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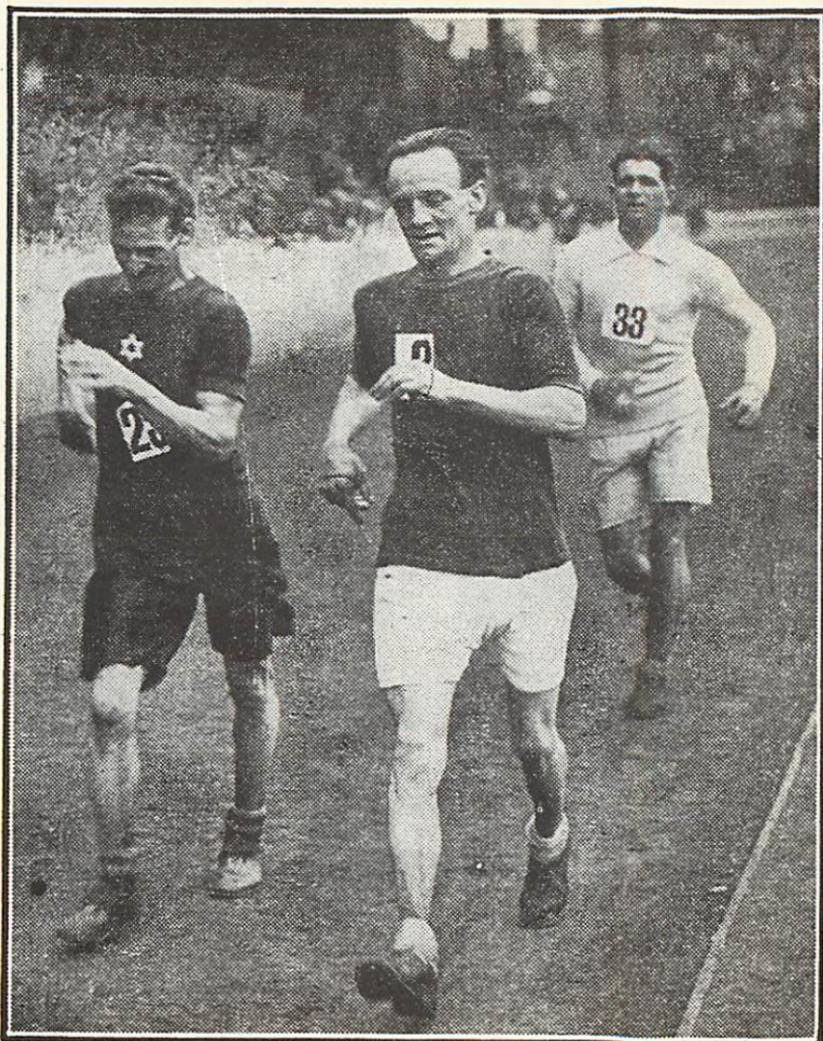


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'FLASHBACK!'----- -36 years.

ENGLISHMAN WINS LONG WALK



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T. W. Green (centre), Belgrave Harriers, won the 25 kilometres walk at the Unione Sportiva Italiana gathering at Stamford Bridge yesterday. His time was 2hr. 10min. 56 2-5sec.—(*Daily Sketch*.)

COVER PHOTO: (by Ed Lacey) Bill Kerr, who gained an A.A.A. vest against Cambridge University where he won the 2 miles event in 9:02.8 after running 10 miles the previous evening. In his first 3 miles of the season he recorded 13:58.0 at the Leyton Floodlit Meeting.



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We present the 150th. edition of "The Belgravian". It was just 150 issues and 38 years ago that W. H. Hare became the gazette's first Editor. The majority of us cannot imagine Belgrave Harriers without its quarterly journal, yet from 1887 to April 1925 there was no such periodical.

From the Club's birth to the year 1909 Belgrave H. were moderately successful in both running and walking. Then, following years of vicissitude and misfortune, the Club began in 1920 a string of successes that has brought us right up to the present day. It was during the fifth year of this re-vitalisation that an 8-page news-sheet called "The Belgravian" was circulated at a cost of 6d....."that we might have a periodical publication whereby the activities of the Club could be more closely presented to our members and friends, thus increasing their interest and developing the feeling of good comradeship which is so great a part of the Club's objectives". Throughout 38 years that is what your Hon. Editors have endeavoured to do..

It is significant that as Belgrave flourished so did its gazette and in October 1927 Ben Knifton succeeded W. H. Hare (then President) and produced a new-look issue - 12 pages with an impressive claret and gold cover and the price slashed to 4d. 1928 saw the energetic Knifton produce no less than 9 issues but the pace of this effort interfered with his walking commitments and in April 1929 he was obliged to relinquish the post. He was followed by a young man who was not to be outdone and who in his first year produced a record 10 issues. Alf Harley's enthusiasm has been with us ever since.

The first photograph appeared in the edition for Sept/Oct. 1929 and was of the new President, E. Gordon. Senior subscriptions were then 6/- and tickets for the annual dance advertised at 1/6d!

On 31st. October 1935 a special general meeting approved a new scheme whereby a quarterly issue of the magazine would be circulated free to all members and, apart from a brief spell in the "fifties" this has been the rule ever since.

And so Belgrave prospered. In 1938 an important re-shuffle took place amongst the Club's officials. W. L. Bayliss, who had been General Honorary Secretary for 11 years, was elected President. The new secretary was A. Harley who had then been Editor for 9 years- assisted at various times by Messrs. H. L. Pollins, F. R. Webb, and H. W. Shields.

G. S. Doubleday became Editor No.4 with Frank Webb continuing as Asst. Editor, but his term of office was rudely foreshortened by World War II when, in the middle of preparing the first edition of 1940, he was posted to Exeter! Scores of our members enlisted in H. M. Forces at this time, some never to return. General mobilisation was now in full swing and it was realised by our Committee that "The Belgravian" must be kept going to provide a common link for our widely dispersed members. Despite great difficulties and war-time austerity, two issues were provided for each of the war years. The breach caused by Gordon Doubleday's enforced departure for Exeter was ably filled by Alf. Harley and Frank Webb who became the new Co -Editors. The 2nd. edition of 1940 was an economy issue of 12 pages and included a list of nearly 100 Bels. who were serving at home and abroad - and, of course, the inevitable losses.

Before the June '41 issue could be prepared Alf Harley was whisked off to the West Country with the R. A. F. and Frank was left to battle on alone. With only one production under his belt he also was called-up and sent off to N. Ireland. Harry Shields stepped into the breach and "The Belgravian" lived on. That Belgrave spirit could not be dampened. The dramatic shattering of our all-conquering era did in fact strengthen the bonds between parted Belgravians. The truth of this paradox is illustrated by edition No.96 where the "News from Members" column occupied no less than eight pages and concerned 100 members. Some of our members serving the war effort at home were still able to compete; an edition of "The Christian Monitor", Boston, U.S.A. made two references to Tom Carter - "and talking of cross-country.....C.T.Carter, ace of the sport in

war-time Britain....."and ".....we find that a strong claim to the title of War Time Runner No.1 is possessed by that well known speedster over plow (sic) and meadow, C.T.Carter"

G.S. Doubleday resumed the Editorship in October 1942 and continued until 1946. During these years a Belgrave newsletter was in circulation - Percy Wright being the producer. And so the war ended. As if to mark the occasion Edition No.100 of "The Belgravian" was issued by the eighth man to occupy the Editor's chair - F.Bradnum, and Freddie kicked-off with a record breaking 40 page magazine.

H. Parker became Editor in 1948 and a year later F. Elson and S.C.Roberts took over. 1950 marked the purchase of the freehold of Belgrave Hall. In 1954 Frank Elson died at the early age of 47 years. Syd Roberts carried on as Editor for a further three years until succeeded by the Bishop brothers, Alan, Eric, and Len, who had enjoyed such great success with the road running section.

In 1959 M.Robinson and C.Shippen were appointed Co-Editors and the gazette, in its present form, appeared. Thus we come to the present partnership which has the privilege of editing issue No.150. Fifteen men have preceded us, none of whom could have realised just how important a part their recording of Club activities would prove to be in later years. "We have little doubt that with the support and co-operation of all, which we feel sure we shall receive, that our Gazette will have the same success which has rewarded our efforts in other directions during the past." -- issue No.150? No. W.H.Hare, with typical Belgrave confidence, in the first Edition of "The Belgravian."

H. W. ELLSEY & G. TYRER

We mourn the passing of Bert Ellsey, a great friend of Athletics and of the Belgrave Harriers. Bert, who was a life-long friend of the late Harry Parker, first took an interest in cross-country running with the Borough Polytechnic Harriers; later joining Ashcombe A.C. and our Club of which he was a Vice-President. He was a Past President of the South of the Thames C.C. Assn. and the Southern Counties C.C. Asst., for many years a member of the Southern Committee of the A.A.A., a competent Field Events Referee, and a well-remembered M.C. at some of our Annual Club Dinner-Dances. We are grateful for his services to our sport and our Club.

We also have to announce the death of another old stalwart, George Tyrer, known to several generations of members as the man who made a point of turning out in the September road-run every year.

SOCIALLY YOURS

Well, after my first Season as Social Secretary, I must take this opportunity of thanking all who have given their help and assistance during the Season, particularly the Social Committee, and others who have assisted at the Dances and the Children's Party.

I think you will agree that the Socials have improved greatly, the main reason being that the Social Committee have had a great deal more support from you than for a number of seasons and this in turn makes us feel that all the hard work has been worthwhile.

To recap, we have had three Socials with dancing to the record player, which proved to be quite a success. The New Year's Dance was very well attended despite the very cold weather, and all who came greatly enjoyed themselves. The Children's Party too, was well supported, a report of which you will have seen in the last issue of The Belgravian.

