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EVERY SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1951

ON another page will be found the story of how the members of a go-ahead West Country club built their own pavilion during the winter of 1950-51. Having seen and admired the new building quite recently, I asked the club to send me a photograph. This was duly taken and the story behind it makes, to my mind, some interesting reading.

The club is Paignton Athletic Club and Hon. Secretary A. F. Valentine and his enthusiastic club members and officials must feel very proud of their enterprise and achievement. Paignton must be one of the few clubs in the country which provides a separate warming-up track when their annual open meeting is held.

Nor does this end the list of their achievements. They are so far away from the main centres of athletic activity that their members have to do something extraordinary to be noticed at all. But you can take it from me that they—and other West Country clubs too—are developing some fine talent which will be coming into the limelight before long. Their one drawback, perhaps, is lack of experienced coaches, which reminds me of an incident connected with the recent Paignton meeting.

Reporting on the meeting, I commented on the winner of the 3 miles, a young Exeter Harrier named Perry who impressed me with his easy action and comfortable win. A few days ago I received a letter from a young airman stationed in Devon who wrote to let me know of his progress this season. He had written earlier this year for advice on training, finding he could not improve on 4.48 for the mile and 2.8 for the 880 yards. He tells me that he has just had his best season so far, and has

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COACHING CONFERENCE

A Coaching Conference, open to all A.A.A. Coaches in the Southern Counties, to schoolmasters, youth club leaders and anyone interested in the furtherance of athletics, will be held at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, London W.1, on Saturday, September 22nd, from 2 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

The special emphasis of the Conference will be on winter training programmes and, where applicable, preparations for the 1952 Olympics. The cost of the Conference will be 5/- per member (which will include tea) and applications can be made to Mr. J. Edmundson, The Polytechnic, 309 Regent Street, London W.1. All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the Middlesex A.A.A.

TESTS FOR HON. COACHES.

Tests for Hon. Coaches, for those over 21, who wish to take a group of events or complete a group in part of which they are already qualified, will be held at the University of London A.C. ground at Motspur Park on October 8, 9, 10, 11th. Applications with fee (2/6 per event, 7/6 per group) should be sent to Mr. J. C. McPhail, 55 Woodland Way, West Wickham, Kent.

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Belgrave Harriers are holding an Unattached Novices 880 yards race at Tooting Bec Track on Saturday, September 15th, starting at 3 p.m. Entry is free and names will be accepted on the ground.

improved his times to 4.32 and 2.2, with several "firsts" in open events including the Paignton 3 miles! His name is Perry. I had not connected the Exeter Harrier and the young airman, but it is a small world!

THE EDITOR

Racewalking

By F. W. BLACKMORE

Four out of Five.

1936 Olympic champion Harold Whitlock's brother, G. B. R., gave himself a real birthday last Saturday, when he was 41, by winning the Open London to Brighton Walk for the fourth time in the last five years, completing a second spell of successive victories with 1949 missed in between. His time 8 hrs. 14 mins. 36 secs., was only seven seconds lower than his previous fastest, really remarkable for a competitor who to all intents and purposes has retired from "big" competition apart from this annual event. Indeed, only four walkers have won the race in faster time, with brother Harold the record holder and the only man to complete the 52 miles journey inside 8 hours. As the years pass it seems less and less likely that that record will ever be in very serious danger.

The forward placings show that it was a case of experience gaining the day, for Whitlock was followed in by D. A. Tunbridge, Highgate, who used to win the Stock Exchange "Brighton" automatically, whilst P. J. Reading, Polytechnic, 3rd, is far from being a stranger to the course!

He was, I know, rather disappointed with his ultimate time, having scheduled for 8 hrs. 20-25 mins. But unfortunately, he had not allowed for catching a cold early in the week, which two days before the race was bad enough to confine him to bed. A doubtful starter until the last, he had a hard fight for the first half of the journey and at one time was in danger of being forced to retire. However, he rallied to come through the field in a remarkable manner to lead home the Poly contingent of 13 starters, all of whom finished. It would have been too bad if Percy, of all people, had had to quit and spoil this fine achievement. Incidentally, Bailey, also of the Polytechnic, was in 6th place, and in the end the Poly were only beaten in the team race by a single point. Filling 5th position, H. McGreechan, Belgrave, rounded off a most commendable season in distance events.

The telecommunications control employed for the first time between the different check points and to keep the crowd at the finish informed of the progress of the race, will in part be used

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on the forthcoming Chippenham to Calne Open on 13th October, as indeed it was last year when spectators at the finish were kept informed by means of "Walkie Talkie."

Harry Callow, the old Essex Beagle who is now secretary of the promoting club, Trowbridge A.C., is justly proud of this innovation, even though, of course, it is not quite on the same scale as the system used on the Brighton, but corresponds more with the wireless system of relaying details to the finish which is now pretty widely used both in this country and abroad. I remember that the military wireless car on the European 50 kms. in Brussels last year was most determined to get on the spot for any information that was going!

Surrey W.C. London to Brighton
Walk: 1, G. B. R. Whitlock (Met. W.C.) 8:14.36; 2, D. A. Tunbridge (Highgate H) 8:30.1; 3, P. J. Reading (Poly H) 8:36.7; 4, H. D. M. Neilson (Woodford Gn) 8:37.40; 5, H. McGreechan (Belgrave H) 8:46.5; 6, F. G. Bailey (Poly H) 8:14.36; 2, D. A. Tunbridge (Highgate (Highgate H) 8:53.48. Teams: 1, Highgate H. 29 pts.; 2, Poly H. 30; 3, Belgrave H. 32.

