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## RUNNING COMMENTARY

by J. E. FARRELL.

June went out in a blaze of glory so far as athletics in Britain are concerned, and records and splendid performances were the order of the day at many important meetings in Scotland, Ireland and England.

### Duncan Clark Breaks 39-Year-Old Record

The high-light of the Glasgow Police gala at Hampden Park, on June 28th was, of course, Clark's prodigious hammer throw of 168 ft. 9½ in., which added two feet to Tom Nicolson's Scottish Native record which had stood since 1908. This was splendid compensation to the Belfast policeman, who elected to complete at Hampden in preference to defending his all-Ireland championship at Belfast on the same day.

### McDonald Bailey Beats British Record

McDonald Bailey, the non-stop sprinter from Trinidad who has been putting up sterling performances all season, at last beat the British record by registering 9.6 sec. for the 100 yards in the Southern Championships at Motspur Park, beating the record held jointly by himself and Eric H. Liddell, of 9.7 sec. This equals the time set up by the American, Ed. Conwell, at the recent British Games. Both times have since been ratified.

Southern records were put by by Dr. Moodle, who putt the weight 46 ft. 4½ in., a really splendid effort; and by D. C. Y. Watts, in the long jump, with 23 ft. 5 in.



A fine study of D. McD. Clark in the process of making his record throw

### All-Ireland Championships

The feature of the above championships, held at Balmoral Show Grounds, Belfast, was the versatility displayed by Prince Adedoyin, of Queen's University, who won four titles: high jump, long jump, hop, step and jump and 120 yards hurdles. J. J. Barry, of Clonliffe, won the mile; J. P. Reardon (Donore), the 440 yards; S. McCooke (East Antrim), the 3 miles; and J. A. Gregory (Crusaders), both 100 and 220 yards; D. Guiney (Dublin Univ.), had a splendid winning putt of 47 ft. 5½ in.; while J. A. Henning (Duncairn Nomads), who is well thought of in Ireland, finished remarkably fresh in the Marathon, which he won in 2 hr. 44 min. 57 sec., or 1 min. 18 sec. better than his own record in these championships, although, some weeks ago, in the



Northern Ireland Championships he did 2 hr. 39 min. 51 sec.

In the International Meeting at Antwerp, on Sunday, June 30th, the chief feature was McDonald Bailey's winning time in the 100 metres of 10.3 sec., which equals Jess Owens' winning time in the Berlin Olympic, and is only 1/10 sec. outside Owens' world record for this distance. Alan Paterson jumped 6 ft. 1 in. to win the high jump, and Allan Watt finished second in both the sprints.

#### Triangular Contest at Meadowbank

On Saturday, July 5th, England were good winners of the Triangular Contest, their all-round strength being too much for a splendid Irish team, with Scotland a poor third. Ireland substantially through the efforts of the wonderfully versatile Adedoyin, who won three events, had more firsts than England, with 7 wins to 6, but their second strings were unable to back up their brilliant winning performers.

#### Forbes Breaks Scottish Record

Scotland did not win a single event, their best placings being Watt's 2nd in the sprint, Forbes's 2nd in the 3 miles, and Hart's 3rd in the 120 yards hurdles.

Forbes, though just failing to beat Olney, of England, in the most thrilling event of the day, the three miles, was Scotland's star, and his time of 14 min. 32 1/5th sec., which beat Tom Blakely's Scottish Native record of 14 min. 33 sec. set up in 1933 by 4/5ths sec., was a splendid consolation for his narrow defeat.

Olney again impressed as a great British prospect, especially for a first season runner.

#### Donald Robertson is Back to Old Form

Donald McNab Robertson, the dapper little Maryhill Harrier, fulfilled expectations by retaining his Scottish Marathon championship in the fast time of 2 hr. 37 min. 49 sec., nearly 8 min. faster than last year. A favourable wind, however, materially assisted the runners. Making every post a winning post, Donald's speed and stamina over the last two or three miles proved the winning factor, while he showed that

he still retains his picturesque finishing powers. My own performance in completing the course in 2 hr. 42 min. 53 sec. might be considered creditable for a first performance, but grave doubts still exist whether I can get the distance. Time alone can tell.

#### He Trains Alone

A creditable performance was that of J. Park (West Kilbride), who finished third in 2 hr. 56 min., and has now the satisfaction of beating the standard times in both British and Scottish events. Last year he finished a splendid 9th at the White City in a field of over 60 runners. This year, he intends to run at Loughborough, and hopes to beat his time of last year. If he could acquire more initial speed his performances would be appreciably better. An Ayrshire farmer, he has to do most of his training entirely on his own, and it says a lot for his ambition and determination that he tackles the grind of training with such consistency and doggedness.

#### Clonliffe Harriers High-Lights

A large crowd turned up at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on Wednesday, 9th July, to see English stars compete against Irish stars in specially graded handicaps. Excellent sport was provided.

In the 3 miles handicap, backmarkers T. Rowe (Herne Hill) and S. McCooke (East Antrim) served up a grand race, the former winning by 20 yards in 14 min. 35.2 sec. Great enthusiasm greeted the win of J. J. Barry over A.A.A. champion, Douglas Wilson, in the mile invitation in the excellent time of 4 min. 19 sec. In fairness to the latter, however, it cannot be imagined that Wilson was in his best form after his recent spiking injury.

#### Stuart's Fast Mile

Jim Stuart, of Shettleston, who was somewhat disappointed by his showing in the recent mile championship, showed spectacular form in winning the open mile off 25 yards in the exceptionally fast time of 4 min. 21.8 sec., at the Glasgow Co-operative Youths' Sports at Helenvale Park.



The backmarkers in the special Quarter-Mile Race at Glasgow Police Sports putting everything into it down the home straight. Robin S. Sharp (Garscube H.), J. R. S. (Roy) Robinson (Shettleston H.), and Wm. D. Conacher (Victoria Park A.A.C.).

#### Walk Title for Forbes

Harry Forbes, of Birmingham 33-year-old holder of 20 miles' walk title, won the 50 kilometres championship at Eastleigh, in 4 hr. 40 min. 6 sec., over 12 min. faster than last year's event, won by C. Megnin (Highgate), who could only finish ninth on this occasion. Forbes, who was runner-up at the European Games in Oslo last year in this event, is one of our brightest hopes for the long-distance Olympic walk next year, and there are distinct hopes that he may emulate past Olympic champions, Tommy Green and Harold Whitlock.

