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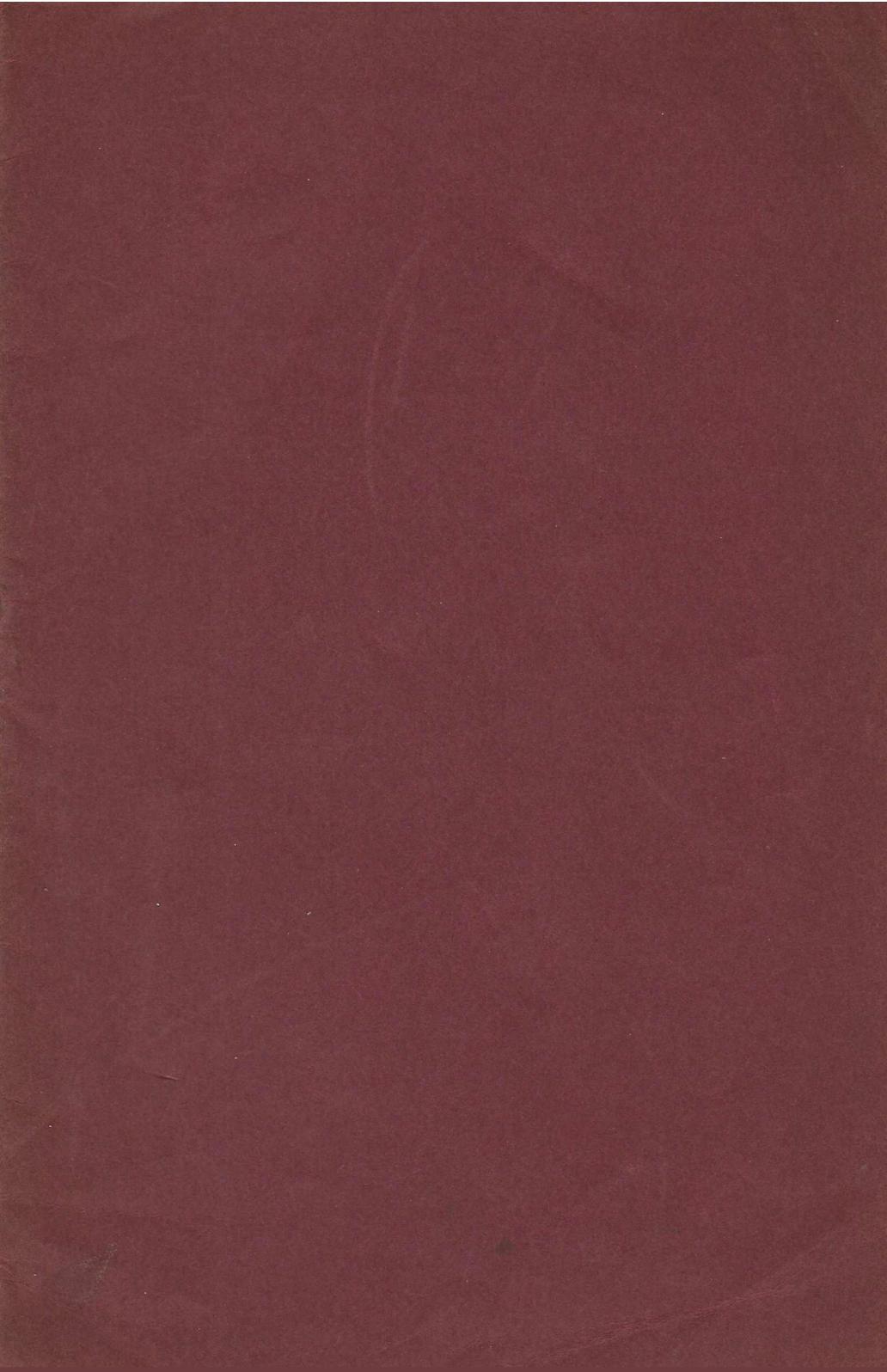
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The past month has given us our fourth National Championship in five years—a series of performances of which the Club can be justly proud. In addition, our Junior runners have won two relay races in easy fashion, and, bearing in mind the number of promising young walkers coming along, we have every right to claim that we possess the strongest junior section in the South. In addition, we have gained our first points in the Kinnaird Trophy Competition, and it appears likely that we shall have a record number of our men engaged in the Inter-County Meeting, when it takes place. So, it will be seen, the Belgrave star shines brighter in the Athletic firmament, by reason of the past month's happenings.

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This month there is again a large influx of new members. They are: J. C. Bidgood, J. W. Clemens, D. R. Gaul, R. C. Impett, L. C. Jones, H. Mason, W. G. Phillips, W. A. Squirrel, W. Sweeney, J. E. Tosh, G. A. Tutin, E. C. D. Warriner, F. H. C. White, J. C. J. Wicks, J. Morgan, L. W. Clifford, D. A. Wickham, F. Husband, R. S. Read, W. C. Mellows, J. H. Graygoss, L. J. Coleman, A. H. Dolton, W. R. Romley, W. G. Driver.

Some of the above, notably Messrs. Tosh, Impett and Clemens, have already demonstrated their usefulness, and no doubt their example will soon be followed by some of the others.

