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Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

"Edgar Horton" Trophy for Coleman

GEORGE COLEMAN becomes first holder of the "Horton" Trophy, awarded by the Race Walking Association to the walker considered to have put up the best individual performance of the year in any race. George gets the trophy for his wonderful 20 miles National win at Wimbledon, in May, when he walked the fastest "20" ever done in this country. Albert Johnson was a sturdy contender for the honour, his 50km. win at Coventry, in June, being only half a minute outside the best Championship time by Harold Whitlock. These two were really out on their own this year, although, of course, Hughie Neilson's fine Brighton-and-Back and the AAA 7 miles win of R. L. Hardy came into the reckoning. Don Thompson's great London-Brighton win a few days ago will be considered for the 1955-56 season.

Harold Whitlock is the new R.W.A. President, and no more distinguished figure in British Walking has ever held this office. Harold was the only British individual winner of a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936, and his name will always be immortal in the annals of walking. In recent years he has taken a larger share of the executive work of the Association and has set a great example to other former champions in walking and in athletics generally. He was general secretary of the RWA prior to Lionel Woodcock taking over and he still continues as National Coach for Walking. The provincial Area Presidents are North: E. Twigg (Sutton Macclesfield), and Midlands: Jack Jennings (Birmingham W.C.).

The National Championships programme for 1956 is: 10 Miles (South), March 10th; 20 miles (North), May 12th; 50 kilometres (South) June 16th. The advent of the new Olympic Walk of 20km. (12½ miles) and the fact that the Games take place in November, will necessitate special consideration, and it is likely that extra competition later in the year will be provided to keep our possible contestants on their toes.

250 Walkers in One Hour Race

Two important track meetings end the programme before the winter road season starts in earnest. Highgate's 14th annual "St. Dun-

stan's" meeting at Parliament Hill Track today, Saturday, has drawn an entry of 250 for the chief event, the One Hour race, which is to be held in four sections. Twice at this meeting over 8 miles has been covered in the hour, and last year George Coleman beat the record for the meeting with 8 miles 78 yards. As he has been down with tonsillitis recently we cannot expect him to be at his best at the moment. The best dozen would seem to include R. H. Richards, R. F. Goodal, G. Howell, L. K. Evans, G. Williams, D. J. Thompson, and F. G. Bailey. Twenty clubs will contest the team race, all the Southern clubs being represented, with Leicester and Coventry Godiva from the Midlands. Programme starts at 1 p.m. with the Junior 3 miles.

The Metropolitan Walking Club have selected 20 names from the 25 received for their Records attempt meeting at Alperton track on Saturday next, October 1st, and with Don Thompson and Albert Johnson taking on the four hours and Roland Hardy leading the shorter distance men, a good afternoon's sport is assured. More about their prospects next week.

Fixtures

October—

- 1—Met. W.C. Records Meeting, Alperton, Middlesex.
- Leicester W.C. Open 7 miles.
- 8—Trowbridge A.C. Chippenham-Calne Open 6 miles.
- 15—R.W.A. National Junior (18-21) 5 miles Championship, Birmingham.
- 22—Highgate H. Open 7 miles, Parliament Hill.

November—

- 12—Enfield A.C. Open 7 miles, Enfield.
- 26—Belgrave H. Open 7 miles, Wimbledon.

December—

- 3—Civil Service A.A. 7 miles Championship, Imber Court.
- 17—Cambridge H. Open 7 miles, Eltham.

Presentation of the awards won in the London-to-Brighton and Back race of July 1st-2nd, takes place at the Mansion House, London, on Monday, 6 p.m., and the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Seymour Howard, will preside.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

ON another page will be found the report of a junior match between Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

I would urge followers of athletics to study the results, for they are extremely interesting, particularly so when it is considered that in all the throwing events senior implements were used. Some of the competitors were a few months over our recognised junior age limit, but this does not affect the merit of such performances as Ciepły's hammer throw of 180ft. 10½in., Piatowski's 155ft. 3¾in. in discus throw, Jordan's 220ft. 8in. with the javelin, or Plihal's 50ft. 7¾in. with the shot.

These really grand performances only serve to show just what we are likely to be up against in a few years' time, when these juniors have had a few more years to develop their strength and technique.

Some of the track performances were almost as good and the men's and women's high jumps worthy of mention. Matejka jumped 6ft. 4¾in., and for the women Balas cleared 5ft. 5¾in.

Even for 19 year olds—and some were not as old as that—these performances were astonishing. Remember, too, that there were only three countries involved.

One may well ask—where is this improvement going to stop? Every year we seem to get as many records broken as the year before, but still it goes on. How interesting it would be if we could take just one look into the future, say 20 years ahead! However, on second thoughts, perhaps it is just as well that we cannot do so, for the performances, or the work required to achieve them, might frighten us! The gradual process of evolution is undoubtedly the best.

THE EDITOR.

COURSES

Advances courses covering sprints and relays, middle distance, long distance and steeplechase, hurdling, pole vaulting, and weight training, will be held at the L.C.C. College of Physical Education, Paddington Street, London, W.1., on Monday evenings, from October, 1955, to January, 1956. Further information can be obtained from the C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, W.C.1.

LECTURE

A lecture "The Mechanics of Athletics," by Geoffrey Dyson, National Chief Coach, will be given at the L.C.C. College of Physical Education, Paddington Street, London, W.1., on Monday evening, 3rd October, commencing at 7 p.m. Admission is by ticket only, price 2/6, obtainable from C.C.P.R. as above.

Would Secretaries please forward particulars of their coming events for inclusion in our "Fixture List." This includes the winter season, 1955-6 and summer season 1956.

Overseas News

POLAND 92pts. beat CZECHOSLOVAKIA 71pts. and RUMANIA 66pts. in a Junior Match at Cracow, Poland

September 3rd and 4th

POLAND'S upward sweep in sport generally, and in athletics in particular, was underlined in the first triangular international match bringing Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania together in Cracow, Poland, on September 3rd-4th, with Poland winning in both the men's and women's sections and taking ten of the men's first places to four by Rumania and three by Czechoslovakia, and six women's first, to two each by the other two countries.

Conditions in this match were that athletes nominated must not have been born earlier than the year 1936, which set the limit at 19 years of age. But with the exception of the hurdles where 3 foot barriers were used, conditions were as for seniors, all of the implements in the throwing events being senior implements. This fact gives some idea not only of the junior strengths of the three countries but also of their relations to the seniors. As will be observed, a number of the results were astonishing for juniors.

Czechoslovakia's erstwhile sprinter, Mandlik, now banished from sprinting with a recurring thigh trouble, won the 400 metres in 49.8 seconds, which suggests that he may be successful at this distance. The 1936 birth qualification provision permitted his running in the match, but it did not permit of his time being considered as a new Czechoslovak junior record, this honour going to his runner-up Bilek, with 50.9 seconds.

Poland provided many of the eye-openers, such as their smart young sprinter Stepanski, and Kowalczyk, who won both the 800 and 1500 metres, but the youngsters in the field events were, in some respects, more advanced than the runners—Matejka (CSR) 6'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " high jump; Karcz (Poland) 23'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ " long jump; Plihal (CSR) 50'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", with a very bad wrist (he has actually done over 53'0" with the senior shot); Cieply (Poland) 180'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hammer; Lordan (Rumania) 220'8" javelin. Among the women

the outstanding performances were Voborilova (CSR) 156'2" discus; and Wojtasek (Poland) 160'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " javelin.

100m: 1, Stepanski (P) 10.8; 2, Gaborik (CSR) 10.9; 3, Bosek (P) 11.0; 4, Kadla (R) 11.0. **200m:** 1, Stepanski (P) 22.2; 2, Bosek (P) 22.5; 3, Gaborik (CSR) 22.8. **400m:** 1, Mandlik (CSR) 49.8; 2, Bilek (CSR) 50.9 (CSR jun. rec.); 3, Karandi (R) 51.2; 4, Acomski (P) 51.2. **800m:** 1, Kowalczyk (P) 1:53.4; 2, Varmos (R) 1:53.9; 3, Kupka (CSR) 1:54.0. **1500m:** 1, Kowalczyk (P) 4:01.0; 2, Kucera (CSR) 4:01.2; 3, Varmos (R) 4:01.4. **3000m:**

by

ARMOUR MILNE

1, Golda (P) 8:54.0; 2, Vežiciu (R) 8:56.0; 3, Walczak (P) 8:58.8; 4, Stinu (R) 8:59.4. **110m. H. (3ft.):** 1, Kral (P) 14.6; 2, Ursac (R) 14.7; 3, Kuryk (P) 14.9; 4, Houfek (CSR) 14.9 (CSR jun. rec.). **200mH:** 1, Ursac (R) 24.8; 2, Stradowski (P) 25.0; 3, Kral (P) 25.7; 4, Houfek (CSR) 26.1 (CSR jun. rec.). **1,000m.H:** 1, Hara (R) 2:43.4; 2, Lubojarski (P) 2:44.2; 3, Hinze (CSR) 2:44.6; 5, Mahac (CSR) 2:44.6. **4 x 100 m. Relay:** 1, Poland 42.4; 2, CSR 42.7; Rumania disqualified. **4 x 400m. Relay:** 1, CSR 3:22.1 (CSR jun. rec.); 2, Rumania 3:22.5; 3, Poland 3:22.5. **LJ:** 1, Karcz (P) 23'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; 2, Netopilik (CSR) 22'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Brabinski (P) 21'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ ". **HJ:** 1, Matejka (CSR) 6'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Bobco (R) 6'0 $\frac{7}{8}$ "; 3, Napravnik (CSR) 6'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". **PV:** 1, Szabo (R) 12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Kasprzyk 12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Trmal (CSR) 12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **Wt:** 1, Plihal (CSR) 50'7 $\frac{7}{8}$ "; 2, Sulani (CSR) 48'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Moravenski (R) 46'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **D:** 1, Piatkowski (P) 155'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; 2, Manolescu (R) 139'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; 3, Sulani (CSR) 139'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **J:** 1, Jordan (R) 220'8"; 2, Doemoeter (R) 196'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Otahal (CSR) 192'9". **H:** 1, Cieply (P) 180'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Iacoveanu (R) 170'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; 3, Muzicek (CSR) 159'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Women