#### Keen Tussle in Students' International

After a thrilling contest which included many fine performances on both sides, England beat Scotland in the Students' Athletic International, at Linksfield Stadium, Aberdeen, by 75 pts. to 65. In the ladies' events, Scotland turned the tables by recording 37 pts. to 31.

After winning the 120 yards hurdles event, J. G. M. Hart gave the 1946 A.A.A. 440 yards hurdles champion a

great race in the longer hurdles race, losing narrowly, and setting up a time of 57.1 sec., which will be claimed as a Scottish Native record.

Running for Scotland was Englishman R. H. Kendall, who won the 3 mile after a terrific race, while Scotsman R. T. S. MacPherson, now at Oxford, won the mile for England. Another grand performance was that of H. Faraway, who won the 880 yards for England in 1 min. 56.4 sec., after travelling all night from Southampton.

Another good crowd witnessed some thrilling sport at Meadowbank at the Edinburgh City Police Sports. Allan Watt captured the 100 Yards handicap, off scratch, while Scottish Youths' champion, J. S. Petty (St. Modans), ran a storming race in the open "half," clocking the splendid time of 1 min. 56 sec., off 20 yards.

At Dalry the chief feature was the running of unattached novice, Tom Garry, in the open mile. Running in sand-shoes, of virtual scratch mark of 70 yards, he made light work of the opposition and won easily.



## A.A.A. Championships

Despite the fact that so many titles went overseas, the A.A.A. championships were productive of splendid sport, and many great achievements were witnessed.

McDonald Bailey retained his sprint double in fluent style, and his times of 9.7 sec. and 21.7 sec. speak for themselves.

While Elre, which is likely to enter a separate team for the Olympic Games next year, will make their presence felt if British champions Adedoyin, Reardon and Guiney retain their form next year in high jump, 440 yards and shot putt. Adedoyin's high jump figures of 6 ft. 4 in., equal the championship best, while Reardon's time in the 440 yards is just outside Roberts' championship best.

Amongst other great performances at the Championships were the victory of S. Garay (Hungary), in the mile, in the Championship best time of 4 min. 10.6 sec.; Tom White's 1 min. 53.8 sec. in the 880 yards; and the magnificent javelin throw of 210 ft. 7½ in., by the Latvian, F. Stendzervius, who is at present in the R.A.F. Just a week previous, this athlete excelled this at Chesterfield Municipal Sports with a throw of 230 ft. 2 in., to set up a new ground record. Such an athlete would be of great benefit in coaching our own budding javelin throwers.

## Emergence of New Star?

From a British point of view, the most encouraging features were Captain Harry Whittle's surprising double in 440 yards and long jump, with grand efforts for a comparative newcomer to big-time sport, of, respectively, 55 sec., and 23 ft. 9½ in. Surely one of Jack Crump's greatest discoveries; all eyes will be focussed on this slim six-footer in future events. Secondly, 29-year-old Tom White with his splendid half mile win makes him one of our greatest Olympic hopes; while the form of sprinter J. C. M. Wilkinson, half-miler H. J. Parlett, and distance star, H. A. Olney, is encouraging, to say the least of it.

## Age and the Athlete

What shall we say of veterans Don Finlay, in the hurdles; and H. G. Churcher, in the 2 miles walk? Surely that they are still able to take their place in international sport with credit and distinction. Finlay is still a cut ahead of British rivals in high hurdles, and should again make his place in what would be a fourth Olympiad.

Not so long ago it was considered that once an athlete had passed thirty he was past his best, but performances from time to time have surely demonstrated that this opinion is much too arbitrary, especially when we have athletes of forty and over of international class.

Denis Shore, who has been mentioned before, is South Africa's quarter-mile champion, and added the 100 yards title in 9.8 sec. Wonderful sprinting for a man over thirty.

Then Arthur Pettet, who won the Southern Mile Championship in his fastest ever time of 4 min. 19.8 sec., is thirty-nine years of age.

In the longer stretches where stamina is so important and can be retained longer than speed, we look for noteworthy performances from more mature athletes. Nevertheless, when I was advised that Muonen, the Finnish distance runner, who won the European Marathon in 1938, and last year at Oslo finished runner-up to compatriot Hietanen, was now 49 years of age, I was more than surprised. In comparison, these virile 40-year-olds, Holden and Robertson, are mere youngsters.

## A.A.A. Marathon at Loughborough

On August 23rd, at Loughborough, in the Midlands, the British Marathon championship takes place separately, instead of at the White City with the other A.A.A. championships. With Olympic Games selection in the offing a tremendously keen race seems assured, and the standard will no doubt be exceptionally high. Many speedy cross-country athletes will try the Marathon, and thus the start may be a very fast one, indeed.

Nevertheless, I take the following five candidates to provide the first three and, perhaps, even in this order:—J. H. Holden (Tipton), who, in winning the recent Midland Marathon, demonstrated that he has got over his recent leg trouble; D. McNab Robertson (Scottish Champion); J. A. Henning (Irish Champion); C. H. Ballard (Poly winner); and T. Richards (Poly runner-up). I would have included a sixth in H. S. Oliver, of Reading, in this selection but, having to retire in his last three races, last of which was at Holland on July 12th, Oliver has decided to take a rest from running.

Jack Holden—four times International Cross-Country winner, has adequate speed for the job in hand. And although in public he has not been sufficiently tested to have to show fast times over the full marathon distance, his world record over 30 miles (a really magnificent effort) shows that he has also the required stamina.

McNab Robertson, realising that modern marathon running entails speed,

is mixing brisk gallops along with his longer stretches, and hopes to be in full gear for Loughborough. He is running easier than ever and, from personal experience, I should say just as fast.

Tremendously strong over the last six miles, Robertson has a chance with any man in the world if he can be with his opponent at, say, the 20 mile stage. On the other hand, his great strength in the later stages is of little avail if his opponents have sped clear of him.