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The Annual All-Night Stroll to Brighton will take place on July 20th, if sufficient support is forthcoming. Mr. J. B. Belchamber will be pleased to hear of any intending strollers.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

A go-as-you-please outing has been arranged for members and friends on Sunday, June 23rd, when Earlswood Common will be visited. This trip will be run on similar lines to the Box Hill outing which was such a success last year. The train leaves Clapham Junction Station at 11.22 a.m. for Redhill (fare 2/6 return). Those intending to participate should take some lunch with them

and plain teas will be available at 1/3 per head, and meat teas at 2/-.

The usual baseball and cricket matches will be played and all those turning out can depend upon a good day's fun in the open air.

Further particulars can be obtained from our Hon. Social Secretary, H. L. ROLLINS, 1 Merivale Road, S.W.15.

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THE "HARRY WRIGHT SHIELD" COMPETITION.

Following the Javelin Throwing event and the High Jump, only four members are now concerned with the destination of the Shield. They are —

G. H. Powell	...	75½ pts.
B. W. Fleming	...	66½ pts.
C. T. Pollard	...	55½ pts.
J. G. Coleman	...	41½ pts.

The Shot Putt on June 19th will decide who is to be the first holder.

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THE NATIONAL ROAD-WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Coming so late in the Season, when the majority of Club members are in full participation in a new Track Season, the R.W.A National Championship does not receive the interest that it deserves as the premier event in the Road Walking world.

For this reason the recent event at Hayes, Kent, in which we, as holders, were so ably to defend our title, did not arouse a great deal of enthusiasm.

Judged on paper and as weighed up by the Press critics, our chances were considered rather poor. But who cares for critics? Have not some of our best performances been given before to confound their theories?

This year's race, held on May 11th, was the 16th of the series, and had attracted a record entry of 26 teams and 288 individuals, of whom we fielded one full team and 3 individuals

Starting in rather a narrow roadway the field was well bunched up for some 440 yards, where the first glimpse of our men was seen, and a hasty check showed Green 9th, McMullen 14th, Cooper 15th, Field 26th and Manning 47th. They were then lost to sight whilst a lap of some 6 miles was traversed, and when again seen, the field was headed by Sandy, Surrey A.C., with Vickers, Sheffield, in close attendance. Then came Plumb, N.L.H., Reddish, H.H.H., and Ludlow, Derby W.C. Green followed heading a group of six. McMullen, Cooper and Field were together, 17th, in company with 4 members of the Surrey Walking Club.

A quick reckoning of the team scores showed Birmingham Walking Club to be ahead with 61 points, Derby W.C. scored 64, whilst we totalled 67.

This was quite satisfactory, but shortly afterwards came the bad news that Cooper had been disqualified. For a moment all seemed lost, but Rathbone and Knifton, we knew, were walking well and might be expected to make up some arrears. At this point they were 36th and 49th respectively.

And so it proved. At the end of the second lap (13 miles) Sandy and Plumb were ahead, well clear of the remainder. Green came along 8th, McMullen 16th, Field 18th, Rathbone 24th, and Knifton 28th, and the team score was 66 points. Birmingham were still in front, 64, Derby had dropped right out of the reckoning, Surrey Walking Club were 75, and Surrey A.C. 89.

Thereafter, with hastily thrown advice to our team, a rapid change in the position began.

Knifton gradually wore down strenuous opposition from the Surrey W.C. team, whilst Rathbone continued to make steady progress. Field unfortunately developed a "bad time" and dropped back. McMullen seemed to be walking better than ever and moved up to 7th position, whilst Tommy Green, although without hope of getting with the leaders, was walking very strongly and never appeared likely to cede any places.

At 17 miles the position seemed assured. Birmingham's third man was dropping away badly, whilst their fourth was quite out of the reckoning. Green was now 6th, Mac 7th, Jack Rathbone 16th and Knifton 17th, with Field now 28th.

Surrey A.C. were making rapid progress without threatening serious danger, whilst Sheffield were the same. The other danger, Surrey Walking Club, were now losing ground and eventually lost second place in the final stages.

Green, then, held on to his 6th position to the end. Mac dropped back in the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and finished 11th, Rathbone 15th and Knifton 19th. So we finished with a score of 51 points, and a margin of 14, to win our fourth National in the last five attempts.

Of last year's winning team, Cooper was unfortunate and Fred Rickards, who had but recently left hospital, pluckily started, but was compelled to drop out after walking some 10 miles. Green walked his usual sound race and Bob McMullen seems as good as ever. This is the third time that he has scored in a winning team, his first being at Windsor in 1924.

Jack Rathbone at last reaped the reward of many years endeavour and has gained his National Medal. This is quite his best performance in this event. Our fourth man, Ben Knifton, did remarkably well at his first attempt in the National to finish 19th. He undoubtedly walked a very brainy race and was almost like a veteran at the game. He had no time for onlookers, and hastily thrown advice and instructions were greeted with a bare nod of recognition without any indication as to its acceptance or otherwise, and apart from an anxious "How far?" on two occasions near the end, he had no words for anyone.

Field had walked very well up to his "bad time," and even afterwards was coming again at the finish. He should benefit from the experience. His time gained him a 2nd Class Standard Medal. Saunders, another to make an initial effort in this event, was always walking well, without, however, quite the pace to promise a forward position. Experience, however, will benefit him and an improvement on his time, 5min. 21secs. outside 1st Class Standard, may soon be expected.