100m: 1, Kusion (P) 12.0; 2, Richter (P) 12.3; 3, Luta (R) 12.5. **200m:** 1, Lerczak (P) 24.9; 2, Richter (P) 25.3; 3, Ptackova (CSR)

25.8. **500m**: 1, Nowczik (P) 1:18.1; 2, Cutui (R) 1:18.2; 3, Kropacova (CSR) 1:18.8. **80 mH**: 1, Stolzova (CSR) 11.6 (CSR jun. rec.); 2, Lung (R) 12.2; 3, Stodolna (P) 12.2; 4, Kusion (P) 12.2. **4 x 100m. Relay**: 1, Poland 47.7; 2, Rumania 48.9; 3, CSR 49.0. **LJ**: 1, Kusion (P) 18'6"; 2, Prokopova (CSR) 17'7"; 3, Lerczak (P) 17'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". **HJ**: 1, Balas (R) 5'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; 2, Holar-kova (CSR) 5'3"; 3, Voborilova (CSR) 5'1". **Wt**: 1, Roth (R) 44'11"; 2, Voborilova (CSR) 43'11 $\frac{7}{8}$ "; 3, Scherer (R) 40'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **D**: 1, Vobori-lova (CSR) 156'2" (CSR jun. rec.); 2, Stan-kowska (P) 134'4 $\frac{8}{8}$ "; 3, Jankowska (P) 123'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **J**: 1, Wojtaszek (P) 160'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2, Novotna (CSR) 129'0"; 3, Stoica (R) 127'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

West German International Matches

By H. E. D. O'Neill

From 21st August to the 28th, W. Germany, with a variety of teams, tackled five full-scale matches. Three of these were at one time, against Holland, Denmark and Switzerland and each match with a different German team. In the meantime the "Number One" W. German team was in Scandinavia for matches against Finland and Sweden.

Of the five meetings only one was lost, that against Switzerland. The detailed results are given below:—

Denmark 106pts.; W. Germany 108pts.
(Copenhagen 21st-22nd Aug.)

First Day:

100m: 1, Kraft (D) 10.9; 2, Wrehde (D) 11.0; 3, Fengel (G) 11.0. **400m**: 1, Christiansen (D) 48.6; 2, Kuhl (G) 49.3; 3, Dymke (G) 50.0. **1500m**: 1, Nielsen (D) 3:46.4; 2, Bumann (G) 3:51.0; 3, Hellriege (G) 3:54.4. **5000m**: 1, Hesselmann (G) 14:55.2; 2, Jensen (D) 15:09.6; 3, Rogener (G) 15:13.0. **110mH**: 1, Christiansen (D) 15.2; 2, Nissen (D) 15.3; 3, Stephan (G) 15.8. **HJ**: 1, Bahr (G) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2, Breum (D) 5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Neufeld (G) 5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **LJ**: 1, Larsen (D) 23'6". **D.T.**: 1, Munk-Plum (D) 151'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Janssen (G) 149'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Brandt (G) 148'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **H.T.**: 1, Frederiksen (D) 176'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Cederquist (D) 175'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Hein (G) 171'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **4 x 100m.**: 1, Germany 42.6; 2, Denmark 43.4.

Second Day:

200m: 1, Oberste (G) 22.1; 2, Christiansen (D) 22.1; 3, Sievers (G) 22.4. **800m**: 1, Nielsen (D) 1:51.5; 2, Schmidt (G) 1:52.2; 3, Muller (G) 1:52.4. **10000m**: 1, Thogersen (D) 31:11.6; 2, Jensen (D) 31:58.2; 3, Muller (G) 32:42.2. **3000SC**: 1, Hesselmann (G) 9:06.6; 2, Fauge (D) 9:24.0; 3, Blankenhagen (G) 9:26.8. **400mH**:

1, Janz (G) 53.7; 2, Johanessen (D) 55.1; 3, Kwozcek (G) 55.8. **P.V.**: 1, Larsen (D) 13'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Hubner (G) 12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Nielsen (D) 12'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **H.S.J.**: 1, Mahlendorf (G) 46'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Pfeffer (G) 45'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, P. Larsen (D) 44'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **S.P.**: 1, Klick (G) 49'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Janssen (G) 45'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Michael- sen (D) 45'5". **J.T.**: 1, Diewald (G) 208'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Hansen (D) 199'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Stendal (D). **4 x 400m**: 1, Denmark 3:17.8; 2, Germany 3:19.2.

Switzerland 120pts.; W. Germany 92pts.

(Geneva, 21st Aug.)

100m: 1, Wehrli (S) 10.7; 2, Feneberg (G) 10.7; 3, Muller (S) 10.9. **200m**: 1, Wehrli (S) 21.7; 2, Weber (S) 22.0; 3, Heidrich (G) 22.1. **400m**: 1, Hegg (S) 48.0; 2, Farine (S) 48.8; 3, Huber (G) 48.9. **800m**: 1, Brenner (G) 1:51.1; 2, Erhardt (G) 1:53.2; 3, Stalder (S) 1:53.2. **1500m**: 1, Rentsch (G) 3:54.7; 2, Sutter (S) 3:55.1; 3, Retiene (G) 3:56.8. **5000m**: 1, Page (S) 14:47.1; 2, Laufer (G) 15:02.2; 3, Glauder (S) 15:22.0. **10000m**: 1, Schudel (S) 31:46.8; 2, Frischknecht (S) 32:06.4; 3, Eberlein (G) 33:01.4. **3000SC**: 1, Schmalz (G) 9:17.4; 2, Huber (S) 9:17.6; 3, Chatelain (S) 9:33.6. **110 mH**: 1, Bernard (S) 15.0; 2, Pfenninger (S) 15.1; 3, Meister (G) 15.6. **400mH**: 1, Kost (S) 53.4; 2, Borgula (S) 54.0; 3, Handrich (G) 55.3. **HJ**: 1, Wahli (S) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2, Amiet (S) 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Bremicker (G) 5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **P.V.**: 1, Hofstetter (S) 13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Bossert (S) 12'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Biffart (G) 12'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **L.J.**: 1, Doell (G) 23'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Eichen-berger (S) 23'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Bolay (G). **H.S.J.**: 1, Portmann (S) 48'7"; 2, Muller (S) 46'7"; 3, Reinhard (G) 45'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **S.P.**: 1, Oweger (G) 49'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Bruegher (S) 48'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Hipp (G) 47'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **D.T.**: 1, Hipp (G) 149'10"; 2, Mehr (S) 149'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Hafliger (S) 147'5". **H.T.**: 1, Prechtl (G) 171'11"; 2, Hagenburger (G) 166'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3,

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Holland 128pts.; W. Germany 176pts.
(Gronongen, 21st Aug.)

100m: 1, Kluck (G) 10.7; 2, Van Hardeveld (H) 10.7; 3, Saat (H) 10.8. **200m:** 1, V. Hardeveld (H) 22.0; 2, Oberste (G) 22.3; 3, Kraus (G) 22.4. **400m:** 1, Porschke (G) 49.5; 2, Han-nig (G) 49.8; 3, Moermann (H) 49.9. **800m:** 1, Friedrich (G) 1:51.2; 2, Peters (G) 1:54.5; 3, Wagenknecht (G) 1:55.4. **1500m:** 1, Lamers (G) 3:51.9; 2, Emde (G) 3:53.9; 3, Werthmann (G) 3:57.4. **5000m:** 1, Viset (H) 15:05.3; 2, Bongard (G) 15:23.1; 3, Remmert (G) 15:35.2. **110mH:** 1, Parlevliet (H) 15.1; 2, Nederhand (H) 15.3; 3, Vlamings (H) 15.4. **H.J.:** 1, Linde-mann (G) 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Guszahn (G) 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Nummerdoor (H) 5'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **P.V.:** 1, Lacher-mund (G) 11'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Simon (G) 11'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Lamoree (H) 11'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **L.J.:** 1, Fallak (G) 22'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Klophaus (G) 22'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Sleeuw (H) 22'2". **S.P.:** 1, Urbach (G) 48'11"; 2, Koch (H) 47'9"; 3, Stolz (G) 47'4". **D.T.:** 1, Rebel (H) 149'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Rosendahl (G) 145'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Fikkert (H) 141'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **J.T.:** 1, Fikkert (H) 202'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Pukropski (G) 198'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Schwantje (G) 196'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **4 x 100m:** 1, Germany 42.5; 2, Holland 43.4. **4 x 400m:** 1, Germany 3:22.6; 2, HO11. 3:24.7.

Finland 103pts.; W. Germany 111pts.
(Helsinki, 23-24th Aug.)