J. A. Henning, hailing from Northern Ireland (and thus eligible to compete for Britain in the Olympic Games) is fancied in more places than his native land, not so much for what he has achieved, although he has shown some solid performances, but because of his rapid progress and promise for future events.

Fast, strong, ambitious, and conscientious in training, this 36-year-old distance runner completes a strong trio. Given fair weather conditions, I should not be surprised if the winner has to break 2 hr. 35 min. to win.

With compatriots Haegg and Anderson regarded as professionals, there seems little doubt that the Swede, Lennart Strand, is the fastest miler in the world at the moment, despite the class of "flying parson" Gil Dodds, of America and Garay, of Hungary, etc. Up to July, the best time for the 1500 metres this year was Strand's 3 min. 44.8 sec. in a race at Stockholm, in which he beat Henry Ericsson (3 min. 45.4), with Goesta Bergqvist (3 min. 46.6) third.

Now it has been reported that Strand has covered the distance in 3 min. 43 sec., which equals Gundar Haegg's world record. Speculation is now rife as to whether Strand will be the first man to cover the mile in the mythical 4 minutes. According to some statistics 3 min. 43 sec. for the 1500 metres represents 3 min. 59.8 sec. for the full mile, travelling the extra 120 yards at the same speed.

While on the one hand it may appear probable for a slight slackening-off to take place in that vital last 120 yards,

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critics aver that Strand has never been pushed flat out and, therefore, look to the possibility of a 4 minute mile in the near future with some degree of confidence.

Another outstanding event of recent weeks was the defeat of "Flying Finn" Heino, at Helsinki, in a 5000 metres race, in 14 min. 15.2 sec., by the Czechoslovakian runner, Vladislav Zatopck. A week previous the latter had covered the same distance in Prague in 14 min. 8.2 sec., which is 4/10ths of a second faster than Sydney Wooderson's time at Oslo. Zatopck, who was fifth at Oslo is apparently a much improved runner from last year.

### Campsie High-Lights

The weather factor is a vital one in outdoor sport and success or failure depend almost entirely on its vagaries. While Victoria Park had a fine day at Barrfields, on Fair Saturday, Maryhill Harriers again experienced the worst possible conditions for their venture on "Fair Monday" at Dunoon, and incurred heavy financial losses.

The Lennoxtown people were again unfortunate in their weather which, although not so bad as last year, was anything but attractive.

With the Campsie Hills in the background the Lennoxtown arena has one of the most picturesque settings it is possible to imagine, and with such an all-star billing would undoubtedly have attracted a record attendance. Although British champions Adedoyin, Reardon and Guiney were present, as well as our own champion, Andrew Forbes, the personality of the meeting was undoubtedly the Irish middle-distance star, J. J. Barry, who found the grass track very much to his liking and won both 1500 metres and mile events, off scratch, in respectively 4 min. 8.8 sec. and 4 min. 26 sec., as well as helping his team to win the relay.

The "Ballycurren hare," who found the pace too hot in the recent A.A.A. mile championship, still rates as an Olympic hope for Eire, and with more practice on cinders and another year's experience behind him he may prove a menace to the best.

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### A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP—Details:

**100 Yds.**—E. McDonald Bailey (Polytechnic) (holder), 1; C. M. Wilkinson (Herne Hill), 2; J. A. Gregory (Crusaders, Eire), 3. 2½ yds. 9.7 sec.

**220 Yds.**—E. McDonald Bailey (Polytechnic) (holder), 1; J. Fairgrieve (Achilles), 2; R. Toone (Morris), 3. 4 yds. 21.7 sec.

**120 Yds. Hurdles.**—P. Braekman (Belgium) (holder), 1; W./Cmdr. D. O. Finlay (R.A.F.), 2; J. Zwaan (Holland), 3. Inches. 14.9 sec.

**440 Yds. Hurdles.**—Capt. H. Whittle (Reading), 1; W. Christen (Polytechnic), 2; D. R. Ede (Ewell) (holder), 3. 3 yds. 55 sec.

**440 Yds.**—J. P. Reardon (Donore H.), 1; P. F. D. Wallis (Achilles), 2; O. Hardmeier (Switzerland), 3. 3 yds. 48.3 sec.

**880 Yds.**—C. T. White (Lincoln Wellington), 1; F. A. de Ruyter (Holland), 2; H. J. Parlett (Dorking St. Paul's), 3. 2 yds. 1 min. 53.8 sec.

**One Mile.**—S. Garay (Hungary), 1; W. S. Slykhuis (Holland), 2; G. W. Nankeville (Belgrave), 3. 4 yds. 4 min. 10.6 sec.

**Two Miles Steeplechase.**—H. Hires (Hungary), 1; R. Everaert (Belgium), 2; A. A. Robertson (Reading), 3. 7 yds. 10 min. 39.3 sec.

**Two Miles Walk.**—L. Hindmar (Sweden) (holder), 1; H. G. Churcher (Belgrave), 2; G. Kresllich (Italy), 3. 4 yds. 13 min. 54.4 sec.

**Three Miles.**—J. Lataster (Holland), 1; H. A. Olney (Thames Valley), 2; G. F. Lucas (Belgrave), 3. 6 yds. 14 min. 20 sec.

**Six Miles.**—A. H. Chivers (Reading), 1; J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles) (holder), 2; J. C. Smart (Belgrave H.), 3. Easily. 30 min. 31.4 sec.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—D. C. V. Watts (Polytechnic) (holder), 1, 46 ft. 9 in.; R. A. Lethbridge (Liverpool), 2, 45 ft. 11½ in.; R. L. Hawkey (City of Coventry College), 3, 44 ft. 6½ in.

**Pole Vault.**—S. Zaitvay (Hungary), 1, 12 ft. 6 in.; C. Lamoree (Holland) (holder), 2, 12 ft. 6 in.; K. Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Polytechnic), 3, 11 ft. 9 in. Zaitvay won on fewer failures.

**Hammer.**—I. Nemeth (Hungary), 1, 174 ft. 11½ in.; J. G. Kordas (Nottingham Univ. A.C.), 2, 170 ft. 6 in.; D. McD Clark (Scottish A.A.A. and Royal Ulster Constabulary), 3, 162 ft. 9½ in.

