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THE R.W.A. JUNIOR.

If the eagerly anticipated Road Walking "Junior" Championship at Sheffield failed to provide the expected success to the Club in the team event, ample consolation was forthcoming for any disappointment by the really great performances of T. W. Green and A. L. Fletcher who finished first and second respectively in the actual race after as good and exciting a race as has been witnessed over 10 miles.

With a field of over 200 there was naturally some bunching at the start but at a mile Green was ahead with Fletcher behind a pack in close attendance.

Shortly after the two drew out clear ahead and at $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles Green had a nominal lead of some 2 yards. Scamell was next for the Club, 15th, then came the versatile S L King, 25th, Carne 41st, and no others in the first 60. A total of the scores of the expected prominent Clubs showed Herne Hill with 66 points, Sheffield 75, Belgrave 82 and Surrey W.C. 118, which seemed fairly satisfactory until it was noted that some small numbers were showing prominently and another hasty calculation showed that the hitherto unknown quantity, the Attercliffe Walking Club had 4 in 22 and scored 40

The team race was already over bar accidents. Another mile or so and Green and Fletcher were still ahead, a yard apart. Purves of the Y.M.C.A. had moved up into 3rd position displacing the first Attercliffe man who had dropped back 5th. Their 2nd man was back to 9th and their team score now 46. Herne Hill were down to 58, Sheffield 72, and ourselves 76.

The leaders were picked up again at $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles when the first man to appear was Purves—running. Our pair were still forcing the pace and had gone away a little from the others. Scamell was now 16th, King 23rd and Rathbone, now walking wonderfully well, was our fourth man.

Our fate in the team race was now sealed. Attercliffe were down to 36, Herne Hill 48 and Sheffield 54. We scored 69 but hearing rumours of disqualifications hoped on, but in vain.

Meanwhile Green and Fletcher were having a battle royal and knowing the speed at Fletcher's command we were considering that he would be certain to win when the time came for the final effort, but Green was a sturdy finisher and resisting all challenges held on to win a very fine race by some 6 yards.

In the final stages Rathbone passed King and was third home for the Club R E Wills of our 'B' team walked really well to get inside 90 minutes Saunders continues to improve and should be a useful man next year.

Probably the 4 hours train journey upset the form of some, especially Knifton who had the disturbing experience of travelling by the wrong train. We started

17 and all finished as follows.

Act Pos		Time M S
1	T. W Green	81 51
2	A. L. Fletcher	81 53
18	J G Scamell	85 4
26	J Rathbone	85 52
27	S L King	85 56
39	J B Carne	87 42
60	R E Wills	89 49
79	B J Knifton	91 15
97	A H East	92 12
100	A. W Godfrey	92 31
110	E Saunders	93 25
114	J E Field	93 40
122	O Horwood	93 59
127	J Parker	94 7
130	W J Fish	94 24
—	A Martin	—
—	C R Briggs	—

T. W Green did not score in the Team Event not being a 12 months first claim member

MACHER SHIELD RACE.

The Club 10 mile C.C. Championship for the Macher Shield was again postponed and eventually decided over the usual course at Wimbledon on March 26th

Aithur Clark was generally expected to win and taking the lead from the start was always in front to eventually finish in the fastest time to date for the course H E. Footer, holder for the past 2 years again ran well but could not go the pace set by Clark It cannot be said that any of the other competitors excelled but J Field and A. Harley did better than the handicapper anticipated and deservedly gained first and second places in the sealed handicap.

RESULT.

Pos		Start	H	time	Actual	P	H
1	A Clark	scr	59	49	59	49	4
2	H. E Footer	20	59	40	61	40	3
3	A D Pyer	245	61	7	63	52	8
4	P Klopfin	450	60	45	65	35	6
5	W L Bayliss	615	59	53	66	8	5
6	K B O'Kell	245	63	28	66	13	11
7	G Still	630	60	53	67	23	7
8	A E Smith	50	63	3	68	3	10
9	J Field	1045	57	33	68	18	1
10	W. Dodkin	610	62	33	68	43	9
11	A Harley	150	59	18	74	18	2

We have not discussed the South of Thames Championship at Reading or the Southern at Farningham.

