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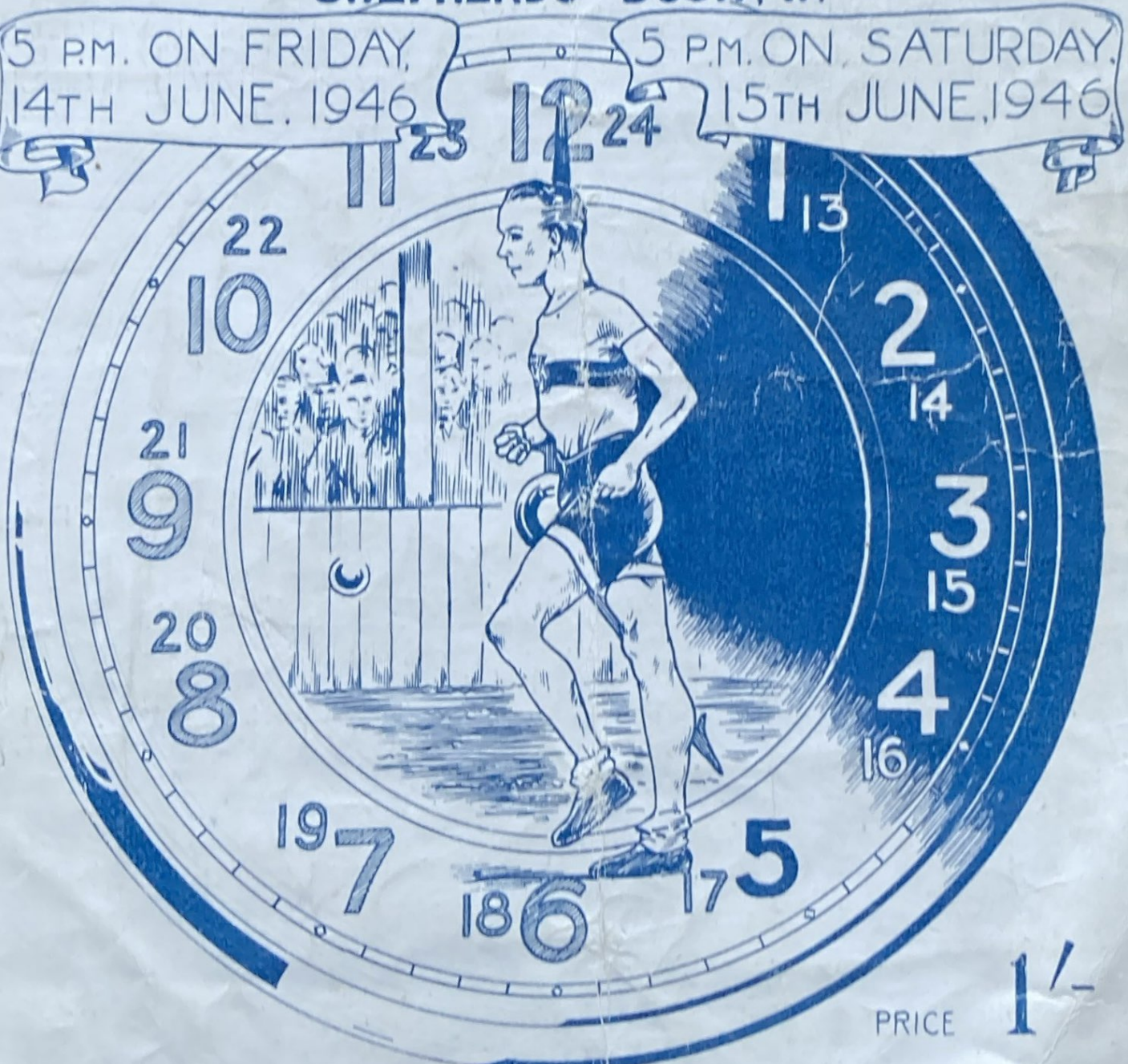
# 24 HOURS TRACK WALKING RACE

(UNDER AAA LAWS)

**WHITE CITY STADIUM,  
SHEPHERDS-BUSH, W.**

5 P.M. ON FRIDAY,  
14TH JUNE, 1946

5 P.M. ON SATURDAY,  
15TH JUNE, 1946



PRICE

1/-

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

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ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 14th and 15th JUNE, 1946

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J. GRIMWADE (Chief) and Members of the Metropolitan Walking Club.

