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NATIONAL ROAD RELAY RACE LONDON TO BRIGHTON

FROM
OLD PALACE YARD, WESTMINSTER

(Under A.A.A. Rules)

SATURDAY
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1954

STARTING AT 10 a.m.



And all other Sporting Events

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RELAYS AND EXCHANGE STATIONS

The runners, totalling 220, will be divided into eleven relays of 20. Each competitor must wear, **BACK AND FRONT**, the number and the letter shown in this programme.

News of the World arrow signs will be shown throughout the Course at all turns, and banners show each take-over.

- FIRST RELAY**
(4 miles, 558 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 10.20 a.m.)
- Starting by Richard I Statue, Old Palace Yard, straight ahead along Millbank and Grosvenor Road passing Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges to Chelsea Bridge. Turn left over the bridge, Queenstown Road, across Battersea Park Road, zig-zag under three railway bridges, up hill and across Wandsworth Road, then steep climb along Cedars Road to Clapham Common; turn right and then left at the Avenue, crossing Clapham Common, left fork to Take-over at Broomwood Road. Distance: 4 miles, 558 yards.
- SECOND RELAY**
(5 miles, 138 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 10.45 a.m.)
- Continue along the Avenue, turn right at Nightingale Walk, bear right into Nightingale Lane; pass traffic lights, Wandsworth Common and over railway bridge, then fork left by "Hope Tavern" (St. James's Drive). Keep left into Trinity Road, across Balham High Road (to left of Tooting Bec station) Tooting Bec Road. Turn right into Church Lane and follow hospital railings, keeping right at two sets of fork roads. Turn left at "Mitre Inn" (Mitcham Road) then right into London Road (Barclays Bank on corner). Straight ahead to Clock Tower, bear left and keep right of pond (Commonside West). Take-over opposite *News of the World* Sports Ground. Distance: 9 miles, 696 yards.
- THIRD RELAY**
(5 miles, 1,416 yards)
(Approx. time of arrival 11.10 a.m.)
- Run straight ahead, over new bridge, Mitcham Common (left-hand road), passing "Ravensbury Arms" (right), straight on to Purley Way, turn right along Purley Way and pass Croydon Aerodrome to Purley Corner; turn right into main Brighton Road. Take-over at Purley Rise, third turning on right. Distance: 15 miles, 352 yards.
- FOURTH RELAY**
(5 miles, 186 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 11.40 a.m.)
- Main Brighton Road to "Jolliffe Arms," Merstham. Distance: 20 miles, 538 yards. (Course more or less level.)
- FIFTH RELAY**
(4 miles, 912 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 12 noon)
- Main road, passing Feathers Hotel, through Redhill and over Earlswood Common. Take-over opposite "Prince Albert." (A real switch-back course with stiff climb through Redhill). Distance: 24 miles, 1,450 yards.
- SIXTH RELAY**
(5 miles, 320 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 12.25 p.m.)
- Main road, passing "General Napier," Salfords, Horley, Thorns Hotel, Povey Cross Garage, bearing left for another mile to Take-over inside the enclosure White Lion Hotel, Lowfield Heath. (Road undulating to Horley, thence level). Distance: 30 miles, 10 yards.
- SEVENTH RELAY**
(6 miles, 1,288 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 1.0 p.m.)
- Main road, passing Southdown Coach Station, Sun Hotel, "George," Crawley, crossing railway lines (if gates closed, down the subway), Main Road to new By-pass, then turn left, past the "Black Swan," Main Road, Peas Pottage P.O., to Red Lion Hotel, Handcross. (Undulating). Distance: 36 miles, 1,298 yards.

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FOREWORD

1924—1954

Thirty years have passed since the *News of the World* staged its first Road Relay Race from London to Brighton. Joe Binks was responsible for that venture and he is still with us, looking younger than ever.

The race began at Westminster, started by the first stroke of Big Ben; and so it continued year by year until 1936, when the congestion of traffic made it desirable to move the start from the centre of London to its outer edge. From that date the race was from Park Place, Mitcham, to Brighton (45½ miles).

Other races followed, from Manchester to Blackpool and Edinburgh to Glasgow. The war broke the continuity, but they have been revived and have become so popular that entries have had to be limited to 20 clubs in each case, with a long waiting list for vacancies.

The classic road from London to Brighton was always the most popular and attracted entries from all over the country. In 1951, the promoters were obliged to provide a special race for South Country Clubs and institute a National Race on the London-Brighton road open to all leading clubs throughout the country, chosen mainly from the entrants in the Regional Races.

