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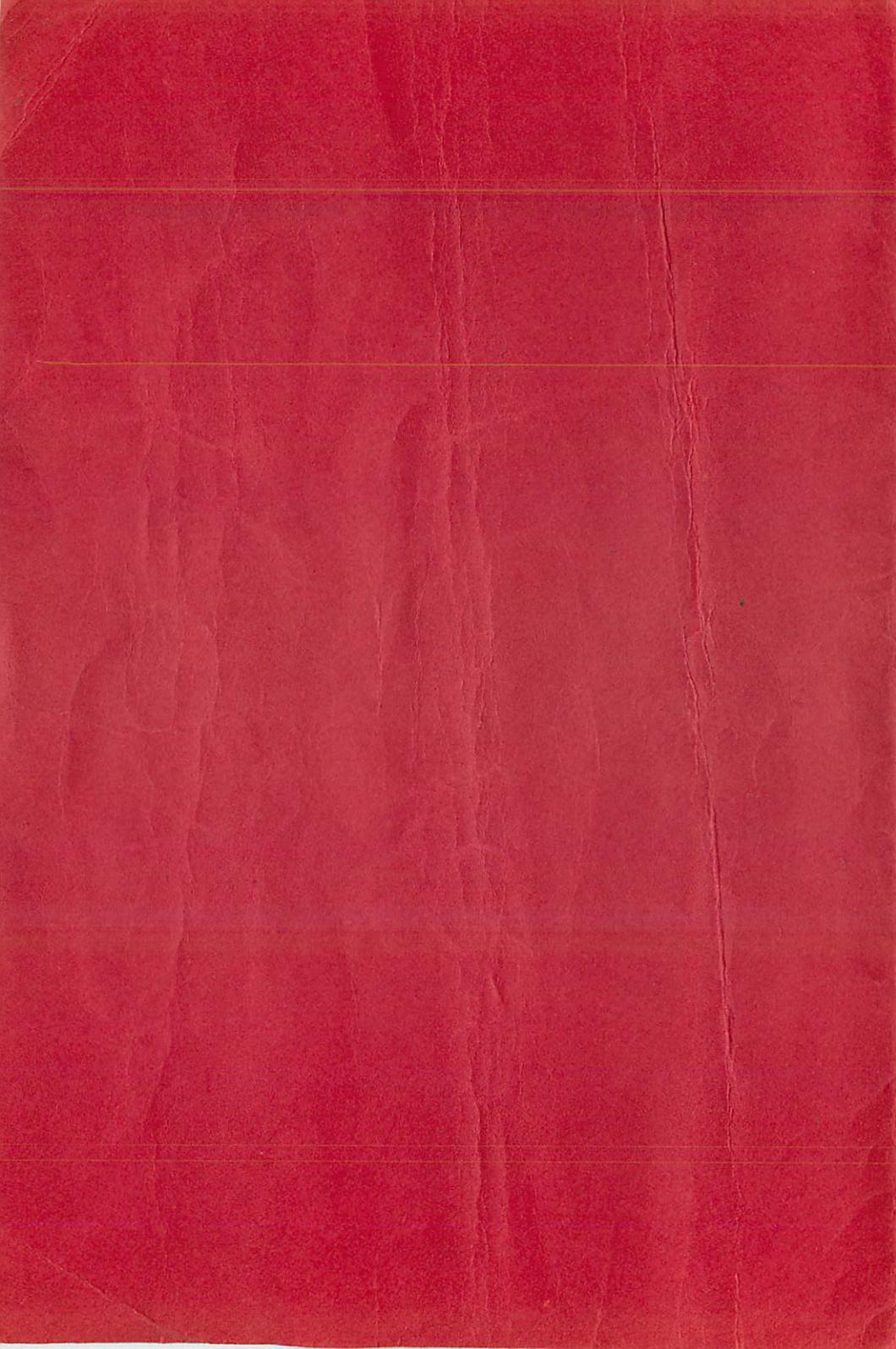
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Our Jubilee Year seems to have been accompanied by more than a little misfortune. Although, generally, our fortunes are at a higher level than they have ever been before, various small influences seem to have affected us and prevented that super-excellence of performance which we should have liked to have associated with our Jubilee Year.

Despite our minor disappointments, our record during the Championship season remains a very fine one, and we feel safe in saying that the Club's continued all-round excellence surpasses anything to be seen elsewhere now, or in past records.

After virtually winning the Southern, only to have the race declared void—a right decision, let it be said—we secured second place in both "National" and "Brighton" Relays, details of which appear elsewhere. Our walkers have been placed third in both "Junior" and "Senior" Championships, and this sums up the results of our Winter training by both runners and walkers.

These results possess real merit, but we have it in us to do a little better and, with just the slightest of smiles from Dame Fortune, we shall undoubtedly do so next season.

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Heartiest congratulations to Jim Ginty, the first Belgrave man to be placed in the English Cross-Country Championships, and upon his subsequent selection for the English team. Further congratulations upon finishing third in the International race at Brussels, and leading home the English team to a splendid win.

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Congratulations also to Harry Churcher upon finishing second in the A.A.A. 7 miles Walk Championship. His was the luck

to follow home Mickaelsson, of Sweden, who set up a new World's record of 50 mins. 19 1-5 secs. Harry's time was 51 mins. 13 secs., which was faster than any previous winning Championship time! And this particular Championship goes back to 1866! Well walked, Harry!

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Heartiest good wishes to our Track Captain, Harry Shields, on the occasion of his recent marriage. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Shields many years of happily married life.

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Details are given elsewhere of a Club Outing to Littlehampton on Sunday, July 4th. Your Social Hon. Secretary would be glad to know as soon as possible if you intend going, so that he can make the necessary arrangements. Give him your support and let him know at the very earliest possible moment.

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Our Track season has commenced and already we have participated in several matches. At the Southgate Coronation Meeting we were placed third of the four competing clubs, our field events men gathering many points for us. Final scores were: Southgate H., 37 pts., Blackheath H. 34½ pts., Belgrave H. 25½ pts. Polytechnic H. 24 pts. In the first of the inter-club relays between Mitcham A.C., Epsom H., Croydon H. and ourselves, we started well by winning all four events. Our participation in the "Kinnaird Trophy" competition was barren of points, but several of our runners did well in this high standard of competition.

Detailed reports of this meeting and others are held over to our next issue.

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A special word of welcome to all those new members who have joined our ranks recently. Make yourself known, enjoy the benefits of the Club to the full, and don't hesitate to ask or write for advice or information to any of the Club officials whose names appear on the fixture list. They are only too willing to assist the newcomer. And so, the best of luck to all our new friends!

THE "JUBILEE" DINNER.

Over two hundred guests, friends and members attended the Club Jubilee Dinner and Dance, held at The Quadrant Restaurant, Regent Street, on Saturday, May 1st. The function was most successful and our congratulations and thanks are due to our Social Hon. Secretary, A. E. Taylor, for his efforts on our behalf. A special souvenir menu card, in Club colours, had been provided, containing a short history of the Club's fifty years of existence.

After dinner, our President gave the Loyal Toast, and later proposed "The Club" in a short but pointed speech. W. H. Hare responded in fitting terms, and referred to the Club's progress in past years. A. A. Harley expressed the Club's pleasure at the presence of so many well-known guests and gave the toast of "The Visitors." Entertaining responses were made by Mr. L. N. Richardson (Hon. Sec., English Cross-Country Union, who had travelled from Derby to be present; and by Mr. F. Gordon Brown, President of the Middlesex County A.A.A.

J. C. Bidgood then proposed the health of "Our President," which was vociferously honoured, and "Wally" made a short speech of thanks before closing the first part of our "Jubilee" function.

When tables and chairs were cleared, dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when all joined in "Auld Lang Syne," and went their way, vowing this important and historic Club function to have been a great success.

TO THE SPRINTERS.

By L. G. BENNETT.

In an endeavour to make our sprinters show more enthusiasm than has sometimes been exhibited in recent years, the Committee has fixed a standard time of 24 secs. in the Club 220 yards Championship. All sprinters beating this time, excluding the first three, will receive the Club bronze standard medal. Please note also that an extra 220 yards handicap has been included in this year's track fixtures.

I should like to make a further appeal to our sprinters to get together, to train together and to support the efforts of the Committee to strengthen our sprinting section. Most men can make themselves fitter by persistent training. The fitter the man, the more likely he is to score for the Club when called upon in match events. The number of points scored by our sprinters in recent years in match events have been small, and it is up to us to remedy this.

Every sprinter should support the Club programme of handicaps. Valuable experience can be gained in these events, and it has been proved that plenty of racing is necessary if a sprinter is to improve.

Discuss your problems with your Club-mates. Exchange views for the common good. And don't forget to fix upon a plan of training. Let "Little and often" be your motto.

Also, don't forget those body exercises, and the help that can be obtained from the books on Athletics in the local library.

