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THE  
OLYMPIC GAMES

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DESPITE some disappointments in the flat events Scotland has done better than expected with 6 men chosen for the Olympic team. Anglos A. McCorquodale (London) A.C.) and J. Fairgrieve (Achilles) the former in both sprints; the latter in the 200 metres, Alan Paterson (Victoria Park) in the high jump, A. S. Lindsay (St. Andrews University) in hop, step and jump, and our two hammer-throwers Duncan Clarke (R.U.C.) and E. C. K. Douglas (R.A.F.). In addition Allan Watt (Shettleston) and D. D. McKenzie (Edinburgh University) are on the short leet for the 2 relay events, the former in the 4 x 100 metre event and the latter in the 4 x 400 me'res.

## Lindsay Excels

Apart from the showing of our Anglos in the sprints perhaps the most agreeable surprise was the excellent form shown by Allan Lindsay in the hop, step and jump. The Scottish champion made a great bid

renowned Australian G. G. Avery by the narrow margin of 34 ins. but proving himself definitely Britain's best in this event.

Scots A. Forbes, A. McLean, R. H. Boyd and J. Smart, all did well to gain standard medals although failing to secure places in the first

3. I feel that a meed of sympathy is due to Andy Forbes who, despite recurring foot trouble which handicapped him in the final stages of his training, still managed to do a 14 mins. 32 secs. 3 miles. Alec McLean now running better than ever returned the good time of 31 mins. 3 secs. whilst great praise is due our young Scottish champion half-miler, Smart, in fighting his way to the final and clocking the splendid time of approximately 1 min. 57 secs. Robin Boyd, despite his good show in 440 yards hurdles, puzzles me somewhat. I saw him win a 440 yards flat on grass at Westerlands in a shade over 50 secs. in grand style. Perhaps he has not been able to acquire

**Australian Successes in A.A.A.  
Championships**

Among the features of this year's A.A.A. championships was the five-star victory of the Australian athletes, although not yet acclimatised. Impressive victories were scored in 100 yards and 440 yards by youthful prodigies, Jack Treloar and Morris Curotta, whilst their compatriots took all three jumps, long, high, and hop, step and jump.

From a British point of view the sensational victories of Harry Parlett, Joe Birrell and in a lesser degree those of Geo. Nankeville and Harry Churcher were perhaps the high-lights. His consummate judgment in over-hauling prime favourites Douglas Harris and Arthur Wint whilst they were apparently fighting out the issue and winning on the post in 1 min. 52.2 secs. stamps Parlett, at least, as a real live contender for Wembley honours.

In the absence of maestro Don Finlay through a pulled muscle, the 120 yards hurdle event appeared to be at the mercy of Australian John Gardner, but out of the "blue" appeared 18-year-old schoolboy Joseph Birrell of Barrow Grammar to outpace all his opponents to win in 15.1 secs. Thus an unknown earned his place in the British Olympic team and put the British contingent into the "seventh heaven" of delight.

**Ups and Downs of Form**

How have the mighty fallen! Among those who have lost some of their form are McDonald Bailey, Arthur Wint, J. C. Wilkinson, Tom White, Douglas Wilson, and the long-distance walkers, Charles Megnin and Harry Forbes. Some of these however will compete in the Games and may show improving form. Staleness and muscle injuries are the athletes' chief bane. Some compensation however is the sudden rise to eminence of Parlett, Birrell and McCorquodale.

**McCorquodale**

McCorquodale is a robust, determined sprinter who unfortunately will find himself up against world sprinters of exceptional class. Nevertheless should he manage to qualify for the final stages of his events it is just possible he may create a minor surprise as he is the type to thrive on hard work and the enervating effect of heats and semi's may have less effect on him than on some others.



Scots-born and British champion ALISTAIR MCCORQUODALE, Britain's only contestant in the 100 and 200 metres.

There are sure to be many colourful athletes at WEMBLEY. In the sprints besides McDonald Bailey, McCorquodale and "Aussie" Jack Treloar, there will be tall, slim Californian record-holder Mel Patton. Perhaps through too much racing last season he developed muscle cramp. But if his recent times are any indication 9.4 and an unofficial 9.3 for 100 yards this American "winged mercury" will make them all travel in the "blistering" sprints. But can he duplicate these feats in the dubious London atmosphere as he did in sun-drenched California. Lloyd La Beach of Panama is another who is apparently running "like the wind."