So another Road Walking Season has ended with very satisfactory results.

Full details are appended :—

		RESULT.		
Actual pos'n			h. m. s.	
1.	R E Plumb, N.L.H	..	2 50 18	2-5
2	L G Sandy, Surrey A.C.	...	2 50 50	3-5
3	J W Reddish, H.H.H	..	2 56 10	
6.	T W Green, Belgrave H		3 1 59	
11	R D McMullen ..	..	3 3 41	
15	J Rathbone ..	..	3 4 0	
19	B. J T Knifton ..	..	3 4 42	
25.	J E Field ..	..	3 7 23	
33	E. Saunders ..	...	3 10 21	
52.	S A Manning ..		3 15 22	
64.	C H Speechley ..		3 18 40	
149.	J K Chalk ..		3 45 13	
TEAM PLACINGS.				
1.	Belgrave H.—6, 11, 15, 19	..	..	51 Pts
2.	Surrey A.C.—2, 7, 27, 29	..	...	65 ..
3	Surrey W.C.—12, 16, 17, 26	...	..	71 ..

THE L.A.C. MATCH.

This match took place on May 13th, at Battersea Park. There was no doubt that the Bels. were looked upon as dark horses and the L.A.C paid us the compliment of fielding a very strong team. The match also proved a great attraction to the public, as some thousands of spectators lined the railings, and once again it was a case of "Programmes sold out."

In the enclosure a very representative gathering of prominent officials gave us assistance, including Messrs. C. J. Pratt, E. J. Holt, W. C. Jewell, W C. Findlay, G. H. Jones, H. C. Lomax (Hon. Sec., L.A.C.), all from the Amateur Athletic Association.

W. L. Bayliss (Hon. Sec., Bel. H.), L. F. Tremeer (L.A.C.), G. Spendlove (Ranelagh H.), were also present, all under the watchful eye of our President and Referee of the meeting, W. H. Hare.

A start was made with the 4 x 110yds. relay. This race was most unsatisfactory. The change-overs were badly bungled and on the fourth change the runners came into collision, and the L.A.C. representative sailed home by himself. The L.A.C. proposed that the race should be run over again, and the decision was greeted with a cheer from the crowd and struck just the right spirit of sporting rivalry.

The first race then was the 880yds. relay. It was the intention to run four men at this distance, but as one of the L.A.C. men did not arrive it was decided to run 3 aside. Goodhart (L.A.C.) and Titherley started the first relay. Titherley stuck to his man all the way, but was beaten by 10yds. in 2min. 5sec. Goodhart handed over to Edwards, and Titherley to Jones, and soon after Edwards had opened up a gap of 50yds. Jones was not to be denied, however, and starting his effort 150yds. from home, he gradually overhauled Edwards to finish level with him in the changing-over zone. T. J. Flower took over the baton for Belgrave, and Ireland for the L.A.C.. Right away the pace was fast, but after travelling 150yds. Flower dropped behind Ireland and left the pacing to him. A quarter of a mile having been run, both settled down to run each other out of it. A ding-dong race again for the bends found Flower in the bad at the dressing room but, receiving a burst of cheering at this point, he went all out to win by 30yds. Time for the race, 6min 19sec. Belgrave 1 up

The 110yds. men then had their second attempt to settle their race, Jarvis, Pollard, Port, Odell running for Belgrave, and Leigh-Wood, Cohen, Bourne and Basan for the L.A.C. The L.A.C. led all the way despite the effort of Jarvis to beat Leigh-Wood in the first stage. Time 44 2-5secs. All level, 1 each.

The next race was the 2 miles Team Race, 3 aside, all to count. Burt, Johnson and Ross represented the L.A.C., and J. E. Flower, Penny and Allum were the Bels. From the start the Bels. packed together, and at the end of the first mile they had dropped the L.A.C. Flower, coaching his men in fine style, continued to draw away from his opponents and all the Bels. finished in a line, winning easily by 6 points to 15. Time 10min. 22 4-5sec. Score: Bels. 2, L.A.C. 1.

The race that the large crowd had been waiting for was now put on. The 4 x 440yds Relays brought out Lord Burghley, Vargas, Sheppard and Leigh-Wood, the Bels. placing their faith in P. J. E. Cook, Titherley, A. J. Ford and Jones. Cook's effort against Burghley was very good and deserved the recognition it received from the crowd. The lead given by Burghley to the L.A.C. was never recovered and this resulted in an easy win for the L.A.C.. Time 3min. 45 2-5 sec. Score. 2 all.

The next race was the 1 mile Team Race and this was a disappointment to the Club. It was to have been a 3 aside match, but only 2 L.A.C. men turned out, Ries and Sargant, the Bels, being Rice, Duffett and Webb. Ries went away in the lead, followed by Duffett and Rice, with the other L.A.C. man in the rear. Despite desperate efforts to catch Ries by the Bels., the L.A.C. man got home by a few yards in the good time of 4min. 38 2-5sec. Scoring points in this race, both sides scored 5 points, so providing a dead-heat. Score, 2½ events each.

The excitement was now mounting in the crowd and encouraging cheers were given to the Bels in the last event on the cinders, the 1 mile Medley Relay. Brown, Basan, Vargas and Powell turned out for the L.A.C. and Jarvis, Cook, Port and T. J. Flower for the Bels. The Bels. were feeling the effects of their previous races, and the L.A.C., taking the lead from the start, never lost it and won comfortably. Time 3min. 31 4-5 sec Score, L.A.C. 3½, Bels. 2½.