New members are asked to come forward and ask for the Captains or Vice-Captains; and all Club-members are requested to wear the Club vest in racing and in training, when it becomes

easier to get together and train together. If you are without a Club vest, this is easily remedied. Just see our Hon. Treasurer, Bill Webb.

Finally, I would ask all our supporters to turn up at home and away fixtures. Vocal encouragement can help a lot, and additionally, you can often learn something from the stylish running of one of our opponents in the match events. And so, best of luck to you all!

A CLUB OUTING

will be held on

SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1937

to

LITTLEHAMPTON

Cost (including rail fare and tea), 8/6.

Book to: A. E. TAYLOR, 11, Fitzneal Street, W.12.

WITH THE JUNIORS.

One of the welcome innovations which mark our Jubilee Year is the institution of Club Junior Championships. Hitherto only a 100 yards (under 15) and a 220 yards (under 18) have been included, but this year, in addition to the former event, we have races at 100, 220 and 880 yards for those under the age of 19. Also the number of junior handicap events has been increased to suit sprinters and middle-distance runners. You can't expect to get picked for our teams if you're not known to club officials—if you turn out in these handicaps we can get some idea of your form. The numerous club handicaps at all distances give further opportunities for enjoyable competition. Any club official will take entries for these events.

Now a word or two about various outside championships. Middlesex members are lucky in that their County holds a track and field meeting for those under 19 and several events are included with a sixteen years age limit. In addition to the place medals, standard medals are awarded in every event except the short sprint. Surrey hold only a 100 yards race and an 880 yards race in conjunction with their Senior Championships on June 5th. These championships will have been decided by the time you read these words. The Southern Junior Championships are being held at Ladywell Park on June 19th and here again standard medals are awarded in both track and field events. We

hope to enter a team in the 4 x 110 yards relay. Our outstanding performers should make a point of training up for the A.A.A. Junior Championship, to take place on July 10th, at the White City. Last year the reward of one of our long-jumpers, F. J. Skelley (who finished a close second in this event) was a scholarship to the Summer School at Loughborough. Many cannot hope to do so well, but it is worth while to enter for the sake of gaining a standard medal.

A note for the field event men: we haven't a separate section for the juniors, but all our jumpers, throwers and putters, of all ages and abilities, train together, and any junior will be welcomed into this mystic sect.

Lastly, congratulations to W. E. Lucas, still a junior under cross-country ruling, who ran a fine stage at a critical period in the recent London-Brighton relay.

Enquiries to H. M. QUACKENBOS, at Battersea Park, or to 34, Eaton Terrace, S.W.1.

SPECIAL NOTE.—All Juniors and newcomers generally are reminded that Tuesday and Thursday are the recognised training nights at Battersea Park Track. All newcomers are asked to make themselves known to the Club officials, when arrangements for training, etc., can be discussed, introductions effected and the new man made familiar with Club procedure.

FIELD EVENTS.

The Summer Season is here again, and we should like all field events men to rally round once again as in past years, and to see some new recruits to our branch of Athletics.

We are very grateful to Mr. Daily, who has presented the Club with two handsome cups, which have been allocated to the Long Jump and Javelin Championships. It is to be hoped that all our Field Event Championships will eventually be provided with trophies. Meanwhile the Committee have decided to award standard medals in connection with the Club championships as follows: Long Jump, 19ft. 3in.; High Jump, 5ft. 1in.; Javelin, 115ft.; Shot Putt, 31ft.; Discus, 85ft. These medals will be awarded on the same condition as those given for track events.

It is to be hoped that more of our men will be successful in winning the Club Honours Badge. Constant training and determination will ensure success.

A pleasing feature of the early matches this season has been the help given by our section. This was particularly noticeable in the match at Southgate, when our field events men gathered the majority of the Club points.

One last word. If invited to turn out for the Club and unable to do so, please advise me to return of post. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.

All enquiries should be sent to:

G. H. POWELL, 32, Dempster Road, S.W.18.

THE TEN MILES WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race for the "Murphy" Shield was held on January 30th, with a match versus the Metropolitan Police in conjunction.

Harry Churcher took the lead from the start and set a fast pace. In the last mile, however, he slowed and was passed by his brother, who thus won his first Club Championship.

Charlie's walking, with an allowance of 1 min. 50 secs., also gave him first prize in the sealed handicap. Colin Sutton took second handicap award, and Stan Goold the third prize.

The match resulted in a narrow win for the visitors by 103 points to 107 points, chief among the Police scorers being many Belgrave walkers.

RESULT.

			Act. Time		Allee.		H'cap Time	H'cap Pos.
1	C. E. Churcher	...	B	83 18	...	1 50	81 28	1
2	H. G. Churcher	...	B	84 5	...	Scr.	84 5	7
3	D. E. Brown	...	B	85 28	...	0 30	84 58	10
4	J. C. Bidgood	...	P & B	85 55	...	2 45	83 10	4
5	F. Rickards	...	P & B	86 43	...	2 45	83 58	6
6	R. Sims	...	P	86 59	...	—	—	—
7	B. Harris	...	P	87 21	...	—	—	—
8	C. F. Sutton	...	B	87 35	...	4 45	82 50	2
9	J. E. Rutland	...	B	88 45	...	4 0	84 45	9
10	S. Goold	...	P & B	89 39	...	6 45	82 54	3
11	A. Readman	...	P & B	89 40	...	4 25	85 15	11
12	W. Vanlint	...	P	90 0	...	—	—	—
13	F. Plummer	...	P	90 57	...	—	—	—
14	E. Saunders	...	B	91 0	...	7 0	84 0	8
15	L. J. Coleman	...	B	91 10	...	7 25	83 45	5
16	A. A. Harley	...	B	91 40	...	5 45	85 55	13
17	R. Martin	...	P & B	92 10	...	6 0	86 10	14
18	A. Rayner	...	P	92 52	...	—	—	—
19	T. B. Kent	...	P	92 10	...	—	—	—
20	F. Jarvis	...	P & B	93 15	...	7 25	85 50	12
21	G. H. Boddington	...	P & B	93 55	...	6 0	87 55	16
22	R. C. Aylen	...	P	96 15	...	—	—	—
23	E. Wood	...	P	97 38	...	—	—	—
24	S. C. English	...	P & B	98 8	...	10 0	88 8	17
25	S. Roberts	...	P & B	98 40	...	—	—	—
26	F. Gooding	...	P	99 40	...	—	—	—
27	W. G. True	...	B	100 30	...	13 0	87 30	15
28	A. Borer	...	P	103 32	...	—	—	—

TEAM SCORES.

1	Metropolitan Police W.C.	...	...	...	...	103 pts.
2	Belgrave Harriers	...	...	...	...	107 pts.

THE R.W.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Last year, at Hendon, it will be remembered that we scored a very fine win over Leicester W.C. in this championship, and consequently, in accordance with the rules, we were compelled to draw on other men this year. Our team did well to be placed third in this year's race, held at Leicester, and we may expect even better things next year.

March 6th was the chosen date and although some of our members who have demonstrated their worth in previous

"Juniors" were unable to train and compete, we knew that we had a sound team capable of adding to our long list of placings in this championship. A fairly stiff course had been selected with a particularly steep hill to negotiate round about the seven miles mark. From the start Metropolitan W.C., the favourites, were prominent, and with the disqualification of some of the principal Leicester walkers, it was soon evident that the team race would be fought out between three London clubs—the Metropolitan W.C., Surrey W.C. and ourselves. Suffolk R.W.A. threatened danger at one point, but in the closing miles their chances faded.

At seven miles the Metropolitan W.C. had five men in the first seventeen places, and it was evident that they would win if they could last out. This they succeeded in doing and scored their first Championship win, with Surrey Walking Club trying hard to peg them back, taking second place.

Meanwhile our walkers had raced with splendid judgment, the majority gaining places over the last three miles. Colin Sutton and Joe Coleman did very well to take such forward positions; and no one will begrudge Len Coleman the praise and congratulations he received on finishing 18th. Starting last October, he has progressed at a remarkable rate and in splendid form; and next year we shall expect him to be right in front. Bill Snell came through well over the last three miles to complete our team and ensure third place for the Club.

Our next man to finish was Stan Goold (31st), followed by a very promising newcomer, Syd English (32nd).

In all we finished nine men in 47 places—a most satisfying performance, particularly in view of the fact that last year's team was no longer eligible, and that the year following a win is usually a difficult one for team-building.

This occasion was the fourteenth in 18 post-war years, in which we have been placed; and in five championships we have had the satisfaction of taking the winning medals—a record superior to that of any other club. Next year will find us with an excellent chance of adding to this splendid record. This year's result is appended, and if all our men can improve a few positions we may well have the race to ourselves!

