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Walking

by A. D. McSweeney

Westminster Bridge, Saturday. Prompt at 7 a.m. about 120 of the 124 entrants will be on their way to Brighton—for the very last time over this exact course, in the "Open," since alterations at Gatwick Airport will add a mile or so when completed. And not for some years have we had such a hot favourite to win as Don Thompson is this time. While he has collected honours and proved himself one of our best distance men of all time no one else has really moved up in the queue.

His runner-up of last year, Neilson, has foot trouble and Frank Bailey, a close third, hasn't been so fit this year. In the reckoning for a place, apart from these, are Vic Stone—as a matter of course, Norman Guilmant, and maybe Joe Barraclough, of Lancashire W.C., or even Pat McEvoy (with an "E" please comp!) of St. Albans City. I mentioned Anthony Resta, of Italy, last week and he could beat everyone apart from Thompson.

An interesting entry is that of former speed-merchant, Bryan Hawkins. A performance from him could well give the Met. a team place, but Belgrave must win from Poly., unless we see a big upheaval of form.

Strength of Czechs

It was no surprise to find the Czechs filling four of the first six places in the Prague-Podebrady 50 k.m. on August 26th, but it was a bit startling to find them all doing 4h.20m. or better. Thompson clocked 4h.22.58., which shows what we will be up against at Melbourne. Harold Whitlock's report of this race emphasises this point and he remarks that the walking of all concerned was in faultless style. Johnson would seem to have cracked it on too much in the first half where he was ahead of Thompson.

Eric Hall found the change of climate in Rome a bit too much for him on Sunday last, and he retired soon after half-distance in the 50km. race, when in 12th place.

Badges for Six Miles in Hour

The R.W.A. scheme for awarding Badges to those completing 6, 7 or even 8! miles in an hour in certain specified races has been going strong for some years. For newcomers, or for anyone who has not accomplished the perform-

ance, there is an opportunity at Parliament Hill track, London, N.W., on September 22nd, when the Highgate Harriers put on their annual "St. Dunstan's" meeting.

This meeting usually brings together between 250 and 350 walkers from all over the country, some anxious to try for their Badge for the first time, others to improve upon their previous performances. There are four graded races of one hour duration with the fast men winding up the proceedings. Persons interested can get a form and particulars from me. Entries close Sept. 12th.

The Coleman Story

This matter is now before the R.W.A., but answering Harry Z. Dorras (Letters, last week), 20km. times of the men he mentions (in alphabetical order) have been:

	Met. 15	Weybridge.	Manchester
Coleman	96.02	99.46	n.s.
Goodall	96.02	104.06	103.04
Hardy	n.s.	disq.	95.47
Vickers	97.00	97.34	n.s.

Sun? The last really hot weather I remember was at the A.A.A. meeting a year ago when the heat put Gordon Pirie out. Coleman won the 2 miles walk in fast time. We all know that conditions affect performances, but who can say what will happen on a particular occasion. It is purely speculation. We can only—if we want to be fair—pick a man on his average form and leave the rest to him.

Very sad to hear news of the death of Sgt. **Len Demmon** (Metropolitan Police and Belgrave H.), shot dead by terrorists in Cyprus last week. Demmon opted for service in Cyprus and left in March last, up to which date he was a regular competitor in Police and open events. Maurice Eden, of the same Club, and with Demmon at the time, narrowly escaped a similar fate.

London Clubs v. Sussex Clubs 5 miles, Sudbury Hill. 1, B. Hawkins (Met.) 39.17; 2, N. Thompson (Met.) 39.45; 3, D. J. Thompson (Met.) 39.46; 4, R. Bygrave (Highgate) 40.41; 5, J. Friend (Brighton) 40.55; 6, J. Trower (Steyning) 41.36. **Teams:** 1, Met. W.C. 77; 2, Highgate H. 145; 3, Steyning A.C. 151; 4, Brighton A.C. 155.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

WHAT A TRAGEDY! The greatest feast of athletics in Britain since the 1948 Olympics cancelled at the last moment, causing complete chaos—and it could all have been avoided so easily but for some ham-fisted handling of the incident at the start.

On reflection, several facts emerge. In the first place, no charges need ever have been levied against Nina Ponomareva, the Russian discus thrower. Some of the larger stores in Moscow have self-service, and I understand it is by no means certain that a deliberate offence was committed. But even if there had been, this was not the way to deal with it, particularly in view of the way the Russians are so ready to see signs of ulterior motives reflecting discredit on the Soviet Union, or causing trouble between East and West, even when they do not exist.

At the best, this incident at C. and A. Modes' Oxford Street store could have been a pure misunderstanding. At the worst, it could have been treated as a breach of etiquette by a guest against her hosts, and left to the Russians to deal with themselves—as they undoubtedly would have done.

The surprising feature of the whole affair is that the person or persons responsible for preferring this charge of shoplifting, insisted on doing so even when the identity of the girl was made known. I don't think this could have happened in any other country. From what I know of the way our athletes are treated on their visits abroad, I feel sure that if any incident of this nature occurred in a foreign country involving a world-famous athlete, he or she would be given the benefit of the doubt—one feels almost inclined to say "and given half the store into the bargain," such is the generosity shown to our athletes when they are recognised abroad.

It was a great pity that interventions on the highest plane could do nothing to prevent the developments which brought about the withdrawal of the Russian team from the match.

The British Board did everything within their power—on a very high level indeed—to bring about a withdrawal of the charges and, later, to explain our legislation to the Russians and persuade them not to take such a drastic step, but it was in vain. It was complete deadlock and everyone knows how well the Russians can dig their feet in when they want to!

The last, and most important, fact is that sport and politics should be completely divorced. It was stated

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Cover photo by H. W. Neale

Letters to the Editor

OLYMPIC WALKING SELECTION

Dear Sir,

In his article on walking in "Athletics Weekly," Mr. McSweeney asks "But how in the name of goodness can a representative group of five British walkers be selected and the name of George Coleman be left out?"

It would obviously be useless to suggest that Coleman should be considered for the 50 Km. Walk, so this cuts the field of nominated walkers down to two, namely Hardy and Vickers, for the 20km. Road Race. It is perhaps interesting to note that although Coleman triumphed over Vickers in the A.A.A. 7 miles Track race, Stan certainly proved his capabilities on the Road in the R.W.A. 20km. at Weybridge, beating George by almost 2 minutes. Roland Hardy, in turn, has also shown Coleman the way home on the road, and, with his new style, is now more likely to survive the judges "Down Under" than the too fluid Coleman.

We must also remember a very disappointed Bob Goodall, whose flawless walking put him in front of Coleman in the Met. 15 and gave him third place in the National 20.

I feel it is indeed an injustice both to the B.A.A.B. and the Chief Officials of the R.W.A. for Mr. McSweeney to suggest that the Board has been influenced from outside in its selection. The Board certainly may have been influenced by the fact that whenever Coleman has an indifferent race, some excuse of ill-health is forthcoming from Page 2 of "Athletics Weekly." I would suggest that Mr. McSweeney's own biased articles in "A.W." must have contributed to his clubmate's downfall.

A. N. Pyritz,

Southall.

Dear Sir,

I have been on holiday for a fortnight in Germany and France and, because of being cut off from the news, am only now able to learn of the Olympic selection on my return.

I am at a loss to understand how G. W.

Coleman was left out of the 20 kilos. walk. Before I went away I drew up, for my own pleasure, a list of the Olympic Team and, basically, it was only in the shorter walk that I was at variance with the official choice.

My list gave (in this order) for the 20 kilos walk—(1) S. Vickers; (2) G. W. Coleman; (3) R. Hardy 50 kilos walk—(1) D. Thompson; (2) A. Johnson; (3) E. Hall. My assumption was, if more than two were to be sent, equal numbers should be sent for each event.

