

SPORTS DIARY

May.
15—St. Modan's A.A.C. Stirling.
Larkhall Sports' Association. Larkhall.
18—Shettleston H. and Weir's A.C.
19—Glasgow Police v. Glasgow University.
Edinburgh Univ. Sports (Prelims.).
Edinburgh City Police, Inter-Divisional Sports.
Glasgow Univ. Sports (Prelim.) Westerlands.
20—Dunbartonshire County Championship.
Mount Blow.
22—St. Ignatius A.C. Wishaw.
Edinburgh University Sports.
Bellahouston Harriers. Ibrox.
Scottish Y.M.C.A. Championships. Glasgow.
Glasgow University Sports. Westerlands.
27—William Collins & Sons, Ltd.
29—Edinburgh and District Y.M.C.A. Edinburgh.
Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd. Renfrew.
Glasgow Univ. v. Edinburgh Univ.
31—Glasgow Univ., Trinity College, Dublin.
Westerlands.
Renfrewshire County Championships, Renfrew.
June.
1/3—Eastern District Championships and Inter-Club Contest for Sports Dispatch Trophy.
New Meadowbank.
3—Glasgow Corporation Transport, Helensvale.
4—Edinburgh Boys' Brigade. New Meadowbank.
5—Shettleston Harriers. Ibrox Park.
Scottish Inter-Universities Championships.
St. Andrews.
Dundee High School Games.
George Heriot School Games.
Edinburgh Waverley F.C. New Meadowbank.
Bradford City Police. Bradford.
Singers Sports. Dalmuir.
Lanarkshire County Youth Service Sports.
Motherwell.
8—St. Machan's and St. Michael's (Joint).
9—Lanarkshire Constabulary. Shawfield.
10—Lanimer Day Sports.
11/12—Scottish Championships. Hampden.
12—Sea Cadet Corps. Edinburgh.
Irvine—ST. Dunstan's.
South-West Inter-County Youth, Hamilton.
15—Kilbarchan A.A.C. Kilbarchan Public Park.
Edinburgh Northern Harriers v. Edinburgh Southern Harriers. New Meadowbank.
16—Royal Ulster Constabulary. Belfast.
19—Scottish Schools. Westerlands.
Edinburgh Corporation Lighting and Cleansing Department. New Meadowbank.
Fife and Kinross District Union of Y.M.C.A.'s. Kirkcaldy.
Glasgow Battalion B.B.
Glasgow Academical Club.

Owing to the necessary length of "Little Finland's Olympic Giants" by our friend and former well-known Plebeian Harrier, George Andrews, we were compelled to make this a double number.

We have had the article standing by for several months but have been unable to get it into our normal issue. Our alternative was to hold over the April issue and combine it with the May number.

This we have done and we feel sure to our readers' satisfaction and pleasure.

The Eastern District S.A.A.A. Championships and Inter-Club Contest for the

Saxone Shoe Co. Kilmarnock.
Motherwell and Wishaw Police.
A.A.A. Marathon. London.
22—Inter-County Championships. Helensvale.
Five Club Contest for Heriot Trophy.
New Meadowbank.
26—Glasgow Police. Hampden Park.
Scottish Junior Championships and Senior Relay Championships. New Meadowbank.
Stewarton Bonnet Guild. Stewarton.
Rolls Royce A.A.C. Renfrew.
29—Glasgow Eastern Cycling Club Sports.
July.
3—Ardeer Recreation Club. Ardeer.
British Legion. Murrayfield.
Vale of Leven A.A.C. Alexandria.
Braw Lads' Gathering. Galashiels.
6—Dollar Academy v. Geo. Heriot's School.
Dollar.
9/10—A.A.A. Championships. London.
10—Edinburgh City Police A.C. New Meadowbank.
Shettleston H. and Dalry Supporters' Club.
Dalry.
14—Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Firpark.
17—Triangular International. Manchester.
Bonnyrigg A.C. Bonnyrigg.
West Kilbride A.A.C. Largs.
Torquay A.C. Torquay.
19—Maryhill Harriers. Dunoon.
Ayrshire Pipe Band.
23/24—Edinburgh Academy Games.
24—British Police Championships. Hampden.
Linlithgow Burgh Council. Linlithgow.
*Aberdeen Corporation.
Newcastle United F.C. Newcastle.
27/August 7—Olympic Games. Wembley.
31—Co-operative Youths' Service Sports, Glasgow.
Edinburgh Inter-Works Sports' Association.
New Meadowbank.
West Calder A.A. Meeting. West Calder.
Lauder Common Riding Games. Lauder.
Helensvale.

Aug.
7—Rangers F.C.
Bute Highland Games (Confined).
12—British Empire v. U.S.A. London.
14—Carlisle Infirmary Sports.
South Queensferry Fair Sports.
South Queensferry.
21—Mingavie Highland Games.
Bute Highland Games (Open). Rothesay.
28—Cowal Games. Dunoon.
Campsie Highland Games. Lennoxton.

(NOTE.—Every care has been taken with compiling "Sports Diary." Any error, alteration of date, or omission, should be brought to our notice for revision.)

"Sports Dispatch" Trophy will be held at New Meadowbank, Edinburgh, on Tuesday and Thursday, 1st and 3rd June, at 7 p.m.

The "Sports Dispatch" Trophy contest has always been a most successful meeting, and its combination with the revived District Championships should enhance its popularity. S.A.A.A. medals will be awarded to the respective individual champions and S.A.A.A. Standard medals will also be awarded. Entries close, Saturday, 22nd May, with Mr. W. Carmichael, 38 Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh.

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JOHN DOMS of BELGIUM winning the 9 miles International Cross-Country Race at Reading.

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S.A.A.A. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE weather was ideal and the renowned track in perfect condition when the S.A.A.A. 10 Miles Flat and 3 Miles Walk Championship were decided on Saturday, 24th April, 1948, at Helenvale Park, Glasgow.

Eighteen of the 20 entrants faced Starter Fred Evans in the 10 miles. After the first lap, holder Alex. McLean (Bellahouston H.) took the lead and by his running was determined to shake off the field as early as possible. On reaching the 1st mile in the fast time of 4 mins. 54.2 secs., with the exception of J. C. Morton (Springburn H.) who was maintaining pace with McLean, the runners were well strung out.

However, Morton flattered to deceive, McLean's tactics told and the Springburn boy faded out leaving the holder on his winning way to pass the 2 mile mark on his own in 9 mins. 59.5 secs.

His successive mile times were:—

1 mile, 4 mins. 54.2 secs.; 2 miles, 9 mins. 59.5 secs.; 3 miles, 15 mins. 13 secs.; 4 miles, 20 mins. 37.2 secs.; 5 miles, 25 mins. 48 secs.; 6 miles, 31 mins. 15 secs.; 7 miles, 36 mins. 42.8 secs.; 8 miles, 42 mins. 14 secs.; 9 miles, 47 mins. 48.6 secs.; 10 miles, 53 mins. 19.4 secs.

With an easier start and better opposition his splendid time could have been very much faster.

J. Clark (Shettleston H.) ran steadily throughout to take 2nd place and ever-improving A. C. Gibson (Hamilton H.) ran gamely to finish 3rd. D. Turner (Greenock Glenpark H.) was the only other runner to finish inside the 56 mins. standard.



ALEX. McLEAN (Bellahouston H.)
successfully defended his 10 miles title.

The Association must come in for some criticism. There were errors in the timekeeping returns whilst it seems some of the competitors ran a lap too many. This did not effect the main result. Surely it is possible and proper that all competitors be given their placings and finishing times. This is done in mammoth English cross-country races.

There were only 2 entrants in the 3 miles Walk. A. M. Jamieson (Dundee Hawkhill H.) holder of the title since 1936, strode into the lead from the start and registered his seventh successive win in 23 mins. 46 secs. His opponent J. L. Somerville (Motherwell) was over a lap behind.

