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It is with pleasure that we record the winning of the "Nijmegen Shield" by our twenty-mile walkers, and their second place in the team championship.

Thus we become the only Club that has ever been placed in both of the National championships in one season. Maybe one year it will be a "Double-First." This is certainly something to aim at in future seasons, and if we fall a little short, we can still think we have approached this ideal nearer than any other club.

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We heartily congratulate H. E. Footer and A. W. Penny upon their running in the International cross-country race at Caerleon. Footer finished fourth, the second English runner to finish, only 17 seconds behind the winner, and Penny was ninth, the sixth Englishman to score. Really brilliant running, and next year should see them repeating the act.

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T. W. Green and F. E. Bentley earned their Honour Badges by reason of their walking in the National Championship and merit our congratulations. It was obvious that it would not be long before Green qualified; and in Bentley we have another who has well-earned his inclusion in the (present) list of four—three of whom are Internationals.

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The Hon. Treasurer has vests, ties, etc., for sale, and is as anxious as ever to receive outstanding subscriptions and donations to the Belgrave Building Fund.

He will also take outstanding *Gazette* subscriptions, as will also Frank Webb, whose address appears on page 1.

THE FIVE MILES ROAD HANDICAP.

The annual five miles road run and sealed handicap was held at Wimbledon on March 25th. The weather was wonderfully as near to a summer's day as one could expect for the time of the year.

At 3-45 p.m. our President started the race. I mounted my "old iron" and was not alone, for accompanying me were motorcycles, cars and even fairy cycles. On the first circuit Mains forced the pace but on leaving the Common Allum led Carter by 30 yards, with Mains and Shields next some distance behind. Shaw had to retire at this point owing to blistered feet and we must wish him better luck next time.

At about 2½ miles Allum still led, with Carter and Mains filling the next positions but Harken! what is that noise that fills air? It sounds like elephants stampeding, but no, it's only Harry Shields, running like a hare. He is to be complimented upon his "do or die" spirit, and we expect big things of "our Harry" in the future. After him came Syd Warboys, making a noise like a sea-lion at feeding time. Syd must have done some very fast running to occupy such a forward position after a slow start.

These positions obtained to the finish, with the others following fast and furiously as the tabulated result will show.

G. R. Chantler and A. J. Jordan, two of our younger runners, did exceptionally well; and A. Allum gave general pleasure with his running, which approached his old form.

This article would not be complete without some reference to the really remarkable handicap framed by Ernie Duffett. Bill Rice deservedly won but the margin was only two seconds. Another two seconds way three men dead-heated for third place!

Altogether 12 men finished within 30 seconds of the handicap winner; so we must heartily congratulate our Hon. Handicapper upon a splendid effort.

CASTOR and OIL.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'c'p Time	Pos. in H'c'p
1.	Al Allum	30 25	0 25	30 0	15
2.	C. T. Carter	30 40	0 45	29 55	14
3.	C. Mains	30 45	1 15	29 30	6
4.	H. W. Shields	31 01	1 30	29 31	7
5.	S. H. Warboys	31 18	0 30	30 48	21
6.	W. A. Rice	31 23	2 0	29 23	1
7.	W. W. S. Mitchell	31 26	1 45	29 41	8†
8.	F. R. Webb	31 27	2 0	29 27	3†
9.	J. E. Flower	31 58	0 40	31 18	24
10.	H. S. H. Cook	32 12	1 45	30 27	18†
11.	F. A. Walker	32 23	2 30	29 53	12†
12.	C. W. Tame	32 35	2 45	29 50	11

13.	S. T. Ring	...	...	32 41	...	3 0	...	29 41	...	8†
14.	G. R. Chantler	...	...	33 07	...	3 40	...	27 27	...	3†
15.	A. E. Smith	...	...	33 25	...	2 30	...	30 55	...	22
16.	A. T. Jordan	...	...	33 26	...	3 45	...	29 41	...	8†
17.	A. E. Miller	...	...	33 38	...	3 45	...	29 53	...	12†
18.	N. R. Dewberry	...	...	34 09	...	2 30	...	31 39	...	26
19.	C. E. Brockwell	...	...	35 08	...	4 30	...	30 38	...	20
20.	T. Cotton	...	...	35 25	...	4 15	...	31 10	...	23
21.	W. F. Goodman	...	...	35 55	...	6 30	...	29 25	...	2
22.	G. M. Murray	...	...	35 57	...	4 30	...	31 27	...	25
23.	A. Beavan	...	...	36 16	...	6 0	...	30 16	...	17
24.	D. Sargent	...	...	36 27	...	6 0	...	30 27	...	18†
25.	G. Still	...	...	36 42	...	7 15	...	29 27	...	3†
26.	J. G. Flatt	...	...	37 39	...	5 0	...	32 39	...	27
27.	R. E. Stride	...	...	38 05	...	8 0	...	30 5	...	16

† Dead Heat.

A disappointed man writes sorrowfully of

THE ILFORD RELAY RACE.

April 1st is a bad day. It was for me. I was "taken-in" first time in the morning, and again during the afternoon!

All the previous week I had been telling my Essex friends what Belgrave were going to do on Saturday. The local papers were full of the "famous men," etc., and I turned up to see by how many miles my club would win. No doubt the local people had heard that the crack Club of the South were not sending all their stars and a very meagre crowd were present, and if you like—no enthusiasm.

The usual stalwarts were there: Captain Ellison and his chauffeur, Reg, also the car for Belgrave's service, Harry Parker, Wally and, of course, a sprinkling of our famous charming ladies.

Ten teams started—nine finished. Dewberry was first off for us, and ninth back—no comments, please. Off went Frank Webb and pulled up a place—we were 1 min. 30 sec. behind the leaders.

Ring next, and ran very well for a young fellow, but we were still losing ground. The local timekeepers were a bit groggy here, and it was necessary to get them to rectify Ring's time. W. W. Mitchell took the next stage and lost a place gained by Ring. We were now 6th. Jack Flower went away and we were hoping to be landed in the first three positions, but alas—no. Jack put our fastest time so far, but on his change-over we were still 2 min. 21 sec. behind the leaders and 5th in the race.

