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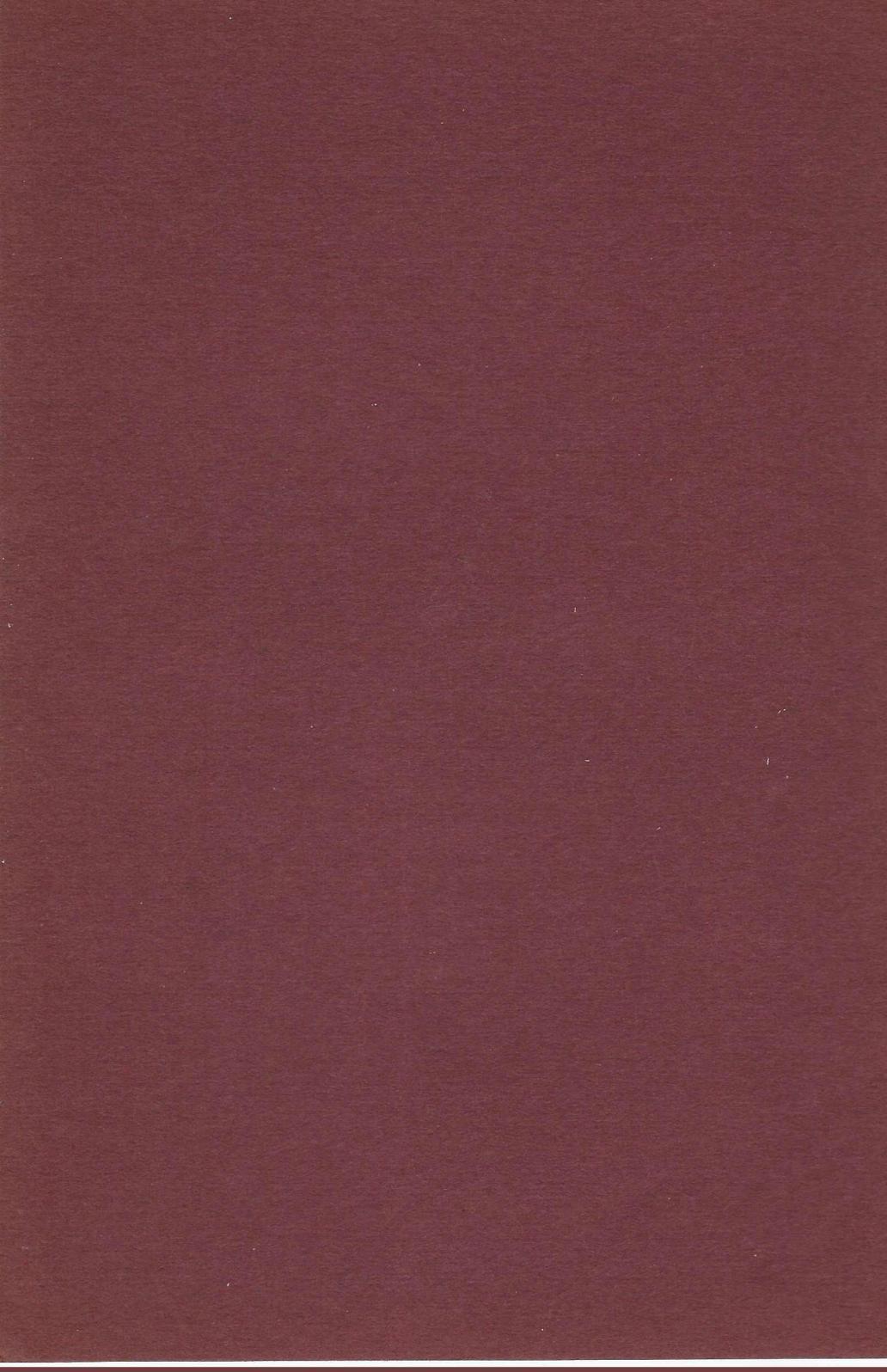
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There is only one way to commence this issue of our Journal, and that is to extend our very heartiest congratulations to A. W. Penny upon his magnificent win for England in the Six Miles event at the Empire Games.

It is no exaggeration to say that every one of us shares in the pleasure which Arthur undoubtedly feels, and it is our very sincere hope that this coming Cross Country season will find him National and International Cross-country Champion.

Arthur's second place in the A.A.A. Championship and subsequent win at the Empire Games, has brought much credit to the Club; and makes us prouder than ever of our Club, and every one of us keener than ever to do our little bit towards maintaining the high reputation for sportsmanship and athletic ability that Belgrave has attained.

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Another to receive our praise and congratulations is Don Brown, for his fine walking in the A.A.A. Championship, when he finished third, and recorded the fastest time ever accomplished by a Belgrave walker—13 min. 58 sec.—in a two miles race. Brown has shown phenomenal improvement, and a continuation of this will gain him an A.A.A. Championship within a year or so; even though the reigning champion, A. A. Cooper, shows no signs of falling away.

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We again hold a National Walking Championship—this time at 50 kilos.—and our thanks and congratulations go to F. Rickards, who was third in the individual race, F. E. Bentley and T. W. Green, who constituted the winning team. Their's was a magnificent performance over a severe course, and the Club

become holders of a very handsome trophy by reason of our men's fine victory.