Two field events were included in the programme, a Javelin contest, and a Long Jump. The Bels. are not yet strong enough to compete with the class of the opposition provided by the L.A.C. but the time will come when the Bels will have to be taken into serious consideration. Members are coming forward to take up field events and are showing improvement. Both the javelin and the jump were won by the L.A.C. Cohen, a Cambridge Blue, jumped 21ft. 8ins., Livingstone 19ft. 9ins., while Pollard and Powell, for the Bels, jumped 19ft 2ins and 17ft. 10ins respectively. In the javelin throw Powell had a fine throw of 169ft. 10ins., which is a native record, beating W. P. Abell, who threw 166ft. Abell was the holder of this record until George beat him on this evening. The final result of the match was a win for the L.A.C. by 5½ events to 2½ events. The result, on paper, looks like a big beating, but if you study the results carefully, it will be found that it was only in the field that the L.A.C. showed to greater advantage.

After the match the respective Captains, Northam and Duffett, expressed themselves as highly pleased with the match, and hoped that it would be renewed next year. Northam said that it had been a good match and that he had enjoyed every bit of the racing.

In conclusion the Bels. had a good evening. Certainly we lacked Cooper Clark and Dunckley, who would have given us extra strength, but we shall have another chance next year, and with the youngsters of the Club coming along we should, next time, beat them.

THE INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING.

The first of the series of Inter-Club Relays between Mitcham A.C, Croydon H., Epsom H. and ourselves, took place at Battersea Park on May 15th, with three Club handicaps to add variety to the programme. We were successful in winning all four events and the support accorded to the handicaps was very gratifying.

The first event of the Inter-Club programme was the 4 x 110 yds. Shuttle Relay. Ernie Jarvis, Titherley, Pollard and Odell did duty for Belgrave and our sprint champion managed to gain the lead on the last stage and gave us first blood.

The 4 x 880yds. event was next run and served to show our wealth of half-milers. Tom Scrimshaw led off and, running cleverly, gained a lead from J. Evans, the Mitcham A.C. represen-

tative, which was increased in turn by Bill Rice, Billy Williams and Joe Flower, Belgrave thus winning very easily.

The 4 x 300yds. followed. Odell gave us the lead, which Jack Ford, running finely, increased to about 15yds. W. F. Roberts, who, it will be remembered, was placed in our quarter-mile championship two years ago, and represented Surrey at the Inter-County Meeting, followed, but our lead was reduced over this stage. George Dunkley, however, showed us over the last relay how easy it is to stride 300yds. and gave us a welcome glimpse of his 1926 running. So Belgrave were three up with one event still to be decided.

This event was the one mile Team Race, and here our men finished 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. J. Ferdinando, of Mitcham A.C., showed unexpected good form to split our runners, and is to be congratulated. Our team scored 8 points to the 15 of Mitcham A.C. and 33 of Croydon H. Epsom H. failed to close in.

The points scored by the respective Clubs towards the "Inter-Club Shield" were as follows:

Belgrave H.	...	...	16 pts.
Croydon H.	...	...	10 pts.
Mitcham A.C.	...	...	10 pts.
Epsom H.	..	...	3 pts.

61 entries were received for the Club 880yds. Handicap, necessitating 3 heats, the first four in each running in the final. This number of entries constitutes a Club record and it is very doubtful if there is another Club in the country that will receive a larger entry for an event confined to members. This splendid entry following, as it does, a Club 100yds. Handicap (on April 27th), in which a second round had to be run, indicates a promising time ahead for the Club—one which it would have been thought madness to suggest five years ago.

J. Hooper, who was third in the Novice Race at our Open Meeting, was successful in the Half-mile Handicap by a narrow margin from T Pritchard, F. G. Ford and Coleman (in that order) with the other finalists close up.

The walk resolved itself into a duel between the Elsons and the Fletchers. R. F. Elson won off a long mark in style which showed that in a few years he may emulate his brother, who finished second. The same remark applies to H. J. Fletcher, third, with Brother Len, fourth.

The Javelin-throwing Handicap attracted fourteen starters. Of these seven threw over 100ft. and this result justifies the hopes of George Powell, who expects to see several beating 130ft. before the end of the season.

INTER-CLUB EVENTS.

4 x 100yds.—1, Belgrave H. (E H Jarvis, H Titherley, C. T. Pollard, M E Odell); 2, Croydon H.; 3, Mitcham A C; 4, Epsom H.

4 x 880yds.—1, Belgrave H. (T H Scrimshaw, W. A. Rice, W H. Williams, T J Flower), 8m. 40 1-5s, 2, Mitcham A.C., 3, Croydon H; 4, Epsom H.

4 x 300yds—1, Belgrave H. (M E Odell, A. J. Ford, W F Roberts, G. R Dunckley), 2m 15 1-5s; 2, Croydon H; 3, Mitcham A C
1 Mile Team Race—1, Belgrave H, 8 pts. (J E Flower, 1, A Allum, 3; H. E. Footer, 4, also M A Gray, 5), 2, Mitcham A C, 15 pts, 3, Croydon H., 33 pts.

RESULTS

HANDICAPS.

