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Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

NORMAN GUILMANT (Belgrave H.)—second last year—eventually won his first London to Brighton, but this result did not seem likely with two thirds of the course completed. At Handcross, 34 miles, before the long descent, 21-year-old Don Thompson (Metropolitan W.C.), walking his first "Brighton," held a gradually built-up winning lead of 8 mins. 13 secs. over Guilmant and Vic Stone (Poly.), but from this point the tide began to turn and at Bolney, 38 miles, Thompson's lead had been reduced by a minute-and-a-half. Very soon after it was evident that the marvellous little Met. prodigy was tiring fast and in the seven miles stretch to the top of Dale Hill Guilmant carved down his man in merciless fashion to breast the rise 60 yards ahead, with 7 miles yet to go.

Here, Vic Stone was five minutes behind, but a clear third some three minutes ahead of H. McGreechan (Belgrave). Thompson never gave up trying, but Guilmant moved away confidently to score a really fine win in 8h.20m.44s. My forecast last week was of an 8 hours 20 minutes winning time, but as a fellow competitor I am only too ready to admit that the strong, blustery wind, very strong at times, was probably ten minutes against the walkers. So that the leading times were very good indeed and better than their face value. To back this statement only ten men beat nine hours, a most unusual occurrence in these times.

From the start Thompson—in the race, we must admit, against the judgment of some "elder statesmen" of the sport—went out in front at a fast pace and found no one anxious to keep him company. Had he stayed with the field could he have won? It is problematical, but his performance was certainly the greatest ever by a home athlete of his age in a walk of fifty miles or more. To my mind only Carlos Giani, the young Italian from Como, who astonished us in 1927 by winning in a time of 8h. 18.33 secs.—eight minutes ahead of Tommy Green—has surpassed Thompson's feat. We never heard much more of Giani, but we do sincerely hope we hear a lot more of Don Thompson, who already has the Middlesex

County 20 miles, in record time, and a great performance in the National 50 kilometres to his credit in his first senior season as a road walker.

Times of the first six at three main points indicate the progress of the race in which 85 of the 112 starters finished:

Horley, 24 miles

1, D. J. Thompson 3.43.05; 2, V. W. Stone 3.49.40; 3, H. McGreechan 3:50.0; 4, M. N. Guilmant 3:50.03; 5, W. T. Cowley 3:55.0; 6, L. S. Fairman and G. S. Checkley 3:55.10.

Handcross, 34 miles

1, Thompson 5.15.15; 2, Guilmant 5.23.28; 3, Stone 5.23.45; 4, McGreechan 5.26.04; 5, J. Culver 5.31.47; 6, Fairman 5.33.44.

Pyecombe (45 miles).

1, Guilmant 7.15.34; 2, Thompson 7.15.49; 3, Stone 7.20.42; 4, McGreechan 7.23.58; 5, Culver 7.28.30; 6, Neilson 7.32.20.

It will be noted that Cowley, last year's winner, was missing from halfway and he was the only one of the leading lights to call it a day when victory began to look rather remote.

Belgrave smashed their way through to a most convincing team win in a new low record of points for four to score—team results in the early years were based on three to score—and they would have beaten the combined opposition, ignoring individuals, so great was their supremacy. Woodford, the holders, disappointed in not starting a team, although their three men did well enough.

Surrey W.C. 29th Open London to Brighton 52 Miles Walk — 1, M. N. Guilmant (Belgrave H.) 8:20.44; 2, D. J. Thompson (Metropolitan W.C.) 8:23.15; 3, V. W. G. Stone (Polytechnic H.) 8:24.59; 4, H.

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SZENTGALI (Hungary) No. 746, winning the 800m. at Berne in the new Championship record time of 1:47.1, from De Muynck (Belgium) 1:47.3, Boysen (Norway) 1:47.4 and Derek Johnson (Gt. Britain) No. 137, 1:47.4.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

NOW that much of the important athletic activity for 1954 has passed—there is still quite a bit to come—readers are putting pen to paper far more readily.

We seem, judging from the last few weeks, to be on the verge of another discussion as to whether we should go mainly for results or other features. An irate reader wrote a few weeks ago complaining that we had not enough results, particularly from overseas. This was largely due to the absence abroad of our regular overseas correspondent, H. E. D. O'Neill.

Since his return we endeavoured to rectify the omission and, after the issue largely devoted to the European Championships, results came well into the picture again. This has brought forth considerable criticism from Mr. K. D. Harvey, who bemoans the fact that nine pages contained results last week.

I cannot help feeling that the majority wish to find in the magazine, as one writer puts it, the results and other items which cannot be obtained elsewhere. Even then, there is some divergence of opinion, many wanting club results, others asking for them to be kept out and only important meetings included.

It is, as most readers will appreciate, impossible to please you all, the whole of the time. One important factor which is forgotten by many is the availability of the items you wish to read. Very often this accounts for the fact that a particular number is less well balanced than I should like and contains more, or less, results than you find palatable.

With ordinary news there is usually plenty from which to pick and a balanced paper or magazine can be prepared. But purely athletics news is limited and it does not all come in in a steady flow. Good and willing authors are not easy to find. Some weeks it is difficult to fill our pages; at other times we may have had a deluge and we must annoy some by leaving out that for which they have been waiting.

I do assure readers, however, that it is our constant endeavour to please *all* of you *most* of the time.

As we go to press the news has come in of the sudden passing of Geoffrey Simpson, the athletics correspondent of the "Daily Mail." This will be a great loss to athletics, for Geoffrey was not only a very likeable personality, but he had no time for the sensational "ballyhoo" which is sometimes dished up as sports news. His writing consisted of sound, commonsense and accurate reporting, and he was not afraid to speak his mind. The "Daily Mail" and athletics have lost a very fine writer.

THE EDITOR.



GEOFF DYSON

answers the first Coaches' Questionnaire

(The questions are those suggested by Dennis Cullum and may be amended later on if considered necessary).

1. Name (Surname first):

Dyson, Geoffrey Harry George.

2. Club:

3. Occupation:

A.A.A. Chief National Coach.

4. Coaching Qualifications:

A.A.A. Summer School Coaching Staff (1936, '37, '38, '39, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53 and 54); Lecturer (Track and Field Athletics) Loughborough College, January, 1938—February, 1947 (except for duration of war, when commanded Army Physical Training Schools in East Africa and Italy).

5. How long connected with Athletics:

Started my own athletic career in 1933.

6. Active Career—brief details:

With little real natural ability, had to work very hard to accomplish only fair performances. At Lincoln, in August, 1938, ran 14.8 secs. for High Hurdles (against Finlay, who won!). My Essex hurdling record has stood for 18 years. Other best performances—Vaulting (11ft. 6in.); Long Jump (22ft.); High Jump (5ft. 6½in.); 100 yards (10.3). Represented A.A.A.; Army Colours.

7. First started Coaching:

In 1935.

8. Favourite Event(s):

Am not supposed to have any! However, for combination of brawn and brain, give me the pole vault!

9. How do you start coaching a novice:

An impossible question! So much depends on the event in which I am coaching, the athlete himself (or herself) and my own standard of coaching experience in that event at the time. But I *can* say that I introduce a novice to the event in as complete a way as possible; that is, with the smallest number of leading-up stages. And I try never to forget (for all the hard training I ask them to do) that they are in Athletics to *have fun*!

10. What are the basic points on which you concentrate:

11. How much importance do you place on Technique:

A great deal, but I concern myself (and the athlete) only with the *fundamentals*. It is difficult for a coach who has to teach so many teachers, and coach so many coaches, to change his coaching method when dealing with the active athlete—and the method is *quite* different. "You tell me what to do and I'll do it," my wife used to say, when learning to hurdle, and in those days I was shocked that she was not always interested in the why and the wherefore of it all. But of recent years I have learned that athletes can know too much about the finer details of their event—during their competitive days, at least. This may seem heretical to the Physical Educationist, but I believe it to be true, none-the-less. The problem for the coach is to decide just how much detail to bother the athlete with, therefore, and this depends so much upon the individual, and the event.