**Coloured Veteran's Great Come-back**

In the ruthless American Olympic try-outs 31-year-old Barney Ewell who was of Championship class in 1937 defeated the Western Hemisphere's best sprinters in 10.2 for 100 metres which equals world record. A sensational but great perfor-

**MCDONALD BAILEY**

The McDonald Bailey of last year had an equal chance of winning either or both sprints but since his unfortunate and deep-seated muscle trouble he has not been quite the same sprinter. Still he appears to be improving at each outing and who knows but at Wembley, with confidence somewhat restored, he might come right back to his last year's form which was good enough for anything.

**McKenley will Hustle**

"Hustling" Herb, McKenley, giant Jamaican of the Arthur Wint type, is undoubtedly the classiest 400 metre candidate according to the record book. He has put up record performances from 100 yards up and his latest time for 440 yards 45.9 secs. (not yet passed) borders on the fantastic. Still, record-breaking can cause re-action and McKenley despite his extraordinary class may have to fight hard to win his Olympic event. The new A.A.A. champion boy wonder, 18-year-old "Morrie" Curotta is one who will make them all travel. With a habit of covering

the first 220 at sprinting speed he may upset the field by this tactic but he will surely produce fire-works.

**JIMMY REARDON**

His chief draw-back may be his age. Will he be hard enough to take heats, semi and final in his stride or will he be experienced enough to distribute his pace correctly over the full 440 yards. Eire's nominee and recently deposed A.A.A. champion Jimmy Reardon is a more than useful outsider for this title. He is a smooth strider and a strong finisher.

**Another Peter Pan**

All eyes will be on the South African Denis Shore who ran in the Berlin Olympic in 1936 and seems to be, if anything, improving with age. Now almost 34 years of age he has shown devastating form in the last two seasons over various distances. Denis feels in great shape and hopes to break 47 secs. for 400 metres.

**Will Hampson's Record Go?**

With Doug. Harris (New Zealand), Arthur Wint of Jamaica, Holst-Soërensen of Denmark, and the Swedes headed by

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European champion Gustafsson as well as our own Harry Parlett, there is every possibility of Tommy Hampson's 800 metres Olympic record going by the board. However, the latter's record was set up in the rarefied atmosphere of Los Angeles which does mean something.

#### HOLST-SOERENSEN

Until his recent surprise defeat by Harry Parlett, fair-haired Douglas Harris was perhaps the favourite and is still highly favoured. Also in this category is the sturdy Dane Holst-Soerensen whose rather unorthodox leg action will be closely watched.

#### ARTHUR WINT

Arthur Wint of Jamaica whom we all know so well here seems to have lost a little of his finishing fire but one feels that, could he recapture it and be thoroughly roused he could run all his opponents into the ground. But no matter how he fares there will be no more colourful competitor in the Games. How

the crowd will love the space-devouring strides of this 6 ft. 4 ins. giant as he moves in apparent negligent fashion round the track.

#### Will Nerves Beat Strand?

Pessimistic, highly-strung Lennart Strand is recognised as the classiest contender for the coveted 1,500 metres bay. That is, on a time basis; for he has equalled Haegg's world record of 3 mins. 43 secs. for 1,500 metres and is reckoned to be the likeliest of modern runners to run the 4 minutes' mile now that Haegg and Andersson have been outlawed from the amateur ranks. Reports of his pre-race nervous condition may be highly coloured. Nevertheless no less an authority than Nurmi himself is alleged to have declared that nerves are likely to beat Strand and that he prefers the chances of Sweden's second string Eriksson. However, if Strand reaches best form and can control this condition his rivals will imagine themselves to be chasing a phantom. But there's the rub. Lacking the towering

presence of his compatriots this sensitive musician will nevertheless attract attention with his dapper appearance. With his long fair "wind-swept" locks he will indeed be a kenspeckle figure in the Wembley arena.

