lithuanian, 22 years, 6'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone. Result:

1, Baltushnikas 179'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ""; 2, Grigalka 171'0"; 3, Trusenyev 169'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 4, Kompanyeyets 168'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 5, Matvyeyev 167'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 6, Shevkalovich 164'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "".

The **women's sprints** produced good performances and unexpected upsets. Vera Krepkina duly obliged with a smart win in the 100 metres, but Albina Kobranova, who had been expected to win the 200 after her smart win in London, was well beaten by both Marie Itkina and Galina Popova. Results:

100: 1, Krepkina 11.5; 2, Popova 11.6; 3, Itkina 11.7; 4, Kobranova 11.7; 5, Rezhnikova 11.9; 6, Bulatova 11.9.

200: 1, Itkina 24.2; 2, Popova 24.2; 3, Kobranova 24.4; 4, Krepkina 24.5.

Elizabetha Yermolayeva, the 27-year-old

Minsk teacher who was one of the three 800 metres runners sent to London, there to be trounced by Diane Leather, came up trumps with a fast win at her favourite distance, but suffered disqualification in the 400 metres. Results:

400: 1, Parlyuka 55.3; 2, Lazareva 55.5; 3, Paltzeva 56.6; 4, Chomutova 57.1; 5, Levicka 57.8 (Chomutova had done 56.2 in the semi-finals, Paltzeva the same time, and Levicka 56.6). Yermolayeva, disq.

800: 1, Yermolayeva 2:05.6; 2, Otkalenko 2:07.2; 3, Levicka 2:07.6; 4, Avramova 2:08.0; 5, Muchanova 2:09.2; 6, Kuzmichova 2:09.7.

The **high jump** saw the London match winner, Ballod, completely eclipsed by Chencik and Zybina, shot put winner in London, beaten by the massive Tamara Tyshkevich. Results:

HJ: 1, Chencik 5'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 2, Ballod 5'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 3, Pisareva 5'5"; 4, Saulesleva 5'3".

SP: 1, Tyshkevich 53'3"; 2, Zybina 53'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 3, Doynikova 52'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 4, Press 52'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ""; 5, Kuznyetsova 52'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 6, Vaschenkova 49'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "".

St. Albans C.C. Relay

Out of a record entry of 43 teams, 36 faced the starter in the St. Albans City second annual Cross Country Relay for the "Reg Corley" Challenge Shield. The course was shortened by half a mile this year due to work on the new By-pass.

On the first leg G. Howard (Watford) 12.23 led from T. Clark (Hayes) 12.26, with Smith (Camb. City) and Snowden (Surrey A.C.) following. Stage 2 saw A. Porter take Finchley from 14th to 1st with a fine run of 12.19, with Cambridge City 2nd, St. Albans 3rd and Blackheath 4th.

St. Albans (Walter 12.36) took the lead on the third leg, closely followed by Finchley (North), with Watt of Surrey A.C. recording second fastest time of the day, 12.10, in moving up to third. The next leg saw Finchley regain the lead through Salvat 12.15, with Surrey 2nd and St. Albans 3rd. Mike Barratt took Ealing from 11th to 4th with a run of 12.14. Finchley increased their lead through Eric Shirley, 12.29, on stage 5 but Surrey and St. Albans changed places.

When the last leg started St. Albans were 41 secs. behind Finchley, with Surrey another 24 secs. further back. With less than half a mile to go St. Albans (P. D. Palmer) had taken the lead and went on to win a close race despite a great run by Ken Caulder, who put up the fastest time of 12.01 in overtaking Finchley just before the finish to give Surrey A.C. second place.

1, St. Albans City A.C. "A" (R. Daniell 12.45, M. J. Palmer 12.33, J. Walters 12.36, G. Allen 12.57, J. Thorpe 12.41, P. D. Palmer 12.18) 75m.50s.

2, Surrey A.C. "A" (J. Snowden 12.29, R. Parry 13.33, E. Watt 12.10, B. Barrett 12.31, J. Cleverly 13.13, K. Caulder 12.01) 75m.57s.

3, Finchley H. "A" (H. Wild 12.57, A. Porter 12.19, E. North 13.51, F. Salvat 12.15, E. Shirley 12.29, D. Raven 13.10) 76m.01s.

4, Q.P.H. 77.26; 5, Ealing 77.58; 6, Blackheath 78.04; 7, Watford 78.36; 8, Welwyn 78.39; 9, Aylesford P.M. 79.09; 10, N.L.H. 79.50; 11, City of Rochester 79.59; 12, Walton 80.04; 13, Cambridge City 80.06; 14, St. Albans "B" 80.38; 15, Enfield 80.49; 16, Barnet 81.50; 17, Q.P.H. "B" 81.54; 18, N. Herts 82.20; 19, Hornchurch 82.21; 20, Ponders End 82.38; 21, Finchley "B" 82.53; 22, Luton Utd. 83.56; 23, Surrey A.C. "B" 84.02; 24, Hayes & H. 84.17; 25, Aylesford P.M. "B" 84.21; 26, St. Albans "C" 85.51; 27, Watford "B" 86.33; 28, Thurrock 87.40; 29, Barnet "B" 89.32; 30, Welwyn "B" 91.10; 31, Enfield "B" 92.11; 32, Cambridge City "B" 98.27.

Fastest laps: K. Caulder (Surrey A.C.) 12.01; E. Watt (Surrey A.C.) 12.10; M. Barratt (Ealing) 12.14; F. Salvat (Finchley) 12.15; P. D. Palmer (St. Albans) 12.18; A. Porter (Finchley) 12.19.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S A.G.M.—Correction

Owing to a printer's error the date for the Southern Women's A.G.M. and annual Dinner and Dance was given as 17th December. This should have been 7th Dec.

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Spotlight on

JOHN HOLT—A.A.A. 440 yds. Junior Champion

UP to Oxford University this month goes 18-year-old Manchester Grammar School student, John Holt. "I intend to study modern languages and hope to qualify eventually as a schoolteacher," he told me.

"My first goal is naturally a blue in the Oxford track team," added this well-built quarter miler.

That description of John may be a trifle inaccurate for he is a very versatile runner and should prove a capital asset to the "Dark Blues". In fact, he is equally at home running the furlong or half as well as his Championship distance.

It is, however, in the quarter that he has achieved most success this season. The All-England Schools race proved comparatively easy for John in 51.0 secs. One week later he took the A.A.A. Junior title at Hurlingham. The time, 49.5 sec. beat his previous best 49.8 and was at that time the best by a junior this year. Subsequently, he has returned 49.4 when beaten by Yardley in an invitation junior event during the Russian match; the victor's time was also 49.4 secs.

In the 220, John has a personal best of 22.6 secs. More recently he achieved his fastest half-mile, 1 min. 55.6 secs. when competing in the Croydon v. Manchester event. Again, he went one better in an invitation during the U.S.S.R. encounter and again he was not the winner. His time, 1 min. 53.8 seems terrific for a junior but both Bill Cornell and Terence Cox returned 1 min. 52.8.

In addition as "A.W." readers already know, he was timed at 1.52.8 for his 880 leg of the medley relay in the Chester Autumn meeting.

This thick-set athlete heaps praise upon Northern coach, Dennis Watts for his fine performances. 100yd. champion Alf Meakin, whom John trains with occasionally, told me the same story—Officials please take careful note!

Looking to the future, John would like to



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mix a spot of coaching in with his schoolmastering.

"This teaching profession seems the vogue for 440 men," he smiled.

It is a long road ahead for John—and a tough one "No time for hobbies yet," he told me. "It is training at least four nights each week and studying hard all the rest."

Fred Philpot.