**Dressing and Rest Rooms Steward:** REG HALE.

**Doctors in Attendance:** Major K. McCAUL, M.P.S., Dr. C. R. BREWER.

**First Aid:** St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

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**Hon. Secretary:** G. G. SWAN, "Waratah," Millfield Lane, Highgate, N.6.

# Notes for Competitors, Officials & Attendants

The race will be **started** on the stroke of 5 p.m., Friday 14th.

Four linen numbers have been provided which must be **sewn** on the jersey and vest worn by the competitor in a prominent position back and front. Attendants should make sure this is done, otherwise the lap scorers are liable to miss recording the correct number of laps walked.

Ordinary refreshments will be available to competitors and their attendants during the whole 24 hours, but special requirements of individual competitors should be arranged for independently. Officials can secure refreshments, when required, by obtaining vouchers from the Chief Stewards.

Each competitor should have **two** attendants; one of whom should be available at the side of the track at any time after the first **10 miles**.

A pistol will be fired at the expiration of each hour.

The Judges are empowered to disqualify without warning any competitor whom they consider to be jostling or interfering with any other competitor.

**Sleeping accommodation** for Officials and Attendants when "off duty" will be available in the regular dressing rooms of the White City Track. Mr. Reg Hale will superintend the job of making this as comfortable as possible in the circumstances.

WALKING IS PROGRESSION BY STEPS SO TAKEN THAT UNBROKEN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND IS MAINTAINED.

Any Competitor whose mode of progression does not comply with above definition to the entire satisfaction of any Judge or Judges shall be disqualified.

DISQUALIFIED COMPETITORS MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE TRACK, WHETHER REQUESTED TO DO SO OR NOT.

## Awards

**Winner**, i.e., the Competitor who walks the longest distance in 24 hours.

**Second**, i.e., the Competitor who walks the second longest distance in 24 hours.

**Third**, i.e., the Competitor who walks the third longest distance in 24 hours.

**Records.** All competitors who create a new British or World record or records. **Jerry Grimwade** will donate the prize for the first record to be broken.

**127 Miles** Tommy Payne has donated a prize value £5 5s. 0d. for the first competitor to walk 127 miles in the race.

**50 Miles.** The competitor **other than the first three** or **leader** at hundred miles who walks fifty miles first. Donated anonymously.

**100 Miles.** The competitor **other than the first three** or **leader** at fifty miles who walks one hundred miles first. Donated anonymously.

### Standard Awards.

Competitors covering 100 miles in 20 hours.

Competitors covering 120 miles in 24 hours.

All the awards will be engraved, therefore a special occasion will be selected not at the time of the race for the prizes to be distributed by **C. R. Butcher Esq.**, the President of the Metropolitan Walking Club.