**Tug-of-War** (100 st.)—Wimpey London Airport Sports Club "A" beat Ford Sports, by 2 pulls to 0.

**Discus.**—R. J. Braaser (Holland) (holder), 1, 143 ft. 7 in.; J. Nesbitt (Royal Ulster Constabulary), 2, 139 ft. 8 in.; E. J. Brewer (Mitcham), 3, 139 ft. 0½ in.

**Javelin.**—J. Stendzenieks (unattached), Newark, 1, 210 ft. 7½ in.; N. B. Lutkeveld (Holland) (holder), 2, 191 ft. 1½ in.; J. Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Polytechnic), 3, 183 ft. 10½ in.

**High Jump.**—Prince Adedoyin (Queen's Univ. Belfast), 1, 6 ft. 4 in. (equals championship record); R. C. Pavitt (Polytechnic), 2, 6 ft. 3 in.; L./Cpl. B. Nicholson (Army), 3, 6 ft. 1 in.

**Long Jump.**—Capt. H. Whittle (Reading), 1, 23 ft. 9½ in.; Prince Adedoyin (Queen's Univ. Belfast), 2, 23 ft. 8½ in.; H. E. Askew (Achilles), 3, 23 ft. 7½ in.

**Tug-of-War** (Catchweights).—Wimpey Sports "A" beat Wimpey Sports "B", two pulls to nil.

**Putting the Weight.**—D. Guiney (Clonliffe), 1, 47 ft. 6½ in.; De Bruyer (Holland) (holder), 44 ft. 3½ in.; H. E. A. Moody (South London), 3, 43 ft. 8 in.

# PHOTOFLASH

No. 8



## ROBIN S. C. SHARP (GARSUBE HARRIERS)



Runner-up in the Scottish 440 Yards Championship, 20-year-old Robin S. C. Sharp, of Garscube Harriers, is a most impressive runner and undoubtedly has great possibilities.

He was School Champion of Bearsden Academy in 1943, '44 and '45. In 1944 he also won Garscube's Youth Championship. Since then he has represented Scotland on three occasions.

Robin, who is most keen and conscientious in his training, gives the credit of his progress to Tom Anderson through his constructive criticism, and the officials of Garscube for their encouragement and help.

Up to the present his best time has been 51.2 sec. for the full quarter-mile. I am confident he will better that time when he runs for the Scottish team in the World Student Games at Paris.

Robin has great fighting qualities and team spirit, and is often seen to best advantage in relay races. He runs the "quarter" with the striding action of a middle-distance runner rather than that of a sprinter, and I should not be surprised to see him develop into a first-class half-miler.

ROY ROBINSON.



## THE STORY OF A FAMOUS RACE—

### Hugh Welsh v. Alf. E. Tysoe

By D. A. JAMIESON.



Readers will be pleased that Mr. D. A. Jamieson, joint editor of the S.A.A.A. book "Fifty Years of Athletics," and author of "Powderhall and Pedestrianism," has become a contributor to our magazine.

Mr. Jamieson is an outstanding figure of our athletic movement; ardent and virile, and motivated by the true spirit of amateurism.

A pioneer in the movement for municipal sports-grounds he has had a long and active association with our sport. He is a founder-member of Edinburgh Southern Harriers, which club is now in its fiftieth year, and also a founder-member of Edinburgh and District Inter-Works Sports Association. He was President of the S.A.A.A. in 1934-35.—Editor.

It affords a certain measure of relief to find a momentary relaxation in the quiet contemplation of the achievements of amateur athletes of past generations, especially in the present age when the increasing tempo of life permeates even the atmosphere of amateur athletics.

It is, then, with this definite purpose in view that the following narrative of the great race between Hugh Welsh, the famous Scottish athlete of the 1890's, and his equally celebrated English contemporary, Alfred E. Tysoe, over a distance of one mile, seeks to find a place within the pages of "The Scots Athlete."

Probably a brief detail of both men—by way of introduction—will assist a younger generation to assess more accurately the sterling merits of the contestants, and also to appreciate more fully the intense interest which their meeting aroused among the sports-loving public of fifty years ago.

Hugh Welsh was an athlete from his childhood days, being, as it were, to the manner born. Even in his preparatory schooldays, as a pupil of George Watson's Boys' College, he was recognised by his companions as a formidable opponent in all their games, and his later achievements on the running track, indeed, at this distance of time, are still recalled with pride by all Watsonians. He really began his brilliant, though short, athletic career as a lad of 15 years, amidst the beauties of the Pentland Hills, on the occasion of a Sunday-school picnic to Habbies Howe, a hamlet situated south of Edinburgh. On this occasion, the suggestion of a teacher that a foot-race to the top of a nearby hill (Carnethy) and back be organised for the older scholars, was immediately agreed upon. Among the starters was Hugh Welsh, and his arrival at the winning-post several minutes before his nearest rival was the first visible evidence to his friends of the wonderful gift of stamina and speed which Nature had bestowed upon him.

Whilst yet in his early 'teens, Welsh was soon competing against more experienced opponents, and by his successes gaining high praise from the athletic pundits of that time. His

many honours on the track included S.A.A.A., I.A.A.A., and A.A.A. titles, International selections, and triumphs in the less exalted sphere of handicap events, adding his name, incidentally, to that dubious category of athletic distinction as a record holder.

It was as a lad of 16 years that he took part in the S.A.A.A. One Mile Championship of 1894. This was an event that has no parallel in the history of Scottish athletics. There were only two competitors, and it recorded the slowest time of all one mile championship races, either before or since (5 min. 36 sec.). Yet, in contrast, it produced the fastest last quarter-mile time that has ever been clocked in this event. J. Rodgers, of Maybole, Welsh's solitary opponent, took the youth at a crawl for three-quarters of a mile, and at the bell burst away at a tremendous gait from his youthful opponent. It is a matter of recorded history, verified by the late D. S. Duncan, then Hon. Secretary of the S.A.A.A., and one of the official timekeepers on that occasion, that the time for the last quarter was 54 sec., and the verdict—an inches decision for Rodgers.

It was in the A.A.A. Championships of 1897, whilst competing in the One Mile race at Fallowfield, Manchester, that the incident of the spiking of Welsh occurred, which resulted in his defeat. Tysoe won the title; but be it laid to his credit, that so dissatisfied was he with the honour he had gained against a disabled opponent, that he readily indicated his willingness to contest the distance again at a time and place which would be mutually suitable.