At the A.G.M. of the Hampstead Harriers Ladies' Section, the following officials were elected—President, H. J. Hicks, Jr.; Hon. Sec./Treas., Mrs. P. Hicks, 34 The Crescent, N.11 (ENT. 6605); Track Sec., Miss B. Alcock, 20 Rosemont Ave., N.12 (HIL 3177); Netball Sec., Miss A. de Laubenque, 60 Mountfield Road, N. 3 (FIN 5817); Club Capt., Mrs. B. Atkinson.

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S "TOP TEN" (contd.)

(As at September 8th)

Compiled by Melvyn Watman

High Jump

5.8½	Tajsiya Chenchik (USSR)	(5.5½)
5.8	Iolanda Balas (Rum)	(5.8½)
5.6	Thelma Hopkins (GB)	(5.8½)
5.6	Dorothy Tyler (GB)	(5.6)
5.6	Valentina Balode (USSR)	(5.6½)
5.5½	Mary Bignal (GB)	(5.3½)
5.5½	Maria Pisareva (USSR)	(5.6½)
5.5	Diana Cooper (GB)	(5.2)
5.5	Audrey Bennett (GB)	(5.5)
5.5	Susan Etherton (GB)	(5.2)

Long Jump

20.7½	Nina Kazima (USSR)	(19.11)
20.0½	Elzbieta Krzesinska (Pol)	(20.10)
20.0½	Vilve Maremae (USSR)	(—)
19.11½	Zlata Rozkosna (CSR)	(19.9½)
19.9½	Vyera Krepkina (USSR)	(—)
19.8½	M. Ciastowska (Pol)	(18.5½)
19.8½	T. Wiczorek (Pol.)	(18.3½)
19.7½	Annamarie Clausner (E. Ger.)	(19.3½)
19.7½	Galina Bystrova (USSR)	(19.9½)
19.7½	Ludmilla Radchenko (USSR)	(20.1½)

Shot

54.1½	Tamara Tyshkevitch (USSR)	(54.5)
53.4	Galina Zybyna (USSR)	(54.11½)
53.0½	Zinaida Doinikova (USSR)	(54.5½)
52.1½	Tamara Press (USSR)	(48.2½)
52'0½	Maria Kuzneyetsova (USSR)	(51.9½)
50.7	Ludmilla Zhdanova (USSR)	(48.7½)
50.5	Marianne Werner (W.Ger)	(51.4)
49.11½	Antonina Vashchenko (USSR)	(48.2½)
49.3½	Hanna Luttgé (E. Ger.)	(49.8½)
49'3	Lyubov Sivtsova (USSR)	(48.5)

Discus

182.0	Nina Ponomaryeva (USSR)	(185.9)
174.5	Tamara Press (USSR)	(165.10½)
170.9	Irina Beglyakova (USSR)	(172.11½)
169.0½	Stepanka Mertova (CSR)	(167.0)
166.11	Doris Muller (E. Ger.)	(157.5)
166.6½	Albina Yelkina (USSR)	(165.0½)
166.3½	Antonina Zolotukhina (USSR)	(157.1½)
165.11	Jirina Voborilova (CSR)	(168.7½)
160.4	Antonina Vashchenko (USSR)	(164.0½)
160.2½	Simankova (CSR)	(149.5½)
160.2½	Anne-Chatrine Lafrenz (W.Ger)	(161.10)

Javelin

179.9½	Galina Zybyna (USSR)	(175.0½)
175.10½	Inese Jaunzeme (USSR)	(176.8)
174.9½	Ursula Figwer (Pol)	(170.5½)
173.10½	Dana Zatopkova (CSR)	(181.2½)
171.10½	Maria Diti (Rum)	(155.3½)
169.9½	Almut Brommel (W.Ger)	(173.3½)
167.7	Ingrid Almquist (Swed)	(169.3½)
166.11½	Eleonora Bogun (USSR)	(166.6½)

166.11	Maria Makarova (USSR)	(152.4½)
165.5	Elvira Osolina (USSR)	(—)

Pentathlon

4712	Galina Bystrova (USSR)	(4555)
4517	Aleksandra Chudina (USSR)	(4750)
4508	Edeltraud Eiberle (W.Ger)	(4206)
4505	Lidiya Shmakova (USSR)	(4190)
4458	Zinaida Burenkova (USSR)	(4286)
4445	Sofia Burdulenko (USSR)	(4548)
4441	Vilve Maremae (USSR)	(4097)
4433	Galina Akimova (USSR)	(4360)
4331	Christa Buchner (W.Ger)	(4188)
4294	Nina Vinogradova (USSR)	(4767)

We are informed that second place in the J. Louis Trophy 400m. was filled by C. W. E. Surety (Ilford) and not K. Chambers.

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THE last international match of the season was thought by many to be something of an anti-climax and, though it remained dry throughout the meeting, the heavy rain in the earlier part of the day no doubt kept many likely spectators away.

Nevertheless, a fair sized crowd, by White City standards, attended and saw some exciting competition with the result of each match in doubt until the last event had been completed.

That England won both matches despite the inclusion of two men, Shirley and Pirie, who were obviously in no fit state for competition, says much for the teamwork which brought about this satisfactory state of affairs, but I am sure the majority of those present would agree that if there was one athlete who had more to do with our success in the men's match, that man was Brian Shenton, England's captain. It is true that George Knight's sterling running in the 5,000 metres brought it to a successful conclusion, but for Brian it was a case of a brilliant double which equalled in merit anything he has achieved in the past. In the women's match June Paul's great running on the third leg of the relay which pulled up a deficit and gave us a winning lead, undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the result of the women's match, with Diane

Leather, Betty Loakes and Mary Bignal, the other stars.

The presentation of the field events was not up to the standard achieved earlier at the same venue, perhaps due to the fact that there was not so much time to spare, and the announcing was too hurried, so that half the results were covered before spectators could find the page mentioned. The competition, however, proved exciting to the end,

Men

100m: Breacker had his usual false start, with Jarzebowski for company. Then Box got up with hands smothered in mud from the wet track. Eventually they got away to a good start and Box was up a foot at 50 yards, the others almost in line. Jarzebowski came through in the last 50 to just edge Box from first with Breacker a very close third. 1, J. Jarzebowski (P) 11.0; 2, K. J. Box (E) 11.0; 3, A. Breacker (E) 11.0; 4, Z. Baranowski (P) 11.1.

200m: A great race by Shenton, who went off in a way which reminded one of his European Championship success in Brussels in 1950, leading into the straight and giving Baranowski no chance of catching him as the crowd rose and cheered him home. Boughton, coming in for Segal, ran very well indeed. Last



PETER HILDRETH

on far side winning the 120Yds. Hurdles at the Brighton Floodlit Meeting.

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into the straight, he ran with great determination, passed Bozek with 50 yards to go and all but caught Baranowski at the tape. 1, B. Shenton (E) 21.0; 2, Z. Baranowski (P) 21.9; 3, J. Boughton (E) 22.0; 4, E. Bozek (P) 22.3.

400m: A very good race. That very fine runner, Swatowski, moved steadily into a 2 yards lead which the most determined running by the British pair could not pull back in the long straight. Higgins was slightly up on Salisbury as they came off the last bend, but the Midlander used his great strength to just get his chest in front at the tape. 1, S. Swatowski (P) 47.5; 2, J. E. Salisbury (E) 47.7; 3, F. P. Higgins (E) 47.7; 4, G. Mach (P) 48.9.

800m: A tactical race with the two Poles going into the lead and Johnson boxed in round the first bend and content to stay last for most of the race. Matyjek, coming in for Makomaski, led round the first lap in slow time and at the bell Kazimierski went up to his shoulder to present a double barrier for anyone attempting to pass. Along the back straight Farrell saw an opening and went to go through but the Poles then went too close up to prevent him doing so. Farrell would have none of this and gave Kazimierski the shove which he had invited and went all the way for home. Johnson was still well back entering the final straight, but then went past his opponents and set off in pursuit of Farrell, whom he caught a few yards out. Kazimierski came in for a show of displeasure from the crowd. 1, D. J. N. Johnson (E) 1:52.1; 2, M. A. Farrell (E) 1:52.2; 3, T. Kazimierski (P) 1:52.4; 4, Z. Matyjek (P) 1:54.3.