RESULTS.

							m.	s.
1	R. Sims (London Vid. W.C.)	...	...	...	...	...	81	59
2	G. Treece (Derbyshire S.C.)	...	...	...	...	...	82	2
3	A. H. Rayner (S.A.C.)	...	...	...	...	...	82	33
7	C. F. Sutton (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	83	56
10	J. G. Coleman (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	84	7
18	L. J. Coleman (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	86	15
24	W. H. Snell (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	87	47
31	S. Goold (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	89	30
32	S. R. English (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	89	31
40	C. H. Speechley (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	90	23
44	G. H. Boddington (Bel. H.)	...	...	...	...	...	90	54
47	F. Jarvis (Bel. H. Ind.)	...	...	...	...	...	91	26

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Metropolitan W.C. (5, 11, 12, 13)	...	...	...	41 pts.
2	Surrey W.C. (4, 9, 15, 17)	...	...	...	45 pts.
3	Belgrave H. (7, 10, 18, 24)	...	...	...	59 pts.
4	Enfield A.C.	...	...	...	104 pts.
5	Suffolk R.W.A.	...	...	...	121 pts.
6	Royal Sutton Coldfield W.C.	...	...	...	130 pts.
7	Derbyshire S.C.	...	...	...	144 pts.
8	London Vidarians W.C.	...	...	...	150 pts.
9	Leicester W.C.	...	...	...	164 pts.
10	Surrey A.C.	...	...	...	171 pts.
11	Dunlop W.C.	...	...	...	186 pts.
12	Sheffield United H.	...	...	...	193 pts.
13	Birmingham W.C.	...	...	...	202 pts.
14	Cambridge H.	...	...	...	222 pts.
15	Surrey W.C. (B)	...	...	...	268 pts.
16	Valentine's S.C.	...	...	...	328 pts.

OUR "JUNIOR" HISTORY.

Mention is made in the preceding article of our performances in the R.W.A. "Junior" Championship since 1920; and here in summarised form is presented our "Junior" history to date.

Year	Venue	Team Posn.	Pts.	Team
1909	Brentford	2nd	45	H. Evans (1)
1910-12		No Record		
1912-13		No Entry		
1914-19		No Contest held		
1920	Blackheath	1st	45	F. B. Norris (5), C. Warren (16) A. Trew (8), J. K. Chalk (25)
1921	Bowes Park	3rd	78	J. H. Allen (12), W. H. Hare (23) E. L. Reeve (19) F. F. Jackson (24)
1922	Regents Park	1st	38	H. F. King (1), J. Miles (16) A. F. P. Spendlove (3) W. H. Hare (18)
1923	Wimbledon	10th	175	O. Horwood (15) F.F. Jackson (46) C. H. Rogers (45) J. F. Satchell (69)
1924	Uxbridge	3rd	72	O. Horwood (12) J. Rathbone (22) C. H. Rogers (14) C. P. Bain (24)
1925	Chingford	2nd	56	F. W. Thorn (5) S. A. Manning (15) S. L. King (10) C. H. Rogers (26)
1926	Lee	3rd (D.H.)	110	F. W. Thorn (22) J. Rathbone (27) S. A. Manning (26) O. Horwood (35)
1927	Sheffield	4th	69	A. L. Fletcher (1) J. Rathbone (25) J. G. Scammell (17) S. L. King (26)
1928	Wembley	3rd	75	J. G. Scammell (12) J.E. Field (22) F. H. Elson (17) J. B. Carne (24)
1929	Birmingham	2nd	51	J. E. Field (9) E. Saunders (13) J. Rathbone (11) F. H. Elson (18)
1930	Enfield	1st	33	F. H. Elson (2) J. E. Field (10) E. Saunders (8) S. L. King (14)

1931	Luton	11th	215	A. A. Harley (31) R. G. Hillier (61) W. G. Dodkin (44) C. H. Speechley (79)
1932	Regents Park	4th	97	A. A. Harley (13) R. F. Elson (23) C. W. Redgrave (21) C. H. Speechley (40)
1933	Birmingham	1st	26	H. G. Churcher (3) A. H. Field (7) D. E. Brown (6) A. A. Harley (10)
1934	Southgate	3rd	101	R. Martin (5) C. E. Churcher (18) R. F. Elson (13) W. H. Snell (65)
1935	Birmingham	3rd	86	L. Storey (11) L. Jones (22) E. Heather (17) R. F. Elson (36)
1936	Hendon	1st	29	C. E. Churcher (2) J. E. Rutland (7) P. G. Wright (4) C. W. Redgrave (16)
1937	Leicester	3rd	59	C. F. Sutton (7) L. J. Coleman (18) J. G. Coleman (10) W. H. Snell (24)

In 1920 E. G. Cooper was Individual Winner as member of Surrey A.C.

In 1924 F. W. Thorn was Third (not eligible for team).

In 1927 T. W. Green was Individual Winner (not eligible for team).

THE CLUB 20 MILES WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

In connection with the Club Championship for the "R. W. Rickett's Shield" and sealed handicap, a match had been arranged with the Metropolitan Police, and accordingly a large field started out. The invitation of our course, to retire from the race at 8, 11 or 17 miles, was accepted by many, however, and less than half the starters completed the course. The holder, F. Rickards, was unable to compete.

Charlie Churcher, Jack Bidgood and Fred Bentley set the pace early on. Pope, Fletcher and Wright preferred to start comparatively slowly, and speed up as the race progressed.

Churcher walked strongly throughout and dropping his opponents, won fairly easily from Bidgood and Bentley, who were to fight out the Police Long Distance Championship on the following Thursday. Towards the end, Bob Readman, who had been prominent early on, fell back slightly, and Fletcher and Pope made up places. Percy Wright walked well at his first attempt, but was leg-weary towards the end and was passed by Harley, who won the sealed handicap.

As the result shows, Belgrave had a slight advantage over the Police in the match. The Club handicap must receive the "official" blessing, for it was won by the Walk Hon. Secretary, the Captain was second, and the Hon. Handicapper, third!

RESULT.

				Act. Time		Allce.	H'cap	
				h.	m.			s.	Pos.
1	C. E. Churcher	...	B	2	56	18	...	2
2	J. C. Bidgood	...	P & B	2	58	9	...	5
3	F. E. Bentley	...	P & B	3	1	47	...	8
4	A. H. Pope	...	B	3	3	30	...	10

5	A. L. Fletcher	...	B	3	4	36	...	2	45	...	9
6	A. Readman	...	P & B	3	8	22	...	9	0	...	7
7	A. A. Harley	...	B	3	9	59	...	17	0	...	1
8	P. G. Wright	...	B	3	12	21	...	13	30	...	6
9	F. H. Elson	...	B	3	13	25	...	19	30	...	3
10	R. Rylands	...	P	3	13	58	...			...
11	S. Roberts	...	P & B	3	14	54	...	20	0	...	4
12	S. Goold	...	P & B	3	22	47	...	20	0	...	11
13	E. Saunders	...	B	3	23	32	...	19	30	...	13
14	P. C. Rycroft	...	P	3	24	40	...			...
15	P. C. Thaxter	...	P	3	25	24	...			...
16	G. H. Boddington	...	P & B	3	25	27	...	21	30	...	12
17	E. Wood	...	P	3	26	41	...			...
18	E. Grice	...	P	3	26	43	...			...
19	A. Atkinson	...	P	3	28	3	...			...
20	E. G. Cornish	...	B	3	28	52	...	22	30	...	14
21	W. H. Snell	...	B	3	33	30	...	21	30	...	15

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Belgrave Harriers	1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 20	...	...	67 pts.
2	Met Police W.C.—2,	3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15	...	...	73 pts.

THE NATIONAL 20 MILES WALK.

This year's Championship was held from Epsom grandstand, over a severe three-lap course. We had hopes of regaining the Championship, but last-minute disappointments robbed us of our chances.

It had been intended that Bidgood, Bentley, C. E. Churcher, Fletcher, Green, Harley, Readman and Rickards, should be our team. Unfortunately, Fletcher was indisposed, Green was unable to turn out, and Rickards was also compelled to stand down at the last moment. Harley was unfortunate enough to catch a severe cold a few days prior to the race; and generally the misfortunes which seem to have followed all the Club's activities in our Jubilee Year, persisted. F. H. Elson, E. Saunders and S. C. Roberts were promoted to fill the vacant three places in the "A" team. A "B" team, consisting of Boddington, Clark, Cornish, Martin, Snell, Reeve and Sutton also started.

From the start our walkers were prominent, together with those of Surrey W.C. and Leicester W.C.—the three teams securing the placings in last year's race. It was soon obvious that our need for a strong fourth man was great, and we should have been very grateful for a fit Rickards or Green in our ranks! Bentley, Bidgood and Churcher were doing well near the front; and Readman, our fourth man, tried manfully to give them the needed support. The end came, however, with Leicester W.C. and Surrey W.C. dead-heating for the Championship, with our team, once again, third. This must be considered creditable in view of our last-minute disappointments. Meanwhile, our congratulations go to Surrey W.C. who, at least, did not lose their title; and to Leicester W.C. upon securing joint winning brackets for the first time.