#### MARCEL HANSENNE

Marcel Hansen, of France, equally proficient at 800 and 1,500 metres is likely to concentrate on the latter distance, to the surprise of many good judges who prefer him in the former event. One reason given for the change-over is that he has not the required speed over 400 metres that an 800 metres man requires. He has failed to beat 49.2 secs. for this distance! Then with advancing age (Hansen is over 30) it is customary to extend one's distance. Whatever happens to him at Wembley this charming French sports writer will not fail because of lack of training, for he has been conscientious and thorough to the Nth degree.

#### 5,000 and 10,000 Metres High-Lights of the Games

The pièce de résistance of the Games may well prove to be the 5,000 and 10,000 metres events. When Sydney Wooderson gained his notable triumph at Oslo in the European 5,000 metres championship the order was Wooderson (Great Britain), Slijkhuis (Holland), Nyberg (Sweden), Heino (Finland), Zatopek (Czecho-Slovakia), Reiff (Belgium). With Wooderson retired from track events, the remaining five athletes should fight out the issue between them in the shorter event assuming they all compete which is not certain as Heino and Zatopek may confine their attentions to the 10,000 metres.

#### WILLI SLIJKHUIS

After his two epic races with Wooderson, Willi Slijkhuis was regarded as a probable winner of the 5,000 metres, but since then his stock has slumped somewhat. Some critics have suggested that he lacks the winner's mentality, the

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"killer" instinct; a great runner without the supreme victory urge. Those closest to him maintain that this is a wrong conception. That his apparent lapses are due to his long term policy, somewhat after the Lovelock policy of being content to lose intermediate races but win the final victory. As they put it "He has the nerve to lose, to win." We shall see. At any rate Slijkhuis will be worth watching. The dapper little "Flying Dutchman" is the poetry of motion with a style as smooth as silk and in many respects reminiscent of the immaculate Peter Ward. Sometimes I feel he is too copy-book in technique and could do with a little of the Wooderson dash.

#### GASTON REIFF

Greatly fancied to win this event for Belgium is that much improved runner Gaston Reiff. He also has been pursuing a long-term policy, part of which has been fast under-distance work combined with a gradual increase of distance. Almost equally good over 1,500 metres, Reiff has to his credit victories over such as Heino, Strand, and the redoubtable Zatopek himself; the race with the last mentioned was one of the most dramatic on record, Reiff just holding off the "iron man" in a desperate finish. Only 27 years of age, but sparse of hair, this shy but determined Belgian ace is sure to make a real bid. He suggests to me as being rather more highly strung in his make-up than his rivals and perhaps not just so dependable. But if in one of his best moods he has a winning chance. One thing should give him confidence. He is definitely the speediest man in the race as witness his exceptionally fast times over 1,500 metres.

#### EMIL ZATOPEK

Emil Zatopek, sturdily built Czech, may well win both 5,000 and 10,000 metres events if he decides to go for the double. Nevertheless there are reports that he may confine himself to the longer event. Over the past two seasons Zatopek has improved literally by leaps and bounds leaving a succession of fast times which have astonished the world and put him in the Heino class. Unlike the other contenders he appears just to take every-



DENIS SHORE of South Africa ran in the 1916 Olympics. His remarkable speed has not left him over the years and he competes with a great chance in the 400 metres at London.

track, and some judges feel that there is a slight danger of staleness setting in on the eve of the Games. Still up to the present his performances do not indicate any signs of that. A positive glutton for work, as regards both training and racing, Zatopek must be possessed of remarkable inner strength as he sets a killing pace and maintains it to the end.

#### VILJO HEINO

Should Heino compete in the 5,000 metres he too must come into the reckoning, but it is at 10,000 metres where he holds the world record that he demonstrates his most thrilling and ruthless pace. Should Heino and Zatopek both compete in the longer event, fit and well, I take this event as the high-light of the Games. Similar in type, both men may set a pace the like of which has never been seen before until one man cracks, and given favourable conditions records may go by the board.

However, since Heino's status has been in doubt, little has been heard of him and it is not certain what event or events he may concentrate on.