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Before long you will receive the notice giving particulars of the Annual General Meeting, and it is particularly requested that you make a very special effort to attend. It is a responsibility and privilege which every member should exercise to see that the Club Officers for the following year have the confidence of as many as possible. It is your duty to those who have had the responsibility of guiding the Club for the past year; it is your duty to yourself; it is your duty to those who will be entrusted with the Club's affairs during the coming year.

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Should there be anyone so base among our members that he has not yet paid the current year's subscription, we print our Hon. Treasurer's address at the head of page 1, in order that he may instantly repair the omission.

For the benefit of those wishing to pay their 1934-1935 subscription, which shortly becomes due, we give the Hon. Treasurer's address on page 1. Don't spoil a good mind! Do it now!

If you want a tie, or a badge, or a vest, or to pay "Gazette" account, or to add your contribution to the Belgrave Building Fund, the Hon. Treasurer's address appears on page 1.

See to it that the address of our respected Hon. Treasurer did not appear in vain at the head of page 1.

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We re-open the Cross-country and Road-walking season from our quarters at St. John's Hall, Denmark Road, Wimbledon, on September 22nd.

Those who have enjoyed the companionship and opportunities for training which these quarters give will require little inducement to come again. To those who have yet to enjoy the exhilaration of Winter training, and the feeling of fellowship accompanied by much chaff, sincere greeting and loud laughter, which are inextricably woven together into a pattern which please but defies verbal description, we say there is something worth while for you at Wimbledon. See that you don't miss it.

## THE BRIGHTON WALK.

takes place on Saturday, September 8th, from Big Ben, Westminster, commencing at 7 a.m. As usual, we shall be well represented and out to retain the Shield which our team has won on the last two occasions. In addition, the Club Long-distance Championship is held in connection with this race, the first Club man home holding the "Belgrave" Cup for a year.

We have again arranged for a 'bus to accompany the race and those desiring to book seats (5/- each) should write to the

Hon. Walking Secretary, or Mr. F. G. Thomson, 24 Lupus Street, S.W.1.

Our 'bus will leave Westminster at 7-15 a.m. and return from Brighton at 6 p.m. as usual. So book your seat and come along and give our men a cheer!

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Offers of assistance from members or their friends to act as volunteer cyclist attendants to our walkers would be gratefully received by the Walking Hon. Secretary. A cheery, capable attendant can make the world of difference to the competitor and we hope our men will be well served in this respect.

## THE JUNIOR INTER-CLUB CONTEST.

On June 6th, our Juniors entertained those of Mitcham A.C. and Croydon H. in a competition consisting of two sprint relays and a half-mile team race. All three races were well won by our young members and so confirmed the high opinion we had formed of them; and endorsed all we have previously written of their promise. A programme of three events gave only a few of our Juniors a chance to show their merit; but Mewes, Crilly, Keyworth, Dyke, Martin, Chantler and Clements certainly seized the opportunity to show their superiority over the other clubs. We are fortunate in having many capable reserves also, and bright futures seem certain for many of our junior members.

In addition to these events, our javelin throwers and shot putters made creditable efforts in the S.A.A.L. events, gaining a first and second place.

The Club handicap events provided some interesting racing. Brodie made a good "come-back" in winning the short sprint off 7 yards; whilst Bennett, always improving, annexed the 220 yards handicap.

White thanked the handicapper for his generosity, in winning the "half" from 30 yards in 1 min. 55 2-5 secs—excellent running. Frank Webb "snaked" a win in the High Jump handicap; and Bill Rice gave everyone the opportunity of saying "I told you so!" by easily winning the 2 miles race. It was pleasing to see A. Smith a real trier, take second prize in this event; and Harry Shields also ran well in taking second award in the half-mile handicap.

One of the best performances of the evening was by one of our new members, E. Pfenninger, who was placed third off scratch in the Shot Putt. He was unable to give away their allowances to Nowak and Jones; but his effort of 37ft. 3½in.—which he surpassed in the S.A.A.L. Competition—was really good.

The Walk went to the rapidly improving Charlie Churcher, with Rutland once again second, and Snell in third position.

Altogether a fine evening's sport and one especially noteworthy and outstanding for our Juniors.

## RESULTS.

**3 x 100 Yards.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H. Time, 32 1-10sec.

**3 x 200 Yards.**—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C.; 3, Croydon H. Time, 66 2-5 sec.

**880 Yards Team.**—1, Belgrave H. (1, 2, 6); 2, Mitcham A.C. (3, 4, 5); 3, Croydon H.

**100 Yards Veterans' Handicap.**—1, W. Bedford (18); 2, J. L. Evans (16); 3, H. H. Baumann (3). Time, 11 sec.

**100 Yards Novices Race.**—1, W. H. Knight; 2, L. Morse; 3, S. Condon. Time, 11 3-10 sec.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: G. Crilly (12), L. G. Bennett (10), J. W. Gilbert (10), F. W. Pritchard (7), C. H. Brodie (7). Final: 1, Brodie; 2, Crilly; 3, Bennett. Time, 10 1-5 sec.

**Shot Putt Handicap.**—1, R. Nowak (all 9ft.), 37ft. 11in.; 2, S. Jones (9ft. 6in.), 37ft. 5in.; 3, E. Pfenninger (scr.), 37ft. 3½in.