Later a match was arranged, and, accordingly, on May 29, 1898, on the occasion of the Watsonian Athletic Club sports at Powderhall, this memorable one mile race was decided, for which a handsome trophy, weighing 74 ounces and a beautiful specimen of the silversmith's art, was subscribed for by members of the promoting club.

In his Lancastrian rival—Alfred E. Tysoe—Welsh was tackling a worthy opponent—one, moreover, who had had a much wider experience of competitive

foot-racing. Tysoe had graduated quickly from handicap ranks to a national eminence in athletics. He was a runner of extraordinary versatility, winning races from 220 yards up to 10 miles. His A.A.A. titles included the 880 yards (1899, 1900), 1 Mile (1897), and 10 Miles (1897); and he was also one of the winning six which carried the Salford Harriers' colours to victory in the National C.C. Championship of 1898.

It is related of Tysoe that his appearance in the 10 Miles Flat Championship of 1897 was merely in the nature of a training run, and simply to be regarded as a prelude to his efforts for the season just beginning. Clad in sweater and a scarf he jogged along for over five miles, and only in the later stages of the race did he become conscious that he had distinct prospects of success. Doffing his top-sheets en route, Tysoe set about the task of confirming his belief, and, thanks to the slowish pace of the race throughout, he was able to utilise his turn of speed to run home a comfortable winner.

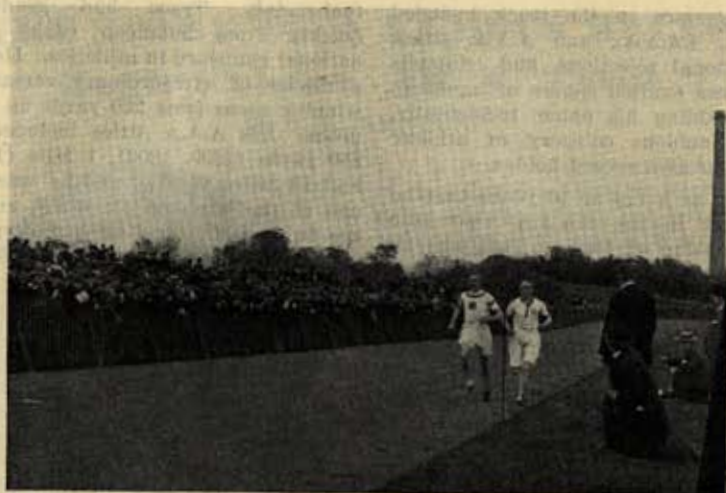
A frequent visitor to Scotland—and an exceedingly popular one—Tysoe ran some splendid races at Powderhall, on one occasion establishing a Scottish All-Comers' record for the 880 yards, when winning a handicap event over that distance at the annual sports of the St. Bernards F.C., at Powderhall Grounds, in 1 min. 57 4/5th sec. from scratch.

So much, then, concerning the principals in this athletic drama. The following description of the race is from the pen of the late David S. Duncan, and here acknowledgment is now gratefully made for permission to print the extract and accompanying illustrations from the pages of the school publication "The Watsonian," to I. Graham Andrew, Esq., Headmaster of George Watson's Boys' College.

#### The Race

"Welsh was first to emerge from the stripping-box, and received a tremendous ovation from the assembled thousands, and when Tysoe appeared a few seconds later, his reception was none the less enthusiastic. Both men looked





The Third Lap: Tysoe takes the lead.

the picture of health and fitness. Welsh, who is 5 ft. 8 in., weighs 10st. 2lb., whilst Tysoe stands 5 ft. 7 in., scaling 10 st. 7 lb. There was a low buzz of excitement as the men toed their marks at the north-west corner of the Grounds the race being run left-hand in at Tysoe's request.

"The Englishman drew the inside position, but when Mr. John Davidson, the well-known Powderhall handicapper, sent the men on their journey, Welsh was the first to forge in front, with Tysoe at his elbow, both running free and easy within themselves. A brisk pace was maintained, and when the first lap had been covered the enemy recorded 62 2/5th sec.

"The second lap was a repetition of the first, except that Tysoe had fallen behind Welsh and given himself more elbow-room; the time returned for this quarter was given as 68 sec. Excitement was gradually rising as the runners entered into the third lap, and every stride seemed to be followed with an eager intensity. Tysoe seemed to be running well within himself, and there seemed to arise an uneasy suspicion that the Scot had at last found his master.

"At the end of the third lap—covered in 71 1/5th sec.—Tysoe bounded into the lead, and entered the "stand" straight with a clear margin. As he passed down that straight he was encouraged with a loud cheer from his Prestonian friends, who were present in large numbers to support their man—not only vocally but also financially. He sustained his burst of speed and entered the home straight with a 10 yards lead, and it seemed for the moment that Welsh was outclassed. Here it was, however, that Welsh made that wonderful effort which can never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. He came away at sprinting speed—and, remember, Tysoe was running at top speed—caught Tysoe some 50 yards from the tape and simply left the Englishman standing.

"Never have I seen such an effort equalled. As he leaped at the tape, hands held high in the air, yards in front of Tysoe—the crowd was electrified, and the ensuing scene of enthusiasm was a truly remarkable tribute to the runners. The suspense and pent-up feeling during the four-odd minutes of the race; the agony of a possible



The Finish: Welsh's electrifying burst. Tysoe obscured by the crowd at the tape.

defeat; and then the glorious victory! The time was 4 min. 23 3/5th sec., which is a new Scottish record."

Both athletes have passed from the scenes of their athletic triumphs, but

they have left behind them a stirring memory to those who witnessed their gallant efforts, and—let us hope—an inspiration to succeeding generations of youth.

#### RUNNING COMMENTARY—Campsie High-lights—(continued).

Another magnificent performance was that of G. Kordas, of Nottingham University, who threw the hammer 172 ft. 8½ in., to beat the all-comers' record held by himself. At the same time, D. McD. Clark, who is native record holder at this event with his recent 168 ft. 9½ in., set up his best ever throw of 171 ft. 8½ in. at British Police Championships. Being on English soil this will not rank as a native record.