First Day:

100m: 1, Germar (G) 10.6; 2, Pohl (G) 10.7; 3, Tavisalo (F) 10.9; 4, Ketola (F) 11.0. **400m:** 1, Hellsten (F) 46.6; 2, Haas (G) 47.6; 3, Blummel (G) 48.7; 4, Kivela (F) 49.0. **800m:** 1, Stracke (G) 1:54.4; 2, Liell (G) 1:54.5; 3, Kakkio (F) 1:54.8; 4, Salsola (F) 1:55.0. **5000m:** 1, Taipale (F) 14:07.6; 2, Tuomala (F) 14:09.4; 3, Konrad (G) 14:18.6; 4, Lupfert (G) 14:50.0. **3000SC:** 1, Karvonen (F) 8:47.4; 2, Laine (F) 8:48.0; 3, Muller (G) 8:56.4; 4, Thumm (G) 9:08.4. **110mH:** 1, Steines (G) 14.6; 2, Siukola (F) 15.1; 3, Tammenpaa (F) 15.3; 4, Bock (G) 15.3. **H.J.:** 1, Ketola (F) 6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Pull (G) 6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Jeness (G) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4, Rantala (F) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **L.J.:** 1, Oberbeck (G) 24'6"; 2, Valkama (F) 24'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 3, Molzberger (G) 24'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Lampinen (F) 23'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **S.P.:** 1, Lingnau (G) 51'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Koivisto (F) 51'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Wegmann (G) 49'4"; 4, Perko (F) 48'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **H.T.:** 1, Storch (G) 189'9"; 2, Halmetoja (F) 185'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 3, Nostaja (F) 181'7"; 4, Ziermann (G) 179'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **4 x 100m:** 1, Germany 40.7; 2, Finland 42.5.

Second Day:

200m: 1, Futterer (G) 21.3; 2, Kaufmann (G) 21.5; 3, Hellsten (F) 21.8; 4, Kokkonen (F)

22.5. **1500m:** 1, Lueg (G) 3:46.4; 2, Lawrenz (G) 3:46.8; 3, Kakkio (F) 3:47.0; 4, Vuorisalo (F) 3:47.8. **10000m:** 1, Taipale (F) 30:06.2; 2, Posti (F) 30:07.2; 3, Schade (G) 30:18.2; 4, Hansch (G) 31:03.8. **400mH:** 1, Bonah (G) 53.3; 2, Moller (G) 53.6; 3, Suominen (F) 55.0; 4, Myllymaki (F) 55.0. **P.V.:** 1, Landstrom (F) 14'9"; 2, Piironen (F) 13'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Reissmann (G) 13'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Schneider (G) 12'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **H.S.J.:** 1, Lehto (F) 50'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2, Rahkamo (F) 48'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Hohnke (G) 47'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Strohschnieder (G) 47'4". **D.T.:** 1, Noack (G) 161'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Lindroos (F) 157'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Buhrlé (G) 156'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Lammi (F) 156'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **J.T.:** 1, Kauhanen (F) 248'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Rantanen (F) 237'1"; 3, Rieder (G) 229'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Will (G) 227'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". **4 x 400m:** 1, Germany 3:16.1; 2, Finland 3:16.6.

Sweden 93pts.; W. Germany 119pts.
(Stockholm, 27-28th Aug.)

First Day:

100m: 1, Germar (G) 10.6; 2, Futterer (G) 10.7; 3, Lorentzon (S) 10.8; 4, Westlund (S). **400m:** 1, Haas (G) 47.3; 2, Pettersson (S) 48.4; 3, Wolfbrandt (S) 48.5; 4, Blummel (G) 48.6. **800m:** 1, Stracke (G) 1:52.6; 2, Liell (G) 1:52.8; 3, Gottfridsson (S) 1:53.7; 4, Andersson (S) 1:54.6. **5000m:** 1, Kallevagh (S) 14:15.0; 2, Schade (G) 14:17.0; 3, Konrad (G) 14:30.6; 4, Andersson (S) 15:05.0. **110mH:** 1, Steines (G) 14.5; 2, K. Johansson (S) 14.7; 3, P. Johansson (S) 15.0; 4, Bock (G) 15.2. **H.J.:** 1, Nilsson (S) 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Pettersson (S) 6'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Jeness (G) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4, Pull (G) 5'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **L.J.:** 1, Oberbeck (G) 24'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2, Bergmann (S) 23'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Wahlander (S) 23'5"; 4, Molzberger (G) 23'0". **S.P.:** 1, Uddebom (S) 52'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Wegmann (G) 52'5"; 3, Lingnau (G) 51'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4, Lemos (S) 49'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **D.T.:** 1, Noack (G) 168'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Arvidsson (S) 161'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Buhrlé (G) 158'9"; 4, Edlund (S) 151'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **4 x 100m:** 1, Germany (Knorz, Kaufmann, Futterer, Germar) 40.8; 2, Sweden (Lorentzon, Malmroos, Westlund, Carlsson) 41.2.

Second Day

200m: 1, Kaufmann (G) 21.3; 2, Futterer (G) 21.4; 3, Carlsson (S) 21.9; 4, Malmroos (S) 22.1. **1500m:** 1, Lawrenz (G) 3:51.2; 2, Lueg (G) 3:51.4; 3, Ericsson (S) 3:51.4; 4, Carlsson (S) 3:55.2. **10000m:** 1, Schade (G) 29:41.8; 2, Konrad (G) 29:59.0; 3, Ahlund (S) 30:24.4; 4, Olsson (S) 30:35.8. **3000SC:** 1, Thumm (G) 8:58.2; 2, Muller (G) 9:00.4; 3, Soderberg (S) 9:04.4; 4, Jansson (S) 9:12.8. **400mH:** 1, Bonah (G) 51.9; 2, Johnson (S) 52.7; 3, Fischer (G) 53.2; 4, Eriksson (S) 53.7. **P.V.:** 1, Lundberg (S) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Lind (S) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Schneider (G) 13'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Reissmann (G) 12'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **H.S.J.:** 1, Norman (S) 49'9"; 2, Strohschnieder (G) 49'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ";

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August 4th

Field Events Club. Wt: J. Drummond; 2, R. Buist, 42'2"; D: 1, J. Drummond; 2, R. Buist 131'5"; J: F. Riach; 2, D. W. R. Mackenzie 200'1"; H: 1, E. C. K. Douglas; 2, J. Malcoem 176'10".

August 20th

Bute Highland Games. 100: R. Jackson (Garscube) 9.9; 220: C. M. Sauter (Wellpark) 24.1; 880: J. Kirk (Shett.) 1:59.3; **Mile:** J. P. Gordon (Springburn) 4:23.0; **18M. Road Race:** D. Thomson (Bute) 1:44.47; **HJ:** W. McQuat (W. Kilbride) 5'11½"; **PV:** U. O'Connor (Eire) 11'6"; **Wt:** T. Logan (Renfrew Pol.) 45'9"; **Mile Medley Relay:** Clydesdale; **Youths' 100:** G. Reid (Shett.) 10.2.

August 25th

Field Events Club: Wt: 1, J. Drummond 42'8½"; 2, R. Buist 40'4½"; D: 1, E. C. K. Douglas 141'8"; 2, K. Maksimczyk 140'2"; J: 1, D. W. R. Mackenzie 200'2"; 2, J. Drummond 156'0"; H: 1, J. Malcoem 149'8"; 2, J. Simmons 143'8½".

September 3rd

SHOTT'S HIGHLAND GAMES

A crowd of over 10,000 attended the Shotts Highland Games and were rewarded with a fine afternoon's sport.

Invitation 1M. race produced a mild surprise with A. H. Brown (Motherwell YMCA) of 50yds. winning in 4:17.3; with A. Wood (Aberdeen Un.) 3rd in 4:22.0, Wood was allotted 20 yds., but waived this mark to run from scratch along with S.A.A.A. 1M. champion, G. Everett (Shettleston) & A. Breckenridge (Vict. Pk.). The 2M. Team Race was another triumph for Victoria Pk. with Alan Breckenridge leading them there. Garscube had a win in the 1M. relay.

Mrs. J. Herman, the S.W.A.A.A. 440yds. champion, ran very well to win the 220yds. of scratch in 28.2, which was good going on a soft track.

100: A. Innes (Grangemouth) 9, 10.2; 220: R. Ballantyne (Vict. Pk.) 13, 23.7; 880: J. K. Hislop (Braidburn) 18, 1:57.7; **Mile:** W. Marshall (Motherwell) 130, 4:20.7; **2M. Team:** Vict. Pk 11pts. **Ind.:** A. Breckenridge (Vict. Pk.) 9:33.0. **14M. Road Race:** H. Fox (Shett.) 1:17.18. **H'cp:** T. Phelan (Springburn) (11.12) 1:11.11; **LJ:** W. S. Breingan (Vict. Pk.) 1'9", 22'7"; **HJ:** C. W. Fairbrother (Vict. Pk.) 4'2", 6'2½"; **PV:** P. Milligan (Vict. Pk.) 3", 11'6"; **Wt:** T. Logan (Renfrew Pol.) scr. 45'0"; **Junior 880:** S. Henry (Monkland) 38, 2:00.6; 4 x

4lap Relay: Vict. Pk. 1:12.6; **Youths 100:** J. Young (Springburn) 6, 10.6; **Mile (Invit.):** A. Brown (Motherwell) 50, 4:17.3. **Women: 100:** M. Hall (Maryhill) 3½, 11.8; **220:** J. Herman (Edin. S.) scr., 28.2.

BEN NEVIS RACE

E. Campbell, a Fort William joiner, won this race for the third time in 4 years in a time of 1hr.50m.5s. J. Hand, a Carlisle fitter, was second in 2hr.1m.59s., with A. Hameal, a railway worker, was third in 2hr.3m.4s.

There were 28 starters and 12 of them qualified for awards by finishing, inside 2hr.15m. Miss Kathleen Connachie, 16 years old daughter of a Fort William doctor, who was barred by the S.A.A.A. from running in the race, ran over the course herself in 3hr.02m.00.