880yds.—Heat 1. T. F. Morrell (42), A H Butt (38), L E Fletcher (80), E. A Duffett (20), Time 2m 3 1-5s Heat 2 J. Hooper (50), R A Roberts (45), S. Drake (65), W G Webb (25), Time 2m 4 1-5s. Heat 3. F. G. Ford (70), T Pritchard (55), J G Coleman (75), T J. Flower (12), Time 2m 1 1-5s Final 1 J Hooper, 2 T Pritchard, 3 F G Ford, 4 J G Coleman, Time 2m 0½s.

Two Miles Walk—1, R F Elson (455), 2, F. H Elson (170), 3, H. J Fletcher (465), 4, A L Fletcher (Scr)

Javelin.	Actual throw	H'cap pos'n
1 G. H Powell	166ft. 6½in.	Scr 4
2. R Noble	115ft 7in.	65ft 1
3 J J Hegarty ...	112ft. 4½in	55ft 3
4 E. A. Duffett	110ft. 0in	55ft 6
5 W. H Musgrove	107ft 7½in	70ft 2
6 G Thomson	105ft 2½in	60ft 5
7 B W Fleming	101ft 0in	55ft 8

Hegarty afterwards threw 121ft 7½in

WITH THE WALKERS.

Now the National, which is reported elsewhere, is over, we can take a brief review of our progress during the winter season. It has again been a brilliant year for the Club in the classic races, the National and the Junior, in which our teams finished first and second respectively. These achievements are something to be proud of. We have yet to do the double, and this, I find in the records, has only been done once, viz., by the Surrey Walking Club, in 1923. Perhaps it will prove to be our turn in 1930.

A race that requires more support is the Surrey County Championship and here we should take our rightful place as in the other races. As for the Open Walks, we have more than had our share of successes and due rewards have fallen to our juniors, who, backed up by the veterans, have surpassed themselves.

Good fields have been our lot in the Club Championships and Handicaps and here I will take the opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the Club, all those officials who carry out their duties in all weathers and so help to make our races successful. Thanks are also due to our veterans, who turn out with the youngsters, giving them useful advice and helping to keep the Club together, often in weather that, but for their wonderful enthusiasm, would make them "Fireside Lancers."

Tommy Green continues to persevere in the big Open Walks up North, but was again beaten into second place by the Yorkshire postman, Holt, on Whit-Monday, over 32½ miles.

Unfortunately when coming South these Northern walkers rarely reproduce their form, or else fail to please the judges. We should like to see them more often over Southern courses, especially in the Brighton Walk.

Will any walkers who intend entering the Brighton and Back Race, also the Brighton Race, September 14th, let me know in good time, their requirements re cyclists?

I should also be pleased to hear from any volunteer cyclists to assist in the above races as soon as possible.

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SPORTS JOTTINGS.

By "Observer."

Do our Juniors do too much? I have often heard this point debated, so let us examine the matter. So far as the Club is concerned they call upon the Juniors very little as there are very few Junior Relays or team events. Our Committee have endeavoured to assist them by securing an Inter-Club contest with Croydon H., Mitcham A.C., and Epsom H., on the former's ground on July 9th, while I hear that a fixture with the Old Gaytonians at Harrow is being sought. In view of this it would appear that the question of overdoing it comes on to the Junior himself. So many of them are eager to run in Open competition long before they are fit, and I would warn them against doing so. Two of our best Juniors, namely, Tom Scrimshaw and Jack Ford, have had very little Open racing. They have been content to run in their own class of events, plus Club races and Inter-Club contests. Who, I ask, would say that these two boys have been overworked? In fact their form at the present time proves what good it has done them. So, I say to the Junior, keep out of Open races, handicaps or otherwise, and content yourself with Club races and Junior team events, especially the latter, for it is here that you meet your opponents on the same equality of age, and also find that team spirit which has had so much to do with the success of the Senior members of our Club.

While watching the recent match *v* the L.A.C. I was struck by the poor attempt at baton changing displayed by our runners. Surely to face an oncoming runner and expect to take the baton cleanly is asking for trouble. The passing of our opponents was an object lesson, each man getting on the move, facing the direction in which he was running, with the right hand held slightly behind him and as soon as he received the baton was away like a flash. Our men were doubtless handicapped by the fact that none of them had done any changing practice, whereas our rivals are frequently at it, and it is here that I should like to see our runners follow their example. On any training evening there is always a baton available at the Park, and I am sure with frequent practice our men would be as proficient as any. It would be

advisable for all members to indulge in this training as you never know when you will be asked to represent the Club in a Relay and you would not like to think that your poor exchanges were the cause of defeat, as is often the case in a race of this description.

I was much surprised the other evening when a friend asked me if it was true that a prominent official of our Club had resigned and that things generally were in a state of chaos. How ludicrous! If there is any set of officials and committeemen amongst whom complete harmony reigns it is in our own Club. It certainly is astonishing how such absurd rumours arise, and I can assure you that the official concerned had a hearty laugh over the matter. If every Club was as well managed as our own, then the Athletic world would be a paradise indeed. I am positive that the position the Belgraves are gradually gaining is due mainly to the hard-working and whole-hearted efforts of their officials. They are indeed lucky to have such a fine lot of athletes to second their efforts and the team spirit which kept the old Club going just after the Great War was never more evident than it is to-day. With such the Club is bound to rise, and rising it is, and the day will soon come which will justify the title used by an old-time member, namely, "the Birchfield of the South."

