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# WALKING

By A. D. McSweeney

## DON THOMPSON'S SIXTH "BRIGHTON" WIN

**G**OLD MEDALLIST DON THOMPSON won his sixth consecutive London to Brighton and from the moment he left "Big Ben" had a lone trek to the coast, the rest of the 64 starters keeping well behind, no doubt as a mark of respect. The race became one between Don Thompson of 1960 and Don Thompson of 1957, and the latter had then clocked 7h.35m.12s. for record.

Anxious to get away from the photographers at Westminster DT ('60) got to Streatham Hill (5 miles) 1m.29s. ahead of DT ('57). Here his usual companion, Tom Misson, was a quarter mile back. At South Croydon (10½ miles) DT ('60) was 4 mins. ahead of the field and 2m.13s. in front of the record. Misson fell to 7 mins. behind at Merstham, at which he retired suffering leg strain. The 20 miles check showed:

1, Thompson 2:44.20—3.55 better than DT ('57); 2, Green 3:0:10; 3, Watson 3:1.20; 4, Butler and Thompson N. 3:2.05; 6, Young 3:3.30. Watson of Highgate was putting up an astonishing show here although it was clear that he must come back. In the next ten miles the leader lost a bit on schedule although galloping away from the rest. At Crawley in 4:16:33, Thompson had only 1m.53s. in hand, but look at his lead! 2, Green 4:40.53; 3, Young 4:45.20; 4, Thompson, N. 4:45.28; 5, Hall, R. C. 4:50.29; 6, Neilson 4:54.0. Watson had dropped to 7th.

The last third of the race saw Marshall, of Woodford, going up fast, Beecham, of Bels., dropping with Surrey W.C. just getting "into the picture," promising a very interesting team race in which Highgate had their nose in front 10 miles out. Thompson fell just behind record, got in front again with 7 miles to go but then, nearing Brighton, wilted when the full portent of the welcome awaiting him got home. As he at last emerged from the forest of pressmen and well-wishers trying to knock him right out it was announced that DT ('60) had failed by 2m.30s. to beat DT ('57), but perhaps not even the winner worried himself unduly about that on this occasion.

"Dicky" Green surpassed himself to take second and he later learned, with modest pleasure, that he had led home the winning team, Surrey's first in their own race since 1948. Nigel Thompson was third to make the family very happy, with Colin Young fourth after a gallant effort at 25 to 35 miles to clinch a place.

Over 200 actual entries have been received for Highgate's Annual "One-Hour" race (in four sections) at Parliament Hill this Saturday, start 1.10. Four Olympic men are in the field headed by Ken Matthews. Over 20 are in the Boys' One Mile.

### September 19th

**Woodford Green Open 5 Miles.** 1, C. Williams (Ilford) 35.37; 2, D. C. Read (Steyning) 36.14; 3, R. Gilham (Woodford) 37.00. Teams: 1, Woodford 15; 2, Gosport 29; 3, Highgate 52. Handicap: D. C. Read.

**Leicester & Rut. 2 Miles.** 1, P. Markham 15.45; 2, M. Blyth 16.17; 3, B. Kibble 16.39.

**Hinckley Youths' 5 Miles.** 1, M. Royle 44.29; 2, D. Dixon 44.36; 3, G. Dillon 51.34.

### September 17th

**Open London to Brighton 53 Miles.** 1, D. J. Thompson (Met.) 7:37.42; 2, R. E. Green (Surrey WC) 8:23.43; 3, N. Thompson (Met.) 8:28.37; 4, C. Young (Essex B.) 8:32.51; 5, H. D. Neilson (Woodford) 8:38.58; 6, R. C. Hall (Belgrave) 8:43.19; 7, M. Marshall (Woodford) 8:47.28; 8, J. Edgington (Godiva) 8:48.24; 9, C. Megnin 8:55.28; 10, B. Ficken (Woodford) 8:57.08; 11, K. Mason (Surrey WC) 8:58.28; 12, R. Hyland (L. Vids.) 8:58.37; 13, J. Kingham (Highgate) 9:0.54; 14, W. Watson (Highgate) 9:5.18; 15, W. T. Hill (Surrey WC) 9:17.52; 16, J. Morris (Belgrave) 9:20.38; 17, G. Beecham (Belgrave) 9:22.48; 18, J. Keown (Belgrave) 9:24.26; 19, J. McSweeney (Highgate) 9:24.40; 20, J. Walsh (QPH) 9:35.52.

**Teams:** 1, Surrey W.C. (2, 10, 13, 19) 44; 2, Woodford (4, 6, 9, 26) 45; 3, Highgate (8, 11, 12, 17) 48; 4, Belgrave 50; 5, Metropolitan 54. Veteran: C. Megnin.

### Invitation Pole Vault Competition At Arle Court, Sept. 3rd

I. Ward (Bury) 13'6"; R. Porter (Birchfield) 13'6"; J. McManus (Achilles) 13'6"; S. Downhill (Achilles) 13'0"; R. Addis (Godiva) 13'0"; J. Hutton (Poole GS) 12'6"; M. Evans (Llanelli) 12'6"; B. Dixon (Gloucester) 11'0".

### TODAY'S EVENTS

Today's events include the Welwyn Invitation Meeting, Fulham Borough Council Meeting, Salford H. Road Relay (66 teams entered), Surrey Beagles Road Relay at Caterham, Maidenhead Road Relay, R.R.C. London-Brighton Road Run, "Bernie Hames" Memorial Road Race at Chigwell, and the Thanet "10".

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EVERY SATURDAY—*N I N E P E N C E*

## BACK TO NORMAL

**N**OW that the Olympics are behind us and the track season all but over, we shall soon have to start thinking of the cross-country season ahead.

But there are still a few track meetings of importance to come, including the *Evening News* sponsored Pan-American Cities' match at the White City, London, next Wednesday, and next Saturday Birchfield Harriers hold their Floodlit Meeting at the Alexander Sports Ground, Birmingham. Even as late as October 15th England meet East Germany in Berlin.

With this issue we conclude our Olympic report and results, though Melvyn Watman still has a few small items, not available at the time of leaving Rome, to complete his eye-witness account of the Games, as well as a short article touching on points of interest not covered in his reports, which will be included next week.

With so much space devoted to the Games, we have dropped well behind with our publication of home results and have many waiting to be included. It will take us a week or two to catch up with them, but as we are now entering the quietest part of the year—if there is such a period now—we hope to clear all outstanding results before commencing publication of the Best Performer lists in the middle of October. These will be deep lists and it is our intention, with the helpful co-operation of the NUTS, to include Senior, Junior/Youth, Senior Women and Intermediate/Junior Women before the New Year, so that these lists do not clash with the county cross-country results which invariably take up a great deal of space.

Readers' letters have also had to take a back seat recently but we expect to re-commence this feature next week. One such letter is from Fred Norris, written on the eve of his departure from this country *en route* for America. We shall miss Fred and can ill afford to lose such a grand little sportsman. I know readers will join me in wishing him well in his new life—it was a pleasure knowing you, Fred!

THE EDITOR

## Cover photo

In a "blanket finish" to Heat 4 in the second round of the Olympic 100m., Jerome (Canada) wins from Radford (G.B.), nearest camera, with Antao (Kenya), next to Radford, 3rd, and Seye (France) 4th. All four were timed at 10.4 sec.

# XVII OLYMPIC GAMES

## Rome, August 31st—September 10th

**Eye Witness Account by MELVYN WATMAN**

### Seventh Day, September 7th (Continued)

#### 4 x 400 METRES RELAY

(Semi-finals: 1st 3 in final)

A first leg of 46.3 by sprinter Jefferys carried South Africa seven yards ahead of Kinder (Germany) and nearly 15 yards in front of Britain's Yardley on the first leg. A brilliant leg of around 46.0 by young Barry Jackson brought Britain from fourth to second at the second change over but Wrighton dropped to fourth on his stage. Brightwell, running just fast enough to qualify (46.5), brought Britain in third ten yards behind the Springboks. Five teams in the first heat ran faster than the U.S.A.'s winning time in the second.

**Heat 1:** 1, South Africa (Jefferys, E. Davis, Day, Spence) 3:06.4; 2, Germany (Kinder, Reske, Kaiser, Kaufmann) 3:07.4; 3, Gt. Britain (Yardley, Jackson, Wrighton, Brightwell) 3:07.5; 4, Italy (Bonmarito, Fraschini, Fossati, Panciera) 3:07.7; 5, Canada (Leps, Mullins, Ohlemann, Tobacco) 3:08.2; 6, Yugoslavia (Savic, Kovac, Grujic, Sanjder) 3:10.2.

**Heat 2:** 1, USA (Yerman, Young, G. Davis, O. Davis) 3:08.4; 2, West Indies (Kerr, Wedderburn, Gardner, Mal Spence) 3:09.2; 3, Switzerland (Weber, Zaugg, Bruder, Wagli) 3:09.7; 4, Poland (Bozek, Swatowski, Gierajewski, Kowalski) 3:10.8; 5, Ghana (Quaye, Addy, Owusu, Asare Antwi) 3:10.9; 6, Sweden (Johansson, Trollsas Jonsson, Pettersson) 3:10.9.

#### POLE VAULT

(Final)

Don Bragg is a man with three ambitions: to set a world pole vault record, to win the Olympic title, and to play Tarzan on the screen. At the time of writing, he had achieved his first two aims, and as a result of the publicity accruing from his victory in Rome a lucrative Hollywood contract may well be on its way to Bragg's home in Peninsville, New Jersey.

Bragg's day of days started shakily, for he suffered a severe crisis at the ludicrously low height (by Don's standards!) of 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ '. At his first attempt, everything went wrong and he toppled the bar on his way

up. He cleared at his second try, but only after he had taken two abortive run-ups.

As the bar rose, so Bragg came more and more into his element. First time he went over 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 14'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 15'1" (an Olympic record). At this last height only three competitors kept him company. The youthful Puerto Rican Cruz, did not come close but could feel well satisfied with a personal best of 14'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind him, Landstrom came agonizingly close each time but had to settle for the bronze medal, while Bragg's faithful second string Morris levered himself over on the second attempt.

The bar was placed at 15'5" and, to a storm of cheers from the largely unseen spectators (it was nearly 8 p.m.) the 25-year-old "ape-man" swung over. Morris, his concentration repeatedly broken by the arrival of the 50km walk stragglers, failed thrice—to leave his 6'3", 200lb. colleague the outright winner. In glorious isolation Bragg made three brave but unsuccessful tries at the world record height of 15'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

For Bragg it was the climax of an 11-year career as a pole vaulter. The man of whom the great Cornelius Warmerdam said last year: "If anybody can get over 16 feet he's the guy who can do it" had achieved the summit of his athletic ambitions.