Of the first, the least said the better for as it has been said before, the train, by which we travelled, passed through Slough—"the despond" came later

The race at Farningham was more satisfactory to us though the weather was not Footer put up a very fine performance here and in finishing tenth has recorded the best performance by a Club member in this Championship

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THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

The much discussed and eagerly anticipated "News of the World" Relay Race, held on April 9th. in the most deplorable climatic conditions, failed to bring us the expected consolation for an unfortunate experience in last year's race.

In view of the fact that on paper our team was relatively stronger, and by comparison with our running in the eliminating trials held at Mitcham, our actual performance in the race was depressing to all concerned. One critic said "disgusting" but we think "disappointing" more aptly sums up the position. Our troubles actually commenced at Westminster when "Micky" Pyer reported a "crooked" leg and his inability to run, but this by no means fully accounted for the fact that our performance was actually worse than that of last year.

As in that race, we were nicely placed up to the end of the fourth relay but then the middle stages lost much valuable ground that could never be recovered.

The performance of A. E. Smith, who made third fastest time on his relay (beaten only by the Hallamshire and Herne Hill runners) stands out as the most meritorious.

The appended details will probably be of interest and will indicate more clearly the whole of the running

Act. Pos		Act. Time
	NIGHTINGALE LANE.	m. s.
	(4 m. 1056 yds)	
13	H. W. Bruce	13th. 25 52
	(1926 5th H. W. Bruce 24 48)	
	MITCHAM COMMON.	
	(4 m. 1056 yds.)	
12	F L Buckingham	13th. 26 32
	(1926 11th J. Harris 26 48)	
	PURLEY CORNER.	
	(5 m. 448 yds)	
9	A. E. Smith	3rd. 29 35
	(1926 9th A. E. Smith 28 59.)	
	MERSTHAM.	
	(5 m. 1322 yds)	
9	W Rice	11th. 32 33
	(1926. 7th J G Flatt 31 33)	
	HORLEY.	
	(6 m 352 yds)	
12	J. G. Flatt	17th. 35 4
	(1926. 16th G Easton 39 33)	
	CRAWLEY	
	(5 m. 176 yds)	
12	W. G. Dodkin	17th. 29 44
	(1926 17th M Hasler 30 56.)	
	HANDCROSS	
	(4 m 704 yds)	
15	W L Bayliss	17th 26 51
	(1926 16th W L. Bayliss 25 59)	
	HICKSTEAD.	
	(6 m 218 yds)	
18	A. Field	19th. 35 22
	(1926 16th A. D Pyer 33 15)	
	PYECOMBE.	
	(5 m 486 yds)	
17	K B O'Kell	10th 30 48
	(1926. 14th H E Footer 28 58)	
	FINISH—BRIGHTON	
	(6 m 904 yds)	
17	H E Footer	12th 34 56
	(1926. 14th K. B O'Kell 35 59)	

The second column of figures represents the comparison of member's time with other competitors on the same relay.

The third stage this year was lengthened by 96 yards and the fourth reduced by a corresponding distance.

R. W. RICKETT'S SHIELD RACE.

The greater attraction of the Brighton Relay left but a small body of officials to carry out the Club 20 Mile Walking Championship for the Presidents Shield, which race intended as a trial for the "National" should have been of more than ordinary interest in view of serious gaps in the ranks of our distance walkers and of the first appearance of H. F. King over the distance and of T. W. Green, the "Junior" champion, who was expected to go close.

Fortunately the worst of the weather had passed when a small field of eleven started. King and Green forced the pace followed by F. Rickard (holder for the three previous years) and E. G. Cooper. This order was maintained for some 7 miles the leaders going further and further away until the question arose "How long can they last" Rickard finished at 8 miles but he obviously was not fit. Green and King were still together and passed in 65 m. 10 secs. Cooper followed, 67.59, then came Rathbone 69.4 and Manning 72.22. At 13 miles King was in trouble and retired shortly after.

At 14 miles Green showed 1-53-19, Cooper 1-56-41, Rathbone 2-0-30 and Manning 2-4-25. The writer, at this point just behind, lost immediate further interest at this stage and retired.

Green shortly afterwards began to feel the strain of the fast start and Cooper who had used good judgement gradually reduced the lead and at the Windmill, some 2 miles from home, passed him to go on and win by over 3 minutes,

recording his fastest time in this race.