My next three Club members include, foremost, one of the most brilliant youngsters now running, namely:—

A. J. Ford, who has been actively engaged for three seasons or so and yet is now only in his eighteenth year. Has participated with great success in the Public School Championships and is also the Junior Long Jump Champion of Middlesex. Was a member of both our winning teams in the Poly Junior Relay and is confident of making it a hat-trick next year. Is likely to find his best performance at 220yds., as although he does 53 seconds for a quarter, has not yet the physical development for such a gruelling race.

S. H. Warboys, a comparative newcomer to the Club, but one who shews promise of doing great performances at distance running. In his first open, the Geneva, 13½ miles level Road race, he did finely in finishing 4th, beating among others, J. T. Slaney, the well-known Marathon runner and a performer of no mean ability, as was shown when he finished 4th in the recent A.A.A. 10 mile championship. Warboys has also met with success on the track since then, so by next winter should be in fine team trim, and a most useful addition to our Cross Country teams.

W. H. Williams, otherwise known as Billy, and a Star artist at the Club's socials, being a vocalist in great demand at concerts. Runs consistently well on the track, his best distance being 880yds. although he tackles longer races with success. Regularly represents the Club in Inter-Club contests and is a good team man. Has been a member of our cross-country teams, but prefers the track to the country. Wise fellow!!

EVENING MEETING, MAY 29th.

A very successful meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29th, at Battersea Park, the weather being fine and the entries numerous.

Thirty entries were received for the Novices 100yds, victory eventually going to G. W. Brown, an unattached runner, who recorded 11 seconds in both heat and final.

The next event, the 100yds. Handicap for those under 19 years of age, showed to advantage, both in numbers and quality, the young members who will be representing the Club in a few years time. The race was won by a new member, R. H. Rutter, a promising youngster who won his heat in 10 2-5 seconds, and the final in one-fifth of a second slower time.

The Veterans had their usual close finish, R. Williams recording a win on this occasion from D. E. Jordan and A. G. Willoughby.

The 880yds Handicap introduced in the winner, J. E. Tosh (a new member still under nineteen), a runner with championship possibilities about him. He won, without distressing himself, from another young but better-known member, Tom Scrimshaw, in the good time of 1min. 59secs. This is possibly Tom's best performance to date and justifies the nice things said of him. Third came J. G. Coleman, another junior whose persistence was doubly rewarded on this evening, for he later gained second place in the mile handicap.

The final of the 220yds. Handicap, which had attracted 44 entries, resulted in a fine race, less than a yard covering the first three. Lander scored a win here in the fast time of 22 2-5secs.

The two-mile walk handicap served to show Len Fletcher's excellent form. 14min. 21 3-5 secs. from scratch on a May evening, should lead to something even better on a warm afternoon in July; possibly an A.A.A. Championship. We all hope so.

In the 1 mile handicap, H. S. Cook, with a nominal 2yds. start, proceeded to show how easy it is to run through a field in a mile race. With a lap to go he appeared a certain winner and this he showed to be true over the last 200yds. coming away to win easily in the excellent time of 4min 30 1-5secs. As previously mentioned, Coleman was second, with Penny, who continues to improve, third. Hoving, the novice mile winner, was fourth, and should be winning before long.

Fourteen jumpers entered the High Jump Handicap, which was won by E. W. Speller. He cleared 5ft. 2in. and did not attempt anything greater. The general standard in this event was not very high, but this cannot be expected in an event which requires constant practice and specialization. No doubt our specialists will come along in time and strengthen the field events section.

The outstanding impression gained by an onlooker, apart from Fletcher's walking and Cook's running, must have been the infinite promise of the younger runners. It seems that the Club Cham-

pionships in two or three years' time should be very keen affairs indeed. Full results follow—

RESULTS

100yds. Novices' Race Scratch—Heat 1, C A Russell, B H, 11 3-5 secs., Heat 2, A E Carningham, B H., 11 2-5 secs, Heat 3, T J. Curley, B H, 11 3-5 secs; Heat 4, R Noble, B H, 11 3-5 secs; Heat 5, G W. Brown, Unattached, 11 secs. Final 1, G W Brown, 2, A. E Carningham; 3, R Noble 11 secs

100yds. Junior (under 19) Handicap. Heat 1, R H Rutter, 8½yds, 10 2-5 secs, Heat 2, A F. Powter, 8yds, 10 4-5 secs, Heat 3, L G Bennett, 8yds, 11 secs; 4, C Noyes, 8yds, 11 secs Final 1, R H Rutter, 2, A, F, Powter; 3, L G Bennett. 10 3-5 secs

100yds. Veterans (over 40) Handicap—Heat 1 1, A. G. Willoughby, 27½; 2, R W Best, 10½, 11 2-5 secs Heat 2 1, R Williams, 14, 2, D E. Jordan, 7, 11 secs Final: 1, R Williams, 2, D. E Jordan, 3, A G Willoughby 11 secs

880yds. Handicap—1, J E Tosh, 50; 2, T H Scrimshaw, 27, 3 J G. Coleman, 75 Time 1 min 59 secs

220yds. Handicap—Heat 1, A E Carningham, 22, 23 secs; Heat 2, A H Shannon, 18, 23 2-5 secs, Heat 3, A. A Lander, 15, 23secs, Heat 4, B W Hayman, 11, 23 1-5 secs, Heat 5, F. W Port, 8, 23 secs, Heat 6, C. A Hills, 30, 23 1-5 secs Final: 1, A, A, Lander, 2, C A Hills, 3, A E Carningham 22 2-5 secs

2 miles Walk Handicap—1, A L Fletcher, Scr, 2, J. Cade, 265yds, 3, R F Elson, 370yds Time 14 min. 21 3-5 secs.