There is no doubt in my mind that Coleman's style will not conflict with the decision of the Olympic judges, whereas Hardy has always been under a cloud where the foreign judges have been concerned. I think I am right in saying that Hardy was once almost the cause of walking diplomatic relations being broken off, in fact, I think he was the primary cause of the Olympic track being withdrawn from the Games. Coleman did finish 6th in the Helsinki Games, while Hardy was shown on your cover picture leading the field in his heat but, unfortunately, as far as walking was concerned, BOTH FEET were in the air (is that permitted in WALKING?).

Would it not be better to send an athlete who would finish in an international walk overseas, and so save a great deal of unnecessary waste of money.

I understand that additional athletes may be added to the selected list, so I suggest that Coleman's name be the first to be added, to make up for what I thought, in the first place, was a printer's error.

How were the walkers selected? As far as I can determine, only Mr. J. C. G. Crump on the actual selection committee, has any real knowledge of walking, and I know from personal experience that he has great regard for Coleman's style and walking ability and, if he were able to make a personal choice, Coleman would not have to worry about going to Melbourne. This being so, how was this walker left out? Did the Northern selectors on the Olympic committee outswamp the rest of the selectors or was the omission brought about by the influence by persons outside the official Board?

Rather than have what has turned out to be a controversial decision, would it not be better if the R.W.A. had been given the privilege and honour of picking the walkers? Then I am sure that not even the walkers themselves (who can be a very exacting type of athlete) would be grumbling at the selection.

In conclusion, may I say that the selection committee, with the exception of the 20 kilos walk, have done a very good job and may all their very hard work find its reward in Great Britain winning more medals than even the most sanguine of our officials are hoping for.

Yours faithfully,

H W. Neale

Sir,

It seems that unfair discrimination by walking advisors caused George Coleman's name NOT to be put before the B.A.A.B. selectors of the walkers to represent Great Britain in the two walking events that are to be held for the first time in the Olympic Games this year.

George Coleman is our greatest exponent of walking at speed, as was demonstrated when he won the seven miles A.A.A. walking championship at the White City in July, in one of the fastest races in the history of this championship, time 50m. 19secs. From beginning to end he maintained perfect balance at every stride and won the style prize.

Last year he won the National 20 miles road walking championship in record time at Wimbledon, 6 minutes inside the British 20 mile track record. At the time only two performances in the world were faster, those of Dolezal and Ljunggren. George's time was 2 hrs. 40mins. 8secs., and he beat Albert Plumb's 1932 record time by 3½mins. made 1932. None of the judges questioned his fairness. He represented us at Helsinki with distinction, finishing sixth. The selectors surely must have recognised his claims to selection, if his name and record had been put forward on the same equality as the other names. **At least we do know that he would survive the judges' scrutiny** under the international standard of judging i.e., walking and what would appear to be walking. He was doing just a little over 7 minute miles in the A.A.A. seven mile championship. We know he has staying power because of his 20

mile record time. Therefore 5 more miles on top of his seven mile time and he would have put up a grand performance in the 20 kilos—especially as this is his peak year.

One of the walkers selected has the habit of snatching or bouncing his feet off the ground too hastily, and any judge in Melbourne who notices this, as they are bound to do, will once again cause International repercussions in the Olympic World of Walking, as at Helsinki.

Incidentally, I represented South Australia in the 3 miles Australasian A.A.U. Walking Championship in 1913, on the same ground where the Olympic Games are to be held this year.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

L. Mathews,

E. Croydon.

Dear Sir,

The remarks by Mr. McSweeney on the Olympic Walks Selection are obviously those of a very disappointed man, and although hardly excusable, perhaps to be expected. His statement however, that follows in this week's "A.W."—that someone has offered to bring one hundred persons to a protest meeting against the omission of George Coleman from the Olympic Team I find simply incredible. I refuse to believe that there are one hundred walking enthusiasts who have failed to face the facts as they are.

The performance required for the 20 kilos. selection was 1 hour 38 mins. A special invitation race over the distance was held and won by Vickers in 1 hour 37 mins. 34.8 secs., with Coleman over two minutes away in second place. One other 20 kilo. race has been held and won by Hardy in 1 hour 35mins. 47secs. The nearest championship distances to the Olympic event are the ten miles and the twenty miles, both won by Hardy. In the Met. Open 15 miles, and the Godstone 18½ miles the winner was R. Goodall. Coleman won the A.A.A. 7 miles, but surely this does not justify selection for a race nearly twice the distance?

Everyone knows Mac. as an enthusiastic worker for Walking and walkers, but his vitriolic outburst against the B.A.A.B. and others

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DAVE STEPHENS

AUSTRALIA'S OLYMPIC DISTANCE HOPE

By
JOHN WILLIS



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IN the past Australian track season a bright new hope in distance runner Dave Stephens emerged as a possible medallist for the home country in the Olympic Games in November.

Last season was the best so far for this 25-year-old athlete, who earned for himself the title of "The Flying Milkman," by doing most of his early athletic training on his milk round. Yet only a year or two ago, this new Australian hope was nearly lost to the sport because he wanted to be a sprinter.

Born at Parramatta in New South Wales in November, 1930, Dave Stephens started off his career on the track as a sprinter, at Williamstown High School, but he never quite made the grade and soon gave the sport up as a bad job.

When he was 18 he made a come back—this time as a miler and since then he has gone from strength to strength; from miling to long distance work until at present he is the world

record holder for six miles and a possible for the Olympics at 10,000 metres.

Now that Dave has finally settled for distance running it may be as well to look back over his past records, for it shows that although top class competition is lacking and with a schedule which permitted very few long distance races in a season, Dave Stephens has managed to achieve many first class performances.

Way back in December, 1952, Stephens was running third to John Landy in his attempts at that four-minute mile, and in the following February he finished third in the Victorian Championships.

During 1953 the Melbourne athlete, competing at the World Youth Congress Games in Budapest, made for himself a great coach when he became friendly with the Czech champion, Emil Zatopek, and it was Zatopek who began corresponding with the Australian, setting him a rigid training schedule.

Back in Australia, Stephens did not attempt Zatopek's schedule recklessly but worked at it gradually, and in the 1954-55 season, his efforts really began to bear fruit.

In January, 1955, he started the year with an Australian record for six miles in 28.38, which was faster than either Ken Norris or Frank Sando, two of Britain's leading distance runners, had beaten the previous season. The record was made all the more notable for, owing to muscular trouble, Stephens had raced only three times previously.

The next week he clipped Les Perry's national record for two miles when, barefooted, he clocked 8.51.9 in Melbourne. This placed him seventh in the world at that time.

In the Australian championships in a six miles race which was run with a sun temperature of over 100 degrees, Stephens won as he pleased to gain his first national title in 30.19.4. He was one of only three to complete the course and one runner had to be rushed to hospital after collapsing in the extreme heat.

Later in February, Stephens set a new Australian three mile record of 13.31.8 in Melbourne, winning by over 300 yards in his bare feet in a time beaten only by Kuts, Chataway and by Zatopek.

In the June he came under the guidance of Percy Cerutti, the veteran coach who had helped John Landy to so many of his records, and the athletic world did not have long to wait before Cerutti's influence was noticeable.

With the visit of the Hungarian trio to Australia last December, Stephens came up against his first real 'Class' opposition since his visit to Budapest. In his first race against the Hungarian's over two miles, he was beaten by both Iharos and Tabori, although his time of 8:52.0 was only a fifth slower than his best for the distance, and many people were beginning to wonder if the lack of opposition had caught Stephens at a bad disadvantage.

Three days later the young Australian produced his answer — beating both of the Hungarian champions over 5000 metres.

In the decider over three miles, fought out in pouring rain, Stephens proved himself a tactician of the highest order, when he outwitted the world record holder, Sandor Iharos.

Stephens led past the mile and two miles at a steady pace, but on the tenth lap, Iharos took the lead, passing a seemingly weary

Stephens. On the eleventh lap the Australian became alive and then on the first turn of the last lap, Stephens challenged the Hungarian and overtook him on the back straight to win in 13.37.6.