September 6th

Victoria Pk. A.C. 6M. Championship. 1, I. Binnie 29:32.0; 2, J. Russell 30:56.0; 3, C. Forbes 32:01.0 (This is the fastest time returned in Scotland this season).

SCHOOLS' C.C. RACE

Surrey A.C. hold their annual 2½ miles cross-country race for schools in Richmond Park, on 5th November. Any schools interested should write to A. H. Goodbody, 6 Roundwood View, Banstead, Surrey, without delay.

The Insurance A.A. are holding their first Road Relay Championship for the "Beard" Trophy, on 1st October, at New Eltham. Teams or individuals eligible can obtain further information from R. W. B. Hewitt, 3 Ingleby Road, Ilford, Essex.

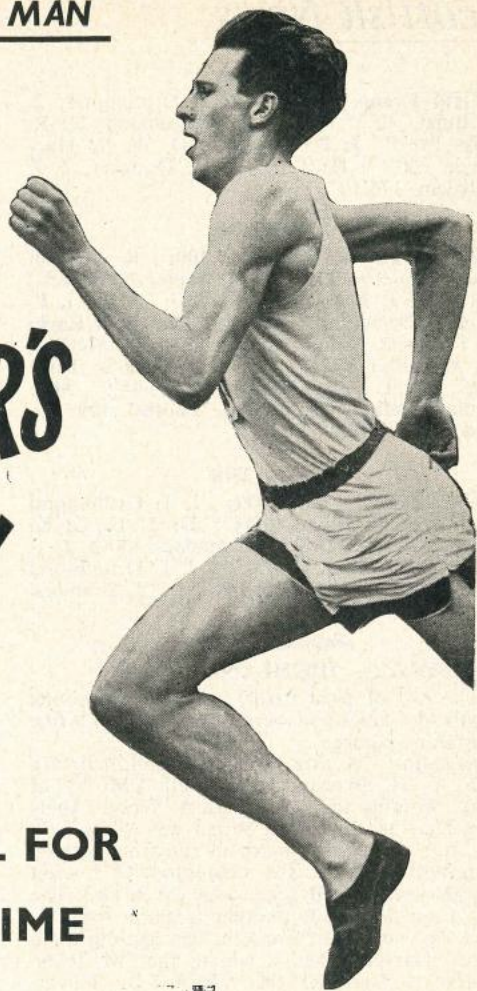
HAMMER CIRCLE REUNION INVITATION MEETING

September 3rd

1, A. R. Valentine (London AC) 171'0"; 2, *M. J. Ellis (TVH) (Jun.) 163'10"; 3, P. L. Porter (Belgrave) 162'0"; 4, *C. Morris (R) 151'9"; 5, D. Brands (RAF) 148'3"; 6, J. Pullinger (Gosport) (Jun.) 145'5". **Jun. and Yths.:** 1, *M. J. Ellis (J) (TVH) 191'2"; 2, *J. Pullinger (J) (Gosport) 181'2"; 3, *B. Hanningan (Y) (LAC) 144'7"; 4, M. Philps (Y) (TVH) 138'3"; 5, P. Saunders (J) (Eton H.) 137'8"; 6, P. Jackson (J) (TVH) 128'5". *personal competition best.

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U.S.A. v. U.S.S.R.

Dear Sir,

On looking through the results of the Russia v. Britain athletics match it once more struck me how lamentably weak we are in the field events. I notice that on the track results we only lost by 61 to 57 points in the men's events. In fact, I seem to remember that we managed to beat the Russians in the men's track events in last year's Moscow v. London match. Why is it that we are so far behind in these strong man events?

I still cannot agree with certain newspaper correspondents that Russia would be a match for the U.S.A. Personally, I think that the U.S.A. would paralyse them by an even bigger margin than the beating dished out to our own athletes.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

U. Eldridge.

Cranford.

ALLDAY'S FINE THROWING

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I congratulate you on the prompt and excellent reports on the French and Russian Internationals which have appeared in your last two issues. In the latter, however, I was a little disappointed to see that comments on the men's field events were compressed into one short paragraph. I must cross swords with the final sentence, in which it says, "None of our men were at their very best, except Palmer, whose 52'3½" was a bright spot in a rather dismal list of losing performances." This is surely rather harsh judgment, for although they do not represent their best ever marks, I do not think you can call Piper's 6'2½", Elliott's 13'9¼", Savidge's 51'2½" or Pharaoh's 160'0¼" such "dismal performances." In many matches, and against less superlative opposition, they would have been good enough to win.

However, there was one really bright spot which deserved a mention, and that was Peter Allday's 185'2" in the Hammer, a distance only 19 inches below his 1955 English Native Record. Despite having world record-holder, Krivonosov against him, Peter was neither

dismayed or disgraced, and I think it is worth noting his record in the four Internationals in which he has competed this year.

2nd v. Germany with 183'5" (after tie for 1st place).

1st v. France with 185'6½" (best ever by a Briton in an International).

3rd v. Russia with 185'2".

3rd v. Czechoslovakia with 183'6" (misreported in the Press as 4th).

This gives him an average for these four meetings of 184'8"—a distance which would have won the 1948 Olympic Games and which up to this year only one British athlete—Douglas—had ever reached. Quite an achievement when one remembers that Peter weighs less than 12½ stones!

Incidentally, he has been awarded the Hammer Circle's Partizan Trophy for 1955, as the most improved British thrower.

Yours truly,

Dennis Cullum

The writer says it was intended to convey that taking third and fourth places in these events was dismal, not so much the individual performances.—Ed.

DO OUR ATHLETES LACK "GUTS?"

Dear Sir,

Anathema was right! This so-called No. 1 Sports Columnist even had the impudence to suggest that some of our athletes were devoid of "guts." Has he the remotest idea of what determination and "guts" are required to reach the top class, particularly in distance running?

A superficial knowledge of athletics — he doesn't even know the difference between Terry Higgins and Peter Higgins!—and the attendance at a few big meetings each year doesn't give him the right to castigate our athletes in such a manner. I'd like to see what sort of show he'd put up in any event requiring "guts."

I could add a lot more, but I know you wouldn't print it!

Yours disgustedly,

Eric Harvey,

Wealdstone.

BRITAIN BEAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PRAGUE

(Men) Gt. BRITAIN 117pts. CZECHOSLOVAKIA 95pts.
(Women) Gt. BRITAIN 58pts. CZECHOSLOVAKIA 48pts.

A LARGE crowd estimated at 35,000 watched an exciting first day's athletics in the match between Czechoslovakia and Gt. Britain, at the Strahov Army Stadium.

The highlight for British fans was Pirie's defeat of Zatopek in the 5,000 metres, which in itself was an inspiration for a tired team. But Michael Wheeler, Brian Hewson, Jack Parker, Diane Leather, Anne Pashley, and Thelma Hopkins also had outstanding performances to their credit which served to place Britain in a good position at the end of the first day.

Though Vaclav Janecek was a clear winner of the 100 yards, Ruddy and Sandstrom ran determinedly to take the next two places. In the 400m. Wheeler ran a "blinder," but there was obviously something wrong when the time was found to be 45.9, and it was discovered that the runners had covered only 390 metres. This was unfortunate for Wheeler, as the performance represented something like 47.1 sec. for the full distance and would probably have been a personal best.

At the start of the 1500 metres Jungwirth went into the lead, but though he contested the lead with Hewson for a good deal of the race, it was obvious that the Czech runner was not yet back to his best form after his lay-off for an appendicitis operation. When Hewson turned on the heat in the last lap, Jungwirth had no "kick" left and Ken Wood also sailed past to give Britain maximum points.

The 5,000m. was the most eagerly awaited race and it was a thriller from start to finish. At the start, Zatopek went in front, but was soon passed by both Pirie and Norris, with the former leading at the end of the first lap in 64.9, and Zatopek some 10 yards down. This gap opened and closed as first the Czech and then the British pair put in a faster burst. On the fifth lap Zatopek had caught up and took the lead, but was soon passed again, and losing ground. Pirie and Norris were taking it

in turns to lead, lap after lap, and gradually a gap opened up so that at the bell, with Norris leading, the Czech was some 30 yards behind and apparently out of it. But though he is now 33 years old, Zatopek is no ordinary man and along the back straight he went after the British runners and slowly but surely the gap closed to the accompanying chant from the home crowd of "Zat-o-pek, Zat-o-pek." Coming round the last bend, Zatopek was pulling out all he knew and as they entered the straight, with Pirie a few yards ahead, going all out, he drew level with Norris. They fought neck and neck all the way to the



JUNGWIRTH (Czechoslovakia)

finishing line and Zatopek's last lunge gave him second place, but Pirie was not to be caught and had finished a yard and a half ahead in the time of 14m.3.8s.

Jack Parker and Peter Hildreth hurdled in fine style and were soon clear of the opposition, Parker retaining his unbeaten record this year by winning in 14.6, Hildreth being a very close second in 14.7.

RELAY DISPUTE

The 4 x 100m. relay was the last event of the day and after a great race between two well matched teams, Britain were first home in 41 secs. An umpire reported that the British team had transgressed the rules and after considerable discussion which went on long after the first day's programme had concluded, the Referee upheld the umpire's decision and the announced disqualification was to stand, only to be annulled the following day after further discussion.

It transpired that Michael Ruddy, on the third stage, had two spike marks actually on his inside line. This was interpreted by the Czechs as gaining an advantage, which meant disqualification. The British view was that no material advantage had been gained and this was later agreed by the Czechs and settled amicably.

In the hop, step and jump we badly missed Ken Wilmshurst, suffering from a painful ankle, damaged some time ago, and a bruised heel Stableforth took his place and though beating Field, was well below the two Czechs, who thus gained maximum points.