1, Don Bragg (USA) 15'5" (Olympic record); 2, Ron Morris (USA) 15'1"; 3, Eeles Landstrom (Fin) 14'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Rolando Cruz (P. Rico) 14'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 5, Gunther Malcher (Ger) 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 6, Igor Pyetrenko (USSR) 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 7, M. Sutinen (Fin) 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 8, R. Tomasek (CSR) 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 9, L. Lukman (Yug) 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 10, K. Khristov (Bul) 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 11, D. Khebarov (Bul) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 12, A. Krzesinski (Pol) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 13, I. Krasovskis (USSR) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

#### 50 KILOMETRES WALK

Don Thompson, the 27-year-old fire insurance clerk from Cranford (Middx.), judged his race to perfection to become the third Briton to win this gruelling event since it first appeared on the Olympic programme in 1932. Wearing sun glasses and a Foreign Legion-type head covering, 5'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall Thompson snapped the tape just 70 yards ahead of Sweden's 41-year-old John Ljunggren, the 1948 champion, who had

waged a titanic battle with the Englishman over the second half of the race.

The intermediate positions and times give a clear picture of the race's pattern:

**5km:** A. Singh 25:40, Z. Singh 25:53, Thompson 25:59, Read 26:02, Crawford, Freeman & Allen 26:14, Oakley & Pamich 26:17, Dordoni 26:24.

**10 km:** A. Singh 51:16.4, Z. Singh 51:23, Thompson 51:39, Freeman & Crawford 52:26, Ljunggren 52:30, Oakley & Read 52:35, Pamich 53:07, Dordoni 53:40.

**15km:** Z. Singh 1:18.59, Thompson & A. Singh 1:19.14, Freeman 1:19.25, Crawford 1:19.27, Klimov 1:19.50, Ljunggren 1:19.56, Vediakov 1:20.11, Oakley 1:20.12, Pamich 1:20.16.

**20km:** Crawford 1:43:27.2, Klimov & Freeman 1:43:27.4, Z. Singh 1:43:27.6, Thompson 1:43:36, Scherbina 1:44:36, Ljunggren 1:44:45, Pamich, Vediakov & Oakley 1:46:29.

**25km:** Thompson 2:10:30, Ljunggren 2:11:37.8, Scherbina 2:11:38, Z. Singh 2:11:49, Crawford 2:12:44, Oakley 2:13:16, Pamich 2:13:44, Vediakov 2:14:34, Read 2:14:35, A. Singh 2:15:01.

**30km:** Thompson 2:37:31, Ljunggren 2:38:05, Scherbina 2:38:27, Pamich 2:40:51, Z. Singh 2:41:18, Oakley 2:41:21, Misson 2:43:29, Read 2:43:40, Vediakov 2:43:51, Moc 2:43:58.

**35km:** Ljunggren 3:02:56, Thompson 3:03:00, Scherbina 3:04:00, Pamich 3:06:23, Oakley 3:07:19, Z. Singh 3:07:21, Misson 3:09:02, Moc 3:10:00, Vediakov 3:10:56, Dordoni 3:11:20.

**40km:** Thompson 3:31:40, Ljunggren 3:31:46, Pamich 3:33:40, Scherbina 3:33:46, Oakley 3:37:23, Misson 3:37:25, Z. Singh 3:37:31, Dordoni 3:40:05, Moc 3:40:50, Vediakov 3:40:55.

**45km:** Thompson 3:59:56, Ljunggren 3:59:57, Pamich 4:01:14, Scherbina 4:02:24.

**Result:** 1, Don Thompson (GB) 4:25:30.0 (Olympic record); 2, John Ljunggren (Sw) 4:25:47.0; 3, Abdon Pamich (It) 4:27:55.4; 4, Alexander Scherbina (USSR) 4:31:44:0; 5, Tom Misson (GB) 4:33:03.0; 6, Alex Oakley (Can) 4:33:08.6; 7, G. Dordoni (It) 4:33:27.2; 8, Z. Singh (Ind) 4:37:44.6; 9, A. Vediakov (USSR) 4:39:57.6; 10, A. De Gaetano (It) 4:41:01.6; 11, L. Moc (CSR) 4:42:33.6; 12, G. Hazle (SA) 4:43:18.8; 13, M. Weber (Ger) 4:44:47.4; 14, S. Sykora (CSR) 4:46:14.6; 15, A. Singh (Ind) 4:47:28.4; 16, H. Astroth (Ger) 4:50:57.0; 17, J. Dolezal (CSR) 4:51:18.6; 18, J. Ribas (Sp) 4:51:20.0; 19, R. Laird (USA) 4:53:21.6; 20, F. O'Reilly (R of I) 4:54:40.0; 21, C. Sowa (Lux) 4:57:00.4; 22, L. Marquis (Switz) 5:00:13.0; 23, B. Macdonald (USA)

5:00:47.6; 24, J. Allen (USA) 5:03:15.2; 25, A. Leiser (Switz) 5:06:55.0; 26, Ben Mohammed Lazhar (Tun) 5:07:57.4; 27, R. Charriere (Switz) 5:09:00.8; 28, J. Arnoux (Fr) 5:20:22.0; 29, A. Soderlund (Sw), B. Dienesz (Hun), N. Read (NZ), E. Soderlund (Sw), N. Zlassi (Tun) did not finish; N. Freeman (Aus), R. Crawford (Aus), G. Weller (Arg), K. Sakowski (Ger), G. Klimov (USSR), A. Johnson (GB) disqualified.

## *Eighth Day, September 8th*

The track and field sessions of the XVII Olympic Games were brought to a glorious conclusion with an afternoon's athletics that included an incredible new 1600m relay record by the U.S.A. and an extraordinary 10,000m race, won by Pyotr Bolotnikov, in which eight men broke 28:53. Bolotnikov shared the individual honours of the day with Viktor Tsibulenko, who captured the javelin title with all of 17 feet to spare; Iolanda Balas, who added to her total of six-foot-plus leaps; and Wilma Rudolph, who anchored the U.S.A. 400m relay team to victory and thus won her third gold medal.

A pleasant surprise for Britain was the silver medal won by Dorothy Shirley in the high jump. A set of bronze medals was won by the men's sprint relay team as a result of the winners, the U.S.A. being disqualified. In the 10,000m, John Merriman became the first Briton to break 29 minutes (in 8th position), and the next two places were filled by Martin Hyman and Gordon Pirie, also with personal best times.

### **WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (Final)**

John Thomas may have succumbed in the men's high jump but his female counterpart, Iolanda Balas, made no mistake and won the title with no less than 5½ inches to spare! She scissored over 6'0¾" at her third attempt but failed her two attempts at a world record 6'1⅝". A close scrap went on below La Balas with, surprisingly enough, the Soviet girls obtaining not a medal between them. Just like Dorothy Hyman and Carole Quinton, Dorothy Shirley was inspired by the occasion to surpass her previous achievements. Not only did she raise her personal best from 5'6" to 5'7¼", but she shared the silver medal with one of the glamour girls of the Games, Jarosawa Jozwiakowska. Frances Slaap also did extremely well to share sixth place. Thank heavens for our girls!

1, Iolanda Balas (Rum) 6'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (Olympic record); 2, Dorothy Shirley (GB & Jarosława Jozwiakowska (Pol) 5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Galina Dolya (USSR) 5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 5, Taisia Chenchik (USSR) 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 6, Frances Slap (GB), Inga-Britt Lorentzon (Sw) & Helen Frith (Aus) 5'5"; 9, I. Becker (Ger), N. Zwier (Neth), F. Petry-Amiel (Fr), M. Schmitz (Ger) & O. Gere (Yug) 5'5"; 14, N. Rogers (USA) & V. Ballod (USSR) 5'3".

#### 4 x 100 METRES RELAY (Semi-finals: 1st 3 in final)

The British team were fortunate indeed to reach the final. The usual running order was changed to read Jones, Segal, Radford and Whitehead—with the result a sluggish 40.5 compared with a heat 40.1 the previous day. The quartet actually finished fourth but proceeded into the final as Nigeria were later disqualified.

**Heat 1:** 1, Germany (Cullmann, Hary, Mahlendorf, Lauer) 39.7; 2, Venezuela (Esteves, Murad, E. Romero, R. Romero) 40.3; 3, Gt. Britain (D. Jones, Segal, Radford, Whitehead) 40.5; 4, Canada (Eves, Short, Tobacco, Jerome) 41.1; 5, Japan (Ogushi, Hayase, Okazaki, Shibata) 42.2; Nigeria (Omagbemi, Amu, Akraka, Oladopo) disqualified.

**Heat 2:** 1, U.S.A. (Budd, Norton, S. Johnson, Sime) 39.7; 2, Italy (Sardi, Cazzola, Giannone, Berruti) 40.2; 3, USSR (Kosanov, Bartenyev, Konovalov, Ozolin) 40.2; 4, Switzerland (Laeng, Muller, Schaufelberger, Schnellman) 40.2; 5, Greece (Komitoudis, Lulos, Kormalis, Georgopoulos) 41.7; 6, Pakistan (Malik, Ramzan, Raziq, Khaliq) 42.8.

#### 4 x 400 METRES RELAY (Final)

When Jamaica's "dream team" won the 1952 Olympic title in 3:03.9 many observers considered the ultimate had been attained. Yet in this race, the 1952 champions would have only just salvaged the bronze medal from their West Indian successors (coached by the great Herb McKenley) and have finished a full 15 yards behind the U.S.A. team, which lifted the title in an "impossible" 3:02.2. An average of 45.55 per leg is quite an achievement!

Yerman, the "weak link" of the American chain, handed over a yard ahead of Wedderburn (WI), with Day (SA) and Reske (Ger) a stride behind and Yardley, showing more life than in the heats, fifth only four yards behind Yerman. A fine leg by 19-year-old Young consolidated the American's lead, with Kinder bringing Germany into second place four yards behind.

Jackson ran a storming stage but entering the finishing straight he was baulked and lost a good five yards. He handed over in fifth position. Kaiser gained a yard on Glenn Davis, so that at the last change over the U.S.A. held a three yards lead over Germany, with the West Indies another seven yards in arrears. Britain were still fifth. Kaufmann worked hard to close the gap between him and his 400m conqueror Otis Davis, but he could not sustain his effort and Davis drew away along the home straight to win by four yards. Both teams shattered the world record, while the West Indies were but a tenth outside the former mark. The "splits" given below are the officially released ones.