On the National Brighton Relay, we had two full coaches, well organised once again by Bob Taylor, to support our team, and of course, in November we had our Annual Dinner and Dance which was again very well organised by our President, Dave Shepherd.

To conclude, I would like to thank you all once again for your support and hope that on any future Social occasions, we shall see you all again. I would request you to make a note of the date of this year's Dinner and Dance. It will be held on Saturday November 16th at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, S.W.11.

Ted Pallent



A COUNTRYMAN'S Jottings

Coventry Godiva Harriers have enjoyed their finest season ever. National Cross-Country and Brighton Relay champions in the same year is an achievement few clubs can match, but to also win the National Junior title and finish 3rd in the Youths is a feat which has commanded the admiration of all at Belgrave. Alf Harley sent a letter of congratulation to the Midland club after their fine running at Cambridge. Incidentally, this was the first time either cross-country or road-relay titles had gone to Godiva, yet they are one of the oldest clubs in the land, being founded 20 odd years before Belgrave.

Before the last war, it was Belgrave/Birchfield by a street - there was even a match held between these two at the White City - now it is Coventry, Derby and Portsmouth, but competition is much hotter at the top these days. A slight lapse by any one of these three and there are clubs like Bristol, Belgrave, Birchfield, Manchester, Blackpool and T.V.H. etc. ready to take full advantage.

Just how tough is it at the top? Post war records would suggest that a strong backing of young talent is imperative. Any team enjoying a winning spell probably has a good half of its men at a career peak and there is always a danger of men going over the top quicker than they can be replaced, even though they may only be suffering a temporary set-back. It is possible, from past records, to trace the rise and fall of several clubs by their improvement and decline through the Youth and Junior ranks. When attempting to anticipate the future this is not infallible, of course, for many other factors are involved, but it is interesting to see how the Seniors, Juniors and Youths of certain clubs fared at Cambridge. I leave you to form your own conclusions about their respective futures.

Coventry (1:1:3) Portsmouth (2:-:-) Derby(3:3:29) Bristol (4:9:20)
Reading (5:22:40) T.V.H. (9:13:6) Birchfield (10:2:51) Belgrave (11:8:11)
Mitcham (13:-:17) S.L.H. (17:46:46)



(Photo: G.M.Allan)

he frequently consumes at the Rose and Crown:

Gerry North has been a Belgravian now for 12 months and although he is an international several times over, he has yet to qualify for our International Honours Board. Bad luck has haunted him this past year. He made a determined effort to qualify for the European and Empire Games teams at 10,000 metres but despite clocking an excellent 28:11 in the A.A.A. 6 miles final, he could only finish 6th. A sudden switch to the marathon was then made in the hope of a trip to Perth. After a few meagre weeks of increased distance work, he made his marathon debut in the A.A.A. event and finished 6th - not quite enough.

Having won the Inter-Counties and National titles last year, he set out to win the International this year, but a serious foot injury put him behind in his preparation and after only 10 days of really hard training, he still managed to finish 12th in the National - another few days would have done the trick. Gerry was given a consolation trip to Belgium 2 weeks' later where he finished 3rd in a field as hot as the International. Tim Johnston (5th in the National) was 9th. By such margins are honours won & lost.

Bill Kerr finished 7th in the Scottish Championships and was invited to represent his country in the International. I should have thought the opportunity would have been grabbed with both hands, but Bill, no doubt, had good reasons for declining the invitation. Bill is a popular, though modest sort of fellow and many have noticed his apparent reluctance to accept individual honours. His win in the 5½ miles "Wimbledon Cup" race was his first Club Championship since joining us 2 years ago. One thing we can be grateful for - he pulls out all the stops when running for the team.

No, this is not Don Maclean the cross-country runner being helped from the finishing line of the Orion 15 race, but Don Maclean the would-be rescuer after his brave effort to save a girl from the icy waters of the Thames on a cold February day. To those who know Don well, this act of courage was no surprise. His many qualities have been frequently illustrated during his time with Belgrave, not the least of these being his willingness to compete whenever requested. His adventure of Feb. 28th will do no more than enhance the respect which he already commands. With his usual humour, Don would probably suggest that his moment of courage was due to that liquid type

Tom Carter, who is also a member of Veterans A.C., tells me he might well run in the Club's "V.A.C. Bowl" race next year. Nothing surprising in that perhaps - except that the minimum age is 55 years. It doesn't seem possible. Tom must surely be the "Peter Pan" of Belgrave. This prompted me to turn up "Athletics Weekly" for the National Championship of 1946 and 1948 - the last two occasions on which the title came to Belgrave - and I found that Tom was not only credited with 13th and 41st places respectively, (he was 39 yrs old in the latter race), but was also honoured in a "Portrait Gallery" article. I quote the final paragraph. "It was fitting when this year (1946) he won the Southern Counties Cross-Country Championship, an honour which had previously eluded him. It is doubtful if there has ever been a more popular victory and, from the way he is running at the moment, it looks as if there is plenty of life in the old dog yet. A real sportsman, and a popular one, it would seem strange to find the name of Carter missing from the sport down South." It would indeed, 17 years later.

Another name to catch my eye in the winning team of 1946 was that of Dan Patience, who finished 38th. Dan and his family are now living in Scotland. About a year ago he had the misfortune to contract an illness which necessitated the amputation of a leg below the knee. Those members of the Club who knew Dan well, will be pleased to know that the fortitude and endeavour he showed over the country has stood him in good stead and he is in the best of spirits.



My picture shows another personality who has overcome serious illness to force his way back into circulation once more, Frank Simmons. A spinal disorder had rendered him practically immobile, but Frank's faith in the training of the human body and his almost fanatical determination got him on his feet in a time that staggered his doctors. Although a track coach, (he is at present coaching sprinters at Battersea Park on Sunday mornings), he rarely misses a Brighton Relay and he is seen here giving encouragement to Pat Bradley on Stage 7 of last month's National Relay.

By the time you read these jottings I expect to see Geoff North a fully-fledged Belgravian. Geoff followed brother Gerry down from Blackpool several weeks ago and after a week or so as Arthur Whitehead's guest is now living in Bayswater. He works at the War Office where he occasionally teams up with that other Belgrave stalwart Jack Brown in their sports club team.

How good it is to see Charlie Dabbs running well again. Chas. has been dogged by bad luck ever since winning the Surrey Co. Youths C.C. title. He has suffered all types of injury and illness and his absences have been prolonged by the time it takes him to regain fitness. There is no doubt at the moment as to his strength, so it is comforting to know that he intends to get in plenty of track running this summer to acquire an edge that will regain him his great form of 1959. If he is successful, Belgrave will have something to get really excited about and Portsmouth will tremble in their shoes!

Many Belgravians are convinced that the 1963/64 season will be our most successful year since 1947/48; to do it, tremendous improvement will be necessary. A great move forward invariably takes more than one season to achieve, particularly if it is to be lasting, so we must be realistic about targets. The following lists show results of premier senior races over the last 3 seasons and my estimate for 1963/64 - which will no doubt prove controversial

	1960/61	1961/62	1962/63	1963/64 (Est)
Surrey C. Road Relay	5th	6th	3rd	2nd
Polytechnic Road Relay	5th	2nd	2nd	1st
London/Brighton (Southern)	3rd	6th	3rd	1st
London County X-Country	3rd	2nd	2nd	2nd
Surrey County X-Country	3rd	4th	4th	2nd
South of Thames Senior	16th	2nd	3rd	1st
Southern Counties C.C.	10th	6th	8th	3rd
National X-Country	23rd	17th	11th	5th
T.V.H. Road Relay	7th	8th	3rd	1st
Ilford Road Relay	4th	8th	1st	1st
London/Brighton (National)	5th	13th	5th	3rd
	84	74	45	22!!

Junior Section

The National Championships :

The Youths were the first to run, doing one complete circuit of the course, for a distance of 3 miles.

Bicourt got a good start and was lying about 30th at a half-mile. The remainder of our team were outside the first 100. The leaders set a tremendous pace and at the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile mark Coventry's R. Taylor forged ahead to open what appeared to be an ever-increasing gap. The race was then marred by the leaders being sent off course, but fortunately Bicourt was not affected. Taylor regained the course in the twenties and found himself alongside John who fought tooth and nail to keep the Coventry man off and succeeded by just one second. The pair moved up several places in the last mile and Bicourt finished only 10 seconds behind the Championship runner-up, Cox of Luton.

Noddy Edwards, as usual, ran a blinder when most needed and Eugene Simmonds was his usual consistent self. John Leaver backed up particularly well to close the team in with 357 points which gave us a praiseworthy 11th place.

Bicourt is still a Youth next year so he must stand a fine chance of individual honours in the next Championships.

RESULT.

1. P. Romaine (Spalding AC)	17:44	12. J. Bicourt	156. J. Leaver
2. A. Cox (Luton H & H)	18:15	73. P. Edwards	260. F. Clark
3. T. O'Reilly (Small Heath)	18:16	116. E. Simmonds	304. B. Merry

Teams:-

1. Luton H & H.....	109	3. Coventry God. H.....	205
2. Worcester H.....	112	11. BELGRAVE H.....	357

After finishing 4th in the Southern Championships at Parliament Hill our Juniors had the satisfaction of being first Southern team to finish in the National championships at Cambridge. With Tony Fairclough as spearhead our remaining 3 scorers packed well enough to give us 8th place and it is interesting to note that the team still has another year in the Junior ranks.

Fairclough ran superbly. Apart from one bad patch he was in good form and by finishing in the first 30 he qualified for a Club Honours Badge. Dave Cocks started slowly, probably because he had been short of training, but he soon worked his way through to become our second scorer, a little ahead of Keith Angus who flogged his way round the two circuits with great spirit. Jackie Hampshire rose to the occasion once more and closed-in the team with a fine 118th. Approx. 400 started.