In the javelin both Cullen and Tucker performed well and beat Jilek, the Czech second string, though not approaching Perek, who won with nearly 230ft.

Peter Allday continued his consistent throwing in international matches with 183ft. 6in., though it did not stop the Czechs taking first and second through Maca and Engl, two of the best in Europe.

Douglas was again disappointing and seems unable to reproduce his Scottish form in these fixtures.

In the women's 100m., Anne Pashley streaked away from the gun to win unchallenged in 12.2, and Heather Armitage was a good second. The two Czech girls were not quite up to this class.

The 800m. provided us with just as easy a victory and it was pleasing to find not only Diane Leather going right away to record her fastest time and equal that of Nina Otkalenko in Moscow, but to find Norah Smalley also accomplishing a personal best with 2:10.6 in second place. Once again the Czech girls were never in the hunt.

It was a different tale in the hurdles, however, and something of a tragedy for Pam Elliott, who hit the second hurdle and never regained her usual poise and rhythm. This let Trkalova get away and this girl is too good to be given an advantage and be caught. She was a sound winner in 11.5, with Margaret Francis just getting the better of Elliott in 11.7.

Both our girls performed in great style in the high jump and Thelma Hopkins' winning effort of 1.71 metres represents a shade under 5ft. 7½ins. Dorothy Tyler was also at her best with 5ft. 5½ins. but this was not good enough to prevent Modrachova from taking second place with just over an inch better.

As usual, in the one heavy event, the weight, we were outclassed and had to give the two Czech girls best, Voborilova winning with 45ft. 10½in.

At the end of the day, allowing for the reversal of the disqualification verdict in the relay, Britain led by 51pts. to 44 in the men's events, and by 31pts. to 24 in the women's events.

First Day

100m: 1, V. Janecek (C) 10.6; 2, M. Ruddy (GB) 10.8; 3, E. Sandstrom (GB) 10.9; 4, M. Horcic (C) 11.0.

400m (distance run was only 390m.): 1, M. Wheeler (GB) 45.9; 2, V. Janecek (C) 46.6; 3, P. Fryer (GB) 46.9; 4, P. Vrecnik (C) 47.6.

1500m: 1, B. S. Hewson (GB) 3:48.4; 2, K. Wood (GB) 3:49.0; 3, S. Jungwirth (C) 3:49.8; 4, D. Cikel (C) 3:57.4.

5000m: 1, D. A. G. Pirie (GB) 14:03.8; 2, E. Zatopek (C) 14:04.0; 3, K. Norris (GB) 14:04.0; 4, M. Tomis (C) 14:31.0.

110m.Hdls: 1, F. J. Parker (GB) 14.6; 2, P. Hildreth (GB) 14.7; 3, I. Veselsky (C) 15.1; 4, V. Becvarovsky (C) 15.4.

4 x 100m. Relay: 1, Gt. Britain (G. Ellis, E. Sandstrom, M. Ruddy, B. Shenton) finished first in 41.0; 2, Czechoslovakia (F. Broz., M. Horcic V. Janecek, Z. Prochazka) 41.2.

Hop, Step and Jump: 1, V. Kalecky (C) 50'

0½"; 2, J. Mracek (C) 49'6"; 3, P. G. Stableforth (GB) 46'6¼"; 4, D. Field (GB) 45'11¼".

Javelin: 1, J. Perek (C) 229'7½"; 2, P. Cullen (GB) 213'10¼"; 3, D. Tucker (GB) 211'6"; 4, P. Jilek (C) 207'0¼".

Hammer: 1, M. Maca (C) 192'8¼"; 2, O. Engl (C) 189'0½"; 3, P. Allday (GB) 183'6"; 4, E. Douglas (GB) 171'9¼".

Women

100m: 1, A. Pashley (GB) 12.2; 2, H. Armitage (GB) 12.4; 3, L. Strejckova (C) 12.7; 4, V. Svajgrova (C) 12.7.

800m: 1, D. Leather (GB) 2:06.9; 2, N. Smalley (GB) 2:10.6; 3, K. Navratilova (C) 2:21.0; 4, J. Kosilkova (C) 2:21.8.

80mHdls.: 1, M. Trkalova (C) 11.5; 2, M. Francis (GB) 11.7; 3, P. Elliott (GB) 11.8; 4, A. Stolzova (C) 11.9.

High Jump: 1, T. Hopkins (GB) 5'7¼"; 2, O. Modrachova (C) 5'6¼" (Czech. rec.); 3, D. Tyler (GB) 5'5¾"; 4, A. Holarkova (C) 5'1".

Weight: 1, J. Voborilova (C) 45'10¼"; 2, V. Vykusova (C) 44'1¼"; 3, J. Cook (GB) 38'2¼"; 4, D. Coates (GB) 37'6¼".

SECOND DAY

Overnight and morning rain, and a cold wind did not help performances on the second day. Even so, the standard of performance was extremely high and the British athletes rose to the occasion in fine style to "bring home the bacon."

In the morning a statement was issued by the Referee which nullified the disqualification of the British relay team the previous day, and when this was announced in the afternoon it appeared to be as popular with the sporting Czech crowd as it was with the British team.

Once again Janecek proved too good for our sprinters in the 200m., but Michael Ruddy put up some spirited opposition before giving him best, showing 21.9 to Janecek's 21.7.

There was a scrambling start to the 800m. and Jungwirth took the lead, with Liska second, Hewson third and a tired Johnson fourth. This order was maintained until just before the bell, when Hewson moved up and, passing the halfway mark in 55.5, went all the way to the



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finish without letting up or giving his opponents a chance to get near him. The time was an excellent 1:48.2. Liska was a good second and Derek Johnson ran a gallant race to hold off Jungwirth and take third place.

The 10,000 metres was, of course, the race everyone was waiting for, to see if Pirie could repeat his performance of the previous day, or whether "the master" could reverse the decision in the longer race, which he finds more to his liking nowadays.

Pirie and Sando went off at a good pace and covered the first lap in 67.2, but Zatopek was quite content with a slow start of 71.6. This gap opened to 35 yards and lap after lap it remained the same, until, after eight laps had been covered Zatopek started moving up and within two laps he was with the British pair and a lap later had taken the lead. With eight laps of the 25 still to go, Zatopek had a lead of 20 yards over Sando, who was in turn some 10 yards in front of Pirie. From then on the gap between the Czech and the British runners gradually increased until, at the finish, it was 150 yards or more. With 6½ laps to go Pirie went past Sando and gradually got away from his colleague to finish second by some 90 yards, with Santrucek a similar distance further behind.

Opposed to that excellent steeplechaser, Brlica, the British pair of Disley and Brasher ran a grand race. On the fourth lap, with Disley leading, Brlica hit the top of a hurdle with his trailing leg, turned what might have been a nasty fall into a gymnastic somersault and came up again on to his feet. He may have been a trifle shaken but lost little ground. Disley hesitated, then went on, closely followed by Brasher. The stocky Brlica determinedly went after and caught up with the British runners, but when they piled on the pace on the last lap he just could not find any more and had to be content with third place.

The 400m. hurdles saw a Shaw who had regained his form. Drawn in the inside lane, with Bartos in the next lane and Kane in lane 3, Shaw ran a well judged race and was with Kane as they came into the straight several yards clear of Bartos. The two British runners were going away, and with Shaw coming through strongly to win, Kane did not fight his colleague too hard, no doubt with the coming relay in mind.

The 4 x 400m. relay was a very easy victory for Britain. Higgins gained several yards and the gap gradually widened so that Wheeler had an easy task on the last stage and came home comfortably 35 yards to the good.

The long jump was a close contest with six inches covering the four competitors. Ken Wilmhurst got in a good jump early on, which was fortunate as his ankle and heel were still troublesome, and this gave him first place. Cruttenden split the Czech pair to gain a few more points

With Geoff Elliott beating Krejcar and winning with 13ft. 9½in., and Ward taking third place on failures, this event was also on the credit side.

In the discus, though we were up against some really hot competition and could take only the two last places, Mark Pharaoh was within an inch of 170ft. for a best ever performance by a British athlete. Unfortunately, owing to the archaic rules applying to records in Britain, this cannot count as a record though it was accomplished under conditions which would satisfy anyone.

After having to be content with taking a back seat to Bill Palmer for a time, John Savidge managed to turn the tables in the weight and, with Czech record holder Jiri Skobla absent on account of an injury received at football, his distance of 51ft. 9½in. gave him first place, with Palmer just over an inch behind and Smid less than that behind Palmer in third place.

In the women's events, Jean Scrivens and Shirley Hampton showed a clean pair of heels to the Czech girls in the 200m. and in the 4 x 100m. relay our superiority was even more marked, Anne Pashley, with her jet propelled start pulling back their stagger on the first stage for the rest of the team to go right away and win by 12 yards.

Less than 10 inches covered the four girls competing in the long jump, and Thelma Hopkins and Sheila Hoskin took the first two places, Thelma completing a great double with her 19ft. 10½in.

Though Dana Zatopkova was in a class of her own in the javelin, despite being not quite fit, Ann Collins was not far behind Smejarklova, the Czech second string. Diane Coates seems unable to get back her old form and was out-classed.

The Czech girls took the first two places

in the discus, but our pair did better than in Moscow and were not disgraced with their throws in the middle thirties.

The final result was better than British followers could have expected. An apparently tired team really pulled the chestnuts out of the fire on the second day and consolidated the slight advantage gained on the first. The weather was none too kind in Prague, but it was a happy, if weary team which left the Strahov Stadium for their hotel after a pleasant match.

200m: 1, V. Janecek (C) 21.7; 2, M. J. Ruddy (GB) 21.9; 3, G. S. Ellis (GB) 22.2; 4, J. Sequens (C) 22.4.