1500m: Lewandowski went into the lead from the gun, to be overtaken by Orywal after half a lap. Wood was content to stay at the back until the bell, when Orywal still led. Then came the expected moment and Wood went out and past them like lightning and into a lead of 5 yards. Lewandowski went past Ibbotson, who had been chasing Wood, at the start of the last bend, but hard though he tried, he could make little impression on the winner. A somewhat jaded Ibbotson lacked the fire he showed earlier in the season. 1, K. Wood (E) 3:47.3; 2, S. Lewandowski (P) 3:47.6; 3, G. D. Ibbotson (E) 3:48.4; 4, Z. Orywal (P) 3:49.0.

5,000m: The last event on the programme, with the result of the match depending on the result. Early on Knight led from Zimny, Pirie and Chromik and they went through the first mile in 4:28.2. George Knight's more economical action without his old, awkward stretching for too long a stride was most noticeable and commented on by many. Around halfway Zimny went into the lead and about the same

time Pirie lost ground rapidly and appeared to give up the ghost entirely, dropping more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a lap before the finish to the accompaniment of mixed sympathetic cheers and ironical jeers from the crowd. In the meantime, Chromik, who had lost touch with the leaders caught up and just after the bell he went past Knight and the two Poles went into the back straight in the lead. But with 250 yards to go Knight forced his way past them and turned on a tremendous burst of speed. Chromik challenged him strongly, but with the crowd on its feet cheering him home, Knight stormed down the final straight magnificently to win in great style and ensure England's success by 3 points. 1, G. Knight (E) 13:57.6; 2, J. Chromik (P) 13:59.4; 3, K. Zimny (P) 14:04.0; 4, D. A. G. Pirie (E) 15:09.2.

110m. Hurdles. W. Krol came in for Kotlinski, for Poland. Hildreth was none too well away but was on terms at the second obstacle and then went steadily away to a yard lead, with Carrington also finishing well to just head Bugala after a fine race. 1, P. B. Hildreth (E) 14.8; 2, C. D. Carrington (E) 14.9; 3, E. Bugala (P) 14.9; 4, W. Krol (P) 15.3.

400m. Hurdles. A turn-up for the book. Tom Farrell slid on a muddy patch as he took off to clear the first hurdle, almost came a frightful "purler" and, as he said afterwards, lost his confidence completely. It was fortunate for England that to compensate for this, Metcalf was bang on form, going out from the gun to a good lead which he held to the end to record his best ever performance of 52.3. Kotlinski was a comfortable second. 1, J. Metcalf (E) 52.3; 2, J. Kotlinski (P) 53.2; 3, T. S. Farrell (E) 54.6; 4, K. Janiak (P) 54.8.

3,000m. S'chase. England was at a great disadvantage without John Disley, and why the selectors ran Eric Shirley was a mystery. He was far from fit when leaving for the recent internationals abroad and the more he ran, the worse he became. He has not been in the right physical shape to do himself justice for some time, as his coach, Bill Coyne, well knew, and is badly in need of a rest. It was pathetic and far from pleasing to see him losing ground rapidly after halfway and having real difficulty in putting one foot in front of the other as he crawled round the last lap.

Fortunately, Eddie Ellis was in fine form and ran determinedly throughout. He led for the early part of the race until Krzyszkowiak went up and away fast after $3\frac{1}{2}$ laps. Ellis kept second position but could not prevent a gap opening which increased steadily to the end. Ziolkowski, who had been dropped early in the race, soon noticed how Shirley was coming back to him and first caught, and then ran right away from his rival. The first two



J. H. PEGLEY (S.L.H.) handing over to J. G. LUSTY after his record breaking run in the Surrey Beagles Relay.
J. A. Edmonds

both recorded personal bests. 1, Z. Kryszkowiak (P) 8:48.8; 2, E. G. Ellis (E) 8:56.0; 3, W. Ziolkowski (P) 9:07.2; 4, E. Shirley (E) 9:22.0.

Long Jump. Even with Cruttenden, we were outclassed in this event, Grabowski being in great form and setting a new White City best of 25ft. 3½in. Polish champion Kropidowski was a comfortable second to give the visitors maximum points. 1, H. Grabowski 25'3½"; 2, K. Kropidowski 24'8"; 3, A. R. Cruttenden 23'11"; 4, R. F. Coleman (E) 19'4½".

High Jump. The Polish second string, Skupny, came into his own when champion, Lewandowski, failed to show his best form, clearing 6ft. 6in. for a personal best and failing narrowly at 6ft. 7½in. Chadderton went out early after clearing 6ft., and Hogben, after jumping cleanly at the lower heights, found 6ft. 3in. too much for him. 1, J. Skupny (P) 6'6"; 2, Z. Lewandowski (P) 6'4"; 3, P. R. Hogben (E) 6'2"; 4, D. Chadderton (E) 6'0".

Pole Vault. Geoff Elliott has been recapturing his best form steadily this season and

equalled his British National and English Native record of 14ft., taking second place on failures over Janiszewski, the Polish champion. But 30 year old Andrzej Krzesinski went one better with a personal best of 14ft. 3in. 1, A. Krzesinski (P) 14'3"; 2, G. M. Elliott (E) 14'0"; 3, Z. Janiszewski (P) 14'0"; 3, I. Ward (E) 13'0".

Javelin. Some fine throwing but not presented as well as in the match with the U.S.S.R. though that great and consistent thrower, Janusz Sidlo, was within 1½in. of Kuznetsov's recent All-Comers' record, Kopyto, not so consistent, also threw magnificently and Colin Smith, seemingly inspired by such throwing, improved on his recent record with 241ft. Davies was not at his best and could do no better than 190ft. 7in. 1, J. Sidlo (P) 271'10"; 2, J. Kopyto (P) 254'8"; 3, C. G. Smith (E) 241'0" (Brit. Empire, Commonwealth, Brit. Nat. and Eng. Nat. rec.); 4, R. A. C. Davies (E) 190'7".

4 x 100m. Relay. This will be long remembered as Shenton's race, a fitting closure if, indeed, it is to be farewell to the track by a popular figure at the White City. Breacker just about held Baranowski on the first leg, Box lost little against Foik, Playle lost perhaps 2 yards to Jarzembowski and handed over to Shenton about 2½ yards down. It looked a pretty hopeless task for the Poly man against Bozek, but he tackled it with determination and when it was seen that he was pulling back the deficit slowly but surely, the crowd rose to Shenton and, as if inspired by their applause, he finished with a tremendous effort over the last 20 yards to just catch the Pole on the tape. 1, England (Breacker, Box, A. Playle, Shenton) 41.4; 2, Poland (Baranowski, Foik, Jarzembowski, Bozek) 41.4.

4 x 400m. Relay. A good race all the way with England just having the edge from start to finish. Higgins finished 3 yards to the good against Mach, Sampson increased this to nearly 10 yards at one point but Kazimierski pulled back a little in the straight to hand over 8 yards up. Salisbury ran a similar race and was 12 yards in front of Makomaski at the halfway mark but lost a couple of yards in the straight. Wrighton gave us a brief moment of doubt when it was seen that Swatowski had pulled back half his deficit in the first 150 yards, but his effort told on him and Wrighton pulled away in the last 100 yards to finish some 12 yards to the good. 1, England (Higgins, E. J. Sampson, Salisbury, Wrighton) 3:09.3; 2, Poland (Mach, Kazimierski, Makomaski, Swatowski) 3:11.1.