1 mile Handicap—1, H S Cook, 2yds, 2, J G Coleman, 140yds; 3, A W. Penny, 60yds Time 4 min 30 1-5 sec

High Jump Handicap—

	Scr. Jump	Allowance	Jump	Handicap	Pos'n
1. E W. Speller	5ft 2in	6in	5ft 8in		1
*2 B W Fleming	5ft 1in.	3in.	5ft 4in		3
*2 J. E Tosh	5ft 1in	Scr	5ft 1in		7'
4. J. W. Clemens	5ft 0in	6in.	5ft 6in		2
5 C. T. Pollard	4ft 10in.	4in	5ft. 2in.		5
5 W R Pinnock	4ft 10in	4in	5ft. 2in.		5
7. D. A. Sloper	4ft 8in.	7in.	5ft. 3in.		4

ROUND THE MEETINGS.

Here follow some of the successes gained by our members during the past month.

A. J. Ford won his School Championship, gaining first place in the 100yds, 220yds., 440yds, and Long Jump, which he won with a fine leap of 19ft 5½in.

May 4th On this day at the Geneva Sports Association Meeting, S. H. Warboys surprised all by finishing 4th in the 13½ miles road race. This was his first open race, and he succeeded in beating several experienced road-runners. Warboys ran with Slaney, the Sutton-in-Ashfield runner, to Walham Green Station, and then strode away from him! A week later Slaney finished fourth in the A.A.A. 10 miles Championship! At the same meeting, T. F Morrell and T. J. Flower finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 880yds. Handicap and our team was placed fifth in the two miles Team Race. Quite a good performance considering that the field contained two Birchfield teams, who were beaten by Cotterell, R. H. Thomas and Constable, running as Surrey A.C.

On the same day Fred Port won the 100yds Handicap at the Southgate and Wood Green meeting and our team (Penny, Footer and Rice) won the three miles Team Handicap Race.

May 11th. At Woolwich Stadium on this day a Belgrave team was placed third in the Open Relay Handicap.

May 18th. THE POLY HARRIERS' MEETING. Here we competed for the second time in the Kinnaird Trophy Competition, and although only two points were gained our men acquitted themselves very well. P. J. E. Cook, who gained the Club's two points by running third in the 440yds. race, did well, as did also Joe Flower in the mile, which he completed in 4min. 32secs., with out, however, getting placed.

Our team, for the second year, won the under 19 Relay Race in easy fashion. As one of the sporting papers remarked, this team (consisting of Scrimshaw, J. S. Williams, Hayman and A. J. Ford) would beat many a senior team.

Jack Flower scored a popular win in the 2 miles Steeplechase off 210yds. J. E. Webster, the English Champion, caught Jack with 300yds. to go, but Jack, with what appeared to be an impertinent and ruthless disregard for the Champion's feelings, ran away to win by 25yds. Well run, Jack! Other minor successes, but hard-earned ones, judging by the times, were the third of Elson in the Walk, and Hooper's fourth in the 880yds.

May 20th., Whit Monday. At Stamford Bridge our junior team won a 4 x 220yds. Relay and we were placed second to S.L.H. in a 6 x 880yds. Relay. George Powell was second in the Javelin Throwing event.

The rest of our members were distributed throughout the Home Counties, and their successes follow:—

Chislehurst—F. H. Elson, 1st, Walk, A. Penny, 2nd, Mile, H. E. Footer, 3rd, Mile

Our A and B teams were placed second and third in the two-miles Team Race although we finished four men before Herne Hill Harriers, the winners, had finished their team.

Woking—J. Hooper, 3rd, 880yds

Hounslow—E. H. Jarvis, 1st, 100yds and 220yds

Chelmsford—S. H. Warboys, 2nd, 3 miles

St. Albans—W. Lowden, 1st, 880yds

Lowden is a new member and one who can be relied upon, apparently, to put up a good show.

Attleborough—W. L. Humphries, 3rd, 100yds.

Norwich—W. L. Humphries, 3rd, 220yds

The best performance of all, however, on the Bank Holiday, was that of Tommy Green, who finished second to F. Holt, in the Bradford Walk. Tommy is to be thanked for keeping the Belgrave name so prominently before the Northern and Midland sportsmen upon his many expeditions North.

May 22nd. In the Civil Service Championships, Bill Webb was placed second to Oddie in the 3 miles race and Harold Titherley

second to Gummer in the quarter Another Belgrave man, Jude, gained a standard medal in the three miles race.

May 25th. Our team in the Victory Relay Trophy Race (4 x 1 mile) was Jack and Joe Flower, Duffett and W. G. Webb, and they did well to finish third. With 150yds. to go we were leading but Bert Cook (Poly H.) and H A Johnston (H.H.H.) by fine running managed to beat us at the finish. Behind us finished Highgate H., South London H., Blackheath H., Surrey A.C. and Achilles A.C.