12. What other factors do you consider important:

"I can see you have been putting in a lot of work on John Disley's running style," someone said to me a year or two ago; someone who had been abroad for several years. But he was wrong. Disley was just older, stronger and more practiced. So many technical faults disappear when an athlete has the strength and endurance. Ever since I first saw the Russian athletes (in Brussels in 1950) I have admired their splendid physiques, which is at least one important reason for their doing so well. Athletes who come from highly industrialised societies, like our own, must train hard to make good their deficiencies in these qualities.

13. How much detail do you tell your athletes:

14. How do you check progress in training:

By encouraging the athletes to keep training diaries (Disley's is a masterpiece, but Elliott stopped doing it just as soon as he felt he could get away with it!) and by using—but using wisely, I trust—the stopwatch, bar heights and throwing distances in training.

15. How do you endeavour to get the best results:

To be good at anything you have got to do a lot of it; some men may need rather more than others, but that doesn't alter the truth of this statement. I believe that athletes ARE MADE IN THE WINTER. It is an all-the-year-round sport. With our weather and wretched training conditions this makes it tough on the British athlete, and perhaps the main task of the British coach is to keep the athlete going and in good heart at a time when the British public is thinking of Soccer, filling in football pools, and toasting crumpets over a huge fire!

16. Do you extend your interest and guidance outside athletics:

I steer clear of affairs of the heart! Otherwise I do all I can to help a bunch of athletes of whom I am very proud indeed and who are my good friends.

17. How often do you see your athletes in training:

Many years ago, when I was a very "green" coach, I came across an athlete who could do well only when I was around. At the time I was flattered but afterwards came to realise that I had not done a good job with him. The better you coach a man (or woman) the more easily should they be able to do without you. Some will lean on the coach more than others, of course, but the principle holds good, nevertheless. I like to see a novice two or three times a week for the first three months, but after that I can do all I want (usually) by seeing him once a week. In any case, I am away on lecture-tours for many weeks of the year (that is, from Mondays to Fridays) and can see "my" athletes only at week-ends. Come to think of it, even if I were available during the week very few of the athletes I coach could get to me. I like to think that my influence with the athletes is such that they will work well on their own during the week in order to show progress when we meet each Saturday.

18. Athletes coached, with details of successes:

Before the war I had the pleasure of coaching many fine Army and Loughborough College athletes; in fact, I learned most of what I know about coaching then. Post-war, my coaching experience has been added to mainly as a result of working with a very small band of exceptionally gifted athletes; a small band because one cannot *coach* large numbers and, again, the direct coaching of active athletes is but a small part of my responsibilities.

In 1947, when I met my wife, she was already an international athlete over the 100m, but I persuaded her to take up hurdling, with some success. Before that, at Loughborough College, I had seen a tallish lad with a loping stride run a good 3 miles in the Fresher's Sports and afterwards talked him into Steeplechasing—John Disley; he became quite a miler, too. John Savidge joined me on June 1st, 1949, having then a best mark of 41ft. 10in. (so he says!). My friend and colleague, Jim Alford, asked me to take care of one of his schoolboys, Geoff Elliott, who on leaving school and coming to me vaulted 11ft. A Croydon teacher 'phoned me about a girl long jumper (who had cleared 17ft. 10in.) and he was so eloquent that, without even seeing her in action, I agreed to her joining the

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POLY MARATHON RE-UNION

The annual Poly Marathon Re-union will be held at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, London, W.1, on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.45 p.m. It will take the form of a Film Show, Concert and Dance. Every competitor in the 1954 race will receive a ticket for himself and a lady upon application to A. E. H. Winter, The Polytechnic, 309 Regent St., London, W.1. Further tickets 1/- each.

HERTS A.A. COURSES

Herts A.C., in conjunction with the County Education Committee have arranged two one-day courses in Athletics with an emphasis on Winter Training. These will take place on Saturdays, 9th and 23rd October, at Hatfield Technical College under the National Coach for the South, John Le Masurier, and will be for coaches, teachers and athletes. Course 1 will cover Track (Group A Sprints and Hurdles; Group B Middle and Long Distance) and Course 2 Field (Group A Throwing; Group B Jumping). Further details from J. M. Willey, 41 Endymion Road, Hatfield, Herts.

"NATIONAL" C.C. RACE

The E.C.C.U. Cross-Country Championships 1954-5 will be held at the R.A.F. Station, Cardington, Bedfordshire, on 5th March, 1955. The course will be fairly flat with real country conditions, grassland, plough, stubble, softer ground, a pond and water jumps, finishing with nearly a quarter of a mile of cut grass track. Dressing and other facilities are close to the start and finish.

The R.A.F. cross-country match against the Midlands and U.A.U. will be held on

Saturday, 11th December, at R.A.F. Henlow, while the match between the R.A.F., Middlesex and Civil Service will also be held at Henlow on Wednesday, 9th February.

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Geoff Elliott was equal third in the European pole vault, not fourth as given in the published results.

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17 year-old Michael Ellis, throwing in his first senior hammer competition (16lb.), reached 158ft. 6in. on August 28th.

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Major-General H. B. Kloppe, Team Manager of the South African Empire Games Team, is reported as telling the South African Games Committee that Joe McGhee, Scotland, received "assistance" during the Marathon Race. Manager Kloppe has since stated that what he meant was "vocal assistance."

Mr. W. Carmichael, Scotland's Team Manager, has denied that McGhee received any assistance during the race. Joe McGhee has confirmed this, stating he got plenty of vocal encouragement, but that was all.

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David Gracie, Scotland's 440 yds. Hurdles Champion, denies that he is giving up Athletics for Football. At the moment he is studying for his "Finals" as a Veterinary Surgeon, for which he sits in December. He is going to train in the winter with Stonehouse Juniors F.C., and may play a game or two for them, but that is all. Incidentally, the Secretary of this Club is Geo. Sorbie, former Police 880yds. Champion. David Gracie's aim in athletics is the 1956 Olympic Games.

"team!" This "blind date" turned out to be a great worker and a most popular member of our group. I have now a young hurdler named Miller, whom I hope to see do great things in three years, and in the autumn the team will include Roger Dunkley (miler), Westerhout (Javelin) and possibly one or two more. Whereas I started most of the athletes I coach from the stage of the raw beginner (and that is the greatest fun of all) now I am taking young athletes who have already won national or other important titles. For we coaches must think of the next Games in Melbourne, and those two years will pass very quickly.

Letters to the Editor

BRITAIN v. U.S.S.R.

Dear Sir,

There has been so much debate recently as to whether Russia has taken the place of America as the top athletics nation of the world, but has anyone tried to picture Great Britain in an athletics match with Russia? Considering the performances at the recent European Games I have come to the conclusion that Russia would not beat us by more than ten points.

With Pirie and Wilmhurst at top form the result could be interesting. In view of the criticism of the standard of our field events, by taking the scoring 5-3-2-1 and 7-4, for the relay, I find that in the track events, including the hurdles and steeplechase, we lead Russia by 60 points to 39, but on the field events we lose by 40-70. It is worth everyone's consideration that we were ranked second behind the Russians in the recent games even though handicapped by the unbelievably idiotic scoring of 10-5-4-3-2-1.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Cook

Including a track walk, my assessment for a men's match made it 121 to 99 in favour of the Russians, certainly much closer than one might have imagined.—Ed.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS

Dear Sir,

All forms of sport gain great inspiration from international contest. Undoubtedly the present increased public interest in athletics owes much to the present high rating of our national teams as indicated in the Empire and the European Games. Here, in turn, much is owed to certain newspapers, who by their sponsorship of meetings of international calibre, have enabled our athletes to obtain much needed competitive experience.

Perhaps there is another way in which our younger athletes can gain in experience. A glance at the international athletics

calendar shows that in the latter half of August and the early part of September, many of the Continental countries engage in Junior International matches. Would not this be of great benefit to our Juniors, both boys and girls? With the English Schools' A.A., the A.A.A. Junior and the W.A.A.A. Intermediate Championships completed, it should be possible to select teams to compete in nearby Continental countries or a Scandinavian tour, and also have return fixtures. Such international competition could prove a great stimulant.