JOHN EMMET
FARRELL'S

GLASGOW POLICE cross-country team made a splendid debut in the British Police championship at Maidstone on Saturday, 25th March, finishing 3rd to two strong Metropolitan teams "A" and "B." Glasgow's quartette (A. McGregor, 9, K. Sigrist, 13, A. Allan, 14, J. Jordan, 21) totalled 57 points against the 13 and 45 respectively of winners and runners-up.

Individual winner was H. Saunders of Metro. "A" in 32 mins. 45 secs.

Glasgow's first three were actually leading the field at two miles. This would suggest that the trio have class, but their first year of cross-country found them lacking in judgment which will come with experience over such testing courses.

Athletes Want Repeat

The Easter week-end at Dunoon, sponsored by the Olympic Training Committee, proved a great success. Good fresh air, plenty of practice and instruction, and the inculcation of the team spirit were all there, and this innovation may prove the start of a new deal for Scotland's athletes.

There was a spontaneity about the whole proceedings. Coaches and Organisers worked hard and received the complete co-operation of the athletes. Perhaps the greatest praise bestowed on the Scheme was the general question on all lips—"When can we have another."

It has to be added that the weather clerk played the game.

Olympic "Possible" Fit Early

On Easter Tuesday, J. A. Henning, Belfast nominee for Olympic Marathon, proved that he is early fit by winning the Doncaster to Sheffield Marathon race undefended by holder, Jack Holden, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. 40 secs. Less than two months hence he should be a serious contender in the British Championship for one of the three coveted places in Britain's Marathon team at the Olympic Games.

Belgium Make History at Reading

By winning the International cross-country Individual and Team titles for the first time in their history gallant little Belgium brought off a magnificent double.

It was a titanic battle between two great continental teams. Belgium ultimately defeating France by the narrow margin of one point, thus breaking the English-French monopoly. Belgium totalled 46 points, while France counted 47 points. England 114 points, Ireland 145 points, Scotland 161 points, Wales 259 points, all ran in disappointing fashion as the scores show and offered no challenge to the leaders.

Doms Has Speed as well as Stamina

The race was exciting only for the thrilling way in which the Belgian leaders Doms and Renson outclassed their field. The further the race went the more obvious it became that the winner especially, was on the day's showing, at

least, out on his own. What a race would have ensued had the experienced Pujazon turned out to try conclusions with the 22-year-old newcomer!

Incidentally Sydney Wooderson considered that Pujazon did wisely in view of his Olympic commitments not to risk himself in such a gruelling test.

So speedy is J. Doms, the new International cross-country champion, that some of the Belgian's advisers thought seriously of "slipping" him in the Olympic 1,500 metres. However now that he has demonstrated such a superb combination of stamina and speed he is more likely to swell the classy field of 5,000 metres contenders.

Other features of the race were the consistent running of the French star Lahoussine who finished 3rd as he did at Paris last year, while young Downer of England, Reg. Gosney's nephew, surpassed himself by finishing 8th, first Englishman and first Britisher home.

Popular Sydney Wooderson, England's captain, flattered to deceive in the early

stages, being as far up as 3rd at one stage then 6th for a time, but he was never happy from the start and it was a tired Sydney who gradually slipped back to 14th at the finish. As usual he offered no excuses but agreed that cross-country is rather different from track. In the latter it is possible to keep going even when one encounters a bad spell, but when this happens over the country one just can't do anything about it. I have a feeling, too, that Wooderson was not entirely happy over the incidence of obstacles, though natural hazards are naturally part and parcel of a real cross-country test; the fast continental type of course would prove more suitable to him.

"It's Good Fun"—says Sydney

It was a rather surprised Belgian journalist who suggested to Wooderson that after his gruelling experience he might perhaps not do any more cross-country running. "Oh yes" replied Sydney, "I hope to do some cross-country running next winter, it's good fun." The continental attitude sometimes

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OPEN SPORTS MEETING

(Under S.A.A.A. Laws and S.N.C.U. Rules)

**AT MOORCROFT PARK, RENFREW
ON SATURDAY, 29th MAY, 1948****OPEN EVENTS include**100, 220, 880 Yards and 1 Mile Flat Handicaps.
Youths' 300 Yards and Ladies' 100 and 220 Yards Handicaps.**CYCLE RACES including**3 Miles S.N.C.U. Western Scotland Centre Cycling
Championship.Five-a-Side Football; Seven-a-Side Ladies' Hockey;
Invitation Races.Points Competition for 1938 Empire Exhibition Trophy
(Present Holders—Garscube Harriers)**ENTRY FORMS FROM USUAL SPORTS SHOPS.****ENTRIES CLOSE, THURSDAY, 20th MAY.**

W. J. GILL, Gen. Secy., Messrs. B. & W. Ltd., Renfrew.



Photo by H. W. Neale.
Olympic marathon "Possible," J. A. HENNING (Duncairn Nomads), winning the Doncaster-Sheffield full distance marathon.

finds it difficult to understand this conception of sport.

As I see it Wooderson wants to enjoy his running, win or lose, and does not want too many strength-sapping efforts of which he has had enough in the past. Yet I don't consider his Reading performance anything like his real running, and consider he ran his race at Sheffield in the English National and had not fully recovered from the gruelling he received there. As proof of this take Blowfield who chased Wooderson home, yet could finish only 35th in the International.

Example of Holden

Holden won the International event 4 times, yet only once did he win both the National and International titles in one year. I consider it practically impossible to win both National and International titles in the one year unless one has had a fairly comfortable passage in the former event. Another point, cross-country form is very variable. Renson,

2nd at Reading this year, was only 17th last year.

Chapelle at Ayr in 1946 finished only 29th and failed to count for his team, was considered a veteran who had had his day, yet last year at Paris he gave Pujazon the race of his life and this year, though finishing only 14th in his own National, got his place through what seemed reasons of courtesy only to come up trumps at Reading and help his country to victory with a most praiseworthy 9th place.

Scots Team—No Change

The Scot's team again ran disappointingly but too much had not been expected of them.

Bobby Reid of Birchfield, Charlie Robertson of Dundee, and Alex. McLean of Bellahouston, alone passed muster. The former at last showed something of the form he is capable of. Actual 12th and 3rd Britisher home is really sound running. The comparatively best Scot's

performance was that of marathon prospect Charlie Robertson whose 20th place in this his first International appearance represents a splendid debut, especially as he ran in rubbers and has been training chiefly with the marathon event in view. Alex. McLean also made quite a satisfactory appearance in 25th place. The rest of the team had the gruelling experience of trying hard but to little purpose. I suspect that Flockhart's leg is not just 100 per cent. fit.

Of the 4 Marathon contenders running at Reading, Charlie Robertson proved vastly superior to Tom Richards, H. S. Oliver, who dropped out through injury, and myself. This may not mean so very much as 10 miles country and 26 miles road are literally and figuratively miles apart, while Tom Richards especially is as different as night from day in these two spheres. Yet Robertson has been training over longer stretches and I feel that he will be a distinct menace to the best of Britain's long-distance experts in June.

Tour de Spa Race

In the Belgian cross-country invitation 10,000 metres race at Tour de Spa, the Scottish contingent did fairly well with A. McLean 6th, Geo. Craig 12th, and Jim Flockhart 18th. The former's performance was an especially excellent one. As well as the usual 6 nations there were others, including Swedes and Czechs, and the race was run in the vicinity of the Ardennes Forest involving plenty of path and road.

Zatopek—Running's Iron Man

The race was won by Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia by over a minute from Renson of Belgium (runner-up in recent International at Reading) in a new course record. This versatile distance expert who seems to thrive on hard training and racing is likely to prove one of the greatest attractions at Wembley and is one of the favourites for 5,000 or 10,000 metres or both. By virtue of his particularly intense training methods he deserves the title of "Iron Man" equally

EDINBURGH WAVERLEY F.C.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

(Under S.A.A.A. Laws and S.N.C.U. Rules)

AT NEW MEADOWBANK PARK,
ON SATURDAY, 5th JUNE,
at 2.30 p.m.