**880 Yards Handicap.**—1, F. H. White (30); 2, H. W. Shields (38); 3, T. C. Jones (45). Time, 1 min. 55 2-5 sec.

**2 Miles Walk Handicap.**—1, C. E. Churcher (155); 2, J. E. Rutland (450); 3, W. H. Snell (495). Time, 13 min. 47 4-5 sec.

**220 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: L. G. Bennett (20); F. W. Pritchard (18); J. S. Williams (14); W. Willis (19); E. H. Pack (10); J. W. Gilbert (20). Final: 1, Bennett; 2, Pack; 3, Pritchard. Time, 22 sec.

**High Jump Handicap.**—1, F. R. Webb (8in.), 5ft. 7in.; 2, S. Jones (8in.), 5ft. 6in.; 3, G. Basford (scr.) and E. H. Jarvis (5in.), equal 5ft. 5in.

**2 Miles Handicap.**—1, W. A. Rice (75); 2, A. Smith (380); 3, W. W. Mitchell (210). Time 9 min. 40½ sec.

**S.A.A.L. Javelin.**—1, Belgrave H., 298ft. 2in.; 2, Croydon H., 243ft. 2in.; 3, Blackheath H., 232ft. 5in.

**S.A.A.L. Shot Putt.**—1, Mitcham A.C., 71ft. 0½in.; 2, Belgrave H., 70ft. 7½in.; 3, S.L.H., 68ft. 1½in.

## THE DORIS SHIELD COMPETITION.

After regaining the "Doris" Shield last season, we had to lose it again to T.V.H. on June 21st this year! The meeting was spoilt by rain, and none of the teams were at full strength. Ashcombe, in fact, fielded only one or two representatives.

Kealey and Stroud were our hopes in the 100 yards match. The former finished second, with Stroud close up, fourth; but T.V.H. had first and third and so gained a two-points lead.

In the 440 yards race Michael was first, followed by two Valley men, and so the points were shared.

In the Two Miles race we finished our six in the first six positions—a wonderful performance—with Carter beating Jordan in an inches finish in 9 min. 58 sec. The Mile Medley relay went to T.V.H., and so the final points were T.V.H. 12 pts., Belgrave H. 10 pts., Ashcombe A.C. nil.

Our fellows fared well in the handicaps, no fewer than eight of the nine prizes coming our way.

Wiley, who was our "under 15" champion some years back, showed great promise in winning the sprint. Sid Ring recorded

another win in the Mile, and Charlie Churcher, who has had a run of success, took the Walk.

It is to be hoped that next year we shall prove more successful in the Match events and regain the Shield. Meanwhile, congratulations, T.V.H. !  
T.J.F.

#### RESULT.

##### MATCH EVENTS.

**100 Yards.**—1, H. G. Tavender (T); 2, E. L. Kealey (B); 3, J. W. Watson (T). Time, 10 4-5 sec.

**440 Yards.**—1, R. G. Michael (B); 2, R. Green (T); 3, C. Hook (T). Time, 53 1-5 sec.

**2 Miles Team.**—1, C. T. Carter (B); 2, R. W. Jordan (B); 3, A. Penny (B); 4, H. E. Footer (B); 5, J. E. Flower (B); 6, A. E. Taylor (B). 1, Belgrave H., 10 pts.; 2, T.V.H., 34 pts.

**1 Mile Relay.**—1, T.V.H.; 2, Belgrave H.

**Final Points.**—Thames Valley H., 12 pts.; Belgrave H., 10 pts.; Ashcombe A.C., 0 pts.

##### HANDICAPS.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—1, T. D. Wiley (8); 2, L. G. Bennett (8); 3, C. H. Brodie (5). All Belgrave H.

**2 Miles Walk.**—1, C. E. Churcher (45); 2, C. H. Speechley (160); 3, A. A. Harley (175). All Belgrave H.

**1 Mile.**—1, S. T. Ring (85) (B); 2, F. J. Abberton (30) (B); 3, J. Neville (100) (T). Time, 4 min. 26 sec.

## THE THREE MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The principal race of our June 27th meeting at Battersea Park was the Club Three Miles Championship for the "Griffin" Cup, of which Arthur Penny was the holder. A keen race was expected and certainly no one could express dissatisfaction. Allum as usual, did not wait for anyone to make the pace, but was off from the gun, closely followed by the others. One of the great surprises of the race was the easy way in which Ring kept with the leaders. In fact, at two miles he looked capable of taking the lead, but Sid's turn was not yet, and gradually Penny, Allum and Jordan drew away from the field. The two first-named now began to race in earnest, leaving the others well behind. With a lap to go, Art Allum had a ten yards lead from Penny. With a quarter to go, Penny had regained a yard or so. At the 300 yards mark the lead had been cut down to four or five yards; and with 150 yards to be covered it was even less. The straight was reached with both men straining every nerve and sinew, but the sight of the tape and finishing post seemed to inspire Allum with a superhuman effort and he managed to finish a few yards in front of his fellow-International. The time was 15 min. 5 sec., and the race will stand as one of the most exciting Club events ever witnessed. Congratulations to both! R. W. Jordan impressed once again as a runner with great potentialities. Five first-class standard medals were gained and one second class—testimony to our strength at three miles on the track.