Yours faithfully,

Cyril Sawyer

"HANGERS-ON"

Dear Sir,

Just before the European Games I read in your issue of 21/8/54 a letter from Mr. Paddon headed "Hangers-on." At the time I must say that I thought it completely unjustified. Now having returned from my holiday, where I was by chance living close to the team's quarters, I realise how very unfortunate that letter was. The nine officials which Mr. Paddon considers too many were, in my opinion, too few.

Living in a place more than 30 miles from the Stadium, with limited travelling facilities and a programme on some days stretching from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., meant that the officials were continually on the go. As to the criticism of the inclusion of Geoff Dyson, this to me is quite inexplicable; if there is no other reason for the inclusion of a coach, the training of the relay teams made it necessary and the results obtained by these teams spoke well for his efforts.

I, personally feel that when a large team travels abroad a coach should always go with them to advise when necessary and also to study the methods of others. It might also interest Mr. Paddon to know that, taken on percentage of officials to athletes, only two countries—Germany and Switzerland—had less officials. Our con-

tingent of 9 officials for 64 competitors compares with Russia's 28 officials for 72 competitors. The results obtained by the two nations may or may not have been influenced by the work of the respective officials but it is certainly an interesting thought.

Yours sincerely,

Alec G. White

JIM PETERS

Dear Sir,

Whilst agreeing with everything that Mr. J. C. G. Crump has said in his remarks about John Landy and his fine sportsmanship, I would like to suggest that a fund be started from which a presentation would be made to Jim Peters for his almost heart-breaking effort to win the Marathon for England. Knowing Peters as I do, I know he would be the last one to say that he deserved such an award, but that modesty of his does not belie the fact that he trained as hard as very few men would train, and then in the heat of the battle gave of his almost life's strength because he thought that if the supreme effort was necessary to win that race, he would give it.

If Dorando (in his epic marathon) deserved the award of an additional trophy, surely Peters with his all-out efforts should receive some recognition of his race.

I am writing these few words that after the B.E. Games, there seems to be a feeling among those of the public whom I come in contact with, that "Peters should have had something."

Yours truly,

H. W. Neale

We had the same idea and were prepared to sponsor something of this nature but the "official" view is that because of the presentation being made to Peters by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, there should be no other presentation. It is suggested that if anything like this is to be done, it should take the form of a trophy given to the Association to commemorate Peters' great effort, but this is

hardly the same thing. There may be other developments which cannot be referred to here.—Ed.

Dear Sir,

Many may feel that Mr. Green's attack on Jim Peters' training and racing methods in "Athletics Weekly," of 28th August, was to say the least, unjust.

Jim's methods produced the fastest marathon of all time, and, apart from his unfortunate experience at Helsinki, a record of consistent racing over many distances from 3 to 26½ miles. Remember he ran 25 races in 1953, including four full marathons and one 20 mile event.

And if it was his "Swan Song," his Vancouver effort was well up to his own tremendous standard, before the sun cut him down in the closing stages. How could he, in view of the bloated pre-race reputation of the Australian and South African contestants, consider anything but an "all out" effort? Anyway, the sun would have hit him just as hard, had he reduced speed a bit. He's used to "bashing it" in all weathers, it's the only way he can run, even after Christmas Dinner, plus 3 hours and reputed to be feeling stiff, he clocked 55 mins. for a 10 mile spin.

Yes, I think a lot of people consider Jim Peters the greatest marathon specialist ever, with all due respect for the gallant plodders of yester years. A lot of "would be" marathon runners will follow his example to the limit of their ability.

Any man who contemplates a "Jelly Fish" approach to training and racing over long distances might as well go home and play tiddly winks and save himself disappointment.

Yours faithfully,

Robert H. Pape.

What utter nonsense to suggest that there was any "attack" on Jim Peters. One does not "attack" a friend of many years' standing by summarising the bare facts, divorced from the sympathy which everyone naturally feels for Jim after his heroic effort at Vancouver, and counselling young or inexperienced athletes to tread warily,



BULANCHIK (U.S.S.R.) winning the 110m. hurdles in the European Championships from JACK PARKER (Gt. Britain) and STEINES (Germany)—nearest the camera. *E. D. Lacey*

just as Jim himself and his mentor, Johnny Johnston, have done before. Nor would I ask Jim to write some articles on training, and publish them, as I did last year if I did not think they made a worthwhile contribution to distance training.

Following on where Jack Holden left off, Jim Peters has done more than anyone else to raise the standard of marathon running in this country to the highest in the world. But that does not mean that *all* that he does is the best way for *other* athletes to get the best out of themselves. Jim himself would be the first to agree, in fact he said so in one of his articles.

Far from being any attack on Jim, there were, in fact, only two points of criticism in the article referred to. One was regarding the running in a six miles race in the week before a marathon, and this was more criticism of the team selectors than those who ran in it. The other was when I said "Either Peters and Cox, apparently two of the fittest men in the race, ran too fast in Vancouver, or else their pre-race preparation had sapped some of their natural reserves instead of building them up." This is more a statement of commonsense than criticism. In this respect,

let me quote Sam Ferris, who has probably made a greater study of marathon running than anyone—"Jim has got himself to such a state of fitness by his rigorous routine and made his recovery rate abnormal, but there must be a limit to human endurance and I think Jim has reached the stage when he has trained his body to stand so much that it is apt to go past these limits—which appears to have been the case at Vancouver. This could have happened to Jim before, and I have often said it would if he got a day hot enough and didn't moderate his pace to meet the conditions."

Sam also feels that if Jim set himself a schedule, say 5.15 or 5.25 per mile, he would do just as well and finish much stronger, instead of starting at 5.5 and finishing at 5.50 per mile.

What Bob Pape calls an attack was merely an advocacy of building up (by hard work) in training — the cardinal principle in all distance training — and even pace racing. Maybe Jim was too old a dog to learn new habits, but it has been proved over and over again that even pace running is best, and this cannot be too strongly emphasized to young or in-

experienced runners. If Bob Pape thinks differently, then I must agree to differ with him and would suggest that he will get wiser as he gets older, as many more of us have done, and are still doing. In fact we never cease to learn.

I always stress to any distance runners that success—according to one's ability—is roughly proportional to the hard work put into training. But there is more to it than that, and ensuring that one keeps on building up without too much tearing down is not adopting a jellyfish approach to training. Would he apply that to Geoff Iden, for example, because he does just that? By hard work and even pace running, Geoff has reached as high a standard as *anyone*, considering his potential, and was our first man home in the —1952 Olympics and at Berne, beating many men who had far more natural speed.

No, Bob, I don't think you'll find any Senior Coach "attacking" any athlete at any time. His endeavour is always to suggest what he sincerely believes, in the light of his experience, to be the best guide for any particular athlete (when coaching) or the average athlete (when writing) to follow.—Ed.

Sam Ferris writes:

I was surprised to know that our Editor's reflections on the Vancouver marathon could be construed into an attack on Jim Peters. That impression, I'm sure, was farthest from what the Editor intended to convey. Bob Pape, however, should realise that those at the top in every walk of life are open to criticism as soon as they become famous and constructive criticism need not be derogatory to any athlete. All Coaches and athletes alike are out to help in raising the standard and it is only by criticism of each other's methods that such an object can be attained. Once an athlete gets sufficient experience he should know better than any Coach just what suits him best and in the process of learning, should study the methods of others and think for himself. It is generally accepted that to reach the present day high standard, one must put in a terrific amount of hard work, but not all are prepared to make such

sacrifices which overlap with normal domestic life and circumstances, and they know only too well that they must be satisfied with a standard consistent with the amount of work done coupled with ability. For that reason it would be wrong to advise anyone not to take up distance running because he couldn't make the grade.

We are all in the sport because we love it and whether or not "Joe" has yet to gain a standard medal is beside the point. Least concerned is "Joe" himself. He does the best he can and looks around for examples to copy and if our Coaches warn him against such an approach to his athletics I think we are doing our duty. There is no single correct way of getting fit that suits everyone, although the general principle is hard work and lots of mileage, but athletic ability still remains the governing factor and without that no regime of training will make a champion. Therefore, let those who wish, criticise as much as they like if it will teach us anything.

JOHN LANDY PLAQUE

Dear Sir,

May I express thanks to those who sent me 1/- towards the cost of the plaque presented to John Landy and for the very nice letters which accompanied some of the postal orders.