OPEN EVENTS—100, 220, 880 Yards; 1 Mile; High Jump.
YOUTHS' 100 YARDS (Gold Medal Race).

CYCLE EVENTS—880 Yards Scottish Championship; One
Mile and Three Miles.

INVITATIONS—One Mile Medley Relay Race (Robertson
Trophy); 3-Quarter Mile Medley Relay Race (Youths).
SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL.

ENTRY FORMS from LUMLEY'S LTD., Glasgow; THORNTON'S,
78 Princess Street, Edinburgh; MACKENZIE'S, 29 Nicholson Street,
Edinburgh; J. G. TRAIN, Hon. Secy., 9 Rossie Place, Edinburgh, 7.

ENTRIES close on WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY, 1948.

Bobby Reid of Birchfield, the well-known Scottish Internationalist, takes over from his brother in the London-Brighton relay. Stanley Belton (Surrey A.C.) and Sydney Wooderson (Blackheath H.) are seen ready for the change over.



as well as such previous giants, such as, Glen Cunningham of U.S.A. and peerless "Paavo" Nurmi of Finland did for their ability to stand up to frequent and hard racing.

Epic London to Brighton Relay Race

National Cross-Country champions Belgrave retained their hold on the London to Brighton Relay after a magnificent duel with Birchfield by only 100 yards with Blackheath a good 3rd.

Belgrave's winning time of 3 hrs. 57 mins. 29 secs. was nearly 6 mins. faster than last year. Birchfield's time was 3 hrs. 57 mins. 49 secs., and Blackheath's 4 hrs. 5 secs. In the long leg Bobby Reid ran an excellent race unavailingly as it turned out and finished over a minute faster than Wooderson who loyally turned out for his club despite slight leg strain.

Brisk Track Start

The "merry month of May" carries a full programme of athletic fixtures to start the new season culminating in the Olympic Games. The general interest in athletics will be considerably heightened, while those athletes specially interested in selection for the Games are each in

their several ways getting down to the intensive and serious part of their training. Two of the most enthusiastic of these are our Scottish hurdling pair, Rob'n Boyd and J. G. M. Hart. The former is concentrating on the 400 metres low hurdles, whilst the latter is attempting to take both high and low hurdles in his stride. Let's hope the Scottish champion does not fall between two stools as the technique employed in both events is somewhat different; however in the past Lord Burghley managed both with considerable success although the 400 metres event was his forte. Another Scottish "possible" who is coming along nicely in his programme is Jimmy Fleming of Motherwell. Jimmy is now getting acclimatised after a long spell in the Middle East, and mentor Alex. Nangle is very pleased with his progress at this stage.

At the British Games on Whit Monday both he and Frank Sinclair, Scottish mile champion, have received an invitation to compete in the 1,500 metres event which should provide a nice preliminary test. Sinclair's recent form has not been too good, while a leg injury and doubt as to his best distance have proved somewhat unsettling. Still he has such a fine



CONTINENTAL CHALLENGERS.

photos by H. W. Neale

Runner-up in the International Cross-Country race was (L.) E. RENSON of Belgium and 3rd man home was (R) B. M. LAHOUSSE, France, finishing in the same position as last year in this classic annual event.

native turn of speed that a test over 1,500 metres will do him no harm come what may.

Broke Record—in Barefeet

Running bare-footed, J. Kiely of Coolcree A.C. (first man home for Ireland at Reading in 15th place) won the Irish 10 miles championship in 53 mins. 26 secs., a new Irish record. 2nd and 3rd men were also inside the old record. Chief rival and former record-holder, Steve McCooke, had to retire from the race with a recurrence of his recent leg injury.

That road running is now a most popular past-time was proved by the record entry of 163 in the famous Finchley 20 miles road race at Ruislip on 24th April. The field of 136 which faced the starter was representative of 20 English Counties and 30 clubs and the English Inter-Counties championship

was held in conjunction with team and individual titles.

The winner was that grand road runner, Tom Richards (S. London H.) who showed fairly even-paced running for the four laps of 5 miles and finished in 1 hr. 56 mins. 19 secs., just a little over 2 mins. slower than Jack Holden's course record set up last year.

S. Jones (Polytechnic H.) was also in good form to finish second in 1 hr. 57 mins. 23 secs. R. Manley (Woodford Green H.) who was second to Holden last year was third in 1 hr. 59 mins. 22 secs., which was a half-minute slower than his return last year.

Jack Holden Also Fit

Our other marathon star, British Champion, Jack Holden, of Tipton H., has also shown his paces by retaining the Midland Counties Marathon Championship in the grand time of 2 hrs. 36 mins. 13 secs.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

HAMPDEN PARK
GLASGOW

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

11th and 12th JUNE, 1948

(FRIDAY, 6.45 P.M. AND SATURDAY, 2.45 P.M.)

FRIDAY PROGRAMME:

ELIMINATING EVENTS.—220 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, High Jump, Broad Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Pole Vault, Throwing Javelin, Throwing Discus.

FINALS.—Throwing Hammer (both styles), Throwing 56-lb. Weight, Six Miles.

ENTRIES close definitely, First Post, MONDAY, 31st MAY, 1948, with Hon. General Secretary, JAMES GILBERT, 17 Pearce Avenue, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, 12; or Hon. E.D. Secretary, W. CARMICHAEL, 38 Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh, 8; or Hon. W.D. Secretary, G. DALLAS, 38 Gartcraig Road, Glasgow, E.1, from whom Entry Forms can be obtained.

MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP—11th SEPT., 1948
(Entry Details Later)

SENIOR ONE MILE MEDLEY RELAY
and **440 YARDS (4 x 110 Yards) RELAY**
to be held in conjunction with **JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
NEW MEADOWBANK
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SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1948, 3 P.M.

ENTRIES close definitely, First Post, MONDAY, 14th JUNE, 1948, with W. CARMICHAEL (Hon. E.D. Secretary), 38 Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh, 8.



Photograph of J. C. M. WILKINSON, British Olympic "Possible" winning the 200 metres at the Oxford University A.C. v. Combined German Universities match at Cologne in August, 1947. The time returned, 21.3 secs. (he returned the same time in the Great Britain v. France match at Paris) was the best European performance for the season. This remarkable young athlete (he is now only 19 years of age) emerged from his first season rated as No. 1 European over 100 and 200 metres.

Another of our Olympic "Possibles," NORRIS D. McWHIRTER, is seen finishing runner-up. His time, 21.7 secs., represented one of the outstanding European performances of the 1948 season.

Norris is a Scot (by parentage) and is likely to compete in the S.A.A.A. Championships in June. He will be a formidable challenger to the home Scots though he is just gradually recovering from a broken-leg injury sustained in a rugby match last season.

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OLYMPIC TRAINING AT DUNOON

At Dunoon from the 27th—30th March, 1948, under brilliant weather conditions, the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association held its first residential school. Its aims were the intensive coaching of Scotland's Olympic possibles, and a general improvement in Scotland's athletic standards.

Sixty athletes from as far apart as Aberdeen in the North, and Uxbridge in the South attended. They included most of Scotland's Olympic possibles together with many Scottish champions, both senior and junior. There was a splendid band of coaches including Harry Hodge and Johnny McFadden, who looked after the sprinters; Alan Scally who coached the middle distance men and Archie Craig who looked after the longer distances. W. Paterson was in charge of the High Jumpers and Roy Smith the Long Jumpers. George Kordas—surely a gifted coach, looked after the heavy events men. The general organisation of the course was in the very capable hands of Ronnie Walker and Dunky Wright.

Dunoon Town Council granted the use of the Recreation Park, at which the Cowal Games are held, and also the school gymnasium. The ground was specially laid out for all athletic activities with well-marked throwing circles and three splendid jumping pits. The track, although a little hard, was in splendid condition. The hotel, at which the party were resident, were kind enough to allow discussion and film shows in the ballroom. Two buses conveyed the party to and from the track.