Olympic year was not very old when Dave Stephens put up his best effort to date when he shattered Emil Zatopek's six miles record by 5.2 secs., with a time of 27.54 in Melbourne. At last, nearly three years after his meeting with the Czech champion, Stephens had established solidly as a possible winner in his own home town in the Olympics.

Following his great six miles victory, Stephens suffered with muscular trouble and his expected clash with John Landy over three miles in the Australian championships saw Stephens having to concede his crown to the world one mile record holder.

Now that Dave Stephens has finally proved himself as a possible world beater, what of the future? Well, in November comes his stiffest test when the pupil—Dave Stephens—meets his master—Emil Zatopek—together with many of the world's finest long distance merchants.

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A.A.A. INTERNATIONAL INVITATION FLOODLIGHT MEETING

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One of the heats in the W.A.A.A. 100 yards Junior Championship, at Chiswick, after the ground had been flooded by torrential rain. A. Hornsby

Australian News

By J. H. Galli

THE track season proper will start in September and the Olympic team will be named in October. In the meantime, Alastair Gordon has run 100m. in 10.5 in Adelaide and John Featherstone 10.6 in Sydney. Over 200m. Ray Land has shown 21.6 and Graham Gipson 21.8 in Perth.

Charles Porter, 19 years old, from Brisbane, has been consistent in the high jump, clearing 6'7", 6'6", and 6'5", while Hugh Jack, of Melbourne, has been the best of the broad jumpers with 23'6".

Dave Stephens set a new Queensland state record of 3:55.2 for the 1500 metres and Bill Baillie, one of three New Zealanders training in Brisbane, has set a new state 3 miles record of 13:50.2.

Allan Lawrence set a new Australian 10,000 m. record of 29:50.4 in Sydney, but he has done comparatively better, having run 6 miles in 28:39.0 last February.

Keith Ollerenshaw made the news of the winter with an Australian best marathon in

2:22.12. The course was not policed and heavy auto traffic made conditions difficult. The winner gave some cause for thinking he may do quite well in the Olympics, though he has one more marathon before then. Les Perry won the Victorian race in 2:24.52.2, but he may do better in the Australian Championship over the Games course on Sept. 8th.

Ron Crawford in Sydney set Australian best 50 kilo. walk time of 4:50.44.2 to win the N.S.W. title. In the shot Peter Hanlin broke the national record by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. with 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Among the women, Michele Mason has equalled the national high jump record of 5'4", and June Heath set an unofficial javelin record of 141'3" — there were not sufficient officials present for ratification.

Shirley Strickland, now 31, has run 12.0 and 24.7 for the 100m. and 200m. and 11.3 for the 80m. hurdles. Marlene Mathews ran 11.7 in Sydney, and 11.5 and 11.6 with wind assistance. Betty Cuthbert has 24.0 and 24.5 for 200m.

OLYMPIC GAMES

1956



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DEREK IBBOTSON

(R.A.F. YATESBURY AND LONGWOOD H.)

answers the Questionnaire



- Name (Surname first):** Ibbotson, George Derek
- Birthplace and date:** Huddersfield, Yorkshire, June 17th, 1932
- Height:** 5' 9½"
- Weight:** 10st. 7lbs.
- Occupation:** Electrical Engineer (at present in R.A.F. on National Service)
- Club:** R.A.F. Yatesbury and Longwood H.
- When did you first commence athletics?** Cross-Country 1947. Athletics, 1948.
- What were your first events?** 440yds., 880yds., and cross-country.
- What are your favourite events now?** 880yds., Mile, 2 miles, 3 miles and 5000m.
- What are your best marks at these events?** 880yds., 1:54.0, Mile 3:59.4, 2M. 8:45.6, 3M. 13:32.6, 5000m. 13:57.0.
- Give brief details of your athletic career, championships won, dates and performances:**
- 1949: 1st Yorkshire Junior Mile 4:39.0.
1950: 1st Yorks. Jun. Mile 4:32.0.
1951: 1st Yorks Jun. Mile 4:28.0.
1952: 1st Yorks 3M. 13:57.0; 2nd Northern 3M. 14:09.0.
1953: 1st Yorks 3M. 14:10.0.
1954: 1st Yorks 6M. 29:42.0; 2nd Northern 3M. 14:03.0.

1955: 1st Yorks 3M. 13:57.0; 1st Northern 3M. 13:39.0; 2nd A.A.A. 3M. 13:37.0.
 1956: 1st A.A.A. 3M. 13:32.6; 1st Northern 3M. 14:05.0; 1st Yorks 1M. 4:20.0. 5000m. 13:57.0, Yugoslavia. Emsley Carr Mile, 1st 3:59.4.

Which performance gave you most personal satisfaction and why?

Beating Chris Chataway on July 14th, in A.A.A. 3 miles proved that I could lead all the way and still match a fast finish from behind.

How many days a week do you train in (a) Summer and (b) Winter?

(a) 6 (b) 6

At what time of the day do you normally do your training?

In the evening in Summer. After 3 p.m. in Winter.

How long do you spend on each training session?

About 2 hours.

Give a brief outline of your training in the Summer season, with a typical week's work:

Monday: 2M. warm-up, 10 x 440 in 62.0, 4 x 220 in 25.0, 4 x 440 in 62.0. Mile warm down.
 Tuesday: 2M. warm-up, 16 x 440 in 62.0 Mile warm down.
 Wednesday: As Monday.
 Thursday: As Tuesday.
 Friday: Fast 440 bursts on golf course (flat).
 Saturday: Race.
 Sunday: Train on golf course or play tennis.

Give a brief outline of your training in the Winter season, with a typical week's work:

Monday:
 Tuesday: Fast and slow running over all distances to a mile for about 1½ hours on Wiltshire Downs
 Wednesday: or Golf Course; i.e. 440 fast, 220 slow, mile fast, 880 slow, 440 fast, 220 slow, 880 fast,
 Thursday: until 1½ hours are up.
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Sunday:

How often do you compete in the competitive season(s)?

In the summer 1, 2 or 3 races a week. In the winter 1 or 2 races a week.

Describe briefly the warming-up you do before competition and time taken:

Jog around for about 20 mins., then 1 or 2 100yd. striders.

How many days rest do you prefer before competition?

Normally 1 day, but 2 or 3 days before a very important race.

Name the coaches who have coached you:

No Coach. Receive advice and talk problems over with Sqdn. Ldr. D. C. Davies, of Yatesbury. A.A.A. Hon. Coach.

Have you any suggestions for improvements in competition or athletics generally?

More tracks especially up in the North of England. More big competitions down South with Northern lads being invited down. Talent is as great up North as down South.

What advice would you offer to the young athlete or novice?

Enjoy your athletics, don't take it too serious too young. Train hard but within your capabilities. And the best of luck.

"The Daily Express," which is sponsoring an International Meeting under the lights at the White City Stadium, London, on Wednesday, September 12th, is organising a similar meeting in Glasgow on Saturday, September 15th. The Glasgow Meeting will be held under lights at Ibrox Stadium, the ground of the Rangers F.C., and the athletes who take part at the White City are all expected to come North for this meeting.

Among the countries expected to be represented are West Germany, East Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and the U.S.A. Final word is awaited from Poland, Finland, Yugoslavia and France. Dave Sime and Willie Williams are certain starters in the U.S. team and Josy Barthel, Luxembourg, will also be forward. The East German team will include S. Hermann, K. Richtzenhain and H. Reinagel.

It is to be hoped that the British team to visit Ibrox will include Chris Chataway and Gordon Pirie, as a visit to Scotland by these athletes is long overdue. I can assure both of these athletes that they will find the Ibrox track an excellent one and that they will get a grand reception from Scottish athletic enthusiasts. Other British athletes expected are Brian Hewson, Derek Ibbotson, Geoff Elliott, Anne Pashley and Diane Leather, all of whom are popular visitors to Scotland.