The Club handicaps were notable for a win and a "second" by F. J. Skelley, one of the most promising athletes under 16 in the country. He should carry the Belgrave colours very prominently in sprint events, in a year or so.

Don Brown walked amazingly well to win the Walk from 20 yards in 14 min. 10 sec., without anyone to push him over the last 300 yards. Rutland, a fast and fair walker, with several years of his 'teens still to run, was second, not for the first time this season.

E. H. Williams, winner of our Novice Mile earlier in the year, won the half-mile handicap in fine style. Williams is a young schoolmaster resident in London, and we have every hope that he will prove an addition to our cross-country strength. Kealey could not be caught by Kench in the 440 yards final, whilst the 100 yards handicap was taken by J. D. Edwards, a former 220 yards (under 18) Club Champion.

This meeting gave the onlookers some excellent sport. First class three-miling, excellent walking by Brown, two well-contested field events and some fine racing in the handicaps must have satisfied everyone.

**3 Miles Championship ("Griffin Cup").**—1, A. Allum; 2, A. W. Penny; 3, R. W. Jordan. Time, 15 min. 5 sec. 1st Class Standard (16 min.): S. T. Ring, C. T. Carter, J. E. Flower, H. E. Footer, A. E. Taylor. 2nd Class Standard (16 min. 30 sec.): W. W. Mitchell.

**100 Yards Junior Handicap (under 16).**—1, F. Skelley (scr.); 2, G. Crilly (scr.); 3, F. Westbrook (9). Time, 11 1-5 sec.

**100 Yards Handicap.**—Heat Winners: T. D. Wiley (6½), C. H. Brodie (4½); J. Edwards (8½); H. Jackman (17); A. Mewes (4½). Final: 1 Edwards; 2, Jackman; 3, Brodie. Time 10 1-10 sec.

**880 Yards Handicap.**—1, E. H. Williams (65); 2, A. C. Ball (80); 3, A. H. Sampson (90). Time, 1 min. 55 sec.

**2 Miles Walk Handicap.**—1, D. E. Brown (20); 2, J. E. Rutland (370); C. H. Boddington (430). Time, 14 min. 10 sec.

**Long Jump Handicap.**—1, L. E. Cottrell (5ft.), 22ft. 3in.; 2, F. Skelley, (4ft.), 21ft. 9in.; 3, C. A. Melchior (3ft. 9in.), 21ft. 1½in.

**440 Yards Handicap.**—1, E. L. Kealey (16); 2, A. Kench (6); T. C. Jones (19). Time, 51 4-5 sec.

**Shot Putt Handicap.**—1, C. A. Melchior (10ft.), 38ft. 11½in.; 2, B. W. Fleming (7ft. 6in.) and H. Sloan (7ft) equal 35ft. 11in.

**1 Mile Unattached Novices Walk.**—1, L. Phillips (Battersea); 2, F. Seddon (Herne Hill).

**S.A.A.L. Shot Putt.**—1, Belgrave H., 71ft. 11½in.; 2, Miteham A.C., 71ft. 11½in.; 3, Polytechnic H., 71ft. 9½in.; 4, S.L.H., 68ft. 5in.; 5, St. George's S.S.C., 59ft. 9½in.; 6, Croydon H., 58ft. 6in.; 7, Blackheath H., 56ft. 6½in.

## THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

Fine weather favoured the Club Championships held at Battersea Park on August 11th, and a number of sound performances were witnessed, even if there was nothing of a really exceptional character.

The short sprint provided something of a surprise, Brodie narrowly beating E. L. Kealey, but Kealey had his reward for some consistent sprinting throughout the season in winning the 220 yards title. Alf Kench retained his 440 yards championship in a close finish with R. G. Michael, both men being capable of far better times than were recorded. In the half-mile, however, Kench lost his title to Fred White, who accomplished a very fine performance in clocking one-fifth of a second outside two minutes.

The Mile was looked upon as one of the "star" events of the afternoon, and a good field, including our Empire Champion, Arthur Penny, lined up for the start. Joe Flower led the field for a lap at a pace which suggested he had no intention of completing the distance—a suggestion which, of course, was soon confirmed. This left Allum, Shaw and Ring together. In the closing stages, last year's race was repeated, Allum again winning by a small margin from Shaw. Ring continued his wonderfully improved running by taking the third medal, and Penny finished fourth.

Fifteen walkers contested the 2 miles championship, and from the starting shot Brown led, with Harley on his heels for 200 yards. Joe King, the Sussex Champion, then came into second position and so the race finished, with Don Brown never in any danger of being caught, although the time was fully three-quarters of a minute slower than his best.

The Junior events were not too well supported, but the 220 yards race, won by Botwright, showed evidence of great talent, and the under 15 sprint went to a younger brother of our President.

Brodie followed his Championship win by a handicap win, with another useful sprinter, T. D. Wiley, second; and E. S. Stimpson, 18½ years of age, showed style and ability in taking the 880 yards handicap. He should develop into a Club champion, with maturer years.

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The names of the winners of standard medals in the Championship events will be given in our next issue.

#### RESULT.

##### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards (under 15). ("Chandler" Cup).—1, D. McKay; 2, F. Westbrook. Time, 13 7-10 sec.