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ABOVE :

H. J. PARLETT, British 880 yards champion and "hope" for the 800 metres.

RIGHT :

HARRY CHURCHER, likely candidate for the supreme Olympic honour in the 10,000 metres walk. The photo shows him setting up a new world's 5 mile record.



RIGHT :

F. R. WEBSTER competes in his 2nd Olympiad. Was 6th in the Pole-Vault at Berlin in 1936 with 13 ft, 1½ ins.



ABOVE :

R. C. PAVITT, the Southern Counties' Champion, uses the "straddle."



"Running Commentary"—Continued.

A Garbo-like silence has been maintained regarding him, but, it has been mentioned that the 33-year-old Finn may go for the "incredible double," 10,000 metres and Marathon, but I do not believe he can pull off that double for reasons which I may indicate later.

#### RAPHAEL PUJAZON

Other personalities worth watching at the Games will be the Steeplechase experts, Pujazon of France, Sjostrand (Sweden) and Siltaloppi of Finland. Swarthy, Spanish born Raphael Pujazon gets my vote for this event despite the fact that Siltaloppi is expected to beat 9 minutes for the 3,000 metres chase. Little has been heard of Pujazon lately, but if anything this increases my confidence in him rather than the reverse. Fast as he is I feel that his superb jumping may give him the advantage.

#### HARRISON DILLARD

Other American personalities whom we had hoped to see in their respective specialities, high hurdles and putting the shot were coloured athletes, Harrison Dillard and stream-lined Adonis "Chick" Fonville. But the American selectors choose their men solely on the final trials despite the previous record and performances of the athletes; and in this ruthless survival of the fittest both men failed to qualify for their specialities despite being world record-holders in their events. Harrison, however, scraped into the Olympic team as a sprinter by virtue of his 3rd place in the 100 metres trial.

#### STEVE SEYMOUR

It will be interesting to see if Dr. Seymour of U.S.A. can break the Finnish sequence in the Javelin. The Doctor has hurled the spear 248 ft. 10 ins., approximately 10 ft. further than Jarvinen's Olympic record although still 10 ft. short of Mikkonen's amazing world record. Seymour claims to have developed a new technique, a compromise between the Finnish over-arm and the American side-arm styles.

The hammer throw and the hop, step and jump were two events in which the German and Japanese athletes excelled but in the regrettable absence of these

#### NEMETH

Win or lose, however, Nemeth of Hungary will repay close scrutiny in the hammer event. Almost unbelievably light for this event he excels in technique with a deftness of footwork as he swings which must be seen to be believed.

#### A Word to Alan

Naturally we shall be interested in the high jump especially in the doings of Alan Paterson who despite recent lapses still carries our hopes. The American jumpers have recently topped over 6 ft. 8 ins. which is higher than our man's best and demonstrates their exceptional class. Apparently we are not likely to see that fine jumper and sportsman "Bill" Vessie who did not make the team. This is unfortunate. As a renewal of his association with Vessie may have given Paterson that "uplift" of which he is in need. Still Alan's recent slump may be a blessing in disguise. Perhaps with a lessening of strain of nervous tension he will trip on to the Wembley turf with more buoyancy, with less lead in his feet and exhibit that effortless technique of which he is a master.

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#### WILLIE STEELE

In the long jump the pace will be set by an American, brown-skinned, well-built Willie Steele from San Diego, who is within striking distance of Jesse Owen's best leaps.

The walk too should provide tremendous interest not only because of the bid of our own man Harry Churcher to win but because of the variety of styles employed by the contestants. These men are supple to a degree, but the judges may also require to take suppling exercises to watch the style of the sensational South African walker Reyneke about whose technique there has been so much controversy. Balsan (Czecho-Slovakia) is another fast walker whose style is somewhat suspect. It would surely be unique in Olympic history if Rex Whitlock were to follow in brother Harold's footsteps and take the 50 kilometres walk.

#### MRS. BLANKERS-KOEN

And a word about the ladies. Although eyes will be focused intently on the efforts of Maureen Gardner, Sylvia Cheeseman,

and Mrs. Jordan for Britain, that versatile Dutch lady Mrs. Blankers-Koen will be keenly awaited. Now 30, and the mother of two, she is an athlete of amazing versatility, equally proficient at hurdles, sprints, long and high jump. At Oslo in 1946, she won the 80 metres hurdles in ready fashion and the race between her and Miss Gardner should produce a particularly thrilling contest.