GREAT BRITAIN OVERWHELMS TURKEY

Istanbul, September 1st and 2nd

A 28 points win in a 19 event programme, especially with the 4, 3, 2, 1, system of scoring is a big win. When it is recognised, too, that our Balkans tour team was not the strongest of which we are capable of fielding, and that about half of our team were still suffering from the effect of "Gippy Tummy," as I'm told is the recognised term for the malady which attacked us in Athens, it will be appreciated that we were far too strong for our kindly and hospitable Turkish hosts.

The match was on the not completely finished Dolmabahce Stadium at Istanbul, a well laid out arena, which is a credit to the keenness of the Turkish authorities. Conditions were not fast, for there was some wind and a week before a tremendous storm had seriously affected the surface of the cinders and run-ups.

Easily the highest class performances were the sprinting of McDonald Bailey, the hammer throwing of Clark and Douglas and the hop, step and jumping of Ruhi Sarialp.

Britain was never in danger of defeat and the 12 points lead on the first day was increased to 28 by the end of the match, in which Britain won first place in fifteen of the nineteen events.

Bannister, tailed off in the 800 metres, Hesketh, Evans, Broad and Lewis all discovered that the illness experienced in Athens had taken far more toll of their stamina than either they or I had realised.

It is nonsense, as one writer described it, to say that Bannister should not have been asked to run. He and each of the others felt they would be able to put up a reasonable performance, and it is difficult to see how Britain could have fielded a team without calling upon these "invalids." One athlete, the inimitable John Savidge, had not only stomach trouble to contend with, but also a particularly painful abscess. Even to attempt a run-up in the javelin meant a great deal of pain, and his performance in that and in the discus on the first day must be assessed against this fact.

On the second day, it was decided to delay lancing the abscess until after he had shot-putted. He did 50 feet, and the minor operation, conducted by Ewan Douglas, was performed a couple of hours later. How he managed to compete at all puzzles me.

Gordon Pirie, with 5,000 and 10,000 metres on consecutive days, and Chris Chataway were content to win, without going for times, and both enhanced their great reputations.

There were two or three incidents during the match, one a matter of starting in the hurdles. M. Batman was perhaps

By

JACK CRUMP

Hon. Team Manager, B.A.A.B.

lucky to be able to keep in the competition, after two breaks. Then he got another "very good" start, and just won.

The other incidents both concerned the Turkish middle distance runner, Kocak. In the 800 metres he badly fouled Albert Webster, whose finishing speed was a revelation, and got away with it. In the 1,500 metres he fouled Len Eyre, and when the race was over Onel, fearing that Eyre would take vengeance on Kocak for such a deliberate act of obstruction, seized him to prevent any trouble. In actual fact Len, even though he looked pugilistic, was going across for the usual handshake.

Peace was restored, that great sportsman and host Naili Moran, Turkey's President, offered to disqualify Kocak from third place — which of course we wouldn't permit — sternly reproved the offender, and the incident closed without further ado.

The high jumping and pole vaulting were miserably poor, well below international standards.

Unfortunately, Cosgul, the star Turkish long distance runner, was a mere shadow of his real self. He, too, had not long returned from Athens! He, like most of our athletes and officials, had caught the prevailing malady.

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However, this brought our active part of the tour to a successful conclusion. Next day we all relaxed by taking a sail on the Bosphorus, a wonderfully fine experience. The kindness and hospitality of our Turkish hosts is beyond all praise. Our big regret was that, due to the Athens trouble, we were not able to create records or show them British athletics at its fastest and best

September 1st

100 Metres: 1, E. McD. Bailey (GB) 10.4; 2, B. Shenton (GB) 10.7; 3, O. Karakulak (T) 11.0; 4, T. Tukul (T) 11.6.

400 Metres: 1, T. L. Higgins (GB) 48.6; 2, D. Acarbay (T) 49.7; 3, L. C. Lewis (GB) 50.6; 4, E. Doybak (T) 51.0.

800 Metres: 1, A. Webster (GB) 1:54.7; 2, E. Kocak (T) 1:55.2; 3, T. Goker (T) 1:55.4; 4, R. G. Bannister (GB) 2:05.2.

5,000 Metres: 1, C. J. Chataway (GB) 14:56.6; 2, D. A. G. Pirie (GB) 14:59.0; 3, C. Onel (T) 14:59.6; 4, O. Cosgul (T) 15:22.3.

110 Metres Hlds: 1, M. Batman (T) 15.0; 2, P. B. Hildreth (GB) 15.0; 3, F. J. Parker (GB) 15.3; 4, E. Barkay (T) 15.6.

Pole Vault: 1, G. M. Elliott (GB) 12ft. 5½in.; 2, G. E. Broad (GB) 11ft. 11/8in.; 3, Z. Unuvar (T) 11ft. 11/8in.; 4, M. Akin (T) 11ft. 11/8in.

Hop, Step and Jump: 1, R. Sarialp (T) 48ft. 10½in.; 2, S. E. Cross (GB) 45ft. 3 5/8in.; 3, T. Devekusuloglu (T) 44ft. 4½in.; 4, H. Whittle (GB) 42ft. 0½in.

Discus: 1, M. Pharaoh (GB) 140ft. 8 7/8in.; 2, C. Ucarer (T) 135ft. 11in.; 3, H. Turan (T) 134ft. 4½in.; 4, J. A. Savidge (GB) 132ft. 3½in.

Javelin: 1, H. Ziranman (T) 206ft. 11½ in.; 2, M. J. Denley (GB) 191ft. 7in.; 3, C. Nuri (T) 158ft. 3¾in.; 4, J. A. Savidge (GB) 145ft. 4½in.

4 x 100M. Relay: 1, Gt. Britain (E. McD. Bailey, N.D. Stacey, A. Webster, J. C. M. Wilkinson) 41.8; 2, Turkey 44.8.

Points 1st Day: Gt Britain 53; Turkey 41.