880 Yards ("R. W. Best" Cup).—1, F. H. C. White; 2, A. Kench (holder); 3, F. R. Webb. Time, 2 min. 0 1-5 sec.

220 Yards ("Elsie Cup").—1, E. L. Kealey; 2, G. Basford. Time, 23 3-10 sec.

220 Yards (under 18) ("R. W. Ricketts" Cup).—1, S. C. Botwright; 2, E. A. Keyworth; 3, C. E. Jones. Time, 24 3-5 sec.

440 Yards ("J. G. Sawyer" Memorial Cup).—1, A. Kench (holder); 2, R. G. Michael; 3, T. C. Jones. Time, 52 4-5 sec.

1 Mile ("Garnett" Cup).—1, A. Allum (holder); 2, A. R. Shaw; 3, S. T. Ring. Time, 4 min. 33 1-10 sec.

100 Yards ("Grosvenor" Cup).—1, C. H. Brodie; 2, E. L. Kealey; 3, G. Basford. Time, 10½ sec.

2 Miles Walk ("A. J. Sawyer" Memorial Cup).—1, D. E. Brown (holder); 2, J. F. King; 3, A. A. Harley. Time, 14 min. 43 sec.

#### HANDICAPS.

880 Yards.—1, E. S. Stimpson (70); 2, A. C. Ball (70); 3, A. A. Clubb (60). Time, 1 min. 56 1-5 sec.

100 Yards.—1, C. H. Brodie (3½); 2, T. D. Wiley (6½); 3, H. E. Jackman (16). Time, 10 sec.

120 Yards (Veterans' A.C.).—1, S. R. Hoare (19); 2, H. E. Jackman (11½); 3, W. G. Brown (19). Time, 12 4-5 sec.

### WITH THE WALKERS.

Our track walkers have been showing up well in the Open handicap prize lists lately and names which have caught the eye are Brown, Storey, Harley, Rutland, Jackman, C. Churcher, Cade, Heather, R. Elson.

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Tommy Green merits further congratulations upon winning the Manchester to Blackpool Walk for the sixth successive time, thus making the second 50 guineas trophy his own property. He won easily enough, but the warm day caused blistered feet, which troubled him for some weeks afterwards and prevented him from doing himself justice.

That he is fit again now, however, is proved by his win in the Nottingham to Birmingham Walk on August 11th. We shall expect him to be in his usual position at Brighton on September 8th!

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And writing of the Brighton Walk, have you booked your seat on the accompanying 'bus yet? And do you know of any attendants willing to accompany our men on their cycles?

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A Belgrave team went to Birmingham on July 14th to compete in Lewis's 25 miles walk, but with Green an absentee and Rickards barely recovered from a very severe chill, we were not too strong. Eventually, our team finished third, Fred Bentley finishing second to Lloyd Johnson in the individual race. Watch Bentley in the Brighton!

Our Inter-Club Walks on July 18th—after being keenly anticipated by our friends, the opposition, and ourselves for many weeks—proved a veritable "wash-out."

The 5 miles event started the programme and this was won by Dan Gum (Essex Beagles). Christie-Murray (S.W.C.) was second, L. Jessup (Valentine's S.C.) third and our two, Bert. Field and Alf. Harley, fourth and fifth.

On this event Valentine's S.C. and ourselves scored equal points, with Surrey Walking Club one point behind.

Then came the rain! Within a short time the track was under water, and we had no option but to abandon the fixture, much to everyone's regret. However, it was the only thing to be done, and we left Battersea Park feeling that the weather had been very unkind to Walking.

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Don't forget, there is a 2 miles handicap on Saturday, September 1st, at Battersea Park.

## THE 50 KILOMETRES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

On June 23rd, the Road Walking Association's 50 Kilos. (31 miles 121 yards) Championship was held from Croydon, and Belgrave secured this title for the first time. This was only the third year since the institution of the team Championship, Birmingham W.C. having been winners on the two previous occasions. It will be remembered that our walkers did not enjoy the best of luck in the 1932 race at Leicester, or the following year at Birmingham; but on this occasion our team made ample amends for past disappointments, and we were very glad to become holders of the very handsome "Horlick" Trophy.

The race took place, as previously stated, from Croydon, and the course embraced four laps in the Farleigh—Selsdon Park district—as testing a course as could be found almost anywhere, and one calculated to call upon even the strongest man's reserve stamina.

Over this stretch of 31 miles odd, Lloyd Johnson (Leicester), Whitlock (Metropolitan W.C.) and our own warrior, Fred Rickards, had a great battle. At one time Rickards and Whitlock dropped Lloyd Johnson, but the last-named made a wonderful recovery towards the end, took the lead in the last two miles and won fairly comfortably. Truly remarkable walking and worthy of our whole-hearted congratulations! Whitlock also did very well, and Fred Rickards again showed himself to be one of the finest distance walkers in the country.

Tommy Green gave the lie to the numerous reports that he had retired, by turning out in this race; but although prominent early on, he had to yield places later, eventually finishing ninth—our third man. Obviously he was far from fit, but it was good to see him out again, demonstrating his fine team spirit and finishing with a smile.

Our second man to finish, in fifth position, was Fred Bentley, who, despite badly blistered feet, made a fine showing. It is a safe prophecy to say that Fred will have proved himself a champion and record-breaker before he reaches the age of thirty.