800m: 1, B. S. Hewson (GB) 1:48.2; 2, L. Liska (C) 1:50.6; 3, D. J. N. Johnson (GB) 1:51.2; 4, S. Jungwirth (C) 1:51.3.

10,000m: 1, E. Zatopek (C) 29:25.6; 2, D. A. G. Pirie (GB) 29:54.0; 3, F. D. Sando (GB) 30:08.0; 4, J. Santrucek (C) 30:22.2.

3000m. S'Chase: 1, J. I. Disley (GB) 9:06.4; 2, C. W. Brasher (GB) 9:06.8; 3, V. Brlica (C) 9:08.0; 4, J. Slavicek (C) 9:12.4.

400m.Hdls: 1, R. D. Shaw (GB) 52.1; 2, H. Kane (GB) 52.5; 3, L. Bartos (C) 53.1; 4, D. Zajdlikn (C) 55.2.

4 x 400m. Relay: 1, Gt. Britain (F. Higgins, H. Kane, P. Fryer, M. Wheeler) 3:13.6; 2, Czechoslovakia (P. Vrecnik, J. Jirasek, L. Liska, A. Bodebred) 3:18.8.

Long Jump: 1, R. Wilmshurst (GB) 23'7½"; 2, J. Fikej (C) 23'4"; 3, A. R. Cruttenden (GB) 23'2¼"; 4, Z. Prochazka (C) 23'1½".

High Jump: 1, J. Kovar (C) 6'6"; 2, J. Lansky (C) 6'6"; 3, P. G. Stableforth (GB) 6'0¼"; 4, W. Piper (GB) 5'10¼".

Pole Vault: 1, G. M. Elliott (GB) 13'9¼"; 2, J. Krejcar (C) 13'5¼"; 3, I. Ward (GB) 12'9¾"; 4, J. Smehlik (C) 12'9¾".

Weight: 1, J. A. Savidge (GB) 51'9¼"; 2, W. B. L. Palmer (GB) 51'8"; 3, J. Smid (C) 51'7¼"; 4, J. Stoklasa (C) 47'11".

Discus: 1, K. Merta (C) 180'5¼"; 2, Z. Cihak (C) 170'3¼"; 3, M. Pharaoh (GB) 169'11" (Brit. best perf.); 4, G. A. Carr (GB) 153'10¼".

Women

200m: 1, J. Scrivens (GB) 24.8; 2, S. Hampton (GB) 25.2; 3, Z. Ptackova (C) 26.0; 4, L. Strejckova (C) 26.1.

4 x 100m. Relay: 1, Gt. Britain (A. Pashley, J. Scrivens, H. Armitage, S. Francis) 47.1; 2, Czechoslovakia (E. Ptackova, H. Kovarikova, V. Svajgrova, L. Strejckova) 48.5.

Long Jump: 1, T. Hopkins (GB) 19'10¼"; 2, S. Hoskin (GB) 19'4¼"; 3, Z. Rozkosna (C) 19'1"; 4, O. Modrachova (C) 19'0¼".

Discus: 1, O. Fikotova (C) 150'9½"; 2, J. Voborilova (C) 141'3½"; 3, M. Giri (GB) 137'7¼"; 4, S. Needham (GB) 133'8¼".

Javelin: 1, D. Zatopkova (C) 154'0¼"; 2, M. Smejarklova (C) 135'8¼"; 3, A. Collins (GB) 132'6"; 4, D. Coates (GB) 116'5½".

On My Travels

By "ROAMER"

IN the tremendous interest caused by the recent international matches in Moscow and Prague, the fine performance last Saturday by **Don Anthony** in the Sefton Brancker Trophy match at Uxbridge, may have escaped notice.

A mid-season injury at a most inconvenient time—a badly torn stomach muscle—eventually brought the advice that he should take six weeks' rest from athletics. In consequence, Don accepted an invitation to go to the Swedish National Sports Institute at Boson, near Stockholm, to recuperate.

He returned only last Friday after having done no serious hammer throwing for some considerable time. The following day he went to Uxbridge for the Trophy match and, much to his own surprise and pleasure, threw 183ft.

The visits to Moscow and Prague opened up

a new vista in international athletics and the "News of the World" will sponsor a return match with the Russians next year at the White City, a match which should fill the stadium to overflowing. This opening of the doors, so to speak, was a start and may well lead to better mutual international relations all round. There is still much room for this, for on the trips to both Moscow and Prague it was noticeable that though our party had a most cordial reception, there is still much reticence and, shall we say, a "veil" beyond which one is not invited. Such sporting matches can do nothing but good and the better we get to know one another, the better it will be for all concerned.

I hear there are quite a number of likely marathon aspirants who are thinking of going over to the road during the next 12 months. If all who are thinking of it really do so, we



Finish of the women's 100 yards in the London A.A Championships at Hurlingham. L. to R.: S. Wright (Highgate) No. 2, 4th; E. Free (Brookfield Manor) No. 6, 2nd; D. G. Simmonds (Mitcham) No. 1, 1st in 11.9sec.; B. Jones (Selsonia) No. 4, 3rd.

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might well produce another **Peters** before Melbourne comes round. Some of them are young enough and fast enough to make some of the older brigade look to their laurels if their stamina, temperament and judgment match their speed. Jack Braughton's experience this year, when he ran his fastest ever 3 miles, inside 14mins., a week after he had run in the Poly marathon, has provoked several more of his club colleagues to endeavour to emulate his example, and two who, I hear, are toying with the idea are **Roy Morley** and **Tony Weeks-Pearson**, the latter when a troublesome bruised knee which has kept him out of athletics all this summer, is back to normal.

Devon clubs have decided to form a cross-country league, with a fixture in each of the North, South, East and West Devon areas. They expect to have about eight teams to commence and it is hoped to inaugurate a Youth Championship on similar lines. The first meeting is being held at Paignton on October 8th.

Talking of Devon, I hear that **Dennis Crook**, who had to retire from the 3 miles during the Paignton Regatta meeting this summer with a

painful knee injury, has not found his trouble yielding to treatment. Perhaps a winter's rest from running will bring about the desired result. Devon can ill afford to lose one of the best athletes they have ever produced.

SURREY COUNTY COACHING COURSE

The Surrey County A.A.A. are arranging a coaching course at Glyn House, Ewell, on 28th to 30th October, 1955, in co-operation with the C.C.P.R., the Surrey Education Committee, and the Race Walking Association. The course, which is for residential and non-residential students, will consist of—Long, High and Triple Jumps taken by G. J. Pallett, the County Chief Coach; Sprinting and Hurdling taken by J. W. Wheatley, Hon. A.A.A. Senior Coach; and Race Walking taken by the National Coach, H. H. Whitlock. The course will be open to both men and women and a number of places will be reserved for non-county applicants. Will those interested apply without delay to the C.C.P.R., London and S.E. Region, 6 Bedford Square, W.C1. The closing date for applications will be 14th October.

KIRKUP WINS GODIVA 20 MILES ROAD RACE

Coventry Godiva's 20 miles open road race, last Saturday, was won by Eddie Kirkup, of Rotherham, in the excellent time of 1hr. 48min. 19sec., over a four lap course of undulating road.

Fifty-two runners faced the starter, and of these 43 completed the course. Kirkup went into the lead from the start and held it throughout. For three of the four laps, Arthur Keily, of Derby, was in second place, and at 15 miles, reached by Kirkup in 1:20.07, Keily was just in front of Eric Smith (Leeds Harehills), Lancaster (Manchester) and Clark (Herne Hill). These last three ran fast last laps to pass the Derby runner and, in actual fact, Smith and Lancaster ran faster over this lap than the winner.

Lancaster, whose last five miles was run in



N. FONTYN (Hercules) winning the men's 100 yards in the London A.A. Championships at Hurlingham in 10.3sec. *E. D. Lacey*

27.30, seven seconds faster than Smith and forty-two seconds faster than Kirkup, looks likely to develop into a top class road runner.

Bernie Hames (Essex Beagles) was lying in 6th place at 15 miles with 1:22.16, but retired, and this position went to Trevor Joyce, the young Epsom and Ewell runner in the Navy, who led the next bunch home some five minutes after the first five had finished. Manchester took the team honours.

W.L.C.
 1, E. Kirkup (Rotherham) 1:48.19
 2, J. Lancaster (Manchester) 1:49.19
 3, E. L. Smith (Harehills) 1:49.28
 4, R. S. Clark (Herne Hill) 1:50.20; 5, A. P. Keily (Derby) 1:50.38; 6, T. W. Joyce (Epsom and E.) 1:55.47; 7, N. Ashcroft (Manchester) 1:56.37; 8, W. R. Keily (Derby) 1:57.34; 9, E. Wilson (Lincoln W.) 1:58.50; 10, C. B. Colson (Manchester) 1:59.04; 11, R. Wood (Rotherham) 2:00.58; 12, A. H. Mail (Derby) 2:01.05; 13, M. F. Porter (Manchester) 2:01.17; 14, A. Cockcroft (Harehills) 2:02.02; 15, D. R. McDonald (Hull) 2:02.14; 16, J. Dawson (Winnington Pk.) 2:02.20; 17, R. Davies (Godiva) 2:03.18; 18, J. Church (Godiva) 2:03.26; 19, R. Cross (Highgate) 2:03.58; 20, J. Waller (Godiva) 2:04.16; 21, C. Waudby (Hull) 2:04.55; 22, M. Kirkwood (Hull) 2:05.53; 23, E. Toft (Royton) 2:06.00; 24, T. B. Hardy (Birchfield) 2:06.33; 25, J. T. Keily (Derby) 2:11.01; 26, W. Hage (Notts) 2:11.01; 27, D. H. Jones (Winn. Pk.) 2:11.45; 28, R. Dalton (Derby) 2:12.29; 29, W. L. Carr (Q.P.H.) 2:17.33; 30, G. R. Harvey (Winn. Pk.) 2:19.36. **Teams:** 1, Manchester 19 pts.; 2, Derby 25; 3, Godiva 55; 4, Herne Hill 58.