1, USA (Jack Yerman 46.7, Earl Young 45.6, Glenn Davis 45.5, Otis Davis 44.4) 3:02.2 (World & Olympic record); 2, Germany (H. Reske 47.0, M. Kinder 45.8, J. Kaiser 45.4, C. Kaufmann 44.5) 3:02.7 (European record); 3, West Indies (J. Wedderburn 46.8, K. Gardner 46.7, Mal Spence 45.5, G. Kerr 45.0) 3:04.0; 4, South Africa (G. Day 47.0, E. Jefferys 46.0, E. Davis 46.5, M. Spence 45.5) 3:05.0; 5, Gt. Britain (M. Yardley 47.1, B. Jackson 46.9, J. Wrighton 46.6, R. Brightwell 47.7) 3:08.3; 6, Switzerland (R. Weber 47.1, E. Zaugg 47.4, H. Bruder 46.3, C. Wagli 48.6) 3:09.4.

#### WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES RELAY (Final)

A complete success for the Americans, all four of whom are students at Tennessee State College, and an utter failure for the British team. Carole Quinton and Dorothy Hyman muffed the first change over and then Dorothy was quite unable to transfer the baton to Jenny Smart.

1, USA (Martha Hudson, Lucinda Williams, Barbara Jones, Wilma Rudolph) 44.5; 2, Germany (M. Langbein, A. Biechl, B. Hendrix, J. Heine) 44.8; 3, Poland (T. Wieczorek, B. Janiszewska, C. Jasionowska, H. Richter) 45.0; 4, USSR (V. Krepkina, V. Maslovskaya, M. Itkina, I. Press) 45.2; 5, Italy (L. Bertoni, S. Valenti, P. Tizzoni, G. Leone) 45.6; Gt. Britain (C. Quinton, D. Hyman, J. Smart, M. Bignal) disqualified.

#### 4 x 100 METRES RELAY (Final)

The Americans beat the Germans to the tape — but were disqualified for a faulty change over between Budd and Norton. The Germans, who finished a couple of feet behind, once again equalled the world and Olympic record of 39.5. The bronze medals went, somewhat fortuitously, to Britain. Running in their "traditional" order again,

the British boys just held off the Italians in 40.2.

1, Germany (Bernard Cullmann, Armin Hary, Walter Mahlendorf, Martin Lauer) 39.5 (equals World & Olympic record); 2, USSR (G. Kosanov, L. Bartenyev, Y. Konovalov, E. Ozolin) 40.1; 3, Gt. Britain (P. Radford, D. Jones, D. Segal, N. Whitehead) 40.2; 4, Italy (A. Sardi, G. Cazzola, S. Giannone, L. Berruti) 40.2; 5, Venezuela (H. Esteves, L. Murad, E. Romero, R. Romero) 40.7; USA (F. Budd, R. Norton, S. Johnson, D. Sime) disqualified.

### JAVELIN

(Final)

This turned out to be one of the few disappointing events of the Games. The eagerly awaited clash between the top European and American throwers fizzled out even before the final, and the final, itself, was — with the exception of Tsibulenko's first and winning throw—mediocre by top standards. The reason was the fluctuating wind and driving rain which made conditions trickier as the event proceeded. It was not coincidence that all the finalists but one (Rasmussen) achieved their best throw in the first round when the run-up was not too slippery and the wind was relatively light.

Tsibulenko's winning throw sailed high, slow and far for a distance of 277'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", a personal best for the thickset, balding Russian. The opposition seemed choked by this act of Soviet aggression, for no one approached to within 17 feet. Tsibulenko, a 30-year-old veteran who was fourth at Helsinki and third at Melbourne, also fell far short with his remaining efforts (251' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was his next best).

A tense battle was waged for the silver medal with Kruger surprisingly emerging the victor. Kruger (28) had a best four years ago of a mere 202'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The eclipse of official world record holder Cantello was no great shock. He is renowned for his inconsistency as well as his "hand stand" follow through action. But the downfall of European champion Sidlo came as a sad blow. He was unable to master the conditions and joined Mary Bignal as one of the unfortunates of the Games, for his qualifying throw would have won him the title.

The complete scorecard was not available at the time of my leaving Rome, so only the bare result is given below. Further details will be published as soon as possible.

1, Viktor Tsibulenko (USSR) 277'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Walter Kruger (Ger) 260'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Gergely Kulcsar (Hun) 257'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, Vaino Kuisma (Fin) 257'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 5, Willy Rasmussen (Nor)

257'1"; 6, Knut Fredriksson (Sw) 257'0"; 7, Z. Radziwonowicz (Pol) 253'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 8, J. Sidlo (Pol) 250'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 9, C. Lievore (It) 246'9"; 10, A. Cantello (USA) 245'1"; 11, M. Paama (USSR) 244'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 12, H. Salomon (Ger) 243'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; T. Pedersen (Nor) did not compete.

### 10,000 METRES

Despite the disadvantages of an enormous 33-strong field and a rainsoaked track the Rome 10,000 metres emulated its Melbourne predecessor in providing one of the highlights of the Olympics. In 1956 all eyes were glued on Kuts and Pirie and few could have noticed the Soviet third string Pyotr Bolotnikov struggle home a weary 16th in a time around the 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  min. mark. In Rome's Olympic Stadium, though, no one could have failed to notice the same Pyotr Bolotnikov as he thrashed the greatest distance running field ever assembled in a time some two minutes faster. The 30-year-old Russian proved himself a very worthy successor to Kuts, who was present to see his great Olympic record of 28:45.6 shattered by the first four finishers!

Zhukov led as the field sorted itself out during the first lap and at 400m one noticed that Pirie, the last remnants of his painstakingly constructed prestige hingeing on his performance in this race, had settled half way along the field just ahead of Halberg, with Merriman and Hyman a couple of places from the back.

Bolotnikov took over from his team-mate to pass 1000m in 2:48.2, with Pirie 14th. Together with the International cross-country champion Rhadi, unwisely contesting this event only two days before the marathon, Bolotnikov opened up a gap on the fifth lap and at 2000m (5:37.4) the position was: Bolotnikov (2 yards) Rhadi (10 yds.) Zhukov & Iharos. Halberg was 11th, Pirie 12th and the other two British runners still near the tail end of a well spaced field.

The 3000m mark was passed in 8:29.7 as follows: Bolotnikov (7 yds.) Rhadi (6 yds.) Power (2 yds.) Iharos (10 yds.) Maiyoro. Grodotzki lay 6th, Halberg 8th, Pirie 10th, while Merriman and Hyman had moved up to the middle. The appropriately named Power surged ahead at 3700m but was quickly replaced by 6 miles world record holder Iharos, striving to recapture past glory. The pace slowed somewhat so that at 4000m (11:24.6) there were 13 runners in Indian file, each just a stride away from his neighbour. The "tribe" included all three Britons.

The half distance was reached in 14:22.2

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# OLYMPIC REFLECTIONS by ARMOUR MILNE

*who has "lived" athletics for the past 30 years  
as athlete, coach and journalist*

I WASN'T there. But, thanks to R.A.I and B.B.C. television, I saw as much as those who were, with less strain and little fatigue. I also read the newspapers, whose correspondents were less abusive than expected, although most of them sought, feverishly and blindly, for explanations for failures, when failures there were, and fastened desperately on to the late arrival in Rome as the possible major reason for our individual flops.

I should like to get a word in edgeways before those who were there get home and begin nagging.

Since my return to Britain over 18 months ago I have been a wide-eyed listener to the almost non-stop word-slang battle waged between athletes, officials, and, occasionally, the coaches. It is all so distressing, undignified and un-British. And, the worst feature of it all is that it has been gleefully and maliciously encouraged by the Press, particularly the major section of which must seek to make up for lack of practical knowledge of track and field athletics by indulging in sensationalism. Of this it is a waste of time exploring it further. The remedy lies in the hands of the people who always will come badly out of beefing to the sensation-seeking columnists and reporters.

This "acclimatization" business. What utter rubbish. If we met Italy in an international match in Rome the athletes would not dream of asking to be sent out two, three or four weeks in advance so that they might become acclimatized to strange conditions. And, in testing the truth of the acclimatization theory, to be honest those who say that late arrival on the scene was responsible for the flops must also explain away the successes in similar circumstances, for I understand that other teams arrived just as late if not later than the British team. And go through the records of our away international matches down the years and time and again it will be found that British athletes have risen above themselves away from home only a matter of a day or two.

Again there are numerous examples of American teams coming to Europe, or going to other parts of the world, and there

turning in superb performances in many places hundreds of miles apart, the tours taking them from temperate to near-tropical climates and involving the athletes in lengthy journeys and rapid changes in climate.

Whether they were guided by the need to save money or a firm belief in the step they took, the authorities were, in my opinion, absolutely right in not sending the Olympic athletes out until the last minute.

I am prepared to concede that tropical or sub-tropical heat can play merry hell with the condition of someone accustomed to more temperate climate. But one cannot be dogmatic about this. Heat can help some and impede others. No two athletes are alike. But athletes trained in home conditions and transported to the scene of battle just before the off are much more likely to succeed than those dumped down in new and distracting surroundings, a Turkish bath atmosphere, and all the keyed-up, concentrated, pre-Olympic nerve-gnawing tension that is Olympic Village life.

On TV the coach of Murray Halberg, Peter Snell and Barry Magee said that he was delighted with the advanced state of training demonstrated by Pirie weeks before the games. He had reckoned Gordon to be the 5,000 metres favourite. But not after Pirie showing peak form weeks in advance. This is an old-fashioned way of looking at things. But it is not necessarily wrong. The trouble has been that because a running freak such as Emil Zatopek could burn himself up in training and keep on turning in great performances week after week and month after month everyone since then has thought that this was the right way to train.

## PEAK FORM

The New Zealand coach was delightfully old-fashioned in talking about a runner reaching his "peak." This is something most modern coaches and athletes have long since forgotten. They consider that an athlete should be capable of holding peak form for weeks on end. But the New Zealand coach was right and the rest are wrong. High form can be held, but not

peak. And only peak form can produce peak results at the Olympics.

Pirie was wrong to go to Germany for pre-Olympic coaching and training. He ought to have trained up to the last minute on Farthing Downs. And he ought to have had a home racing programme of carefully spaced competitions over different distances. But I do not want to harp on this. It is very easy to make mistakes in training. Only it happens that these are not seen whereas the racing mistakes in public are. I was deeply sorry that Gordon failed as he did. I regretted even more that he allowed newspaper correspondents to entice him into laying the blame on the shoulders of the team officials.

The selectors must have felt an unhappy satisfaction that they were proved right about the condition of Brian Hewson by his down-the-field running in his Olympic heat. But I have as yet to see any after-the-event apologies offered by the woolly-headed critics of the selectors.

Incidentally, in anticipation of someone producing the theory that we have now reached the trying war-period generation and must expect difficulties, one must point to the successes of the Russians, the Poles, and the Germans, the nations who suffered most casualties and, in the case of the first two, most deprivation, during the second world war.