In 1954 we again make history, for with the post-war change in traffic conditions, we have been permitted, experimentally, to start the race once more from Westminster. Inevitably there are restrictions. The long line of supporters' coaches would be impossible to control through London streets, so we have had to ask supporters to be content to join the race at or beyond Mitcham. If this proves practicable, then the experimental course may again become the recognised course, and the race once more established over the full 54½ mile route from Westminster to Brighton.

The record on this route was set up in 1932 by Salford Harriers (4 hrs. 39 mins. 52 secs.). We hope to see that broken today.

The first six teams in this race will receive an invitation to participate in next year's National Race from London—Brighton (April 16th, 1955).

- EIGHTH RELAY**
(6 miles, 206 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 1.35 p.m.)
- Main road, keeping left, new road, passing "Welfords Caravans," Tudor House Tea Rooms, "Queen's Head," Bolney, to the Castle Hotel, Hickstead. (Steep drop, then switchback going, last mile uphill). Distance: 42 miles, 1,504 yards.
- NINTH RELAY**
(4 miles, 82 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 1.55 p.m.)
- Main road, passing Stroods Hotel, "Duke of York," "King's Head," Aldbourne Green to Newtimber. Take-over opposite Star House, which lies back, with open grass space in front, 440 yards from Dale Hill. (Undulating course with downhill finish). Distance: 46 miles, 1,586 yards.
- TENTH RELAY**
(4 miles, 356 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 2.15 p.m.)
- Main road up Dale Hill, P.O. Pycombe, Plough Hotel, Downlands Cafe to Black Lion Hotel, Patcham. (Stiff climbing to Pycombe, thence downhill). Distance: 51 miles, 182 yards.
- ELEVENTH RELAY**
(3 miles, 1,166 yards)
(approx. time of arrival 2.30 p.m.)
- Main road, passing Preston Park to Aquarium, finishing along Madeira Drive, Brighton, by the Baths. (Easy downhill run). Distance: 54 miles, 1,348 yards.

Distances as measured with a Surveyor's Wheel by L. W. Woodcock (Hon. Secretary, Surrey Walking Club).

The Police Authorities have insisted that supporters' coaches must not join the race until after the second take-over at the "News of the World" Sports Ground, Mitcham. ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THIS RULE WILL ENTAIL THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CLUB CONCERNED FROM PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE RACES, and may result in the banning of the race from London for all time.

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BELGRAVE HARRIERS

(Colours : Claret and Gold)

A1	P. R. Bagnall	A8	J. W. Brown	A16	J. Masters
A2	D. H. Baulch	A9	A. H. Bruce	A17	E. A. Short
A3	A. W. Bedford	A10	J. E. Burr	A18	J. C. Smart
A4	L. C. Bishop	A11	P. Courtney	A19	M. J. Stearman
A5	D. A. Brickwood	A12	S. W. Gawler	A20	R. T. Taylor
A6	D. Briggs	A13	E. J. Gebbett	A21	R. C. Tooby
A7	J. Bromley	A14	L. W. Herbert	A22	C. W. Walker
		A15	W. E. Lucas		

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS

(Colours : Black Vest, White Shorts, Stag Badge)

B1	R. Reid	B8	J. R. Reid	B16	D. M. Sanders
B2	B. Browning	B9	L. A. Orton	B17	R. M. Jones
B3	J. E. Williams	B10	M. White	B18	D. Parmenter
B4	C. G. Oakley	B11	G. Mountford	B19	A. D. Mann
B5	R. F. Lees	B12	A. E. Dalton	B20	W. A. Hobson
B6	E. C. Nicholls	B13	W. E. Butcher	B21	H. Reeves
B7	R. Hatton	B14	F. Green	B22	B. J. Wiggins
		B15	D. J. Taylor		

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS

(Colours : Black)

C1	F. Aldridge	C8	R. R. Choat	C16	R. D. Fletcher
C2	W. A. Aylett	C9	A. C. Dashwood	C17	D. A. Pinckard
C3	D. A. Bentley	C10	N. F. Everard	C18	B. G. Stone
C4	A. J. Brent	C11	L. F. Fletcher	C19	J. H. Scott-Wilson
C5	J. Braughton	C12	J. B. Herring	C20	A. J. Weeks-Pearson
C6	A. C. Brill	C13	D. H. Hopgood	C21	J. E. Withers
C7	C. Busby	C14	H. N. Nunn	C22	A. W. Wood
		C15	R. A. Morley		

BOLTON UNITED H. & A.C.