The amount received is fully sufficient, and further donations would embarrass me since I should have a surplus I should need to dispose of in some way which would cause work at a time when I am very pressed.

The letters sent to me will be forwarded to John Landy in Australia. From what he has said to me I know he will value them.

I am sorry that one of your correspondents feel that in drawing attention to what should be a normal attitude we were making an unnecessary fuss. But from the letters I have received, I am certain that the action taken was well justified and in keeping with the wishes of almost everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Jack C. G. Crump

EUROPEAN BEST PERFORMERS 1954

As at September 1st

By H. E. D. O'NEILL

100 Metres

- 10.3 Futterer (Germany)
- 10.5 Ignatjev (U.S.S.R.) *← Samadze USSR 10.4*
- 10.5 Saat (Holland)
- 10.5 V. Hardeveld (Holland)
- 10.5 Kraus (Germany)
- 10.5 Haas (Germany)
- 10.5 Happernagel (Germany)
- 10.5 Kolev (Bulgaria)
- 10.5 Bartenjev (U.S.S.R.)
- 10.5 Konovalov (U.S.S.R.)

200 Metres

- 20.9 Futterer (Germany)
- 21.1 Ignatjev (U.S.S.R.)
- 21.2 Ellis (G.B.)
- 21.3 Shenton (G.B.)
- 21.3 Kraus (Germany)
- 21.3 Haas (Germany)
- 21.3 Carlsson (Sweden)
- 21.4 Saat (Holland)
- 21.4 Stawczyk (Poland)
- 21.4 Senkei (Hungary)
- 21.4 Janecek (C.S.R.)
- 21.4 V. Hardeveld (Holland)

400 Metres

- †—440yds. time less 0.3
- 46.6 Ignatjev (U.S.S.R.)
- 47.0 Haas (Germany)
- 47.0 Hellsten (Finland)
- 47.6† Johnson (G.B.)
- 47.6 Ulzheimer (Germany)
- 47.6 Adamik (Hungary)
- 47.6 Hegg (Switzerland)
- 47.7 Bromberger (Germany)
- 47.8 Degats (France)
- 47.8 Brannstrom (Sweden)

800 Metres

- 1:47.1 Szentgali (Hungary)
- 1:47.3 de Muynck (Belgium)
- 1:47.4 Boysen (Norway)
- 1:47.4 Johnson (G.B.)
- 1:47.5 Moens (Belgium)
- 1:48.0 Neilsen (Denmark)
- 1:49.4 Agelev (U.S.S.R.)
- 1:49.6 Stracke (Germany)
- 1:49.8 Jungwirth (C.S.R.)
- 1:49.9 Ulzheimer (Germany)
- 1:49.9 Bakos (Hungary)

1500 Metres

m—Made in Mile race

- 3:42.0m Bannister (G.B.)
- 3:42.4 Iharos (Hungary)
- 3:44.2 Boysen (Norway)
- 3:44.4 Nielsen (Denmark)
- 3:45.0 Ericsson (Sweden)
- 3:45.4m Chataway (G.B.)
- 3:45.4 Lueg (Germany)
- 3:45.4 Jungwirth (C.S.R.)
- 3:46.2 Johansson (Finland)
- 3:46.4 Dohrow (Germany)

5000 Metres

- 13:56.6 Kuz (U.S.S.R.)
- 13:57.2 Zatopek (C.S.R.)
- 14:08.2 Kovacs (Hungary)
- 14:08.8 Chataway (G.B.)
- 14:10.0 Gude (Germany)
- 14:11.0 Hanswyck (Belgium)
- 14:13.4 Garay (Hungary)
- 14:13.8 Taipale (Finland)
- 14:14.2 Schade (Germany)
- 14:14.2 Haikkola (Finland)

10,000 Metres

- 28:54.2 Zatopek (C.S.R.)
- 29:09.0 Kovacs (Hungary)
- 29:27.6 Sando (G.B.)
- 29:30.0 Schade (Germany)
- 29:37.6 Mihalic (Yugoslavia)
- 29:45.4 Bassalajev (U.S.S.R.)
- 29:45.6 Ivanov (U.S.S.R.)
- 29:54.6 Saksvik (Norway)
- 30:01.4 Ozog (Poland)
- 30:02.2 Juhasz (Hungary)

3,000m. Steeplechase

- 8:47.6 Rinteenpaa (Finland)
- 8:48.6 Karvonen (Finland)
- 8:49.0 Kurtschavov (U.S.S.R.)
- 8:49.0 Kodjakin (U.S.S.R.)
- 8:49.6 Rosznyoi (Hungary)
- 8:50.6 Jezzensky (Hungary)
- 8:52.0 Marulin (U.S.S.R.)
- 8:52.8 Soderberg (Sweden)
- 8:53.2 Larsen (Norway)
- 8:54.4 Vlassenko (Poland)

110m. Hurdles

- 14.3 L'orger (Yugoslavia)
- 14.3 Stoljarov (U.S.S.R.)
- 14.4 Bulantschik (U.S.S.R.)
- 14.5 Olsen (Norway)

- 14.5 Bogatov (U.S.S.R.)
- 14.6 Parker (G.B.)
- 14.6 Kinsella (Eire)
- 14.6 Opris (Roumania)
- 14.6 Steines (Germany)

400m. Hurdles

- 50.5 Julin (U.S.S.R.)
- 50.8 Litujev (U.S.S.R.)
- 51.5 Mildh (Finland)
- 51.7 Cury (France)
- 52.0 Ericsson (Sweden)
- 52.1 Iljin (U.S.S.R.)
- 52.3 Shaw (G.B.)
- 52.3† Kane (G.B.)
- 52.3 Filiput (Italy)
- 52.3 Savel (Roumania)
- †—440 time less 0.3

High Jump

- 6'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Nilsson (Sweden)
- 6'8" Soter (Roumania)
- 6'7" Thiam (France)
- 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Lansky (C.S.R.)
- 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Holmgren (Sweden)
- 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Kovar (C.S.R.)
- 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Lewandowski (Poland)
- 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Wells (G.B.)
- 6'6" Stepanov (U.S.S.R.)
- 6'6" Savcinsky (C.S.R.)
- 6'6" Bahr (Germany)

Pole Vault

- 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Landstrom (Finland)
- 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Lundberg (Sweden)
- 14'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Albov (U.S.S.R.)
- 14'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Knajcev (U.S.S.R.)
- 14'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Adamczyk (Poland)
- 14'2" Homonnay (Hungary)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Elliott (G.B.)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Roumbanis (Greece)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Piironen (Finland)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Braschnik (U.S.S.R.)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Tschernobaj (U.S.S.R.)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Bulatov (U.S.S.R.)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Bryngiersson (Iceland)
- 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Petrov (U.S.S.R.)

Long Jump

- 25'3" Foldessy (Hungary)
- 24'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Wilmshurst (G.B.)
- 24'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Valkana (Finland)
- 24'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Iwanski (Poland)
- 24'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Grigorjev (U.S.S.R.)
- 24'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Martinek (C.S.R.)
- 24'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Wanko (France)
- 24'3" Oberbeck (Germany)
- 24'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Jobst (Germany)
- 24'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fikejz (C.S.R.)

Hop, Step and Jump

- 52'2" Tscherbakov (U.S.S.R.)

- 50'5" Rehak (C.S.R.)
- 50'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Lehto (Finland)
- 50'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Weinberg (Poland)
- 50'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Wilmshurst (G.B.)
- 50'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Tjerkel (U.S.S.R.)
- 49'9" Dementjev (U.S.S.R.)
- 49'9" Norman (Sweden)
- 49'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Thiolon (France)
- 49'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Ivanov (U.S.S.R.)

Shot

- 57'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Skobla (C.S.R.)
- 56'5" Grigalka (U.S.S.R.)
- 55'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Nilsson (Sweden)
- 55'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Savidge (G.B.)
- 54'4" Lipp (U.S.S.R.)
- 53'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Heinaste (U.S.S.R.)
- 53'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Ovsepian (U.S.S.R.)
- 52'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Fjedorov (U.S.S.R.)
- 52'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Pirts (U.S.S.R.)
- 52'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Koivisto (Finland)
- 52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Sarcevic (Yugoslavia)

Discus

- 183'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Klics (Hungary)
- 181'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Consolini (Italy)
- 178'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Nilsson (Sweden)
- 176'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Szecsenyi (Hungary)
- 171'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Tosi (Italy)
- 170'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Merta (C.S.R.)
- 169'8" Rosendahl (Germany)
- 169'0" Grigalka (U.S.S.R.)
- 167'9" Madvejev (U.S.S.R.)
- 166'6" Zubtschov (U.S.S.R.)
- 166'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Heinaste (U.S.S.R.)