Ian Binnie, Victoria Park, who returned to the track at the Edinburgh H.G. at Murrayfield, where he took part in the 2m. race, is being married on the 7th September, 1956. I am quite sure all Scotland will wish him the best of luck on this happy occasion. Perhaps the future Mrs. Binnie will see that he graces the track for a few seasons to come.

West Calder Sports, 25/8/56

100y: R. H. Weir, Falkirk Vic. (5½) 10.; 220y: J. Dignan, Athenian A.C. (15) 23.4; 880y: T. A. Fairbairn, Gala H. (46) 1:57.3; 1m.: J. B. Parker, Victoria Park (105) 4:26.5; 2m.: F. G. Nelson, Bellahouston H. (90) 9:32.0; 100y. Yths: D. Thomson, Broxburn Y.C. 10.5; H.J.: R. Scott, R.A.F. (8") 5'11; L.J.: N. Beggs, Shotts M.W.C. (1'9") 20.3"; H.S.J.: A. M. Law, Bellahouston H. (2'6") 43'3½"; J: C. F. Riach,

Jordanhill T.C. (5') 171'0"; S.P.: C. F. Riach, Jordanhill T.C. (3'6") 44'8½"; 9m. R.R.: A. McDougall, Vale of Leven 48:56.0.

Women's Events:

100y: D. Kerr, Edinburgh H. (7) 11.9; 220y: M. Macaulay, Edinburgh H. (11) 27.2; 1m. Relay, Maryhill H.

Bute Highland Games at Rothesay, 18/8/56.

The best performance at the Bute H.G. was that of Pat Moy, Vale of Leven, who won the 18m. road race in a new record time of 1h. 38m.8s., which is 4½m. inside the previous best. Harry Fenion, Bellahouston H., who finished 2nd in 1h.41m.34s., was also inside the old record of 1h.43m.7s. made in 1954 by J. F. Higgins, Clydesdale H.

100y: R. Prentice, Shettleston H. (4) 9.8; 220y: R. Bolling, Shettleston H. (12) 24.1; 880y: W. S. Linton, Clydesdale H. (14) 1:56.5; 1m.: G. A. Dunn, Garscube H. (80) 4:21.0; 1m.R.: Clydesdale (H.) 3:31.6; 18m.R.R.: P. Moy, Vale of Leven 1:38.8.0; 100y. Yths: J. McNulty, Shettleston H. (5½) 10.3; 880y. Jun.: L. Botfield, Shettleston H. (42) 2:3.6; H.J.: R. E. Byers, Ayr A.C. (7½") 6'0½"; P.V.: U. O'Connor, Eire (3") 11'3"; S.P.: D. Ross, Motherwell Pol. (10') 44'11½"; H. Scots: D. Nicholson, Glasgow Pol. (8') 108'9"; 28lb. Wt: D. Moffat, Lanarkshire Pol. (7'3") 69'1".

Women's Events:

100y: M. McRury, Springburn H. (5½) 11.0; 220y: D. L. Greig, Bellahouston H. (12) 28.5; 880y: E. B. Rodger, Shotts (32) 2:32.9; 1m.: D. Fulton, Springburn H. (70) 5:43.4; R. 4 x 220y.: Bellahouston H. 1:57.0.

Cowal Highland Gathering at Dunoon on Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th Aug., 1956.

Among the outstanding performances at this two-day meeting was the welcome return to form of Bill Piper, Glasgow Police, who cleared 6'2" and 6'2½" to win the H.J. on successive days. In the Pole Vault, Bill made his first competitive appearance of the season in this event. On Friday, he cleared 12' to win the handicap at 13'9" and on Saturday, he cleared 11'9" to win at 13'6" Ian Ward, the British P.V. Champion, cleared 13'1" on the Friday. Ronnie Whitelock, Vic. Pk., won the 100y. on Saturday off 1½y. in 9.8, an excellent result on a soft track. On Friday, J. G. Edgar, Glasgow Police, won the 100y. off 1y. in 10.0, and was runner-up off 2y. in the 220y. In the S.P.,

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on behalf of the Russians that the decision to withdraw from the meeting was a team one, but there was no doubt whatever that it was the decision of their leaders or someone higher up, and certainly reflecting politics more than sport. The Russian athletes were just as disappointed at missing the match as were our own.

It was entirely wrong of the Russians to withdraw, but they see things differently from us, and it only serves to emphasize the great gulf still existing between East and West, a gulf which a few sporting events will not bridge. But they do help, and for this reason alone it was a most regrettable affair altogether.

In view of the comments of a British Board official the recent articles by A. D. McSweeney and George Pallett, let me repeat that our contributors' views are essentially their own. They do not necessarily represent the opinions of this magazine, nor, as I am asked to point out by the R.W.A., do they represent the views of the Road Walking Association.

I adhere to the idea, however, that our contributors should be permitted to give their own views, whether by article or letter, and whether athlete, official or a mere enthusiast, so long as they are sincere and not reflecting on the integrity of the individual. I do not agree with the view which has been put to me from time to time that officials should never be criticised. Our columns are open to *anyone* to voice their opinion; if they are honest opinions, they are entitled to them and to voice them, and ensuing discussions can do nothing but good.

May I thank the many people who have written in response to George Pallett's appeal for more women's marks for inclusion in the Best Performers' list. They have been passed on to George and, where confirmed, will be included in the next list.

Very belated Staffordshire Championship results are included in this issue, because so many readers like to keep their copies of "A.W." for record purposes. With the G.B. v. U.S.S.R. match off, there was more space than usual and it was not difficult to find an odd corner for this purpose.

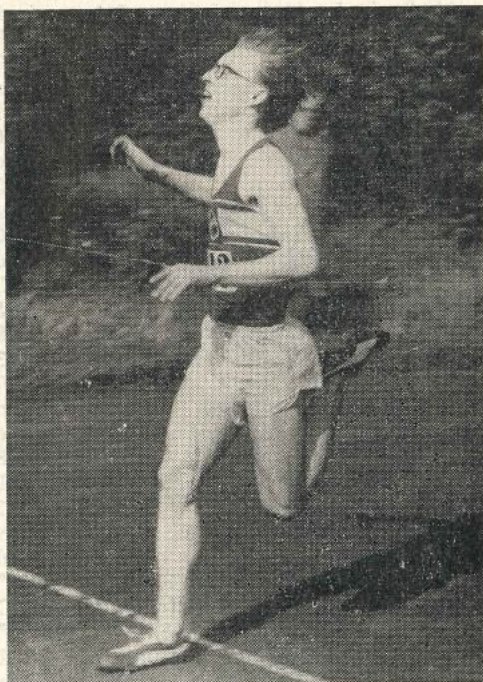
Chief event this week-end is the S.L.H. 30 Miles Road Race at Coulsdon. Owing to a prior engagement—the Battle of Britain Trophy

Meeting at Uxbridge—Sam Ferris will be unable to write his usual report, but we hope to include a full story of the race next week. The Essex Beagles "Joe Louis" Meeting at Mayesbrook Park, Barking, is being televised by I.T.V., and both here and at Uxbridge there are many of our top liners seeking some of the competition they missed last week-end.

THE EDITOR.

ACHILLES TOUR

On the first day of the Achilles Club's tour, at Malmö, Sweden, Alan Pinnington and John Metcalf were 3rd and 4th respectively in the Class "A" 200m., won by Malmros (Sweden) in 21.8, while in the "B" race, won by Palm, of Sweden, in 22.5, Terry Higgins and Martin Orrel-Jones were 3rd and 4th. Peter Hildreth won the 110m. hurdles in 14.8 and Barclay Palmer the shot with 53ft. 4in. In the 4 x 100 m. relay Achilles were second, beaten by .1sec. by Mai Club (Sweden), who won in 43.5.



BRIAN COX (Mitcham A.C.) winning the 220 yards at an international inter-club meeting at Mitcham in 22.9sec.