There was a poor crowd at Hampden Park on the same day to see some of Britain's best in the Achilles v. Atalanta match. Atalanta gained only one success—again through that grand track and cross-country all-rounder and Englishman, R. H. Kendall, in the mile.

There were other fine ventures, including West Calder and Motherwell Y.M. Sports, on the same day, and, though there are many difficulties to overcome, better planning is needed to avoid these clashes. This would all be more beneficial to competitors, spectator enthusiasts and sports' promoters.

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Auchmountain Harriers are organising sports, to be held at King George V Park, on Saturday, 23rd August. There are four open events:—14 miles Road Race, Youths' 100 yds. and 880 yds., and one lap Obstacle Race. Entries close on Friday, 15th August, with A. K. McDonald, 1 Auchenleck Terrace, Port-Glasgow.



# S.A.A.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reviewed by JAMES L. LOGAN.

The most disappointing feature of the Junior Championships, held on Saturday, 28th June, was the attendance, little more than 100 spectators being scattered round Kilmarnock's Rugby Park.

The narrow cinder track, which could just accommodate four lanes, was loose and times for track events were slow, with the brilliant exception of A. Y. Monaghan's 22.9 sec. "220." This clipped half-a-second from Allan Watt's best championship figures of 1940, and, together with his smart "100" success in 10.3 sec., gained for Monaghan the new "Glegg" trophy, awarded for the most meritorious performance at the Junior Championships. This lad will do better yet, for there appears to be some room for improvement in his starting. His relatively better performance over the longer sprint (remembering track conditions) strengthened this opinion.

The high and broad jumps, and the 120 yards hurdles, drove home object lessons in the all-importance of technique. In the high jump, for instance, the two or three lads who used the out-moded "scissors" style were speedily eliminated, leaving a clear field for those who favoured more advanced methods.

A. G. Ramsay, Victoria Park; W. Bilsland, Paisley Grammar School; and W. G. Kilpatrick, Bellahouston Harriers, all using the Western Roll style, fought out the final stages, each lad clearing 5 ft. 5 in. Ramsay and Bilsland went on to clear 5 ft. 6 in., but the honour went to Ramsay, who had fewer failures. Here, again, superior technical efficiency was the deciding factor. Ramsay's run-up was accurate and his confident approach to the bar allowed him to concentrate all his attention on the actual leap. Bilsland, on the other hand, had to step short in order to fit in his run-up, and a jumper never shows his true capabilities under these conditions.

Although unplaced, young A. S. Rankin (Glasgow High School), caught the eye with his crisp variation of the straight, Eastern cut-off style of leap.

Uncertainty in the run-up (a fatal fault in this event) again forced Bilsland into second place in the broad jump, D. A. Stewart, George Heriot's School, gaining the title with a grand effort of 20 ft. 11 in.

The latter had

a good "double," winning the 120 yds. hurdles in the excellent time of 16.4 sec., a mere 1/5th of a sec. outside J. G. M. Hart's Junior record figures of last year. There were only two contestants in this event, which was the most revealing example of technique versus "catch-as-catch-can" methods. Stewart, by faultless jumping and accurate striding, reached the tape while his solitary opponent was still negotiating the second-last hurdle.

J. J. P. O'Brien, Victoria Park A.A.C., showed power and excellent judgment in winning the "quarter" in 56 sec., a time which he can considerably reduce on a faster track.

The half-mile went, as expected, to J. S. Petty, in the very moderate time of 2 min. 11.8 sec., but the 17-year-old St. Modan's A.C. youth has since proved his ability to better this time by at least 11 sec.

The favourite for the mile, however, long-striding D. R. B. Grubb, George Heriot's School (already holder of the Scottish Schools title), could not meet



R. Smith (Garscube H.), Scottish Youths' Mile Champion

the challenge of R. Smith, of Garscube Harriers, whose strong finishing burst took him to the tape in 4 min. 45 sec., an excellent performance on this track.

The hand of the coach was obviously behind E. Clark, Hamilton Academy, who won the javelin event with a stylish throw of 174 ft. 2 in., a Junior Championship "best." The runner-up, G. A. Bell, George Heriot's, also had the distinction of beating the previous record figures with a fine cast of 171 ft. 4 in. This event is evidently Hamilton's speciality in the athletics world.

The relay was a thrilling finale to the day's sport, St. Modan's just succeeding in holding off a gallant last-lap challenge by Springburn Harriers.

Instead of the customary medals, winners and runners-up received appropriately-designed plaques, an original thought on the part of the S.A.A.A.

## Details:

100 Yds. — A. Y. Monaghan (Renfrew Y.M.C.A.), 1; D. Rodger (Hamilton Har.), 2; G. A. Bell (Heriot's), 3. 10.2 sec.

220 Yds. — A. Y. Monaghan (Renfrew Y.M.C.A.), 1; J. McGregor (Victoria Park), 2; A. Cleland (Shettleston H.), 3. 22.9 sec (new record).

440 Yds. — J. J. P. O'Brien (Victoria Park), 1; E. H. Henricksen (Edinburgh H.), 2; J. M. Cameron (Glasgow H.S. and Bellahouston H.), 3. 56 sec.

880 Yds. — J. S. Petty (St. Modan's), 1; K. A. Cameron (Glasgow Univ.), 2; J. A. Chadwin (Glasgow H.S.), 3. 2 min. 11.8 sec.

Mile. — R. Smith (Garscube H.), 1; D. R. B. Grubb (Heriot's), 2; J. B. Wood (Glasgow H.S. and West of Scotland H.), 3. 4 min 45 sec.

120 Yds. Hurdles. — D. A. Stewart (Heriot's), 1; R. Bailey (Victoria Park), 2. 16.4 sec.

High Jump. — A. G. Ramsay (Victoria Park), 1; W. Bilsland (Paisley Gram.), 2; W. G. Kilpatrick (Bellahouston Har.), 3. 5 ft. 6 in.

Broad Jump. — D. A. Stewart (Heriot's), 1; W. Bilsland (Paisley Gram.), 2; W. G. Kilpatrick (Bellahouston H.), 3. 20 ft. 11 in.