Javelin

- 259'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Sidlo (Poland)
- 256'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Kusnetzov (U.S.S.R.)
- 254'3" Nikkinen (Finland)
- 252'8" Hyytiainen (Finland)
- 242'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Tsibulenko (U.S.S.R.)
- 240'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Kauhanen (Finland)
- 239'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Siostrom (Sweden)
- 238'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Danielsen (Norway)
- 237'5" Ojamo (Finland)
- 237'5" Bengtsson (Sweden)
- 236'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Krasznai (Hungary)

Hammer

- 207'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Krivonosov (U.S.S.R.)
- 201'5" Csermak (Hungary)
- 200'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Strandli (Norway)
- 196'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Redjkin (U.S.S.R.)
- 195'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Storch (Germany) 195' 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
- 194'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Nenashev (U.S.S.R.)
- 193'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Gubijan (Yugoslavia)
- 191'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Taddia (Italy)
- 191'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Malek (C.S.R.)
- 190'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Popov (Bulgaria)
- 190'10" Dadak (C.S.R.)

POOR CROWD AT CITY CHARITY CONTEST

White City, September 8th

A very small crowd tended to make this quite interesting meeting uninspired and insipid. The atmosphere was lacking which is so necessary to make these floodlit meetings a success.

Brian Shenton had a comfortable double in the sprints, but in the 440 and 880 there were close finishes with Baker and Aylett just getting home. The mile was an all-Poly affair, but the two miles saw Ken Norris run away from his opponents over the last half a lap to record 8:59.6, one of the best performances of the evening, after Peter Pirie had done most of the leading.

Paul Vine took the two hurdles events, with little opposition in the shorter race. The jumps went to the Civil Service through Cruttenden and Orton, and Luxon took the hop, step and jump. In the pole vault, won on failures by Howland, the Rev. Bob Richards, on his way through London to India, dropped in and cleared 14ft. 4in. with borrowed kit.

Veteran E. J. Brewer was a clear winner of the discus, while R. A. C. Davies, though much below some of his recent throws, won the javelin without being pressed.

The invitation mile for the "Chubb Trophy," was of similar pattern to many

miles this season, with Brian Barrett doing the donkey work and being run out of it at the finish. This time it was left to Brian Hewson, who won in 4:08.2, with Barrett also showing inside 4:10.0, and with Frank Sando just beaten for third place by the strong Farnham boy, Stonehouse. David Law retired limping with a lap to go after getting tangled up with Stonehouse.

The other invitation event, over 300 yards, went to Peter Fryer after Clay Gibbs had led him until some 30 yards from home.

Jean Desforges and Shirley Hampton, medal winners at Berne, had easy victories in the women's sprints, and Ann Johnson, in the unusual role of long jumper, had six inches to spare at the finish.

100: 1, B. Shenton (Ins.) 10.2; 2, R. F. Coleman (BH) 10.3; 3, J. Groves (Hosp.) 10.3. 220: 1, B. Shenton (Ins.) 22.2; 2, M. C. Wotton (Hosp.) 22.4; 3, T. S. Durham (Banks) 22.6. 440: 1, R. Baker (Hosp.) 49.8; 2, P. J. Phillips (Tyrian) 49.9; 3, J. Wrighton (Hosp.) 50.2. 880: 1, W. A. Aylett (Ins.) 1:54.8; 2, P. A. Stevens (Tyrian) 1:55.2; 3, R. A. Morley (Banks) 1:55.3. Mile: 1, R. H. Dunkley (Tyrian) 4:15.4; 2, J. S. Evans (Tyrian) 4:16.0; 3, G. S. Ward (Ins.) 4:18.4.



In the 5,000m. final at Berne, Kuz has gone by and Zatopek is also not in the picture. Fred Green (Gt. Britain) is seen leading Chris Chataway (Gt. Britain), Herman (Belgium), Kovacs (Hungary), Schade (Germany) and Garay (Hungary).

E. D. Lacey

2M. Team: 1, Bus. Hses 9 pts. **Ind.:** 1, K. Norris (BH) 8:59.6; 2, E. R. Douglas (BH) 9:09.8; 3, P. J. Pirie (Banks) 9:14.6. **2M. Walk:** 1, R. F. Goodall (BH) 14:17.0; 2, G. Howell (Tyrian) 14:39.4; 3, J. R. Goodall (Banks) 14:46.2. **120H:** 1, P. A. L. Vine (Ins.) 15.5; 2, A. D. McMahon (CS) 16.5; 3, J. A. Frampton (Ship.) 16.7. **440H:** 1, P. A. L. Vine (Ins.) 57.0; 2, D. Slater (Hosp.) 57.7; 3, D. R. Ede (Tyrian) 57.9. **LJ:** 1, A. R. Cruttenden (CS) 22'6"; 2, R. C. Springate (Ins.) 21'5"; 3, P. Stableforth (Hosp.) 21'4". **HJ:** 1, A. P. R. Orton (CS) 6'0"; 2, P. Stableforth (Hosp.) 6'0"; 3, D. Buxcey (Police) 5'8". **HSJ:** 1, P. C. Luxon (Ins.) 45'2½"; 2, R. W. Joslin (Banks) 44'0"; 3, A. Fleming (Police) 42'10". **PV:** 1, G. D. Howland (BH) 11'6"; 2, R. Hayden (Hosp.) 11'6"; 3, A. Read (CS) 10'6". R. Richards (USA) was competing as a guest and cleared 14'4". **Wt:** 1, G. Budd (Hosp.) 43'5"; 2, J. Butterfield (BH) 40'3"; 3, J. P. Jones (Tyrian) 40'2". **D:** 1, E. J. Brewer (Tyrian) 139'3" (meet rec.); 2, J. Butterfield (BH) 129'11½"; 3, C. D. Purves (Ship.) 127'5". **J:** 1, R. A. C. Davies (Hosp.) 181'9½"; 2, H. Fryer (BH) 170'1½"; 3, R. Liggins (CS) 165'10".

Mile Relay: 1, Insurance 3:31.2; 2, Hospitals 3:31.6; 3, Banks 3:32.4. **Tug-of-War:** R.A.O.C. beat Cowbeach 2-0. **Result:** 1, Hospitals 70 pts.; 2, Insurance 63½; 3, Business Houses 59½. **Invitation Events—300:** 1, P. G. Fryer (LAC) 31.2; 2, C. N. Gibbs (Herne H.) 31.3; 3, F. P. Higgins (Southgate) 31.5; 4, H. Kane (LAC); 5, A. Dick (Achilles); 6, T. L. Higgins (Herne H.). **Mile for "Chubb Trophy"—1,** B. Hewson (Mitcham) 4:08.2; 2, B. T. Barrett (Surrey) 4:09.8; 3, R. Stonehouse (Farnham) 4:11.8; 4, F. D. Sando (Aylesford) 4:12.0.

Women

100: 1, J. Desforges (BH) 11.2; 2, E. S. Wheeler (Banks) 11.6; 3, P. Wyatt (SE) 11.6. **220:** 1, S. Hampton (BH) 25.4; 2, A. Cartwright (Tyrian) 25.7; 3, M. Fleet (Ins.) 25.7. **LJ:** 1, A. Johnson (Hosp.) 17'2"; 2, J. F. Rowlands (BH) 16'8"; 3, J. Findlater (Tyrian) 15'8". **HJ:** 1, L. Line (Tyrian) 5'0"; 2, M. Hudson (BH) 4'10"; 3, M. E. Graves (Ins.) 4'9". **4 x 110 Relay:** 1, Business Houses 49.7. **Result:** 1, Bus. Houses 28 pts.; 2, Tyrian 25; 3, Banks 16.