# COMPETITORS

No.	NAME	CLUB	BEST LONG DISTANCE PERFORMANCE(S)
1	H. H. WHITLOCK	Metropolitan Walking Club	Olympic Champion 50 kilos, Berlin 1938. Record Holder London to Brighton Walk, 7 hrs. 53 mins. 50 secs.; also 30 to 50 miles incl. and 4 to 8 hrs. incl.
2	G. B. R. WHITLOCK	Metropolitan Walking Club	Third in London to Brighton Open Walk, 8 hrs. 7 mins., 1938.
3	G. T. GALLOWAY	Surrey Walking Club	Record Holder at following distances: 19, 20, 21 miles; also 3 hours. Fastest time Croydon to Godstone and Back, 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
4	C. E. CHURCHER	Belgrave Harriers	Good all-round Middle-distance walker. Second in Southern Counties 20 miles Championship 1940.
5	J. C. CHALK	Belgrave Harriers and Centurions	London to Brighton and Back (104 miles) 19 hrs. 45 mins. (1926).
6	R. MARTIN	Belgrave Harriers	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1936, 8 hrs. 57 mins. 12 secs.
7	C. F. D. SUTTON	Belgrave Harriers	London to Brighton Open Walk, 1938, 8 hrs. 44 mins. 52 secs.
8	L. BARRETT	Enfield Athletic Club	Bradford 12 hrs. Track Walk, 1938, in which he covered 68 miles.
9	L. S. FARNDON	Godiva Harriers	Eastleigh 50 kilos (31 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) 1945, 5 hrs. 13 mins.
10	A. F. SPICER	Hampstead Harriers and Centurions	Second in <i>three</i> London to Brighton and Back Open Walks (104 miles), best performance 1937, 19 hrs. 54 secs.
11	E. G. BARNES	Highgate Harriers	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1935, 9 hrs. 11 mins.
12	E. L. DELPINE	Highgate Harriers	First attempt at a distance walk above 20 miles.
13	P. J. READING	Polytechnic Harriers	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1938, 8 hrs. 21 mins. 12 secs.
14	G. HALL	Royal Sutton Coldfield Walking Club and Centurions	Yorkshire 24 hrs. track race, 1936, when he completed 100 miles in 22 hrs. 19 mins. 40 secs.
15	A. R. HARDING	Southgate and Wood Green Athletic Club	Good middle-distance walker.
16	B. WEBSTER-SMITH	Southgate and Wood Green Athletic Club and Centurions	Has competed in <i>two</i> London to Brighton and Back Open Walks (104 miles); 1926 time 23 hrs. 3 mins.; 1930 time 21 hrs. 30 mins. (100 miles).
17	J. E. GRICE	Surrey Athletic Club	Has completed <i>four</i> Barking to Southend Walks, 1936-7-8-9. Best time approx. 5 hrs. 50 mins.
18	W/O F. S. HERRING, R.A.F.	Surrey Athletic Club	Eastleigh 50 kilos (31 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) 1945, 5 hrs. 43 mins.
19	J. F. L. HENDERSON	Sussex Walking Club and Centurions	Won the London to Brighton and Back Open Walk (104 miles) 1937, 18 hrs. 37 mins. 40 secs.
20	R. ANDREWS	Woodford Green Athletic Club	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1938, 9 hrs. 46 mins. 57 secs.
21	J. F. HARBOUR	Woodford Green Athletic Club	Eastleigh 50 kilos (31 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) 1945, 5 hrs. 23 mins. 39 secs.
22	F. N. LITTLEFAIR	Woodford Green Athletic Club	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1938, 10 hrs. 8 mins. 4 secs.
23	H. D. M. H. NEILSON	Woodford Green Athletic Club	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles), 9 hrs. 1 min. 30 secs.
24	N. SMITH	Yorkshire Walking Club	12 hrs. Open Track Walk, 1938, when he completed 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
25	S. F. H. ABEL	Essex Beagles	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1936, 8 hrs. 20 mins.
26	G. G. SWAN	Surrey Walking Club	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1928, 9 hrs. 27 mins.
27	W. C. MERRETT	Polytechnic Harriers	London to Brighton Open Walk (52 miles) 1935, 9 hrs. 17 mins.
28	A. A. PERRIN	Unattached	No previous long distance walking.

NOTE.—G. T. GALLOWAY will attempt to lower the 25 mile record; and C. E. CHURCHER the 50 kilos record. All other entries will attempt the 100 miles or full 24 hours.