Is there something wrong with coaching methods in Britain? That is a question which will be asked in the post-mortem examination of the Olympic corpse. One thing is certain. No-one, not even the greatest coach, can be an expert in all the athletics events, which vary almost as much as lawn tennis does to Rugby football or water polo to clay-pigeon shooting. Even in the highest coaching ranks there must be specialisation.

#### REMOTE CONTROL

Another point. Remote control of an athlete is impossible. Yet much of this seems to be practised in Britain. For this the authorities must be blamed, for it is they who allot athletes to coaches. One must see one's pupils at least once a week if the essential link between coach and athlete is to be created and strengthened. That is where the American university athletes and the athletes of the Socialist countries have the advantage over ours. And that was where the athletes of Oxford and Cambridge scored over club athletes in the halcyon days when they were guided by great coaches like Alec Nelson and Bill Thomas.

But I have found that British athletes

differ from those of the many countries in which I have lived or visited for long spells in that many of them are too anxious to think for themselves, and in many instances, are headstrong and only too ready to ignore advice. They must learn that the ability to produce a first-class performance does not necessarily imply deep knowledge of how it has been done. The skilled on-looker sees most of the game, and the practised coach knows a damned lot more than the gifted athlete.

That said, let us remember that for every flop by a British athlete in Rome there was a balancing high-level performance. Then get down to the task of constructive examination of the results, the successes and the failures, remembering that it may really be necessary to get "acclimatized" for the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964.

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#### OLYMPIC FORECAST COMPETITION

The prizewinners, who received tickets for the British Commonwealth v. U.S.A. match, were: 1st, John F. Shearman, 23 Lynwood Drive, Worcester Park, Surrey (20 correct selections); 2nd, Len Gebbett, 14 Yarrell Mansions, Queens Club Gdns., London, W.14 (20); 3rd, R. G. Proffitt, 83 Chevening Rd., London, N.W.6 (19).

The result was decided by taking into consideration the 10,000 metres times predicted. Fourth, also with 19, was Norman B. Cooper, of Glamorgan.

Competitors with 18 correct were: David Allen, of London, N.4; J. M. Bailey, of Stoke Poges; J. M. Barber, of Sunderland; Neil Copson, of Aldridge, Staffs; Frederick Corbett (aged 12), of Romford; Sydney Evans, of Chirk, Near Wrexham; R. G. Gooch-Harris, of London, N.12; M. R. Grey, of Stanmore; P. J. Hopkins, of St. Albans; Andrew Huxtable, of Wimbledon; P. M. McGhie, of Wallington; Ray Morland, of Greenford; Ian L. Murray, of Greenock; and an unsigned entry from Petts Wood, Kent.

The competition attracted so much interest (nearly 350 entries) that similar contests will become a regular feature in "Athletics Weekly." The next will be for the Inter-Counties Championships at Whit-sun.

M.W.

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A purse was found at the Women's Inter-Counties Championships, Harlow Sports Centre on August 6th. It can be claimed from Mrs. Swallow, 26 Borrowdale Avenue, Harrow Weald.

# THE A.W. PARTY IN ROME *by The Editor*

AS several friends conversant with the Italians told me afterwards "Well, we warned you!" Having been so warned, we took what appeared to be every possible precaution to ensure that there would be little or no accommodation troubles in Rome. But how one's plans can go astray!

There were minor troubles on the outward journey, for which World Sport & Travel Service, through whom our own agents were working to help keep costs down and whose service we used, must bear some responsibility. But they were minor troubles.

On arrival in the early hours of the morning we were dispersed in motor coaches to our various hotels and pensions. We had arranged that the party leaders should make Pension Mevio, where we were staying, our temporary headquarters until we had time to look around.

It was, perhaps, ironical that we should be the chief sufferers in the accommodation

troubles which affected not only members of our party but many visitors all over Rome. When we eventually arrived at the pension, a large, rotund, sleepy-eyed Italian named Luigi told us they were full up and even after our indignant expostulations he would only amend this to vacancies for four instead of the twenty-four booked and paid for many months earlier. These four, including George Sward, Swedish businessman and donor of the famous Sward Trophy to the Polytechnic Harriers—who had to sleep in the same bed as a complete stranger—all had to be moved out later because it was entirely unsuitable accommodation without even a nail on which to hang any clothes!

Of the remaining twenty we managed after a lengthy trip around the one-way chaos which was Rome for the Olympic period, to get another sixteen quartered in Trinita Dei Monti, a pleasant and well appointed pension which, apart from shortage of water, was all that could reasonably be expected.

That left eight of us and we eventually finished up, after another lengthy journey in which we must have gone round and round in circles, in a third class, back street pension which, to quote Melvyn Watman, obviously never saw a British or American traveller.

## MANY COMPLAINTS

On going to the Europe Express office, taken over temporarily by World, Sport & Travel Service as their headquarters, early next morning, I found them inundated with complaints about accommodation. Everyone, not unnaturally, tended to blame the agents, but after being shown a signed and sealed document, drawn up by a solicitor, booking our accommodation at Pension Mevio—which, as in so many other cases, had been blatantly flouted—I realised that it was not the agents' fault at all but that because of the natural cupidity of the Italians, we were being "taken for a ride."

It took all that day and part of the next, during which I walked nearly 30 miles, to sort out these and any other problems of which we were made aware. Working with W.S. & T.S. we enlisted the help of the provincial lawyer who was responsible for the organisation of Rome accommodation during the period of the Games, but even so it was only after threatening to bring all the people concerned, complete with baggage, down to the office, there to remain until satisfactorily quartered, that we suc-



Olympic hammer champion, Vasiliy Rudenkov (U.S.S.R.) unleashes a mighty throw in the Olympic Stadium.

ceeded in getting a guarantee that we should be moved the next morning. In the end we were found reasonable accommodation, with meals taken where we should have been in the first place—Pension Mevio.

By this time all our arrangements for making this pension our temporary H.Q. had gone haywire and with members quartered, not as we had been promised, all close at hand, but in some cases many miles apart, we did not see some of them again until we either met them in one of the shopping centres by spotting their badges—which were a great help—or on the journey home!

As with any party of this size—well over 200—there are some who are satisfied with reasonable conditions and do not expect everything to be “just like home”; there are others who will have their little moan, but soon forget it, and there are inevitably a few who will be full of grumbles about almost everything. When abroad one must not expect *too* much, nor grumble because things are different. Of course they are different. Food in particular, can be a little upsetting to those who are fussy about their food under normal conditions, and the oil used in preparing food in Italy can bother many others too. English visitors will inevitably find Italian food less pleasing than that in Switzerland or the Scandinavian countries, but on the whole I don't think it bothers those with an average appetite to any great extent. As many found out, it is pretty hopeless asking an Italian to keep to a certain time. You can insist on having lunch at a certain hour and will be promised the earth, but you'll still get it when it suits him!

There were those who found they were sharing with someone who had paid for a different class of pension. This is a difficult one to solve, but after seeing at close hand the problems the travel agents experienced in Rome I don't think one can blame them too readily. It is easy to say “this should not be so” but, believe me, this was only one of hundreds of difficulties experienced by the agents, who had done all, or almost all, that could be expected of them to ensure that visitors from abroad would be given satisfactory accommodation. Due no doubt to some queer traits in the Italian character, it was sheer hell for the travel agents for the first few days, but gradually they sorted things out. For this, in our case, we have Mrs. Ross and a staff who worked all hours of the day and night, to thank, and I must pay a special tribute to “Mac,” a friend of David and Mrs. Ross, who spent his holiday giving them a hand



**Britain's long awaited gold medal! Don Thompson strides to victory in the 50 Kilometres Walk in Olympic record time.**

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in Rome—and what a hand! Despite all the exasperating problems I never once saw him rattled and he was ever ready to help. A grand chap who did a first class job as their transport officer.

After hearing of our own experiences, there were some with a few grumbles who realised after all that they were quite well off in their quarters. Others, like Mr. and Mrs. Glover with their son and two pretty daughters, who wrote to Harry Leeks after arriving home to say that they intended it to be the best holiday of their lives, and it was just that!

We learned a great deal from our experiences on this trip and we shall take particular care to ensure on future trips that we are all quartered either together or at least very close at hand. There were several other points which will be watched in future to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of members.

Despite our trials and tribulations, there was much which we enjoyed and much to remember. The lake trip by steamer on the

outward journey, the wonderful coach trip through the Swiss Alps on the homeward journey, the screeching of car brakes as drivers rounded corners on two wheels or pulled to a halt a few inches from people passing leisurely — always leisurely unless it be a newly arrived Briton! — over a pedestrian crossing or at an inter-section where other cars were coming in the opposite direction and someone had to stop if an accident was to be avoided. We were amazed at the speed at which the drivers approached cross-roads and how one of them always stopped—at least we thought they did until we saw a few accidents and realised that occasionally they didn't!

One of the most hair-raising incidents was when Melvyn Watman and I were being moved, with baggage, to our new pension. A coach had gone a few minutes before and was fast disappearing in the distance. In jumped "Mac" and the Italian driver. "Hold on," said 'Mac,' "you're going to see something, we've got to catch that coach." How we did it I don't rightly know, but catch it we did and in something like half a mile. It was a cross between Brooklands and the "dodgems."

There will also be, for those who went on the long day trip, the memory of the enchanting bays of Naples and Sorrento, with the Neapolitan singers moving amongst the diners as they played when we stopped for dinner at the waterside restaurant on the return journey, and the fabulous ruins of Pompei. And I hope no-one missed the chance to see the gardens of Tivoli, surely one of the wonders of the world, with thousands of waterfalls and fountains which are floodlit to enhance their beauty at night.

In the stadium we were immediately behind the *Track and Field News* party, who had a great cheer leader in Bill Easton. It was a pleasure to meet the Nelsons, Hal Batenian, Potts, Quercetani and a host of others.

At the start of the back straight, almost opposite the finish, it might almost have been the White City, so many familiar faces did we see mounting the steps on our right. If not quite so well organised as the Germans—whose shouting and encouragement we thought was great — we gave a good account of ourselves and no doubt helped many a British athlete to realise that the centre of the arena was not, perhaps, quite such a lonely place after all.

I cannot close without a big "thank you" to Mr. Williams, who had come out from England to bring the party—not only ours but all the 700 odd who travelled on

the special train—safely home. He did a grand job and made the homeward trip a far better one than the outgoing. This and the grand journey through the Furka Pass and by the Rhone glacier, with a wonderful lunch—the best meal we had while away from England — brought us back in good spirits.