Women

100m: Madeleine Weston was soon leading by nearly a yard but was worn down by Barbara Janiszewska and caught a few yards out,

with Wheeler just getting the decision over Richter for third spot. 1, B. Janiszewska (P) 12.3; 2, M. Weston (E) 12.3; 3, E. Wheeler (E) 12.4; 4, H. Richter (P) 12.4.

200m: 1, A somewhat similar race to the 100 m., with Heather Young leading into the straight by nearly 2 yards, only for Janiszewska to put up a best personal performance in catching her on the line. Jill Dudderidge just won another good race for third place. 1, C. Janiszewska (P) 24.4; 2, H. Young 24.4; 3, J. Dudderidge (E) 25.6; 4, C. Jesionowska (P) 25.7.

800m: Diane Leather took the lead round the first bend, with Betty Loakes second. After half a lap Krystyna Snop moved past Loakes and though the English girl tried to regain her position at the start of the straight, she was held off. With 300 yards to go Snop was up to Leather's shoulder but down the finishing straight Diane strode away to win comfortably. Loakes put in a great finish to make up many yards and catch the Polish girl on the line. 1, D. Leather (E) 2:08.7; 2, B. Loakes (E) 2:10.3; 3, K. Snop (P) 2:10.3; 4, H. Gabor (P) 2:12.0.

80m. Hurdles. This was brought forward early in the programme and was spoilt as a race by Quinton being allowed to get away with a shocking "flier" which gave her a yard and a half advantage which she retained to the finish. The two Polish girls were a little too good for evergreen Iris Pond, who was not quite on her early season form. 1, C. Quinton (E) 11.5; 2, E. Krzesinska (P) 11.7; 3, J. Slowinska (P) 11.8; 4, I. Pond (E) 12.0.

Long Jump. A close contest in which less than 11ins. covered the four competitors. Elzbieta Krzesinska suffered one of her rare defeats and was much below her best form. 1, M. Chojnacka (P) 19'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, E. Krzesinska (P) 18'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, C. Persighetti (E) 18'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4, J. Whitehead (E) 18'3".

High Jump. Mary Bignal continued her excellent form and proved once again that she can perform well on the big occasion. Ether-ton, unfortunately, was well below her best and went out early, the two Polish girls both reaching almost their previous best before failing at 5ft. 2in. 1, M. Bignal 5'3"; 2, R. Toman (P) 5'1"; 3, J. Jozwiakowska (P) 5'1"; 4, S. Ether-ton (E) 4'11".

4 x 100m. Relay. Just as the men's sprint relay was Brian Shenton's race, so was the women's June Paul's race, for it was her sterling run on the third leg which gave us a lead of something like 7 yards after taking over on level terms, which made victory certain. 1, England (M. Weston, P. Wyatt, J. Paul, H. Young) 46.5; 2, Poland (M. Chojnacka, B. Janiszewska, C. Jesionowska, H. Richter) 47.3.

Invitation Events

3,000m.: A large and interesting field contested this race, with Driver leading from Lawrence and Gordon in the early stages. At 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ laps Sando went to the front for a time, then Hugh Foord had a go. At the bell Vuorisalo of Finland, led from Disley, and then there was a great surge forward by a number of runners. Vuorisalo held his position along the back straight and was followed by Disley and Gordon. Coming to the final straight Gilligan tried to take the lead but was held off and the Finn went away to win by 6 yards. Blagrove finished strongly to take third place. 1, O. Vuorisalo (Finland) 8:13.8; 2, K. Gilligan (Ireland) 8:41.6; 3, M. T. Blagrove (England) 8:15.4; 4, J. I. Disley (Wales) 8:15.6; 5, A. D. Gordon (Scotland) 8:17.4; 6, O. Salonen (Finland).

4 x 100m. Relay (Boys): 1, Essex 44.6; 2, London 45.4; 3, Middx. 45.4; 4, Herts 46.0; 5, Surrey 46.0.

4 x 100m. Relay (Girls). 1, Essex 49.2; 2, Middx. 50.2; 3, Herts 51.2; 4, Surrey 51.3; 5, London 51.6.



ALAN BARGH (Sheffield U.H.) takes over from J. E. Nichols in the lead for the last stage of the Bradford Relay.

On My Travels

By "ROAMER"

I HEAR some good reports of a young Stockport Harriers sprinter, **David Dennis**, who many good judges think will go far. A real "find" with a style reminiscent of **Mel Patton**, was how he was described to me. Has a long way to go yet, but will get there if he keeps at it, so my informant thinks.

Not so good is the news regarding another David, international high jumper, **David Chaderton**. Not long returned from a climbing holiday in Norway, he is undecided whether to concentrate on athletics or climbing, so his father says. Seems David is not likely to get much encouragement from that quarter, for his father added: "Of course, I don't really want him to be an athlete, it is interfering with his university studies at the moment as it is." Which seems a pity, for we are none too well off for high class jumpers and David is one of our most promising young jumpers.

Alan Bannister high-lighted the lack of harmony between handicappers North and South of the border recently when he instanced the Cowal Games, in which Birchfield's Welsh champion **Nick Whitehead** was given 6 yards in the 100 yards and 13 in the furlong. This made a mockery of the handicapping, and though Nick's mark was reduced in the furlong to 6 after he had coasted home in the shorter race, he still had no difficulty in romping home for a "double."

I wonder how many noted the "howler" in a well-known Sunday paper recently, when Michael Rawson was described as a British "unknown." The same paper came out later with a new name — **Persing Hetti** — in the women's long jump.

Darlington Harriers came down South in force to see the match with U.S.S.R. and stayed for the week-end, arranging a match with Aylesford Paper Mills on the latter's lovely ground at Ditton, near Maidstone. Reinforced by several local runners from other clubs, the Mills team were surprised by the strength of the opposition, particularly by some of their younger runners, who seem destined to go far.

Lawrie Richardson, former E.C.C.U. Hon. Secretary, mentions something which may bring back nostalgic memories to some of the "old 'uns." The controversies affecting officials, promoters and athletes reminds him of the "Athletes' Guild" which was formed some 40 years ago by the great miler, **Emil Voigt**, when athletics had a very different "set-up" to that in operation to-day. Lawrie was then Hon. Secretary of Bury A.C. and he recalls that in

the Manchester area there were sports meetings every Saturday from Mid-May to Mid-August, sometimes as many as four within 12 miles of Manchester on the same day.

There were, he says, no international matches, but there was plenty of work for the Guild to do, such as improvement of dressing-rooms, correct valuation of prizes according to the programme, handicap marks and improvement in the standard of officiating. Lawrie thinks there is a necessity for the formation of such a Guild to-day to look after the interests of the athletes, and believes he will live to see it. What, I wonder, happened to the original organisation? Perhaps some readers of "A.W." can throw some light on its demise.

The regrettable accident to **John Rix**, the New Haw and Woodham runner, was one of those things which one never thinks of happening until it does. **Rene Howell**, the former Poly international steeplechaser, now with Orpington A.C., who took part this year for the first time, suggests taping the course instead of flagging, giving on the day very strong advice to newcomers what to wear, and spacing out more experienced guides along the way. Also a very definite warning to newcomers to mountains to stick to the marked route and not to try any short cuts—legitimate practice in this event.

Rene says there was heavy mist on the Ben above 3,000ft. this year, it was bitterly cold with strong wind and hailstones. Once on the way up and once on the descent he lost himself and had difficulty in regaining the course. He reached the summit 1hr 50min. after the start in a state of complete numbness due to the cold and was so utterly fatigued that he walked the last few miles of the race. I am sure the organisers will be interested to know of Howell's remarks, taking every possible precaution, as they will, to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate tragedy.