Of our team there can be nothing but praise for the efforts of Bentley, Churcher and Bidgood, who finished 9th, 10th and 12th, scoring 28 points between them. Our fourth man, as last year, was Bob Readman, scoring 28, who did well over such a hilly course. Roberts, competing in his first big race for us, was 44th, Harley 57th and Ted Saunders 68th. Frank Elson was compelled to retire from the race. So much for our "A" team men.

Of the "B" team, Colin Sutton did extremely well to finish 32nd, and thus show up our team selection! Colin had been forced to retire in the Club Championship a fortnight earlier, with blistered feet. Bob Martin, also walking in the "B" team, (he had been unable to walk in the Club Championship), showed form of a few years back in finishing 36th. E. G. Cornish, of the "B" team finished in 90th position, and as the remainder of this team retired, our "B" team did not close in.

We were actually the first Club to finish eight walkers, but as they were not all nominated in one team, the "Nijmegen Shield" went to Surrey W.C., whose eighth "A" team man finished in 52nd scoring position.

We must try and sort things out a little better another year!

In conclusion, a word of sincere congratulation to the winner, S. A. Fletcher (Derbyshire S.C.) upon a splendid performance over a most difficult course; and to our John Bidgood, whose performance gains for him the coveted Club Honours Badge.

RESULT.

					h	m.	s.
1	S. A. Fletcher (D.S.C.)	...	...	...	2	47	54 3-5
9	F. E. Bentley (Bel. A.)...	...	...	...	2	59	45 -
10	C. E. Churcher (Bel. A)	...	...	...	3	0	23 -
12	J. C. Bidgood (Bel. A)	...	...	...	3	0	47 -
31	A. Readman (Bel. A.)...	...	...	...	3	9	25 -
32	C. F. Sutton (Bel. B) ...	...	...	...	3	9	26 -
36	R. Martin (Bel. B) ...	...	...	...	3	10	26 -
44	S. C. Roberts (Bel. A.)...	...	...	...	3	13	36 -
57	A. A. Harley (Bel. A.)...	...	...	...	3	16	4 -
68	E. Saunders (Bel. A) ...	...	...	...	3	20	32 -
90	E. G. Cornish (Bel. B)	...	...	...	3	27	48 -

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Leicester W.C.—3, 6, 14, 17	...	...	...	...	40	pts.
1	Surrey W.C.—2, 7, 15, 16	...	...	...	...	40	pts.
3	Belgrave H.—8, 9, 11, 28	...	...	...	...	56	pts.
4	Woodford Green A.C.—	...	...	...	...	84	pts.
5	Metropolitan W.C.	...	...	...	...	90	pts.
6	Sheffield United H.	...	...	...	...	109	pts.

12 teams closed in.

WITH THE WALKERS.

We are all glad to see Harry Churcher accomplish such a fine performance in the A.A.A. 7 Miles Championship. He has had his rebuffs in the past, and we are glad that perseverance and concentration have enabled him to overcome all obstacles with such good purpose. If he continues to improve at the same rate, World's records will be placed against his name.

We must congratulate him upon winning the Surrey County 10 Miles title, and in walking away with the Inter-Counties race the following week.

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In addition to Harry Churcher, the Surrey team contained J. G. Coleman and L. J. Coleman, whilst A. Readman figured in the Middlesex team and S. R. English was a member of the Kent team.

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In the Surrey County Championship we were only able to take second place to Surrey Walking Club, despite H. G. Churcher's individual win. C. E. Churcher and Don Brown suffered disqualification, and although the Coleman brothers walked well, Surrey W.C. won by 33 points to our 50.

On the same day, Cadogan A.C. fielded a team in the Middlesex race, all of whom are Belgrave Harriers. Bob Readman (10th) was the first man home and the team, weakened by the absence of several prominent members, finished fourth.

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Appended are the results of the Ashcombe A.C. Open 7 miles race and of the Valentine's S.C. Open 10 miles event.

In the former promotion, held for the first time at this distance, we won two sets of team prizes; and Colin Sutton was placed third in the individual handicap.

In the race held at Chadwell Heath our "A" team was placed third in the team handicap.

ASHCOMBE A.C. OPEN WALK.

RESULT.

Pos.			Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap Time
1	V. W. Stone (Poly. H)...		53 13	Scr.	53 13
7	D. E. Brown A ...		56 31	1 40	54 51
8	C. E. Churcher A ...		56 31	2 10	54 21
9	J. E. Rutland A ...		56 36	4 50	51 46
11	J. C. Bidgood A ...		56 53	3 50	53 23
13	C. F. Sutton B ...		57 19	6 10	51 9
20	C. H. Speechley A ...		57 51	5 0	52 51
24	J. G. Coleman A ...		58 25	3 40	54 45
29	S. Goold ... B ...		58 42	6 30	52 12
36	W. H. Snell ... B ...		59 33	5 30	54 3
41	A. A. Harley B ...		60 22	5 0	55 22
42	L. J. Coleman B ...		60 30	7 20	53 10
44	F. Jarvis ... B ...		61 13	8 40	52 33
62	E. G. Cornish B ...		63 30	8 20	55 10
66	W. G. True ... B ...		64 10	10 40	53 30

80 finished the course.

HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

1	London Vidarians W.C.	...	...	...	206 45
2	Belgrave H. "B" (L. Coleman, S. Goold, F. Jarvis and C. Sutton)	...	...	...	209 6
3	Surrey W.C. "A"	...	...	...	209 8

Fastest losers—Belgrave H. "A."

3rd in Individual Handicap—C. F. Sutton (6-10).

VALENTINE'S S.C. OPEN WALK.

RESULT.

Pos.			Act. Time		Allee.		H'cap Time
1	F. J. Redman (Met. W.C.)		75 3	...	0 20	...	74 48
8	C. E. Churcher Bel. A		78 4	...	3 0	...	75 4
9	P. G. Wright A	...	78 9	...	4 7	...	74 9
15	J. C. Bidgood A	...	79 16	...	4 30	...	74 46
20	C. F. Sutton A	...	80 38	...	4 50	...	75 48
21	F. Rickards A	...	80 43	...	4 30	...	76 13
22	J. G. Coleman A	...	80 50	...	4 30	...	76 20
35	A. Readman ... A	...	82 53	...	5 50	...	77 3
36	L. J. Coleman B	...	82 55	...	8 0	...	74 55
37	S. Goold B	...	83 11	...	7 0	...	76 11
38	G. H. Boddington B	...	83 24	...	9 40	...	73 44
44	C. H. Speechley A	...	84 29	...	6 0	...	78 29
46	E. Saunders B	...	84 43	...	6 0	...	78 43
50	W. H. Snell ... B	...	85 5	...	6 20	...	78 45
59	S. C. English B	...	86 9	...	10 50	...	75 19
80	E. G. Cornish B	...	89 45	...	9 40	...	80 5

115 finished.

HANDICAP TEAM RACE.

1	Metropolitan W.C.	...	...	...	...	291m. 5s.
2	Essex Beagles	...	...	...	...	299m. 35s.
3	Belgrave H. (A)...	...	...	...	...	299m 47s.
4	Belgrave H. (B)...	...	...	...	...	300m. 9s.

The results of the R.W.A. "Junior" and "Senior" Championships are given elsewhere, and it is pleasing to think that we can manage to be among the placings year by year in the face of strenuous opposition.

Next year's "Junior" should give us the chance of fielding a "strongest ever" team. With this year's scoring four, plus E. C. Heather and R. F. Elson, who expect to be able to train regularly next winter, and newcomers, such as English and Roberts available, and others challenging for positions; it should be an embarrassing business to select our first team.

It is also encouraging to see some of our younger walkers turning their minds towards twenty-miles racing. We should have a team second to none at this distance in a few years' time if this promise is maintained.

There is a great fascination about a twenty-miles race. Not only are speed and stamina required, but also that very elusive quality, judgment of pace and ability to spread out one's efforts evenly over the whole distance. It is surprising how often the champion at ten miles is an indifferent performer at double the distance, and how the really "long-distance" man holds his own with his shorter-distance colleague.

The R.W.A. 50 kilos Championship, which we have held for the past three years, is to be contested from De Bohun's Farm,

Southgate, on July 24th. We expect to field a strong team, and the help of a few attendants on the road would be appreciated.

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The Police Barking—Southend Walk over 33 miles 6 furlongs, was very nearly a "Belgrave" triumph, for Fred Bentley was first, Jack Bidgood second, Bob Readman fourth, and S. C. Roberts sixth!

We should certainly have won the team race if such things were permitted in a purely Police Walk!

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The track season is now well on us and we wish all our walkers success in the various championship events; and to those who aim lower, success in the handicap events.