(Colours : Blue Vest, White Shorts)

D1	F. Norris	D7	J. Haslam	D13	W. Thorne
D2	W. Berry	D8	R. Williams	D14	P. Graham
D3	J. Eastham	D9	A. Morgan	D15	K. Whittle
D4	J. R. Fox	D10	D. Wright	D16	T. Ramsden
D5	S. J. Fell	D11	T. Bleakley	D17	H. Bell
D6	H. Minshall	D12	G. B. Saunders	D18	J. Betney

COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS

(Colours : Claret and Gold, Godiva Badge)

E1	P. Burns	E8	H. Lloyd	E16	R. Turney
E2	J. Brennan	E9	M. Luckman	E17	J. Waller
E3	T. Coss	E10	P. Langstone	E18	T. Wyer
E4	B. Heatley	E11	T. Pumfrey	E19	P. Williams
E5	D. Faulkonbridge	E12	G. Pearson	E20	M. Youett
E6	D. Jones	E13	D. Rees	E21	G. Youett
E7	B. Jones	E14	H. Reid	E22	A. E. Booth
		E15	B. Taylor		

ESSEX BEAGLES

(Colours : Black and Amber Hoops)

H1	B. F. Almond	H8	J. Hurst	H16	A. W. Murray-Carter
H2	E. Baverstock	H9	P. Irvine	H17	J. H. Peters
H3	J. K. Carruthers	H10	B. W. Jackson	H18	R. F. Robins
H4	D. J. Corney	H11	B. J. Kiernan	H19	S. C. Robins
H5	E. R. Douglas	H12	G. Knight	H20	P. Servante
H6	K. Grant	H13	T. T. Learmouth	H21	P. G. West
H7	B. E. Hames	H14	R. I. McGregor	H22	E. W. Young
		H15	W. Merrylees		

FINCHLEY HARRIERS

(Colours : Black and Pink)

J1	J. J. Andrews	J8	D. A. Evers	J16	R. M. Porter
J2	J. J. Billups	J9	D. Francis	J17	C. R. Ponter
J3	R. W. Butler	J10	K. B. Harvey	J18	D. A. Raven
J4	F. W. Bradsell	J11	J. W. Hovell	J19	H. Trudgett
J5	R. S. Cox	J12	K. D. Heagarty	J20	F. G. J. Salvat
J6	V. F. Clements	J13	A. Horne	J21	E. Shirley
J7	M. Day	J14	R. P. Knowles	J22	E. W. Whitehead
		J15	H. G. Mundy		

HERNE HILL HARRIERS

(Colours : Red and Black Hoops)

K1	S. W. Allen	K8	J. Gettrup	K16	M. R. Maynard
K2	J. A. Barker	K9	G. V. Grayson	K17	L. H. McNeil
K3	I. H. Boyd	K10	R. C. Hall	K18	G. B. Nearn
K4	R. S. Clark	K11	A. Heywood	K19	A. F. Newson
K5	R. Coman	K12	J. Heywood	K20	K. W. Stickells
K6	G. R. Fisher	K13	A. E. Hine	K21	A. H. Towl
K7	V. J. Fowle	K14	E. A. Kerridge	K22	P. Wood
		K15	R. C. Legg		

MANCHESTER ATHLETIC & C.C.

(Colours : White Vest, Red Band and Coat-of-Arms)

L1	N. Ashcroft	L8	J. W. Griffiths	L15	J. L. Morris
L2	B. Bullen	L9	W. Hesketh	L16	M. Porter
L3	A. Christian	L10	F. J. Hickford	L17	P. T. Smith
L4	D. R. Coleman	L11	R. Jackson	L18	W. T. Smith
L5	T. R. Colson	L12	C. J. Kelly	L19	W. J. Sherratt
L6	C. B. Colson	L13	N. Lee	L20	J. A. Russell
L7	F. Evans	L14	J. J. Lancaster	L21	P. Thompson

MITCHAM ATHLETIC CLUB

(Colours : White and M.A.C. Badge)