The first part of each morning was devoted to group discussion of the athlete's particular event. After this the buses conveyed the party to the track. Fred Evans, official S.A.A.A. starter, was along with the party and this allowed the sprinters to have excellent starting practice. After lunch at the hotel the party again returned to the track. The evening was devoted to films, showing athletic technique.

In a course such as this there is always the risk of overworking the athlete, but

the discipline was such that the individual was at liberty to miss any training period if he so desired. The importance of this "laissez-faire" at such a course cannot be over-emphasised and the success of the course was directly attributable to this.

An outstanding feature of the week-end were the performances of a number of promising youngsters. On the Monday, A. Ramsay cleared 5 feet 10 inches at the high jump; Harry Fenion ran a 4 mins. 52 secs. mile and J. S. Petty a 2 mins. 7 secs. half. These performances augur well for Scotland's 1952 Olympic contenders.

The scheme was an unqualified success and all present look forward to its being the forerunner of many such courses, which will undoubtedly do much to foster Scottish athletics.

M. S. BROOKE.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

SUMMER TRAINING AND COACHING SCHEME

Courses.	Evenings.	Venue.
Road Running	Mondays	Clydebank
Track & Jumping	Mondays	Ibrox
Track & Jumping	Thursdays	Ibrox
Track (Distance)	Tuesdays	Helenvale
Field Events	Wed.	Westerlands

Coaches are available to visit other tracks. Lectures and Film Shows can be arranged.

All enquiries to Hon. Secy., Coaching Sub-Committee, D. McL. Wright, Esq., 17 Polwarth Gardens, Glasgow, W.2. 'Phone: Western 6557.

INTERNATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE HELD AT READING ON 30th APRIL, 1948

DETAILS—

	Time
1. J. Doms (B.) ...	54 5.4
2. E. Renson (B.) ...	54.25
3. B. M. Lahoussine (F.) ...	54.50
4. E. Cerou (F.) ...	54.52
5. F. Wauters (B.) ...	55. 8
6. R. Petitjean (F.) ...	55.11
7. J. Varnoux (F.) ...	55.14
8. E. Downer (E.) ...	55.17
9. J. Chapelle (B.) ...	55.21
10. A. Nolle (F.) ...	55.23
11. A. Shorrocks (E.) ...	55.28
12. R. Reid (S.) ...	55.38
13. V. Wattyne (B.) ...	55.48
14. S. C. Wooderson (E.) ...	55.50
15. J. Kiely (I.) ...	55.55
16. H. Ost (B.) ...	55.59
17. A. Merine (F.) ...	56. 7
18. J. Deraedt (B.) ...	56.14
19. R. V. Hughes (E.) ...	56.16
20. C. D. Robertson (S.) ...	56.18
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FOOD-THOUGHT FOR ATHLETES



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By JACK C. G. CRUMP
Hon. Secretary and Team Manager,
British Amateur Athletic Board

HAVING read with considerable interest the expressions of opinion by athletes on this much discussed question of extra food for Olympic prospects in the December issue of "The Scots Athlete," the well expressed but contrary opinion of Mr. G. S. Barber in the January issue, and the still more divergent views of three contributors in the February issue, I wonder if I may now enter into the dispute and offer my opinion.

I am no dietetic expert, nor am I a medical man, but I have been concerned in this matter for some time, and find it possible to agree in part and yet to disagree with all of your contributors.

First then, I have expert medical opinion on my side when I say, without fear of serious contradiction, that the present food rations are insufficient for intensive Olympic training, and that signs of diet deficiency are visible in more than one of our leading athletes.

Next, I do not believe that athletes should expect rations on a more generous scale than that allocated to the ordinary citizen. There are many sections of the community who could make a clear case for additional feeding, and I think our young children need extra food even before the Olympic athletes. Now having

said this let me be the first to say that I am exceedingly grateful to personal friends in Canada and to a number of athletic organisations in other parts of the Empire, for their promise to send regular food parcels for our athletes.

I was surprised to read that Alan Paterson considers that if the authorities had shown more enterprise we could have got more food for the athletes. I can assure him and everybody else that I have worked very hard to try to get food parcels sent across and have not been unsuccessful. Even so, it is not quite so easy as some would think, and to negotiate and settle matters takes some time, whilst of course, the transit of the parcels also takes longer than is generally realised.

I agree with Harry Hodge's views that our athletes need more meat, eggs, cheese, butter and milk, and it is these particular goods plus sugar foods, that I have asked should be sent from the Commonwealth.

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I agree with Andrew Forbes that extra food will improve both our physical and psychological condition, and I see no reason at all to disagree with the summing of Dunky Wright, that from whatever angle we discuss this food problem, the simple fact is that our athletes require more.

I do not share Mr. Barber's views that in pointing out the handicap we are encountering from lack of adequate food we are making excuses for our athletes' failings. Who says that we have failed athletically? I consider our International performances, under all circumstances, are far from failures. This plea for more food is not an alibi against possible lack of success in the Games. Food in itself will not make Olympic Champions. This requires training in addition to determination and any amount of character, but it can help, and now that so many of our prospects will receive extra food through the generosity of our Commonwealth cousins, I am sure they will be

encouraged to make that little bit of extra effort at the appropriate time.

Like Mr. Barber, I have visited most parts of Europe, and like him I recognise the high cost of food in Belgium and other countries, but unlike him I do not agree that athletes on the continent fare as badly as ours do in the matter of food.

No one suggests that food is the be all and end all of our Olympic preparations, but when Mr. Barber instances a Professor at Harvard as saying that one fifth of the adult Americans over-eat. I do not think he should assume that the American athlete over-eats.

I do share Mr. Barber's views that we should concentrate on our training, but I do not agree with him that only a few of our athletes have even a chance of competing in the Olympic Games, and that we should accordingly concentrate upon them alone. It is surprising what improvement can be effected in an athlete in the course of a single season and surely last summer proved this.

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Mr. Bruce Ewan's views are interesting and with much of his argument I am in entire agreement.

I agree too, with Mr. Robertson that food or no food we should enter a team for the Games, and not make excuses for lack of success if that be our eventual fall.

With regard to the vegetarian viewpoint, I would say that the list of world record holders contains more meat eaters than vegetarians. The fact that some have been won by vegetarians proves nothing and certainly does not prove that fresh meat is not advisable in the build-up of athletes. I would point out to him that Son, the winner of the last Olympic marathon trained and ran on a Japanese diet, but he would not seriously suggest would he, that this same diet would be suitable for Holden or the Finnish Marathon runners? There is no hard and fast rule about diet. I hate using platitudes, but it is probably true in athletics more than in other forms of sport, that one

man's meat is another man's poison. However I am anxious that in all this Olympic training business, we should refuse to place too much importance on the food aspect. We do not want our athletes to get into a form of hysteria over our lack of proteins and vitamins.

If and when we can get extra, without robbing this country's larder and causing other sections of the community to go short, then we shall be satisfied to accept such gifts and be grateful for them, but I certainly subscribe to the views of most of your correspondents that hard training, careful planning and cultivation of that great British quality called guts, are the chief essentials for a satisfactory Olympic performance.

When all is said and done, we are going to meet the world's best athletes on our own ground. We shall train and do our best, as doubtless they will. Having put our all into the effort, it really does not matter if we win or lose. It would be disgraceful if we did not make every

effort to attain success, and let no one think that I am advocating a spirit of entering the Competition with the feeling that the result does not matter. But I do say that having done our best, the result is of less consequence than we are often led to believe. The merit of a performance is in the endeavour and not in the actual victory.

From all reports which I receive of the training being undertaken, I am quite sure that we have never prepared for the Olympic Games with greater determination and more careful planning than we are doing for the Wembley celebrations, and I must say that all in all, I am quite satisfied with the progress we have made.

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I would plead that the officials are doing everything in their power to help our boys and girls, but nothing which they can do, can take the place of the big effort which the athlete himself must make.