September 2nd

200 Metres: 1, E. McD. Bailey (GB) 21.1; 2, B. Shenton (GB) 21.9; 3, O. Karakulak (T) 22.7; 4, Turkicmaz (T) 23.5.

1,500 Metres: 1, L. Eyre (GB) 3:52.9; 2, C. Onel (T) 3:53.6; 3, E. Kocak (T) 3:53.7; 4, F. Evans (GB) 4:04.8.

10,000 Metres: 1, D. A. G. Pirie (GB) 32:28.5; 2, M. Ozcan (T) 32:47.5; 3, W.

Hesketh (GB) 33:55.6; 4, H. Akyuz (T) 34:17.7.

400 Metres Hlds: 1, H. Whittle (GB) 54.3; 2, A. W. Scott (GB) 55.1; 3, B. Cengiz (T) 55.9; 4, D. Arcarbay (T) 56.8.

High Jump: 1, S. J. Freeman (GB) 5ft. 11in.; 2, M. Aras (T) 5ft. 11in.; 3, R. C. Pavitt (GB) 5ft. 9in.; 4, E. Akkan (T) 5ft. 9in.

Long Jump: 1, A. Akgun (T) 23ft. 1½ in.; 2, H. Whittle (GB) 22ft. 5½in.; 3, Y. Sertel (T) 21ft. 8½in.; 4, G. Broad (GB) 21ft. 6½in.

Weight: 1, J. A. Savidge (GB) 50ft. 1½in.; 2, N. Turan (T) 45ft. 1in.; 3, N. Akin (T) 42ft. 11½in.; 4, M. Pharaoh (GB) 42ft. 11½in.

Hammer: 1, D. McD. M. Clark (GB) 177ft. 6½in.; 2, E. C. K. Douglas (GB) 171ft. 0½in.; 3, C. Balli (T) 160ft. 11½in.; 4, M. Iskender (T) 141ft. 7½in.

4 x 400M. Relay: 1, Gt. Britain; 2, Turkey.

Final Points: Gt. Britain 103; Turkey 75.

INTER-ALLIED MEETING, Hanover

British Forces gained a narrow victory in the Inter-Allied meeting held at Hanover on September 1st. The last event, the 4 x 400m. Relay, decided the result. New meet records were put up in every event. Results:—

100m: Carroll (US) 10.8; **200m:** W. Jones (US) 22.4; **400m:** W. Jones (US) 50.8; **800m:** Dove (BF) 1:58.0; **1,500m:** Boot (BF) 4:09.7; **5,000m:** Urwald (FF) 15:31.7; **110mH:** Roudniska (FF) 15.4; **200mH:** Blackmon (US) 25.0; **HJ:** Walker (US) 5ft. 11½in.; **LJ:** Goldsmith (BF) 21ft. 9 1/8in.; **PV:** Eustis (US) 11ft. 9½in.; **HSJ:** Goldsmith (BF) 45ft. 9in.; **Wt:** Horn (BF) 47ft. 6½in.; **Dis:** Burton (US) 128ft. 1 3/8in.; **Jav:** Smith (US) 183 ft. 6½in.; **Ham:** Laurens (FF) 151ft. 0 5/8in.; **4 x 110m:** BF (Goodwin, Hotblack, Hunter, Clarke) 43.4; **4 x 400m:** BF (Speed, Harris, Simpson, Sear) 3:24.3.

March Result: British Forces 113½ pts.; U.S. Forces 111; French Forces 63½.

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LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tooting

The finals of the London C.C. Championships were held at Parliament Hill last Saturday. Winners: **100:** D. H. Bareford (NE) 10.3; **220:** B. A. Cox (SW) 23.2; **440:** D. J. Osborne (NW) 51.0; **880:** D. W. Allen (SW) 1:58.9; **Mile:** P. B. Driver (SW) 4:25.5; **3 Miles:** M. Whenman (SE) 14:34.0; **120H:** J. B. Duffy (NW) 16.0; **2M. Walk:** F. W. Barrett (NW) 14:41.8; **HJ:** D. R. Cox (NW) 6ft. 1in.; **LJ:** K. C. Key (SW) 20ft. 4in.; **Wt:** M. Sawicki (SE) 41ft. 9½in.; **T. of W.:** Met. Police "H" Div. (NE). **Juniors: 100:** H. J. Martin (NW) 10.4; **440:** H. J. Martin (NW) 52.2; **880:** M. Smith (NE) 2:06.8; **Mile:** K. A. Harland (SE) 4:29.5; **120H:** J. B. Duffy (NW) 15.5; **HJ:** P. Brinson (SE) 5ft. 11in.; **LJ:** S. R. Skegg (NE) 20ft. 3½in.

BARTEL (Luxemburg) winning the 1,500 metres at the International Student Games from **C. W. BRASHER** (Great Britain) and **DOERSING** (Germany) in the record time of 3 min. 52.6 sec.



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OVERSEAS RESULTS

By H. E. D. O'NEILL

FINLAND

Denis Johansson scored an excellent "double" in the Finnish National Championships, winning both 1500m. and 5000m. The general level of performances was quite high, and in view of the recent defeat of Sweden augurs well for several "home wins" in next year's Olympics.

Results:

100M: 1, Inkala 11.1; 2, Saukkonen 11.2; 3, Baran 11.3.

200M: 1, Saukkonen 22.2; 2, Inkaia 22.2; 3, Pailemo 22.4.

400M: 1, Back 48.8; 2, Holmberg 49.5; 3, Lindberg 50.3.

800M: 1, Taipale 1:53.6; 2, Ronnholm 1:54.2; 3, Taimisto 1:55.0.

1500M: 1, Johansson 3:53.6; 2, Taipale 3:53.7; 3, Pystynen 3:54.2.

5000M: 1, Johansson 14:38.2; 2, Koskela 14:38.4; 3, Niskanen 14:39.0.