It was with some surprise that **Surrey Athletic Club** members saw an announcement recently in the "Surrey Comet" about the formation of a badly needed Club in the Kingston area, the first in that part of Surrey. Surprise, because the Surrey A.C. have been established in the Kingston area for many years and have as their official winter headquarters, Latchmere Road School, Kingston. It seems this is another case of a few disgruntled members forming a breakaway club in the same area. It always seems a pity when this happens, for

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YUGOSLAV ATHLETES ADVANCE

THE current European athletics season has seen the rise of Poland to the status of a major power. Now, after several years of steady though unspectacular progress, Poland can boast not only of world ranking athletes in almost every event, but, more important, a highly impressive general standard of performance.

What has happened to Poland can happen to other nations possessing equal determination and, after meeting some of her leading athletes and coaches, my bet is on Yugoslavia reaching the athletics hierarchy within a couple of years.

Although not rivalling soccer or boxing for popularity, athletics is firmly established in Yugoslavia and well-equipped cinder tracks are to be found in every sizeable town.

As in Britain, there are a handful of professional coaches backed up by hundreds of spare time advisers. This band of coaches does not overlook much talent in the towns but, as yet, the outlying rural areas are virtually untapped.

An interesting feature of the set-up is that competitive athletics in the schools and junior ranks is very limited. Promising boys and girls are given every help and encouragement with regard to training and technique but usually it is not until physical maturity is reached (about 18 years for boys and 15 for girls) that this material is thrown into the hurly-burly of inter-club and championship events.

As was the case in Poland a year or two ago athletics in Yugoslavia is centred around a few outstanding individuals, but there are many young prospects who are knocking at the door for international honours.

At Ljubljana, together with Leslie Mitchell, secretary of the London v. Paris Schools A.A., and Harold Heller, an aspiring hammer thrower, I talked with three of Yugoslavia's great hopes for next year's European Championships: Zvonko Bezjak (hammer), Dako Radosevic (discus) and Vlado Marjanovic (high jump).

Bezjak has enjoyed a truly meteoric career. Standing 6 feet and weighing 15 stones he took up hammer throwing in 1953 (aged 18) and threw 131'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " that year. He improved

slightly to 144'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in 1954, but he exploded the following year to 192'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to rank 24th in the world. His progress continued last year and his best of 201'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " raised him to 17th in the world.

But it is only this season that he has achieved full recognition as one of the world's leading hammer exponents. He started the season off well on June 2nd with 204'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " advanced to 204'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " a week later, and at Zagreb on June 11th, he broke the national record of 206'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " standing to the credit of Kresimir

By

MELVYN WATMAN

Racic with a mighty 212'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "—a performance that, at the time of writing, ranks Bezjak fifth best of all time. His series on that occasion was: 204'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 212'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 207'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 208'11", 210'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", foul!

He was a little below form in both his clashes with Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR) later in the month, losing 206'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "—195'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 209'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "—201'3". He made amends, however, by running the European champion to less than two feet at the Moscow Youth Games last month: 206'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "—204'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". In this, his best competitive display to date, he beat such great throwers as Anatoliy Samotsvetov, Jazsef Csermak and Tadeusz Rut.

Through my interpreter, Luba Anelkovic (a former Yugoslav 400 metres international), I learnt that his winter training consists of gym work and form exercises, with lifting of weights (350lbs.) every other day.

The massive Radosevic (6ft. 3in. and 15st. 10lb.) is also 22. He took up discus throwing at the age of 17 (1952) and threw 108'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " that year. Since then his annual progression reads: 144'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 157'5", 174'0" and so far this year 170'11". He was eighth at Melbourne, ahead of Boris Matveyev and Gerald Carr.

Eastern Cut-off high jumper Marjanovic told of how, at the age of 18, he was refused a place in a high jump training course because he had not cleared the necessary 4'11", his best being 4'9". So aggrieved was he that he vowed he would show them—and for three years he worked alone at his jumping.

The result? In 1952, then aged 21, he cleared 6'2½" (about 18 inches improvement in three years!), repeated that performance in 1953, and then progressed to 6'5½" in 1954 and a national record of 6'7¼" in 1955. He dropped to 6'6" last year but has already cleared 6'7½" this season.

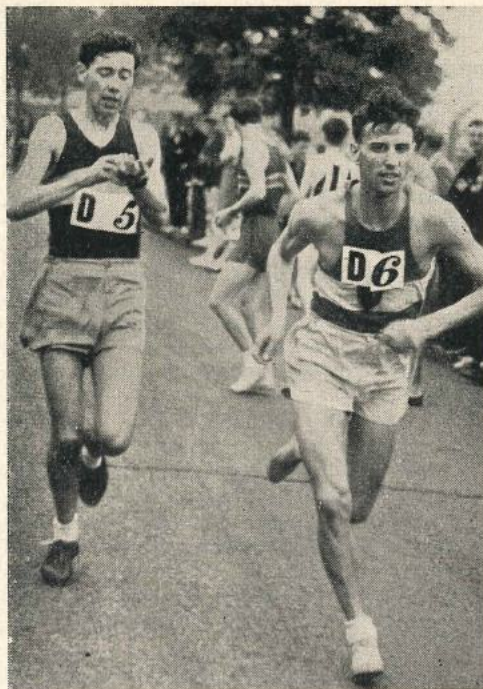
He does very little jumping in training and in winter he plays basketball. He does no weight training—exercises forming the bulk of his schedule. Aged 26, he is 5ft. 11in. tall and weighs 10st. 10lbs.

These, then, are three of the country's international class athletes. There are many more, among them: Stanko Loriger (14.2 high hurdles and 10.5 100 metres), Andrej Vipotnik (1:49.2 800 metres), Josko Murat (3:45.8 1500 metres), Velisa Mugosa (3:43.0 1500 metres, 8:05.4 3,000 metres, and 13:58.8 (5000 metres), Franjo Mihalic (runner-up in the Olympic marathon), Branko Miler (24'5¼" long jump), Leon Lukman (14'4¼" pole vault), Roman Leseck (14'3½" pole vault), Kresimir Racic (206'0½" hammer) and Bogoljub Koprivica (198'7¼" hammer).

Look how the national records have improved since 1950. An asterisk signifies a record made or equalled in 1957.

	1950	1957
100 metres	10.7	10.5*
200 metres	21.7	21.7
400 metres	48.5	48.2
800 metres	1:53.7	1:49.2*
1500 metres	3:53.0	3:43.0*
3000 metres	8:27.2	8:05.4
5000 metres	14:30.6	13:58.8
10,000 metres	30:50.4	29:37.6
3000m. S'chase	9:01.0	8:47.8
110m. hurdles	15.0	14.2*
400m. hurdles	54.7	54.1
High Jump	6.3	6.7½
Pole Vault	12.9½	14.4½*
Long Jump	24.0½	24.5½*
Triple Jump	47.5½	49.9½*
Shot	51.4½	53.3½
Discus	169.4	174.0
Hammer	186.5½	212.4½*
Javelin	232.5½	238.4*

The women athletes, too, are establishing themselves as among the best in Europe. The star is 28-year-old hurdler Milka Babovic, who has clocked 11.0 this year. Incidentally she runs cross country during the winter—a fairly common practice among both male and female sprinters and hurdlers. Other top-



KEN NORRIS hands over to PHIL VIVIAN for T.V.H. during the Poly Relay. E. D. Lacey

notchers include Nadja Kotlusek (49'4" shot), Milena Usenik (48'7" shot) and Cmiljka Kalusevic (160'1¼" javelin).

Yes, the Yugoslavs have every reason to feel proud of their athletes' achievements. But the greatest triumphs have still to come . . .