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The Club Championships are to be held on an earlier date this year, and the "A. J. Sawyer" Cup will be competed for on Saturday, July 3rd. Two classes of standard are again in operation, and it is to be hoped that we shall have a "bumper" entry.

On July 14th we hold a One Mile Walk, open to unattached novices, entry being free. All members are asked to bring this event to the notice of their friends. New members are always very welcome, and this race, with the co-operation of members, may mean the introduction of a future champion to the Club. So please do what you can among your friends and work-mates.

All members should now have their fixture cards and be aware of the Club programme. If for any reason, such as change of address, you have not had your fixture card, please notify one of the Club officials.

A good programme of handicaps has again been arranged and entries for championship and handicap events should be sent to:—

A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

THE 10 MILES CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

By T. J. FLOWER.

Although the weather was terrible, a good field turned out for this event. Arthur Penny, the holder, was looking very fit and confident, as were quite a number of others. It was very pleasing to see nearly all our "stars" turning out and looking really fit. We expected a good race and were not disappointed.

As the Brook was in flood, the runners made a lap of the field (nearly a mile) to start, and at the end of this lap it was good to see about 18 runners well bunched together in spite of the fast pace set by Penny, Parker, Taylor and Co. At the half-way mark Penny and Ginty were leading with Parker about 30 yards behind. At this point fifteen runners passed within a minute of the leaders—a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The next time we saw the runners was about 400 yards from the finish. A gruelling race was in progress between Penny and Ginty. First one appeared to gain a small advantage, then the other, and they turned into the final straight practically level. Ginty eventually forced himself to the front to win by about seven yards—a splendid race between two very game runners. As the first two finished, Parker entered the finishing straight closely followed by Footer, who had put in some very fast second-half running.

The race was a credit to the fitness of all the competitors, and of those making their first attempt, I would particularly mention A. Beaumont.

Jim Ginty's Championship win also gave him the handicap, and the improved running of Taylor and R. Patience earned them the minor awards.

RESULT.

1	J. Ginty	...	...	58 42	...	1 45	...	56 57	...	1
2	A. W. Penny	...	...	58 45	...	Scr.	...	58 45	...	9
3	J. Parker	...	...	59 42	...	1 0	...	58 42	...	7
4	H. E. Footer	...	...	59 44	...	0 15	...	59 29	...	16
5	D. Patience	...	...	60 16	...	2 15	...	58 1	...	4
6	L. J. Cohen	...	...	60 36	...	1 30	...	59 6	...	14
7	A. E. Taylor	...	...	60 48	...	2 50	...	57 58	...	2
8	H. W. Shields	...	...	61 7	...	2 50	...	58 17	...	6
9	A. R. Shaw	...	...	61 23	...	2 40	...	58 43	...	8
10	A. Allum	...	...	61 34	...	2 15	...	59 19	...	15
11	G. Murdock	...	...	61 49	...	3 45	...	58 5	...	5
12	R. J. Patience	...	...	62 15	...	4 15	...	58 0	...	3
13	E. S. Stimpson	...	...	62 34	...	2 40	...	59 54	...	19
14	F. A. Walker	...	...	62 36	...	3 45	...	58 51	...	11
15	A. H. Beaumont	...	...	63 31	...	4 45	...	58 46	...	10
16	A. T. A. Jordan	...	...	63 32	...	4 30	...	59 2	...	13
17	S. T. Ring	...	...	64 14	...	2 50	...	61 24	...	22
18	R. W. Tobin	...	...	64 51	...	5 0	...	59 51	...	18
19	T. F. Morrell	...	...	65 0	...	6 0	...	59 0	...	12
20	D. F. W. Asher	...	...	65 2	...	5 30	...	59 32	...	17
21	A. A. Bird	...	...	65 5	...	4 45	...	60 20	...	20
22	G. Lawrence	...	...	65 22	...	3 0	...	62 22	...	23
23	R. E. Stride, Jnr.	...	...	69 51	...	5 30	...	64 21	...	25
24	A. Smith	...	...	70 15	...	7 0	...	63 15	...	24
25	G. S. Doubleday	...	...	70 40	...	9 30	...	61 10	...	21
26	F. G. White	...	...	71 27	...	6 30	...	64 57	...	26
27	C. Mains	...	...	74 20	...	4 0	...	70 20	...	27

THE SOUTH OF THE THAMES CHAMPIONSHIP.

This Championship was decided this year at Horsham, and as our last year's winning team was no longer eligible, according to the rules governing this event, our chances of being placed were very small. A difficult course and unpleasant weather conditions, still further handicapped our team, which contained several young and comparatively untried runners. In these circumstances, our team position, although lower than our normal performance in this race, must not be regarded with dissatisfaction. In Clements,

Lucas, and the younger Herbert, we have three junior runners destined for the highest rank. Beaumont, Wood and Tobin are all likely to show improved performances next year.

We detect plenty of evidence of another winning team in a year or two. As in all races where "barring" clauses operate, a club gradually builds up a team year by year until it becomes a winning team. This team in the act of winning (or of being placed in Southern or English Championships) loses its eligibility, and the business of building a new winning team starts all over again! This, of course, is the purpose of the "junior" championships—to encourage the younger and unknown runners.

The race result is appended:—

RESULT.

	m. s.			m. s.	
1	A. J. Hughes		83	W. E. Lucas	48 19
	(Reading A.C.)	43 12	104	A. A. Bird	49 12
49	A. F. Clements	47 13	115	A. T. Jordan	49 30
55	A. H. Beaumont	47 22	125	A. F. Mitchell	49 44
69	R. W. Tobin	47 59	142	E. H. Herbert	50 18
80	T. F. Morrell	48 11	149	J. C. Edwards	50 50
81	K. N. Wood	48 13	178	A. Smith	52 10

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Reading A.C.	89 pts.	3	Westbury H.	174 pts.
2	South London H.	137 pts.	11	Belgrave H.	417 pts.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

By G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

The venue this time was Horton Kirby, Kent, where a "real" cross-country course had been planned over heavy clay, much of which was "plough" which had been rendered very sticky due to recent rainfall.

The "Junior" (5 miles) was held first, and after a fast downhill start the heaviness of the course and the uphill work soon strung the field out. After one small lap (about half-a-mile) Lucas was our first man, lying about 12th, with the rest of the lads coming up. We did not see them again until the finish, where our positions did not seem to have changed, and it was soon obvious that we would not get a place. The winners, Southgate H., finished their four in almost consecutive positions—a fact which brought them applause. That the competitors had had a hard run was obvious by the way in which they trailed up the hill to finish. As for our own team, although many had hoped for a place, it must be remembered that the nature of the course was "foreign" to many of them, and they have nearly all had a strenuous season.

Whilst the Juniors were out in the country, the Seniors lined up. Our first disappointment was the absence of Bert Footer and Bert Shaw from the start owing to indisposition. The skies were

leaden, a wind was blowing with gale force, and there was blinding rain and hail when the runners left the pens. Fortunately, this storm was short-lived and we were able to see the runners at the end of the short lap. The "Bels" obviously meant business for Pat Parker and Jim Ginty were right at the front, our others being well up, too. As it was a two-lap course we did not see them again until the half-way mark (5 miles), where they were getting mixed up with the tail-end of the Juniors. Jim and Pat had a good 30 yards lead on a Reading man, but lost a few yards looking for the trail. Both our men looked fresh and comfortable. In the fourth position was Dan Patience, who, running with great power, was overhauling the third man.

Our next man was Tom Carter, who, despite the mud, was running with his usual polished style in tenth position. Close on his heels in twelfth position came Arthur Penny, who looked as though he had something up his sleeve (he was wearing a sweater!). Then Harry Shields at eighteenth completed our six. Harry was certainly "having a go," and a sterling performance from him seemed assured. Then there seemed rather a gap before Alf. Taylor and Ron. Patience came along together. Les Cohen soon followed with Arthur Allum close behind him. Our twelve was completed by our reserve men, Micky Walker and, just to make it a family affair, Alec Patience. Thus at half-way our chances of winning the title from Surrey A.C., not to mention a possible individual winner, appeared very bright and all we could do was to wait until the runners had been out in the country again.

Then followed a long suspense. Suddenly the runners were sighted, but in the wrong direction. The funnel was reversed, but again they disappeared. It was soon evident that the trail had been lost. Meanwhile, an observer from round the course had reported that the "Bels" had 6 in 12. Then there was a shout and everybody dashed to a barbed wire fence to see the field come straggling uphill over a cabbage field, running from all directions. It was immediately decided to call the race off.