Cooper's win was well deserved and popular and his Championship medal is not out of turn. Rathbone fell away in the latter stages and let up Manning into third place.

RESULT

Pos		Start	H time	Actual	P H
1	E G Cooper	70	2 43 31	2 50 31	1
2	T W Green	50	2 48 36	2 53 36	4
3	S Manning	12 30	2 46 15	2 58 45	3
4	J. Rathbone	10 30	2 50 35	3 1 5 6	
5	R E. Wills	18 0	2 49 6	3 7 6 5	
6	J. McDonald	30 0	2 45 46	3 15 46	2

TRACK SPRING MEETING

Our first track meeting on April 30th, at Battersea Park was in all respects a success. Even the weather favoured and with the inclusion of 3 open handicaps a good afternoons sport was provided.

The "opens" produced 286 entries which, if a little under the number anticipated, proved reasonably satisfactory.

The feature of these events was the victory of a Club member in each. G. R. Maryon taking both the 100 and 300 yards and our recent acquisition E. A. Duffett the 880. The Novice Mile brought out 26 which was quite a pleasing field by comparison with last year when only 2 competed. The Club events did not quite receive the support that could be expected with exception of the Walk which was above the average for the time of the year.

W. F. Ball the winner of the sprint is quite a promising runner and being young (he can still compete in the under 18 event) should continue to improve. The Club mile also went to a young

member, B. C. Button, who displayed good form and in keeping with the promise given in his first Cross Country run at Feltham last year.

B. Knifton repeated his success of Boxing Day and scored a ready victory in the Walk in which the scratch man, A. L. Fletcher, put up a very fine performance to finish second in fast time.

W. Rice ran well to finish second and actually beat A. Clark, the scratch man, down the straight after being caught and passed. Clark registered just under 4 m. 30 sec. for the mile.

RESULTS

110 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP.

G R. Maryon, Bel. H.	9½	1
F J. Lawes, S.L. H.	6	2
J. Fell, Poly H.	9½	3

Won by inches. Same. 10½ sec.

300 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP

G R. Maryon, Bel. H.	25	1
C H Grint, Enfield A.C.	25	2
A. H. Marraige, Poly H.	22	3

Won by a yard Same 30½ sec.

880 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP.

E A Duffett, Bel. H.	65	1
G Hearne, St Mary's H.	65	2
R. Barratt, L.A.C.	60	3

Won by a yard Foot 1 55½ sec

1 MILE SCRATCH NOVICE

R Cole, Chelsea	1
C Davidson, Scots Gds.	2
H Willoughby, Bel H	3

Won by 15 yds. Same. 4 59½ sec.

100 YARD CLUB MEMBERS.

W F Ball ...	9 yds.	1
W. H. Gee	9 yds	2
F E McKay	13½ yds.	3
C T Pollard, 4½.	T. H Needs, 8	

Foot Inches 10½ sec.

1 MILE MEMBERS.

B C Button ...	150 yds	1
W. Rice	85 yds	2
A. Clark ...	scr.	3

A E. Smith, 125, 4th L Calver, 210, 5th.
A Harley, 200, 6th. F L Buckingham,
60, 7th

T J Flower, 70, 8th A Traquair, 190, 9th.
Won by 10 yds. 5 yds 4.26½ sec.

2 MILE WALK

B J Knifton .	180 yds.	1
A L Fletcher	scr	2
J B Carne ..	95 yds	3
A Bye, 360, 4th	C Briggs, 440, 5th.	
J Scamell, 50, 6th	T. Green, 25, 7th.	
A. Martin, 490, 8th	E Saunders, 380, 9th.	
J Field, 330, 10th.		

LONG JUMP

C T Pollard	20 ft. 5½ ins
B Fleming	19 4½
G H Powell	18 0

INTER-CLUB RELAYS.

The first series of Inter-Club relays with Croydon, Epsom and Mitcham were decided at Battersea on May 11th, with a Club 2 Mile Walk to open the proceedings.

This produced a field of 13 of whom A. Martin, a veteran, eventually won from A. L. Fletcher who continues to improve and appears likely to shake up the Champions in the near future. J. B. Carne made a great effort to hold on when caught but could not maintain the pace and eventually finished 3rd after appearing likely to be beaten on the post by O. Horwood.