In conclusion, my thanks to Arthur Wignal, who was a tower of strength and worked harder than many a much younger man would have been prepared to do—how do you manage it, Arthur? — to Squire Yarrow, another staunch and inevitably cheerful colleague, and Melvyn Watman, whose reports were all that anyone could ask for and who seldom came in from the Press Centre before midnight. Also to my other immediate companions for their cheerful company—the athletic Rowes from Colchester, Mr. Sibbert and his son Brian, and Brian Parton and his attractive wife, Ann. It was a pleasure being with you all.

**Tailpiece:** How did Rosemary Luck's pyjamas come to be in Arthur Wignall's bag? A simple story, really. When two girls brought them along during the cross-channel journey on the way home—Miss Luck remaining behind for a few more days —neither Squire Yarrow nor I would entertain the idea of taking them home with a story like that, but we thought Arthur might get away with it. But when he found them in his bag, to the amusement of a crowded cabin, he wasn't having any either! Once again W.S. & T.S. came to the rescue and promised to return the lady's slumberwear.

#### LAKE DISTRICT ROAD RACES

West Cumberland A.A.C., a new club in the Lake District, have been encouraged to hold a Road Race Meeting incorporating three road races over a  $10\frac{1}{2}$  miles course round the shores of Derwentwater Lake at Keswick on October 29th. The races will be (a) a scratch road race; (b) a handicap road race; and (c) a road relay race—all  $10\frac{1}{2}$  miles approx. Details can be obtained from J. Canfield, 20 Smith Rd., Salterbeck, Workington, Cumberland.

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#### TOP TEN AMENDMENTS

3,000m. SC: 8:56.6 B. Grubb 7.8  
H.S.J.: 47'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " B. Williams

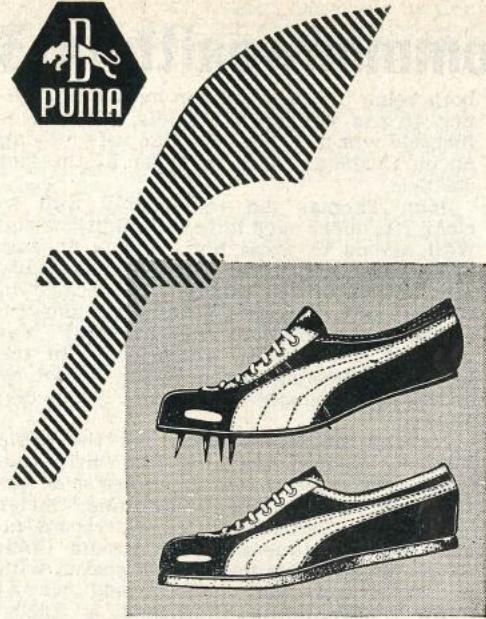
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P.V.: 13'0" N. Brown 13.8

Hammer: 172'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " J. Dutton 6.8

Note: Javelin 214'4" B. Sexton 6.6 was an exhibition mark.

Delete: Ken Wood amendment.



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### NORTHERN WOMEN'S PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

August 20th

1. B. Brooks, B'pool & F. (LJ: 18'0", 200m: 27.9, 80mH: 12.2, SP: 28'0", HJ: 4'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") 3842pts.; 2. J. Gathercole, Sale (LJ: 15'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 200m: 27.7, 80mH: 12.9, SP: 31'8", HJ: 4'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") 3522pts.; 3. P. Harris, Salford (LJ: 15'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 200m: 28.5, 80mH: 12.9, SP: 27'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", HJ: 4'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") 3508pts.; 4. J. Taylor (York Y) 3353pts.; 5. P. Bellerby (Leeds) 3269; 6. M. Taylor (Leeds) 3191. **Yorkshire Pentathlon**. 1. J. Taylor. 229 **Intermed. Champ.** 1. M. Horler (Rockingham) 27.5; 2. M. Hart (Airedale) 28.0; 3. V. Hinchcliffe (Leeds W) 28.3. **York. W.A.A.A. 150 Jun. Champ.** 1. B. Wear (Ideal St.) 18.7; 2. V. Large (Hallam) 19.2; 3. S. Brocklehurst (Hull) 19.4. **Open Events.** 2M. 1. P. Gregory (Hall) 12:44.6; 200mH: S. Dyson (Sal) 33.4.

August 18th

**Wimbledon A.C. beat Surrey A.C. by 90 pts. to 45. 100: Fifield (SAC) 12.4; 200: Fifield (SAC) 28.3; 440: Duncan (W) 70.9; 80mH: Ireland (W) 16.4; HJ: Ely (W) 4'1"; SP: Parsons (W) 30'1"; JT: Duncan (W) 87'3"; 4 x 110: Wimbledon 55.0. In a junior match **Kingston A.C. beat Wimbledon A.C. by 67 pts. to 49.** 100: Grant (K) 12.9; 150: Gosden (K) 17.1; HJ: Smith (K) 4'2"; SP: Cordery (K) 29'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; DT: Smith (W) 72'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; JT: Cordery (K) 67'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4 x 110: Kingston 56.3.**

(More women's results next week)

### TRAINING COURSES

The C.C.P.R. has included a number of Training Courses for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at its Outdoor Activities Training Centre, Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig, North Wales, during the period October 1960/April 1961. In particular, there are four Courses on Mountain Activities and one on Canoeing. Further particulars and application forms can be obtained from the C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1 (S.A.E. please).

### COACHING COURSE

The Coaching Committee of the Southern A.A.A. in conjunction with the C.C.P.R. have arranged an Advanced Coaching Course for Track and Field events on Monday evenings during October/December. The events covered area: Middle Distance, Steeplechase, Hurdling, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step & Jump, Hammer and Javelin. Further details and application forms from A. J. C. Kendall, c/o A.A.A., 54 Torrington Place, London, W.C.1 or the C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, London W.C.1 (S.A.E. please).

# U.S.A. beat B.E. & Commonwealth 14-3

DESPITE some outstanding performances and several records, the presence of some of the world's greatest track and field performers and the largest crowd seen at the White City for some considerable time, this match was not the "thriller" it should have been.

Maybe the persistent rain dampened some of the enthusiasm but there was also something sadly lacking in presentation. It was a wonderful opportunity to show just what an attraction an athletic meeting, particularly a floodlit meeting, can be, but the opportunity was lost and it was only the presence, and the performances of many of the Olympic winners which prevented it becoming a rather drab affair.

Perhaps we were spoilt by what we saw in Rome, but it did seem to bring home rather forcibly how woefully inadequate is the system of showing to the customers the performances achieved in the various field events. There was also a lack of liaison between the announcers. The main announcer was quite good and clear, but too often the announcement of the lap time came over the air at exactly the precise moment when the runner of a particular "leg" was being given by another announcer, blotting out both.

Dick Bank, critical of his own country's presentation in the U.S.A., was even more critical of this meeting, saying "I have seen more enthusiasm in a cemetery," and also of Ken Brookman's confusion of the shot putters.

The meeting being an anti-climax for most of the athletes concerned, it was only natural that many did not exert themselves to the full and too much emphasis on comparison between performances would be rather meaningless. But some deserve special mention.

After Merv Lincoln had taken Elliott through 440 in 59.4 and 880 in 2:00.6, Dyrol Burleson shot to the front with 1½ laps to go in the mile, showing 3:04.3 for 3/4. Then Sullivan (Rhodesia) made a brave effort which galvanised Elliott into action and it was soon all over, with Elliott a comfortable winner in his fourteen sub-4 min. mile. Halberg likewise turned on the heat when it was necessary just after the bell in his two miles, after trailing Al Thomas through a 4:26.2 first mile.

In the steeplechase Palmer actually passed Coleman in the home straight but the latter came again in the last 15 yards. May surprised Calhoun in the high hurdles,

both being pressed early on by Keith Gardner. In the 440 hurdles Davis had a comfortable win but Chris Goudge was moving up on Cushman, only to falter at the last obstacle.

John Thomas did remarkably well to clear 7ft. under such adverse conditions and with no-one to press him. It was no surprise when, late in the evening, with steady rain and saturated take-off, he decided to call it a day. The shot putters did likewise at the same time and Nieder's 64'9½" was a grand effort in the conditions. In the long jump Boston, beaten nearly a foot by colleague Roberson, had a 26ft. jump disallowed.

Neither the pole vaulters nor the triple jumpers reached anything like their true form but the discus men showed us some fine throwing early in the programme, Oerter beating the British All-Comers' record no less than six times! In the javelin Colin Smith achieved his best of the season with his first throw and led the field but Al Cantello eventually unleashed a 252'5" throw which settled the issue. Bill Alley could do no better than third place with 221'6". Only Payne of the hammer throwers went anywhere near his true form and though Connolly won, Mike Ellis could only manage 188'3½".

Wilma Rudolph won the women's 100 more easily than in Rome, Dorothy Hyman looking a trifle jaded in placing third to Willard of Australia. Dorothy also had to put in a desperate finish to win narrowly from Fleming in the 220. In the 440 the big, strong American girl, Daniels, looked a sure winner entering the straight, but she could hardly put one foot in front of the other in the last 40 yards, and Dixie Willis came through to win a good race from Joy Jordan.

Carol Quinton and Mary Bignal had another tussle in the hurdles before Carol won by some 18 inches to equal the U.K. record of 10.9. In the other individual event, the weight, Valerie Sloper pressed the huge American girl, Brown, to a new All-Comers' record of 53ft.

In the relay events the outstanding performance was that of Snell, New Zealand's 800m Olympic winner, who was clocked by Melvyn Watman and Martin James, using reliable watches, at 1:44.9 for his last leg of the 4 x 880 yards after a first 440 in 50 dead! Snell's rather ungainly action is deceptive, but there is no doubt about his speed and strength. The composite Com-

monwealth team cannot take the record achieved so easily, but the American team of Cunliffe, Murphy, Yerman and Siebert will with their 7:19.4.

**Mile:** 1, H. J. Elliott (BE&C) 3:58.6; 2, T. Sullivan (BE&C) 4:00.9; 3, D. Burleson (USA) 4:02.1; 4, J. Greele (USA) 4:02.3; 5, M. Lincoln (BE&C) 4:07.2; 6, P. Close (USA) 4:11.5.

**2 Miles:** 1, M. G. Halberg (BE&C) 8:41.8; 2, W. Dellinger (USA) 8:43.8; 3, M. Truex (USA) 8:44.6; 4, A. Thomas (BE&C) 8:52.6; 5, M. Niandika (BE&C) 9:04.4; 6, J. Beatty (USA) 9:08.6.

**120 Hurdles:** 1, W. May (USA) 14.1; 2, L. Calhoun (USA) 14.2; 3, K. Gardner (British Empire & Commonwealth) 14.4; 4, J. Okello (BE&C) 14.5; 5, J. Chittick (BE&C) 15.0.