# FINAL AND INTERMEDIATE DISTANCE POSITIONS

No.	NAME	At 50 Miles		NAME	At 100 Miles		24 Hours
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## WORLD WALKING RECORDS

1 mile	6 min. 18.6 sec.	A. Stubbs (Australia)	1943
2 miles	13 min. 11.4 sec.	G. Larner (England)	1904
	13 min. 5.2 sec.	*V. Hardmo (Sweden)	1943
3 miles	12 min. 53.8 sec.	*V. Hardmo (Sweden)	1945
4 miles	20 min. 25.8 sec.	G. Larner (England)	1905
5 miles	27 min. 14 sec.	G. Larner (England)	1905
6 miles	35 min. 47.2 sec.	A. H. Pope (England)	1932
7 miles	43 min. 7 sec.	A. H. Pope (England)	1932
	50 min. 19.2 sec.	J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1937
8 miles	49 min. 21.2 sec.	*J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1942
9 miles	58 min. 4.6 sec.	A. H. Pope (England)	1932
10 miles	67 min. 1 sec.	F. J. Redman (England)	1934
	74 min. 30 sec.	F. J. Redman (England)	1934
	73 min. 3.8 sec.	*J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1942
15 miles	1 hr. 56 min. 9.8 sec.	J. Dalinsh (Latvia)	1933
20 miles	2 hr. 43 min. 38 sec.	A. Plumb (England)	1932
	2 hr. 41 min. 7 sec.	*H. Olsson (Sweden)	1943
25 miles	3 hr. 32 min. 26 sec.	J. Dalinsh (Latvia)	1932
30 miles	4 hr. 29 min. 31.8 sec.	F. Cornet (France)	1942
	4 hr. 26 min. 57.6 sec.	H. Whitlock (England)	1935
	4 hr. 24 min. 54.2 sec.	*D. Lundgren (Sweden)	1944
1 hour	8 m. 474 yds.	A. Pope (England)	1932
	8 m. 744 yds.	*J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1941
2 hours	15 m. 768 yds.	J. Dalinsh (Latvia)	1933
	15 m. 1,228 yds.	*E. Brunn (Norway)	1939
50 kilometres	4 hr. 30 min. 41 sec.	H. Whitlock (England)	1936

\* To be confirmed by International Federation.

## ROAD WALKING RECORDS

LONDON-BRIGHTON (52 miles)		LONDON-BRIGHTON AND BACK (104 miles)	
Harold Whitlock	7 hr. 53 min. 50 sec. 1935	W. F. Baker	18 hr. 5 min. 51 sec. 1926

## TRACK WALKING RECORDS

Mls.	h.	m.	s.	Name	Made at	Date
20	2	43	38	A. E. Plumb	Fort Dunlop, Birmingham	May 7, 1932
1	0	6	21.2	P. Bernard	White City, London	July 25, 1936
2	0	13	11 2/5	G. E. Larner	Manchester	July 13, 1904
3	0	20	25 4/5	G. E. Larner	Brighton	Aug. 19, 1905
4	0	27	14	G. E. Larner	Brighton	Aug. 19, 1905
5	0	35	47 1/5	A. H. G. Pope	White City, London	Aug. 31, 1932
6	0	43	7	A. H. G. Pope	White City, London	Aug. 31, 1932
7	0	50	28 4/5	A. H. G. Pope	White City, London	Aug. 31, 1932
8	0	58	4 3/5	A. H. G. Pope	White City, London	Aug. 31, 1932
9	1	7	1	F. J. Redman	White City, London	May 26, 1934
10	1	14	30.6	F. J. Redman	White City, London	May 26, 1934
11	1	24	9 4/5	R. Bridge	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
12	1	31	55 1/5	R. Bridge	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
13	1	39	56	R. Bridge	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
14	1	47	49 4/5	R. Bridge	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
15	1	56	42 2/5	R. Bridge	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
20	2	46	10	G. T. Galloway	White City	May 26, 1934
21	2	55	25	G. T. Galloway	White City	May 26, 1934
25	3	37	6 4/5	S. C. A. Schofield	Herne Hill	May 20, 1911
30	4	29	31 4/5	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
40	6	7	7	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
50	7	44	47 1/5	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
60	9	42	10	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1913
70	11	27	24 3/5	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1913
80	13	55	12	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
90	15	40	48	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
100	17	35	40	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
110	19	58	40 1/5	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
120	21	52	58 1/5	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
130	23	45	51	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908