The first relay event, the 400 yards, looked bad for us in the first stages but eventually we ran out winners by some 2 yards. The 2 Mile was always "good" after J Harris had set up a long lead in the first stage and H. W. Smith had doubled in the next. The 4—300's produced the closest contest of the evening but again we prevailed by a narrow margin with a big tussle for second place between Croydon and Mitcham.

The innovation of deciding the hitherto 4 Mile Relay as a 1 mile team race certainly provided a more interesting contest. Running 4 from each club and counting and scoring 3, we had a fourth win

with A. Clark, W. Rice and H. E. Footer finishing 1st, 2nd and 4th whilst our fourth man F. L. Buckingham was close up and actually 6th.

So with a maximum score of 16 points we hold a fair lead in the contest from Mitcham with 11, Croydon 8 and Epsom 5.

DETAILS

2 MILE WALK (MEMBERS)

1	A. Martin	...	540 yds.
2	A. L. Fletcher	scr	
3	J. B. Carne	105 yds	
4	O. Horwood,	310.	5. E. Saunders, 430.
6	J. G. Scamell,	90.	7. R. D. McMullen, 80
8.	J. J. Crichton,	345.	9 J Vigor, 760.

Time 14 min. 22 sec.

400 YARDS RELAY.

(4 x 100 yds.)

Belgrave H. ...	...	1
(F. Port. C. T. Pollard. J. A. Ford.	G. R. Maryon)	
Mitcham A.C.	...	2
Croydon H. ..	...	3
Epsom H. ..	...	4

Time 43½ sec.

2 MILE RELAY.

(4 x 880 yds)

Belgrave H. ..	...	1
(J. Harris H. W. Smith	E. A. Duffett H. W. Williams)	
Mitcham A.C.	...	2
Epsom H. .	...	3
Croydon H. ..	...	4

Time 8 min 44½ sec

1,200 YARDS RELAY.

(4 x 300 yds)

Belgrave H. ..	...	1
(H. Titherley J. R. McKay.	F. Port G. R. Maryon)	
Croydon H. ...	...	2
Mitcham A.C.	...	3
Epsom H. .	...	4

1 MILE TEAM RACE

(4 to run 3 to score)

Belgrave H. ..	(7 points)	1
A. Clark, 1st	W. Rice, 2nd.	
H. E. Footer,	4th.	
Mitcham A.C.	(18 points)	2
D. McCallum,	5th L. Edwards, 6th	
F. W. Allen,	7th	
Croydon H. ..	(22 points)	3
T. W. Firmin,	3rd. E. J. Botting, 9th	
W. C. Barnes,	10th	
Epsom H. .	(31 points)	4
G. C. Gorringe,	8th B. Gibson, 11th	
A. Wesson,	12th	
Time 4 min. 40 sec.		

THE NATIONAL.

Our long cherished possession, the Shield and title of National Road Walking Champions, has departed.

St Albans, the venue of this years race, will not easily be forgotten by many of our walkers and supporters, for a more disappointing performance could scarcely have been conceived by even the most dismal critic. Really the form on the whole was too bad to be true and as such need not be too seriously considered.

Turning to the redeeming features of the race, T. W. Green put up a good show on his first appearance and eventually finished 4th, whilst H. F. King also at a maiden attempt did quite well to finish 7th. So, with a repetition of this form and with E. G. Cooper and F. Rickard at their best we need not fear but that next year we shall be fighting back to regain the lost.

This years victors, Surrey A.C., have been "knocking at the door" for some years and certainly their victory was well won. The Cup, donated by Mr. W. L. Bayliss for the first Club member to finish, was presented after the race by our President to T. W. Green.

The times of those who finished are appended.

Act. Pos		Time H M S
4	T. W. Green	2 59 44
7	H. F. King	3 3 24
22	J. Rathbone	3 10 8
31	S. A. Manning	3 12 44
42	E. A. Wall	3 16 56
46	R. E. Wills	3 19 58
48	E. G. Cooper	3 20 56
49	W. J. Fish	3 21 2
78	C. R. Briggs	3 48 11

CLUB NOTES.

By the Hon Sec.

It is with some amount of pride that I write these club notes, firstly because we are slowly but surely gaining strength, secondly that the class of member now joining is above the average of club novice and thirdly the club officers are always willing to take on any duty that they are asked to undertake. That is the making of a happy club.