"JOE LOUIS" TROPHY MEETING

September 3rd

Mile Team: 1, Essex Beagles. **Ind.:** B. Jackson (EB) 4:14.2; **3M. Team:** 1, Ilford A.C. **Ind.** K. Harland (Camb. H.) 14:42.0; **2M. Walk:** Woodford Green; **LJ (2 to score):** Vict. Pk. 40' 8½"; **Wt:** QPH 80'9"; **J:** Polytechnic 313'0"; **4 x 110 Relay:** Essex Beagles 43.8 (track rec.); **4 x 220:** Essex Beagles 90.5; **4 x 880:** Essex Beagles 7:51.0; **Result:** 1, Essex Beagles 43pts.; 2, Victoria Pk. H. 26; 3, Cambridge H. 25; 4, Polytechnic H. 22; 5, Ilford 21. **Juniors "W. H. Sugden" Trophy. Mile Team:** Camb. H.; **HJ (2 to score):** Southgate 10'11"; **PV:** Southend 20'6"; **D:** Southend 268'6"; **4 x 110 Relay:** Poly. H. 45.5; **4 x 440:** Essex Beagles 3:36.4; **4 x 880:** Essex Beagles 8:23.2. **Result:** 1, Cambridge H. 27pts.; 2, Essex Beagles 26; 3, Southgate 19; 4, Poly. H. 15; 5, Southend 14.

**PAY CORPS WIN TEAM RACE IN
SALISBURY ROAD RACE
September 10th**

Senior 5 Miles:

1. *J. E. Gamlin (Westbury) 23.40
2. D. J. Wheatley (Shaftesbury "A")... 23.51
3. D. Dobson (Eastleigh "A") 23.56
4. *D. Wright (Bolton Utd.) 24.00; 5. R. G. Franklin (Newport) 24.10; 6. L. D. G. Reed (RAPC/TC Devizes) 24.35; 7. T. W. Hayden (Portsmouth) 24.40; 8. *B. P. James (Oxford) 24.48; 9. D. J. Chun (Swindon) 24.49; 10. J. R. Pettitt (RAPC/TC) 24.50; 11. T. C. Wood (Newport) 24.51; 12. P. Porter (Oxford) 24.55; 13. B. A. Roberts (Shaftes. "B") 24.58; 14. H. Downer (Eastleigh "A") 25.00; 15. B. J. Deary (RAPC/TC) 25.02; 16. M. Dunmill (Oxford) 25.06; 17. J. J. Cunningham (Shaftes. "A") 25.07; 18. G. Scuttis (Portsmouth "A") 25.08; 19. M. J. Bradley (RAF, Yatesbury) 25.17; 20. L. W. Armstrong (RAPC/TC) 25.20; 21. P. R. Clark (Salisbury) 25.23; 22. S. F. Beale (Shaftes. "B") 25.25; 23. P. N. Hobson (Ports. "B") 25.27; 24. J. A. Chaplin (Shaftes. "A") 25.29; 25. D. G. Smith (SLH) 25.32.

* Individual

1st Novice: E. Clayton (Swindon) 26.34 39th.

1st Veteran: H. J. Ashton (Shaftes.) 26.50 44th.

Teams:

- | | Pts. |
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| 1. RAPC/TC Devizes | (4. 7.12.) 23 |
| 2. Shaftesbury "A" | (2.11.25.) 38 |
| 3. Eastleigh "A" | (5.15.30) 50 |
| 4. Newport 36; 5. Portsmouth "A" 50; 6. Oxford AC 51; 7. Shaftesbury "B" 69; 8. RAF, Yatesbury 76; 9. Swindon 77; 10. Portsmouth "B" 80. | |

Junior 2½ Miles:

1. C. Kennedy (Salisbury) 13.09
2. K. Smith (Bristol) 13.12
3. B. Lillicrap (Salis.) 13.26
4. W. Wheeler (Portsmouth) 13.32; 5. T. Porter (Portsmouth) 13.32; 6. T. Upsher (Bristol) 14.13; 7. E. Mash (Bristol) 14.14; 8. D. George (Yeovil) 14.20; 9. K. Jones (Eastleigh) 14.24; 10. S. Bulpiitt (Southampton) 14.26; 11. C. Beswick (Portsmouth) 14.34; 12. P. Waterhouse (Salisbury) 14.38; 13. K. Allen (Bristol) 14.51; 14. P. Davis (Bath) 14.52; 15. J. Denton (Salisbury) 14.53.

Teams:

- 1, Bristol; 2, Salisbury "A"; 3, Portsmouth; 4, Salisbury "B."

Youths:

1. J. Lindsell (Portsmouth) 13.41
2. C. Plumpton (Portsmouth) 13.49
3. G. Drew (Portsmouth) 13.56
4. D. Bridge (Shaftes.) 13.57; 5. D. Solway (Bristol) 14.12; 6. J. Benniman (Salis.) 14.15;



D. THOMPSON (Metropolitan W.C.) during the London to Brighton Walk, which he won in the time of 8hr. 6m. 24s. E. D. Lacey

7. J. Gingell (Bristol) 14.17; 8. E. Lindsell (Ports.) 14.26; 9. R. Bailey (Ports.) 14.27; 10. G. Nutten (Bristol) 14.50.

**SURREY COUNTY A.A.A. RELAY
September 10th**

- 1, Herne Hill H. (A. Towl 14.4, V. Fowle 14.13, M. Maynard 13.37, A. Heywood 14.36, R. Clark 13.38, J. Heywood 13.55) 1hr. 24m. 3s.; 2, Surrey A.C. (D. Caulder 14.31, W. Smart 14.46, B. Barrett 13.27, K. Caulder 13.45, J. Cleverley 14.24, J. Butler 14.03) 1hr.24m.56s.; 3, South London H. (D. Sudbury 15.01, F. Gilson 14.31, C. Wilson 14.21, R. Darchambaud 14.05, M. Firth 13.48, P. Pirie 14.00) 1hr.25m. 36s.; 4, Walton 1:27.38; 5, Epsom and Ewell 1:28.05; 6, Sutton and Cheam 1:28.13; 7, Mitcham 1:28.14; 8, Belgrave 1:28.17; 9, Farnham 1:29.33; 10, Guildford and Godalming 1:34.5; 11, Woking 1:36.9. **Fastest laps:** B. Barrett (Surrey A.C.) 13.27; M. Maynard (Herne Hill) 13.37; R. Clark (Herne Hill) 13.38.

FAST MILE IN LEYTON JUNIOR FLOODLIT MEETING

September 14th

220: 1, D. Segal (TVH); 2, B. Rider (Woodford Gn.); 3, P. Woodhouse (Hornsey St.M.) 22.3.

880: 1, R. Beaumont (Shaftesbury) 1:57.2; 2, D. Robins (Southall) 1:58.8; 3, D. Searle (Ilford) 1:58.9.

1 Mile: 1, D. Haith (TVH) 4:16.8; 2, B. Langridge (SLH) 4:16.8; 3, D. Stearns (Loughton) 4:23.0.

2M. Walk: 1, A. Aylen (Enfield) 15:51.0; 2, B. Lee (Camb. H.) 15:54.4; 3, D. Stevens (Walton) 16:00.1.

Pole Vault: 1, M. Nugent (J. Fisher Sch.) 12'0"; 2, W. Worth (Uxbridge) 11'0"; 3, Reynolds (Southend) 10'6".

Hammer: 1, M. Ellis (TVH) 195'1"; 2, J. Pullinger (Gosport) 178'7"; 3, P. Saunders (Eton M.) 156'1".

Youths:

100: 1, M. Hughes (Poly.) 10.6; 2, J. Vousden (Poly.) 10.6; 3, M. Elliott (Hornchurch) 10.8.

1 Mile: 1, B. Linke (Sutton and C.); 2, H. Lydiate (Hercules); 3, B. Ashby (Hornsey St. M.) 4:27.8.

110Hdls.: 1, M. Stokley (Alleyns Sch.) 14.6; 2, J. Wilkes (Croydon) 15.2; 3, W. Humphries (Eton M.) 15.4.

Junior Women:

80: 1, J. Smith (Essex LAC) 10.0; 2, P. Tucker (Essex LAC) 10.0; 3, A. Pollack (Brookfield M.) 10.0.

150: 1, J. Jones (Selsonia) 18.0; 2, P. Harrigan (Essex LAC) 18.6; 3, P. Bentley (Essex LAC) 18.6.

4 x 110 Relay: 1, Essex LAC 53.9; 2, Romford 54.6; 3, Brookfield M. 54.8.

Intermediate:

100: 1, P. Wyatt (Ilford) 11.3; 2, B. Sullivan (Brookfield M.) 11.8; 3, J. Drury (Ilford) 11.9.

80y. Hdls.: 1, J. Terry (Essex LAC) 11.8; 2, P. Rutt (Brookfield M.) 11.8; 3, B. Bentall (Romford) 12.4, 11.8.

High Jump: 1, B. Bentall (Romford) 4'8"; 2, J. Norman (Essex LAC) 4'7"; 3, G. Symonds (Selsonia) 4'6".

4 x 110 Relay: 1, Ilford; 2, Southgate; 3, Brookfield M. 52.5.