Immediately following our third man, Green, were "Jock" Martin and Bert Field, giving the finest support to our scoring

team that it would be possible to have. Both gained first-class standard medals for finishing within 5 hours 5 minutes, and we had five men in fifteen! Our sixth man, L. G. Allen, pushed on sturdily and was unfortunate in missing his second-class standard medal by a few seconds.

All our six worthily upheld the Club's reputation, and it is grand to know that we hold a National title once more. With the team which represented us on this occasion, we might well have won the 20 miles Senior Championship, and we must strain every effort to secure this title in addition next season.

The 50 kilos. Championship was held in conjunction with the "Guildford" Cup race, and in this Rickards took third handicap prize, and our team (Rickards, Field, Allen) second awards in the handicap team event.

				RESULT.			h. m. s.		
1	T. Lloyd Johnson (Leicester W.C.)	...	...	...	4	36	30		
2	H. H. Whitlock (Metropolitan W.C.)	...	...	...	4	38	8		
3	F. Rickards (Belgrave H.)	...	...	...	4	38	39		
5	F. E. Bentley	..	...	...	4	48	55		
9	T. W. Green	..	...	...	4	54	0		
10	R. Martin	..	...	...	4	58	27		
11	A. H. Field	..	...	...	4	58	46		
15	L. G. Allen	..	...	...	5	21	6		
				TEAM PLACINGS.					
1	Belgrave H.	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	pts.
2	Birmingham W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	pts.
3	Surrey W.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	pts.

## INTER-CLUB RELAY SHIELD COMPETITION.

As reported in our last issue the first of these meetings was held at Battersea Park on May 16th, and we secured 15 points out of a possible 16. Owing to late arrivals Epsom H. did not start in the 4 x 100, and we won, with Croydon second, and Mitcham third.

In the 4 x 880 yards Epsom were again non-starters and after gaining an early lead which we held throughout, our lads credited us with another first, this time Mitcham beating Croydon for second place.

All four clubs competed in the 4 x 300 yards and with Kealey running a fine third leg, Tom Scrimshaw went off with a lead over the Croydon runner. His opponent, however, came with a rush at the dressing room and with Tommy unable to respond, Croydon won with ourselves second, and Mitcham and Epsom next.

In the 1 Mile team race the young Croydon Harrier, S. M. Frost, ran a fine race and deservedly won with Bill Rice second and another Croydon man in W. Bidwell, third. The scoring was for the lowest aggregate of four men, and here we came out

winner with Croydon second, Mitcham third and Epsom filling their usual position, last.

Thus the points for the evening worked out as follows :—  
Belgrave H., 15; Croydon H., 12; Mitcham A.C., 9; Epsom H. 2.

The second of the contests was held at Croydon on July 2nd, and here, again, we managed to secure most points of the four competing clubs.

In the 4 x 100 yards we had Kench running a leg for us and we did as expected in finishing third behind Croydon and Mitcham.

The 4 x 880 yards saw Michael going off first of our lads and he ran finely in setting up a lead over the other clubs. We were never in any danger and finished easy winners with Mitcham second, Epsom third, and Croydon last.

Our team in the 4 x 300 yards was the same as for the hundreds and we more or less thought we would finish in the same position as in that race. Kench went off first and handed over just behind Carter of Croydon. L. G. Bennett went next and kept on the Croydon man's heels all the way, then T. D. Wiley ran and still we kept our position, and then off went Kealey, just behind Trodd of Croydon. Coming round into the straight, Kealey made a splendid effort to pass his man, but Trodd responded and they went down the straight locked together. Kealey thrust out his head at the tape, leaning right forward in the effort, with the Croydon man keeping upright, and I think this must have influenced the judges' decision, for they gave Trodd as the winner by inches. As it is the torso which decides, and seeing that Kealey is on the small side, they were probably right, but it certainly was a thrill and our lads all excelled themselves in so splendid a race. We quite forgot the other two clubs, but were told that Mitcham were third, with Epsom next.

In the 1 Mile Team race Arthur Allum gave a faultless exhibition and ran home an easy winner and our team scoring 1, 3, 5, 7, also captured team honours with Mitcham second, Epsom third, and Croydon last. Incidentally, F. King, of Epsom, ran extremely well to finish second to Allum, and his club also did well in beating Croydon in both the "halves" and "miles."

The scoring to date was now : Belgrave H., 28; Croydon H., 22; Mitcham A.C., 20; and Epsom H., 8.

In the third of these contests which was held at the "News of the World" Ground, Mitcham, the scoring was exactly the same as for the second. Our team in the 4 x 100 yards was third behind Croydon and Mitcham with Epsom behind us.

The 4 x 880 yards saw a newcomer in A. C. Ball running the first relay for us and he did very well in handing over a few yards behind the Mitcham runner. Next for us was R. W. Jordan and he very soon passed his opponent and by the time he handed

over to Frank Webb we had gained a lead of thirty or forty yards. Arthur Allum strode round the last stage and was never in any danger of being caught. Mitcham were an easy second and Croydon and Epsom runners had an exciting tussle for third place. After the Epsom man had been passed he came again a few yards from home and beat the Croydon man on the post.