A.A.A. BEAT COMBINED SERVICES

Hull, September 11th

A.A.A. beat the Combined Services at Hull University Ground, by 121 pts. to 74. Contrary to the local weather forecasts, a fine afternoon with periods of sunshine, favoured the contest, but the attendance was most disappointing to the organisers whose excellent arrangements deserved far better recognition. The course was firm if rather damp and a cool, cross wind impeded competitors at the far end of the track.

In the circumstances, there were some excellent performances, three of them, Wood's 4 mins. 10.8 mile, Pinder's 25.5 secs. for the 220 yards hurdles and Davies' 205ft. 11in. javelin throw, being the best recorded for the events in the North of England. Geoff. Elliott appeared to have cleared 14ft. in the pole vault for the first time, while competing in England, but upon measurement, the height was found to be ¾in. short; nevertheless subject to ratification, he added 2½in. to his own English Native record. A. R. Valentine won the hammer with a throw

of 178'7", and Mark Pharaoh, with 3 putts of over 49ft. got within sight of the coveted 50ft. mark.

The 100 yards resulted in a very close finish. The timekeepers being unable to separate Box, Olowu and Sandstrom; the last runner also made a fine effort in the furlong but failed to catch Clay Gibbs, though he beat Box. Fryer had an easy win in the quarter, while Hewson had some 6 yards margin over Henderson in the half.

The mile was unfortunate for Roger Dunkley, who was badly spiked early in the race and had to retire 300 yards from the tape, thus leaving Wood to win by about 10 yards over Whittaker. In the three miles, Cpl. Ranger seemed to lack his usual fire, so that after the first mile, the obvious winner was L/Cpl. Norris, whose 13 mins. 54 secs. was the best track performance in the match. The A.A.A. steeplechase trio, Shirley, Johnson and Hardy, outclassed their opponents, but treated the spectators to

another fine finish; when a dead-heat seemed likely, Hardy shot ahead to break the tape in front of Shirley, whose time incidentally was the same as that of Johnson in third place. Tolson provided a popular local success in the high hurdles, in which Harry Kane substitute for A. I. D. Francis, before giving a polished exhibition in the 440 yards hurdles.

100: 1, K. J. Box (AAA) 10.1; 2, K.A.B. Olowu (AAA) 10.1; 3, F/O Sandstrom (CS) 10.1; 4, L/Cpl. Naylor (CS) 10.3. **220:** 1, C. N. Gibbs (AAA) 22.0; 2, F/O Sandstrom (CS) 22.2; 3, K. J. Box (AAA) 22.5; 4, L/Cpl. Naylor (CS) 22.8. **440:** 1, P. G. Fryer (AAA) 49.7; 2, M. A. Farrell (AAA) 51.2; 3, J/T. Smith (CS) 51.5; 4, Sgln. Whittaker (CS) 51.6. **880:** 1, Bomb. Hewson (CS) 1:55.6; 2, R. D. Henderson (AAA) 1:56.2; 3, P. Healey (AAA) 1:57.8; 4, Sgt. Rawson (CS) 1:58.1. **Mile:** 1, K. Wood (AAA) 4:10.8; 2, M. Whittaker (AAA) 4:12.8; 3, A/C Barrett (CS) 4:15.8; 4, B. Bullen (AAA). **3M:** 1, L/C Norris (CS) 13:54.0; 2, G. D. Ibbotson (AAA) 14:00.4; 3, Cpl. Ranger (CS) 14:10.4; 4, D. Walker (AAA) 14:21.4. **3000m. S'chase:** 1, E. L. Hardy (AAA) 9:25.8; 2, E. Shirley (AAA) 9:26.0; 3, K. E. Johnson (AAA) 9:26.0; 4, LREM Moorhead

(CS) 9:48.8. **120H:** 1, R. T. Tolson (AAA) 15.6; 2, H. Kane (AAA) 16.0; 3, Cpl. Hocking (CS) 16.5; 4, Cpl. Stewart (CS) 16.5. **440H:** 1, H. Kane (AAA) 56.0; 2, Cpl. Thomas (CS) 58.4; 3, Sgln. Kelly (CS) 60.2; 4, R. T. Tolson (AAA) 63.9. **LJ:** 1, K. A. B. Olowu (AAA) 23'1"; 2, L. Pinder (AAA) 22'3"; 3, F/O Lewis (CS) 21'9"; 4, L/Sea. Glover (CS) 121'13". **HJ:** 1, N. G. Gregor (AAA) 6'0"; 2, P. G. Stableforth (AAA) 6'0"; 3, Sub. Lieut. Pattinson (CS) 5'8"; 4, SAC Carr (CS). **HSJ:** 1, J. H. B. Monteith (AAA) 47'7½"; 2, P. G. Stableforth (AAA) 46'2½"; 3, Sgt. Ashworth (CS) 45'7"; 4, Cpl. Robinson (CS) 44'9½". **PV:** 1, F/O Elliott (CS) 13'11¼" (Eng. Nat. rec.); 2, N. G. A. Gregor (AAA) 13'0"; 3, I. Ward (AAA) 12'6"; 4, SSI Clancey (CS) 10'6". **Wt:** 1, Sgt. Savidge (CS) 53'11"; 2, M. Pharaoh (AAA) 49'6"; 3, R. E. Wilkins (AAA) 45'2"; 4, F/O Elliott (CS) 44'9". **D:** 1, M. Pharaoh (AAA) 159'6"; 2, Sgt. Savidge (CS) 151'11"; 3, A/C Sampson (CS) 132'10"; 4, Hughes (AAA) 118'3". **J:** 1, R.A.C. Davies (AAA) 205'11" (rec.); 2, Cpl. Williams (CS) 166'6"; 3, F/O Elliott (CS) 160'5". **H:** 1, A/A Valentine (CS) 178'7" (rec.); 2, D. W. Anthony (AAA) 169'11"; 3, F. Gandy (AAA) 162'8"; 4, Sgt. Harper (CS) 159'7". **440 Relay:** 1, A.A.A. (Pinder, Box, Fryer, Gibbs) 43.7; C.S. 43.8.

Special Event—220H: 1, L. Pinder (AAA) 25.5; 2, Cpl. Hocking (CS) 27.0; 3, Sgln. Kelly (CS) 27.3; 4, R.A.C. Davies (AAA) 27.5.

E. Riding 440 Champ: 1, R. Piercy (Hull S.); 2, D. Briggs (Hull); 3, R. T. Cook (Unatt.) 52.0. **E. Riding 440 Relay Champ:** 1, Hull Sp.; 2, Ideal Boilers; 3, Hull H. 44.9.

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WOMEN'S INTER-CLUB MATCH

The women's inter-club match for the Gibson Trophy is being held on Saturday, 18th September, at Cricklefields Track, Ilford. A special feature of the match will be the inauguration of a 4 x 440 yards relay. Competing clubs will be Ilford, Spartan, Selsonia, Cambridge H., Middlesex and Orpington.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN

The third annual London to Brighton run, under the auspices of the Road Runners' Club will be held from "Big Ben," Westminster, at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25th.

RESULTS

August 20th

**HULL & DIST. beat ROTTERDAM &
DIST. 107 pts. to 87.**

At Rotterdam

100m: 1, E. R. Sandstrom (H); 2, T. Aret (R); 3, J. S. Rowe (H) 10.9; **200m:** 1, E. R. Sandstrom (H); 2, De Kan (R); 3, J. S. Rowe (H) 22.4; **400m:** 1, N. Dangerfield (H); 2, D. R. Soar (H); 3, L. Varosseau (R) 50.6; **800m:** 1, B. Bottomley (H); 2, D. van de Velden (R); 3, L. Groen (R) 1:59.5; **1500m:** 1, D. Ibbotson (H); 2, C. van Gerven (R); 3, R. Darley (H) 4:02.8; **5000m:** 1, D. Ibbotson (H); 2, A. Chorlton (H); 3, A. de Koning (R) 15:10.7; **110mH:** 1, P. Nederhand (R); 2, R. T. Tolson (H); 3, K. Schuiling (R) 14.9; **400mH:** 1, J. Speerstra (R); 2, Dangerfield (H); 3, J. Klip (R) 55.4; **LJ:** 1, L. Pinder (H); 2, R. van Wolde (R); 3, J. Klip (R) 20'8½"; **HJ:** 1, van de Menlin (R); 2, P. McLoughlin (H); 3, C. van Yperen (R) 5'10"; **HSJ:** 1, J. Speerstra (R); 2, J. Hurst (H); 3, M. de Jong (R) 43'11¼"; **PV:** 1, L. Pinder (H); 2, C. van Wingerden (R); 3, L. Lens (R) 10'4"; **Wt:** 1, R. E. Wilkins (H); 2, E. Meyer (R); 3, J. Cherry (H) 46'10¼"; **D:** 1, N. Medforth (H); 2, S. Hughes (H); 3, L. Al-tink (R) 125'3¼"; **J:** 1, L. Pinder (H); 2, W. van Deisen (R); 3, M. van Wyk (R) 156'6¼"; **H:** 1, N. Medforth (H); 2, J. van Reeuwijk (R); 3, van de Hoofd (R) 130'8"; **4 x 100 Relay:** 1, Rotterdam; 2, Hull 43.4; **Medley Relay:** 1, Hull; 2, Rotterdam 3:41.4.