We began to wonder who was going to turn the tide for us. Our gallant General Secretary, Wally, went off to show the boys "how to do it." Well, Wally got round all right—I believe he said he would do another one, but we had to refuse, 20.48 was

just too bad, so we bought him a cup of tea and consoled him that "Youth, etc." At this point we were still 5th, and 3 min. 49 sec. behind the leading team and yet were only 33 seconds outside our gross time of last year. About this period a zealous local put on the board, "Course record, 18 min. 47 sec." Instantly a little storm arose on the placid atmosphere. Harry Parker raved and fumed, and set about rectifying this gross insult. The responsible man went white with fright and immediately it was altered to 18-46 "By Penny of Belgrave." All they forgot to add was "With apologies to the great Parker."

Anyhow, we did maintain our status in one respect. We soon had Walker in after this, still 5th, but no real Belgrave performances yet. Alf Miller proceeded to go and have a look at the country, thoroughly enjoyed himself, and strolled back in 20 min. 51 sec. I began to look for a hiding place and see if I had enough money to pay out all my lost wagers. Syd Warboys set off exactly a mile behind the leading man (of Wycombe Phoenix Harriers). He ran well and put up our fastest time so far. While he was on his journey a murmur broke out from the crowd. They surged this way and that; the situation was getting alarming. There were murmurs in the air, "There he is," "Look, the International," "Isn't he sweet," "I think its a shame to run such a baby," "Won't he be a grand runner when he grows up."

Mounted police ushered the crowd back, and with the aid of strong opera glasses we beheld the season's choicest product—"Our Bert." He scratched his toes with impatience, looked as happy as usual, and had a nice deficit of five minutes to chase. Syd arrived back after a great effort and off went the "Flying Midget." We laid odds on record, got a fresh piece of chalk for the board; extra police were called to save our hero from being mobbed. The race was over, and we watched the clocks. They ticked past the necessary record and soon Bert came in. He clocked 19 min. 19 sec., an utter crawl, and so this year's race was lost. We finished 5th—five and a half minutes behind the winners.

To sum up. All credit to the teams which defeated us, and credit to all our own chaps. This race is a sporting event, but not likely to arouse very great competition. Compared to the Brighton Relay it is of no consequence. I remember the qualifying race, where the enthusiasm was at fever pitch. In the Brighton relay we will show competitors how we got third in the National, and lots of other tricks. By the time this is in print this great race will be over, so, Mr. Editor, please, use your blue pencil if I am wrong, but I have laid my fortune on the anticipated result: Belgrave in the first three.

DETAILS.

		1933		Stage, 1932		Man, 1932	
		Lap Time					
1.	N. Dewberry ...	26	15 4-5	...	19 25	...	Carter
2.	F. R. Webb ...	19	44 1-5	...	20 00	...	Webb (F. R.)
3.	S. T. Ring ...	20	00 -	...	19 51	...	Shields
4.	W. W. Mitchell	19	56 2-5	...	19 40	...	Mains
5.	J. C. Flower ...	19	49 -	...	20 38	...	Shaw
6.	W. L. Bayliss ...	20	48 -	...	20 26	...	Flower (J. E.)
7.	F. A. Walker ...	20	01 -	...	20 23	...	Taylor
8.	A. E. Miller ...	20	51 -	...	19 40	...	Rice
9.	S. H. Warboys...	19	25 -	...	18 58	...	Footer
10.	H. E. Footer ...	19	19 -	...	18 46	...	Penny

RESULT.

		h. m. s				h. m. s	
1.	Wycombe Phoenix H.	3	14 37	6.	N.L.H.	3	25 40
2.	Ilford A.C.	3	16 27	7.	Ilford A.C.		
3.	Slough A.C.	3	17 43		2nd Team	3	28 32
4.	Ealing H.	3	19 41	8.	Essex Beagles	3	29 16
5.	Belgrave H.	3	20 09	9.	Loughton A.C.	3	31 31

K. B. O'K.

THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

This eagerly-anticipated race was held on April 15th, Easter Saturday, and round about 10 a.m. The Claret and Gold colouring was much in evidence in Westminster. As in previous years we had engaged a double-decker bus for use as dressing accommodation and for spectators, and we also booked a coach to take additional supporters. Both were filled to capacity, and our supporters seemed to have made up their minds that the blame could not be laid at their door if our team did not perform prominently. A few minutes before 11 a.m., our conveyances moved off towards the first change-over point on Clapham Common, Jack Flower being left to run the first stage for us.

FIRST STAGE.—J. E. FLOWER, 18th; 22 MIN. 50 SEC.

Jack Flower was entrusted with the first section of the race from Westminster to Clapham Common, but to our disappointment, and his own, he was unable to hand over in any better than 18th position. Severe pains handicapped him over the latter part of his journey, and he merits our sincere sympathy upon meeting with such a bad time in such a critical race. He is certain to make amends in the future.

SECOND STAGE.—C. T. CARTER, 10th; 49 MIN. 56 SEC.

We were now 1 min. 7 sec. behind Birchfield H., the leaders, and Carter, who had had an anxious few minutes waiting for Flower to finish, soon jumped into his running and was very quickly picking up places. Eventually he brought us up to 10th position and his time was the 8th fastest compared with others over the same stage. Tom received a rousing reception as he

returned to our 'bus, and that he was fully entitled to it no one can doubt.

THIRD STAGE.—H. W. SHIELDS, 8th; 1HR. 10 MIN. 11 SEC.

Harry Shields had been delegated to run the third stage for us, and although he had shown up well in other races, this was perhaps the most important test of all for him. Rather naturally, he was a little nervous before starting, and could be observed hiding behind a tree before Carter came along. From Harry's first few strides, however, it was obvious that he would acquit himself well. And so it was. He succeeded in gaining another two places and, what is perhaps even more important, put us on the heels of the Royal Navy, Slough A.C. and South London H.