10,000M: 1, Niskanen 31:16.6; 2, Salonen 31:16.8; 3, Puolakka 31:18.0.

3000MSC: 1, Blomster 9:18.2; 2, Sprigare 9:21.6; 3, Ukkonen 9:21.8.

110MH: 1, Syrjanen 15.8; 2, Mickos 15.8; 3, Riihikoski 15.9.

400MH: D. Lindberg 54.4; 2, Halla 55.4; 3, Koivisto 55.6.

HJ: D. Nicklen 6ft. 2½in.; 2, Virolainen 6ft. 2½in.; 3, Halme 6ft. 2½in.

LJ: 1, Valkama 23ft. 7½in.; 2, Valtonen 23ft. 5½in.; 3, Sonck 23ft. 0in.

HSJ: 1, Miltunen 49ft. 0in.; 2, Ahopalo 48ft 6½in.; 3, Sonck 47ft. 7¼ in.; 4, Kataja 13ft. 1½in.

PV: 1, Olenius 13ft. 9 3/8in.; 2, Landstrom 13ft. 9 3/8in.; 3, Piironen 13ft. 5 3/8in.

Shot: 1, Puntti 49ft 7½in.; 2, Rask 47ft. 7½in.; 3, Makinen 47ft. 0½in.

Disc: 1, Huutoniemi 157ft. 4in.; 2, Nyquist 153ft. 8½in.; 3, Karsson 149ft. 4½in.

Jav: 1, Hyytiainen 235ft. 3½in.; 2, Nikkinen 233ft. 9½in.; 3, Vesterinen 219ft. 5½in.

Ham: 1, Tamminen 174ft. 3½in.; 2, Halmetoja 171ft. 3in.; 3, Kallio 171ft. 3in.

NORWAY

The winning of "doubles" in National Championships seems to be fashionable. The Norwegian Nationals were no exception and the "doubles"

—Martin Stokken in the 5000 and 10,000 metres, Mangseth in the sprints, and Vikan in the Hurdles and Long Jump.

Results:

100M: 1, Mangseth 10.9; 2, Hartmann 11.0.

200M: 1, Mangseth 22.3; 2, Fro-saker 22.5.

400M: 1, Espenes 49.9; 2, Hansen 50.2.

800M: 1, Boysen 1:53.0; 2, Lille-seth 1:53.5.

1500M: 1, Johansen 3:56.0; 2, Vef-ling 3:57.0.

5000M: 1, Stokken 14:37.6; 2, Saks-vik 14:42.4.

10,000M: 1, Stokken 30:14.8; 2, Kjer-sem 30:52.0.

3000M.C.: 1, Larsen 9:14.6; 2, Kue-berg 9:30.4.

110M.H.: 1, Vikan 15.2; 2, Chris-ensen 15.2.

400M.H.: 1, Engebretsen 55.4; 2, Wisted-Thu 55.5.

HJ: 1, Gundersen 6ft. 4in.; 2, Wigstol.

LJ: 1, Vikan 23ft. 2½in.; 2, Stenerud.

HSJ: 1, Nilsen 47ft. 6½in.; 2, Rypdal 46ft. 5½in.

PV: 1, Kaas 13ft. 1½in.; 2, Larsen.

Shot: 1, Stavem 49ft. 5½in.; 2, Engen.

Disc: 1, Johnsen 157ft. 7½in.; 2, Ramstad 156ft. 2in.

Jav: 1, Roberg 208ft. 2in.; 2, Maeh-lum 201ft. 1in.

Ham: 1, Strandli 191ft. 4½in.; 2, Nordby.

SWEDEN

Competing in their first fully-fledged international meeting since the war, Germany defeated Sweden in Stockholm, Aug. 9-10th, by 112 points to 100. Results:—

1st Day (Aug. 9th)

100M.: 1, Kraus (G) 10.9; 2, Ryden (S) 11.1; 3, Andersson (S) 11.2.

110MH: 1, Lundberg (S) 14.9; 2, Tross-bach (G) 14.9; 3, Theilmann (G) 15.1.

800M: 1, Uizheimer (G) 1:50.5; 2, Clee (G) 1:50.9; 3, Sien (S) 1:51.7.

400M: 1, Geister (G) 4:5; 2, Haas (G) 47.7; 3, Brannstrom (S) 48.4.

Disc: 1, Fransson (S) 153ft. 6½in.; 2, Hipp (G) 152ft. 11½in.; 3, Rcsendahl (G) 147ft. 0in.

Shot: 1, Arvidsson (S) 49ft. 5½in.; 2,

Hipp (G) 49ft. 0½in.; 3, Theurer (G) 48ft. 8½in.

5000M: 1 Schade (G) 14:21.0; 2, Muller (G) 14:34.0; 3, Albertsson (S) 14:35.6.

HJ: 1, Ljungvist (S) 6ft. 5½in.; 2, Svensson (S) 6ft. 5½in.; 3, Bahr (G) 6ft. 2½in.

LJ: 1, Gobel (G) 22ft. 11½in.; 2, Israelsson (S) 22ft. 7½in.; 3, Gleim (G) 22ft. 4½in.

4 x 100m: 1, Germany 41.8; 2, Sweden 43.1.

2nd Day (Aug. 10th)

400MH: 1, Larsson (S) 52.6; 2, Sallen (G) 53.9; 3, Kohlhoff (G) 54.0.

200M: 1, Kraus (G) 21.6; 2, Zandt (G) 22.1; 3, Brannstrom (S) 22.4.

3000M.C.: 1, Gude (G) 9:30.0; 2, Eriksson (S) 9:15.8; 3, Sjostrand (S) 9:24.0.

HSJ: 1, Norman (S) 48ft. 3½in.; 2, Martinsson (G) 47ft. 11½in.; 3, Trozowski (G) 46ft. 10in.