August 21st

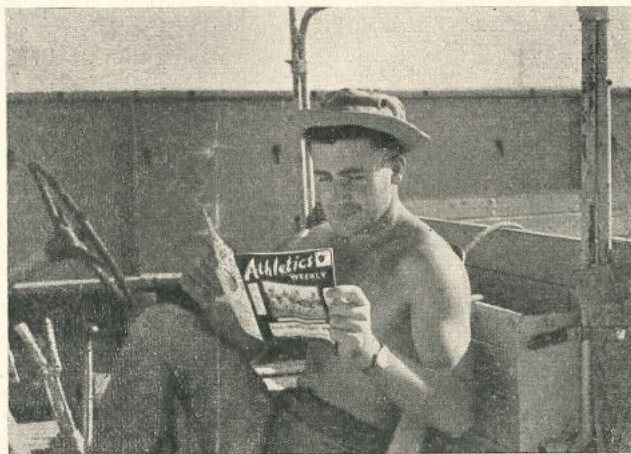
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LEICESTERSHIRE 29
and LINCOLNSHIRE 28**

100: 1, Benson (Li); 2, Black (N); 3, Murray (Li) 10.5. **220:** 1, Murray (Li); 2, Chambers (N); 3, Wright (Li.) 23.8. **440:** 1, Richards (N); 2, Wright (Li.); 3, Tunstal (Li.) 50.8. **880:** 1, Webster (N); 2, Gale (Le.); 3, White (N) 1:59.7. **Mile:** 1, Armstrong (N); 2, Gale (Le.); 3, Games (Li.) 4:29.5. **3M. Team:** 1, Lincs.; 2, Leics.; 3, Notts, 15:10.2. **2M. Walk:** 1, Rozentals (N); 2, Logan (Le.); 3, Abolins (N). **LJ:** 1, Northfield (N); 2, Burton (Li.); 3, Smith (N) 21'6½". **HJ:** 1, Rodgers (Le.); 2, Bonser (N); 3, Leach (Li.) 5'7". **HSJ:** 1, Bonser (N); 2, Cockayne (Le.); 3, Smith (N), 43'1". **Wt:** 1, Laudobellis (Le.); 2, Clark (Le.); 3, Worsfold (Li.) 42'7". **D:** 1, Laudobellis (Le.); 2, Clark (Le.); 3, Marpleston (Li.) 123'4". **J:** 1, Chambers (N); 2, Tilley (Li.); 3, Thompson (Li.) 167'1". **Mile Medley Relay:** 1, Notts; 2, Leics.; 3, Lincs. 3:42.6.

Junior

Notts. 39 pts. beat Leics. 25 and Lincs. 20. **100:** 1, Brownhill (N); 2, Walker (Le.); 3, Preston (Li.) 10.8. **220:** 1, Brownhill (N); 2, Brooke (N); 3, Pearson (Li.) 24.3. **440:** 1, Gray (Li.); 2, Bates (Le.); 3, Larkinson (N) 54.5. **880:** 1, Waite (Li.); 2, Cummings (N); 3, McLean (Li.) 2:04.9. **Mile Team:** 1, Lincs.; 2, Leics.; 3, Notts; 4:34.4. **LJ:** 1,

PAT MARA was a machine minder at the printers producing "Athletics Weekly." Called up for National Service, he was drafted to Egypt. At his unit "out in the blue" it was decided to start a bookstall for the benefit of "the troops." To Pat's surprise and pleasure, the first periodical to appear was—"Athletics Weekly."



Hurworth (N); 2, Rushby (Li.); 3, Thraves (N) 19'0½". **HJ:** 1, Knobbs (Le.); 2, Lunn (N); 3, McKay (Li.) 5'4". **HSJ:** 1, Thraves (N); 2, Wooldridge (N); 3, Clamp (Le.) 41' 4½". **Wt:** 1, Pilkington (N); 2, Medhurst (Le.); 3, Waldron (Le.) 41'5". **D:** 1, Waldron (Le.); 2, Rawson (N); 3, Pilkington (N) 126'9". **J:** 1, Waldron (Le.); 2, Hurworth (N); 3, Wooldridge (N) 132'5". **4 x 110 Relay:** 1, Notts; 2, Leics.; 3, Lincs. 45.8.

August 21st

Chiddingfold Meeting. Open Events.
100: Watmore (Guildford) 8, 10.4; **440:** Ekins (RAF) 30, 52.4; **880:** Coleman (Guild.) 63, 2:01.7; **Mile:** Carrol (Southgate) 148, 4:28.0; **Junior 100:** Voss (Guild.) 3, 11.0; **880:** Carrol (Southgate) 10, 2:07.9; **Youths 100:** Strudwick (Guild.) 2, 11.5.
Match Events: Guildford and G.A.C. 33 pts. beat Dorking St.P. A.C. 30; **Surrey A.C. 22 and Woking A.C. 22.** **100:** Pink (W) 10.9; **440:** Maxted (D) 59.4; **880:** Coleman (G and G) 2:18.0; **Mile:** Stone (D) 4:48.0; **Relay:** Guildford; **Junior 100:** Voss (G and G) 11.5; **440:** Wells (D) 59.0; **880:** Watt (S) 2:17.0; **Mile:** Thorpe (G and G) 4:52.0; **Relay:** Dorking.

August 23rd

Mitcham A.C. 39 pts. beat **Walton A.C. 38 & Hengelo (Holland)** 7. **100:** J. Groves (W) 10.4; **220:** J. Dunham (M) 22.8; **440:** J. Groves (W) 52.3; **880:** G. Nankeville (W) 1:55.5; **Mile:** A. Llewellyn (W) 4:27.8; **LJ:** J. Bridgen (M) 20'9"; **Wt:** D. Colby (W) 39'5"; **D:** O. Feldmanis (M) 137'2"; **Relay:** Mitcham 44.5; **In a Junior match Hengelo (Holland)** 17pts. beat **Mitcham A.C. 15 & Walton A.C. 14.** **100:** J. Cox (M) 11.0; **200:** J. Cox (M) 24.4; **LJ:** H. Dakker (H) 19'4"; **D:** C. Jemmett (W) 123'6" (Club rec.); **Relay:** Mitcham 48.2.

August 24th

HULL & DIST. 157 pts. beat ROOSEDAAL 77 & DORDRECHT 71 At Dordrecht

100m: 1, E. R. Sandstrom (H); 2, J. S. Roew (H); 3, Jonkus (R) 10.7; **200m:** 1, J. S. Rowe (H); 2, E. R. Sandstrom (H); 3, Manie (R) 22.5; **400m:** 1, D. Soar (H); 2, de Wisse (R); 3, G. Bonner (H) 51.7; **800m:** 1, B. Bottomley (H); 2, R. Darley (H); 3, Y. Loon (D) 2:06.2; **1500m:** 1, Bottomley; 2, D. Ibbotson (H); 3, Roovers (H) 4:04.3; **5000m:** 1, Ibbotson (H); 2, A. Chorlton (H); 3, Malicpaard (R) 15:27.0; **110mH:** 1, R. T. Tolson (H); 2, L. Vlamings (R); 3, P. Zoch (D) 15.1; **400mH:** 1, N. Dangerfield (H); 2, Zoch (D); 3, Vlamings (R) 57.3; **LJ:** 1, L.