RESULT

1. J. Farrington (Cheltenham)	32:02	29. A. Fairclough	118. J. Hampshire
2. W. Adcocks (Coventry)	32:55	83. D. Cocks	313. H. Satchell
3. J. Hammond (" ")	33:01	92. K. Angus	

Teams:-

1. Coventry Godiva H.....	118	3. Derby and County AC.....	163
2. Birchfield H.....	148	8. BELGRAVE H.....	322

MITCHAM INVITATION ROAD RELAYS-MARCH 31ST

Belgrave and Feltham were the only visitors to appear for these Youths and Boys relays, held over a Mitcham Common lap of just under 2 miles.

In the Youths race John Leaver finished 23 secs down on Mitcham's Garcia for the opening stage, but Bicourt closed this gap to 4 secs on lap 2. Noddy Edwards had a real battle on stage 3 and handed over to Bernard Merry for the final circuit just 6 seconds in arrears. However, Bernard's task was hopeless against the class of D. Cope and he centered in a comfortable second.

THE NATIONAL C.C.

Cambridge — March 2nd.

23rd in 1961, 17th in 1962 and 11th in 1963. The trend is in the right direction and the sequence gives us 5th for 1964 - a realistic forecast to precede our hoped-for win in 1965.

But for losing Black and Walker on lap 2 we would have been a comfortable 6th, even allowing for our two men losing places on the final circuit, but it was just as well we were not fighting it out for the medals on this occasion, for lapses of this sort cannot be borne by winning teams.

About 750 runners set off on the 3-lap course at this Cambridge venue. The first half-mile was straight across flat grassland and at the first turn the wheat had been sorted from the chaff with 7 of the first 10 to finish already amongst the leading dozen. Gerry North, who had barely recovered from injury passed through in about 30th position but another 120 odd runners had surged past before our next man, Chas. Walker appeared. Bill Kerr and Ron Linstead were well down.

After the completion of one lap, Gerry had crept up to 14th, Charlie to 85th and Alan Black to 120th. Kerr was moving through steadily with Sawyer and Newell around the 150 mark. At the half-way stage, the scoring improved to something like North 11th, Walker 82nd, Black 105th, Kerr 110th, Sawyer 140th, Linstead and Newell 150th. Ron Linstead was now beginning to make ground fast and we were fully expecting to have 5 men inside 100 at two laps. Misfortune then struck. Walker was fighting it out with Hyman, Tulloh and Wilkinson across a stretch of plough, when the sole of his spiked shoe tore away from its upper. Hastily he wrenched off the offending shoe and resumed the battle. Unfortunately he soon encountered some rough stony ground and was forced to withdraw with a cut foot. A little way behind, Alan Black was also having trouble with his shoes and being unaware of Charlie's fate also removed a shoe - he suffered the same fate.

Meanwhile Bill Kerr was continuing to make ground and Ron Linstead had gone berserk as though he had made a last minute resolve to make the International team. Don Maclean, who was in the 270s, was soon made aware that he was now 6th scorer and he immediately set about the opposition in "Linstead fashion". On the final circuit, Don gained about 40 places, whilst Ron moved 65 places in the last 4½ miles. All things considered, our 11th position could not be grumbled at. Two points should be remembered for next year, firstly our runners must get a better start and secondly footwear should be carefully checked especially before a race of this importance.

North was particularly unlucky to be squeezed out of the International team for it was quite apparent from his form of three weeks later in Belgium that his recovery from injury arrived just a little too late. As first Belgravian in that National, Gerry received the 'H. Parker Memorial Bowl' and our other runners will have a tough fight to keep his name off it for the next few seasons as well - perhaps that is why we are going to win in 1965.

RESULT.

1. B. Heatley (Coventry)	12.G. North (Belgrave)	1. Coventry God. H.	155
2. H. R. Fowler (N.Staffs)	75.W. Kerr "	2. Portsmouth A.C.	212
3. E. F. Strong (Bristol)	85.R. Linstead "	3. Derby & County A.C.	230
4. T. Briault (Brighton)	147.P. Newell "	4. Bristol A.C.	246
5. T. Johnston (Portsmouth)	156.B. Sawyer "	5. Reading A.C.	423
6. B. Craig (Blackpool)	231.D. Maclean "	6. Manchester & Dist.	571
	392.J. W. Brown "	11. BELGRAVE H.	706

The National in PHOTOS

TOP LEFT: Pat Newell, closely followed by Palmer of Blackpool.

TOP RIGHT: Ron Linstead makes his way through the field on lap 2 with John Edwards of Bristol (198) to his left.

CENTRE: The leaders at 2½ miles. Batty, Briault and Johnston lead from Craig, Strong, Turner and Fowler with Don Taylor and Montague partly hidden. Heatley (the winner) and Bullivant complete the leading group. Gerry North, Simpson and Kilby lead the following bunch.

BOTTOM LEFT: Charlie Walker leads Dick Jones of Portsmouth with Stephenson (Ponders End) and M. Palmer (St. Albans) just behind. Walker was forced to retire a little after this and his opponents here went on to finish 69th, 89th and 117th respectively.

BOTTOM RIGHT: John Bicourt does battle with R. Taylor of Coventry in the Youths race with a mile to go. John won the duel by 3 secs. and finished 13th, only 10 secs. behind the 2nd man.



Great Win in Ilford Relay

Portsmouth beaten

After a sensational last lap by Bill Kerr, Belgrave were acclaimed winners of this year's promotion from the Gordon Road Drill Hall on March 9th. For well over 3 hours the Bels had fought a tremendous battle against the mighty Portsmouth team, and it was not until the last 25 yds that the men from Pompey were finally humbled into 2nd place.

Few gave Bill much hope when he streaked off into a strong wind a mere 7 seconds ahead of Martin Hyman. It took the Portsmouth man 1½ miles to close that gap and he must have felt his battle was then nine parts won. Imagine his disillusionment when he discovered it hadn't yet started! Shoulder to shoulder, stride for stride, the two runners sped for home, each using every turn, vehicle or trick of the wind to his own advantage. Burst succeeded burst, swallowing up the final yard of this 3¾ mile race at an ever-increasing rate, yet still they were locked in combat. With traffic at a standstill and the roar of the onlookers reaching a crescendo, Bill produced a final lung-bursting effort which gave him inside berth on the last turn and a 2 second margin up the finishing straight.

Congratulations poured forth from all sides and even Hyman admitted he had run his hardest relay ever. Just how much of the general excitement was attributable to Belgrave's success and how much to Portsmouth's downfall is a dubious point but, nevertheless, it was a popular win and the morale of our team was boosted sky-high.

But for the teamwork of our first nine runners that memorable last lap could well have been a sombre procession. John Thresher set the ball rolling by finishing second on Stage 1, 25 yds down on K. Smith of Mitcham. Charlie Walker had a good run to give us the lead, 3 seconds ahead of Chelmsford (Hill-Cottingham) and Jack Brown increased this to 14secs with Poly (Proffitt) moving up to second place.

Barry Sawyer came home on Stage 4 with an 8 second lead from Portsmouth (Salvat) and it seemed that our opponents would go on for ever changing places behind us while Belgrave, unostentatiously, held the van. Ron Linstead continued the good work holding a six second lead over Portsmouth (Lindsell) with Poly a further 14secs in arrears, 70 yards ahead of Mitcham.

Portsmouth then produced their first trump card---Dave Cooke, It was unfortunate that young Tony Fairclough should meet Cooke at this time, for the Portsmouth man turned an eight second deficit into a 58 second lead and recorded second fastest time of the day. Tony battled on gamely and still ran well enough to turn in a sub-19min lap. T.V.H. had now moved into 3rd place, 13seconds behind, and Mitcham were 4th a further 25seconds down.

Portsmouth's next trump card was intended to be John Cooke who must have thought there was nothing to fear when he chose to race in track suit trousers because of a suspect knee.

Cooke could only increase his lead over Don Maclean by 6 seconds and it was here that Mitcham burst into the limelight once more through a fine run by Harvey (18:13) who took his team into 2nd place 7 seconds ahead of the Bels.

It was at this point, Stage 8, that it was anticipated ground would have to be made and Gerry North was given the task of making up the leeway. Gerry avenged Tony Fairclough by giving Shergold of Portsmouth a 64 second lead and a beating. Belgrave were back in front again, by a mere 2 seconds and our hopes rested on Pat Newell giving our last man something to play with on the last lap.

Pat must have known just how much Bill Kerr needed, for he stretched that 2seconds torturously and oh! so gradually to seven. It was then that the coup de grâce was performed, to remain indelibly imprinted in the memories of Belgravians who were present at Ilford on 9th March 1963.

RESULT

1. BELGRAVE H ... 3:05:40	'A'		'B'	
2. Portsmouth AC. 3:05:42	J. Thresher	18:06	E. Gebbett	19:15
3. T.V.H. 3:06:58	C. Walker	18:37	D. Crookes	19:46
4. Woodford Gn AC 3:09:13	J. Brown	18:52	D.F. Jones	20:33
5. Mitcham AC.... 3:10:35	B. Sawyer	18:52	P. Bradley	19:30
6. Polytechnic H. 3:11:05	R. Linstead	18:36	J. Moore	19:32
7. Reading AC.... 3:11:29	A. Fairclough	18:58	F. Paget	21:14
8. Ponders End AC 3:12:57	D. Maclean	18:58	J. Hampshire	20:03
9. Ilford AC..... 3:14:19	G. North	17:39	C. Shippen	19:55
10. Blackheath H.. 3:14:50	P. Newell	19:01	C. Steer	20:47
21. BELGRAVE 'B'.. 3:21:06	W. Kerr	18:01	A. Morrison	20:59

Fastest Times:-

1. G. North (Belgrave).....17:39	3. D. Cooke (Portsmouth).....17:54
2. M. Wiggs (T.V.H.).....17:50	4. M. Hyman (.....).....17:56

" T. V. H. ROAD RELAY

Bill Lucas reports :—

On a fine spring day, T.V.H. held their 19th annual road relay over a four miles lap. This event has had a somewhat chequered career, having started its life as a four by five miles relay, to become in latter years a five by four miles race. The date has varied from the 3rd week in March to the week preceding the National and now back to the original date. One thing that has not changed since the early days of this race is the support it attracts and the fervour of the competition remains as keen as ever. This year was no exception and right from the gun, 78 runners set off each hoping that his team would be successful.