1500M: 1, Aberg (S) 3:54.2; 2, Landqvist (S) 3:55.6; 3, Lueg (G) 3:57.8.

Jav: 1, Berglund (S) 233ft. 11½in.; 2, Ericzon (S) 230ft. 10in.; 3, Schmdt (G) 196ft. 8½in.

Ham: 1, Storch (G) 193ft. 2½in.; 2, Wolf (G) 180ft. 3½in.; 3, Ringstrom (S) 175ft. 2½in.

10,000M: 1, Schade (G) 29:55.4; 2, Nyström (S) 30:38.4; 3, Muller (G) 31:4.2.

P.V.: 1, Lundberg (S) 13ft. 11 3/8in.; 2, Schneider (G) 13ft. 9 3/8in.; 3, Allard (S) 13ft. 1½in.

4 x 400M: 1, Germany 3:12.6; 2, Sweden 3:14.2.

The Swedish Championships were held in Stockholm, August 17th, 18th and 19th. Performances were not outstanding by Swedish standards and would indicate a general slump in national strength. Results:—

100M: 1, K. Alm 10.8; 2, L. Christerson 10.9; 3, P. Malmberg 11.0.

200M: 1, L. Christerson 22.0; 2, U. Elofsson 22.4; 3, W. Hogberg 22.5 (L. Strandberg 38 years old, was 5th in 22.9!).

400M: 1, G. Brannstrom 48.2; 2, L. E. Wolfbrandt 48.3; 3, T. Ekfeldt 48.3.

800M: 1, T. Sten 1:53.1; 2, S. Lindgard 1:53.2; 3, R. Hagerman 1:53.7.

1500M: 1, O. Aberg 3:50.8; 2, S. Landqvist 3:51.4; 3, I. Eriksson 3:52.2.

5000M: 1, B. Albertsson 14:29.2; 2, B. Lindmark 14:30.6; 3, V. Nyström 14:32.2.

3000 C.: 1, G. Karlsson 9:8.0; C. Soderberg 9:10.2; 3, I. Eriksson 9:13.6.

110M.H: 1, R. Lundberg 4.8; 2, K.

Johansson 14.8; 3, G. Mattsson 15.1.

400M.H.: 1, R. Larsson 53.3; 2, K. G. Johnson 53.3; 3, S. O. Eriksson 53.7.

HJ: 1, N. Neurup 6ft. 2½in.; 2, A. Ljungqvist 6ft. 2½in.; 3, G. Svensson 6ft. 0½in.

LJ: 1, K. E. Israelsson 23ft. 8½in.; 2, N. Eriksson 23ft. 5in.; 3, H. Gustafsson 22ft. 8½in.

HSJ: 1, L. Moberg 48ft. 7½in.; 2, R. Norman 48ft. 1in.; 3, K. Soderlund 47ft. 3½in.

PV: 1, R. Lundberg 13ft. 9 3/8in.; 2, K. Pihl 13ft. 1½in.; 3, B. Hultqvist 13ft. 1½in.

Shot: 1, G. Arvidsson 50ft. 0½in.; 2, S. Edlundh 49ft. 2½in.; 3, T. Songard 48ft. 9½in.

Disc: 1, A. Friberg 156ft. 4½in.; 2, L. Arvidsson 155ft. 10½in.; 3, V. Fransson 152ft. 3½in.

Jav: 1, P. A. Berglund 232ft. 3½in.; 2, S. Daleflod 216ft. 11½in.; 3, R. Ericzon 215ft. 9½in.

Ham: 1, B. Ericson 175ft. 9½in.; 2, A. Ringstrom 174ft. 3½in.; 3, E. Soderqvist 167ft. 3in.

Swedish athletics, at a rather low ebb, received a boost on Sunday, 26th August. Sture Landqvist and Olle Aberg turned in the best and second best 1500 metre marks to date in defeating Gaston Reiff at Slottskogsvallen. Result of race was 1, Landqvist 3:44.8; 2, Aberg 3:45.4; 3, Reiff 3:49.0; 4, R. Persson 3:50.0; 5, W. Vaharanta (Finland) 3:51.8; 6, D. Johansson (Fin.) 3:58.6. On the same day at Lindesberg, Per Arne Berglund threw the javelin 246ft 10½in for the 9th best ever throw. Landqvist and Aberg's times places them 6th and 7th respectively on an all-time list.

FINE EFFORT BY VETS.

In the British Oxygen Sports last month, two open events were put on for the first time for fifteen years. In the Vets 100 there were nearly 40 starters and the final was won by L. A. White (Woodford Gn.) off 2 yds. in 10.3. "Such was the sportsmanship of these old time runners, many of them famous runners in their day (says the British Oxygen report) that they staged a 4 x 110 relay race, for no prizes, to help the promoting club in their first athletics venture for many years. We are all agreed that the vets. stole the show."

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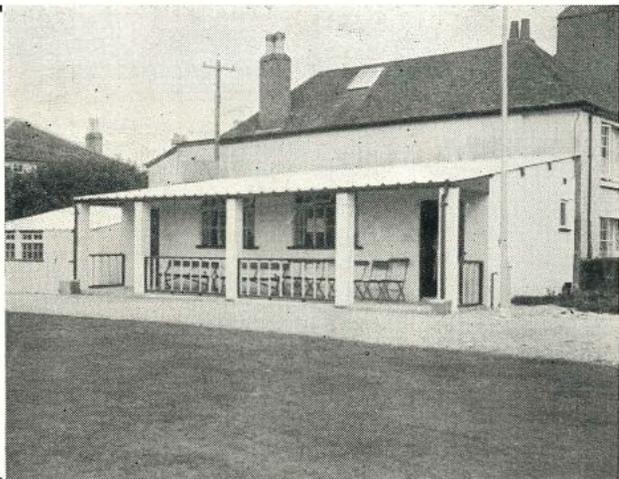
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PAIGNTON



THE photograph above shows the fine pavilion which has been constructed by members of the Paignton Athletic Club at Queen's Park, where their popular annual meeting is held.