Shields was given a wonderful welcome as he clambered on to the 'bus, and the youngest member of our team had certainly played a valiant part. His time (30 min. 15 sec.) was fifth fastest on the stage.

FOURTH STAGE.—A. ALLUM, 4th; 1 hr. 49 min. 53 sec.

We now loosed the first of our Internationals and knew that we were booked for the first four positions. This was soon confirmed and Arthur, running in his very best form, was in a class by himself. On a day opposed to record-breaking, as was proved by the general running throughout the day, Allum did splendidly in getting within 38 sec. of Platt's record for this stage. Arthur's time was 29 min. 42 sec., and the next best on the stage was recorded by the Birchfield runner, which was 30 min. 8 sec. Further tribute to Allum's running is unnecessary!

FIFTH STAGE.—A. W. PENNY, 3rd; 2 hr. 22 min. 34 sec.

Arthur Penny was our representative on the fifth stage, which includes the ascent of Redhill and terminates at "The Chequers," Horley. On this section of the course most clubs run their strongest man, but Arthur was not worried about this, and we knew whatever the opposition we had nothing to fear. Arthur passed the Hallamshire man and left him well in the rear, and the third position we now occupied was destined to be ours to the end. Penny's time was third fastest.

SIXTH STAGE.—W. A. RICE, 3rd; 2 hr. 50 min. 23 sec.

Bill Rice now carried on with the good work and by the time he had reached Crawley we were two minutes ahead of the fourth team, and although our prospects of gaining any further places were very remote, so also was the chance of dropping back. It was on this stage that Salford threatened Birchfield's lead, and finished only one second behind. Bill's time was third fastest compared with other runners on this stage.

SEVENTH STAGE.—F. R. WEBB, 3rd; 3 hr. 15 min. 33 sec.

Frank Webb continued and held our position, although Hallamshire and Surrey A.C. gained on us slightly. Frank's time was fifth fastest, and now came Cecil Mains.

EIGHTH STAGE.—C. MAINS, 3rd; 3 hr. 48 min. 3 sec.

Cecil retained our position and did seventh fastest time. All honour to him for so doing, for he was the victim of an unfortunate accident which might easily have ended more seriously. Happily he has now quite recovered and our very sincere thanks are due to him for his sportsmanship and pertinacity in carrying on when he had every excuse to retire, and undoubtedly would have had to do so but for his wonderful will-power which kept him going.

When half his distance had been run he was passed by another club's supporters' coach, and someone inside unwittingly chose this moment to open one of the doors. This struck our runner and threw him to the ground, deeply cutting his shoulder and badly bruising his forearm. These injuries, together with the shock and dazed state following such an accident, must have proved a great handicap, but Cecil pluckily carried on. Well done!

NINTH STAGE.—H. E. FOOTER, 3rd; 4 hr. 15 min. 40 sec.

"Our Bert" now started over the stretch he knows so well, which includes the ascent of Dale Hill, and only just failed in his attack upon the course record. On a day, as previously stated, unsuited for the very fastest running, Footer was only four seconds outside record and, according to Joe Binks, his was the best performance of the day.

TENTH STAGE.—S. H. WARBOYS, 4 hr. 50 min. 42 sec.

We were now slightly over two minutes behind Birchfield, the second club, and the race as far as the first three clubs were concerned, was settled. Syd carried on at an even pace without ever distressing himself. Had there been any opposition on this last stage Syd might well have shown us a very fast time, but as it was he was content to show us how much he had up his sleeve by a last hundred yards burst.

RESULT.

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
1. Salford H.	4 45 30	8. Aldershot Comm. A.C.	4 56 38
2. Birchfield H.	4 46 46	9. Royal Navy and	
3. Belgrave H.	4 50 42	R.M. A.C....	4 59 0
4. Sth. London H.	4 52 52	10. Highgate H.	4 59 1
5. Hallamshire H.	4 53 15	11. 2nd Buffs	5 0 6
6. Surrey A.C.	4 53 37	12. Polytechnic H.	5 1 13
7. Wycombe Phoenix H.	4 54 55	Twenty Clubs competed.	

Our boys received a tremendous ovation when they were presented with their medals by the Mayor of Brighton; and from the attitude of the other Southern clubs it would appear that we are delegated to uphold Southern prestige and do battle with the Midland and Northern clubs. This year we had hoped to make a fight for it over at least half the distance, but it must be admitted that the question of leadership never really troubled us.

However, it is not in the nature of things to make ground every year—we did well to confirm last year's third place as first Southern club—but 1934 should find us making a really determined effort to be the first club into Brighton.

With three Internationals to form the nucleus of our team, and several others rapidly approaching that class,—with enthusiastic young runners rapidly improving—with keenness and determination. Well! you'll be there of course to see the Claret and Gold carried first through the Brighton streets!

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

Our Tenth Annual Dinner was held at Carr's Restaurant, Victoria, on May 6th, and was attended by a good gathering of members and their friends. Among our guests were Mrs. R. W. Ricketts, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pepper, Mr. J. Binks, Mr. A. O. Tookey (Road Walking Association), Messrs. Blackmore and Etherington (Surrey W.C.), the Hon. Secretaries of Epsom H., Croydon H. and Mitcham A.C., Mr. D. W. Moore (Polytechnic H.), and other friends. The evening's function passed very pleasantly and our hearty thanks are due to Mr. W. A. Rice, who was responsible for all the arrangements, and to Mr. V. J. Peacock, who organised (if such a word can be used of a Crazy Concert!) the entertainment, but more of this hereafter.

The menu chosen seemed very palatable to Belgrave appetites (and the visitors were not so reluctant either!), and very soon many pairs of jaws were at work on the courses as they appeared; but if we are to select anyone for an Hon. Mention in this connection, undoubtedly the unanimous vote goes to Harry Shields. Striking a steady 46 right from the start, he was soon through the soup, paddling home an easy winner. The second course was child's play to him, and it was intriguing to watch his technique as he holed out in the minimum of strokes. Long before the last fish fork was laid down, Vitamins A, B and C and Proteins X, Y and Z were at work replenishing the energy Harry had used in the Mile match earlier that afternoon.