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LITTLE FINLAND'S OLYMPIC GIANTS

By GEORGE ANDREWS.

AS a foreword I wish to record my grateful thanks to Harold M. Abrahams for his invaluable assistance in furnishing me with essential facts and figures, without which data this article could not have been possible.

Since it will be constantly referred to I have deemed it best to insert tables (1st and placings in each event 1908-1936) of Finnish Olympic performances before proceeding with the essay. The 3,000 metres team and cross-country races are not included as they are no longer contained in the programme.

In the passing I may mention that the cross-country race was only run on three occasions, 1912, 1920 and 1924. Hannes Kolehmainen was first man home in the former year and Paavo Nurmi in the two latter. Kolehmainen was the individual winner of the 3,000 metres team race in 1912, and Nurmi and Finland were the individual and team winners in 1924.

The running table suggests that Finnish athletes are not endowed with speed, or perhaps they have never given this side of the sport much concentration, but in any case it would seem that stamina is their forte.

FIELD EVENTS.

	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936
HIGH JUMP	—	—	—	—	—	5th	4th, 5th
LONG JUMP	—	—	—	4th	—	—	—
HOP, STEP LEAP	—	—	1st	3rd, 4th	3rd, 5th, 6th	—	—
WEIGHT	5th	4th	1st, 2nd	4th	5th, 6th	—	2nd
DISCUS	4th	1st, 4th	1st, 2nd	2nd	2nd, 6th	—	—
HAMMER	—	—	—	4th	—	2nd	4th
JAVELIN	4th, 5th, 6th	2nd, 4th, 5th	1st, 3rd	1st	2nd, 6th	1st, 2nd, 3rd	2, 3, 4, 5th

SUMMARY—1st—5; 2nd—11; 3rd—5; 4th—12; 5th—7; 6th—6.

	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936
DECATHLON	6th	6th	4th	1st, 2nd	2nd, 6th	—

SUMMARY—1st—1; 2nd—2; 4th—1; 6th—3.

RUNNING.

	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936
1,500 METRES	—	—	1st	1st, 3rd	—	—
5,000 METRES	1st	2nd, 4th	1st, 2nd, 5th	1st, 2nd, 5th	1st	1st, 2nd, 6th
10,000 METRES	1, 2, 3, 6th	1st	1st, 3rd, 4th	1st, 2nd	2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
MARATHON	—	1st 5th	1st 4th	3rd	3rd	4th, 5th
STEEPLECHASE	—	—	1st, 2nd, 5th	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 4th	1st, 2nd, 4th
400 METRES HURDLES	—	—	2nd	—	—	—

SUMMARY—1st—18; 2nd—12; 3rd—8; 4th—6; 5th—5; 6th—2.

A Sparse Population

Finland, with a population around three and a half millions, which is roughly a 14th of that of the United Kingdom, first held athletic championships in 1920 while still a province of Russia but she had made her debut in the Olympic arena in 1908 (venue London), where some representatives competed without distinc-

tion, although two 4th and two 5th were obtained in the Field Events section.

It must be mentioned before proceeding that in the (sometimes not recognised) Games held at Athens in 1906, Ville Jarvinen won the Throwing the Discus in Greek style. So it was he who first brought Finland's name to the notice of other athletic-minded countries.

Hannes Kolehmainen Stars

At the Stockholm Games of 1912 the Finns burst upon the athletic world in truly sensational fashion, when Hannes Kolehmainen won the 10,000 metres, 5,000 metres, 3,000 metres team and cross-country races in that order. The first event he won looking round, but two days later he had the most terrific set-to with Jean Bouin, the redoubtable Frenchman, in the 5,000 metres final. At the bell they were out on their own, and Bouin tried everything he knew to shake off Kolehmainen, but with only 20 yards to go the latter made a prodigious effort and just got his nose in front, to break the tape ahead by bare inches in a new Olympic record time of 14 mins. 36.6 secs.

Hannes must have been right on his toes, for after an interval of a few days he triumphed in the 3,000 metres and cross-country races, without apparently having to call on his resources. In the cross-country team race Sweden beat Finland by 1 point. Finland had certainly made her mark by getting a firm foothold on the Olympic ladder of fame. A. R. Taipale completed this quite historic occasion by annexing the Discus title, so altogether their first serious essay was indeed a most happy one.

Enter Nurmi

The first world war put paid to the scheduled 1916 Games, but when they were resumed at Antwerp in 1920, Finland, then an independent country, scored the six 1sts, three 2nds and one 3rd.

Paavo Nurmi had his name inscribed in the Olympic hall of fame for the first time by capturing the 10,000 metres bay, and in doing so, it is interesting to note that he turned the tables on J. Guillemot, a new French star, who had defeated him three days earlier in the 5,000 metres, when after a neck and neck struggle, he (Guillemot) proved just too good for Paavo by suddenly unleashing an electrifying burst of speed with 20 yards to go.

Nurmi had made the pace practically all the way, but lacked the zip when it was most needed. In the 10,000 metres he won comfortably by 10 yards. With only another day's rest he turned out in

the cross-country race and recorded a second success.

Hannes Kolehmainen won the marathon event very easily, and obviously, with the march of time he had stepped up into a distance that did not require the same sharpness as the races in which he had excelled 8 years previously.

Heavy Men's Field Day

Finland won the Javelin contest in the person of Jonni Myrta, who had a winning throw of 215 feet 9½ inches, which was a new Olympic record. E. Niklander annexed the premier award in Throwing the Discus, and it is worthy of mention that in so doing he retained the title for his country. A hat-trick in the Field Events was scored when Ville Porhola was returned as the winner of Putting the Weight.

This certainly was Finland's year for Field Events, for V. Toulos registered a further success for her when he won the Hop, Step and Jump.

Paavo's Paris Pyrotechnics

Coming to Paris for the 1924 Games the Finns really "went to town," winning no less than 8 events (7 running and 1 field), and most surprisingly they took 2nd place in the 400 metres Hurdles. This being the only honourable mention they have ever received for any distance below 1,500 metres.

This year saw Nurmi literally scoop the pool, for he was first man home in the 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres, 3,000 metres team and cross-country races.

On July 10th he set up a new Olympic record time when winning the 1,500 metres in 3 mins. 53.6 secs. Two hours later the final of the 5,000 metres took place, and his performance in winning in another Olympic record time of 14 mins. 31.2 secs. after such a short interval can best be described as amazing; and what puts the hallmark on his feat is the fact that his compatriot Ville Ritola and the sterling Swede—Erling Wide were 2nd and 3rd respectively to him in the latter race.

Nurmi did not compete in the 10,000 metres, which was won easily by Ritola from Wide in 30 mins. 23.2 secs., this time being a new world and Olympic record.

Ritola completed a nice "double" by winning the 3,000 metres Steeplechase quite easily in 9 mins. 33.6 secs. His countryman E. Katz was runner-up and K. Ebb, also of Finland, finished in 5th position.

Just two days after his outstanding efforts in the 1,500 and 5,000 metres events, Nurmi, who must have had a remarkable power of recovery, was among the competitors in the 10,000 metres cross-country race. It took place in almost tropical heat, and such climatic conditions for this type of race were indeed farcical. Paavo won in a common "canter," time 27 mins. 15 secs., Ville Ritola being second fully two minutes behind. Only fifteen out of thirty-nine starters managed to complete the course, and it is small wonder that the event subsequently did not find a place in the Olympic programme.

The 3,000 metres team race provided Nurmi with his fourth success of the meeting, in which Ritola was once more second, incidentally his third experience of the Games, chasing the illustrious Paavo. E. Katz was 5th and Finland won the team honours from Great Britain, U.S.A. and France.

Surprise Winner of Marathon

The Marathon commenced at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 13th, this time being decided upon in view of the fact that much adverse criticism had been freely expressed after the collapse of so many runners in the cross-country race on the previous day. The course was a stiff one, so this decision must have to a certain extent pleased the critics.