#### The Incredible Double

If Heino elects to go seriously for the 10,000 metres and Marathon double of which by the way I am extremely doubtful I shall be most surprised if he pulls it off. I am quite prepared to see him win the 10,000 metres or should he train specially for it, the Marathon, but not both.

To beat Zatopek he would have to train primarily with the 10,000 metres in view. Having merely dabbled in his marathon training how would his legs behave after he had passed 18 or 20 miles when the silky speed has vanished and one is running entirely on one's reserve? Similarly having trained specially for the Marathon

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DONALD FINLAY, Britain's wonder hurdler. He first represented Britain in 1928. He was 3rd in the 110 metres hurdles at Los Angeles in 1932 and runner-up at Berlin in 1936. Still an Olympic challenger in 1948.

would he have the tremendous speed-stamina combination to beat such as Zatopek over 10,000 metres.

#### MIKKO HEITANEN

In other words I feel that the Marathon is a specialist's event. Belgian Marathon champion, Gailly, recently lapped Hierendt in a 10,000 metres event in excellent time. Still from a marathon point of view I am unimpressed. I am more impressed with the world records recently set up by the Finn Hietanen at distances approximating to 15 miles, yet no more than I am at Holden's unofficial record over 30 miles.

#### JACK HOLDEN

The Finn is a candidate to be feared more because he is an established marathon champion who has covered the distance under 2 hrs. 31 mins. Holden's run of 30 miles in approximately 3 hrs. represents an astounding exhibition of stamina, and this is the quality required in marked degree when the 23 mile mark is passed, the ability not so much to accelerate but to keep going.

#### The Olympic Spirit

In the heat of contest the result is of ultra importance, but when the day has been won and lost the athlete can relax, mingle with his brother athletes and enjoy their fellowship even if he does not always

In cold print appear the results and record performances. Little or no mention of the fun, the humour, the camaraderie. Yet just as the by-product is often greater than the product, so the little things will be remembered with relish when the result is almost forgotten or but an entry in a text-book.

In the modern Olympics there is a tendency towards over-specialisation and a fetish for records. Modern competition makes excessive demands on the nervous

Arrangements are well in hand for the Scottish A.A.A. Marathon Championship to be held on a Perth—Dundee course on Saturday, 11th September. Entries close on Saturday, 28th August, with Mr. W. Carmichael, Hon. Secy. S.A.A.A. (E.D.), 38 Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh.

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and physical resources of the athlete with the result that high class athletics is becoming more and more a task and less an expression of the play instinct—the joy of living, the exuberance which causes the kitten and the lamb to frolic.

The tendency to make the result everything; to push out the lust of honest contest for its own sake and the camaraderie which follows into the back-ground is a tendency that must be checked. Yet when all is said and done the Olympic spirit of friendship and goodwill shines through remarkably well. Human nature with all its defects has fundamental qualities which are not easily set aside and in the last analysis victory, though

highly regarded, is not considered everything.

As the poet says:—

"Fame is the scentless sunflower,  
With gaudy crown of gold,  
But Friendship is the breathing rose,  
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Pierre de Coubertin in his efforts to revive the Olympic Games visualised a time when all nations, without exception, should come together to play their games in a spirit of friendship and international goodwill. That the common ground of sport might play its modest part in making any other relation unthinkable. The greatest monument to such a man would be to honour his vision.

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### MEN

Team Captain : W. ROBERTS (Salford)