Second wicket down, and our hero had now played himself in. Exploiting the attacking game, he scored all round, his off-cuts and glances to leg being particularly admired. As there was no umpire to call "Over," he "followed on"; and in passing it may be said that (chicken) leg theory held no fears for Harry, and that his stumps were never in danger.

Fourth round. Warming to his work, Hungry Harry displayed splendid generalship, and with the lightning left and right prods of a veteran tactician, scored point after point, and reduced his adversary to piecemeal!

Fifth stage. It was all over now bar the shouting! Harry had now run into his stride and gained his second wind, and there was no stopping him. If anything slightly increasing his pace, he breasted the tape an easy winner. It is a wonderful testimony to his condition and to his constant training that even at the conclusion of this prodigious feat he appeared capable; nay even anxious to repeat it all over again! Well done, Harry! We were very glad to have the opportunity of knowing what you're made of!

I must really apologise for the foregoing, and must plead in extenuation that this crazy business has infected my pen. So let's be serious, if only for a few minutes.

After the toast of "The King" had been drunk, our President proposed "The Club," mentioning the Club's recent successes and the excellent spirit existing within the Club, to which he attributed its continued progress. Mr. W. L. Bayliss responded suitably on behalf of the Club.

"The Visitors" was ably proposed by Mr. W. G. Webb, and Mr. W. J. Pepper gave us one of his typical efforts in replying.

"The President" was given by Mr. E. Gordon, and Mr. J. B. Belchamber cordially thanked the assembly for the manner in which they toasted his health.

And now for some mention of the alleged entertainment which every now and then intruded upon the proceedings. It was labelled "Crazy Concert" by "The Gang"; and it was found that the Club boasted (not likely!) a Dramatic (hardly the word!) section. Chief-gangster Victor J. Peacock (the *compère* without compare) and First-Lieutenant Charlie Redgrave performed admirably; and did their utmost to keep "The Gang" in order.

"Little Nell" was presented, with A. E. Miller in the name part, who, it appeared, had been presented with "Little Dumb-bell" some time prior to the production. F. A. Walker, as the whiskery old father, won our applause; and C. T. Carter, as the villain, was superb, acting the part as to the manner born. No comments, please. C. W. Redgrave, as the Constable, and W. L. Bayliss on the piano, completed the quintet; and were deservedly encored.

"Brain Waves" featured A. A. Harley as a Showman, W. G. Webb as a Medium and two "gentlemen from the audience," F. R. Webb and H. W. Shields. Suffice it to say that the Medium accomplished all that was asked of him, and that the two from the audience did more than was asked of them. Of the Showman, Modesty (capital M, please) forbids mention, but we would say he has possibilities, although whether they lay in the direction of histrionic art or not is a matter for debate.

"Making a Firework" introduced V. J. Peacock, hindered by W. H. Hare and H. E. Footer. Harry, I thought, resembled

the "Spirit of Gas" when illuminated by the red light (let's be charitable! I could easily have written something else); whilst Bert, with rubidity on his nose and rabidity in his eyes, gave a typical performance. Incidentally, as a natural history note, I was rather surprised to find that Bert's proboscical vermilion, which I had always regarded as natural and permanent; the outward and visible sign of an inward burning light; actually *came off*, and a neat little red circle was left in the centre of our *compère's* dress-shirt! Of Bert as an actor, we can only say "He should go far," and leave it at that.

Meanwhile, V. J. Peacock, with his "Inventions" and "Parrot," and stream of jokes; and Charlie Redgrave with topical songs clearly demonstrated their right to be gang leaders. To conclude the entertainment, F. G. Thomson conducted a Belgravian version of "Widdicombe Fair," and the Belgrave song. Other songs followed and eventually "Auld Lang Syne" brought yet another Club Dinner to a close.

Before leaving this subject I should like to speculate as to the spread of this acting business. Shall we arrive at St. John's Hall one evening and witness, say, Footer playing Romeo to Miller's Juliet? Or hear our Hon. Treasurer singing "Largo al Factotum"; or our Hon. Secretary playing "The Moonlight Sonata"?

Perhaps Clark Carter or Marlene Miller will delight our eyes, or Wallace Rollins tickle our jaded palates, or Boris Shields thrill us to the marrow! Maybe one of our Joint Hon. Editors will be seen galloping rough-shod over mountains of bleeding hearts; or even—(Snaky: Have you finished your Dinner description or not? If so——. Myself (*with dignity and reserve*): Away, scullion! To your fourpence collecting! I'll finish when I please!). But perhaps he's right, after all, so let's write "Finis."

THE TWENTY MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the R. W. Ricketts Shield and Club Championship at 20 miles, which were raced for at Wimbledon on 22nd April, a small field numbering 13 only faced the starter; A. L. Fletcher, the two Kings, Joe and Harold and Jack Field being the most prominent absentees. Len Fletcher, the holder, has not raced this season. Neither has Joe King, although we hoped he would turn out for a race at the distance he likes best. As Fred Rickards had accomplished very fine performances in last year's 20 miles R.W.A. Championship and in the Southend and Brighton races, he was expected, if thoroughly fit, to extend our Olympic champion.

The day was a fine one, and at the start Fred Rickards, Tommy Green and Bert Field set up a brisk start. Saunders, who is usually a slow starter but a most strong and resolute finisher, surprised in this race by being right up with the leaders for

several miles. Holman also showed up prominently for a few miles, but found the pace too much for him and retired early.

For about seven miles Green and Fred Rickards were together, but the latter, experiencing a bad time, was dropped by Tommy who soon opened up a big gap. Shortly afterwards Saunders passed Field and Rickards, but although the latter came again after a while he was unable to make a race of it with Tommy and retired, obviously short of training, at about 14 miles.