SEFTON BRANCKER TROPHY MEETING

Uxbridge, Sept. 17th

It was 25 years ago that Sir Sefton Brancker, instigator of this competition, lost his life in the R101 disaster. The meeting proved a close tussle throughout and the tide was turned in favour of the R.A.F. by Mark Pharaoh, who made a dash from London Airport on his return from Prague to win both shot and discus, the latter with a record throw of 158'4".

New records were also created by M. Harradine (Middx.), javelin 205'8"; and E. Stewart (RAF), high jump 6'2". Stewart is also R.A.F. Heavyweight Boxing Champion.

Ivan Mayer completed the 100yds. and 220 yds. "double" for Middlesex, whilst Roger Dunkley and Pat Ranger in farewell performances (they both leave the R.A.F. this week) filled the first two places in the 3 miles.

100: 1, I. Mayers (Mx) 10.3; 2, Cpl. D. Fontyn (RAF) 10.4; 3, F/O D. G. Simmonds (RAF) 11.4. **220:** 1, I. Mayers (Mx) 23.0; 2, Cpl. D. Fontyn (RAF) 23.1; 3, A/C D. H. Segal (RAF) 23.6. **440:** 1, J. W. Mitchell (CS) 49.7; 2, R. Baker (Mx) 50.7; 3, A/C R. Frampton (RAF) 51.4. **880:** 1, LAC W. Caiger (RAF) 1:56.3; 2, A. Beaumont (RAF) 1:56.9; 3, M. Blaygrove (Mx) 1:57.2. **1 Mile:** SAC J. Cameron (RAF) 4:14.4; 2, Cpl. P. R. Clark (RAF) 4:15.0; 3, F. Salvat (Mx) 4:17.0. **3M:** Cpl. R. Dunkley (RAF) 14:04.0; 2, Cpl. W. P. Ranger (RAF)

14:11.6; 3, C. French (Mx) 14:13.4. **2M. Walk:** 1, B. Hawkins (Mx) 14:35.4; 2, A/C R. Fidler (RAF) 15:15.2; 3, R. Hutchinson (Mx) 15:26.2. **120Hdls.:** 1, A/C J. T. Johnstone (RAF) 15.9; 2, D. O'Sullivan (Mx) 15.9; 3, J. Hodge (Mx) 16.2. **LJ:** 1, D. Brown (Mx) 22'8½"; 2, A/C D. Bridgen (RAF) 22'0"; 3, A. Whittaker (Mx) 21'7". **HJ:** 1, LAC E. A. Stewart (RAF) 6'2" (meet. rec.); 2, C. Vandyck (Mx) 6'2"; 3, R. Pavitt (Mx) 6'0". **HSJ:** 1, G. Roden (Mx) 44'3½"; 2, L. H. Platt (CS) 42'4"; 3, S. E. Cross (CS) 42'4". **Wt:** 1, P/O M. Pharaoh (RAF) 43'9"; 2, J. Sampson (CS) 41'5"; 3, A. Bland (Mx) 40'10". **D:** 1, P/O M. Pharaoh (RAF) 156'8" (meet. rec.); 2, J. Sampson (CS) 143'0"; 3, T. O'Neal (Mx) 130'6". **J:** 1, M. Harradine (Mx) 205'8" (meet. rec.); 2, C. Smith (Mx) 199'3"; 3, R. Liggins (CS) 182'4". **Result:** 1, R.A.F. 86pts.; 2, Middlesex 65½pts.; 3, Civil Service 31½pts.

Invitation Events:

3000m. S'chase: 1, A. C. Porter (Finchley) 9:36.2; 2, M. J. Palmer (RAF) 9:37.8; 3, D. Stearns (Wood. Gn.) 9:41.8. **PV:** 1, G. D. Howland (Shaftes.) 12'0"; 2, A. B. Hopkins (Walton) 12'0"; 3, R. B. Hayden (Ilford) 11'0". **H:** 1, D. Anthony (Poly.) 183'0"; 2, P. L. Porter (Belgrave) 163'5"; 3, Sgt. C. Harper (RAF) 162'5".

ST. ALBANS WIN SURREY A.C.

CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY

The third annual cross-country relay race for the "J.W. Hunt" Cup, sponsored by the Surrey Athletic Club, took place over the Club course in Richmond Park, last Saturday. Nineteen teams of six took part, each runner having to run one lap of 2½ miles.

St. Alban's City A.C. were first home with an aggregate time of 95mins. 26secs., beating the course record by 20secs. Herne Hill Harriers, last year's winners, were second in 96mins. 35 secs. and Blackheath Harriers third in 98mins. 23secs. M. L. Barratt, of Ealing A.C., beat by one second his own record for the fastest lap.

1, St. Albans City A.C. "A" (P. B. Palmer 16.06, M. J. Blyth 15.52, E. J. Kean 16.10, D. O'Gorman 15.32, J. Knopf 15.50, J. Thorpe 15.56) 95mins. 26secs.; 2, Herne Hill H. "A" (L. Mackenzie 16.15, A. Towl 15.48, A. Heywood 16.31, M. Maynard 15.25, V. G. Fowle 16.26, J. Heywood 16.10) 96mins. 35secs.; 3, Blackheath H. "A" (R. Morley 16.04, J. Withers 16.59, D. Bentley 16.14, C. Lust 16.26, L. Fletcher 15.57, A. J. Brent 16.43) 98mins. 23 secs.; 4, TVH "A" 98.43; 5, Surrey A.C. "A" 99:04; 6, Ealing H. "A" 100:07; 7, R.A.P.C. Devizes 101:01; 8, Epsom and Ewell H. 101:30; 9, Walton A.C. "A" 101:37; 10, Blackheath H. "B" 104:07; 11, Herne Hill H. "B" 104:49; 12, Walton A.C. "B" 107:37; 13, St. Albans A.C. "B" 107:44; 14, TVH "B" 108:31; 15, Ealing H. "B" 108:38; 16, TVH "D" 108:41; 17, Ranelagh 109:44; 18, TVH "E" 111:37; 19, Surrey A.C. "B" 112:57.

Fastest laps: M. L. Barratt (Ealing) 15.19; B. T. Barrett (Surrey AC) 15.21; M. R. Maynard (HHH) 15.26.

Women

W.A.A.A. PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Women's A.A.A. Pentathlon Championship was held at Birmingham University Ground on Saturday, September 17th, when the weather was fine but cold, and a troublesome wind did not help the competitors. Some fine performances were seen and the winners of each event showed good form. Janice Long, of Eastbourne, who had the best performance in the high jump, will improve and it would be no surprise if she should prove a medal winner in next year's national championships. Margaret Rowley, of Birchfield, the winner, continued to show consistency with the shot, though this performance was her worst in open competition this season. The Midland Cham-

pionship was held in conjunction with the national event.

Result: 1, M. Rowley (Birchfield H.) 3943 pts.; 2, C. Quinton (Birchfield H.) 3786; 3, J. E. Long (Eastbourne R.) 3744; 4, A. Spencer (Airedale H.) 3603; 5, M. Bridgeford (Spartan) 3575; 6, M. Nusser (Birchfield H.) 3517.

Best Performances: Long Jump: 1, P. French (Spartan) 17'2½"; 2, C. Quinton 16'10"; 3, J. Long 16'9¼"; 4, M. Rowley 16'8½". **200m:** 1, C. Quinton 25.9; 2, J. Andrews (Oldbury) 26.1; 3, M. Nusser 26.3 (Rowley 27.0). **80mH:** 1, C. Quinton 11.7 and S. Mackay (Darlington) 11.7; 3, M. Rowley 12.3. **High Jump:** 1, J. Long 4'11½"; 2, M. Rowley 4'9¼"; 3, C. Quinton 4'7½", and A. Parker (Birchfield) 4'7½". **Shot:** 1, M. Rowley 35'2"; 2, M. Nusser 34'0½"; 3, A. Spencer 32'10".

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3, Eriksson (S) 48'8"; 4, Hohnke (G) 46'5". **H.T.:** 1, Asplund (S) 187'7½"; 2, Ziermann (G) 183'7½"; 3, Storch (G) 181'3¼"; 4, Jonsson (S) 172'7¼". **J.T.:** 1, Will (G) 252'7½"; 2, Sjostrom (S) 237'3¼"; 3, Rieder (G) 232'1¼"; 4, Fredriksson (S) 224'5¼". **4 x 400m:** 1, Sweden (Lindgren 49.2, Elofsson 48.2, Wolfbrandt 47.8, Pettersson 47.8) 3:13.0; 2, Germany (Geister 49.2, Dohrow 50.0, Blummel 47.6, Haas 46.2) 3:13.0.

News in Brief

At Alhambra, Parry O'Brien put the Shot 59'4¼" for the best of 1955, whilst Bob Richards vaulted 14'11¼".

Tabori and Iharos recorded 4:03.6 at Stockholm for the Mile, with Nielsen (Denmark) third in 4:03.8.

Tabori again beat Nielsen, this time in Oslo, when equalling Iharos' world record of 3:40.8. Nielsen's time was also 3:40.8 with Boysen (Norway) third in 3:48.4.

On 30th August, Boysen broke his own world 1000m. record with a time of 2:19.0, the 800m. post was passed in 1:51.0.

Running for Hungary against Poland at Budapest, on Sept. 11th. Sandor Iharos collected his fourth world record for 1955, when he broke Kuz' 5000 metres time of 13:51.2 with a performance of 13:50.8. Kuz retaliated with 13:46.8 in an International meeting in Belgrade on Sept. 18th.

On September 19th, in Belgrade, two further world records were made — Nina Otkalenko 2:06.4 for 800m., and M. Krivososov 211ft. 10¼ in., with the hammer

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