**440 Hurdles:** 1, G. Davis (USA) 50.1; 2, C. Cushman (USA) 51.4; 3, C. E. Goudge (BE&C) 52.0; 4, D. Shepherd (BE&C) 52.9; 5, J. Metcalf (BE&C) 53.4.

**High Jump:** 1, J. Thomas (USA) 7'0" (U.K. A.C. & W.C. Rec.); 2, R. Boston (USA) 6'7"; 3, R. Kotei (BE&C) 6'7"; 4, C. Fairbrother (BE&C) 6'7"; 5, G. A. Miller (BE&C) 6'5"; 6, C. Ridgeway (BE&C) 6'1".

**Long Jump:** 1, I. Roberson (USA) 25'9 1/4" (U.K. A.C. & W.C. Rec.); 2, R. Boston (USA) 24'9 1/4"; 3, J. Howell (BE&C) 22'9 1/2"; 4, I. Tomlinson (BE&C) 22'2 1/2".

**Hop, Step & Jump:** 1, I. Tomlinson (BE&C) 50'5 1/2"; 2, W. Sharpe (USA) 49'3 1/2"; 3, I. Davis (USA) 47'11"; 4, D. Baguley (BE&C) 39'0".

**Pole Vault:** 1, B. Morris (USA) 14'6"; 2, D. Bragg (USA) 14'6"; 3, R. Porter (BE&C) 13'6"; 4, J. Hutton (BE&C) 13'0".

**Shot:** 1, W. H. Nieder (USA) 64'9 1/4" (U.K. A.C. & W.C. Rec.); 2, W. P. O'Brien (USA) 60'2"; 3, M. R. Lindsay (BE&C) 55'9 1/4"; 4, M. T. Lucking (BE&C) 54'9".

**Discus:** 1, A. Oerter (USA) 194'0 1/2" (U.K. A.C. & W.C. Rec.); 2, R. Babka (USA) 187'11"; 3, R. Cochran (USA) 187'8 1/2"; 4, W. Selvey (BE&C) 171'4"; 5, L. Millis (BE&C) 166'6".

**Hammer:** 1, H. Connolly (USA) 212'8" (W.C. Rec.); 2, E. Bacdonus (USA) 205'10"; 3, A. Hall (USA) 205'8"; 4, A. H. Payne (BE&C) 194'2"; 5, M. J. Ellis (BE&C) 188'3 1/2".

**Javelin:** 1, A. Cantello (USA) 252'5"; 2, C. G. Smith (BE&C) 234'2 1/2"; 3, W. Alley (USA) 221'6"; 4, R. W. D. Miller (BE&C) 196'2 1/2".

**4 x 110:** 1, U.S.A. (F. Budd, O. Norton, S. Johnson, L. Carney) 40.1 (U.K. A.C. & W.C. Rec.); 2, British Empire & Common-

wealth (P. F. Radford, D. H. Jones, S. Antao, T. Robinson) 40.1.

**4 x 220:** 1, U.S.A. (T. Woods, O. Norton, S. Johnson, L. Carney) 1:22.9 (W.C. Rec.); 2, British Empire & Commonwealth 1:23.6.

**4 x 440:** 1, U.S.A. (T. Woods, E. Young, G. Davis, O. Davis) 3:06.4 (World Rec.); 2, British Empire & Commonwealth (T. Tobacco, K. Gosper, R. I. Brightwell, Milka Singh) 3:07.1.

**4 x 880:** 1, British Empire & Commonwealth (A. Blue, G. Kerr, T. S. Farrell, P. Snell) 7:18.0; 2, U.S.A. (W. Cunliffe, T. Murphy, J. Yerman, J. Siebert) 7:19.4 (World Rec.).

#### Women (Invitation Events)

**100:** 1, W. Rudolph (USA) 10.6 (eq. U.K. A.C. Rec. & New W.C. Rec.); 2, M. Willard (Australia) 11.0; 3, D. Hyman (Great Britain) 11.0; 4, J. Smart (Gt. Brit.) 11.1; 5, P. Duggan (Aust.) 11.3; 6, M. Hudson (USA) 11.4.

**220:** 1, D. Hyman (Gt. Brit.) 24.4; 2, N. Fleming (Aust) 24.4; 3, L. Williams (USA) 24.5; 4, P. Duggan (Aust) 24.9; 5, C. Jones (USA) 25.0; 6, E. Haslam (Canada) 25.1.

**440:** 1, D. Willis (Aust) 55.7; 2, J. Jordan (Gt. Brit.) 56.8; 3, P. Daniells (USA) 58.0; 4, P. Perkins (Gt. Brit) 58.3; 5, B. Jones (Aust) 58.7; 6, D. S. Charles (Gt. Brit.) 60.1.

**80M:** 1, C. L. Quinton (Gt. Brit) 10.9 (eq. U.K. Nat. Rec.) 2, M. D. Bignal (Gt. Brit) 11.0; 3, N. Thrower (Aust) 11.3; 4, G. Cooke (Aust) 11.6; 5, J. Terry (USA) 11.7; 6, I. Robertson (USA) 11.8.

**Shot:** 1, E. Brown (USA) 53'0" (U.K. A.C. Rec.); 2, V. Sloper (New Zealand) 52'8 1/2"; 3, S. Allday (Gt. Brit) 43'7 1/4"; 4, O. Connolly (USA) 37'2 1/2".

**4 x 110:** 1, U.S.A. (W. Rudolph, M. Hudson, C. Jones, L. Williams) 46.1; 2, Great Britain (C. L. Quinton, D. Hyman, J. Smart, M. D. Bignal) 46.1; 3, Australia (N. Thrower, P. Duggan, N. Fleming, M. Willard) 46.3; 4, Canada (N. Lewington, S. McCallum, V. Jerome, E. Haslam) 48.6.

#### B E L G R A V E H A R R I E R S

4th Annual

#### OPEN YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

(4 x 2 miles)

Under A.A.A. Laws

**Saturday, 15th October, at 3.0 p.m.**

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# HOME RESULTS

## LIVERPOOL MARATHON August 13th

The first three runners broke Pape's two year old course record of 2:27.09. Tarrant and Howe ran almost together for 25 miles when the Salford man piled on the pressure and went away strongly. The first three had nearly four minutes to spare from the rest of the finishers.

1. J. Tarrant (Salford) ..... 2:22.35
2. F. Howe (B'pool & F.) ..... 2:24.21
3. R. Pape (R. Navy) ..... 2:25.06
4. J. Highton (Pembroke) 2:29.17; 5. J. Haslam (Bolton U.) 2:31.05; 6. E. Barnard (Liv) 2:33.07; 7. D. Gilfoyle (Pemb. "B") 2:33.56; 8. K. Flowers (Hereford) 2:36.12; 9. N. Wilson (Sefton) 2:37.15; 10. F. Dawson (Sal.) 2:37.57; 11. I. Keith (Pem. "A") 2:38.33; 12. B. Gomersall (Harehills) 2:40.16 13. G. Bradshaw (B. & F.) 2:41.49; 14. T. Ramsden (Bolton U.) 2:41.51; 15. G. Hodgson (B. & F.) 2:42.02; 16. F. Lucop (Hull) 2:48.11; 17. K. Mackey (Preston) 2:48.44; 18. L. Nicholson (Pem. "A") 2:49.27; 19. E. Foley (Man. YMCA) 2:49.29; 20. G. Stott (Smethwick) 2:51.00.

### Teams

	Pts.	
1. Blackpool & Fylde	(2.13.15)	30
2. Pembroke "A"	(4.11.18)	33

## NORMAN TROPHY MEETING

August 26th

**Southend A.C.** 103pts. beat **Thurrock H.** 98, **Romford A.C.** 84, **Essex Beagles** 70, **Hornchurch H.** 52, **Hadleigh Olympiades** 33 & **Brentwood A.C.** 4. 100: McIlroy (T) 9.9. 220: McIlroy (T) 22.1. 440: Sheridan (EB) 52.2. 880: Townsend (EB) 1:58.5. Mile: Simmons (EB) 4:27.8. 2M: Batty (T) 9:22.6. LJ: Alsop (Horn) 24'3½". SP: Woods (S) 39'7½". DT: Shead (S) 122'5". 4 x 110: Relay: Southend 47.0. Juniors. 100: Ripley (EB) 10.5. 220: Young (S) 23.2. 440: Clark (EB) 52.8. Mile: Browne (T) 4:29.8. SP: Basham (S) 46'1½". 4 x 110 Relay: Thurrock 48.5. Youths. 100: Beetels (EB) 10.8. 220: Garry (EB) 25.0. 440: Sandlin (EB) 55.2. 880: Kruger (S) 2:05.8. Mile: Balcombe (R) 4:49.6. HJ: Murrel (Horn) 5'4". 4 x 110 Relay: Essex Beagles 46.1. Boys. 100: Heedley (R) 10.8. 440: Heedley (R) 58.2. 880: Naylor (Horn) 2:20.2. DT: Willsdon (T) 127'2". JT: Durrell (S) 142'3". 4 x 110 Relay: Thurrock (w.o.). Women. 100: J. Cable (S) 11.9. 220: M. Parkes (S) 26.8. 4 x 110 Relay: Southend 52.6. Juniors. 100: C. McLelland (R) 12.1. 150: P. Chilton (S) 18.3. HJ: E. Knowles (Horn) 4'9". DT: Bone (S) 63'10". JT: C. Everett (T)

96'8". 4 x 110 Relay: Southend 54.0. Open Events. 3000m.: T. Pailthorpe (Horn) 10.00.0. HSJ: G. Britten (EB) 44'10". PV: Parsons (Hercules) 11'4". Jun. 1500m. S'chase: R. Howe (Wadham) 4:31.5. Yth. PV: Carver (Hercules) 9'3".

### August 27th

**MIDDLESEX** 165pts. beat **SURREY** 116 & **ESSEX** 112 in a Junior match at Southend 100: 1. A. Minchin (M) 10.4; 2. G. Cmela (M) 10.5; 3. K. Newnham (S) 10.6. 220: 1. A. Minchin (M) 22.8; 2. B. Silyer (E) 23.3; 3. N. Williams (M) 23.5; 440: 1. D. Osborne (M) 50.6; 2. L. Simmons (M) 50.8; 3. A. Gibbons (S) 51.0. 880: 1. C. Grant (M) 1:58.3; 2. M. Solomons (Surrey) 1:59.2; 3. E. Wood (Surrey) 2:02.5. Mile: 1. A. Harris (Surrey) 4:23.2; 2. M. Browne (E) 4:23.4; 3. L. Stone (M) 4:25.1. 120H: 1. G. Tymms (S) 16.0; 2. S. Davis (M) 16.5; 3. A. Souter (E) 17.1. 200H: 1. R. Fitzgerald (M) 23.8; 2. D. Pavitt (S) 24.2; 3. J. King (S) 24.7. Mile Walk: 1. P. Marlow (E) 7:06.2; 2. J. Richards (M) 7:41.8; 3. D. Delaney (S) 7:44.6. 1500m. S'chase: 1. A. Maxwell (E) 4:28.2; 2. R. Howe (E) 4:28.8; 3. L. Stone (S) 4:33.0. LJ: 1. A. Davies (M) 21'4"; 2. R. Ashley (S) 21'0"; 3. R. Neale (E) 20'6". HJ: 1. A. Davies (M) 6'0"; 2. R. Morris (S) 5'10"; 3. J. Russell (M) 5'8". HSJ: 1. J. Simpson (E) 44'6½"; 2. B. Mogg (M) 41'9¾"; 3. J. Russell (M) 41'3". PV: 1. D. Dodge (M) 11'0"; 2. A. Mackie (E) 11'0"; 3. P. Goodsir (S) 10'6".