Meanwhile Bidgood and Bentley were walking together and overhauling Field, Saunders had retired at shortly over half the distance and Bidgood caught Field at about 13 miles. He has given promise for some years past, but had never previously shewn form such as he revealed in the latter portion of this race. Almost holding Tommy after the 14th mile he eventually finished 2nd, only 7 minutes behind him, thus winning the handicap. Bert Field, 4½ minutes later, was third. Bentley did not reproduce the form that brought him such distinction in last Year's R.W.A. Championship and the Brighton and Southend races, but he is coming on well and will be in fine fettle shortly. He should certainly go a long way.

In his first 20 miles race Alf Harley shewed that he will develop into a first-class stayer in a couple of years. Charlie Speechley improved upon his best previous time and Snell, walking evenly throughout, gained 2nd place in the handicap. L. Jones has taken part in only a few races and these were all at shorter distances, but for 14—15 miles he was in front of Harley and was walking beautifully. The last lap found him dropping back right out of the handicap, but considering his inexperience he stands out as a most promising member for next year's junior and senior teams.

RESULT.

					H'c'p Time		Actual Time		Pos. in H'c'p	
1.	T. W. Green	...	...	Scr.	...	2 49 27	...	2 49 27	...	4
2.	J. C. Bidgood	...	...	13 30	...	2 42 56	...	2 56 26	...	1
3.	A. H. Field	...	...	12 30	...	2 48 33	...	3 1 3	...	3
4.	F. E. Bentley	...	...	13 0	...	2 50 22	...	3 3 22	...	5
5.	A. A. Harley	...	...	14 0	...	2 55 20	...	3 9 20	...	7
6.	C. H. Speechley	...	...	10 0	...	2 53 52	...	3 12 52	...	6
7.	W. H. Snell	...	...	28 0	...	2 57 43	...	3 18 43	...	8
8.	L. Jones	...	...	21 0	...	2 46 8	...	3 14 8	...	2

J. B. B.

THE R.W.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

This year's Senior 20 Miles test was held over a three-lap course starting from Crystal Palace Parade and extending into the Dulwich and Herne Hill areas. The date chosen was May 13th; and the course proved to be of a sporting nature on good

surface roads, with a very decided climb up to the Crystal Palace heights on three occasions.

Our team on paper promised a good performance; and in that we only found one team better on the day, we can feel satisfied. In addition to taking the second team medals, we had the pleasure of winning for the first time "The Nijmegen Shield," which is awarded the first club to finish its complete team of eight men.

From the start our men were prominent and, in fact, until past half-way had a lead on team scores. Tommy Green led the field along at a merry pace, reaching the 5 miles mark in 40 min. 27 sec. He had opened up a gap at 10 miles (82 min. 28 sec.), increased it still further at 15 miles (2 hr. 3 min. 38 sec.), but between 18—19 miles was caught by A. H. G. Pope, who walked with that pluck and determination most of us know so well, and finished just over a minute in front of our champion. Our congratulations go to a worthy winner, and our sympathy is with Tommy for once again the Championship has eluded him. He had had a stern struggle with Schwab in Berlin the previous Sunday, which may have had an effect upon his walking, but it remains a strange fact that Green, who has achieved so many successes at varying distances, is still unable to win the 20 miles Championship. However, it may come next year; and if it does we may be sure there is not an athlete living who would begrudge Tommy this added honour. Of course, he again holds the "Sydney Bayliss" Cup for the first Belgrave Harrier to finish in this race.

Meanwhile Fred Rickards had shown up well for some miles, but round about ten miles it was obvious that his recent illness had sapped some of his vitality. Gradually he dropped back, but still did time which many walkers envy. Next year we expect Fred to be in his old form which has given him fourth place in the Championship on several occasions. Despite the somewhat libellous press notices which frequently describe Fred as "the Veteran Police Walker," he remains a young man with many years of first-class walking within him.

Jack Bidgood and Fred Bentley, two Police athletes who have already served our teams well in the past, did splendidly in finishing 15th and 10th respectively and both finished inside three hours.

Our fourth man, A. H. Field, again demonstrated how much he has improved during the course of the season, and the effort which placed him 20th at the finish is deserving of the highest praise. His feat of being in a "Junior" winning team and a "Senior" placed team in the space of three months is a remarkable one.

Fifth for us came Ted Saunders in the 29th position. As usual, he started very slowly, and at 10 miles was still back in the fifties or sixties. He came through the field in the second half of the race at a very fast rate, and gained first-class standard for the first time.

Harley essayed his first attempt in the "Senior," and although a minute odd outside first-class standard, performed quite creditably in filling 40th position. The experience gained should enable him to be nearer the front next year.

Speechley was our eighth man to finish, 55th, doing his best 20 miles yet, and his position gave us the "Nijmegen Shield."

Of our others to compete, Snell was unlucky to be a few seconds outside second-class standard, and Chandler should have gained valuable experience.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Surrey Walking Club upon regaining the Championship for the South, and can assure them (although I very much doubt if they require any such assurance) that we shall do our utmost to relieve them of the responsibility of keeping the Shield after next May.

As regards our own team, there can be nothing but praise. If Fred Rickards had been his usual self we should have won, but this was, perhaps, too much to expect after his serious throat trouble and consequent lowering of vitality and loss of stamina.

Our prospects for the future seem even brighter than in past years. In Green and Rickards we have two men who can give us a start in team scoring not to be approached by any two men from any other club. In Bentley, Bidgood, Field and Saunders we have the younger element, showing infinite promise and visions of championships to come. It must be remembered that our score of 47 points in this year's race, giving us second place, is better than the 51 points which won our last championship at Hayes. This year's race has shown that there is no lack of material in our ranks, and that with all-round fitness and with the experience gained this year, we may confidently expect the Championship Shield to repose in the "Rising Sun" next summer.