## TIME RECORDS

Hrs.	Mls.	Yds.	Name	Made at	Date
1	8	474	A. H. G. Pope	White City, London	Aug. 31, 1932
2	15	768	J. Dalinsh	Riga	June 1, 1934
3	21	868	G. T. Galloway	White City	May 26, 1934
4	26	1616	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Sept. 29, 1933
5	33	236	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
6	39	473	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
7	45	803	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
8	51	1042	H. H. Whitlock	White City	Oct. 5, 1935
9	55	1737	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
10	61	1233	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
11	67	757	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
12	73	145	E. C. Horton	Stamford Bridge	May 2, 1914
13	76	930	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
14	80	950	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
15	86	569	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
16	91	524	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
17	96	1152	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
18	101	1569 1/2	T. W. Richardson	Bradford	Sept. 18 & 19, 1936
19	105	260	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
20	110	200	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
21	115	575	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
22	120	1156	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
23	125	1354	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908
24	131	580	T. E. Hammond	White City, London	Sept. 11 & 12, 1908

# T. E. HAMMOND'S GREAT PERFORMANCE

In 24 hours he walked 131 miles 580 yards.

September 11th and 12th, 1908.

Within a few months of the opening of the now famous White City Stadium, Tommy created his 24 Hour World's Walking record which has remained unbeaten ever since, as have many of the intermediate distance times he put up on that memorable day. On another page will be found the hour by hour distance chart of the three leaders, and it is felt that competitors, their attendants, officials and even spectators of the 1946 24 Hour Race at the same venue, will find of great interest details of the progress of the 42 competitors who started at the stroke of five o'clock nearly 38 years ago; so here goes!

J. Butler started off at a great pace covering 6 miles 838 yards in the first hour, but at 11 miles he was caught by the dark horse of the race, J. Iles, of Treharris, who at two hours had covered 12 miles 1,025 yards. Shortly afterwards H. V. L. Ross appeared among the leaders, taking the lead at 16 miles and keeping it until the 28th mile when being cold he retired for a change of clothing, thus letting Iles into first position again. Hammond, however, walking in splendid style took the lead from Iles at five hours. In the meantime Butler, who was one of the public fancies for the race, had returned to the track, but he finally retired at 26 miles 2 laps. At this stage there was little between Hammond, Iles and Tommy Payne, but as time passed the leader gradually opened up the gap, and Payne retiring for attention in the 44th mile let F. R. Leatherby into third place, although he was two laps behind the little Welshman, Iles. At 40 miles J. R. Barnes-Moss who had been expected to do well, went weak very suddenly and mysteriously, and retired.

Moving beautifully, Hammond covered his fiftieth mile in 8 hours 36 mins. 31 secs. and first beat previous bests when he bettered A. W. Sinclair's amateur record of 9 hrs. 47 min. 12 3/5 secs. for 51 miles which had stood for 27 years. Tommy's time was 8 hrs. 57 mins. 23 1/5 secs. The second and third men's time at this stage was also well within Sinclair's record. The professional record of 51 miles, 8 hrs. 4 mins. 14 secs. put up by Jack Hibberd in 1888 was still unapproached.

Through the dark hours Iles kept attempting to make ground on the Stock Exchange Champion, but failed to maintain any advantage he gained, although Hammond left the track once or twice for a rub down, thus stimulating Iles, who kept on the move, to further exertions. At twelve hours, though, the order was still Hammond, Iles and Leatherby.

It was surprising to see the way the rank and file pegged away, retirements

being few. Among those who withdrew were A. E. M. Rowland (the New Zealander), F. J. Jacob, H. E. Lang and A. R. Edwards. H. L. V. Ross too, although coming out again after his first stop at 27 miles, retired apparently for good, a little later. To the general surprise he turned out after five hours rest, and was walking in fine style at twelve hours. Not so Iles, he became weaker and weaker, and collapsed at 70 miles. It was fully an hour before he was able to return to the track and although he persevered pluckily, he had no chance of making up lost ground.