E. D. Lacey

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Germany (Berlin, 17-18-19th Aug.)

100m: 1, M. Germar 10.5; 2, L. Knorzer 10.7; 3, E. Feneberg 10.7; 4, L. Pohl 10.7; 5, E. Fuchs 10.7; 6, D. Kluck 10.9. **200m:** 1, M. Germar 20.9; 2, E. Schroder 21.5; 3, C. Kaufmann 21.7; 4, L. Pohl 21.8; 5, K. H. Naujoks 22.0; 6, F. Lembach 22.2. **400m:** 1, K. F. Haas 46.8; 2, W. Oberste 47.3; 3, K. Blummel 47.5; 4, J. Kuhl 47.8; 5, L. Prinz 48.2; 6, U. Waldheim 49.2. **800m:** 1, P. Schmidt 1:49.6; 2, F. Stracke 1:49.7; 3, O. Lawrenz 1:50.6; 4, W. Hollfelder 1:52.2; 5, H. Missala 1:52.4; 6, E. Schwarzwald 1:52.6. **1500m:** 1, G. Dohrow 3:49.6; 2, G. Timm 3:51.2; 3, M. Rentsch 3:52.0; 4, W. Bumann 3:52.0; 5, J. Rocksches 3:53.8; 6, E. Muller 3:54.4. **5000m:** 1, R. Lamers 14:20.8; 2, W. Konrad 14:21.2; 3, H. Flosbach 14:33.4; 4, X. Hoger 14:42.8; 5, G. Kluge 14:43.4; 6, H. Huneke 14:51.6. **10000m:** 1, H. Schade 29:38.8; 2, W. Konrad 29:58.2; 3, X. Hoger 30:35.6; 4, G. Kluge 3:55.0; 5, K. W. Lindner 31:40.2; 6, L. Muller 32:00.0. **Marathon:** 1, G. Disse 2:32:23.2; 2, F. Schoning 2:35:04.8; 3, H. Westerteicher 2:36:08.2; 4, H. Vollbach 2:37:28.0; 5, R. Hundt 2:37:49.4; 6, D. Engelhardt 2:38:08.2. **S.C.:** 1, H. Laufer 9:00.6; 2, G. Blankenhagen 9:01.2; 3, H. Thumm 9:08.8; 4, S. Lupfert 9:11.0; 5, G. Globisch 9:15.2; 6, L. Schurmann 9:19.0. **110m.H.:** 1, M. Lauer 14.3; 2, B. Steines 14.7; 3, H. J. Jenss 15.2; 4, R. Bock 15.2; 5, H. Sturmer 16.0; 6, R. Feiger 16.9. **200m.H.:** 1, B. Steines 23.9; 2, R. Felger 24.6; 3, H. Hoss 24.7; 4, W. Reinhardt 24.8; 5, H. Stephan 24.8; 6, L. Reinhardt 25.4. **400 m.H.:** 1, K. Bonah 52.9; 2, W. Fischer 53.3; 3, H. Peters 53.5; 4, H. Joho 53.7; 5, H. Janz 53.7; 6, H. Stephen 54.6. **H.J.:** 1, T. Pull 6'3½"; 2, J. Hassmann 6'3½"; 3, F. Weber 6'2½"; 4, J. Knoll 6'0½"; 5, K. Neufeldt 5'10½"; 6, D. Krake 5'10½". **P.V.:** 1, J. Schneider 13'5½"; 2, W. Reissman and H. Drumm 13'1½"; 4, R. Zech 12'9½"; 5, W. Biffart 12'9½"; 6, R. Seidler 12'9½". **L.J.:** 1, M. Molzberger 24'11"; 2, D. Richter 24'3½"; 3, R. Kruger 24'1½"; 4, H. Oberbeck 24'0½"; 5, H. H. Hohnke 23'8½"; 6, W. Reinhardt 23'6". **H.S.J.:** 1, H. H. Hohnke 48'2"; 2, H. J. Jenss 47'8½"; 3, E. Bremicker

47'7"; 4, W. Mahlendorf 47'0½"; 5, R. Wiener 46'10½"; 6, H. Strauss 46'9½". **S.P.:** 1, K. H. Wegmann 55'11½"; 2, D. Urbach 54'1"; 3, H. Lingnau 52'4½"; 4, G. Brink 51'8"; 5, K. Oeweger 49'4"; 6, W. Eckert 49'3½". **D.T.:** 1, K. Oeweger 159'7"; 2, D. Urbach 158'1½"; 3, G. Noack 157'2½"; 4, H. D. Mohring 153'0½"; 5, M. Buhrle 152'9½"; 6, W. Janssen 149'3½". **H.T.:** 1, H. Ziermann 185'1½"; 2, K. Hein 173'4"; 3, K. Hagenburger 168'9½"; 4, H. Volk 165'7"; 5, A. Sonneck 164'5½"; 6, A. Wiegand 161'6½". **J.T.:** 1, G. Keller 240'8½"; 2, H. Will 238'1½"; 3, E. Sick 233'9½"; 4, H. Koschel 226'11½"; 5, H. Rieder 223'1"; 6, H. Schenk 220'8".

France (Colombes, 4-5th Aug.)

100m: 1, David 10.9; 2, Bonino 10.9; 3, Caprice 11.0. **200m.:** 1, Seye 21.9; 2, Habib 22.2; 3, Caprice 22.2. **400m:** 1, Haarhoff 48.3; 2, Martin du Gard 48.3; 3, Camus 48.9; 4, Goudeau 48.9. **800m:** 1, Djan 1:50.1; 2, Lazreg 1:50.9; 3, Guillemmou 1:51.3; 4, Lamain 1:52.1. **1500m:** 1, Jazy 3:49.8; 2, Bernard 3:51.2; 3, Fonkenel 3:55.8. **5000m:** 1, Mimoun 14:35.0; 2, Carron 14:39.8; 3, Vaillant 14:43.2. **10000m:** 1, Mimoun 30:22.0; 2, Bakir 30:40.8; 3, Geneve 30:54.6. **Mar.:** 1, Maghini 2:29:28.6; 2, Alaoui 2:33:1.0; 3, Barthelmy 2:33:23.0. **S.C.:** 1, Soucours 9:13.4; 2, Chicane 9:26.0; 3, Prat 9:28.0. **110m.H.:** 1, Dohen 14.6; 2, Roudnitska 14.6; 3, Bernard 14.9. **400m.H.:** 1, Cury 53.7; 2, Legoube 54.2; 3, Mange 54.2. **H.J.:** 1, Ousmane 6'5½"; 2, Fournier 6'5½"; 3, Thiam 6'4½". **P.V.:** 1, Sillon 13'7½"; 2, Gras 12'9½"; 3, Breitmann 12'5½". **L.J.:** 1, Vernus 22'7½"; 2, Brachki 22'4½"; 3, Laigre 22'2½". **H.S.J.:** 1, Battista 49'4½"; 2, Ibrahima 47'11½"; 3, Malick 47'8½". **S.P.:** 1, Thomas 52'2½"; 2, Lassau 50'5½"; 3, Sabourin 49'9½". **D.T.:** 1, Allard 153'1½"; 2, Grisoni 150'11½"; 3, Guiller 147'8½". **H.T.:** 1, Husson 188'10½"; 2, Kaperski 166'2"; 3, Lagrain 163'3½". **J.T.:** 1, Macquet 237'11½"; 2, Syrovatski 211'3½"; 3, Delavie 181'11½".

Belgium (Brussels, 4-5th Aug.)