M1	W. Pawsey	M8	L. Scott	M16	N. Milton
M2	R. Bott	M9	B. Davies	M17	P. Munn
M3	W. Burroughs	M10	P. Gardner	M18	A. Oakes
M4	E. Brown	M11	R. Leonard	M19	C. Marshall
M5	J. Chegwiddden	M12	L. Fieldsend	M20	R. Boyce
M6	J. Fitzgerald	M13	C. Palmer	M21	R. Thompson
M7	B. Hewson	M14	N. Lloyd	M22	J. Charman
		M15	A. Facey		

POLYTECHNIC HARRIERS

(Colours : Grenat and Cream Five Diamonds)

P1	W. N. Coyne	P8	L. H. Hill	P16	C. Stewart
P2	W. G. Corneck	P9	R. V. Hughes	P17	J. C. Tillotson
P3	R. H. Dunkley	P10	D. R. T. Macmillan	P18	G. Ward
P4	J. S. Evans	P11	T. O'Sullivan	P19	D. G. Wilson
P5	K. J. P. French	P12	R. Pickering	P20	J. H. Wood
P6	D. Hayter	P13	D. Rikly	P21	F. Redfern
P7	R. W. Howell	P14	M. R. Schofield	P22	P. West
		P15	E. G. Stallard		

READING ATHLETIC CLUB

(Colours : White and Blue)

Q1	A. A. Robertson	Q8	K. C. Weston	Q16	C. Morley
Q2	W. A. Robertson	Q9	J. Hyde	Q17	C. Rowden
Q3	J. C. Green	Q10	P. N. Ross	Q18	M. J. Doherty
Q4	D. R. Spencer	Q11	W. J. G. Parr	Q19	A. R. J. Cullingham
Q5	R. M. Doe	Q12	C. J. Parr	Q20	G. E. H. Cranham
Q6	I. H. Parr	Q13	T. P. Hicks	Q21	E. I. D. Harris
Q7	D. R. Booker	Q14	R. V. Morgan	Q22	N. Ingram
		Q15	A. E. Thorpe		

SHEFFIELD UNITED H. & A.C.

(Colours : Red and White Hoops, Coat-of-Arms Badge)

R1	D. Walker	R8	H. Whitehurst	R16	J. Fairchild
R2	K. Wood	R9	G. Whitehurst	R17	A. Bargh
R3	E. Willson	R10	E. Whitehurst	R18	P. Hedley
R4	R. Mallinson	R11	S. Cooke	R19	A. V. Corker
R5	H. Charles	R12	K. Whattam	R20	D. Beckett
R6	A. Etches	R13	J. Milnes	R21	G. Baxby
R7	P. McArthey	R14	G. Coward	R22	D. Binns
		R15	J. Nichols		

SHETTLSTON HARRIERS

(Colours : Royal Blue with Gold Band)

S1	E. Bannon	S8	J. McElroy	S16	E. Campbell
S2	J. McGhee	S9	H. Fox	S17	M. A. A. Forbes
S3	R. C. Wallace	S10	T. Walters	S18	W. MacFarlane
S4	W. Gallacher	S11	J. W. Moore	S19	A. Hill
S5	H. Howard	S12	J. C. Ross (Jnr.)	S20	P. Ewing
S6	J. Eadie	S13	F. McDonald	S21	J. Keen
S7	F. Scally	S14	S. Pollock	S22	H. Simpson
		S15	J. C. Ross (Snr.)		

SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS

(Colours : White Vest, Maroon Shorts)

T1	J. N. Ayers	T8	F. D. Gilson	T16	J. D. Prince
T2	D. J. Clark	T9	J. R. Humphreys	T17	C. E. Puddicombe
T3	D. W. F. Collins	T10	R. A. W. Jacobs	T18	D. G. Ross
T4	M. F. Crickmore	T11	J. Lyne	T19	D. G. Smith
T5	R. J. Darchambaud	T12	P. R. Ll. Morgan	T20	R. S. H. Southgate
T6	P. B. Driver	T13	B. J. F. Mottram	T21	D. W. Sudbury
T7	M. W. Firth	T14	D. A. G. Pirie	T22	C. Wilson
		T15	P. J. Pirie		

1953 NATIONAL RELAY RACE (MITCHAM-BRIGHTON)

SURREY ATHLETIC CLUB

(Colours : White and Black, Blue and White Band)

U1 B. T. Barrett	U8 H. W. F. Fenton	U16 B. H. Nash
U2 J. Butler	U9 E. Floyd	U17 J. N. T. Rednall
U3 P. L. Bye	U10 R. Goodbody	U18 J. R. Shelton
U4 D. W. Caulder	U11 J. E. Hemming	U19 J. C. F. Smith
U5 K. F. Caulder	U12 B. N. Hunt	U20 A. O'B. Weekes
U6 J. T. Cleverley	U13 J. W. Hunt	U21 H. P. Wheeler
U7 R. K. Cooper	U14 R. A. Hunt	U22 J. D. Wood
	U15 D. F. Milbank	

SUTTON HARRIERS & A.C.