It transpired that the high wind had blown the trail away, but, surely, for a Championship Race, something more definite and not subject to the mercy of the elements as is a paper trail is necessary. Or shall each runner be provided with a map and compass? However, the sad fact remains that the entire field ran about twelve miles over very tough country for nothing; and as for many of the runners the "Southern" is their only 10 miles race. It must have been a very galling reward for their winter's training. No less mortifying was the lot of those clubs who had hoped to have earned a high position in the finishing list. For our own part we feel that Fate has robbed us of what appeared to be a potentially phenomenal win—first two men home, two in the next three position, and the other two scoring

men inside the dozen. All of our men had gained ground, including Pat and Jim, who at a short distance from the finish had increased their lead to 100 yards. Our complete team of twelve would have closed in by the time that the 60th man was home—surely a performance of which even the wildest optimist would never have dreamed.

In the annals of the sport the event will go down as "Race Postponed," but to those who were there (whilst hoping that a similar fate will never befall a race again), I think that it will go down as a moral victory for the Bels.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT.

1 Southgate H.	55 pts.	4 Chelmsford A.C.	104 pts.
2 Polytechnic H.	69 pts.	5 Belgrave H.	105 pts.
3 Blackheath H.	96 pts.	6 South London H.	110 pts.
22 teams closed in.			

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It was decided some days later to re-run the Senior race on Easter Saturday, at Dartford. In view of the strenuous programme facing our men, some having Service and International engagements in addition to the normal fixture list, and the unsuitability of the date, we decided not to compete. Our feelings were shared by most other clubs and eventually only 32 individuals, comprising four teams (as against 33 teams originally entered) competed in the re-run race—a truly farcical state of affairs. It is to be hoped that suitable reference is made in the records as to the conditions, size of field, etc., of the re-run race, as there can be no credit in a success of this kind, and it is only fair that future generations shall be reminded that no serious "Southern" Senior Championship was decided in 1937.

THE ENGLISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

We travelled to Stratford-on-Avon on March 13th, and despite our high hopes, the date proved an unlucky one for us. Unfortunately, we were denied the services of Arthur Penny and Alf Taylor, both of whom had leg troubles; and Carter was in the throes of a severe cold. Despite these handicaps, our lads were determined to give a good account of themselves, and a course consisting of five laps of muddy going on the local racecourse was the test provided. After the first few yards every competitor was well soaked and generally coated with mud, a state of affairs shared to a lesser degree by the officials and spectators present.

At the end of the first lap our boys were prominent, as were also Birchfield and several of the Sutton H. (Northern Champions) runners. Jim Ginty and Pat Parker were with the leading bunch, and Dan Patience and Bert Footer were close behind.

The second lap showed us to have a twenty to thirty points lead over our Midland rivals, but on the next lap they managed to

reduce our lead slightly. In the main, our runners maintained their positions, but the Birchfield runners gradually moved up, although unable to get on terms with our leading runners. With a lap to go our advantage was a bare two points, and we hurried back to the finishing point to await the arrival of the runners and the decision of one of the closest races ever. Belgrave and Birchfield partisans were greatly excited and could hardly contain themselves whilst awaiting the approach of the runners. Some went down the course to shout on their respective teams, and neither Belgrave nor Birchfield could be confident about the result.

The leading runners appeared and H. D. Clark (York H.) narrowly beat R. V. Draper (Hinckley Technical College) for the individual title, with our Jim Ginty a few yards away, third, and Pat Parker fourth. As the first two runners were individual entrants, our team placings scored 1 and 2—the perfect start. Birchfield countered with 8 and 10, and then came Dan Patience, scoring 11 for us. Birchfield's captain, our old friend, R. R. Sutherland, was 12th, and our captain, Bert Footer, followed him in, 13th. Thus, between us we had seven team positions out of the first thirteen, and with four aside scoring, we led by 27 pts. to Birchfield's 47 pts. (Currie (17th) being their fourth man. Birchfield now completed their team with positions 18 and 25, and our fifth man to finish was Les Cohen, 26th.

Where was our sixth man? Mr. Austin, the Birchfield Hon. Secretary, acting as Recorder for his club, stood next to the writer, acting in the same capacity for Belgrave. "If your sixth man is behind 37th position, we win," he said, having quickly totalled the scores. And both of us looked anxiously at the stream of runners passing down the "funnel." There was our sixth man, Tom Carter, and still we could not tell which team had won. Tom had battled to the last ounce of his strength and collapsed full-length in the tenacious mud. Officials tried to assist him and take the disc recording his position from him; he would not give it to anyone but his own club-man. Eventually, he recovered sufficiently to be helped towards the recording table, and handed his disc to the writer—No. 41! "We win by four points," said Mr. Austin; "fine race!"

And so once again we had to take second place to Birchfield, to whom our heartiest congratulations are proffered. They could not boast our splendid start to their team scoring, but their splendid packing and the way they fought for every point commands our admiration.

We sighed for Penny and Taylor at their best in our team, and a Carter running as he did the previous year, cold-free; but all teams have their disappointments and patches of hard luck. Now doubt our Midland rivals are also the victims of misfortune on occasions. Certainly, in scoring 90 points they equalled their

score of the previous year, and this is a total we have never yet been able to beat.

In fact, our score of this year (94 points) is the best we have ever recorded. When we won the title in 1935, our score was 97. Jim Ginty is the first Belgrave man to have been placed in the "National," and we heartily congratulate him; also Pat Parker on exceptionally fine running. Jim was selected for England, and Pat for Northern Ireland, in the "International" following a week later.

So, although we were forced into second place after a grand race, we yet can find plenty of satisfaction. Next year we shall be trying again!

Our three runners outside our scoring six, backed up well in 60th, 69th and 82nd places. With nine aside scoring we should have beaten every other team in the race. With 4 or 5 aside scoring we should have done the same thing; but with six aside we lose to Birchfield! Next year must see some revision here!

A final word of congratulation to J. C. Smart, who finished 34th, running for his Winter first-claim club, and a comment on the placings of Southern clubs in the team race. Nine of the first twelve clubs from the South, and we are always told that the North and Midlands have the monopoly!

RESULT.

Act. Pos.	Team Pos.		m.	s.
1		H. D. Clark	...	60 19
2		R. V. Draper	...	66 21
3	1	J. Ginty	...	60 24
4	2	J. Parker	...	60 48
14	11	D. Patience	...	62 20
16	13	H. E. Footer	...	62 24
	26	L. J. Cohen		
	41	C. T. Carter		
	60	H. W. Shields		
	69	A. R. Shaw		
	82	A. Allum		

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	Birchfield H. (8, 10, 12, 17, 18, 25)	...	90 pts.
2	Belgrave H. (1, 2, 11, 13, 26, 41)	...	94 pts.
3	Sutton H. & A.C. (4, 7, 16, 19, 37, 79)	...	162 pts.
4	South London H.	...	329 pts.
5	Polytechnic H.	...	345 pts.
6	Mitcham A.C.	...	353 pts.
7	Reading A.C.	...	370 pts.
8	Surrey A.C.	...	389 pts.
9	Tipton H.	...	400 pts.
10	Blackheath H.	...	511 pts.
11	Slough A.C.	...	617 pts.
12	Thames H. & H.	...	649 pts.

33 teams started.

OUR "NATIONAL" CROSS-COUNTRY HISTORY.

Below, in summarised form, is given the results of our National efforts in previous years.

1920	Windsor			A. L. Porter (128) J. W. Macher (207) O. Horwood (198) A. E. Macher (224)
1921	Doncaster	No Entry		
1922	Hereford	No Entry		
1923	Beaconsfield	23rd	912	J. G. Flatt (91) R. J. Savage (105) J. J. Crichton (142) A. E. Smith (178) J. Pritchard (192) R. E. Wills (205)
1924	Doncaster	No Entry		
1925	Hereford			H. E. Footer (Individual) 0
1926	Wolverton			H. E. Footer (42) J. G. Flatt (136) (Individual Entries)
1927	Crewe			H. E. Footer (Individual) (56)
1928	Leamington	17th	711	W. G. Webb (63) H. E. Footer (79) A. D. Pyer (95) W. L. Bayliss (141) A. E. Smith (149) A. G. Jones (184)
1929	Beaconsfield			W. G. Webb (87) A. W. Penny (120) W. L. Bayliss (122) F. G. Ford (197)
1930	Sheffield	6th	320	H. E. Footer (17) S. H. Warboys (36) A. Allum (47) W. G. Webb (65) F. R. Webb (74) E. A. Duffett (81)
1931	Kettering	9th	329	A. Allum (5) S. H. Warboys (36) A. W. Penny (46) H. E. Footer (67) W. G. Webb (83) J. E. Flower (93)
1932	Wolverton	10th	433	J. E. Flower (21) H. E. Footer (22) S. H. Warboys (87) C. T. Carter (91) E. A. Duffett (97) W. G. Webb (115)
1933	Alderley	3rd	233	A. W. Penny (4) H. E. Footer (5) A. Allum (34) C. E. Mains (48) J. E. Flower (62) A. R. Shaw (80)
1934	Himley	3rd	113	A. W. Penny (4) H. E. Footer (9) A. E. Taylor (16) A. Allum (20) J. E. Flower (28) H. W. Shields (36)
1935	Beaconsfield	1st	97	H. E. Footer (11) D. Patience (14) J. Ginty (15) A. E. Taylor (18) C. T. Carter (19) H. W. Shields (20)
1936	Alderley	2nd	112	C. T. Carter (12) A. W. Penny (17) H. E. Footer (18) J. Ginty (22) A. Allum (44) S. T. Ring (50)
1937	Stratford- on-Avon	2nd	94	J. Ginty (1) J. Parker (2) D. Patience (11) H. E. Footer (13) L. J. Cohen (26) C. T. Carter (41)

THE FIVE MILE HANDICAP.