There were fifty-eight starters who represented nineteen nations:—Hannes Kolehmainen and Albin Stenroos were the two best-known of the Finnish contingent, while Duncan McLeod Wright and Sam Ferris, two British hopes, were included in the field.

Contrary to general expectations, Stenroos won comfortably in 2 hrs. 41 mins. 22.6 secs. from R. Bertini, Italy, and that great American, Clarence de Mar; L. A. Haloden, Finland, and Sam Ferris followed them in 4th and 5th positions.

Stenroos had previously run into 3rd place in the 10,000 metres at Stockholm in 1912 and in the cross-country race had taken 6th place.

Jonni Myrta came out on top once more in the Javelin contest, and was Finland's sole winner in the Field Events. Worthy of mention was the performance of Toulos, 3rd in the Hop, Step and Jump. The 1st and 2nd were only a little over 6 inches and 2½ inches better than him. Hard lines, that he was just pipped in his effort to retain the title.

Although I have laid great emphasis on Paavo Nurmi's achievements at these 1924 Games, Ville Ritola's two 1sts and three 3rds must be acknowledged as meritorious racing.

Still Among the Honours

In 1928 the Olympiad took place at Amsterdam, and although the Finns did not cover themselves in so much glory as in 1924, they nevertheless put up quite a good show: four 1sts, three 2nds and three 3rds in the running section, and two 2nds, one 3rd in the Field Events department.

A new Finnish star, in the person of Harry Larva, won the 1,500 metres in a new Olympic record time of 3 mins. 53.2 secs.; what one could describe as a Nurmi influence was well exemplified in his clockwork running, the first and last lap times being almost identical. His fellow countryman, E. Porje, had acted as pacemaker and finished in a very creditable 3rd position.

The Tireless Two

As Nurmi and Ritola were very much concerned in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres, also the Steeplechase, it is important to explain that they both ran five times within a period of seven days, and Wide, the veteran Swede, three times in six days.

The 10,000 metres was run off on Sunday, July 29th. It seems that Nurmi and Ritola did not trouble themselves about the lead in the early stages of the race, but at the half-way stage, with nothing between them, they were out on their own, and twenty seconds ahead of W. Beavers, Great Britain. They increased their lead substantially each succeeding lap, and with something like

a third of the full journey still to be traversed, they piled on the pace even more, and gave the appearance of two automatons.

According to my reckoning, Ritola was content to let Paavo make the running, and each lap was reeled off in the latter's best precision style. 300 metres from the tape they were still inseparable, but Nurmi had just the edge on Ritola in those remaining metres, and crossed the line but three-fifths of a second ahead.

The time of 30 mins. 18.8 secs. was yet another Olympic record, being an improvement of 4.6 secs. on Ville Ritola's 1924 record.

Wide was third in 31 mins. 0.8 secs., so the Finns must have been justifiably elated, that two of their number had proved to be so superior to the rest of the world.

Paavo's first and last laps were clocked as 66.8 and 63.4 secs. respectively: the average lap time works out at approximately 72.75 secs., so the last lap was

indeed extraordinarily fast for such a distance.

On the Tuesday following, these two formidable Finns, Wide and nine others, qualified to run in the 5,000 metres final. The next day found Nurmi and Ritola with others of the land of their birth, getting through the heats of the 3,000 metres Steeplechase.

Friday, August 3rd, saw the 5,000 metres finalists face the starter. Nurmi went to the front after two laps, with Ritola and Wide in close pursuit. It went thus until half the distance had been covered, then Nurmi unexpectedly allowed Ritola to pass him. The onlookers were in half a mind that Paavo was employing grand strategy, and that he would throw down the gauntlet at his chosen time.

But his tremendous effort in the 10,000 metres had perhaps taken its toll, and in his Steeplechase heat an escapade at the water-jump certainly could not have helped matters.

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In any case Ritola held the lead, and during the last lap Erling Wide made a determined thrust to pass Nurmi, but this spurred the latter on to a last desperate bid which was quite unavailing, as Ville Ritola was by now in an impregnable position out ahead. Even so, the individual times show that the gallant Swede was most unfortunate to be contemporary with these two wonder men: Ritola, 14 mins. 38 secs.; Nurmi, 14 mins. 40.4 secs.; Wide, 14 mins. 40.6 secs. Nurmi just got second place by the narrow margin of one-fifth of a second.

The next day, when the 3,000 metres Steeplechase final was to be run off, Finland had another two strong contenders in Loukola and Andersen. Considering their exertions of the preceding days, I don't suppose that anyone expected Paavo or Ville to have another go, but they both turned up at the starting-post, seemingly resolved to run themselves out for the glory of Finland.

As events turned out, Ritola did not last the course, but Nurmi gave another display of his incomparable spirit and courage by finishing second to T. A. Loukola, 9.4 secs. behind, with the other Finn, O. Andersen, in third position a further 4.4 secs. in the rear.

In the Marathon, Martelin of Finland took third place, the race being won by El Ouaf; the Algerian, who finished almost half-a-minute in front of Miguel Plaza Reyes of Chile.

Strangely enough, not one Field Events' title came Finland's way at Amsterdam, but for the first and only time one of their representatives, by name P. Yrjola, secured first place in the Decathlon.

Before closing my survey of 1928, I must mention that it was Paavo Nurmi's Olympic swan-song. No other scion of Finland has ever acquitted himself with more distinction. His 1924 achievements will undoubtedly linger long in the minds of athletic enthusiasts the world over.

1932—A Lean Year

America had the honour of staging the Athletic Carnival of Nations at Los Angeles in 1932, and Finland fell back somewhat by only winning the 5,000 metres, Steeplechase and Javelin contests.

The first of these events developed into a titanic struggle between Lauri Lehtinen and a young American, Ralph Hill. American hopes ran high after the latter had beaten the Finn in a heat, albeit the time returned was on the slow side.

Just one month before the Games Lehtinen had set up a new world's record for the distance, 14 mins. 17 secs., and even the most partisan of the spectators were probably only hoping for the best.

Virtanen, another formidable Finn, was also included among the fourteen runners who faced the starter, but it soon was apparent that the three aforementioned pacers were in a class by themselves.

Quickly they left the rest of the field far behind, and even when Virtanen began to feel the pace too hot for him in the eleventh lap, he was still a good third.

A Thrilling Finish

Lehtinen and Hill were out on their own, now, in that order and round the last lap and into the home straight they pounded, and the standites were shouting themselves hoarse with excitement.

In the last yards Hill made a valiant attempt to pass his rival on the outside, but Lehtinen cut in and prevented him from doing so. They both flung themselves into the tape as close together as two peas in a pod.

Everyone was convinced that it could not be other than a dead-heat, but Olympic rules do not permit of such a result, and on consulting a photographic device for close decisions, the films revealed that Lehtinen had just got home by a matter of inches.

The crowd had all the time been yelling and booing, for they were quite certain in their minds that Lehtinen had obstructed Hill.

However, the Finn was adjudged to be the winner, and his time 14 mins. 30 secs. disturbed Nurmi's Olympic record. Ralph Hill sportingly did not lodge a protest, and Lauri Lehtinen was most profuse in apologising for any misdeemeanour he had committed in that terrific finish.

Sequence Broken by Pole

One hears little of Polish athletes, but one of their number, Janvusz Kusocinski, was an entrant in the 10,000 metres, and openly shouted from the house-tops that he would set such a pace as would prove much too hot for any of Finland's renowned distance experts.

On June 29th he had turned in a new world's record for 4 miles at Posnan, 19 mins. 2.6 secs., and this performance must have given him great confidence in asserting that he would smash the Finns.

Many people still could not believe that he would be good enough to justify his boasting. However, he was as good as his word, and from the pistol he set a cracking pace.

With almost two-thirds of the journey covered, he still maintained the initiative, but Volmari Iso-Hollo and Lauri Johannes Virtanen were hanging on grimly like leeches, determined to uphold Finland's prestige.