(Colours : White Vest, Red and Black Hoops)

W1 F. W. McMinnis	W8 K. Crouch	W16 H. Tebb
W2 W. R. McMinnis	W9 K. Graville	W17 J. Johnson
W3 T. Fillingham	W10 G. Carbery	W18 L. Lamb
W4 J. W. Harrison	W11 S. Heesom	W19 J. Clayton
W5 R. Maleedy	W12 K. Mather	W20 F. Neale
W6 M. Maleedy	W13 Ron Maleedy	W21 H. Hollance
W7 T. F. McIntyre	W14 E. Edwards	W22 J. Bott
	W15 J. Chidlow	

THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS

(Colours : Black, Light Blue Band, T.V.H. Badge)

X1 K. L. Norris	X8 H. W. Dennis	X16 D. G. Davidson
X2 H. A. Olney	X9 D. Rowe	X17 G. Scotting
X3 E. G. Ellis	X10 J. E. Smith	X18 E. P. Manley
X4 A. E. Ingles	X11 J. G. Skinner	X19 J. R. Cameron
X5 P. J. Vivian	X12 D. J. Whitby	X20 K. M. Anzola
X6 A. F. Thornton	X13 E. J. Reynolds	X21 P. J. Linford
X7 E. Elderfield	X14 L. Pulman	X22 D. Fotheringham
	X15 I. P. MacDonald	

TIPTON HARRIERS

(Colours : Green and White Hoops)

Y1 J. A. Cole	Y7 B. Harbach	Y13 D. Rhodes
Y2 S. R. Dean	Y8 A. Fellows	Y14 H. Williams
Y3 D. R. Osborne	Y9 B. Twamley	Y15 I. Timmins
Y4 D. Pearsall	Y10 J. Wall	Y16 N. Lockley
Y5 R. Bentley	Y11 J. Gripton	Y17 J. Gaskin
Y6 G. Carless	Y12 K. Rickhus	Y18 R. Pardoe

VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.

(Colours : Blue and White Hoops)

Z1 I. Binnie	Z8 F. McKay	Z14 A. Ross
Z2 N. Ellis	Z9 R. Calderwood	Z15 N. Austin
Z3 R. Kane	Z10 S. Ellis	Z16 P. Callaghan
Z4 J. Stirling	Z11 A. Forbes	Z17 I. Pattison
Z5 C. Forbes	Z12 D. Macfarlane	Z18 J. Adam
Z6 J. Ellis	Z13 D. Shuttleworth	Z19 G. Kerr
Z7 C. Sharp		Z20 R. Izatt



(Top Left) Mr. Riley (News of the World) with the Mayor and Mayoress of Mitcham.
 (" Right) G. W. Hopcroft (T. V. H.) handing over to D. Rowe at Hickstead.
 (Centre Left) First man home. A. F. Thornton (T. V. H.).
 (" Right) A. F. Thornton with the Mayor of Brighton and Mr. Riley (News of the World).
 (Bottom Left) Gordon Pirie and Alec Olney in their record breaking duel on the 7th leg.
 (" Right) The finish at Brighton.

PREVIOUS LONDON-BRIGHTON RELAY RACES

WESTMINSTER-BRIGHTON RECORD						
1932	Salford H.	4.39.52	Birchfield H.	4.40.48	Belgrave H.	4.44.00

MITCHAM-BRIGHTON RECORD						
1938	Mitcham A.C.	3.48.29	Birchfield H.	3.50.47	Belgrave H.	3.50.52

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS NATIONAL ROAD RELAY RACES (Mitcham to Brighton)

1951	Belgrave H.	3.53.38	Thames V.H.	3.56.27	Reading A.C.	3.56.36
1952	Birchfield H.	3.54.55	Belgrave H.	3.55.20	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.56.42
1953	Thames V.H.	3.52.16	Birchfield H.	3.52.42	South London H.	3.53.19