100m: 1, Van Tournhout 11.1. **200m:** 1, Van

Tournhout 22.2. 400m: 1, Moens 48.4. 800m: 1, Moens 1:47.3. 1500m: 1, Langenus 3:50.2; 2, Ballieux 3:51.0. 5000m: 1, Herman 14:30.4; 2, Hanswyck 14:37.4. 10000m: 1, Herman 30:33.8; 2, Vandewattynne 31:30.8. S.C.: Leenaert 9:19.4. 110m.H.: Prinsen 15.2. 400m.H.: Lambrecht 53.7. H.J.: Jungers 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". P.V.: Pirlot 13'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". L.J.: Bequet 22'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". H.S.J.: Uyttenbroek 46'0". S.P.: Wuyts 48'2". D.T.: Dewaay 145'9". H.T.: Haest 170'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". J.T.: Mangwele 214'6".

Switzerland (Basle, 4-5th Aug.)

100m: Friden 10.8. 200m: Weleer 21.9. 400m: Weber 48.0. 800m: Steger 1:52.8. 1500m: Buhler 3:54.8. 5000m: Sutter 14:46.4. 10000m: Frischnecht 30:40.8. 110m.H.: Ryf 15.0. 200m.H.: Ryf 25.5. 400m.H.: Kost 53.3. H.J.: Wahli 6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". P.V.: Hofstetter 13'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". L.J.: 22'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". H.S.J.: Muller 47'0". S.P.: Meyer 48'3". D.T.: Mehr 158'11". H.T.: Veesser 161'3". J.T.: Brunner 200'2".

Hungary (Budapest, 16-17th July)

First Day—

100m: 1, Varasdi 10.6; 2, Goldovanyi 10.8; 3, Jakabfy 10.9. 400m: 1, Adamik 48.0; 2, Szentgali 48.6; 3, Pangert 48.6. 1500m: 1, Rozsavolgyi 3:47.2; 2, Czegledi 3:48.6; 3, L. Kovacs 3:48.8; 4, Beke 3:49.4; 5, Varga 3:49.8. 10000m: 1, Iharos 28:42.8 (World rec., 6 miles time of 27:43.8 was also a world record); 2, J. Kovacs 29:25.6; 3, Juhasz 30:59.6. 110m.H.: 1, Retezar 14.9; 2, Csenger 15.3; 3, Lippay 15.6. 200m.H.: 1, Botar 24.1; 2, Retezar 24.7; 3, Munkacs 25.0. P.V.: 1, Homonnay 13'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Miskei 13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Szaki 12'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". H.S.J.: 1, Bolyki 48'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Palotas 47'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Nemeth 46'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". D.T.: 1, Szecsenyi 170'6"; 2, Klics 169'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Levai 163'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". H.T.: 1, Csermak 196'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, Szivoczky 191'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3, Kapcsos 179'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Second Day:

200m: 1, Goldovanyi 21.4; 2, Varasdi 21.6; 3, Adamik 21.9. 800m: 1, Szentgali 1:49.2; 2, Rozsavolgyi 1:49.5; 3, Somkuti 1:50.7. 5000m:



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1, M. Szabo 14:05.0; 2, Tabori 14:05.2; 3, Varga 14:39.6. **3000S.C.:** 1, Jeszenszky 8:40.8; 2, Deheny 8:57.4; 3, Aranyi 9:03.4. **400mH:** 1, Botar 53.0; 2, Lippay 53.1; 3, Lombos 56.1. **H.J.:** 1, Hagya 6'4"; 2, Hemela 6'14"; 3, J. Hemela 6'14". **L.J.:** 1, Csanyi 23'10"; 2, Pusztai 22'11½"; 3, Jakabfy 22'5½". **S.P.:** 1, Kovessi 51'9¼"; 2, Mihalyfi 51'0¼"; 3, Szecsenyi 49'1¼". **J.T.:** 1, Krasznai 235'4¼"; 2, Kulcsar 228'1¼"; 3, Lukacs 211'9". **Marathon** (First day): 1, Dobronyi 2:35.56.0; 2, Rusovszky 2:39.43.0; 3, Pataki 2:41:23.0.

U.S.S.R. (Moscow, 10-14th Aug.)

The Russian National Championships, which were expected to give some line as to the potential available for Melbourne, were marred by rain and a cold wind. Performances on the whole were good but not, with one or two exceptions, outstanding. One world record was established and that in the Steeplechase, Rzhishchin covering the distance in 8:39.8. The first time that 8:40.0 has been beaten. Kuts won the 5000 metres in very fast time—13:42.2 with three other runners being inside fourteen

and a quarter minutes. Ignatjev was a double winner, taking the 200 and 400 metres in reasonably fast times. Probably the most thrilling race was the 800 metres in which the first five to finish were within two tenths of a second of the winner.

100 Metres: 1, Tokarjev 10.5; 2, Bartenjev 10.5; 3, Souharjev 10.6. **200m:** 1, Ignatjev 21.2; 2, Tokarjev 21.4; 3, Soukharjev 21.4; 4, Bachlikov 21.5; 5, Baskejev 21.5. **400m:** 1, Ignatjev 46.5; 2, Gratchev 47.9. **800m:** 1, Tsimbalouk 1:50.3; 2, Govorov 1:50.4; 3, Osminkin 1:50.4; 4, Matvejev 1:50.5; 5, Ivakin 1:50.5. **1500m:** No details received yet. **5000m:** 1, Kuts 13:42.2; 2, Chernjavski 14:05.0; 3, Bolotnikov 14:12.6; 4, Zukov 14:13.0; 5, Chernin 14:13.8; 6, Protonin 14:17.0. **Mar.:** 1, Filin 2:20:05.2; 2, Ivanov 2:21:52.0. **S.C.:** 1, Rzhishchin 8:39.8; 2, Kadajkin 8:47.8; 3, Vlassenko 8:48.8; 4, Kazantsev 8:53.5; 5, Zakhartchenko 8:54.8; 6, Chapiro 8:56.0. **110mH:** 1, Stolpjarov 14.4; 2, Bulantchik 14.5. **400mH:** 1, Iljin 51.2; 2, Bogatov 51.3; 3, Kumuschka 52.1. **H.J.:** 1, Poljakov 6'6¼"; 2, Kaschkarov 6'6¼"; 3, Sitkin

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RESULTS

STAFFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Wolverhampton

100: 1, A. Meddings (Birchfield); 2, J. Cole (Halesowen); 3, T. Pilkington (Notts) 10.9. **220:** 1, A. Meddings (Birchfield); 2, J. Hodson (Wolverhampton); 3, M. A. Farrell (Birchfield) 23.4. **880:** 1, M. A. Farrell (Birchfield); 2, J. B. Doyle (C. of Stoke); 3, H. R. Fowler (Leek) 1:58.5. **Mile:** 1, R. R. Hatton (Birchfield); 2, M. Whittaker (Stafford); 3, K. Rickhuss (Tipton) 4:19.6. **3M:** 1, G. Rhodes (N. Staffs) 14:40.0; 2, W. Aston (Bilston T.) 15:00.5; 3, D. K. Osborne (Tipton) 15:21.0. **6M:** 1, C. K. Kemball (Wolverhampton) 31:52.0; 2, B. Shaw (Wolverhampton) 32:46.0; 3, J. Bentley (Tipton) 33:39.0. **LJ:** 1, M. Day (Stoke) 20'9½"; 2, K. Jarrett (Wolverhampton) 20'3"; 3, T. Southall (Wolverhampton) 19'6½". **HJ:** 1, D. Guildford (Burton) 5'9"; 2, M. Day (Stoke) 5'7". **PV:** 1, K. Jarrett (Wolverhampton) 9'5"; 2, V. Legzdins (Goodyear) 9'3". **Wt:** 1, M. Bessell (Westbury) 37'5"; 2, M. Morris (Notts Univ.) 35'9"; 3, D. Mitchell (Stoke) 34'10". **D:** 1, M. Bessell (Westbury) 119'4"; 2, J. Wright (Hanley HS) 117'8"; 3, M. Morris (Notts Univ.) 112'11". **J:** 1, H. Hampton (W'ton TC) 191'1"; 2, A. F. Whiston (Hanley HS) 188'3"; 3, R. D. Platt (Wolverhampton) 172'2".