But at this point Virtanen "cracked," so Kusocinski and Iso-Hollo tore on, and

they arrived at the 8,000 metres stage running stride for stride. Then the Finn decided to go ahead, perhaps eager to ensure that his country would register her fifth consecutive victory in this particular race.

In the back straight of the last lap the Pole dashed past the Finn, and came up the stretch for home right on his toes and fresh as paint. He broke the tape a good ten yards ahead of his rival, recording 30 mins. 11.4 secs., and yet another of Nurmi's records went by the board.

Virtanen was third, over 100 yards behind, so it can be fully realised from this just how hard Kusocinski had pushed things along.

An Official Blunder

The Steeplechase gave Iso-Hollo consolation when he won this event easily. Unfortunately the officials miscalculated the number of laps, and the competitors ran one too many.

The time for the wrong distance was 10 mins. 33.4 secs., but the officials

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arrived at a figure of 9 mins. 18.4 secs. for the correct distance, which was a new Olympic record.

A close finish developed in the Marathon, Armas Toivonen of Finland running into 3rd place. The winner was Juan Zabala, of the Argentine, and the two Britishers, Sam Ferris and "Dunkie" Wright, were 2nd and 4th respectively.

The Finns swept the boards clean in the Javelin contest, securing no less than first, second and third placings.

Matti Jarvinen, son of pioneer Ville, established a new Olympic record of 238 feet 7 inches when taking the premier award, although this throw was over 4 feet short of his own world's record, which he had made earlier on June 27th. Siffala was second and the veteran Penttila third.

Stern Hammer Duel

The Hammer Throwing final resolved into a great duel between Ville Porhola, Finland (Olympic champion Shot-Putter in 1920) and Pat O'Callaghan, who represented the Irish Free State.

With a mighty last throw that fell short by less than a foot of Matt. McGrath's (U.S.A.) great Olympic record of 177 feet 7 inches, set up at Stockholm in 1912, O'Callaghan did the trick, for with his last effort Porhola failed to even reach an earlier mark of 171 feet 6½ inches.

In the High Jump Finland took 5th place, and I think I am correct in saying that this was Finland's best up to that time.

Finland Still Lagging

The spotlight of the 1936 Games fell on Berlin, and on account of the terrible holocaust that engulfed a great part of this planet three years later, this meeting was destined to be the last one held for quite a considerable time.

Finland was still not up to par, just having the same number of wins as in 1932—namely three. Although she took five runner-up positions.

Jap's Plucky Bid

The first flat race to be decided was what could be described by this time as Finland's golden preserve, the 10,000 metres.

Iso-Hollo was favourite, but the field comprised among others, such well-trying performers as Burns, Eaton and Potts of Great Britain: Don Lash of U.S.A. had a big reputation, and a mild sensation was caused by the appearance of Juan Zabala, marathon winner in 1932.

Two Japanese entrants, Murakoso and Suzuki, were an unknown quantity, and I don't suppose they were at all fancied.

The small Murakoso immediately gave an insight into his capabilities by taking the lead, and his times at 1, 2 and 3 miles were 4 mins. 33 secs., 9 mins. 28 secs., 14 mins. 22 secs., so he was certainly not loitering.

The three Finns, Iso-Hollo, Salminen and Askola were content to let others do the donkey-work.

With something like a mile to go they began to move up, running smoothly as a team.

Soon all had been dropped bar Murakoso, and eventually he had to relinquish his position of leader, but the Jap fought back and got to the front again several times, but all to no avail against this almost terrifying robot-like team.

Inevitably he had to give best, and even Iso-Hollo latterly found the pace too much for him, and Askola and Salminen fought out a grim battle, with the latter just heading off his fellow-countryman by one fifth of a second to win in 30 mins. 15.4 secs.

Thrills and a Spill

For the 5,000 metres Finland selected as her foemen to do battle—Ilmari Salminen, Gunnar Hoeckert and Lauri Lehtinen. Hoeckert was the latest star in the Finnish constellation of distance experts, while it was fitting that Lehtinen should get the opportunity of defending the title he had won so dramatically in 1932.

Other competitors of note were Don Lash, U.S.A., John H. Jonssen, Sweden, and Murakoso, Japan.

The latter was having another tilt at the formidable Finns, and there was probably much speculation as to what tactics the Jap would adopt on this occasion.

Not surprisingly, he chose to let someone else make the running in the early stages. The Finns, too, had apparently decided to alter their 10,000 metres mode of running, for Salminen took the field along for a spell, but Don Lash led at one mile (4 mins. 32 secs.), with Murakoso, the Finns and P. D. Ward, Great Britain, in close attendance.

Then the Jap, unable to restrain himself any longer, took the lead. He must have been a very courageous little fellow, knowing full well what a herculean task he had taken upon his shoulders, in trying to wear down these imperturbable Finns.

At two miles he was still there, but with only two laps to go, Hoeckert went to the front. Still Murakoso held on grimly, and could not yet be written off as a menace.

The leaders closely bunched, and Salminen, probably hemmed in had the vilest misfortune to step on the board which ran round the edge of the track. In so doing he touched someone's foot and fell; he was up in next to no time,

but with such a class field even the slightest falling-back was fatal.

Meanwhile, Hoeckert and Lehtinen were "stepping on it," and it was obviously going to be a tight finish.

Neither would yield an inch to the other, and they so increased the tempo as to complete the course like short-distance men.

Youth prevailed, however, and Hoeckert was the victor in 14 mins. 22.2 secs., Lehtinen clocking 14 mins. 25.8 secs. Murakoso was a good fourth, his time being 14 mins. 30 secs.

The first three men beat Lehtinen's 1932 Olympic record, and Murakoso equalled it.

Salminen, incidentally, finished in 6th position, and this was a very creditable feat, considering that his mishap must have shaken him severely.

Steeplechaser Supreme

Although Iso-Hollo won the Steeplechase comfortably in a new Olympic record time of 9 mins. 3.8 secs., the race

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Photograph of the great Finnish Athlete and only Olympic Champion to successfully defend his title at the 1936 Games. VOLMARI ISO-HOLLO leading the field in the 3,000 metres Steeplechase. Jumping in mid-air is the German, Dompert, who ran a heroic race to take 3rd place.

was not without excitement, for Dompert, Germany, made a most determined and spectacular effort to deprive Tuominen, Finland, of second place.

The Finn just beat him off, as the respective times illustrated: Tuominen, 9 mins. 6.8 secs.; Dompert, 9 mins. 7.2 secs.

Matilainen, Finland, was fourth in 9 mins. 9.8 secs., while Manning, U.S.A., was not disgraced when he took 5th position in 9 mins. 11.2 secs.

Iso-Hollo's performance in successfully defending his title was no mean achievement, and according to my records, he and Jonni Myrta are the only Finns ever to have done so.

Tamila and Muinonen of Finland were fourth and fifth in the marathon, which Kitei Son, Japan, won by a little over 2 mins. from the gallant Britisher, Ernie Harper.

Shoryu Nan, Japan, was third, only 19 secs. behind. Son and Harper both broke Zabala's previous Olympic record.

Field Men Go Close

Putting the Weight saw Finland's contender, S. Baerlund just pipped for

the premier honour, Hans Woellke, Germany, with a putt of 53 feet 1½ inches, exceeding the Finn's best by 3½ inches.

A. Kutonen, Finland, secured 4th place in the Hammer Throwing contest, but he was a good 20 feet behind the winner, Carl Hein, Germany.

On Thursday, August 6th, the Javelin event was decided, and beforehand Matti Jarvinen was thought to be a certain winner, for had he not on September 7th, at Turin, improved upon his own world's record by reaching the colossal distance of 251 feet 6 inches.

Word had got around that he had severely strained the muscles of his back early in 1936, but few believed that there was any substance in the report.

However, as the contest proceeded, it became abundantly clear that something serious had happened to Matti, for his throwing was not up to standard, and Finland's hopes now rested on Nikkanen and Toivonen.