The story behind the building of this pavilion and its adjoining shed which houses the council tractor and boilers to provide hot water, is one of initiative and enterprise of which the local club is justly proud.

Last winter the club decided that they could, with co-operation from the local Council, build their own pavilion. Harold Pearson who had not long retired from a lengthy period as hon. secretary and is a local building contractor, acted as go-between so far as club and Council were concerned; the remainder was accomplished by voluntary labour supplied by the club members.

The three "tradesmen" were R. Rowe, his brother Sid, and W. Crocker. For four months during the latter end of last winter, they spent their Saturday

afternoons and Sunday mornings "on the job" with the help of any club members who came along to lend a hand.

The result is a fine building of which any club might be proud. It consists of two large dressing rooms complete with seating and lockers for clothes, showers, hand-basins and lavatories, with hot and cold water. A verandah completes the picture and with a colour scheme of green and cream it can truthfully be said that the photograph hardly does it justice. The total cost to the club was in the region of £350, a modest enough sum which may well inspire other clubs to follow suit.

The formerly unused piece of grass-land outside the pavilion has now been converted into a small training track which is much used by club members, and provides a fine warming-up track when the annual meeting is held on the main part of the ground only a few yards away.

NELSON WINS N.Z. CROSS-COUNTRY TITLE

The New Zealand cross-country championship, held over $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles at Wingatui, Dunedin, on August 11th, was won by W. H. Nelson (Otago), the British Empire Games 6 miles champion. Otago, who have won 16 of the 32 races held since 1903 again took the team title with 15 pts. from Auckland 25 and West Coast (N.I.) 51. Individual positions: 1, W. H. Nelson (Otago)

37:30.8; 2, C. Lousich (Auckland); 3, S. A. Jelly (Otago).

The junior race over $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles was won by K. E. Williams (Canterbury) in 18:06.4 from P. Sidon (Otago) 18:17.0, the holder, and J. Allport (Auckland) 18:43.0. Team positions were: 1, Auckland 24 pts; 2, Otago 26; 3, West Coast (N.I.) 53.

LOUGHBOROUGH REFLECTIONS

By GEORGE PALLETT

THERE were some 140 students at this year's athletic course at Loughborough College, Leicestershire. Approximately forty were on the senior course and a hundred on the junior.

By common consent, it was the best Summer School yet—largely by reason of the students themselves. They arrived better informed, and with a wider background knowledge of athletics, than any course since the foundation of the Summer School. They were, on the whole, a lighthearted crowd, but intent on learning everything the instructors were able to give them. If, as usual, the staff were on their knees at the end they thought it had been well worth it.

Before the war, it was customary to invite foreign coaches to join the staff, so that British would-be coaches could learn their methods. This year came Petrovic from Yugo-Slavia and Pontus Lindberg from Sweden—the latter a Director of Physical Education from Stockholm; not to give instruction but, by their own wish, to be treated as students. Petrovic is the coach of Segedin, the steeplechaser. They seemed greatly impressed. Among the students were representatives of Ireland, Australia, France, and Ceylon.

One interesting feature was the presence among the students of several physio-therapists—a most useful occupation for a coach! Which leads one to speculate on the walks of life from which would-be coaches are drawn. Students on the junior course were representative of the following:—

Physical Education Specialists	25
Physio-therapists	5
Schoolmasters	35
Trade or Industry	7
Instructor in other sports	1
Services P.T.I.	10
Services Officers	3
Professions (Banking Insurance, etc) ..	9
Welfare Officer	9

Would-be club coaches were represented in only two of the eight groups into which the junior course was divided. Doubtless club men with only a fortnight's holiday a year prefer to learn at evening courses held in their

own districts. The number of physical education specialists (which may include the Services group) underlines the increasing importance being given to the teaching of athletics during the physical education of the young. The large number of schoolmasters present suggests that the fast improving standard of performance in the schools will go up still further, and that youngsters will receive instruction when they need it—at an early age.

It is to be hoped that the students on the senior course will endeavour to gain all the experience they can to add to their theoretical knowledge, with a view to qualifying as senior coaches as early as possible, for they are sadly needed. The rapidly growing standard of performance among athletes demands an even greater standard of coaching, and the number of senior coaches barely keeps pace with the demand. The Summer School itself can scarcely continue without a number of highly qualified senior coaches—and only those who assisted as instructors this year can appreciate the standard demanded.

No pains were spared to provide not only the theory and practice of coaching, but also knowledge on subjects allied to athletics—massage, physiology and the like, provided by visiting experts. More experts lectured on the coaching scheme and other general subjects and all this ensured that coaches would have a wide general knowledge to re-inforce their special training.

The School provided plenty of lighter moments. One coach did not really mean what he said when, in an endeavour to obtain silence, he exclaimed "I like to hear my own voice!" A V.I.P., watching a trunk forward exercise in which the arms flailed round and round, was provoked to observe "Beating their mothers-in-law to death."

The bon mots of the Chief Coach are a by-word in the athletic world and his description of the emotions of an outgoing relay runner, who had reached the limit of the take-over zone and had still not received the baton, as "that feeling of utter loneliness," was one of his best. It was the enthusiasm

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PINDER WINS

A.A.A.