Once again Croydon won the 4 x 300 yards and it must be stated that their quartette at this distance are very warm and would beat most teams over this relay. This time, however, we had a "dust-up" with Mitcham for second place and with F. Stower putting in a fine third leg, E. L. Kealey went off level with R. Crombie, the Surrey quarter-mile Champion. Kealey was on the outside, but coming round into the straight he put in all he knew and had the satisfaction of beating Crombie by a couple of yards.

In the last event, the 1 Mile Team race, once more Arthur Allum showed them the way home, although Puleston, of Mitcham, ran a plucky race in finishing second. R. W. Jordan was third, Sid Ring fourth and Frank Webb fifth, so we came out easy winners of the team race. Mitcham were second and once again Epsom beat Croydon for third place.

The points for the Shield were now : Belgrave H., 41; Croydon H., 32; Mitcham A.C., 31; Epsom H., 14.

For the final contest at Epsom we thus held a lead of 9 points over the nearest club and that seemed a certain winning lead. Still, you never can tell, and we did our best to field representative teams in each event. Sad to relate, however, only one sprinter, J. S. Williams, put in an appearance, and so we converted Harry Shields, Bill Rice and Frank Webb into hundred yards men and finished in our usual place, namely third, behind Croydon and Mitcham. Epsom, luckily for us, also seem very weak at this event and were beaten by our team into fourth place.

Then came the shock of the evening—almost, I should think, of the season. Epsom beat us for first place in the 4 x 880 yards. Their team all ran extremely well and we congratulate them on their success and hope it will be the fore-runner of better times to come.

Once again we had a "make-weight" team in the 4 x 300 yards, this time Sid Ring and Cecil Penny turned out for us, and the result was the same as for the hundreds.

We had first three home in the 1 Mile Team, our men being Allum, A. R. Shaw and Tom Carter. Tom Cotton, who was sixth, completed our scoring team and Mitcham were second, Epsom, who packed very well, third, and Croydon last.

Thus on the evening, even with the poor teams which we were obliged to field in the two sprint relays, we managed to share points, with Mitcham with 11 each.

Final placings are therefore: Belgrave H., 52 pts.; Croydon H., 42 pts.; Mitcham A.C., 42 pts.; Epsom H., 22 pts.

These points are subject to official confirmation, but one thing is certain and that is we have regained the "Inter-Club Relay Shield" from Mitcham A.C., who have held it for the past two seasons. It is also pleasing to relate that apart from the last meeting we have received more assistance in garnering points from our sprinters than has usually been the case. For this we have chiefly to thank E. L. Kealey, T. D. Wiley and L. G. Bennett, who, in the two away meetings at Croydon and Mitcham, ran excellently in crediting us with second place, no mean feat when one considers the strength of these two clubs when it comes to sprinters.

As usual, our middle distance men reigned supreme, but I hope we shall take our defeat in the "halves" at Epsom as a warning for the future and not take our task in these events too lightly.

Support on the whole has been very good, even if on a few occasions it was a little difficult to persuade some of our runners that to run in two events on the same evening would not be too great a task for them. Our Track Captain, Bill Rice, has also had his anxious moments owing to men who have either not troubled to let him know they would not be turning out; or have left it to the last minute, which is almost as bad, as it gives him so little chance of informing a reserve that he will be wanted.

However, in a season when we have regained the Shield, I suppose we must not be too critical, but hope that our lads will make every effort next season to retain possession of it, which personally, I think they will do.

## THE TRACK SEASON.

The track season seems to have passed in a flash and before we really realized it was on, we find the opening date at Wimbledon almost on us.

The great high light of the season has been, of course, Art Penny's win at the Empire Games. Brown's fast time in the A.A.A. Walk also gives satisfaction, as does George Powell's wins in the Surrey and Southern Javelin championships.

Most unfortunately we have been robbed of the best services of two of our usual "star" performers on the track, namely Scrimshaw and Tosh. Tommy seemed to lack sparkle early in the season and eventually the trouble proved to be a growth in the nose which lowered his condition. This has now gone and next year we may expect to see the old Scrimshaw intent upon covering a half-mile in about ten seconds under two minutes. Jim's trouble was of another sort, a badly torn ankle in an escalator accident, preventing him from training and racing.

Next season should find both men making up for lost time and doing something sensational.

In the "Kinnaird" Trophy Competition we had not expected to accomplish much; but, at the same time, knew our representatives would not disgrace their Club. Only the best of performers in the pink of condition can hope to pick up points and our scorers, H. Jones (1), W. A. Rice (1) and A. W. Penny (2) deserve our thanks. We may derive satisfaction from the fact that our score was double that of Birchfield H.!

As our President wrote in our last issue, instancing our rapid growth in cross-country and road running from small beginnings, so also can our Track runners aspire to winning the "Kinnaird" Trophy from the keeping of the Polytechnic H., Achilles Club, and L.A.C., the winners in past years. We certainly have a very sound foundation upon which to build the superstructure. Only intelligent planning, orderliness, perseverance and hard work is needed.

In the Southern Amateur Athletic League events, which demand a high general standard rather than outstanding individual effort, we have done exceedingly well and at the moment head the table with a handsome lead. In the fourth of the six events, held at the "Kinnaird" meeting, a relay 4 x 220 yards, were placed third, Stroud, Kealey, Pack and Basford forming our team.

As mentioned elsewhere, we have regained the "Inter-Club Relay Shield" and lost the "Doris" Shield, rather a see-saw arrangement, but one conducive to continued interest in the future of these competitions.