Leatherby was now in second place, and H. W. Horton (not, be it understood, of the Edgar Horton breed) the ex-holder of the Brighton and Back record, became third man. He was one of the few who had remained continuously on the track. About this period, Hammond was having a bad time and on several occasions had to receive attention. He was now, however, far ahead of Sinclair's records, and so were the next two men, who, notwithstanding Hammond's "offs" were losing ground on him. Leatherby indeed was worse than the leader, and his plucky attempt to keep on the track, compelled him to retire temporarily in the early part of the 17th hour. This let Horton up to second place, and the Surrey man had a little over a mile lead over Leatherby before the latter got moving again, which advantage he gradually improved upon. Iles was on the track again, by this time being 1 1/2 miles behind Leatherby with F. J. Wakefield, possibly the steadiest walker in the race about a mile farther in the rear. A. Ormrod came next.

Tommy Payne, who had several times looked like dropping out altogether had now recovered somewhat, and was moving well, but perhaps the strongest men at this point, outside the leaders, were, C. M. Simpson and F. Bland. The veteran, E. R. Gillespie, the Essex Enthusiast, aged 48 years, was one of the strongest men in the race, who earlier on had been in the rear, gradually improved his position as man after man retired. Never once did he leave the track.

At 18 hours there were still over two dozen remaining in the contest; distances covered by the front rank were as follows:

	Miles.	Yards
T. E. Hammond	... 99	1063
H. W. Horton	... 93	1165
F. R. Leatherby	... 92	860
F. J. Wakefield	... 89	1200
J. Iles	... 88	0
A. Ormrod	... 83	0
C. M. Sampson	... 87	600
T. Payne	... 86	0
F. Bland	... 83	1200
H. Swabey	... 83	1100
E. R. Gillespie	... 83	700
H. C. Taylor	... 82	1300

As the morning progressed, Hammond long since recovered from his bad time, kept reeling off the miles in fine style, and just prior to the 18 hours had beaten the previous world's best, which stood to the credit of Billy Howes. Hammond covered 99 miles in 17 hrs. 53 mins. 32 2/5 secs., as compared with 17 hrs. 54 mins. while at 18 hours he was 403 yards ahead of Howes' distance. From this point he was continually getting farther ahead of the old figures besides having a six miles lead over his nearest opponent. He was moving at a faster rate than during the night, encouraged by the plaudits of the ever increasing crowd.

Presently H. L. V. Ross who was thought to have retired, came out again, and taking a slight lead of Hammond, encouraged the record beater to a considerable degree. Next to Hammond, Wakefield was walking in the best form, with Leatherby getting weaker and weaker so that he lost the third position to Wakefield just prior to 22 hours.

Having once drawn into third place, Wakefield, distinctly the steadiest walker, as regards pace, in the race, never looked like losing it. As regards the leading positions the race was now as good as over for Horton was also plugging along with dogged persistence, encouraged by his club mate H. E. Lang (another early retirement). Towards the end of the race, C. M. Sampson caused quite a sensation, for after a succession of bad times, and encouraged by the mistaken impression that he was only a lap behind Wakefield at 23 hours, went along in tremendous style, gaining half a lap on Hammond during the last hour. He failed to do better than fourth place as the margin

in the third man's favour was one mile and a lap. Sampson covered nearly six miles in the last hour. Another competitor who made a remarkable recovery and was going well at the finish was H. B. Warden, the vegetarian who gained four positions in the last hour, but failed to better seventh place. Leatherby was, of course, unable to retain the fourth place and finished fifth.

It changed to minutes instead of hours and a continuous roar heralded the announcement the last five minutes had commenced. Even the weariest seemed to be infused with some of the enthusiasm of the 25,000 onlookers, and when, at last, Mr. J. Daffern fired the pistol announcing the end, there was none of the pitiable breakdowns usually seen at the finish of Marathon Races in those days.