DECATHLON

L. Pinder (Doncaster P.W.A.C.) beat the holder, Harry Whittle (Reading A.C.) by 21 pts., when the A.A.A. Decathlon Championship was decided at Cannock last Saturday. Results—1, L. Pinder (Doncaster PW) 5089 pts. (100m: 11.5; LJ: 20ft. 2½in.; Wt: 35ft. 3½in.; HJ: 5ft. 7in.; 400m: 54.3; 110mH: 16.7; D: 101ft. 9½in.; PV: 10ft. 6in.; J: 166ft. 7½in.; 1500m: 4:50.2); 2, H. Whittle (Reading A.C.) 5068 (11.6; 21ft. 4½in.; 33ft. 5½in.; 5ft. 6 in.; 51.9; 16.7; 103ft. 11½in.; 7ft. 11in.; 143ft. 7½in.; 4:29.2); 3, A. H. Hard/ (Woodford Gn) 4474; 4, W. Brittee (RHS Edinburgh) 4416; 5, W. Bisland (Bellahouston H) and G. Payne (Small Heath) tied with 4337; 7, S. J. Coleman (London A.C.) 4315; 8, D. A. Vanhegan (Southgate H) 4193; 9, D. L. Edgecombe (Bristol SH) 4150; 10, M. Pharoah (Manchester Univ.) 4031.



VALERIE BALL (2) QUITA SHIVAS (1) and EHRHARDT, Germany (3), first three in the women's 100 metres at the International Student Games at Luxemburg.

of the students, and not the fault of the instructor, that led a student to describe the middle distance group as "the School of Dirty Tactics!"

One student, in a fault-finding session, found himself stumped, and hastily scribbled something down. Reading over his shoulder, one of his fellow students howled his description of a fault demonstrated by the instructor—it read "Deterioration due to old age!"

The inter-group relays (each man running 55 yards) are becoming a regular feature of the school. The staff team usually does well, but what a howl went up this year when on the last take-over but one, the staff's runner left his take-over zone *without the baton!*

Yes, once again the Loughborough Summer School was an unforgettable experience—and that it is worth repeating is exemplified by the number of students who return for another course.

September 1st

Opening of Mayesbrook Park Track, Barking. "J. Louis" Trophy: 4 x 220: Herne Hill H. 1:34.8; 4 x 880: Woodford Gn. 8:13.6; 3 Miles Team: Essex Beagles; Ind. T. G. Hosking (Essex B) 14.51; 2 Miles Walk: Woodford Gn., Ind. R. Goodall (Woodford Gn) 14:47.0; HJ: Cambridge H. 10ft. 10in., Ind. R. Miller (Camb. H) 5ft. 6in. LJ: Herne Hill H. 40ft. 10in.; Ind. R. Jackson (Herne H) 21ft. 7in.; Wt: Cambridge H. 72ft. 2½in.; Ind. M. Sawicki (Camb. H) 38ft. 3in.; Juniors: 4 x 110: Ilford A.C. 45.9; 4 x 440: Ilford A.C. 3:37.1; Mile Team: Surrey A.C., Ind. G. Knight (Essex B) 4:34.4; Medley Relay: Ilford A.C.; HJ: Woodford Gn. 10ft. 6in.; Ind. A. McMahon (Herne H) 5ft. 6in.; HSJ: Ilford A.C. 81ft. 1½in.; Ind. K. Chambers (Ilford) 41ft. 11in.; Jav: Ilford A.C.; Points: Ilford A.C. 50; Herne Hill H. 49½; Woodford Gn. 47; Essex B. 46½in. Flying Squadron Relay: Essex Beagles 8:39.0.

THE BEXHILL ROAD RACE

By
SAM FERRIS

SEPTEMBER 1st was a sad day for the organisers of the Little Common (Bexhill) Community Association when their Annual Flower Show and Sports was spoiled by a cloudburst which swept the South Coast. Two main features of this attractive meeting are the Tug-of-War and the 16 miles road race which attract the cream of Tug-of-War teams and distance runners respectively. Owing to the water-logged state of the ground it was decided to postpone the Tug-of-War until a later date, but 14 distance runners were not deterred by wind and rain to which they have become accustomed in this "Summer Festival" season.

Even those who revel in rain admitted that it can be overdone and become a hindrance and no doubt this accounts for the fluctuation of form during the race when F. E. Wicks (Bexhill A.A.C.) was forced to retire at 12 miles with cramp whilst G. Norman (H.H.H.) and R. Bott (Mitcham A.C.), similarly affected, had to give up the idea of holding the leaders and struggle on gamely to finish the course.

Most pleasing factor of the race was the return to first class form of the local star, C. H. Ballard (Bexhill A.A.C.), who led practically all the way but had a persistent "shadow" in the person of J. Fitzgerald (Mitcham A.C.) who just would not be "washed off" until the last 100 yards. The deter-

mined running of Fitzgerald was indeed as pleasing as it was surprising, for a repetition of this form will undoubtedly put him in the first flight of rapidly increasing distance runners. The times of Ballard and Fitzgerald compare very favourably, under such appalling conditions, with the course record of 1:31.23 accomplished by J. W. Stone (Dorking St. Paul's A.C.) in 1950.

A surprising feature of the other events at this meeting was the win of G. W. Ash (Aylesford P.M.A.C.) in the 2 Miles Steeplechase Handicap. Ash, a regular and consistent forward performer in all the distance road events, rather appropriately decided that the day was better suited to steeplechasing! There is, however, no truth in the rumour that Ash is now a steeplechase convert!

Road Race Result: 1, C. H. Ballard (Bexhill A.A.C.) 1:32.30; 2, J. Fitzgerald (Mitcham A.C.) 1:32.21; 3, L. Scott (Mitcham A.C.) 1:35.05; 4, R. Bott (Mitcham A.C.) 1:42.20; 5, J. G. Chegwidan (Mitcham A.C.) 1:42.50; 6, A. Smith (Belgrave H.) 1:42.50; 7, A. Freeman (Bexhill A.A.C.) 1:44.40; 8, M. C. Hallet (Brighton and County H.) 1:45.02; 9, A. Penstone (Belgrave H.) 1:45.35; 10, G. Norman (H.H.H.) 1:46.34; 11, J. J. Coleman (Bexhill A.A.C.) 1:51.55; 12, N. J. Brett (T.V.H.) 2:02.00. Mitcham A.C. won the team race.