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Our promising member J. A. Ford was congratulated at the Public Schools Meeting on his runaway. I hope all the nice things said about him will come true but 1932 is a long time to look forward to.

Members will be sorry to hear that Dunckley has been ordered 12 months rest by his medical adviser. We thought that we had an Olympic Champion in him and before 1932. We must hope that the enforced rest will not have any ill effect on him but that he will return to the track stronger in health and strength.

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I am asked to put in my notes that Charles Cook does not want to buy a dog.

Several members have received letters from our old friend Speechley. He is going along merrily but misses his walk. If he had been at St Albans we should have heard something from him, as the feeding on the road was of the vegetarian order and Charles always wants a cut from the joint and 2 Veg.

Congratulations to our latest benedict, J. G. Flatt. You must not give up running Jimmy, stick to the club and help us win some more championships.

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I hope my Editor has rubbed it in about our sorry show in the Brighton relay race somewhere else in this issue. Still we enjoyed ourselves and the break-down of the bus coming back gave Bayliss a chance to show off his thumping of the domino box. Some of the boys showed signs of possessing quite melodious voices.

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On Saturday night June 18th the all night stroll will be held if sufficient number of members hand in their names. I should appreciate it if those intending to stroll down (who said and back) will notify me at once so that I can arrange for supper and breakfast. Last year we had a great time so those wishing to see the Brighton road under the glory of a bright full moon please hurry up and put your names down.

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Well done Stanley. That Colchester race was a great effort.

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I hear that our Territorial champion has been offered a commission in the Boy Scouts.

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Over heard in the dressing room:—

That Pepper nearly got the bird at our meeting on April 30th.

That Harris did get it.

That Maryon's mark quite annoyed a well known sports writer.

That the Handicappers again got it in the neck.

That a certain club member has been asked to represent England at the Bridge on Whit Monday

That K O.B wants a gold watch. Good luck to him.

That the air round the dust hole is (NOT) full of oxygen.

That our Walking Hon. Sec has developed into a real gun man.

Members are reminded that it will greatly assist the Hon. Treasurer if they will pay up their subscriptions which are now long overdue.

GAZETTE FUND.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with many thanks the donations of 6s 1d and 3s 3d respectively from Messrs. A. H. Lofts, Canada, and C. H. Speechley, America

Others please copy.

Some assistance is required to dispose of a number of Scent Cards, at 1d each, showing dates of Club meetings Will members please help ?

The Editor regrets that this issue of the Gazette is overdue owing to the fact that he still finds that it is a difficult proposition for him to produce something worthy of the Club and satisfactory to the majority of our members

SITUATION VACANT.

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The Club handicap meeting held on Wednesday, May 25th, was quite a successful gathering and attracted good entries for all the races with the exception of the Veterans Walk, a race instituted for the first time. It is hoped that better support will be forthcoming for the next race on July 30th, otherwise the event will scarcely justify inclusion in future fixture lists.

RESULTS

100 YARDS NOVICE RACE

W Musgrove	...	...	2
W E Cheeseman	...	...	2
T. J Purdy	..	..	3
O L Borrett	.	.	4
Win by 1 yd	Foot	11½ sec.	

100 YARDS VETERANS HANDICAP

E. J. Johnson	14 yds	1
H W East	13	2
W. G Brown	11	3
Foot.	Yard	10½ sec

100 YARDS JUNIOR HANDICAP

A H Shannon	10½ yds	1
T Moss	8	2
J A Foid	scratch	3
1½ yds	Yard	10½ sec

1 MILE WALK HANDICAP.

A G Tilley	237 yds	1
J A Thomson	207	2
J E Field	202	3

5 yds Same 6 40 sec

220 YARDS HANDICAP

A J Barr	25 yds.	1
O L Borrett	25	2
W C Bates	21	3
4 ft.	Foot	22½ ser

880 YARDS HANDICAP

J Harris	23 yds	1
W Rice	25	2
A Clark	scratch	3
Foot	Same.	2.1½ sec

2 MILE VETERANS WALK.

W. J Fish	120 yds	1
A. Martin	135	2
J Vigor	480	3
Easy	Same	16 20 sec