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Team and Individual Prizes

WALSH (S. Africa) WINS 1957 LONDON-BRIGHTON

By SAM FERRIS

ABOVE the din of the noisy commercial traffic over Westminster Bridge at 7 a.m. on Saturday, 28th September, the first chime of the hour by Big Ben, which heralded the start of the Seventh Annual Road Running Race, was eagerly awaited by 46 superbly fit athletes, who had all been graded by the organisers, led by Arthur Whitehead, as capable of reaching Brighton within the time limit of 8½ hours. Of the 35 who eventually arrived on foot at Brighton Aquarium only two failed to live up to the "means test."

It was an enticing kind of morning and the delightful tinge of the keen Autumn air made a fellow feel good whether he was essaying the 53 miles 129 yards on foot, by cycle as an attendant or enjoying propelled luxury in the capacity of an official, all of which contribute to the success of this annual set-piece of the R.R.C., an organisation which embraces almost everyone and everything appertaining to road running and which is rapidly extending its membership and influence throughout the world.

South African super athletes have influenced the speed of which a fellow ought to be capable on the Brighton Road ever since Arthur Newton's pioneer runs over a quarter of a century ago. There was Hardy Ballington, who came along to lower Arthur's time by one second—I'd call that "cutting it fine"—then in more recent years Wally Hayward lowered the record by over 22 minutes, which we thought would survive the test of our generation but was subsequently bettered by 2 minutes by our own Tom Richards. This set our keen rivals in the Union "scraping the barrel" to find another Hayward, and who should show up, quite unceremoniously, but a Mr. Gerald Walsh, from Durban A.C., whose background was not nearly so impressive as his famous compatriots and from whom not so much was, quite naturally, expected. Yet on meeting this quietly spoken and likeable 39 year-old accounts clerk, one was impressed by his fitness as portrayed by his 9 stone 2lbs. compactly compressed into 5 feet 4ins., and his mental approach to the sport. No fanatical devotion to preconceived ideas about which principles to follow, but rather a desire to fit athletics in proper perspective into every day life. As a single man Gerald Walsh could stretch his financial resources to the point of sacrificing six weeks pay and afford return fare to England; to warrant that expenditure financially he was determined that his effort physically should be equally inspired.

And inspired it was for, Gerald ran his rivals into the ground and himself into the super athlete class as he kept up a six minute mile pace for 35 miles and then faltered only momentarily over the exacting Dale Hill, but recovered rapidly to eventually lower the record by 64 seconds; this is all the more amazing when one considers that extensive alterations to Gatwick Airport have increased the London-Brighton course by 1195 yards, which represents approximately an additional 4 minutes running time. Leading with Gerald at 5 miles in 30 minutes exactly were Kelly, Davis and Ashwell. Hopcroft was only 20secs. in rear and was followed by Wales 30.55, Richards, Wilding, Macdonald (Hull) and Goodsell together in 33.02, Joyce 33.20, Lucop and Waudby 33.33, Smith 33.44, Johnson 34.06, Bishop 34.14, Gosling 34.30, McDonald (Bells), Quartley and Taylor together in 34.51 to make up the first 20.

There was little change at 10 miles with the four leaders still there in 59.46, followed by Hopcroft 60.29. Then a gap before Johnson came along to record 63.07, followed 63 secs. later by Tom Richards, who had never comfortably settled down following a hurried dash and quick change in an effort to be at Big Ben by seven o'clock. Tom is generally similarly pushed except at meal times!

No doubt this effort caused Tom mental anxiety and contributed to physical discomfort, for it wasn't the real Tom Richards that we saw eventually retiring from the race with stomach cramp just after the half-way mark.

Soon after 12 miles the four leaders separated when Ashwell and Kelly drew away to pass 15 miles in 1.30.05. Walsh and Davis were 35secs. in rear and then came Hopcroft in 1.31.00. Tom Richards had then dropped back to 1.35.40 and was well ahead—over 2 mins.—of Wales who was 3 minutes ahead of Macdonald and Joyce. At 17 miles Brian Ashwell had a severe attack of cramp and was slowed down to a walk although he got going strongly again but eventually retired at 23 miles. That left Bill Kelly in the lead at 20 miles which he passed in 1:59.08. Gerald Walsh was now 10 secs. inside two hours, then came Ron Hopcroft 64secs. outside, followed by Davis 2.2.10, Ashwell 2.6.07, Richards 2.6.38, Wales 2.13.17, Trevor Joyce with the Hull team of Macdonald, Waudby and Lucop in 2.14.18. Peter Goodsell 2.14.58, completed the first dozen.

Heading towards the "Chequers," at Horley (24m.1256y.) Gerald Walsh overhauled Bill Kelly and then followed a South African ritual not practised in this country. The Durban boy introduced himself to the astonished Bill Kelly, shook hands and wished Bill "Good Luck" and then pressed on following frantic appeals from his cyclist attendant to "Get on with it." Although the attendant did not appreciate this sporting and well meaning etiquette he did a grand service to our friend from Durban and he has that unheralded ability to convince a tired athlete—when he's "on his bendens" at 45 miles—that fatigue is only a passing fancy due to some unrealistic twist of the imagination of the individual concerned! That and four bottles of "Corpse Reviver"—a mixture of Lemonade, Salt and Sugar—kept Gerald Walsh inside the record at the critical stage when a fellow couldn't care less about records. You'd be interested to "talk running" with this inexhaustible type—Bob Beggs, of Highgate Harriers. He's worth listening to.

At "The George," Crawley (30m. 1104y.) Walsh was over 7 minutes ahead of Kelly, with Hopcroft less than 2 minutes in rear, but nearly 10 minutes elapsed before Davis showed up and he was 7 minutes in front of Joyce. Goodsell was a further minute in rear and then came the complete Hull team of Lucop, Macdonald and Waudby in 3.27.03. Ron Hopcroft, last year's winner, was now making a bold bid to overhaul the South African—after rehearsing the T.V.H. "passing ritual"—and looked the picture of strength and fitness as he passed the tiring Bill Kelly. These two great friends and rivals have a consistency in this race which is unequalled anywhere. But Ron found he was up against a superman running the race of his life in Walsh who, by the "Red Lion" at Handcross (35m.172y.) in 3.30.25, was 8 min. 9secs. away when Ron arrived at that point. Bill Kelly was not far back in 3.39.21, then came Davis 3.54.19, Joyce 3.56.48 and Lucop 3.58.46 to complete the half-dozen.

The gap between the first two had increased to 9½ minutes at the "Queen's Head," Bolney (39m.472y.) and Kelly had dropped 4 minutes in rear, with Joyce a further 16 minutes away, and so each gap increased until the end except that Lucop had left his team mates safe for team honours and actually ran faster than all but the winner over the last 15 miles. Congratulations to the young Hull team on beating the experienced Orion combination for whom Ted Hefford and John Legge ran the whole distance with scarcely daylight between them, and the veterans of T.V.H. whose combined ages totalled 145. Ernie Simmons, over 60, doesn't belong to this world.

His Worship, the Mayor of Brighton, Alderman Charles Tyson, graciously invited all competitors, their attendants and officials to tea at the Corn Exchange, where he kindly consented to present the awards which were greatly admired, especially the magnificent "Arthur Newton" Cup for the individual winner and the "Len Hurst Belt" which goes on the winning team—both are perpetual trophies. The Mayor was as impressive with his sporting speech as was the Brighton Corporation for their generous hospitality, which gives this event the high status enjoyed by other sporting events in which Brighton is interested. One felt proud of the manner in which our worthy President, John Jewell, voiced our appreciation in well chosen words.