By W. ASHFORD.

A slightly smaller field than usual lined the start for the five mile road race held on the warmest day this year so far. From the very start Pat Parker looked the winner and after the first mile he was leading, but followed very closely by Carter, Cohen, Stimpson and Ring, with the rest of the field in hot pursuit. The second mile found Parker still leading, with Carter on his heels, and the rest beginning to spread out more.

Over the hills Pat had increased his lead to about forty yards, but Cohen, Footer and Stimpson had closed up on Tom Carter, who was apparently having a bad time. Ultimately, Parker ran out winner by about forty-five yards, while Cohen, Footer and Stimpson passed Carter to finish in that order. There was a very keen fight for the next five places, ten seconds covering the five positions. Congratulations to Ted Stimpson for his fine stylish run, his fourth fastest time giving him second handicap prize; and to W. E. Lucas, who won the handicap in splendid fashion. Finally, condolences to Arthur Penny and Alf Taylor, who generally finish well up in the race but were unfit this year.

RESULT.

1	J. Parker	...	...	28 48	...	0 20	...	28 28	...	12
2	L. J. Cohen	...	...	28 55	...	0 25	...	28 30	...	13†
3	H. E. Footer	...	...	29 0	...	0 30	...	28 30	...	13†
4	E. S. Stimpson	...	...	29 4	...	2 0	...	27 4	...	2
5	C. T. Carter	...	...	29 28	...	0 30	...	28 59	...	17
6	S. T. Ring	...	...	29 40	...	1 35	...	28 5	...	8
7	A. Allum	...	...	29 41	...	1 15	...	28 26	...	10†
8	H. W. Shields	...	...	29 43	...	1 40	...	28 3	...	7
9	A. R. Shaw	...	...	29 47	...	2 0	...	27 47	...	4
10	W. E. Lucas	...	...	29 49	...	3 0	...	26 49	...	1
11	A. W. Penny	...	...	30 39	...	Scr.	...	30 39	...	23
12	D. Patience	...	...	31 12	...	2 0	...	29 12	...	20
13	E. H. Herbert	...	...	31 14	...	3 45	...	27 29	...	3
14	T. F. Morrell	...	...	31 18	...	3 30	...	27 48	...	5
15	J. E. Flower	...	...	31 34	...	2 15	...	29 19	...	21
16	F. R. Webb	...	...	31 38	...	2 30	...	29 8	...	19
17	A. F. Clements	...	...	31 41	...	3 15	...	28 26	...	10†
18	A. A. Bird	...	...	31 44	...	3 0	...	28 44	...	15
19	A. T. A. Jordan	...	...	32 4	...	3 15	...	28 49	...	16
20	F. G. White	...	...	32 21	...	4 30	...	27 51	...	6
21	K. N. Wood	...	...	32 30	...	3 0	...	29 30	...	22
22	A. S. Lindsey	...	...	32 52	...	4 30	...	28 22	...	9
23	W. F. Merryman	...	...	33 2	...	4 0	...	29 2	...	18
24	F. Tame	...	...	34 15	...	2 45	...	31 30	...	25
25	A. Smith	...	...	35 35	...	4 45	...	30 50	...	24

† Dead Heat.

THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

This year's Brighton Relay differed greatly from previous races in that a much shorter distance course was used, divided into ten stages as usual. The stages to suffer most were the last three and on these the distances were cut down appreciably. We had hoped to record our fourth successive win, but in most dramatic finish ever seen, we lost on the last stage by a bare yard. Congratulations to Mitcham A.C. upon providing such a sensational "turn-up."

The start was from the "News of the World" Track at Mitcham. We lacked the services once again of Art Penny and A. E. Taylor, and, most unfortunately, Jim Ginty was also unable to help our team.

BERT FOOTER was our first runner. During the preceding week he had told us the usual tales of being off-colour, unfit and unworthy of a place in the team. As usual, we had discounted his statement (to put it mildly!) but on this occasion he was certainly not quite his usual self. Probably missed Dale Hill, but anyway at the end of the first stage we were in ninth position of the 21 competing clubs. Mitcham led from Birchfield and Reading at this point.

PAT PARKER, our next runner, followed with one of the most sensational runs ever seen in this race. With tremendous stride, amazing power, intense determination and relentless pace, he passed the eight runners who started before him, and took us into the lead. Previous record over this stretch was hopelessly smashed! If this run had been accomplished on the track in front of a large crowd, it would have been hailed as one of the classic efforts to be spoken of with hushed voice in years to come. As it is, witnessed by the few, it will long remain an outstanding memory to those privileged to be present whilst Pat turned a deficit into a nine seconds lead.

LES COHEN now carried our colours from Merstham to Earlswood Common. The lead was increased to one of 25 seconds over Birchfield, with Mitcham still in the third place. Cohen's effort was a very fine one, and we now seemed well set for our fourth victory.

A. R. SHAW followed for us. Bert not only maintained our lead but added a few yards to it. Birchfield were second, Mitcham third and Achilles fourth at the end of this, the fourth, stage.

SYD RING was the next entrusted with the baton, and at the end of his stage it was still in our possession. Owing to a misunderstanding, the change-over was made on the lower road instead of on the higher path outside "The Half Moon Hotel." Accordingly, the times issued can only be regarded as approximate, and certainly not accurate for the stage. Ring certainly had more than a two-seconds lead over the Mitcham runner who had taken second place from Birchfield.

WILLIAM LUCAS, our reserve runner, still a junior, now took over. Owing to the inability of Ginty to run at the last moment, Lucas was brought into the team and ran with conspicuous success. With a veteran's knowledge of pace, and in style indicative of a coming champion, he pursued his way, and at the Handcross change-over point we had 18 seconds over Mitcham and 20 seconds over Birchfield.

TOM CARTER was our seventh runner and he set about consolidating our position with a will. Over the longest stage of the race, over six miles, he gave of his best and our advantage over the second team was increased to 46 seconds. Birchfield had now recovered second position.

HARRY SHIELDS, Captain, now took his turn, and in typical fashion put all his energy into his running, with such good effect that the lead was increased to one of 50 seconds. The eighth stage finished and victory seemed to be in sight.

TED STIMPSON carried on in steady, long striding style, running easily.

Meantime, Birchfield and Mitcham were fighting each other, and in doing so gained on our runner. Stimpson, still running easily, yet seemed unable to increase his pace, and Biggs (Birchfield) and Jones (Mitcham), English and Welsh Internationals respectively, continued to gain. At the end of the stage we still led, but our margin was much reduced.

ARTHUR ALLUM was our last representative. He had nine seconds lead from Birchfield and eleven seconds from Mitcham. Could he hold this over the last $3\frac{6}{10}$ miles? We knew that there would only be a few yards in it at the finish, but which runner would break the tape?

Feverishly our bus and coach, loaded with Club supporters, made for Brighton after stopping to give our man a cheer. But try as we could, we were unable to get through the traffic and reach the finishing point before the runners. Heads bobbed about in front of us, and Belgrave still led at the Aquarium, with only the few yards along the Front remaining. Inches only divided the leading runners, however, and in the last few yards the Mitcham runners made a supreme effort, and they had won by a yard. Allum, game to the last stride, was disappointed, but had not spared himself and ran well. Birchfield followed 12 seconds behind, so Arthur actually increased his lead over our Midland rivals.

Mitcham A.C. were naturally elated at their win, which came as a surprise to all, including even themselves. The enlistment of many Welch Internationals, now employed at Tooting Bec Mental Hospital, plus the A.A.A. "Hard Cases" Sub-committee, which has power to suspend the operation of the normal qualifying period in special cases, has done much to strengthen the Mitcham team in the past few months. Among

these new recruits are some very fine runners, and it will be interesting to see if Mitcham can maintain the high position they have now earned for themselves.

We had the satisfaction of beating Birchfield again, so compensating in some measure for our "National" defeat. This, too, without Penny and Ginty in our team! Fourth came Surrey A.C. and fifth, Achilles, who had been freely mentioned as possible winners.

Our team and supporters had the usual happy journey homewards, and so finished yet another day of sport on the Brighton Road, to be added to our store of memories.

RESULT.