At the end of the first leg, Card of the home club held a four secs. advantage over our own John Thresher, with Reading some eighty yards behind, closely followed by Highgate, Ealing and Polytechnic. Portsmouth, the favourite a little chastened after their defeat by Belgrave two weeks earlier, were back in 10th place. On this stage, Barry Sawyer running for the 'B' team produced one of his best ever relay runs to take eighth place in a very good time.

Away went the indomitable Charlie Walker on the 2nd stage in pursuit of the Valley and in great form, he soon caught Hawkes and turned our four secs. deficit into a similar lead. Surrey A.C. through a great run by Presland had come through from 15th to 3rd and Portsmouth 'B' team turning the tables on their 'A' team runner Frank Salvat were up to 6th with their 'A' team 9th.

Thames Valley as tenacious as ever, came back into first place on the 3rd - Poly also passed our runner, Alan Black and our initial advantage was lost, never to be regained. Alan ran reasonably well but lacking the spirit and fire we had hoped he would have found in his first 1963 race on the road. Alan has everything for which an athlete could ask - perfect style, plenty of natural ability, the strength and speed to become a world beater, but the lack of confidence to use these attributes to the best advantage. On the day that Black convinces himself that he is the best man in every race in which he runs, and goes out with the determination to prove this no matter how much it hurts, we shall have a champion in the club, and until that day comes Alan will remain an enigma.

Ron Linstead took over 31 secs. in arrears and although passing the Poly and making up some ground on the leaders, was forced to give way to David Cooke of Portsmouth, who brought his club into the picture for the first time, only 4 secs. behind T.V.H. and to Surrey A.C. for whom Hazeltime was in good form.

Bill Kerr, fresh from his defeat of Hyman in the Ilford, was faced with a similar task but made considerable harder by Hyman having a 20 sec. lead - a somewhat impossible task. Nevertheless, Bill set off with the hope of a miracle but soon proved to himself that Hyman had no intention of being caught and had to content himself with a gain of one place over Barry Collins of Surrey A.C. and at the end we finished a good third.

RESULT:

1. Portsmouth A.C.	107:23	14. Belgrave H. 'B'	112:11
2. T.V.H.	107:44	47. Belgrave H. 'E'	124:11
3. Belgrave H.	108:06	56. Belgrave H. 'F'	128:10

'A', 'B' & 'C' times: J. Thresher (21:01) C. Walker (21:51) A. Black (21:54)

R. Linstead (22:04) W. Kerr (21:16) B. Sawyer (21:35) P. Bradley (22:31)

J. Brown (22:29) J. Moore (23:01) D. Maclean (22:35) E. Gebbett (22:41)

D. Crookes (24:38) K. Angus (22:58) D. Cocks (23:32)

Fastest time of Day: M. Hyman (Portsmouth A.C.) 20:50.

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RESULT.

1. Mitcham 'A'.....38:01	J. Leaver..9:59	P. Edwards...9:44
2. BELGRAVE 'A'.....39:54	J. Bicourt.9:16	B. Merry....10:55
3. Mitcham 'B'.....41:08		

A similar result occurred in the boys relay, except that Mitcham 'A' were never troubled. Our boys ran well though and, once again, were a comfortable second of the six teams. Belgrave 'B' were last.

Bradshaw was third on stage 1 behind both Mitcham 'A' and 'B' teams, but Keys soon split his opponents on the second leg and Hayes ran us to a safe second at the last change-over. Although he had no hope of catching the winners Adrian Major still turned in fastest time of our quartet.

RESULT.

1. Mitcham 'A'.....38:24	S. Bradshaw...10:17	R. Hayes.....10:08
2. BELGRAVE 'A'.....40:51	R. Keys.....10:22	A. Major.....10:04
3. Mitcham 'B'.....42:19		

SPOTLIGHT

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ROBERT TAYLOR

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The National Brighton Relay of 1954. Bob clocks fastest time on the present Stage 10

If a prize were given to the most popular Belgravian of this or any other year it's a dime to a dollar that Bob Taylor would finish very near the top of the poll.

Quiet, except on Social occasions, Bob loves athletics and is devoted to Belgrave. On his own admission he has no real claim to fame as an administrator but at the same time he is sought after by umpteen Sub-committees for his invaluable help. Bob leaves the talking to others and shows his mettle by quietly getting things done. Yet, whilst the social activities, regular attendances at track fixtures and training runs, and the efforts of Taylor R.T. as Track-Captain are well-known, his own athletic career is obscured in a cloud of mystery. (Don't ask Bob about his success on the track because he'll just skip round the important bits!) If, on the other hand, you ask Chas. Walker, Jack Brown, or any of his contemporaries they'll tell you that he was one of the closest 'near-misses' that British athletics has had. This is not meant unkindly for just at the moment when he had 'broken-through' into the big-time, Fate out his active track-life short in most cruel fashion.

Bob started to take athletics seriously comparatively late in life. Even now he holds the view that too much success as a Junior can often be dangerous inasmuch as it often results in a youngster running out of ambition, and satisfied Juniors rarely make Senior champions. In Bob's case, however, the late start was due largely to the restrictions imposed by war time conditions and it must be remembered that he was at school during the '39-45' period. Like many others he was thrown into athletics when he joined the Forces. In 'the Mob' with him was a teenager who was already upsetting a few athletic apperecarts with his cross-country performances, a certain Chas. Walker. With his eager chatter and boundless enthusiasm Charlie talked Bob into joining Belgrave. He didn't however, convince Bob that hard-training was an essential for an athlete with any real aspirations to success and in the Services he was content to dabble with the sport with the repetition quarters, sharp 150 yard 'winders', and long fartlek runs. By now it was 1950 and the English middle distance scene was dominated by such 'greats' as Nankeville, Parlett, Eyre, and the young Bannister.

Bob tends to the belief that coaches are O.K. in small doses. Perhaps when you are younger you need an adviser and counsellor but in the final analysis, when you walk forward to your marks with your throat dry and that sickening ache in your stomach then you are well and truly on your own. Of course it helps to have someone with whom to discuss training and racing but the important thing is that the athlete comes to understand himself, both his strong and weak points, and thinks things out for himself. This is precisely what the young Taylor did.

He came into the sport relatively mature and he proceeded to add to this maturity tremendous physical fitness, obtained in the only way possible. By blood and guts training methods. He has gained a little Avoirdupois since his competitive days, for as a half-miler, he was a lightweight. To an 880yds man this is something of a handicap as the elbowing and jostling for the first bend are at their most violent in the two lap race. But just a glance at Bob's racing record will indicate how rapidly he overcame this difficulty. 1950 was treated as a build up year and we find that although he won the Club mile Championship and scored in our winning South of Thames Junior Cross-Country team he did not have a great deal of effect on the middle-distance world. 1951 followed much the same pattern and he was probably having the

doubts that all athletes have regarding their training methods and athletic performances. Then in 1952 the machine clicked into gear. Second places in the Middlesex Champs. and the Brookman Trophy were followed by victories in the Heathfield Trophy and Club Championships, fourth in the Kinnaid, and he capped these performances by reaching the Final of the A.A.A. 880yds. He had now proved himself, he was using the right methods, he could, with a bit of luck, shake a few people off their pedestals. The following year he gained A.A.A., Middlesex, and Civil Service vests, won both the Heathfield and Brookman halves and then took the silver medal in the Kinnaid. He looked forward to 1954--the year of the Berne European and the Vancouver Empire Games--with great hopes. He knew that he lacked the real power and basic speed of the half-miler but felt that he had sufficient speed and stamina to become a miler of reputation. This was when Four-minutes was still the barrier which Bannister was later in the year so epically to shatter.



Bill Aylett of Blackheath was a noted contemporary of Bob Taylor.

They are seen here during two half-mile races in 1953.

LEFT: Taylor (10) is dogged by Aylett (4) in the L.C.C. Champs.

The Blackheath man pipped Bob for the title in 1:55.6.

RIGHT: Bob gains his revenge in the Surrey v. Middx. v. Kent match, where he beats Aylett (Kent) and Martin (Surrey) in 1:58.9.

On May 8th that year he went down to Drayton Green, Ealing to run in the Gordon Stewart Mile. Then, as now, the track was five-laps to the mile, tight bends, and with a loose surface. Bob Taylor, however, floated almost casually round that afternoon and his reaction on being told that he had clocked 4:14:0 was--'I thought I'd done 4:20 odd it was so easy'. His confidence was now ace-high and he felt certain that he could trouble a few of the bigger fish in the pool. A fortnight later his big chance came when he was asked to run in an Invitation ½ mile at Paddington Track. The field looked almost like a Who's Who of British miling--Nankeville, Hewson, the Australian MacMillan, Disley--and there were probably more than a few who wondered how Taylor R.T. (Belgrave H.) had managed to sneak in. The half-mile was on the slow side (2min 4) and Bob half expected to be left in the rush for the tape but as he came down to the straight to the finish he realized that he was only a stride down on Hewson and at the shoulder of 'Elbows' Nankeville. The bare result will probably indicate better than any description how close he came that evening to upsetting the favourites.