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SP: 1, A. Forbes (M) 48'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, R. Harvey (S) 48'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, C. Chesney (E) 46'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT: 1, W. Griffin (M) 152'3"; 2, C. Harding (M) 143'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, C. Pepper (E) 142'4". JT: 1, P. Landells (E) 177'3"; 2, J. Romer (S) 174'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, J. Lee (S) 152'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". HT: 1, P. Gibb (M) 159'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, N. Magee (S) 146'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, G. Kingston (E) 128'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". 4 x 110 Relay: 1, Middx. 44.2; 2, Essex 45.3; 3, Surrey 45.6. Mile Medley Relay: 1, Middx. 3:30.3; 2, Surrey 3:34.0; 3, Essex disq.

### SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS "30" September 3rd

The 18th Annual "30" was honoured by the presence of the Club V.P.—the ever-green E. J. "Billy" Holt, C.M.G., O.B.E.—in the capacity of Referee and Starter for the 57 competitors who made up a classic field — in spite of the absence of Arthur Keily who was polishing his Roman sandals.

In less than 800 yards Cooke and Tarrant were setting a fast 5.16 per mile pace which piled up a substantial lead of 2 minutes at 5 miles (26.00). John Tarrant then wilted and Cooke was alone at 10 miles (52.30) and 15 miles (1:21.04). On completing the 3rd lap (22 $\frac{1}{2}$ m) Cooke (2:5.04) was over 5 minutes ahead of Tarrant who then retired. John is short of mileage owing to seasonal Territorial work. Brian Cooke truly amazed us by keeping up the terrific pressure on his tireless limbs as he rounded the 11th lap to lower the course record (2:57.45) created by Joe Lancaster in 1957, by a shade less than 5 minutes. A great performance Brian.

Those following were in great form too, particularly Ron Linstead — shaken us twice in a month — who started his progressive challenge at 15 miles when in 8th place 7 minutes behind Cooke. Mike Kirkwood is now regaining his old form, he too beat course record. Mike could give sound advice to Ron Linstead on how to keep turning out this kind of stuff while still young. Tom Richards and Derek Reynolds could likewise advise the ageing ones on how to get there in spite of "Father Time."

1. B. Cooke (Haltemprice) ..... 2:52.48
2. R. Linstead (Belgrave) ..... 2:56.03
3. M. I. Kirkwood (Haltemprice) 2:57.36
4. E. Elderfield (TVH) 2:59.49; 5, W. D. Turner (Epsom) 3:07.37; 6, G. W. Hopcroft (TVH) 3:08.43; 7, H. W. Dennis (TVH) 3:08.45; 8, K. G. Honney (Walton) 3:09.28; 9, J. C. Smith (Epsom) 3:11.15; 10, D. R. MacDonald (Haltemprice) 3:13.55; 11, A. H. Mail (Derby) 3:17.00; 12, A. W. Blatchford (Epsom) 3:17.29; 13, P. A. Dyer

(Welwyn) 3:19.32; 14, B. C. Sawyer (Belgrave) 3:20.19; 15, G. M. Pearson (Belg) 3:20.54; 16, M. K. Keily (Derby) 3:22.01; 17, F. C. Lucop (Hull) 3:23.30; 18, J. Barber (Sunderland) 3:23.43; 19, R. D. Mincington (TVH) 3:24.21; 20, R. F. Hopcroft (TVH) 3:27.12.

Teams: 1, Haltemprice R.R.C. 14 pts.; 2, Thames Valley H. 17; 3, Epsom & Ewell H. 24. S.F.

### OLYMPIC GAMES—contd.

(compared with Kuts' murderous 14:06.8 at Melbourne) with Power, Merriman, Rhadi, Iharos, Bolotnikov, Grodotzki, Halberg, in closed order. Hyman, high stepping like a trotter, led the galaxy of stars for a short spell but was down to fifth at 6000m (17:18.4). The order here was Desyatichkov, Bolotnikov, Rhadi, Power, Hyman, Merriman, Grodotzki, Iharos, Halberg, Pirie (who had been trailing the New Zealander almost throughout), Krzyszowiak, Zimny, Truex and Honicke. All 14 were bunched and in with a winning chance.

The 7000m mark was passed in 20:11.2 and with seven laps to go the position was: Power (2 yds.) Bolotnikov (6 yds.) Grodotzki (5 yds.) Desyatichkov (6 yds.) Hyman (3 yds.) Merriman (5 yds.) Krzyszowiak (10yds) Halberg & Pirie. The 19th lap proved decisive for the eventual first four finishers broke clean away. At 7600m Power, Bolotnikov, Grodotzki and Desyatichkov were 40 yards ahead of Krzyszowiak, Hyman & Merriman (all together), with Halberg, Pirie and Truex a further 10 yards back. The medal seeking quartet flashed past 800m in 23:01.8; and with four circuits remaining the double Empire champ. Power led by three yards from the bunched East European threesome. Halberg headed the hopeless pursuit 50 yards back.

Three laps to go and excitement was mounting. The runaway four were still 50 yards ahead of Krzyszowiak, Merriman and Halberg, with Hyman and Truex 15 yards further in arrears and a fading Pirie another 10 yards back. The Olympic record was doomed when 9000m was covered in 25:53.6, but it was anybody's guess as to the identity of the new record holder and champion. The (West) German fans chanted for East German Grodotzki and the English speaking groups clamoured for Power, but it was the unsung Bolotnikov who raced ahead 650m from the tape. He led by 8 yards at the bell from the German, with Desyatichkov 5 yards behind and Power down another three.

Bolotnikov, who with 29:03.0 topped the world list last year, strode away at a

terrific pace. He increased his advantage to 10 yards along the back straight and accelerated still more over the final half-lap. Paced by his lapped compatriot Zhukov down the home straight Bolotnikov sped to a glorious 30 yards victory in 28:32.2, the second fastest time ever behind only Kuts' world record of 28:30.4. The Russian's last lap was a throbbing 57.4!

Grodotzki won his second silver medal by holding off Power. Halberg came in 5th still 50 yards behind Desyatchikov and was followed by Truex, who finally fulfilled the promise he has shown for so long. Steeplechase champion Krzyszkowiak, edged Merriman in a tight finish for 7th, but Merriman was rewarded with a U.K. record of 28:52.6—the first Briton to beat 29 mins. Hyman and Pirie followed next in personal best times, although Pirie has done better over 6 miles. Pirie's performance, although incomparably better than his 5000m showing, was again a let-down. Had he kept with Halberg all the way, as was his intention, he would have done well enough but in fact he finished over 150 yards behind.

Bolotnikov, a disciple of Kuts who had the audacity to beat his master for the Soviet 10,000m title in 1957, is 5'8" tall and weighs 151 lb. Studying in Moscow to become a sports trainer, Bolotnikov is married and has a six-year-old son. His previous best was 28:58.2. Truex slashed his personal record even more ruthlessly. He had never done better than 29:35.8 before! Truex (24), at 5'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 128lb, the smallest man in the USA team, could be the one to beat in Tokyo.

The kilometre splits compared thus with Kuts' world record run at Moscow on Sept. 11th 1956 (in which Bolotnikov was 2nd in 29:27.0)!

	Moscow	Rome
1000m	2:42.5	2:48.2
2000m	5:34.0 (2:51.5)	5:37.4 (2:49.2)
3000m	8:24.4 (2:50.4)	8:29.7 (2:52.3)
4000m	11:15.0 (2:50.6)	11:24.6 (2:54.9)
5000m	14:08.0 (2:53.0)	14:22.2 (2:57.6)
6000m	16:58.0 (2:50.0)	17:18.4 (2:56.2)
7000m	19:55.0 (2:57.0)	20:11.2 (2:52.8)
8000m	22:48.5 (2:53.5)	23:01.8 (2:50.6)
9000m	25:42.5 (2:54.0)	25:53.6 (2:51.8)
10,000m	28:30.4 (2:47.9)	28:32.2 (2:38.6)

As will be seen, the final 500m was covered in a remarkable 14:10.0 and the five fastest kilometres totalled 13:58.4!

The all-time list has been drastically altered and now reads:

28:30.4	V. Kuts (USSR)	1956
28:32.2	P. Bolotnikov (USSR)	1960
28:37.0	H. Grodotzki (Ger)	1960
28:38.2	D. Power (Aus)	1960

28:39.6	A. Desyatchikov (USSR)	1960	
28:42.8	S. Iharos (Hun)	1956	
28:42.8	M. Halberg (NZ)	1960	
28:50.2	M. Truex (USA)	1960	
28:52.4	J. Kovacs (Hun)	1956	
28:52.4	Z. Krzyszkowiak (Pol)	1960	
1.	Pyotr Bolotnikov (USSR)	28:32.2 (Olympic record); 2, Hans Grodotzki (Ger) 28:37.0; 3, Dave Power (Aus) 28:38.2; 4, Aleksey Desyatchikov (USSR) 28:39.6; 5, Murray Halberg (NZ) 28:48.8; 6, Max Truex (USA) 28:50.2; 7, Z. Krzyszkowiak (Pol) 28:52.4; 8, J. Merriman (GB) 28:52.6; 9, M. Hyman (GB) 29:04.8; 10, G. Pirie (GB) 29:15.2; 11, S. Iharos (Hun) 29:15.8; 12, G. Honicke (Ger) 29:20.4; 13, R. Bogey (Fr) 29:22.4; 14, A. Rhadi (Mor) 29:34.4; 15, J. Kovacs (Hun) 29:42.2; 16, Y. Zhukov (USSR) 29:50.2; 17, X. Hoger (Ger) 29:58.0; 18, S. Ozog (Pol) 30:01.0; 19, A. Anentia (Ken) 30:03.0; 20, C. Grecescu (Rum) 30:04.8; 21, S. Saloranta (Fin) 30:12.4; 22, H. Ameur (Fr) 30:25.4; 23, H. Addeche (Fr) 30:27.2; 24, D. Kyle (Can) 30:31.6; 25, C. Perez (Sp) 30:35.8; 26, B. Magee (NZ) 30:39.4; 27, F. Antonelli (It) 30:47.4; 28, C. Tseriwa (Rhod) 30:47.8; 29, P. Fevzi (Turk) 31:06.2; A. Lawrence (Aus), K. Zimny (Pol), G. Merewi (Eth) & J. Bohaty (CSR) did not finish.	1960

## Saturday, September 10th MARATHON

The Games of surprises ended with the most unexpected victory of all—that of an unknown Ethiopian in the marathon. Bikila Abebe, a 28-year-old member of Emperor Haile Selassie's Household Guard, not only won but clipped Sergey Popov's best on record time by 0.8 sec. And all in bare feet!