Nikkanen looked all over the winner when he led at 232 feet 6 inches, but Gerhard Stöck, Germany, had an inspired last throw of 235 feet 8½ inches and

although Nikkanen put everything he knew into his last effort, it fell short of the German's by a foot or so.

Toivonen was third, and Jarvinen was fifth.

Summing-up

So ends my treatise on Finland's Olympic History, and as I have been most painstaking, I trust readers will forgive me if minor errors have crept in here and there.

Summing up, I feel impelled to observe that Finland has practically monopolised the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and Steeplechase since 1912.

In the first two distances, her runners have failed only once to come out on top, and they have four wins in a row in the Steeplechase after their first triumph in 1924.

Their Field Events History is not particularly imposing, but it is noteworthy that in the Javelin contest they have never been worse than 2nd place for six consecutive Olympiads.

Truly a great record, and, I for one, look forward to the 1948 Games in London, when I shall dearly love to find Finland's foemen once again throwing out a great challenge in the battlefield of the world's finest athletes.

The success attending the initial City of Edinburgh Highland Games at Murrayfield Rugby Ground, last year, ensured its retention as a principal item in the Scottish athletic calendar. Over £1,100 was handed over to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing last year.

This year the meeting will again be held at Murrayfield on 4th September—coinciding with the Edinburgh Festival of Music and Art. The programme will be on the same ambitious and lavish (athletically) lines as before with Inter-City events again prominent. On this occasion it is hoped to have teams from the A.A.A., N.I.A.A.A. and the Eire A.A.U., participating.

Particulars of the meeting can be had from W. Carmichael, 38 Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh.

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JOHANNES COLEMAN
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AFTER the 1948 National Athletic Championships, which were held here in Port Elizabeth, over the Easter week-end, the selectors announced their South African Olympic team as follows:

1. JOHANNES COLEMAN (Marathon).
2. DENIS SHORE (400 Metres).
3. Miss DAPHNY ROBB (Women's Sprints).
4. KALIE REYNEKE (10,000 Metres Walk).
5. SID LUYT (Marathon).

The choice of this small team is perhaps a wise one. The athletes are all considered to stand a reasonable chance of finishing amongst the leaders in world competition. There are—as someone put it—no passengers.

The trials proved somewhat disappointing to some of the "borderline" cases. Denis Price, the youthful long jump prospect, somehow could not get going and finished only third with a 23 feet 3 inch performance.

Our veteran sprint-hurdler, Tim Lavery, got away slowly and despite a determined effort could only register 14.9 secs.

Then there was Les Barnes, South African record holder, at 6 feet 7½ inches, making his first bid for Springbok high jump honours. Barnes found the taking off footing somewhat soft and failed to get over the bar at 6 feet 4½ inches; although I thought he cleared the previous height of 6 feet 2 inches with quite a lot to spare.

If the 1948 Championship meeting showed that we did not possess a large array of world-class material, at the moment, it more than anything proved that we have quite a number of youthful athletes who are bound to make their mark in International athletics in the near future.

Eighteen-year-old Hendrik Lombard was beaten by a bare 12 inches in the hundred (after being quite a yard back at the 50 yard mark) in the very fast time of 9.6 secs. Lombard afterwards won the 220 yards title in 21.9 secs. I consider Lombard somewhat unlucky not to have made the team.

Yet another youthful runner, who may well have been the better for some International experience, is Gideon van BiGon, Western Province quarter mile champion and record holder. BiGon was unlucky to draw an outside line. He set a cracking pace and Shore only got past him over the final thirty yards to register

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one of the greatest victories of his (Shore's) great career, van BiGon showed 48.1 secs.

Herby Parkin was undoubtedly the "find" of the meeting. He won both the 3 and 6 miles events. This is only Parkin's second outing in first-class athletics. Sid Woods, youthful Western Province runner, won a fast mile from his fellow Province man, Munnik, in 4 mins. 18.8 secs.

Surprise of the meeting was the pole vault defeat of Empire champion, Andries duPlessis. Three athletes got over 12 feet 6 inches but when the bar was raised to 12 feet 11½ inches only, Burger (former University champion), an unattached entrant from Johannesburg, got over on his second attempt.

The hundred yard dash final supplied a thrill. All six finalists got under 10 secs. Denis Shore held off the fast closing Lombard in 9.6 secs. Lombard showed 9.6, Murphy 9.7, van Heerden and Hugo 9.8 secs., and Sandler 9.9 secs.

The marathon was the highlight of the meeting. Johannes Coleman, who won the Empire Games' marathon in Sidney 10 years ago, won (after making his own pace throughout) in the sterling time of 2 hrs. 32 mins. 30 secs., one min. 45 secs. outside the National record, established by the late H. A. Gibson at Bloemfontein

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- 440 Yards.—1st D. Shore (N.T.); 2nd G. van BiGon (W.P.); 3rd S. Booysen (S.A.P.), won by 4 yards, 1 yard between 2nd and 3rd—47.6 secs.
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A. BURGER

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Hop, Step and Jump—1st E. West (W.P.); 2nd S. Basson (S.T.); 3rd J. v.d. Merwe (N.T.)—46 feet 7 inches. S. Basson got over 47 feet 8 inches, but after some discussion it was found that he had fouled the take-off board.

Pole Vault—1st A. Burger (Unatt.); 2nd A. duPlessis (S.T.); 3rd B. Blommaert (S.T.)—12 feet 11½ inches.

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Javelin—1st T. Knowles (S.T.); 2nd P. Inkersole (W.P.); 3rd E. West (W.P.)—177 feet 6½ inches.

Hammer—1st D. Pretorius (N.T.); 2nd H. Schmidt (N.T.); 3rd B. J. van der Linde (Unatt.)—130 feet 5½ inches.

Decathlon—1st E. West (W.P.)—6274 points; 2nd J. Dreyer (N.T.)—5884 points; 3rd J. H. van Heerden (S.T.)—5530 points; 4th H. Schmidt (N.T.)—5488 points; 5th C. du Soit—5484 points. J. Dreyer and C. du Soit were forced to withdraw from the 1,500 metres on account of injuries.

Three Miles Walk—1st K. Reyneke (W.P.); 2nd N. Reyneke (W.P.); 3rd H. Prenaar (S.A.P.)—21 mins. 34.1 secs.

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A. Good, a founder of the club has been appointed Hon. Secretary of Northampton County A.A.A.

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Track Championships to be held at Mount Blow, Dalmuir, on 20th May, 1948.

Vale of Leven A.A.C. held their A.G.M. on 23rd April, 1948. Main Office-Bearers elected:—President, J. Gardner; Vice-President, T. Wilson; Hon. Treasurer, J. Taylor; Hon. Secretary, W. Stevenson, 59 Wilson Street, Alexandria; Captain, A. Campbell; Vice-Captain, H. Coll.

Victoria Park A.A.C. train at Scotstoun Showgrounds, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Coaches—G. Munro, W. McFarlane, W. Paterson. New members welcome.

Clydesdale Harriers train at Mount Blow, Dalmuir, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7. All local youths interested in athletics receive a cordial invitation to join this enthusiastic club.

Springburn Harriers had a grand turnout at their Annual Supper and Presentation of Prizes in the Bank Restaurant. A distinguished member present was Mr. W. L. Cameron, a founder member, and 55 years' associated with the club.

With an eloquent appreciation by Mr. J. Cowie, club coach, a presentation of a Portable Wireless Set was made to Mr. W. S. McCarthy, President of the club from 1928-1940. Mr. McCarthy, a Past-President of the N.C.C.U., has retired and is taking up residence in the South of England.

A club enthusiast, Mr. Alex. Wark, presented a Trophy for annual competition for the Junior Track championship.

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It is a magnificent film and athletes and officials should press for its private and public showing.

Space permitting, next month we will give full comments and our reflections on the film, and on why efforts have been made to keep back its showing to the British public.

In our view the reasons are allied to the absurd attitude of not allowing German and Japanese athletes to compete in the 1948 Olympic Games.

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