On the same day Mitchell won a road race at Godalming, and Harold Titherley assisted the English Civil Service Relay Team to triumph over the sister services of Scotland and Ireland.

June 1st is notable for T. W. Greens' performance in winning the 31½ miles walk at Guildford. He beat W. H Baker, the Brighton and Back record-holder by over two minutes, and so won the "Guildford Cup." Tommy's time compares favourably with any other done over the distance before and, in fact, beats the American-claimed world record by five minutes.

Green's performance gained first prize for him in the sealed handicap off the scratch mark, and Charlie Speechley was placed 12th in the level race.

In the Middlesex Championships, Jack Flower was placed second to Ferris in the four miles race and Joe was third in the mile. Both these championships were won in record time. The times recorded by Jack and Joe would have won for them County titles last year, but their chance is not lost yet, Far from it! P. J. E. Cook was third in the 440yds to R Leigh-Wood, and J. A. Jones, F. H. Elson and J. G. Scamell all obtained standard medals.

J. S. Williams was placed second in the 100yds. Handicap on the same day at the N.B. & M. meeting held at the Crystal Palace.

It will be seen from these results that Belgrave can claim to have had their full share of success during the past few weeks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

June 19th, Club Handicaps and the 3 miles Championship for the Griffin Cup, holder, J. E. Flower. Time standard medals for the 3 miles are First class 16min., Second class 16min. 30 sec., and I hope that all our distance runners will enter. We have some exceptionally promising talent at present and this race should be worth watching. Handicaps are as follows: 100yds. (under 16), 220yds. (veterans over 40), 100yds., 440yds., 880yds., Putting the Shot (level), also 1 mile Scratch Walk for Novices (unattached and Belgrave). I hear some of our running members are entering for this, so the judges should have a busy time

On the 22nd are the Southern Championships at Stamford Bridge, and we hope to have some of our members performing there with distinct chances of success.

June 26th, we have the Doris Shield competition between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves at Battersea Park. Scratch events are . 100yds., 440yds, 1 mile Relay (880, 440, 2 at 220), 2 miles Team race (6 to run, 4 to score). Then there are Handicaps open to members of the competing Clubs at the following distances: 100yds. and 1 mile Run, and 2 miles Walk. In passing I should like to say that whereas in the past small prizes were awarded the winners of the Shield events, none are now being given, thus bringing the meeting into line with the Inter-Club contests, which is all for the best.

The 29th is the day of the Ravensbourne meeting at their pretty ground at Eltham. We have received an invitation to compete in the 3 mile scratch team race, and shall send a strong team to represent the Club. There are also Open Handicaps, and I recommend this meeting for an enjoyable afternoon, fine grass track, good prizes, with all the belles of Catford congregating there for dancing in the evening.

July 2nd is the third Inter-Club contest at Croydon's new ground at Pampisford Road, South Croydon. Members should alight at the "Red Deer," and then walk up to the ground.

Kindly note that all entries for Club races, together with fees, should be sent to the undersigned at least 7 days prior to the event, otherwise inclusion on the programme cannot be guaranteed.

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VIEWS AND REVIEWS.

A REPLY TO "ROAD-WALKER."

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was interested to read "Road-walker's" letter in the last issue, which contained much real merit, but rather wonder why he should unburden his load under a *nom-de-plume*. Is it because he is not quite sure of himself in his happy frame of mind at the joys and triumphs of our road-walkers?

We will all agree that the roadsters have to endure long and arduous training, but why does he attack our track men after the good time he admits having had? This savours of selfishness to me, for after all the Open and Club handicaps, Club championships, and the various County, Junior and National championships, surely it is only right that the track men should be given a chance.

Again, how many walkers would care for a five or ten miles race on one of our glorious hot summer days? Very few, I should imagine.

During the winter our track men give what assistance they can and cheer our roadsters on, so it is most unfair to begrudge them their chance when the summer months arrive. He also mentions the gymnastics of the track. Did I not point out recently the poor walking seen in the Surrey County Championship, and, as for processions, have you tried to picture the finish of the Club 20 mile championship as a handicap with Field, Knifton and Saunders leading, and Green and Cooper at scratch vainly trying to catch them?

No! Our track and road-walkers are all in order. The mechanical handicapping is the real trouble, but even here my sympathies are with the handicappers, for they are born and not made. I still await the birth of the perfect handicapper (with due apologies to all those who try) and even then, I suppose, we should not be satisfied.

Yours faithfully,
O. HORWOOD.

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Here follows an effort by Mr. C Williams, father of J. S. Williams, one of our promising young sprinters.

"Buck up" the boys of the "Bels."
Everyone give of his best;
Let every stride beat "Odell's,"
Go in with real honest zest.
Run with that "Flower-like" spring,
Always look forward, not back;
Venture in any old thing,
Every-one can't be a "crack."
Help one another to train,
And stick together like glue;
Ready to do it again,
Real sportsmen always pull through.
Introduce friends near and far,
Enter North, South, East and West;
Run like the proverbial "deer,"
So, "Bels." will ring out their best.

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Don't forget the outing on June 23rd. Put away those spikes for one day and come out into the wide open spaces, feel the wind on the heath, etc., etc. You'll be there? Good!