INTERMEDIATE COURSE RECORDS

Relay						
1	C. K. Allen ...	...	Highgate H. ...	...	(4½ miles)	21 m. 3 s. (1932)
2	J. Holden ...	...	Tipton H. ...	...	(5 "	) 25 m. 48 s. (1932)
*3	J. W. Brown ...	...	Belgrave H. ...	...	(5½ "	) 27 m. 32 s. (1952)
4	A. E. Ingles ...	...	Thames Valley H. ...	...	(5½ "	) 25 m. 34 s. (1952)
5	T. Rowe ...	...	Herne Hill H. ...	...	(4½ "	) 21 m. 34 s. (1947)
6	H. A. Olney ...	...	Thames Valley H. ...	...	(5½ "	) 25 m. 6 s. (1953)
7	NEW STAGE					
8	(D. A. G. Pirie ...	...	South London H.) ...	...	(6¼ "	) 29 m. 5 s. (1953)
	(H. A. Olney ...	...	Thames Valley H.) ...	...	
9	J. H. Peters ...	...	Essex Beagles ...	...	(4 "	) 19 m. 34 s. (1953)
10	K. L. Norris ...	...	Thames Valley H. ...	...	(4½ "	) 19 m. 42 s. (1952)
11	H. A. Olney	Thames Valley H.	(3½ ") 16 m. 55 s. (1952)

* This Stage is now 174 yards longer.

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N.C.U. RULES

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS

A letter from the Rt. Hon. Sir Noel V. Bowater, Bt., M.C., Lord Mayor of London, addressed to Alderman J. E. Hay, J.P., Mayor of Brighton, will be handed to the first representative of Thames Valley Harriers at the start and delivered to the Mayor of Brighton at the Winning Post.

ALL teams will carry a baton throughout the race.

Competitors in each relay will be taken to their respective exchange stations by coach, Mr. C. Meggett being in charge.

Coaches are numbered as per relays 1-11.

All competitors MUST travel in the official coaches. To avoid congestion, coach drivers are asked to make sure that no coach is parked within 100 yards of each take-over.

Coach No. 2 will leave Westminster at 9.40 a.m.

Coaches 4-11 will leave Mitcham at 10.30 a.m.

All competitors except those running in the first and third relays must be in their respective coaches ready to start at the times stated. NO COMPETITOR WILL BE WAITED FOR.

Only those competitors and officials *who are notified* to attend at Westminster should report to the Great Smith Street Baths by 9.15 a.m.

Coaches will await competitors at the end of each relay. A steward will be in charge of each coach and only competitors and officials with coach tickets will be allowed in these coaches.

Competitors are asked not to trust their clothes or valuables to anybody other than the transport officials, who cannot otherwise be responsible for their safe custody.

Competitors must wear letter numbers back and front, corresponding to their name in the programme.

Dressing.—Runners on 1st and 2nd stages : Great Smith Street Baths, Westminster. All other runners, *News of the World* Sports Ground, Park Place, Mitcham. Dressing room at finishing post, Aquarium Baths, Brighton.

Immediately after the race competitors and officials with tea tickets should go to the Savoy Cinema Restaurant, where High Tea will be served at 3.30 p.m., and the Trophy and Medals will be presented.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE SAFETY OF RUNNERS

All competitors must keep to the left-hand side of the road whilst running. Cutting corners is not allowed. Any competitor indulging in this dangerous practice will render his team liable to disqualification.

THANKS

The organisers, on behalf of the *News of the World*, thank the A.A.A., the Scottish A.A.A., the Northern Counties A.A., the Midland Counties A.A.A. and all the officials for their valued assistance.

We are grateful also to the civic authorities of Westminster, Mitcham, Brighton, and other boroughs and districts through which we have passed and of the counties of Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex for their help.

The police authorities of London, Brighton, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex have given their cordial co-operation, which we have much appreciated.

Finally, we thank all who permitted us to erect direction signs along the route, all who lent their cars, or helped in other ways, including members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who gave invaluable service, and last, but by no means least, the runners themselves for their splendid support.

AWARDS

Winning Team to hold the "News of the World" Silver-gilt Trophy

The first four teams to finish will receive a set of specially designed medals (gilt for the winners, silvered for the runners-up, and bronze for the third and fourth).

An extra set of bronze medals will be awarded to the unplaced team with the most meritorious performance.

This question will be decided by the following officials : E. Riley, J. Binks, W. J. Pepper, J. C. G. Crump, J. Gilbert, F. Ireland, W. Batson, and the Referee, W. C. A. Findlay.