Pinder (H); 2, B. Jonkus (R); 3, M. Dingemans (D) 21'5½"; **HJ:** 1, P. McLoughlin (H); 2, Vlamings (R); 3, Willemseyn (D) 5'7"; **Wt:** 1, R. E. Wilkings (H); 2, J. Cherry (H) 44'4"; **D:** 1, A. N. Medforth (H); 2, S. Hughes; 3, Leysen (R) 131'8½"; **4 x 110 Relay:** 1, Hull; 8, Dordrecht; 3, Roosendaal 44.2; **Medley Relay:** 1, Hull; 2, Roosendaal; 3, Dordrecht 3:40.2.

August 25th

Cambridge H. Members' Meeting. 100: T. Clowry 10½, 10.5; **880:** E. Ives 111, 1:49.9; **2M. Walk:** D. Flaxman 4m. 14:22.0; J. C. McDuff 60', 172'3"; **Junior 100:** J. Harris 8, 10.3; **LJ:** J. Kemp 3', 21'11½"; **Youths 440:** M. Cinganelli 55.2 (rec.); **880:** J. Mead 2:07.6. **Boys 880:** B. Shore 2:21.6.

North London H. Meeting. 440: R. S. Barnes 51.0 (Ch. rec.); **Mile H'cp:** C. Walker 4:27.1; **Mixed Medley Relay:** Team "A" (J. Hamlet, R. Ward, J. Clarkson, Miss Stower, Miss Beaven).

August 26th

Mitcham A.C. One Hour Run: 1, B. Gardner 10m. 1353 yds.; 2, R. Bott 10m. 1103 yds.; 3, N. Milton 10m. 520 yds.; 4, A. Facey 10m. 267 yds.

August 28th

Middlesex 93 pts. beat Hertfordshire 72 and Buckinghamshire 39. **100:** 1, I. Mayers (M); 2, D. Rasey (H); 3, A. F. Hatch (M) 10.3. **220:** 1, D. Rasey (H); 2, D. M. Woodford (B); 3, K. Stanbridge (M) 23.2; **440:** 1, P. J. Martin (M); 2, J. D. Wrighton (H); 3, R. Buzzard (B) 50.7; **880:** 1, F. W. Millward (M); 2, J. A. Cade (H); 3, D. G. Randall (M) 1:56.8; **Mile:** 1, K. J. Rouse (M); 2, J. D. Wood (H); 3, C. French (M) 4:22.8; **2M:** 1, M. L. Barratt (M); 2, J. Knopf (H); 3, P. Stokes (M) 9:08.8; **2M. Walk:** 1, R. L. Hutchison (M); 2, S. R. Mantor (M); 3, J. Hubble (H) 15:35.0; **LJ:** 1, P. Luxon (M); 2, R. Gates (H); 3, R. R. Johnson (B) 21'3½"; **Wt:** 1, A. E. Cook (M); 2, D. F. A. Vanhegan (H); 3, P. Atkinson (M) 42'5"; **D:** 1, P. Atkinson (M); 2, J. Hogg (H); 3, D. F. A. Vanhegan (H) 133'7"; **Invit. Hammer:** 1, A. R. Valentine 171'11"; 2, P. C. Allday 168'11"; 3, D. N. J. Cullum 148'0"; 4, D. F. Vanhegan 142'1".

Hermes Club 63 pts., beat Guildford and G.A.C. 61, Wimbledon A.C. 58, Redhill and R.A.C. 51 and Sutton and C.H. 19. **100(1):** Wilcox (W) 10.4; **100(2):** Sewell (H) 10.8; **220(1):** Wilcox (W) 23.8; **220(2):** Corley (H) 24.4; **440:** Carter (H) 52.8; **880:** Porter (W) 2:02.0; **Mile:** Funnel (S) 4:40.2; **3M:** Belmore (G) 15:12.9; **LJ:** Chapman (H)

21'9" (rec.); **HJ**: Reid (H) 5'10" (rec.); **Wt**: Taylor (R) 35'0"; **J**: Morley (R) 153'11" (rec.); **4 x 110 Relay**: Hermes 46.4 (rec.). **Junior 100 (1)**: Chapman (H) 10.8; **100(2)**: Leonard (W) 11.2; **220(1)**: Chapman (H) 24.0; **220(2)**: Christians (G) 24.8; **880**: Pepe (W) 2:06.4; **Mile**: Nash (G) 4:45.6; **LJ**: Chapman (H) 20'8½"; **HJ**: Walley (R) 5'4"; **D**: Walley (R) 92'2"; **J**: Woodley (G) 145'8".

WILTON CARNIVAL 10M. OPEN ROAD RACE

1, P. Harrison (Highgate) 54:27; 2, S. F. Beale (Shaftesbury) 55:30; 3, B. J. Parker (Salisbury) 56:21; 4, F. J. D. Hatchard (Eastleigh) 56:36; 5, C. Bulpitt (Salisbury) 57:10; 6, D. G. Mould (Salisbury) 57:49; 7, J. H. Davies (TVH) 58:03; 8, R. Alkerton (Highgate) 59:40; 9, B. G. Lillicrap (Salisbury) 62:08; 10, J. A. R. Hounsell (Southampton) 62:23.

Middlesex County Pentathlon: 1, P. H. Whittaker (Finchley) 2,073 pts.; 2, J. S. Reeder (Finchley) 1,937 pts.; 3, D. A. Hall (Hampstead) 1,848.

Guernsey I.A.A.C. beat **Jersey A.C.** 79 pts. to 32. **100**: J. R. Brehaut (G) 10.9; **220**: R. C. Priest (G) 23.1 (rec.); **440**: R. C. Priest (G) 54.7; **880**: 1 eq. D. T. A. Davis (G) and A. J. Dorey (G) 2:04.5; **Mile**: D. T. A. Davis (G) 4:57.1; **3M**: I. A. Curle (G) 16:10.0; **120H**: V. G. Collenette (G) 18.4; **LJ**: V. G. Collenette (G) 21'10" (rec.); **HJ**: V. G. Collenette (G) 5'7"; **Wt**: L. Torode (G) 36'9½" (rec.); **D**: D. Marsh (J) 121'4½" (rec.); **J**: T. Symonds (G) 149'9" (rec.); **Relay**: Guernsey 2:40.0.

Reports of the London Championship Finals and Southern Women's Inter-County Meeting will be included next week.

WALKING (contd.)

McGreechan (Belgrave H.) 8:33.25; 5, H. D. Neilson (Woodford Gn. A.C.) 8:36.35; 6, J. O. J. Culver (Essex B.) 8:40.42; 7, G. S. Checkley (Belgrave H.) 8:43.44; 8, L. S. Fairman (Polytechnic H.) 8:44.02; 9, H. W. Shields (Belgrave H.) 8:47.22; 10, J. Ridley (Queens Park H.) 8:48.36. **Teams**: 1, Belgrave H. (1, 3, 5, 7) 16 pts.; 2, Polytechnic H. (2, 6, 14, 23) 45; 3, Essex B. (4, 18, 24, 29) 75; 4, Highgate H. 79; 5, Surrey W.C. 124; 6, Enfield A.C. 129.

"Harry Priston's" Trophy — A. D. McSweeney.

"Dithy" Cup—M. Y. Horton.

Surrey W.C. Novice: P. A. Jobson.

Veterans' A.C. Championship, held in conjunction — 1, A. D. McSweeney; 2, J. Hayward; 3, W. J. Everard.

On Saturday, 2nd October, Cambridge Harriers are holding a 3 Miles Walk for unattached novices, from their winter headquarters, Bexley Cricket Club pavilion, Manor Way, Old Bexley, Kent, starting at 3 p.m. Entries are free, and medals will be awarded. Particulars from K. W. Smith, 67 Micheldever Road, Lee, S.E.12, or entries will be accepted on the day of the race.

A large blue bath towel was left behind in the dressing-room after the A.A.A. v. Combined Services match at Hull last Saturday. The owner can have it returned to him if he will write to B. A. R. Thomas, 130 Chaucer Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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