1. B. Hewson	2:59.8	4. J. Disley	3:01.0
2. W. Nankeville	3:00.4	5. D. MacMillan	3:01.2
3. R. Taylor	3:00.8		

With this race under his belt Bob was certain that a good mile time, well inside 4:10, was his for the picking. At Walton he won the Heathfield Trophy in his best ever time 1:53.6, set a Club record, and unwittingly bowed out on the athletic scene. A few days later he was in hospital with an unfortunate chest illness and it was to be another three years before he was able to compete again.

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WALKING

16th February - South Croydon - Banstead & back & match v. Surrey W.C.

1. D.J.Thompson	Met. W.C.	94:41	6. W.A. Belderson	Belgrave	104:16
2. D. Vale	S.W.C.	96:05	7. D. A. Bartliff	"	105:48
3. G.R.Farley	Belgrave	98:24	16. D. Fotheringham	"	116:59
4. R.C.Hall	"	98:43	20. J. Wilson	"	119:00
5. K. Mason	"	101:42	<u>Match:</u> 1. Belgrave 26 pts. 2. Surrey 29 pts.		

23rd February - ONE POINT FROM VICTORY IN SURREY "10".

The Surrey championship was held at Walton-on-Thames and produced another episode in the "Nihill - Thomas" series. This time the S.W.C. man stormed home ahead of Vaughan with Selby ousting Middleton from 3rd place and Vale showing Hall the way home. Surrey just had the edge and in a Surrey-Belgrave dominated championship, the Claret & Gold had to concede first place.

RESULT:

1. P. Nihill	S.W.C.	'A'	74:10	12. D. Bartliff	Bels 'A'	89:06
2. V. Thomas	Bels	'A'	76:17	14. J. Keown	" "	90:50
3. P. Selby	S.W.C.	'A'	78:27	20. J. Morris	" 'B'	93:53
4. R. Middleton	Bels	'A'	79:36	23. G. Doubleday	" "	96:04
6. R. Hall	"	"	84:13	29. P. Wilson	" "	98:54
7. W. Belderson	"	"	84:21	34. B. Stevenson	" "	103:31
<u>Teams:</u> 1. Surrey W.C. 'A' 18 pts 2. Bels 'A' 19 pts 5. Bels 'B' 93 pts.						

In the 'Middlesex' at Regents Park, our Cadogan A.C. team finished 5th. Cameron, Checkley & L. Jones finishing 16th, 18th and 19th respectively.

2nd March - Ray Middleton finished 3rd in the S.C.A.A.A. 7 miles walk at Batterssea in 53.51 behind Thomson and Clark. Ray Hall "out for a quickie" finished 9th in 55:53 with Belderson three minutes down in 17th position. Vaughan Thomas and Paul Nihill were both 'pulled'.

9th March - We had a good omen for the National '10' when we travelled down to Gosport for the local club's Open 7 and Vaughan Thomas carried off the title. With a relatively weak team we carried off third prize and Dave King made a mockery of the handicap winning by nearly two minutes, if he had scored in the team event we would have won convincingly.

RESULT:

1. V. Thomas (Belgrave)	52:27	8. D. King (Belgrave Ind)	55:24
2. A. Thomson (Met.W.C.)	53:34	41. J. Wilson (Belgrave)	67:46
5. R. Middleton (Belgrave)	53:54	42. P. Wilson (Belgrave)	68:40
<u>Teams;</u> 1. Met. 19 pts. 2. Poly 25 pts. 3. Belgrave H. 37 pts.			

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It was a tragedy, a travesty of athletic justice, and nobody will ever know just how good he would have been. Sufficient to say that when he was able to run again he trained hard enough and ran with sufficient guts to win the Club 880yards title in 1957. Although hat-tricks are only recorded to victories in successive years nobody would deny Bob his own personal three-in-a-row success, as he won this title in '52, '53 and '57 and for good measure threw in a second in '58 and a third in '59. He himself admits that, painful experience though it was, his victory in 1957 really smelt sweetest of all his track successes, the more so because he defeated his old bête-noire the two-minute barrier. Needless to say he left several ambitions unfulfilled but tax him on this subject and he'll probably murmur "four minutes" and in his mind's eye will see Bannister outkicking Landy at Vancouver only to be outkicked by that comparative newcomer to International athletics Bob Taylor of Belgrave.

There are several aspects of his career that command themselves to any young aspirant. His self-reliance was tremendous and probably accounts for his tension before races---a regular "bundle of nerves". This self-reliance stemmed from the intimacy with which he knew himself--his potential and his capabilities. When he saw the red light shining over his half-mile he had the courage to change his event, step up his mileage, and have sufficient confidence to adopt a new training routine and stick to it. Bob made many friends on the tracks and has made even more since taking an active part in the administration of the club.

For many years he was track captain and a leading member of the social committee, and Belgrave Harriers were proud to acknowledge the selfless service he gave by electing him to life-membership in 1960. Two years later he was appointed Honorary Track Secretary, and there is no doubt that he will apply himself to this new task in the same wholehearted way he approached that brief, but meritorious, track career.

THOMAS LEADS NATIONAL 10 VICTORY

16th March -

It seems that there is nothing at present that can stop Ken Matthews winning. At Belle Vue, Manchester, he won his 5th successive National 10 R.W.A. Championship. But it was a jubilant Belgrave party that returned from the north for we recaptured the title that we last won at Hendon in 1960. Doubly happy were Middleton and Eric Hall (Daddies of the side) who figured notably in both victories.

From the start it became obvious that this was to be a super 'dust-up' between the Bels and Sheffield with Surrey lurking dangerously. A comparison between the scoring numbers of Sheffield and ourselves will give the key to our win. Whereas Sheffield had to wait until 16th for their first man, Ibbotson, (R. not D.), Belgrave hopes were raised sky-high by the appearance at the finish of Vaughan Thomas in fourth place. Vaughan had been a little slow in getting into his stride but he finished strongly and in finishing 4th gained his long-overdue Honours Badge. Middleton was 12th just a bare second behind "Mouse" Thompson and it was great to see John Knifton coming in 3rd man with Eric Hall holding off Charlie Fogg to add yet another National medal to his already bulging collection.

In the Inter Counties Competition, Messrs. Thomas and Middleton were scoring members of the Surrey team that soundly thrashed Warwickshire (despite Matthews and Edgington). To our credit we should also mention that we started 14 men a number exceeded only by Sheffield who started 3 more.

RESULT:

1. K. Matthews (Sutton C.)	73:00	45. W. Belderson (B.H. 'A')	83:25
2. P. Mihill (S.W.C.)	73:34	56. K. Bailey " 'B'	84:36.
3. J. Edgington (Cov. G.)	75:12	70. P. Sadler " 'A'	86.03
4. V. Thomas (B.H. 'A')	75:42	77. D. Bartliff " 'B'	86.53
12. R. Middleton "	77:31	84. G. Cameron " "	87.38
22. J. Knifton "	79:39	100. B. Eglinton " "	90.30
24. E. Hall "	79:59	126. J. Wilson " "	96.08
34. R. Hall "	81:43	134. P. Wilson " "	100.06

Teams: 1. Belgrave H. (4,12,22,24) 62 pts 3. Surrey (2,14,19,45) 80 pts
2. Sheffield U. (16,20,21,23) 80 pts 4. Belgrave 'B' (53,72,79,88) 292 pts

BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS 1962. - 50 Kms and 2 miles.

1. D.J. Thompson	4:27.26	23/6	1. K. Matthews	13.15	30/6
2. R.C. Middleton	4:30.59	23/6	2. G. Williams	13.46.8	19/5
3. R.C. Hall	4:42.25	23/6	5. V. Thomas	14.12	31/6

30th March - THOMAS 2nd IN A.A.A. "7". 5mls. 4mls. 3mls 2mls. 1ml.

1. K. Matthews	R.S.C.	49.52.8	6mls. 42.45	35.39	28.18	21.09	13.59	6.52
2. V. Thomas	Bel H.	53.42	45.53	38.15	30.31	22.48	15.04	7.24
3. J. Godbeer	Cam.H.	53.50	46.04	38.19	30.40	22.53	15.16	7.31
5. R. Middleton	Bel H.	54.05	46.15	38.27	30.38	22.54	15.09	7.29

6th April "BELS" WIN M E T. OPEN "20"

Vaughan Thomas had to give second best to Paul Mihill at Regents Park but had the satisfaction of beating Edgington of Coventry who finished ahead of him in the National "10". Out of 12 Individual Handicap prizes, we captured three - Thomas 5th, Sadler 8th, Bartliff 11th.

RESULT

1. P. Mihill (Surrey W.C.)	92:09	32. D. Bartliff	Belgrave 'A'	110:43
2. V. Thomas (Belgrave 'A')	94:49	33. P. Sadler	" 'B'	110:46
5. R. Middleton "	98:10	46. J. Keown	" 'A'	115:18
13. J. Knifton "	104:43	49. B. Eglinton	" 'B'	116:18
27. W. Belderson "	107:33	51. P. Duncan	" "	116:39
26. K. Bailey "	108:01	68. J. Wilson	" "	122:05

Teams: 1. Belgrave H. 'A' (2,4,13,20) 39 pts. 3. Essex, B. (6,10,11,37.) 64 pts.
2. Met. W.C. (5,15,17,19) 56 pts. 4. Belgrave 'B' (26,42,56,57) 181 pts.

Ray Middleton and George Cameron are off later this year to Switzerland. They are busy organising a party to leave London on 19th July. Races have been arranged at Lugano, Maggio and Bozzero. Cost, they tell us, will be something like £32, although what that is inclusive of, we're not too sure!

Also on the 6th April, Ray Hall won the Stock Exchange 25 miles Championship with a time of 3 hours 44 mins 49 secs.

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13th April - SURREY W.C. - CROYDON TO GODSTONE & BACK (18 miles)

Nihill v. Thomas continued.
 Paul Nihill slammed the old course record with his time of 2:25.38 and so well did Vaughan Thomas walk that, despite being some 6 mins. behind his great rival, he was also inside the previous best figures. Nihill turned at Godstone over 50 seconds ahead and was in such brilliant form that he was never really in trouble.