Throwing the Javelin. — E. Clark (Hamilton Academy), 1; G. A. Bell (Heriot's), 2; H. R. Adair (Dollar Academy), 3. 174 ft. 2 in. (record).

Putting the Weight (12 lb.). — G. S. Brown (Heriot's), 1; G. K. Guthrie (Victoria Park A.A.C.), 2; G. Baird (St. Modan's A.C.), 3. 36 ft. 6 in.

Medley Relay. — St. Modan's, 1; Springburn Har., 2; Victoria Park A.A.C., 3. 2 min. 41.1 sec.

## S.A.A.A. Championship—Marathon:

Falkirk to New Meadowbank, Edinburgh. — D. McNab Robertson (Maryhill H.) (holder), 1, 2 hr. 37 min. 39 sec. (best Championship performance); J. E. Farrell (Maryhill H.), 2, 2 hr. 42 min. 53 sec.; J. Park (West Kilbride A.A.C.), 3, 2 hr. 56 min. 5 sec.

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## THE TRIANGULAR CONTEST

Since J. E. Farrell, in "Running Commentary," has touched on the highlights of athletic performances at the England-Ireland-Scotland athletic contest, held in conjunction with the Scottish Marathon Championship (Falkirk to Edinburgh) on 5th July, at New Meadowbank, Edinburgh, we only wish to make a few general comments whilst presenting the details for study and reference.

The meeting was freely criticised for being too dragged out and finishing very much behind the scheduled time. It is only fair to record that this was partly caused by the officials in not allowing other events to take place whilst the marathon leaders were approaching, which was wise and courteous, but it seems there could have been better planning of the schedule of events.

The meeting did not enthuse the crowd as it ought to have done. Sports' promoters must make it their definite intention to cater for the public. Such an approach was lacking at this contest. The announcements of the results were disgraceful, the announcement of an event being given possibly after one or two other events had taken place. Surely a hold-up such as this is not necessary, and, surely, very annoying to the public.

Then, again, it has been reported that the Irish officials objected to the Senior Five-a-Side Football Tournament, and we would uphold this objection. The tournament was not in tune with the meeting and, anyway, the S.A.A.A. should aim at fostering pure athleticism—in the end it would gain greater dividends for the sport, through a greater athletic-minded public. Such football tournaments cannot compare with the thrills of athletic contests!

There was a large attendance, and the bumper "gate" will help the S.A.A.A. Treasury, since out of the income England and Ireland only received a guarantee of £50 each.

Though Ireland gained most individual successes, England won the contest with 85 points to Ireland's 64 points, and Scotland's 37 points. The meeting was summed up quite aptly in the Irish Press, thus:—"To Ireland the honours. To England the victory. To Scotland the money."

### Full details:—

**100 Yds.**—E. McDonald Bailey (England), 1; A. Watt (Scotland), 2; W. D. McKee (Ireland), 3; J. Fairgrieve (England), 4; J. A. Gregory (Ireland), 5. 2 yds.; 1 yd. 10.1 sec.

**220 Yds.**—J. Fairgrieve (England), 1; A. J. Gregory (Ireland), 2; A. Watt (Scotland), 3; W. D. McKee (Ireland), 4; R. Toome (England), 5. 2 yds.; 1 yd. 23 sec.

**440 Yds.**—J. P. Reardon (Ireland), 1; B. Elliott (England), 2; C. O. Cleirigh (Ireland), 3; D. C. Pugh (England), 4; W. D. H. Conacher (Scotland), 5. 3 yds.; 4 yds. 49.7 sec.

**880 Yds.**—C. T. White (England), 1; R. L. Sarbutt (England), 2; C. J. Hall (Scotland), 3; J. R. Nelson (Ireland), 4; W. N. Ritchie (Scotland), 5. 3 yds.; 6 yds. 1 min. 57.9 sec.

**1 Mile.**—J. J. Barry (Ireland), 1; A. H. Pettet (England), 2; W. T. Hawkey (England), 3; F. Sinclair (Scotland), 4; R. T. S. Macpherson (Scotland), 5. 10 yds.; 5 yds. 4 min. 25.2 sec.

**Three Miles.**—H. A. Olney (England), 1; A. Forbes (Scotland), 2; S. H. McCooke (Ireland), 3; D. M. Haw (England), 4; J. Owens (Ireland), 5. 1 yd.; 5 yds. 14 min. 32 sec. (A new Scottish native record of 14 min. 32.2 sec. by A. Forbes.)

**120 Yds. Hurdles.**—Prince Adedoyin (Ireland), 1; D. O. Finlay (England), 2; J. G. M. Hart (Scotland), 3; F. Sharpley (Ireland), 4; R. A. Powell (England), 5. 2 yds.; 4 yds. 16 sec.

**High Jump.**—Prince Adedoyin (Ireland), 1, 6 ft. 2 in.; R. C. Pavitt and A. W. Selwyn (England) tied 2nd, 6 ft.; G. A. Garrick (Scotland), 4, 5 ft. 8 in.

**Long Jump.**—Prince Adedoyin (Ireland), 1, 23 ft. 5½ in.; D. C. Watts (England), 2, 23 ft. 5½ in.; J. Morris (England), 3, 21 ft. 9½ in.; R. M. Smith (Scotland), 4, 21 ft. 9½ in.; G. H. Calhoun (Scotland), 5, 20 ft. 3 in.

**Javelin.**—M. Y. Chote (England), 1, 185 ft. 9½ in.; M. J. Dalrymple (England), 2, 184 ft.; P. G. Skeas (Scotland), 3, 164 ft. 11 in.; M. Gleeson (Ireland), 4, 158 ft. 2 in.; D. Kernohan (Ireland), 5, 154 ft. 5 in.

**Shot.**—D. Guiney (Ireland), 1, 46 ft. 11 in.; H. E. Moody (England), 2, 46 ft. 5 in.; C. Glancy (Ireland), 3, 41 ft. 11½ in.; D. McD. Clark (Scotland), 4, 30 ft. 10 in.; J. D. Brewer (England), 5, 30 ft. 7½ in.