First Relay (5 8/10 miles)—1, Mitcham A.C. 28m. 31s.; 2, Birchfield H. 28m. 46s.; 3, Reading A.C. 28m. 48s.; 9, Belgrave H. (H. E. Footer) 29m. 20s.

Second Relay (5 2/10 miles).—1, Belgrave H. (J. Parker) 55m. 39s.; 2, Birchfield H. 55m. 48s.; 3, M.A.C. 55m. 59s.

Third Relay (4 6-10 miles)—Belgrave H. (L. J. Cohen) 1h. 8m. 57s.; 2, Birchfield H. 1h. 18m. 46s.; 3, M.A.C. 1h. 18m. 57s.

Fourth Relay (3 9/10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (A. R. Shaw) 1h. 38m. 21s.; 2, Birchfield H. 1h. 38m. 48s.; 3, M.A.C. 1h. 39m. 11s.

Fifth Relay (4 4/10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (S. T. Ring) 2h. 1m. 5s. (?); 2, M.A.C. 2h. 1m. 7s.; 3, Birchfield H. 2h. 1m. 15s.

Sixth Relay (3 7/10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (W. E. Lucas) 2h. 20m. 53s.; 2, M.A.C. 2h. 21m. 11s.; 3, Birchfield H. 2h. 21m. 13s.

Seventh Relay (6 1/10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (C. T. Carter) 2h. 51m. 19s.; 2, Birchfield H. 2h. 52m. 5s.; 3, M.A.C. 2h. 52m. 16s.

Eighth Relay (4 1/10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (H. W. Shields) 3h. 12m. 31s.; 2, Birchfield H. 3h. 13m. 21s.; 3, M.A.C. 3h. 34m. 28s.

Ninth Relay (4 3-10 miles)—1, Belgrave H. (E. Stimpson) 3h. 34m. 17s.; 2, Birchfield H. 3h. 34m. 26s.; 2, M.A.C. 3h. 34m. 28s.

Final Relay (3 6/10 miles)—1, Mitcham A.C. 3h. 52m. 5s.; 2, Belgrave H. (A. Allum) 3h. 52m. 6s.; 3, Birchfield H. 3h. 52m. 13s.; 4, Surrey A.C. 3h. 54m. 50s.; 5, Achilles C. 3h. 55m. 48s.; 6, Polytechnic H. 3h. 56m. 11s.; 7, Herne Hill H. 4h. 0m. 49s.; 8, Reading A.C. 4h. 1m. 59s.; 9, Highgate H. 4h. 2m. 10s.; 10, Queen's Park H. 4h. 2m. 32s. 21 teams finished.

ROUND THE TRACKS.

We are now getting into our strides in this, our Jubilee Track season, and so far the results have augured well for the future. By the time you read this we shall have had two of the Inter-Club Relay Contests, and the County Championships will have come and gone.

Our first meeting at Battersea Park will be on June 9th, and we trust the new dressing rooms will be ready for use by then. We have a triangular match with the Essex Relay and Team champions, Leigh-on-Sea H., and the Imperial College A.C., who can call on some more than useful performers. Club Handicaps on this evening will be: 100 yards, 880 yards, 100 yards (under 19), Long Jump and 2 Miles Walk. We are also holding the Club 3 Miles Track Championship for the "Griffin" Cup, (holder, A. W. Penny). On recent form it looks as though a new holder will be found! There will be two races open to all Unattached

Novices, viz., 100 yards x 1 mile run. Entry is free, so please tell any of your friends who are willing to see what athletic ability they possess.

On June 12th, at the Civil Service Meeting on the White City track, will be held the S.A.A.L. 1 Mile Team race, and I hope we shall gain much-needed points in this event.

Then, for June 16th we have the S.A.A.L. 3 Miles Team race at the Herne Hill track. This is a distance at which our boys always show up well, and we should gain maximum points here.

The following evening, June 17th, we are at Richmond on the palatial athletic ground, for the "Doris" Shield contest with Thames Valley Harriers, who are joint holders of the Shield with ourselves. The other participants will be the Ashcombe St. George's A.C., who should prove a stronger force now that they have amalgamated. There will be the usual Handicaps open to all Club members: 100 yards, 1 Mile run, 2 Miles Walk. Just drop me a card if you wish to enter, and I trust our members will support this very old-established meeting. It is essential that definite entries at an early date are received from members for this meeting, as the handicap allowances are decided by a Joint Committee of the three Clubs.

On Saturday, June 19th, at the new track in Ladywell Recreation Ground, will be held the Southern Junior Championships. Any members who are under 19 years of age and would like to enter should get in touch with H. M. Quackenbos, our Junior Captain.

On June 23rd we have the third Inter-Club Relay contest, this time at Epsom, and I trust we shall get the same support here as we do when nearer home.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Southern Senior Championships will be held at Preston Park, near Brighton. A cheap return fare of 6/5 has been arranged for trains as follows: Victoria 1 p.m., London Bridge 1-5 p.m.; arrive Brighton at 2 p.m.

We come then to Club Championship Day, July 3rd, at Battersea Park Track. There will be the usual Championships, although this year we are also giving standard medals for the 220 yards Senior race. Other standards are: 440 yards, 56 secs.; 880 yards, 2 min. 8 secs.; 1 Mile, 4 min. 50 secs. Also for the Field Events Championships, standards have been fixed, so I hope members will enter and so show your Committee that their efforts on the members' behalf are at least appreciated.

There will be the usual Boys (under 15), 100 yards Championship, and with S.R. Gardner no longer eligible, a new holder will have to be found. A new 100 yards (under 19) race has been arranged in addition to the old 220 yards which is, this year, also for those under 19. Another innovation is the 880 yards (under 19) Championship, so I think everyone will agree that

our Juniors are being well catered for. We do not favour "Victor Ludorum" contests, so hope our Juniors will select the event they are best suited for and enter accordingly.

This is our Jubilee Championship Meeting. We are holding more events than ever before, and therefore I look to the entries being the largest ever. Don't forget Saturday, July 3rd, and please let me have your name in good time for programme purposes.

On July 10th, the A.A.A. Junior Championships will be held at the White City and here again the advice of our Junior Captain should be sought.

On July 14th, at Battersea Park, we have a Junior match with Thames Valley Harriers, and in addition, the following Club Handicaps: 100 yards (under 16), 100 yards (Vets. over 40), 220 yards, 880 yards, 2 Miles Run, 2 Miles Walk and Javelin. There will also be a 1 Mile Walk open to all unattached Novices.

We come then to the A.A.A. General Championships which are held on Friday evening, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th. On the form shewn in our own Championships will depend the Club entrants, and I am sure that our representatives will do us full justice.

We have then two Inter-Club matches, one with the London Transport (Central Buses) which will be at the new Tooting Track on July 19th; and then on July 22nd we have a return Junior match with Thames Valley Harriers at Richmond.

On July 28th, at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham, will be the final Inter-Club Relay contest, and I hope by then we shall be well ahead on points.

At Battersea Park on July 31st, we meet old friends in the London Athletic Club. They have some very famous runners in their ranks—J. V. Powell, A. W. Sweeney, B. F. McCabe, to mention just a few, and we look forward to providing them with worthy opposition. There will also be Club Handicaps as follows: 220 yards, 880 yards, 2 Miles Run, 880 yards (under 19), Shot Putt and 2 Miles Walk.

The season by now will be well under way, and we then have our usual August evening meeting, on the 11th, at Battersea Park. Club Handicaps will be: 100 yards, 440 yards, 1 Mile, Long Jump and 2 Miles Walk.

There then remains but two fixtures on our card, but I will write of these in our next issue.

I hope you will make a note of the above dates. Any further information will gladly be given and early entries will be much appreciated.

All entries and enquiries to

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MATCH AT DRAYTON GREEN TRACK,

May 8th.

By W. E. LUCAS.

Four clubs took part in this match, namely, Ashcombe-St. George's, Reading A.C., Ealing H. and ourselves.

We started rather badly, as our sprinters were unable to gain a place in the 100 yards final. This deficit, however, was soon overcome, for we gained the first three places in the 1 Mile, led by Pat Parker.

In the 880 yards which followed, Alby Bird showed fine form in gaining first place with Frank Webb also scoring.

Again in the 220 yards our sprinters were unable to make any headway, but this was again nullified as our boys, Tom Carter, Arthur Allum and Tommy Morrell, ran well to win the 2 Miles.

The 1 Mile Medley Relay proved the high spot of the afternoon for a battle ensued throughout which was not decided until the last few yards. It ended in a win for Ealing H., with Reading and ourselves neck and neck for second place. The Reading boy, however, just managed to hold off Les Bennett, who ran well over the last 220 yards.

The final result was : Belgrave H. 35 pts., Reading A.C. 31 pts., Ealing H. 23 pts., Ashcombe-St. George's 13 pts. Thus we made a good start to what we hope will be a very successful track season.

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