RESULT:

1. P. Nihill	S.W.C.	2:25.38	36. J. Morris	Belgrave	3:02.34
2. V. Thomas	Bels	2:31.30	40. P. Sadler	"	3:03.59
3. C. Fogg	Enfield	2:37.39	55. J. Wilson	"	3:11.35
15. K. Bailey	Bels	2:49.01	59. D. Fotheringham	"	3:14.27
18. W. Belderson	"	2:50.59	62. C. Yescombe	"	3:17.57
19. D. Bartliff	"	2:51.05	63. A. Haith	"	3:18.50
33. G. Checkley	"	3:01.00	64. P. Wilson.	"	3:19.30

Teams: Surrey W.C. 22 pts. 2. Belgrave 49 pts. 3. Woodford Grn. 51 pts.

RICKETTS Shield for Thomas

20th April -

Vaughan Thomas and Ray Middleton were the two main contestants in this duel for the Club 20 Miles Walk Championship. Our R.A.F. member, however, had the edge and at the finish was some 57 seconds clear. Pat Duncan walked extremely well in his first Club 20, finished 8th and carried off the handicap from K. Bailey and W. Belderson. In a match in conjunction with the M.P.A.A. we won comfortably scoring 54 points to the "Law's" 117.

RESULT:

1. V. Thomas	2:43.01	10. J. Morris	3:17.18
2. R. Middleton	2:43.58	11. G. Checkley	3:19.57
3. R.C. Hall	2:59.05	12. H. Hooper	3:21.21
4. K. Bailey	2:59.35	13. B. Eglington	3:22.18
5. J. Knifton	2:59.52	15. D. Fotheringham	3:24.35
6. W. Belderson	3:01.53	16. J. Wilson	3:24.35
7. D. Bartliff	3:05.02	19. P. Wilson	3:31.20
8. P. Duncan	3:09.18	20. A. Haith	3:31.20
9. J. Keown	3:12.15		

24th April - THOMAS BREAKS RECORD IN SURREY '71.

As a result of the Royal Wedding and the Epsom Races this championship was not supported by the Police Walkers. The race however, did not suffer as a consequence and in a 'ding-dong' battle Thomas and Middleton both beat the County record of 53:29 set up by our own Eric Hall way back in 1957. Middleton went into an early lead from Thomas with Selby of S.W.C. in very close attendance. The Surrey walker led for a brief spell but then at 4 miles Thomas went into his winning lead although he could never really shake Ray off his tail. In the final mile Selby had no answer to their pace and finished a comfortable 3rd almost half a lap behind Middleton. John Knifton finished an extremely good 5th and, one place behind, Ray Hall.

RESULT:

1. V. Thomas	Belgrave	53:15	6. R. Hall	Belgrave	57:39
2. R. Middleton	"	53:20	10. J. Morris	"	63:36
3. P. Selby	Surrey W.C.	53:56	16. A. East	"	69:07
5. J. Knifton	Belgrave	56:48			

27th April - George Checkley finished 11th in the Middlesex "20" and his form (final time 3:10.23) suggests that he is slowly returning to fitness. In the same race Cyril Yescombe was timed at 3:36.47 in finishing 24th.

THE R.W.A. '20'

After a good start our two 'hopes' Middleton and Thomas were together in 2nd and 3rd places. Belgrave chances of a further National title were extremely good. This position was maintained until 12½ miles when Vaughan, who had been looking a little the worse for wear, lost ground rapidly and then collapsed. Unfortunately he had only just recovered from

a bad attack of 'flu and bronchitis and the fast early pace had taken great toll of his resources. Naturally this put paid to our team chances and also to our hope of retaining the Nijmegen shield which we had held for the past eight years. Notwithstanding the disappointment, however, some excellent performances were recorded and Ray Middleton put himself right back at the top with a fine third place behind Nihill and Fogg. John Knifton gained his "Senior Honours Badge" by storming through the second half of the race to finish 9th. Despite losing our No.1 man we finished second in the team competition---tell that to the running section!

RESULT

1. P. Nihill	Surrey W.C.	2:39.43	30. D. Bartliff	BELS A	3:02.48
2. C. Fogg	Enfield	2:42.58	41. G. Checkley	BELS B	3:07.46
3. R. Middleton	Bels A	2:44.21	46. J. Morris	" "	3:10.01
9. J. Knifton	" "	2:50.33	51. P. Duncan	" "	3:12.45
15. R. Hall	" "	2:53.49	55. G. Beecham	" "	3:13.42
24. G. Farley	" "	3:01.23	57. B. Eglinton	" "	3:15.37
27. K. Bailey	" "	3:01.49	71. C. Yescombe	" "	3:21.27
29. W. Belderson	" "	3:02.08			

Team:- 1. Surrey W.C.....24pts 3. Sheffield H.....63 pts
 2. BELGRAVE H 'A'....40pts 8. BELGRAVE H 'B'.....167 pts
 NIJMEGAN SHIELD- WOODFORD HALLOND CUP- SOUTHERN AREA.

* In the Vancouver Trophy meeting Ray Middleton won two miles from John Knifton. Incidentally John, representing Chelsea Tech., won the London University two miles championship in April.

* We entered two teams in the Polytechnic Inter-Club 20 Kilos at Regents Park. Ray Middleton finished 2nd in 99:46 only 3 secs behind Godbeer of Cambridge. John Knifton finished an excellent fourth and with Ray Hall 7th we easily won the match from Poly and Woodford.

Middleton Wins ELSON Cup

There were twelve starters in this event for the 7 miles Track Walk Championship. Ray Middleton came away extremely well and finished nearly two minutes clear of his nearest rival, Knifton, who just managed to pip Ray Hall for second prize. Both John and Ray were off the same mark in the handicap and they won first and second prizes respectively with Bert East taking third place. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Aplin.

RESULT.

1. R.C. Middleton	.....53:46	7. D.A. Bartliff	.....61:56
2. J.F. Knifton	.....55:25	8. J. Morris	.....63:23
3. R.C. Hall	.....55:29	9. S.L. Jones	.....63:42
4. R. Farley	.....58:39	10. A. H. East	.....68:15
6. H. Hooper	.....61:14	11. W. Wright	.....70:35

Handicap 1. J. Knifton-52.00 2. R.C. Hall-52.04 3. A. East....53.15
 1st Class Standard R. Farley.....W.A. Belderson.....

FIELD EVENTS Review

Although things are by no means right yet, the results so far indicate something of a revival. Colin Clair is with us once more and in addition to several good all round performances has thrown the javelin 190'11". Kenneth Silvester won the Pole Vault at our own Field Events Meeting at his first appearance in our colours. Derek Wade has yet to get going in the Long Jump although in a handicap on May 6 he cleared 21'11½" from scratch. The Field Events Meeting, despite adverse weather conditions, was a success and the overall standard was high. Best performance of the meet was by javelin man John Fitzsimmons of St. Mary's College who threw 222'7".

We are still extremely weak in this department but we are slowly forming a nucleus of stars -Boosey, Clair, Wade - and we are gradually gaining a number of reliable Club men - Couzens, Leyer, Silvester. Time will tell, but this summer should see Club teams scoring points in the Field Events again.

KERR WINS FIRST CLUB TITLE

RON LINSTAD REPORTS ON THE CLUB'S 1/2 MILE HELD ON MARCH 30th.

Despite a dull day and the absence of nearly the Brighton team, this proved to be one of the most interesting races ever held over the five miles 11/4 yard course. Charlie Dabbs shook us all when after a long lay off from competition, he actually lined up, complete with number alongside 34 fellow competitors.

Early pace-setters were Chris Steer and Bill Kerr with Charlie Walker lying handy. At one mile these three led with Cocks and Fairlough, Bradley O'Hara, Dabbs, Angus, Gebbett, Morrison and Maclean following at intervals of a few yards. At two miles Charlie and Bill were 10 yards up on Chris who was running with fellow juniors Tony Fairlough and Dave Cocks. Thirty yards further down were Charlie Dabbs and Laurie O'Hara. Going down Copse Hill, Bill really forced the pace with Charlie hanging on well and at the turn into Coombe Lane these two were 80 yards up on Tony Fairlough. Fourth was Pat Bradley running for the first time in this event. After having had a bad patch early on Pat was nicely into his stride and could well be one of our key men within a few months. Don Maclean was now 6th, the long descent of Copse Hill being tailor-made for his raking stride. Dave Cocks and Chris Steer were still in the hunt but beginning to show signs of strain whilst Charlie Dabbs was still looking strong and obviously waiting for the hilly return journey. Half a mile further on came the start of the long climb back and it was at this stage that Kerr began to draw away from Charlie Walker. One hundred and fifty yards back came Don Maclean probably feeling the benefit of his run in the gruelling Orion Harriers 15 miles Cross-country Race two weeks' earlier. Close behind Mac were Pat Bradley and Tony Fairlough. Charlie Dabbs was now closing up fast looking completely unruffled. Steer was falling back now and Dave Cocks was also feeling the effects of his early efforts, whilst 'veteran' Eric Gebbett was pounding away with his usual determination.

The final stretch of the climb back up to Christchurch saw Bill striding away nicely, Charlie Walker gave the impression here of having plenty in hand and Charlie Dabbs's great strength really served him well as he moved into third place with the greatest of ease. Over the last 1/2 miles, Bill kept his lead to come in 10 secs. in front of Charlie Walker with Dabbs in third place - a welcome return to something near his old form, after a period in the 'doldrums' when, to many of his friends, he appeared to be 'finished'. Despite having really suffered on the hill, Mac held on to 4th place, his time of 29.9 was easily a personal best over this course. Pat Bradley's 5th place was most commendable, achieved as it was on comparatively little training.

Newcomer D. Lawrence won the handicap with Dabbs and Bradley in 2nd and 3rd place.