RESULT.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. A. H. Pope				20. A. H. Field	3	0	5
(W.G.A.C.)	2	48	38	29. E. Saunders	3	2	19
2. T. W. Green	2	49	56	36. F. Rickards	3	5	5
3. W. Archibald				39. A. A. Harley	3	6	54
(S.W.C.)	2	50	51	55. C. H. Speechley	3	10	27
10. F. E. Bentley	2	55	31	82. W. H. Snell	3	15	57
15. J. C. Bidgood	2	57	12	119. F. W. Chandler	3	37	50
First Class Standard					3h.	5m.	0s.
Second Class Standard					3h.	15m.	0s.

TEAM SCORES.

	pts.		pts.
1. Surrey W.C.—3, 8, 12, 13...	36	6. Enfield A.C.	132
2. Belgrave H.—2, 10, 25, 20...	47	7. Leicester W.C.	139
3. Sheffield V.H.—5, 7, 23, 26	61	8. Surrey A.C.	150
4. Birmingham W.C.	81	9. Cambridge H.	165
5. Derby W. & A.C.	94	10. London Vidarians W.C.	193
17 teams closed in.			
“Nijmegen Shield”	...	...	Belgrave Harriers.

MATCH v. LONDON ATHLETIC CLUB.

Our first track meeting was held in glorious weather at Battersea Park Track on Saturday, May 6th. Our match opponents were the London Athletic Club, by now quite old friends and rivals of ours, and the result of the match was singularly enough a tie, a happening which has occurred in the last three matches with Battersea Park. We made a fine start by securing first and third in the 100 yards match. Unfortunately L. Morgan, our Police crack sprinter, broke down just as he reached the tape and so was unable to assist us further that afternoon. Five points each was the outcome of 440 yards, Tosh and Michael running well behind a much fitter man in J. Simpson, also a Metropolitan Police runner.

Equal points were also secured in the 1 Mile and 2 Miles races, and we forged ahead by obtaining first and third places in the 880 yards and 220 yards. Tommy Scrimshaw absolutely demoralized the opposition in the 880 yards and we trust he will keep up this form until July 7th and 8th. To improve upon his time would make him surely a A.A.A. Champion, but July is a long way off and keeping one's form, let alone improving on it, is no easy task.

Thus on the track events we held a lead of 6 points, but lo! and behold! these were wiped out by the results of the two field events which were held in conjunction with the match. The L.A.C.'s long jumpers both did excellently and although Clemens made the creditable jump of 21ft. 2½in. he could only obtain third place. S. Wilson, the Midland Champion and Birchfield Harrier, turned out against us in the Javelin Throw and threw 178ft. 8in., which proved too long for George Powell with 163ft. 7in. In the past we have generally derived a few points advantage from the field events, so that to lose six points at this stage was rather a shock.

So the match ended in a tie, 40 points each, and I think everyone was satisfied with what was a most sporting and interesting contest.

As regards the Club Handicaps held on this day, two of the winners were men who were on the programme with no marks beside their names. This means, of course, that they were late

entries which had to be sent direct to the Printer. To have these men handicapped on the ground is neither fair to the Handicapper or to the other competitors, who may in future races decide to follow their example of entering at the last minute. Members should remember that entries close 7 days before a meeting, and be sure to let the Hon. Sec. have your entries early, as this rule may be strictly enforced in the future. To revert to the results, B. L. Bone ran very well to win the 100 yards and should be heard of again this season. F. Stroud, who was second in this race, proved how fit he is by running away with the 220 yards match event, and must now be considered one of our leading sprinters. V. O. Edwards, our under 15 champion, secured third place in the 100 yards handicap. R. Littler won the 880 yards, getting the better of C. E. Crome and W. A. Carnie in a close finish.

The 200 yards was won by young Jack Crilly, a son of the S.L.H. popular masseur, and he is another of our most promising juniors. V. W. F. Law and H. E. Peck were second and third, and it is a long time since the latter has troubled the judges. A good field turned out for the 1 Mile Handicap and C. E. Brockwell proved a plucky winner with A. H. Doerr second and S. T. Ring, formerly a walking member, third.

The Long Jump handicap resulted in a win for M. Henchoz, a new member, and B. W. Fleming and C. J. Kelly filled the minor placings.

In the 2 Miles Walk, Don Brown displayed exceptional form and walking yards faster than the scratch man, Len Fletcher, proved an easy winner. E. A. Jackman walked doggedly all the way to fill second place, while Reg Elson also put up a good performance in securing third place just in front of H. S. Latter.

The time returned for the 1 Mile Novices, namely 4 min. 52 sec., seemed faster than the actual running warranted, but the winner, a Guardsman from Wellington Barracks, ran with good judgment and his finishing effort was well timed.

RESULT.

100 Yards Match.—L. Morgan, B.H., 1; L. F. G. Wright, L.A.C., 2; M. E. Odell, B.H., 3; C. E. Jones, L.A.C., 4. Time 10 2-5 sec.

440 Yards Match.—J. Simpson, L.A.C., 1; J. E. Tosh, B.H., 2; R. G. Michael, B.H., 3; W. D. S. Talbot, L.A.C., 4. Time 51 3-10 sec.

880 Yards Match.—T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H., 1; J. Sergeant, L.A.C., 2; F. H. C. White, B.H., 3; D. O. Edwards, L.A.C., 4. Time 1 min. 56 4-5 sec.

220 Yards Match.—F. Stroud, B.H., 1; L. F. G. Wright, L.A.C., 2; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 3; J. H. Westcott, L.A.C., 4. Time 23 1-5 sec.

1 Mile Match.—B. F. McCabe, L.A.C., 1; A. Kench, B.H., 2; W. A. Rice, B.H., 3; G. H. Vines, L.A.C., 4. Time 4 min. 35 2-5 sec.

2 Miles Match.—J. F. Bain, L.A.C., 1; A. R. Shaw, B.H., 2; F. Tame, B.H., 3; D. A. Burch, L.A.C., 4. Time 10 min. 13 1-5 sec.