1. G. Walsh (Durban A.C.) 5h.26m.20s.
2. R. F. Hopcroft (T.V.H.) 5h.40m.31s.
3. W. H. Kelly (Reading A.C.)... 5h.55m.14s.
4. F. C. Lucop (Hull) 6:00.47; 5, T. W. Joyce (Epsom) 6:10.47; 6, C. Waudby (Hull) 6:19.49;
- 7, J. L. Davis (Ranelagh) 6:20.08; 8, P. Goodsell (Walton) 6:25.00; 9, D. R. Macdonald (Hull) 6:26.37; 10, A. E. Hefford (Orion) 6:45.56; 11, J. C. Legge (Orion) 6:45.56; 12, J. McDonald (Belgrave) 6:54.13; 13, J. W. Tait (Ryde) 6:54.18; 14, H. B. Lee (Orion) 7:08.18;
- 15, H. A. Bishop (Belgrave) 7:11.25; 16, D. W. Drake (Cambridge H.) 7:11.37; 17, P. W. Johnson (Blackheath) 7:12.10; 18, G. J. Gosling (Blackheath) 7:14.47; 19, S. F. Jones (Poly) 7:18.23; 20, P. Neilson (Q.P.H.) 7:19.22; 21, A. Cove (Shaftesbury) 7:19.40; 22, H. Nunn (Notts) 7:20.16; 23, E. A. Simmons (T.V.H.) 7:27.45; 24, P. J. F. Canham (Orion) 7:28.20;
- 25, L. F. Morse (Met. Police) 7:28.46; 26, K. R. Blades (Hull) 7:36.39; 27, J. Smith (Epsom) 7:37.18; 28, L. N. O'Bryne (Q.P.H.) 7:42.31;
- 29, H. Rhodes (Blackheath) 7:49.38; 30, M. C. Wales (Redhill) 7:54.20; 31, E. A. Green (T.V.H.) 8:13.04; 32, W. Tyson (Bolton) 8:24.50; 33, D. E. S. Nutt (Westbury) 8:35.47.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Hull H. and A.C.	(3. 5. 6) 14
2. Orion H.	(7. 8. 9) 24
3. T.V.H.	(1.12.17) 30
4. Blackheath H.	(10.11.16) 37

Wilton "10," 7/9/57. 1, A. Llewellyn (Walton) 54.00; 2, J. Edwards (Frome) 54.28; 3, T. Wray (Frome) 54.36; 4, G. Gausden (Redhill) 54.59; 5, B. Willis (Eastleigh) 55.03; 6, R. Roath (Walton) 55.15; 7, D. Cameron (Walton) 55.54; 8, D. Mould (Salisbury) 55.59. **Teams:** 1, Walton 14pts.; 2, Frome 24; 3, Redhill 27; 4, Eastleigh 35.

POLY ROAD RELAY

September 21st

OF 29 teams entered for the Poly Road Relay at Chiswick, 27 started and 23 finished. On the first leg Roath (Walton) 13.40 just headed Haith (TVH) 13.42 and Reynolds (Ilford) 13.43, with Belgrave, Ilford "B" and Poly next in that order.

Stage 2 saw Walton (Honey 14.05) still keeping a few yards ahead of T.V.H. (Pulman 14.06), but Ilford had dropped back, though holding on to third place, just in front of Herne Hill for whom Shave had put in a fast run of 13.51 to come from 10th to 4th.

The third lap found Tony Towl running a "blinder" of 13.20 to give Herne Hill a 20sec. lead at the take-over from Walton (Richardson), who were 24sec. up on Ilford, with T.V.H. and Q.P.H. on their heels.

Davies went still further away for the leaders on Lap 4, but Masters (13.56) took Belgrave up to third behind Walton in front of T.V.H. and Ilford. Lap 5 found Ken Norris pulling T.V.H. up to 2nd but Grayson was well ahead for Herne Hill. Walton and Belgrave were close up 3rd and 4th.

Ron Clark put in a good 6th leg for Herne Hill, but Cameron, of Walton, moved up with 13.36 in front of Vivian (14.06) for the Valley. Ward (13.48) ran a good one to bring Poly to 4th.

Ingles with 13.17 made fastest time of the day to bring Valley to within striking distance of the leaders, for whom Hine ran a useful 13.48. Frank Seal showed 13.37 in pulling Ponders End up several places.

Jack Heywood made no mistake on the final leg and though held by Schofield, of Poly, who moved up to third, he went away from the Valley to win by just over a minute.

1, Herne Hill H. (A. Heywood 14.19, Shave 13.51, Towl 13.20, Davies 14.04, Grayson 14.13, Clark 13.52, Hine 13.48, J. Heywood 13.40) 1h.51m.07s.

2, T.V.H. (Haith 13.42, Pulman 14.06, Elderfield 14.27, Skinner 14.28, Norris 13.47, Vivian 14.06; Ingles 13.17, Saunders 14.15) 1h.52m.08s.

3, Poly H. (Hatton 10.04, Fowler 14.35, Mead 14.24, Fernee 14.19, Mundle 14.52, Ward 13.48, Hayter 14.00, Schofield 13.40) 1h.52m.42s.

4, Walton 1:53.03; 5, Belgrave 1:53.42; 6, Q.P.H. 1:55.54; 7, Ilford 1:56.11; 8, Essex B. 1:58.03; 9, Poly "B" 1:58.26; 10, Essex B. "B" 1:59.42; 11, N.L.H. 1:59.44; 12, Shaftesbury 1:59.53; 13, Ponders End 2:00.30; 14, Belg. "B" 2:00.44; 15, Hampstead 2:00.55; 16, Herne H. "B" 2:03.52; 17, Poly "C" 2:03.56; 18, Finchley 2:04.21; 19, T.V.H. "B" 2:04.29; 20, Walton "B" 2:04.30; 21, Chelmsford 2:04.40; 22, T.V.H. "C" 2:04.59; 23, Orpington 2:06.58;

Fastest Laps: A. E. Ingles (TVH) 13.17; A. Towl (HHH) 13.20; D. Cameron (Walton) 13.36; F. Seal (Ponders E.) 13.37; R. Roath (Walton) 13.40; J. Heywood (HHH) 13.40.

BRIGHTON FLOODLIT MEETING

MOST exciting event in the Brighton Floodlit Meeting on Sept. 21st, was the three miles, won by George Knight in 13:48.6. After leading through the first mile in just under 4.30, he tried to get away with a fast burst down the straight but failed to shake off his nearest opponents. Another attempt found Clark, Foord and Sando still there. Then Hugh Foord went up but with a lap to go he and Clark had fallen back, leaving the issue apparently between Knight and Sando. It was anybody's race as they came into the finishing straight but then Knight used his big powerful strides to get away and win, followed home by Foord, who had forced the pace round the last bend and down the straight to just catch Sando at the finish.

100: 1, A. Breacker (Mitcham) 10.0; 2, O. G. Young (Portsmouth) 10.1; 3, R. Powell (Seaford Coll.) 10.2. **220:** 1, B. Shenton (Poly) 21.5; 2, J. Boughton (Ilford) 21.8; 3, O. G. Young (Ports.) 22.0. **440:** 1, J. D. Wrighton (Southgate) 48.4; 2, E. Sampson (Blackheath) 48.8; 3, C. Surety (Ilford) 49.6. **880:** 1, M. Blagrove (Ealing H.) 1:54.1; 2, R. Poole (North London H.). **Mile:** 1, P. Driver (S.L.H.) 4:17.7; 2, M. Ricketts (Ilford); 3, P. O'Connor (Finchley). **3M:** 1, G. Knight (Essex B.) 13:48.6; 2, H. Foord (Brighton) 13:49.0; 3, F. D. Sando (Aylesford PM) 13:49.0. **3000m.** **S'chase:** 1, E. Shirley (Finchley) 9:22.6; 2, A. Porter (Finchley); 3, C. Newman (Brighton). **120H:** 1, P. B. Hildreth (Poly) 14.8; 2, P. Vine (Achilles) 15.1; 3, I. Malcolm (Achilles) 15.1. **220H:** 1, P. B. Hildreth (Poly) 24.2; 2, K. Wilmshurst (Walton) 24.6; 3, P. Vine (Achilles) 25.0. **LJ:** 1, A. R. Cruttenden (Poly) 24'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, G. Broad (Herne Hill) 21'9"; 3, M. Ash (Belgrave) 21'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **PV:** 1, G. Broad (Herne Hill) 12'6"; 2, M. Ash (Belgrave) 12'0"; 3, F. Jackson (Bognor) 11'6". **4M. Paarlau:** 1, T.V.H.; 2, Essex Beagles; 3, Finchley; 16:48.6.