RESULT:

1. W. Kerr	(0.40)	28.24	19. R. Langheim	(6.15)	33.39
2. C. Walker	(1.10)	28.34	20. D. B. Ring	(6.00)	33.45
3. C. Dabbs	(2.30)	29.4	21. N. Arnold	(5.00)	33.50
4. D. Maclean	(2.00)	29.9	22. J. Hilton	(6.30)	33.54
5. P. Bradley	(2.30)	29.16	23. N. Asten	(7.00)	33.59
6. L. O'Hara	(1.45)	29.22	24. E. Pallent	(6.30)	34.1
7. A. Fairlough	(2.15)	29.32	25. J. Dear	(5.00)	34.18
8. C. Steer	(2.45)	29.43	26. C. Henn	(6.15)	34.48
9. E. Gebbett	(2.00)	29.51	27. C. Fairfield	(7.30)	34.55
10. D. Cocks	(3.00)	29.59	28. G. Biscoe	(6.00)	35.4
11. K. Angus	(3.00)	30.21	29. J. Plummer	(8.00)	35.16
12. D. Crookes	(3.00)	30.31	30. P. Sutton	(8.00)	35.17
13. F. Hampshire	(3.15)	30.44	31. D. C. Brown	(7.30)	35.36
14. F. Paget	(4.00)	31.32	32. J. Jarvis	(6.30)	36.23
15. D. Lawrence	(6.00)	32.12	33. D. Newell	(7.00)	37.21
16. M. Shingles	(4.00)	32.14	34. F. Hopkins	(9.00)	37.37
17. A. Morrison	(3.30)	32.29	35. A. Choulerton	(6.00)	38.33
18. C. Keavey	(6.00)	32.57			

GERMAN VISITORS

As you all no doubt know we are acting as Hosts to a West German Club, Turnverein 1862 Langen e.V. from 13th August---16th August. If you could provide accomodation for even one of our guests contact Dave M. Shepherd (CHE 1554).

BELS. 5th in NATIONAL RELAY

Mixed form on Brighton Road

by Olympian

For the first time for a number of years the selection committee had a really difficult task in selecting the twelve stalwarts to carry the Belgrave colours in the most important road relay of the year. The problem was not who to put in, but who to leave out. The Club's Road Championship the previous week had shown that we possessed a deeper strength than ever before. In the past, anyone beating thirty minutes on the Championship course could be almost certain of his place in the Brighton team - this year we had 17 runners who either achieved this time, or were fully capable of such a performance. Inevitably, someone had to be disappointed and it is only to be hoped that the unlucky ones will work just that bit harder to prove their worth for the Southern Race next October.

Even the most fervent supporter was not expecting a higher position than 4th in the final reckoning, for the standard of the best clubs in this race was probably higher than ever before. Coventry Godiva, National Cross Country Champions were the obvious favourites but Derby, last year's winners and Portsmouth, second last year, were there with excellent prospects and clubs like Bristol and Thames Valley are always difficult to beat. In finishing fifth, we can be most satisfied with our performance, for not only was this eight places higher than in 1962, but our prospects are exceptionally good for future races. Our Juniors are improving rapidly and will be great assets to us and the acquisition of another international from the 'North' is almost certain.

The race was started at 10 o'clock as usual from Old Palace Yard at Westminster by the first stroke of Big Ben. It was soon apparent that John Thresher was in great form, for as the runners came away from Chelsea Bridge, down the slope to Queens Circus, it was Coentry, Belgrave and Mitcham who were making all the running. R. Taylor of Coventry one of their most promising Juniors proved too strong for John Thresher over the last mile and came away to give his club a 12 secs. lead. John was second, closely followed

by Manchester & Dist. Lads Club (Gregory) and Mitcham A.C. (K. Smith). This was our best start for a long time and gave every hope for a successful day.

Barry Sawyer, after his excellent showing in the T.V.H. Relay was selected for the 2nd stage, but it was obvious that Barry was not at his best. He appeared to be completely tied up and unable to relax and it was most disappointing to see our early advantage being lost. At Mitcham we were back to 10th and 78 secs. behind Derby who, through an excellent run by D. Kelly, had moved up from 6th to the lead.

Charlie Walker, out for the 26th time on the Brighton Road, has this year been running as well as ever, but the opposition on the very difficult 3rd stage to Purley gave him a very tough time and we were forced back 3 more places with a consequent loss of time on the leaders who were now Coventry (B. Heatley). The deficit at this point was 2 mins. 39 secs.

Ron Linstead took stage 4 but could make no impression on the clubs ahead, where the positions were rapidly changing, although Coventry were still out in front. At the Jolliffe Arms, Merstham, we were 3 mins 31sec. in arrears - a somewhat depressing state of affairs so early in the race.

The Redhill stage had been allocated to Charlie Dabbs as a result of a welcome return to form in our own



Taylor, Smith and Thresher
break clear on Stage 1.

(Photo: Ed Lacey)

race the preceding week. Charles ran well to gain one place, although losing a further 15 secs. on Coventry who were still ahead; although closely trailed by Portsmouth, Bristol and Derby in that order.

Tony Fairclough our most successful and consistent junior over the country was entrusted with stage 6, the short 2½ miles leg from Earlswood to "The Thorns". Tony told me afterwards that he had been suffering from a mystery 'bug' during the preceding few days but was determined to run at all costs and run he did to gain two places and bring us up to 10th in a time of 13.39, only 9 secs. outside the Belgrave record for the stage set by Mal Robinson not long before his departure to America - truly a good start to Tony's senior running and the beginning of a Belgrave revival, for the gap on the clubs ahead had been closed sufficiently to give the next runners the chance to pick up places.

The 7th leg across Gatwick Airport had been given to a newcomer from Scotland, Pat Bradley, who had been showing great improvement over the previous weeks. Pat ran with great determination against a strong head wind and although producing a fairly good time under difficult conditions, could not gain any more positions.

Gerry North on the long leg through Crawley and on to Hickstead, brought us right into the picture with a devastating run which gave him the fastest time of the day and which undoubtedly deserved a stage record in view of the blustery wind and the additional hazard of having to go under the tunnel at the level crossing in Crawley, but which in the end finished 15 secs. short (or long whichever way you look at it). The runners of North Staffs, Manchester, Walton, T.V.H. and Birchfield could do nothing with him - he gave them no quarter whatsoever and at Handcross we were up to 5th but still nearly 4 mins behind Coventry who held a 40 sec. lead over Derby, who in turn were only 10 secs. ahead of Bristol with Portsmouth a mere second further back in 4th place. This left us exactly three minutes behind the club immediately in front.

Bill Kerr is becoming a regular performer on stage 9 and now knows the ups and downs as well as anyone. To be confronted, however, with a road completely devoid of other runners is not the ideal situation especially as Bill performs at his best when chasing other competitors. The other competitors, however, were over half a mile ahead and consisted of Kilby (Coventry) Bullivant (Derby) Tim Johnston (Portsmouth) and Price (Bristol) - hardly the four that Bill would have selected to have given such a start over a 6 mile leg. Nevertheless our runner set off as though the chances of catching the opposition was an easy task. Although closing a little on the Bristol runner, Bill could gain nothing on the first 3 clubs and in fact finished over 5 minutes behind Coventry for whom Kilby had put up the fastest time of the day. We had however, drawn away from the Clubs behind.

Pat Newell took stage 10 in an endeavour to improve on the club record he set up last October. The strong head wind was against fast times and his time of 20.15 was quite satisfactory in the circumstances. Pat has this season, treated his running in a more light-hearted manner and has turned out on all occasions that his work would allow - he is almost back to his best and should be a great asset to us for a few more years to come. Pat closed the gap on Bristol by a further 30 secs. but the leaders were setting up an unassailable position.

Next came Alan Black with a steady and stylish performance which closed the gap on Bristol by another 23 secs. leaving us exactly 2 minutes behind the fourth club. Coventry and Derby with the two best times on the leg were contesting the lead and had gone away from Portsmouth who were holding 3rd place.

This was the position that faced Don Maclean for the last leg - a situation



Gerry North takes over from Pat Bradley for Stage 6.

(Photo: Ed Lacey)

of complete isolation. No hope of catching any of the teams ahead and equally safe from Birchfield who were holding 6th place. Mac, nevertheless, ran a good leg in a time of 17.43 and brought us to Madeira Drive, Brighton in 5th place which ensures that we have a position in the National Relay in 1964.

This year had been one of much improvement, thanks largely to the excellent running and good example of Gerry North, who joined us 12 months ago and has done much to foster a new spirit in Belgrave. Now we must look ahead and set about reducing that 6 minutes difference in the winning clubs' time and our own. The first endeavour must be to beat Portsmouth in October's Southern Race - we beat them at Ilford - it can be done again!! We are definitely on the upgrade - Portsmouth are showing signs of losing ground and there would seem every prospect of a win 6 months hence. It can only be done by hard work and regular competition.

RESULT.

1. Coventry God.H.	4:26.15	Stage 1.	J. Thresher (20.38)	2nd	fastest
2. Derby & City A.C.	4:26.57	"	2. B. Sawyer (25.52)	14th	"
3. Portsmouth A.C.	4:28.17	"	3. C. Walker (29.44)	16th	equal fastest
4. Bristol A.C.	4:30.32	"	4. R. Linstead (25.18)	8th	fastest
5. Belgrave H.	4:32.29	"	5. C. Dabbs (22.02)	8th	equal fastest
6. Birchfield H.	4:34.03	"	6. A. Fairclough (13.39)	6th	fastest
7. Manchester D.L.C.	4:34.34	"	7. P. Bradley (19.06)	11th	"
8. Mitcham A.C.	4:35.22	"	8. G.A. North (28.40)	fastest	on leg.
9. Woodford Gn. A.C.	4:35.41	"	9. W. Kerr (29.00)	11th	fastest
10. Walton A.C.	4:35.57	"	10. P. Newell (20.15)	6th	"
11. Thames Valley H.	4:36.05	"	11. A. Black (20.32)	3rd	"
12. Blackheath H.	4:36.45	"	12. D. Maclean (17.43)	6th	equal fastest

20 teams ran.