It is always difficult to differentiate between individuals, but we think no one will quarrel with the statement that S. T. Ring has shown most improvement. Walking only two years ago, he has developed into a class "three-miler" with promise of further improvement to come.

Of the sprinters, Brodie and Kealey have been prominent, with Wiley coming along nicely, and others such as Basford and Stroud (until his leg "gave way") of the seniors, and Mewes, the Crillys, Bennett and others of the younger brigade, keeping up their average.

Fear of staleness has kept White out of competition, but his Championship running was superb, and we hope to see him beating two minutes consistently next season. Michael, Kench and Shields have served the Club well, and Stimpson and Ball shown promise.

Of the milers, Rice, Shaw and Jordan have done well. Our three-milers have had their share of team awards, whilst Footer (you couldn't keep him out of these pages if you tried!) has been getting his nose in front in road races.

The walkers have shown up well in Open competitions, and in Heather and Rutland we have two full of promise for the future, whilst the present is in very good hands.

Pfenninger, Finneron, Melchior and Sutton have done much to help our Field Events along, and Vallance may become a first-class pole vaulter in due course.

Generally, there can be no complaints about the season, even if we have nothing to rave about. Here we except Penny's great win. With *all* our men fit next year, big things are possible. Anyhow, make sure that it won't be for the lack of little extra perseverance and club-spirit on *your* part that we fail to go forward.

### CLUB MEETING.

The final Club fixture of the season takes place at Battersea Park on Saturday, September 1st, at 3 p.m.

There will be an Open Team Race at three miles likely to attract the best in the South; match events versus Polytechnic H. and Herne Hill H., and Club handicaps at 220 yards, 1 mile and 2 miles Walk.

The 4 x 880 yards S.A.A.L relay race will also be in this programme and this event will decide whether Belgrave are to be champions for the year or not.

Entries to W. L. BAYLISS, 71, Ravensbury Road, S.W.18.

### THE OUTING.

An outing was arranged for 9-30 a.m. on Sunday, July 23rd. An outing actually took place on that date from the pre-arranged place at 12-30 p.m.

This was due to an unfortunate mistake on the part of the 'bus owning company, but despite the lost time everyone seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent and, very sportingly, no one complained with any bitterness of the lost time. An arrangement has now been concluded with the 'bus proprietors which allows of a refund of 1/- per head and we are promised that it won't occur again.

Our party enjoyed a dip in the Frensham Ponds and then proceeded to Lingfield where justice (rather harsh, perhaps!) was done to the excellent tea. Everyone had enough, and one little fellow too much! I must not give his name, in the interests of public decency, but he's about 5ft. 3in., with raven locks, a red nose,, and other handicaps besides.

Impromptu cricket and rounders were enjoyed after tea, sufficient to produce gigantic thirsts which were duly satiated, after which we began the return journey.

Altogether a most enjoyable day, despite the poor start, and with the experience gained, there is no reason whatever why we should not plan something next summer which will call for a sincere and unanimous "Encore!"

## FIELD EVENTS.

The programme of events in the Southern Amateur League (Field Events Section) is now concluded and we may feel very satisfied at finishing second. This season has seen many new additions to the Field Events ranks of our Club, and gradually we are building up a splendid body of young men interested in throwing and jumping events.

George Powell merits our congratulations upon again winning the Southern Javelin Championship; and E. H. Finneron was placed second in the Junior A.A.A. Javelin Championships. Such is the promise of our young Aldershot member that he has been granted a free scholarship to the A.A.A. Summer School by one of the sporting monthly journals. B. W. Fleming won the Police Championship Long Jump event at Glasgow with a splendid leap; and in E. Pfenninger we have a Shot Putter and all-round athlete of infinite promise. Many others are reaping the reward of perseverance and experiencing the joy which gradual improvement brings in its train. The winter months will not prevent training, and our Field Events Captain, W. H. Sutton, will be glad to advise anyone wishing to devote some time to Field Events.

Our good wishes go with J. W. Clemens, who has gone to Manchester to take up a business appointment. Clemens has attained very high honours at Long Jumping, having been selected as a reserve for International competition, and we shall certainly miss him. Best of luck, Clemens!

Here are the final positions in the S.A.A.L. competition:—

	pts.		pts.
1 South London H. ... ..	134	7 Blackheath H. ... ..	95½
2 Belgrave H. ... ..	123½	8 Ponders End A.C. ... ..	81
3 Polytechnic H. ... ..	115	9 Herne Hill H. ... ..	63
4 Croydon H. ....	109	10 Southgate and	
5 Mitcham A.C. ... ..	107½	Wood Green A.C.	15
6 St. George's S.S.C. ... ..	97½	11 Southgate H. ... ..	5

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Our Field Events Captain advises the final positions in the "Harry Wright" Shield Competition, as follows:—

1 E. Pfenninger (Shot, 39ft. 0½in.) ... ..	90.79%
2 G. Basford (High Jump, 5ft. 5in.) ... ..	90.16%
3 J. W. Clemens (Long Jump, 20ft. 9¼in.) ... ..	89.29%
4 B. W. Fleming (Long Jump, 20ft. 4½in.) ... ..	87.58%
5 G. H. Powell (Javelin, 163ft. 0¼in.) ... ..	84.45%