Long Jump Match.—A. M. Munday, L.A.C., 21ft. 5in., 1; A. L. Watson, L.A.C. 21ft. 4in., 2; J. W. Clemens, B.H., 21ft. 2½in., 3; B. W. Fleming, B.H., 20ft. 3in., 4.

Javelin Throw Match.—S. Wilson, L.A.C., 178ft. 1in., 1; G. H. Powell, B.H., 163ft. 7in., 2; J. W. P. Ellis, L.A.C., 148ft. 4½in., 3; W. J. Roberts, B.H., 110ft. 4in.

100 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: A. F. Powter, 5½; H. E. Peck, 10; F. Stroud, 4½; B. L. Bone, 7½; L. E. Alp, 8; V. O. Edwards, 12. Final: Bone, 1; Stroud, 2; Edwards, 3. Time 9 4-5 sec.

2 Miles Walk.—D. E. Brown, 175, 1; E. A. Jackman, 355, 2; R. F. Elson, 255, 3. Time 14 min. 10 1-5 sec.

880 Yards Handicap.—R. Littler, 70, 1; C. E. Crome, 70, 2; W. A. Carnie, 40, 3. Time 1 min. 58 sec.

220 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: J. C. Clark, 20; G. Basford, 6; J. Crilly, 16; H. E. Peck, 25; V. W. F. Law, 20. Final: Crilly, 1; Law, 2; Peck, 3. Time 22 4-5 sec.

1 Mile Handicap.—C. E. Brockwell, 170, 1; A. H. Doerr, 150, 2; S. T. Ring, 125, 3. Time 4 min. 29 3-5 sec.

Long Jump Handicap.—M. Henchoz, 22ft. 5½in., 1; B. W. Fleming, 21ft. 9in., 2; C. J. Kelly, 21ft. 7in., 3.

1 Mile Novices.—N. Nixon, 1; A. T. Perrott, 2; J. Chantler, 3. Time 4 min. 52 sec.

FIRST INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION.

The first of the annual series of four Inter-Club Relays for the Shield at present held by Mitcham A.C., was held at Battersea Park on May 17th, and proved a little startling. Whatever happens in the away fixtures, we have grown accustomed to a full bag of points—often the maximum—on our own track, in front of our own supporters, and the advantage so gained has often proved the determining factor in the destination of the Shield. On this occasion, however, Mitcham and, to a lesser degree, Croydon, attacked our self-complacency with good effect; and it will require all our enthusiasm and ability to regain the lost ground.

The first relay was the sprint event, and here we started badly, our team being rightly disqualified for exceeding the take-over limit. Then came the 4 x 880 yards, in which through the agency of F. G. Ford, W. A. Rice, H. W. Shields and F. White we scored a win, a feat which was emulated a little later by our 300 yards team, consisting of E. H. Jarvis, R. G. Michael, J. E. Read and F. Stroud. Read, who has shown up well when running for London University lately, ran a fine "leg" for us.

The fourth match event of the evening, the mile team race, was looked upon (by us!) as a good thing for Belgrave, our team being F. R. Webb, T. C. Carter, F. Tame and W. G. Webb. Not our best team, of course, but one we confidently expected to win the event. Unfortunately for our hopes, two Mitcham and two Croydon runners managed to struggle past our boys in the last straight, and so we came to be placed third in the team race. Unprecedented; but we had to face facts!

The final scores on the evening showed us to be four points behind Mitcham; and our hundred-yarders and milers must take careful note of the remaining fixtures and swear an awful vow to make atonement! And, furthermore, our 300 yards men and half-milers must not relax their efforts! "One hundred per cent." must be our slogan for the remaining fixtures.

The evening's programme had begun with a walk which was well won by Bert Field, fresh from an excellent 20 miles performance four days previously, in fast time. Ted Jackman and Jim Latter had a determined struggle for second place, but Latter's earlier efforts in catching the leaders had sapped his strength, and Jackman was able to draw away in the last hundred yards.

The 220 yards (under 19) handicap brought out some promising juniors, the winner being R. Littler, who had won a half-mile handicap at our previous meeting. The Javelin was notable for some very close handicapping, four men being covered by just over a foot. Nowak was the winner, Bankhead, a newcomer, second, and Mickly Walker showed versatility by taking third prize.

RESULTS.

400 Yards Relay.—1, Mitcham A.C.; 2, Croydon H.; 3, Epsom H. Belgrave H. disqualified.

2 Miles Relay.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitham A.C.; 3, Epsom H.; 4, Croydon H.

1200 Yards Relay.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Epsom H.; Croydon H. disqualified.

1 Mile Team.—1, Mitcham A.C.; 2, Croydon H.; 3, Belgrave H.; 4, Epsom H.

2 Miles Walk Handicap.—1, A. H. Field (355); 2, E. A. Jackman (325); 3, H. Latter (175).

220 Yards (under 19) Handicap.—1, R. Littler (8); 2, A. M. Dyke (5); 3, E. A. Keyworth (12);

Javelin.—1, R. Nowak (all 60ft.), 170ft. 4in.; 2, F. Bankhead (all 75ft.), 159ft. 8in.; 3, F. Walker (all 60 ft.), 169ft. 1½in.

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On May 13th we were the guests of Ealing H. and competed in a four-sided match with Ashcombe A.C., Slough H. and the home club. We scored an easy win, scoring 48 points to the 24 of Ashcombe and 9 of Ealing, and supplied five individual winners in six events.

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We were successful in an Invitation Relay promoted by the Cheiron Club on May 20th, our team being W. A. Rice, F. Tame, H. W. Shields, J. S. Williams and E. H. Jarvis.

THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

As Champions of Division I. of this league, we have every hope of again distinguishing ourselves this season.

The first event of the season was held at Finsbury Park Track on May 6th, a team race at three miles, and we ran out easy winners, scoring 23 points to the 38 points of South London H., and 42 points of Herne Hill Harriers. Our successful team consisted of A. Penny (2), C. T. Carter (6), H. E. Footer (7), A. Allum (8).