**Discus.**—J. E. Nesbitt (Ireland), 1, 142 ft. 3½ in.; E. J. Brewer (England), 2, 139 ft. 9 in.; A. Fields (England), 3, 138 ft. 2½ in.; D. Young (Scotland), 4, 129 ft. 9½ in.; J. W. Dalziel (Scotland), 5, 121 ft. 2½ in.

**1 Mile Relay** (440, 220, 220, 880)—England (R. Toome, McDonald Bailey, D. C. Pugh, C. T. White), 1; Ireland, 2; Scotland, 3. 20 yds.; 70 yds. 3 min. 36.5 sec.



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### CONSIDER THE "WEE" CLUBS

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to a problem which is becoming acute with provincial clubs, particularly in Ayrshire. Please grant the space to allow a plea for a discussion on recruiting new members for harrier clubs.

Since 1939 it has been increasingly difficult to attract new members to clubs in Ayrshire. During the war years the majority of the clubs had to postpone activities. Since then old members from the Forces in many cases, have rallied round club officials in certain districts. Clubs like Kilmarnock, West Kilbride A.C., Ayr A.C., Doon and Beith have managed to resume, but in many cases the membership numbers are only small compared with pre-war years. This state of affairs is not improved when a particular Glasgow club appears to encourage Ayrshire men to join their club.

I know that one does not want, normally, to discourage a free choice of club, but in certain circumstances, this, in my opinion, should be done in the interests of the smaller clubs. This problem has existed always, and has been considered to the extent of making the N.C.C.U. formulate Rule 5 for championship races, which is: "That all competitors must reside within a radius of ten miles of the headquarters of the Club, but any runner residing outwith this radius will be eligible, providing he is not a member of any other Cross-Country Club." In effect, this means that certain members living in or around Kilmarnock who have joined a Glasgow club, cannot be even second claim members of the local Club.

The real answer to this is, of course, for the particular individuals to support the local club, or delete the latter

part of this rule from the word "but" onwards. There is another suggestion which, I know, may have been applied already, but which should be more rigidly adhered to, and, that is, for Glasgow club officials and coaches to discourage recruitment from areas where there are provincial clubs in existence.

In all fairness to athletes who wish to join large clubs in Glasgow instead of the local club, there are undoubtedly advantages for them. But there are also disadvantages, in particular, the travelling distance to and from club training quarters. Often a local club has been good enough to provide facilities for training where this was wanted, at a small charge, though the athletes were claimed by a distant club.

There is insufficient space to continue this discussion, but I do honestly think that a solution should be found which would be more satisfactory to the smaller clubs. What do your other readers think?

Wishing the magazine every success.  
—I remain, Yours in Sport,

DAVID L. RICHARDSON.  
Kilmarnock.

### WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Dear Editor,—The magazine gets better and better, and, if I may make a suggestion, articles on training methods, such as Tom Hampson's, in the July issue, are just what the doctor ordered.

Good luck and long life to "The Scots Athlete."—Yours in Sport,  
Alexandria. W. STEVENSON.

### BOUND VOLUME—AND EARLY TWENTIES

Dear Mr. Ross.—I received the Bound Volume I of "The Scots Athlete," and was most pleased with its make-up. It will be an invaluable, permanent record if you can keep it up year by year.

I have often thought it a shame that Scotland has no record, in book form, of the fine athletic contests of the early twenties when Liddell, Robb, C. S. Brown, Romford and C. H. Johnstone were in the University teams, and when

"Dunky" Wright was a young fellow training for the 1924 Olympics, and when Douglas Lowe brought the Achilles team to compete with Atalanta. Then, there were the same herd of lesser-known runners as we have now, but all just as keen. Comparing the periods, there is this difference—the schools are now giving athletics more systematic attention—but, even yet, a greater interest could, and should, be developed.

I may say that I get looking at "The Scots Athlete" after my track-keen family have gone to bed. Already it is being constantly produced to settle arguments about events and times.

It is strange, in a way, to find that, to this generation, a name like Eric Liddell is much less significant than that of Alan Paterson, but that is how it has to be; but that is where a record like "The Scots Athlete" is invaluable.

My association with the sport is that I was a founder of the Glasgow University Hares and Hounds (first secretary and second captain).

If there is any quiet way in which I can help with your paper and Scottish athletics, I shall be glad to be approached. Never a first-class runner, I yet had the most happy and valuable experiences of my pre-working days on the track and over the country, and I have that debt in mind.

**ERRATTA.**—Last month's issue recorded that R. F. Edington, Glasgow University A.C., won the S.A.A.A. pole vault title with 10 ft. 6 in. This should have been recorded as 11 ft. 3 in. We understand that R. F. Edington had won the title at 10 ft. 6 in., but went on to clear 11 ft. 3 in. in the contest.

There was also an error in reference to the announcer at the championship. This should have read "G. P. Richardson," and not "G. P. Henderson." This obviously arose because of the same initials of these gentlemen, to whom we apologise.

Also last month reference was made to a new world-record Discus throw, but since that was published there

Your paper is well planned. I cannot see how it can fail to make a wide appeal if it is sufficiently known, but even if it did not, it would still be, in my opinion, the duty and responsibility of Scottish clubs, to see that it was maintained.

I hope you will gain ever-increasing support.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH A. MACKAY.

Glasgow, N.W., 20/6/47.

### TORQUAY A.A.C.

Dear Mr. Ross.—You will have noticed by "Athletics" that our Torquay meeting was quite successful. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, and I do hope that next year we may see some representatives from over the Border. It is possible we shall stage a big three-day affair very early in September, 1948.

I was very interested in the July issue and particularly the article on Women's athletics—for Scots. It should give a good lead to getting women's athletics in the North well organised. They can do well, as many I know in the Services were outstanding, and with encouragement and training, give the best of the English girls a good run. Kindest regards.—Yours sincerely,

Torquay. JOHN LEWINGTON.

have been other reports of throws claimed to be new world's records—178 ft. 4 in. by Fortune Gordien, at Oslo; and 180 ft. 2 in. by Bob Fitch, in the United States, and, therefore, until any new-claimed record is ratified, the world's discus record should be quoted as 177 ft. 11 in., set up by the famous Italian expert, A. Consoloni, at Milan, 14th April, 1946.

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### PRELIMINARY DATES, 1948.

MAY 29th—County Championships.

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