KELLY TAKES THE S.L.H. "30"

Coulsdon, September 8th

AS last year, the S.L.H. "30" was run in the absence of the holder. A year ago, J. Holden was missing and W. Cousins was first home, while, this year, influenza kept Cousins away and W. Kelly (Reading) claimed first place. The race, however, was very different from last year's, for, whereas Cousins had taken the lead only in the last mile, Kelly was either leader or joint leader from start to finish. Conditions are generally good for this race and they were this time, the weather being dry, though with a sharp breeze. A slight change in the course split the distance into four laps of equal length, which should make a study of the lap times more interesting and instructive.

The first of the 54 runners to take the lead was C. Busby (Blackheath), and, after half-a-mile, he, Kelly and S. Prestidge (Portsmouth) were together at the head of the leading bunch. The pace was fast—too fast—and, though this is not unusual in this race, this time the men setting it were those expected to be there or thereabouts at the finish. Half-a-mile from the end of the first lap, the field was well spread out, the first four being so far ahead that it seemed that all they need do from then on was to keep moving. They were Kelly and Busby, running together, with J. Nash (Port Talbot) close behind them and B. Richards (Bournemouth) only a few yards further back. Of these, Nash

suffered from knee trouble in the second lap and retired while still in the first 10 at 15 miles, while Busby later threw his advantage away. The other two, Kelly and Richards, did, in fact, finish first and second. Blackheath, the holders, were likely team winners at an early stage, for they had 4 in 10 at 8½ miles and 4 in 11 at 15 miles.

Blackheath's team position was responsible for some strange manoeuvres by Busby. Level with Kelly for two laps, he lost ground on the third, which he finished in second place, but only 20 seconds in front of Richards. He stopped, obviously contemplating retirement, but remained on the road enquiring about his team mates. A. Dashwood had retired, but L. Piper and D. Reynolds were well placed and G. Gosling was still going, though further back. Eventually, after 7 minutes 54 seconds, and also half-a-dozen runners, had gone by, Busby decided to go on and he duly scored in the winning team, though, as a matter of fact, Gosling also finished in a position which would have kept Blackheath in front. As it was, they had the same scorers as last year, Reynolds even filling the same place, seventh.

Left alone, Kelly looked less com-

fortable and seemed to be feeling the fast start, for, with a lap to go, he appeared to be going less strongly than either Richards or S. Howsham (Hornsey St. Mary's). Despite this, he managed a faster last lap than either of these to complete an excellent performance. This word also applies to both Richards, who has been steadily improving since he finished eighth last year, and Howsham, who let the leaders go at the start and caught them gradually, being 13th, 9th, 4th and 3rd at the lap finishes. Both these runners seem due for a win in a big distance event.

Another to run well—never further back than 5th—was Prestidge: while, with another Olympic race less than a year away, S. Jones (Poly) returned to his best form. An unobtrusive 15th at 7½ miles, he had worked up to 8th with a lap to go. Then he produced the fastest final circuit of the race to finish fourth—progress, be it noted, that was simply the automatic result of an intelligent piece of even pace running. Too many men start this race too fast, forgetting that, though 30 miles may not seem much more than a Marathon, it is more.

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Details:

(Standard: 3 Hours 50 Minutes)

		h.	m.	s.
1. W. Kelly (Reading)	(43.55. 46.23 49.16 53.01)	3	12	35
2. B. Richards (Bournemouth)	(44.47 48.13 49.25 54.06)	3	16	31
3. S. Howsham (Horn. St. M)	(47.53 48.34 49.54 53.25)	3	19	46
4. S. Jones (Poly)	(49.16 49.55 50.48 51.30)	3	21	29
5. S. Prestidge (Portsmouth)	(46.40 48.09 53.01 57.05)	3	24	55
6. L. Piper (Blackheath)	(47.19 49.01 52.30 56.27)	3	25	19
7. D. Reynolds (Blackheath)	(47.16 49.05 52.31 57.14)	3	26	06
8. G. Malcolmson (Liverpool)	(50.14 49.55 53.00 56.08)	3	29	17
9. C. Busby (Blackheath)	(43.55 46.23 51.47 60.06)*	3	30	05
10. H. Lee (Orion)	(51.26 51.57 53.37 55.01)	3	32	01

11. A. Ducker (Cambridge)	(50.45 50.32 53.39 58.00)	3	32	56
12. L. Morse (Met. Police)	(51.15 51.24 53.57 57.12)	3	33	48
13. J. Flowers (Victoria Park)	(50.42 50.09 54.29 62.37)	3	37	59
14. G. Norman (Herne Hill)	(47.16 49.06 64.08 58.24)	3	39	02
15. W. Watley (Surrey Beagles)	(47.16 49.23 68.45 57.43)	3	43	07
16. A. Robertson (Reading)	(49.59 52.52 59.37 62.41)	3	45	09
17. G. Gosling (Blackheath)	(50.51 51.17 55.02 69.33)	3	46	43
18. G. Haig (Queen's Park)	(54.34 55.29 57.49 59.39)	3	47	31
19. W. Symes (Met Police)	(54.43 55.07 56.57 62.34)	3	49	21
20. J. Legge (Woodford Green)	(54.25 50.02 57.04 69.53)	3	53	24

* This 60.6 is the time which Busby actually took to run the last lap. As he stopped for 7 minutes 54 seconds at the end of the third lap (see text), his official time for the last lap was 68 mins.

Team Result:

1. Blackheath (6, L. Piper; 7, D. Reynolds; 9, C. Busby) 22; 2. Met. Police (12, L. Morse; 19, W. Symes; 24, J. Glass-Watson) 55 (only two teams finished).
J.A.

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