Unfortunately, this excellent start was not maintained, for in the 4 x 440 yards race held at Deptford Park on May 20th, we finished last of the six clubs. If we are to finish at the head of the league this season, we shall have to make amends in the remaining four events to compensate for this lapse.

At the moment we are placed third with South London Harriers and Herne Hill Harriers ahead of us. The next fixture is the 4 x 220 yards relay on June 10th at the White City Track.

WITH THE WALKERS.

The winter season has now officially closed and our record of team wins in the "Brighton," and "Junior," and second place in the "Senior" is highly satisfactory.

We hold three trophies: "The Victory Shield," the "Garnet Cup" and "The Nijmegen Shield," and it is our future task to retain these awards and, if possible, add to them.

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As stated elsewhere, Green and Bentley have earned their Honours Badges; and it seems probable that by this time next year Rickards and Bidgood, and possibly A. H. Field and Saunders, of our distance men, will have earned theirs.

Meanwhile, the shorter distance walkers will have their opportunity in the A.A.A. Championships of beating first-class standard and so qualifying for the Badge.

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Green has been busy on Continental travels lately and defeated the European champion and record-holder, Schwab, by a stride after a neck and neck struggle for the whole of the 27 kilos (about 16 miles).

A fortnight later in company with A. H. Pope he visited Latvia, and was defeated by J. Dalinsch, who was second in the Olympic Games and impressed us all when he visited England two years ago.

Unfortunately the distances chosen for racing were far from ideal from Tommy's point of view and we have no doubt that different results would be recorded at 25 miles and over, good though Dalinsch undoubtedly is.

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On June 10th we compete in an Inter-Club team Walk at the White City in conjunction with the Kinnaird Trophy Meeting. We shall meet old rivals in Enfield A.C., Surrey W.C., Woodford

Green A.C., and our hosts, the Polytechnic H. Six men will be allowed to compete for each club, four aside scoring.

Our Annual Inter-Club Walks will take place on Monday, June 19th, at Battersea Park, and we expect to have the customary good evening's sport. The scratch events at 1, 2, 3 and 5 miles bring forth the best walkers in the London area, and this sporting contest, which is entirely without awards, is eagerly awaited each year by the London walking clubs.

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The Barking—Southend Police Walk (33 miles 6 furlongs) resulted in a real Belgravian triumph. Fred Rickards finished first in 5 hrs. 2 min. 53 2-5 sec., beating the record he created last year by 7½ min.

Bentley and Bidgood followed him home, walking together all the way. Bentley was awarded second place by the judges by one-fifth of a second, his time being 5 hrs. 11 min. 58 sec.

Thus Belgrave had 1, 2, 3, a performance which with Tommy Green they hope to repeat in repeat in the Brighton Walk in September and fill the first four places.

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I should like to draw attention to the Novice Walk (for unattached novices) included in our programme of June 28th.

We are always glad to have new blood, and the efforts of all our readers to obtain entrants for this race would be appreciated. Entry is free, of course.

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All Walking entries and enquiries should be addressed to
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FORTHCOMING RUNNING FIXTURES.

The hectic Summer season is now well upon us and fixture follows fixture with almost bewildering rapidity. Of course, to a Club of our size and strength it is essential to have plenty of competition as an outlet for our members' activities, and to enable them to gain valuable experience which can only from a sufficiency of racing. Such a multiplicity of fixtures, however, demands a tremendous amount of secretarial work; and the co-operation of every individual member is required if things are to run with smoothness and expedition.

Accordingly, if you are invited to represent the Club in any event, and find it impossible to turn out, please inform the Track Captain or Hon. Secretary *immediately*, and allow these hard-working officials the maximum of time to make other arrangements. It's a duty you owe yourself, as well as your Club.

Secondly, let the Hon. Secretary have your entries for Club handicaps as early as possible. It's just as easy to enter 10 days or a fortnight in advance of a meeting as it is to enter at

the last moment. Or, better still, give standing instructions to be entered in your particular even throughout the season.

June 10th.—We have been invited to participate in the Kinnaird Trophy Competition at the White City Track and shall field a team. The scoring has been extended to the first six places this year, instead of the first four places as formerly—a move in the direction advocated in these columns many months ago—although this is negated to an extent by the fact that more clubs will compete. We look to our men to make a good show and shall not be disgraced. The S.A.A.L. 4 x 220 yards race is included in the programme.

June 14th.—“Doris Shield” Competition. On this evening we meet Ashcombe A.C. and Thames Valley H. and shall do our utmost to wrest the Shield from the latter Club, who are at present the holders. In addition, three handicaps open to the members of each club—100 yards, 1 mile and 2 miles walk—will be held.

It is essential that all entries for these handicaps be received seven days in advance, as the handicaps are framed by a Joint Committee of the three Clubs, which meets several days in advance of the actual meeting. Late entries, therefore, cannot be accepted.

June 17th.—Civil Service Meeting, White City. S.A.A.L. 1 mile Team race.

June 24th.—Southern Championships at Southend.

June 21st.—Inter-Club Relays. Epsom.

July 4th.—Inter-Club Relays. Croydon.

It is essential that we go to both these meetings with the strength and determination to gain the maximum 16 points at each venue, and so to some extent mitigate our poor showing in front of the Battersea crowd on May 17th.

June 28th.—Between the above two inter-club fixtures, we have a Members' Meeting on this date, with a programme which includes the Club Three Miles Championship for the “Griffin” Cup, and a range of handicaps to suit everyone. In addition, there is a One Mile Walk for unattached novices (entry free), and if anyone knows of young walkers interested, please send their names to A. A. Harley.

July 7th and 8th.—All interest will be focussed on the A.A.A. Championships at the White City on these days and we expect some of our athletes to have a say in the destination of the Championships.

July 12th.—On this date we entertain Herne Hill H. and Leigh-on-Sea H. at Battersea Park, and also have handicaps as follows: 880 yards, 2 miles walk, Long Jump.

All entries and enquiries to

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