Junior

100: 1, S. E. Gunn (Longton HS); 2, R. Sinker (Stoke); 3, A. W. Evans (W'ton GS) 11.1. **220:** 1, I. C. Black (KES Lichfield); 2, A. Bourne (N. Staffs); 3, B. Rhodes (Wolverhampton) 25.2. **440:** 1, J. Hockin (Denstone); 2, R. F. Elwell (Staffs Police); 3, P. Schlanker (Smethwick) 52.6. **880:** 1, A. J. Whittle (W. Bromwich); 2, J. Lees (Wolverhampton); 3, K. Talbot (Longton HS) 2:03.6. **120Hds:** 1, R. F. Elwell (Staffs Police); 2, T. Southall (Wolverhampton) 17.0. **LJ:** 1,

6'6½". **P.V.:** 1, Tschernobaj 14'1¼"; 2, Petrov, Zahkarov, Bulatov, Denisenko and Gladchenko all 14'1¼". **LJ:** 1, Fedosejev 23'10½"; 2, Grigorjev 23'6½". **H.S.J.:** 1, Tscherbakov 53'6"; 2, Tsigankov 51'5"; 3, Samochvelov 51'2"; 4, Tschen 51'0½". **S.P.:** 1, Ovsepejan 56'11". **D.T.:** 1, Grigalka 172'¾"; 2, Rombanjev 172'0"; 3, Matvejev 170'11¼". **H.T.:** 1, Krivonosov 202'0½"; 2, Rjedkin 195'4½". **J.T.:** 1, Tsiulenko 257'9½"; 2, Gorchov 254'7"; 3, Valman 244'2½"; 4, Kutsnetsov 239'0"; 5, Mozur 229'8½"; 6, Karatajev 229'0½". **Decathlon:** 1, Kutsnetov 7,688 (European Rec.).

M. Day (Stoke) 20'11"; 2, T. Southall (Wolverhampton) 20'0"; 3, S. E. Gunn (Longton HS) 19'11½". **HJ:** 1, M. Day (Stoke) 5'11"; 2, N. Beresford (N. Staffs) 5'6"; 3, T. Southall (Wolverhampton) 5'3". **Wt:** 1, J. Wright (Hanley HS) 41'6"; 2, D. Wells (Denstone C.) 37'10"; 3, A. Jarvis (Longton HS) 37'8". **D:** 1, J. Wright (Hanley HS) 138'1"; 2, D. H. Lewis (Denstone C.) 106'5"; 3, J. F. Mallett (Denstone C.) 97'2". **J:** 1, A. F. Whiston (Hanley HS) 196'2"; 2, M. W. Harding (KES Lichfield) 144'6"; 3, D. E. Conway (KES Lichfield) 134'4".

Youths

100: 1, P. Radford (Tettenhall C.); 2, M. Croft (Burton); 3, P. Thomas (Longton HS) 11.1. **220:** 1, P. Thomas (Longton HS); 2, R. J. Mansfield (Newcastle); 3, G. Lawrence (Newcastle) 24.2. **440:** 1, R. J. Mansfield (Newcastle); 2, A. Bartles (Denstone); 3, M. Thomp-



JEAN SCRIVENS (Selsonia) taking over from H. GERDES-HANSEN in the relay when an international inter-club meeting was held at Mitcham.
E. D. Lacey

son (Denstone) 52.0. **880:** 1, W. Steele (Stoke); 2, A. Warner (Tipton); 3, J. Geraghty (N. Staffs) 15.8. **1 Mile:** 1, J. B. Severn (Tipton); 2, G. P. Bentley (Tipton); 3, B. Pepper (Newcastle) 4:54.4. **110 Hds:** 1, M. Fletcher (Longton HS); 2, A. Adlington (Stoke) 15.8. **LJ:** 1, M. A. Croft (Burton) 20'5"; 2, M. J. Fletcher (Longton HS) 18'11"; 3, G. Cowley (Wolverhampton) 18'8". **HJ:** 1, J. Geraghty (N. Staffs) 5'5"; 2, D. Powell (KES Stafford) 4'10"; 3, G. R. Stanley (Unatt.) 4'10". **PV:** 1, M. Thompson (Denstone C.) 9'9"; 2, D. J. Dixon (Denstone C.) 8'6"; 3, E. D. Guest (Springfield S.) 8'6". **Wt:** 1, R. Jones (Hanley HS) 42'1"; 2, D. Corbett (Springfield S.) 36'8"; 3, R. Johnson (Wolstanton S.) 35'7". **D:** 1, P. Francis (Wolverhampton) 127'1"; 2, A. Stallard (Springfield) 125'5"; 3, D. McWalton (Denstone) 119'5". **J:** 1, J. M. Reynolds (KES Lichfield) 153'0"; 2, C. Hopkins (Burton GS) 147'6"; 3, L. De Cecoo (Denstone) 142'0".

August 11th

A.A.A. DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

1, A. G. Brown (Loughborough Coll.) (100m. 11.8; **LJ:** 21'2½"; **Wt:** 34'1"; **HJ:** 5'6"; **400m:** 52.0; **110m.H:** 16.3; **D:** 106'6"; **PV:** 8'0"; **J:** 150'7"; **1500m:** 4:56.8) 4,934pts.; 2, V. C. Matthews (London A.C.) 4,862pts.; 3, W. G. Miller (Ninth O.B.) 4,465pts.

August 14/16th

Sale H. Championships. 100: B. Jones 11.1; **880:** J. Reay 2:04.8; **Junior 100:** J. Cruickshank 11.1; **880:** M. Thorpe 2:05.2; **Youths 100:** I. Williams 11.4; **440:** I. Williams 57.0; **LJ:** M. Powell 14'5"; **D:** M. Powell 149'4" (rec.); **Boys 100:** M. Powell 11.3.

RUSSIANS IN HAMMER CIRCLE COMPETITION

The Hammer Circle held their annual reunion at Bisham Abbey last week-end and the two Russian hammer-throwers, Mikhail Krivonosov and Anatoliy Samotsvetov, had been invited to join them on the Sunday, an invitation which was not publicised as it would have defeated its own ends with the attendant reporters and photographers "gumming up the works," as it were.

Peter Allday and his wife, Suzanne, had been staying with Dennis Cullum since the match at Croydon and, with Michael Ellis—on leave from the R.A.F.—and Don Anthony, had been training very hard every day. The benefit was seen before the meeting with the Russians, for in a competition of their own on the previous Tuesday, both Allday and Anthony were over 190ft. and in training they threw several

feet more. Ellis reached 188ft., the best he has ever done.

Something spectacular was therefore expected in the Russian match, and when this was cancelled our men were bitterly disappointed. A competition was arranged for the Sunday, however, with the two Russians, Allday, Anthony, Ian Bain and Carl Harper taking part.

Despite the weather, which included a heavy downpour of rain, Krivonosov threw 214ft. 10 in., and was only a little under this with several other throws. Samotsvetov reached 196 ft. 1in., and Allday was only a few inches behind with 195ft. 7in., showing what a little more practice will do. Anthony, who had stubbed a finger on the ground when a hammer handle broke the day before, and was left with a painful injury, could not do himself justice, but nevertheless managed 184ft. 7in., and Bain went to 175ft., with Harper achieving a personal best with 165ft. 2in.

An impromptu Sunday competition such as this does not count for record purposes, but the improved form shown, particularly by All-day, proves what a difference is made by regular, hard training and throwing with companions of similar calibre.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont.)

is entirely unjustified, and to my mind rather ill-mannered.

I consider the B.A.A.B. has been generous to walkers in nominating five for Melbourne. With the possibility of further funds and extra athletes to go, a sixth might have been chosen, and Coleman could have been that one. Mac's insulting outburst has ruined any chance of another walker going.

George Coleman is one of the finest walkers we have ever had in this country, and his demeanour on and off the track everything that could be desired. I am sure that despite his disappointment he regrets more the outbursts of his club secretary, which can only have done harm to the once cordial relationship between the R.W.A. and the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Percy Wright.
Southampton.