ON MY TRAVELS (contd.)

one strong club is far better than two cutting each other's throats,

I see the **Scottish Cross Country Union** has beaten their English counterpart to it, so far as the inclusion of a Boys' Championship is concerned.

For many years there has been support for a Boys' race but there has been considerable opposition from the South, though in most areas of the North these events have been included for many years without, it seems, any detrimental effects to the youngsters.

Irish Notes

By W.H.S.

Ballymena, 3rd Aug. There were some good performances in this open meeting which marked the post-Olympic debut of Mrs. Maeve Kyle, who could only come third in the 100 yards and 80 Metres Hurdles. Leading marks were:—**Men:** 880, R. Hanna (E.A.H.) 1:57.2; 2, M.: J. Mahood (W.T.H.) 9:40.2; PV: D. F. Archer (T.C.D.) 11'6"; DT: N. H. Lucas (Portadown) 129'2". **Women:** LJ: M. E. Peters (Ballymena) 16'7"; HJ: J. Hood (Ballymena) 5'0"; SP: M. E. Peters 34'1".

Belfast, 10th Aug. Features of the meeting were a good sprint double by Paddy Toner and a fast mile by Jim Mahood. Best Marks: 100: P. Toner (A.F.) 10.1; 220: P. Toner 22.7; Mile: J. Mahood (W.T.H.) 4:22.0; HSJ: R. J. McColgan (A.F.) 44'9".

International Roman Catholic Students' Games at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on 17th August.

Some excellent performances were recorded by these junior athletes of whom the most outstanding were Tartz in the sprints, McAllister in the High Hurdles, Newton in the Hammer, and Barnard and Armengol in the Pole Vault. Healion, jun., and O'Callaghan, jun., were third and fourth respectively in the hammer. Germany won five titles and England four. **100m:** 1, Tartz (Germany) 10.9; 2, J. Carter (England) 11.1; **200m:** 1, J. Tartz (G) 22.7; 2, J. Carter (E) 22.7; **400m:** 1, H. Rotharmel (G) 51.5; 2, T. Jones (Ireland) 52.5; **800m:** 1, M. Le Trionnaire (France) 2:0.0; 2, E. Forde (E) 2:0.6; **1500m:** 1, D. Carbery (I) 4:12.5; 2, M. Hoey (I) 4:12.6; **110m.H.:** 1, J. McAllister (E) 15.0; 2, B. Carroll (I) 15.4; 3, C. Viladevall (Spain) 15.5; **HJ:** 1, C. Marechal (Belgium) 5'9"; 2, J. Hein (G) 5'8"; **PV:** 1, D. Barnard (E) 11'9½"; 2, F. Armengol (S) 11'6½"; 3, P. Lyons (E) 10'9"; **LJ:** 1, P. de Almeida (Portugal) 22'3¼"; 2, M. Guijosa (S) 21'7¼"; **HSJ:** 1, A. de Dios (S) 45'0¼"; 2, J. Cuenca (S) 43'11¼"; **SP:** 1, J. Wilms (G) 46'9"; 2, K. Prendergast (I) 44'10"; **DT:** 1, J. Cullere (S) 143'4½"; 2, F. Schroeder (G) 138'5"; **HT:** 1, P. Newton (E) 184'8"; 2, P. Fallon (E) 160'8½"; 3, P. Healion (I) 152'4½"; **JT:** 1, J. Loveland (E) 168'4"; 2, J. Ainscough (I) 163'5½"; **4 x 100m:** 1, Germany 44.5; 2, Ireland 44.5.

Clonliffe Harriers' International Meeting at College Park, Dublin, on 31st August, 1957. Two Irish All-Comers' records high-lighted the last international meeting of the season. Ken Wood ran without any real opposition to

return 4:3.2 for the Mile, 1.5 secs. under Delany's old record and Eamon Kinsella won a thrilling High Hurdles race in 14.2secs. to beat his own and Harrison Dillard's record by one-fifth of a second. Second, only inches back, was G. Raziq (Pakistan) 14.3 and third, a further foot away, was Peter Hildreth, also 14.3. Other good performances were—100: A. Khaliq (Pakistan) 10.0; 3 Miles: A. Lawrence (Australia) 14:1.5; HT: 1, B. Healion (Eire) 182'7"; 2, J. Lally (N.I.) 161'11"; Marathon (Eire Champs.), A. Ingle (Clonliffe H.) 2h. 52m.25s.

Scotland 109pts. beat Ireland 74pts. at College Park, Dublin, on 21st September. Although Ireland were well beaten in their first International match since the War and won only three events, they were by no means disgraced by a very strong Scottish side, which included 10 full British Internationals. Marks on the field were generally better than those on the track, which was soft following a week's heavy rain. Best event of all was the Hammer, won by Bert Healion with an excellent 182'6½". Valentine and Douglas were also in top form. Mike Lindsay in the Shot and H. M. Murray in the Triple Jump were others who recorded good marks, Ireland's other wins came in the Long Jump through Gordon Hamilton and the High Hurdles through Eamon Kinsella. Whitelock's 10.0 hundred was the best mark on the flat. **100:** 1, R. Whitelock (S) 10.0; 2, P. Toner (I) 10.1; 3, G. Edgar (S) 10.1. **220:** 1, W. Henderson (S) 22.8; 2, R. Quinn (S) 23.2; 3, R. Chambers (I) 23.4. **440:** 1, J. McIsaac (S) 50.4; 2, G. Dempsey (I) 50.7; 3, W. Dundas (I) 51.0. **880:** 1, J. Paterson (S) 1:57.4; 2, J. Boyd (S) 1:57.5; 3, C. McAlinden (I) 1:59.6. **Mile:** 1, G. Everett (S) 4:24.2; 2, A. Gordon (S) 4:25.6; 3, J. McLoughlin (I) 4:27.2. **3 Miles:** 1, A. Wood (S) 14:48.2; 2, T. Dunne (I); 3, J. Douglas (I). **120H:** 1, E. Kinsella (I) 15.2; 2, D. Price (I) 15.7; 3, J. Johnston (S) 15.8. **440H:** 1, A. Hannah (S) 56.4; 2, J. Coleman (Ireland) 57.1; T. Coleman (Ireland) 57.3. **Medley Relay:** Scotland. **HJ:** 1, W. Piper (S) 5'10"; 2, A. Houston (S) 5'9"; 3, G. Caughey (I) 5'8". **PV:** 1, P. Milligan (S) 12'0"; 2, N. Brown (S) 12'0"; 3, D. Archer (I) 11'9". **LJ:** 1, G. Hamilton (I) 22'2½"; 2, I. McClune (S) 21'10"; 3, N. Barkley (I) 21'8". **HSJ:** 1, H. Murray (S) 47'3"; 2, R. McColgan (I) 44'8"; 3, T. Cairns (I) 44'5". **SP:** 1, M. Lindsay (S) 52'1"; 2, R. Taylor (I) 45'7"; 3, T. Logan (S) 45'4½". **DT:** 1, M. Lindsay (S) 147'8"; 2, P. Isbester (S) 146'11"; 3, R. Taylor (I) 140'10". **HT:** 1, B. Healion (I) 182'6½"; 2, A. Valentine (S) 181'6"; 3, E. Douglas (S) 177'5". **JT:** 1, F. Riach (S) 188'8"; 2, G. Andrews (I) 187'9"; 3, J. Lawson (I) 168'2".