BLACKPOOL MEMORIAL RELAY

At the instigation of the North brothers, a team of six travelled to Blackpool on Friday April 19th for the following day's Blackpool Memorial Relay Race. Geoff. North ran for the home club for the last time, whilst Gerry led a fairly strong team of Belgravians in this their first crack at the event.

A good-class field of 34 teams took part, including Tipton from the Midlands and Edinburgh Southern from Scotland. Blackpool's promising junior Tony Byrne brought his team home in first place on Stage 1 with Barry Sawyer 8th, 49 seconds down. Pat Bradley had a most disappointing run dropping us to 14th and although Alan Black pulled us back to 10th and John Thresher to 6th it was left to Gerry North to haul us up to the first four with the day's fastest time (21:11). Bill Kerr set off on the final stage 39 secs behind Manchester D.L.C. (Ward) and 13 secs behind Wallasey (Barlow). With Blackpool certain winners it was a race for second place, and for a while we had high hopes, but Barlow did 4th fastest time of the day (21:39) and Ward conceded only 9 seconds, so Bill had to be content with holding his 4th place.

Sunday morning was spent training on the sand dunes, which are apparently still wet with sweat! and after lunch the team returned home on the long road South. Everyone enjoyed themselves, so the trip was a success on that score alone, but all are convinced that next year will be doubly successful!

RESULT.

1. Blackpool F.A.C.....	2:14:04	B. Sawyer.....	23:07
2. Manchester D.L.C.....	2:15:11	P. Bradley.....	24:10
3. Wallasey AC.....	2:15:17	A. Black.....	23:07
4. BELGRAVE H.....	2:15:59	J. Thresher.....	22:16
5. Bolton Utd. H.....	2:17:21	G. North.....	21:11
6. Tipton H.....	2:18:38	W. Kerr.....	22:08

In the Vancouver Trophy at Woodford on May 18 we showed a considerable improvement from last years results. Dave Cocks won the 400m. in 49.7 and showed that he means business on the track again this year. Gerry North, almost inevitably won the 5,000m. in a time only .6 outside the meeting record. John Thresher was second to M. Browne (Essex B.) in the metric mile. On the same day Bill Kerr finished 4th in the Middx. 3miles behind Taylor, Briault, and Barratt.

ROAD RUNNING

ARTHUR PENSTONE REPORTS:

MAIDENHEAD "10" - April 15th

1. G. North	Belgrave	51:57	5. W. Kerr	Belgrave	53:57
2. B. O'Sullivan	Oxford City	52:25	20. C. Walker	"	56:06
3. R. Gomez	Southgate	53:03	99. M. Shingles	"	63:27

TEAMS: 1. Bristol A.C. 26 2. Windsor 27. 3. Tipton 44.

Despite the magnificent running of Gerry and the able support of Kerr and Walker, we didn't figure in the team result as there was a mix-up in the entry and Bill Kerr was unfortunately not nominated.

REDHILL & REDBATE "10" - April 15th.

1. P. Robinson	Guildford	56:01	28. N. Stairs	Belgrave	62:58
10. C. Steer	Belgrave	58:55	36. D. Maclean	"	66:48
12. J. Moore	"	59:06	40. D. Brown	"	69:01
19. L. Bishop	"	60:11	50. C. Manning	"	72:58
24. D. Jones	"	61:45	Teams: 1. S.L.H. 23. 2. Walton 25 5. Belgrave		

WIMBLEDON "15" - 30th March.

1. J. Edwards	Bristol	1:20:55	31. L. Bishop	Belgrave	1:29:39
2. Campbell	Essex B.	1:21:10	53. A. Bishop	"	1:33:59
3. B. Sawyer	Belgrave	1:22:47	85. C. Manning	"	1:46:09
18. J. Moore	"	1:26:48	Teams: 1. Belgrave 2. Welwyn 3. T.V.H.		

Great running by Barry and thorough justification of his relentless training. Fine return to form by John Moore and as they say in 'Juke Box Jury' "The backing" was well provided by the two Bishops - L. & A.

In the Finchley '20' on April 27th the weather and Buddy Edelen triumphed! There was an incredible number of retirements and we were affected certainly as much as the other clubs. Edelen pulverised what remained of the field and finished some 6 mins. clear. Chas. Walker grinned and bore it to finish a creditable 11th. (1:54:28).

BELGRAVE OPEN '20' - July 20th

Donations for prize fund are always more than welcome, as is assistance on the course and in the preparation of arrangements.

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In the Surrey '6' at Wimbledon Park, May 10th, Ernie Earl (Hercules) and Chas. Dabbs fought out an extremely good race for twenty three laps. With just about 500 yards to go Earl, who was one of the most promising miler/3 milers in the country some two seasons ago, unleashed a burst that carried too much venom for Charlie---1. E. Earl 30:01.8, 2. C. Dabbs 30:3.8. Sixth man home was Chris Steer (31:28.0). The battle between Dabbs and Earl was heightened by the fact that both men are showing the kind of form that in previous years made them dreaded in many quarters.

In the Surrey Junior '2' John Bicourt finished third in 9:28.2. The two men in front of him were the Holt twins of Hercules---could they do a Milner on us soon?

Unfortunately the Gordon Stewart Trophy was held on the same day as the Surrey County Relays so our team was short of sprinters. John Thresher ran second to Biagrove in the 880 and on this track which he knows in every detail Biagrove seems almost unassailable. Gerry North also was up against a class athlete who has perfected the "Ealing technique" to a nicety, Mike Berratt. In the mile Gerry clocked 4:22.6 against Berratt's 4:21.6 and then ran second in the "2" to Shaftesbury's Sunderland (9:11.0 to 9:11.6) with John Thresher 3rd in 9:18.6 and Tony Fairclough 5th, which gave us the team race.



BACKPIECE (Photo by Ed Lacey)

Tony Fairclough (Surrey) leads M. Dixon (Herts.) and G. Cooper (Derbys.) in the Junior Inter-County race, where he finished 16th.

SAND & CINDERS

Writing from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, Ranjit Bhatia sends regards to all the Bells. Ranjit reports that he won the Indian National 1500 M. title in 3:53.9 and finished second in the 5000 M. clocking 14.55. The B.A.U. interests him greatly and he wonders how the average club athlete in the U.K. feels about this newly-formed Body. Perhaps anyone with any strong views on the subject might drop a line to the Editors.

"I should like to get some British races - oh for the 'Brighton'. Also I should like to see and taste a good heady pint of light 'n bitter in the smokey wintry yellow lighted bars that abound in London's seamier pubs." - not an extract from 'Paradise Lost' but a few lines from a letter from Malcolm Robinson. Whilst we've been digging ourselves out from beneath snowdrifts, Mal has been able to train throughout the winter months. On 7th May there was a note in the newspapers to the effect that Malcolm was named 'Runner of the Meeting' in the North-East meeting, Monroe, Louisiana, for winning the two miles in 8:47.8 and the mile in 4:9. Well done Limey!

Bhatia? Robinson? Thresher? Putting all our eggs in one basket, we suggest that John will finish 1963 the fastest Belgravian in the Club. John has wintered well, finished 3rd in the A.A.A. indoor mile Championship behind Whetton and Ibbotson, and on 7th May wearing his first A.A.A. vest he clocked 4:10.6 to win the mile against Cambridge U.

Belgravians are at last gaining A.A.A. representative Honours. Thresher, Kerr, Black and Pepe have all been nominated so far. Bill Kerr, also in the match v. Cambridge U., won the 2 mls in 9:2.8 just edging out team-mate Tim Briault who had such a fine cross-country season.

On April 20th, our Southern Youths Cross-country hero, John Bicourt ran in a Youth Indoor 1½ miles at Wembley. John finished 6th in 7:06.2 but was only 6 secs. behind the winner P. Romaine (National Cross-Country Champion).

In the A.A.A. 10 Mile Track Championships at Hurlingham, Jack Brown finished 9th in 52:26.4 (Intermediate times. 3 miles 15:28.0; 6 miles 31:14.0). Mel Batty won in 48:13.4 which was 3rd fastest time ever, behind Heatley and Zatopek.

It's good to see Colin Clair back in the Belgrave fold again. On the 27th April at Battersea v. Met. Police, Q.P.H. and Ealing, Colin won both the javelin and the shot, (the spear being thrown 190' 11"). A few more field events men of this ilk and our teams will begin to look championship material again.

Chas. Elliott in his publication 'Athletics Arena' gives notice of an unofficial National 4 mile Championship. It was an official distance once upon a time and the title has been won by such 'greats' as W.G. George, Shrubb and Nurmi. Enquiries to 'Four Miles' 15 Ashley Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Gordon McKenzie, who ran in Belgrave colours during his short stay here 3 years ago, represented the U.S.A. in the marathon at the recent Pan-American Games held in Sao Paulo. Gordon clocked 2:31:17.2 in finishing second to Negrete (Mexico).

We understand he is hoping to visit us for this year's London-Brighton run. If so, he can be sure of an enthusiastic reception.

Gerry North was 4th in the 2 miles at the National Indoor Championships with a time of 9:03.4.

Triple Jumper Derek Boosey has been selected to compete for Britain against the Benelux countries. Already this season he has jumped for G.B. against Germany in Stuttgart. Unfortunately on this occasion he was below his best form and finished fourth with an effort of 48'2".

Malcolm Robinson won the Inter State Collegiate Mile title in 4:7.1, which is a new Club record and putshim ahead in the Robinson-Thresher-Bhatia stakes.

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