BRITISH SPRINTING

Dear Sir,

The letters on British sprinting in your two latest issues are very interesting. But I feel both Mr. Thurlow and Messrs. Cook and Playle are rather exaggerating their arguments.

I agree with Mr. Thurlow that our sprinters don't measure up to the Americans, but I certainly don't think 75 U.S. sprinters could beat them!

After reading the letter of Mr. Cook, on the other hand, one almost gets the impression that but for tracks, humidity, temperature, competition, etc., Johnny Young could breeze past Bobby Morrow with his hands behind his back!

I think the answer is that there is truth in what both sides have to say, and the best way is to look at past results. Andy Stanfield, Ira Murchison, Lindy Remigino, Joe Shatzle, Art Dragg and event Milt Campbell have all beaten our British sprinters pretty decisively in recent years, but in times considerably slower than those they were consistently running on their home tracks. And that, I think, is the answer; our best are slower, but not by as wide a margin as times alone suggest.

By the way, I wonder if Mr. Thurlow thinks

the Americans are wasting their money in sending a 5,000m. and 10,000m. team?

Yours sincerely,

P. J. Reed,
Chobham.

RETROGRADE STEP

Dear Sir,

I see from the Agenda of the English Cross-Country Union AGM that as a result of Derek Ibbotson electing to run for England in an international race at Hannut last February, instead of representing Longwood Harriers (for whom he is only a second claim member) in the Yorkshire Championships, that the Northern Counties have tabled an alteration to rules.

The proposed rule states "... that no international invitations be accepted after the fourth Saturday of January."

Are we trying to win Yorkshire Championships or International Championships? Surely an athlete should be given the option of competing for England or for his club and be allowed to make his own decision? Of two men who were invited to run on the continent on Feb. 5th, one decided to run in the Yorkshire event and one decided to run at Hannut—and a poor team we would have been had Ibbotson not been there to win the race!

Hannut were the first town to invite English athletes over to compete in international C-C races and for the last three years one or two up and coming athletes who have run well in the Inter-County race have been able to go over and gain valuable experience. If Yorkshire object to their runners going over to the continent I feel sure that there will be found many Southern athletes both capable and only too anxious to go, and we need not consider Yorkshiremen for the team.

If this amendment is passed, I would say that rather than it being an advance, it would be a retrograde step which would only result in preventing numbers of our future internationals from gaining valuable experience.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Norris,
Greenford.

THAT W.A.A.A. RELAY

Dear Miss Hartman,

No! No! No! that was not quite how it went. For I myself reported all three teams, at the

door of the dressing room, after asking for the official concerned. She ticked off the names in all the teams, which proves the case, otherwise the other two teams would not have been able to compete.

I have yet to go to an important meeting where they would go to the trouble of rearranging the heats, instead of having the five heats for 29 teams.

Instead of getting at the official who was responsible, please do not throw the onus on to the youngsters.

E. P. Cunningham,
Mitcham A.C.

CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS' WOMEN'S 2 MILES TRACK RACE

The entry was disappointingly small for the Open two miles race for women, staged by Cambridge Harriers at Charlton Park, on Saturday, August 25th.

June Bridgland jumped into the lead from the gun, closely followed by Ann Oliver, and these two drew right away from the field to finish in that order, both beating Leila Buckland's unofficial world best of 11:01.8.

1, J. Bridgland (Southampton) 10:52.2; 2, A. Oliver (Gosforth) 11:00.0; 3, P. Benn (Highgate) 11:52.0; 4, M. Flin (Selsonia) 12:02.0; 5, S. Gaiger (Orpington) 12:29.0; 6, V. Newman (Spartan) 13:37.0.

August 18th

Portsmouth Atalanta A.C. Championships.

60: J. Vaughan 7.5; 100: J. Vaughan 11.8; 220: J. Vaughan 27.2; 440: M. Dollery 64.6; 880: D. Olford 2:30.2; Mile: D. Olford 5:33.7; 880 Walk: J. Pearson 4:04.0; Mile Walk: J. Pearson 8:39.3; LJ: E. Barnett 14'5"; HJ: E. Barnett 4'9"; Wt: E. Barnett 28'1"; D: P. Lipscombe 105'9"; J: E. Barnett 77'0"; Burt-oft Challenge Cup, E. Barnett 50pts. Tubb Cup, J. Pearson 14pts. Intermediate: Loader Cup, A. Morris 36pts. Juniors: 60: R. Wilson 7.5; 80: R. Wilson 8.4; 100: R. Wilson 12.5; 150: R. Wilson 18.2; LJ: R. Wilson 12'8"; HJ: R. Wilson 4'5"; D: S. Watkins 58'4"; J: S. Watkins 56'6". Loader Shield, R. Wilson 44pts.

L.A.C. RELAYS MEETING

Teams competing in the L.A.C. Relays Meeting at Hurlingham, on September 15th, are Achilles, Blackheath, Birchfield, Cambridge H., Hermes, L.A.C., Met. Police, Q.P.H., S.L.H., Shaftesbury and Southgate. Order of

events:—3.0 high jump and javelin, hurdles relay, 4 x 110 heats, 4 x 440 heats, long jump and weight, 4 x 110 final, 4 x mile, steeplechase, 4 x 440 final. An invitation hammer throw will be held before the main meeting.

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Chilla Porter set a new Australian high jump record of 6ft. 8½ in. in Brisbane.

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In Belfast, E. Kinsella (Eire) won a 110m. hurdles race in 14sec. with a strong following wind.

DAVE STEPHENS (contd.)

If Stephens does beat the world at Melbourne, he may become the link in a very unique chain. Providing John Landy can eclipse both the 1500 metres and the 5000 metres, and the Australian champion, Keith Ollerenshaw, takes the marathon on his home ground, then Australia will hold all the distance records. What have Great Britain and the other nations to say to this? Only time will tell!

SCOTTISH NEWS (contd.)

Tom Logan, Vic. Pk., came within an inch of his Native Record when he won this event with a throw of 46'6". Liverpool Harriers won the 1m. Relay for the fifth successive year in 3:39.4.

Friday's Results:

100y: J. G. Edgar, Glasgow Pol. (1) 10.0; 220y: J. G. Campbell, Dumbarton A.C. (14) 22.5; 880y: H. Benson, Liverpool H. (44) 1:55.3; 1m.: A. D. Breckenridge, Victoria Park (15) 4:15.0; S.P.: D. A. Nicholson, Glasgow Pol. (5'6") 43'10"; H.J.: W. Piper, Glasgow Pol. (½") 6'2½"; P.V.: W. Piper, Glasgow Pol. (1'9") 13'9"; L.J.: G. Turner, Victoria Park (1'6") 23'0"; H. Scots, D. G. Hawthorn, Lanarkshire Pol. (10') 106'0". 28lb. Wt: W. Ross, Inverness Pol. (3'6") 63'10".

Saturday's Results:

100y Yths.: M. W. Hinde, Johnston H.S. 10.4; 100y. Jun.: C. M. Sunter, Wellpark H. 10.3; 100y.: R. Whitelock, Victoria Park (1½) 9.8; 220y: J. G. Campbell, Dumbarton A.C. (14) 22.9; 880y: H. Benson, Liverpool H. (36) 1:56.3; 1m.: W. Gorman, Shettleston H. (100) 4:17.3; 1m. R.: Liverpool H. 3:39.4; H.J.: W. Piper, Glasgow Pol. (½") 6'3"; P.V.: W. Piper, Glasgow Pol. (1'9") 13'6"; H.S.J.: W. Talbot, Motherwell YMCA (2'3") 46'5"; S.P.: T. A. Logan, Renfrew Pol. (Scr.) 46'6"; H. Scots: N. McLeod, Inverness Pol. (13') 108'6"; 28lb. Wt: E. N. Gilruth, Edinburgh S.H. (8') 67'1".