The 64 competitors, 15 of whom were destined to beat Emil Zatopek's Olympic record, started in the gathering dusk from Capitol Hill. At 5000m (15:35) the leaders were Keily, Rhadi, Messitt (R of I), van den Driessche (Bel), Breckenridge (USA), Saoudi (Mor), Mihalic, Bakir, Rumyantsev and Diaz (Cey). By 10,000m, reached in a sizzling 31:07, the leading group had dwindled to two Moroccans, Saoudi and Rhadi, the British pair Keily and Kilby, Hecker (Hun) and Bikila Abebe. Messitt passed in 31:10, defending champion Mimoun, Bakir and de Florentis (It) in 31:27.

The pace slowed during the next 5 km. stage and at the 15 km. mark Keily, van den Driessche, Rhadi and Bikila Abebe led in 48:02, followed by Saoudi (48:25), Bakir (48:37), Kilby (48:44), Togersen (48:46), O'Gorman (48:49) and Magee (48:59).

During the long descent between 15 and 20km. the race's outcome began to take shape. Rhadi and Bikila Abebe drew right away to record 1:02.39 at 20km., 150 yards ahead of the Belgian (1:03.05), with Keily next (1:03:20) and Bakir, Popov, Magee, Diaz and Kunen (Neth) following in 1:03:41. The two Africans pulled further ahead on the climb to 25km. (1:20:47) to lead by a quarter-mile from Magee and European champ Popov (1:22:11). Keily, at 39 one of the race's veterans, was 5th in 1:22:34, two seconds ahead of Bakir and Melbourne silver medallist Mihalic. Next were van den Driessche (1:22:41), O'Gorman (1:23:01) and Togersen (1:23:19).

Magee, who used the 10,000m race as a training spin, and Popov covered the next 5000m downhill in a remarkable 14:41 — yet they lost another 350 yards to the incredible leading pair who, if the distances are to be believed, clocked 13:42 for the stretch! Their time at 30km. was 1:34:29 (better than the official track world record), compared with the next couple's 1:36:52. Bakir and Mihalic followed together in 1:37:51.

Drawing away from his Soviet companion, Magee gained a little ground on the way to 35km. (1:52:29) but he was still over two minutes behind the leaders (1:50:27). He recovered another 36 secs. en route to 40km., but was unable to make up any more ground after that. The gold medal rested between Rhadi, who estimates his age as 31, and Bikila Abebe, who had a 2:21:23 clocking to his credit in his homeland.

With a mile to go, Bikila Abebe drew away slowly but irresistably. Apparently utterly undistressed, the sensational Ethiopian pattered under the dazzling arclights to reach the winning post, the Arch of Constantine, over 100 yards ahead. Rhadi, regretting no doubt his all-out 10,000m against Bolotnikov and Co., was a magnificent runner-up. Magee, a fine third well ahead of the Russians, gained yet another medal for the Arthur Lydiard "stable," O'Gorman proved the best of the British trio, filling 16th place, with Keily and Kilby, both having run much too fast at the beginning, in 25th and 29th places. Alain Mimoun (39), running probably his last race for France, finished 34th.

Bikila Abebe, 5'9" and 128lb., was born in 1932 and lives in Addis Ababa. Coached by the Finn, Onni Niskanen, he divides his training between track work and cross-country (over mountainous terrain), with some light weight training thrown in. His 2:21:23 marathon was achieved over a

course which included an 800 ft. climb. His only known track performance is a 14:36 5000m.

The full results after 20th place will be published as soon as received.

1, Bikila Abebe (Eth) 2:15:16.2 (unofficial world best & new Olympic record); 2, Abdesian Rhadi (Mor) 2:15:41.6; 3, Barry Magee (NZ) 2:17:18.2; 4, Konstantin Vorobiev (USSR) 2:19:09.6; 5, Sergey Popov (USSR) 2:19:18.8; 6, Thyge Togersen (Den) 2:21:03.4; 7, Wakgine Abebe (Eth) 2:21:09.0; 8, Benaisa Bakir (Mor) 2:21:21; 9, O. Suarez (Arg) 2:21:26; 10, F. Skrinjar (Yug) 2:21:40; 11, N. Rumyantsev (USSR) 2:21:49; 12, F. Mihalic (Yug) 2:21:52; 13, K. James (SA) 2:22:58; 14, P. Kantorek (CSR) 2:22:59; 15, G. Gomez (Arg) 2:23:00; 16, D. O'Gorman (GB) 2:24:16.2; 17, M. Navarro Palos (Sp) 2:24:17; 18, J. Julian (NZ) 2:24:50; 19, J. Kelley (USA) 2:24:58; 20, Sang-Chul Lee (Kor) 2:25:02 . . . 25, A. Keily (GB) 2:27:25 . . . 29, B. Kilby (GB) 2:28:55 . . . 34, A. Mimoun (Fr) 2:31:20.

Hornchurch H. announce change of officials: Acting Hon. Sec.—H. J. Beves, 205 Bell Ave., Romford; Track Sec.—A. L. Viné, 11 Little Craynes Lane, Upminster; C. C. Sec.—D. Bland, 144 Ardleigh Green Rd., Hornchurch.

**CITY OF ROCHESTER A.C.**  
**37th Annual**  
**FIVE MILES OPEN ROAD RACE**  
**TEAM, INDIVIDUAL**  
**AND INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP**  
(Under A.A.A. Laws)

**From Rochester Swimming Pool**  
**THE ESPLANADE, ROCHESTER**

10mins. from Strood and Rochester Stations on  
**SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1960**  
at 3.0 p.m.

**TEAM RACE** (12 enter, 6 run, 4 score), 1st team, SIMMONDS CUP and four Cups (Holders—Ilford A.C.) 2nd and 3rd teams—four medals. Also 1st "B" team.  
**ENTRANCE FEE** — 10/- first team, 5/- each additional team.

**INDIVIDUAL RACE**—1st man home holds Willis Cup for one year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Scratch prizes. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap prizes. Medal for first unplaced man from Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Essex, Kent, and 1st Veteran over 40 years.

P.A.L. Trophy for athlete beating course record.

**INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP.** Entries on A.A.A. Handicap forms—2/6. No Individual to take more than two prizes.

Closing date for entries, 1st post 7th November, 1960, to C. W. Wright, 65 Thornham Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Every runner's County qualification should be given.

# Advertise **YOUR** event and increase your entries

**SMITHS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**  
(Witney)  
4th OPEN

## 12 MILES ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

Saturday, November 5th, 1960  
at 2.45 p.m.

Team and Individual prizes  
Awards for 1st Veteran and  
Oldest Competitor to finish.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 28th

### Entry fees—

Individual 2/6. Team (4 or more to  
run—3 to score) 5/-.

### On A.A.A. forms to—

V. S. Blowfield, c/o Smiths Motor  
Accessories Ltd., Witney Sub. Div.,  
Witney Oxon.

**Blackpool & Fylde Athletic Club**  
2nd ANNUAL MEMORIAL  
ROAD RELAY RACE

6 x 4½ Miles

SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, 1961

### On the Blackpool North Promenade

For the Blackpool & Fylde Memorial  
Trophy (valued at 300 guineas)

Presented by the Blackpool Corporation  
Holders: Tipton Harriers

### AWARDS

Winning Team—Blackpool & Fylde Memorial  
Trophy. 6 gold Medals  
2nd Team—6 Silver Medals  
Silver Medal for fastest lap

### NO ENTRY FEE

Full particulars from:

T. H. BROOKS

Hon. Secretary, Blackpool & Fylde A.C.  
3 Westminster Road, Blackpool, Lancs.

**OLDBURY ATHLETIC & CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB**

### FIRST ANNUAL

## 9 MILES ROAD RACE

SAT., OCTOBER 29th. Commence 2.00 p.m.

Awards: 1st Team F. A. Sellers Trophy and 4  
replicas; 4 Plaques for 2nd and 3rd Teams;  
Plaques for first three individuals.

Teams 10/- each. A. & B. Teams accepted  
(6 to enter, 4 to run, 3 to count). Individuals  
2/6 each.

Entries on A.A.A. forms to: J. Price, 48  
Salop Street, Brades Village, Oldbury. Close  
Saturday, 8th October.

**BOREHAM WOOD ATHLETIC CLUB**

### 1st Annual

## OPEN YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

4 x 2½ Miles Under A.A.A. Laws

At Boreham Wood, Saturday, Oct. 22nd  
3.0 p.m.

Winning Team—Cup and 4 medals; 2nd  
Team—4 medals; 3rd Team—4 medals. Fastest  
lap—medal.

Entries (5/- per team) close 7th Oct. to  
Charles Booth, Wavertree, Barnet Lane, Els-  
tree, Herts. Clubs may enter 8 names, 4 to  
run, all between 16 and 18 on Oct. 1st, 1960.

**WALTON ATHLETIC CLUB**

## ANNUAL 10 MILE ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER at 3.0 p.m. prompt

Course: Two laps starting from Stomond  
Lane Sports Ground, Walton-on-Thames.

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Individuals. 1st, 2nd  
& 3rd Teams (4 to score). 1st Individual  
receiving no other award.

Entries: 2/6 per individual. No team fee,  
close 1st October, to: K. Honney Esq., 16  
Kingston Road, New Malden, Surrey.

### Advance Notice

**KENT ATHLETIC CLUB**

## OPEN YOUTH TEAM CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

For Jubilee Cup

Team and Individual Medals

**Bromley, Kent, January 21st, 1961**

Entry Fee: 5/- per team (6 to run, 4 to score).  
Enquiries and entries to D. W. Baldwin, 75  
Elfrida Crescent, London, S.E.6.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. L. R. Truelove, B.A.A.B. Hon Team  
Manager, advises us that he has moved to  
3 Creswell Drive, Ravenstone, Coalville,  
Leicester (Tel. Coalville 196) and that any  
further communications should be ad-  
dressed to him there.