#### 100 Metres.

A. McCorquodale (London A.C.)  
K. J. Jones (Newport)  
E. McDonald Bailey (Poly.)

#### 200 Metres.

A. McCorquodale (London A.C.)  
J. Fairgrieve (Achilles)  
P. H. Valle (Army & Enfield A.C.)

#### 400 Metres.

L. C. Lewis (Walton)  
D. C. Pugh (S. London H.)  
W. Roberts (Salford)

#### 500 Metres.

H. J. Parlett (Dorking)  
H. G. Tarraway (Southampton U.)  
C. T. White (Lincoln Wellington)

#### 1,500 Metres.

G. W. Nankeville (Old Woking)  
R. A. Morris (Milocarian)  
D. G. Wilson (Poly.)

#### 5,000 Metres.

H. A. Olney (Thames Valley)  
W. E. Lucas (Belgrave)  
J. Braughton (Blackheath)

#### 10,000 Metres.

E. W. Cox (Southgate)  
J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles)  
S. H. McCooke (E. Antrim)

#### Marathon.

L. T. Holden (Tipton)  
T. Richards (S. London H.)  
S. Jones (Poly.)

#### High Jump.

A. S. Paterson (Victoria Park)  
R. C. Pavitt (Poly.)  
Prince A. F. Adedoyin (Queen's U.)

#### Long Jump.

Prince A. F. Adedoyin (Queen's U.)  
H. Whittle (Reading)  
H. E. Askew (Achilles)

#### Hop, Step and Jump.

A. S. Lindsay (St. Andrews U.)  
S. Cross (Birchfield Harriers)  
R. L. Hawkey (Darlington)

#### Pole Vault.

F. R. Webster (Milocarian)

#### 100 Metres Hurdles.

Miss S. Batter (London Olymp.)  
Mrs. W. Jordan (Birchfield)  
Miss D. Masley (Essex L.A.C.)

#### 200 Metres Hurdles.

Miss S. Cheeseman (Spartan)  
Miss M. Walker (Spartan)  
Miss A. Williamson (St. Gregory's)

#### 300 Metres Steeplechase.

T. P. E. Curry (Achilles)  
G. D. C. Tudor (Achilles)  
R. W. Howell (Poly.)

#### 400 Metres Hurdles.

H. Whittle (Reading)  
R. T. Unsworth (Manchester)

#### 5,000 Metres Walk (Track).

R. A. West (Cambridge H.)

#### 10,000 Metres Walk (Track).

T. Lloyd Johnson (Leicester)

#### 50 Kilometre Walk.

H. A. Martineau (Surrey)  
G. B. R. Whitlock (Metropolitan)

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## GEORGE ANDREWS

Died 11th June, 1948.

Aged 37 Years.

IT is with regret we record the death of George Andrews, former novice champion of Plebeian Harriers and contributor to "The Scots Athlete." He died on Friday, 11th June, 1948, in Gartloch Hospital, Gartcosh, and his remains were buried in Craigton Cemetery, Renfrew.

Though known as a temperamental athlete he had a beautiful long stride and had many fine performances to his credit. He won several short-limit handicaps at the middle distances and took Queen's Park F.C., Rangers F.C., and Celtic F.C. "miles." As a member of a famous Plebeian team which ran in the Manchester-Blackpool Road Relay, he ran a fine leg and his time was bettered only by the British Ten Miles record-holder, the late Billy Eaton of Salford Harriers.

In the early part of the 1938 track season which held for him so much promise, as he had gained much experience and intended training to schedule which he felt would give even better results, he felt the first effects of disseminated sclerosis from which disease he was a victim to his passing.

Avowedly individualistic, he had tremendous will-power and carried on his employment manfully fighting a tremendous physical handicap.

Though his career as an active athlete was cut his interest never waned, and he found consolation in the "Athletics" broadcasts by the B.B.C. and the commentaries by Harold M. Abrahams. One of these broadcasts—the 5,000 metres race at Oslo, 1946—inspired his article on "Sydney Wooderson—Prince of Pace" in the September 1946, "The Scots Athlete." For such an article, George Andrews was helped by being blessed with a most retentive memory. This contribution led to friend'y correspondence with Sydney Wooderson and Harold Abrahams, both whom he admired greatly.

In May 1948, we published his "Little Finland's Olympic Giants" which was widely appreciated by readers.

The essay becomes a classic; for involving inspiration, study and research, and attention to detail, it is indeed worth

a remarkable live enthusiasm, yet written in his own words "under a great physical strain."

When visited shortly before his death, by the editor who was his most intimate friend, though ailing sadly he commented on minor errors which had arisen in the published article.

With his passing we share the sorrow of his family. As he would have willed he has left something for the living ever to enjoy. He has shown us the great example of enthusiasm and courage.

## TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

Details of the England & Wales, Ireland and Scotland Athletic Contest he'd at Fallowfield, Manchester, on Saturday, 17th July, 1948:—

**100 Metres.**—A. McCorquodale (Scotland), 1; K. J. Jones (England & Wales), 2; E. McDonald Bailey (England & Wales), 3. Inches: 10.8 secs.

**200 Metres.**—J. Fairgrieve (Scotland), 1; P. H. Valle (England & Wales), 2; J. A. Gregory (Ireland), 3. Foot: 22.1 secs.

**400 Metres.**—J. P. Reardon (Ireland), 1; W. Roberts (England), 2; L. C. Lewis (England), 3. 4 yds.: 48 secs.

**800 Metres.**—H. J. Parlett (England & Wales), 1; H. G. Tarroway (England & Wales), 2; J. Smart (Scotland), 3. 1 yd.; 1 min. 55 secs.

**1,500 Metres.**—J. J. Barry (Ireland), 1; D. G. Wilson (England), 2; F. Sinclair (Scotland), 3. 6 yds.: 57.8 secs.

**5,000 Metres.**—H. A. Olney (England & Wales), 1; A. Forbes (Scotland), 2; W. E. Lucas (England & Wales), 3. 12 yds.: 14 mins. 48.4 secs.

**110 Metres Hurdles.**—J. R. Birrell (England & Wales), 1; J. G. M. Hart (Scotland), 2; J. A. Edison (Scotland), 3. Yard: 15.5 secs.

**Hammer.**—N. H. Drake (England & Wales), 1: 163 ft. 1½ ins.; E. C. K. Douglas (Scotland), 2: 160 ft. 1½ ins.; D. McD. Clark (Scotland), 3: 156 ft. 8½ ins.

**Weight.**—D. D. Guiney (Ireland), 1. 47 ft. 5½ ins.; J. A. Giles (England & Wales), 2. 47 ft. 1½ ins.; H. E. A. Moody (England & Wales), 3. 46 ft. 8 ins.

**Discus.**—J. E. Nesbett (Ireland), 1. 145 ft. 6½ ins.; C. N. Clancy (Ireland), 2. 143 ft. 3½ ins. E. J. Brewer (England), 3. 138 ft. 3½ ins.

**High Jump.**—A. S. Paterson (Scotland), 1. 6 ft. 5 ins.; P. P. Wells (England), 2. 6 ft. 2 ins.; R. C. Pavitt (England), 3. 5 ft. 10 ins.

**Long Jump.**—Harry Whittle (England), 1; H. E. Askew (England), 2; J. B. Hunter (Scotland), 3. 22 ft. 2½ ins.

**Javelin.**—M. V. N. Chote (England), 1. 192 ft.

9 ins.; M. J. W. Dalrymple (England), 191 ft. 4 ins.; M. G. Eason (Ireland), 3. 166 ft. 2½ ins.

**Relay (4 x 100 Metres).**—England, 1; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 3. Inches: 42.3 secs.

**Pole Vault.**—D. E. Redsell (England), 1. 11 ft.; T. D. Anderson (England), 2. 10 ft.; M. Furlong (Ireland), 3. 10 ft. 6 ins.

**Total Points.**—England 101; Scotland

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(Under the auspices of Bute Shinty Club, affiliated to  
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## AT THE PUBLIC PARK, ROTHESAY

SATURDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 1948

AT 2 P.M.

### LIST OF EVENTS:

#### 100 Yards and 880 Yards (Youths).

Open 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 880 Yards, One Mile, Medley Relay, High Jump, Pole Vault, Putting 16-lb Ball, Wire Hammer, 28-lb Weight, Throwing 16-lb. Hammer, Tossing the Caber, Throwing the Discus.

Middle-weight Catch-as-Catch-Can Wrestling and Heavy-Weight Cumberland Style Wrestling (Scottish Championship)

#### 12 MILES ROAD RACE

#### ADULT HIGHLAND DANCING

Entries Close on Saturday, 7th August, 1948.

Entry Forms and further particulars from the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, T. B. McMILLAN, Knockanreoch, Rothesay.