## FINAL DISTANCES

	Miles.	Yards
1. T. E. Hammond—Blackheath H.	... 131	580
2. H. W. Horton—Surrey W.C.	... 121	1643
3. F. J. Wakefield—Surrey W.C.	... 118	501
4. C. M. Sampson—Polytechnic H.	... 117	1223
5. F. R. Leatherby—Middlesex W.C.	... 115	1613
6. T. Payne—Lancashire W.C.	... 108	783
7. B. H. Warden—Middlesex W.C.	... 108	431
8. A. Ormrod—Lancashire W.C.	... 107	644
9. F. Bland—Polytechnic H.	... 107	344
10. J. Iles—Unattached	... 106	785
11. H. Swabey—Surrey W.C.	... 106	743
12. E. R. Gillespie—Middlesex W.C.	... 106	154
13. H. J. Clark—Finchley H.	... 105	1504
14. G. Lind—(Russ.) Poly H.	... 103	819
15. T. C. Habishaw—Queens Pk. H.	... 103	819
16. E. Pencell—Surrey W.C.	... 92	1470
17. F. Webb—Unattached	... 87	329
J. Harper—Small Heath H.	... 100	586
H. C. Taylor—Polytechnic H.	... 100	586
E. H. Parker—Small Heath H.	... 90	0
H. A. Richardson—Middx. W.C.	... 86	0
J. W. Budd—Middlesex W.C.	... 83	0

## T. PAYNE'S NON-STOP 24 HOURS

Following Hammond's memorable performance the previous year, the Blackheath Harriers promotion did not catch the public eye quite so much, especially as Hammond himself was compelled to retire after a mere 39 miles, due to internal trouble and was only able to return to the track an hour or so later for another fifteen minutes.

Another disappointment in this race was H. L. V. Ross although his retirement at 24 1/2 miles was not surprising considering that he had only recently set up the London to Brighton record of 8 hrs. 11 mins. 14 secs., which stood unbeaten until Tommy Green reduced it, in 1930, to 8 hrs. 2 mins. 55 secs.

Regarding the actual race itself, history in the shape of Sporting Life newspaper cuttings, is not so illuminating as in the case of the 1938 promotion. Suffice it to say that Tommy Payne walked through without a stop thereby undoubtedly creating a non-stop record of which he is deservedly proud, although it was never made an official record. Tommy will be an official at this 1946 promotion and

has put up a special prize for the first competitor to cover 127 miles non-stop in the race.

No less than fifty competitors lined up at start and seventeen kept going to the final gun. In addition, eight won gold medals (happy days!) for completing 100 miles and most of the other competitors received silver medals for walking 75 miles.

## THE FINISH

	Miles.	Yards
1. T. Payne—Lancashire W.C.	... 127	542
2. W. Brown—Polytechnic H.	... 124	538
3. E. F. Broad—Surrey W.C.	... 120	1420
4. R. Braham—Sheffield United H.	... 116	1743
5. H. Swabey—Surrey W.C.	... 114	1502
6. A. Gerrard—Unattached	... 112	964
7. A. C. W. Black—Bk. of Eng. S.C.	... 107	1235
8. E. Forge—Essex Beagles	... 106	484
9. R. L. Parsler—Highgate H.	... 106	263
10. H. Stessiger—Surrey W.C.	... 106	172
11. A. P. Reid—Unattached	... 103	1300
12. R. Bidmead—Stock Exchange	... 102	1271
13. A. W. Jackson—Unattached	... 102	62
14. J. Harper—Small Heath H.	... 101	1627
15. F. Webb—Surrey W.C.	... 101	1627
16. F. G. Dawno—Vegetarians	... 101	1018
17. E. Hailstone—Unattached	... 101	567

## THE CENTURIANS

The Centurians is the most exclusive athletic body in the world. No other organisation demands the same high standard of performance; everybody entitled to call himself a Centurian is certified to have walked, as an amateur, at least a hundred miles in 24 hours. Each member is allocated a number in order of qualifying performance. No. 1 was the late Mr. J. E. Fowler-Dixon who as long ago as 1877 walked 100 miles in 20 hrs. 36 mins. 8 secs. The sixty-nine years which have passed since then have seen the development of race walking throughout the world, notwithstanding the inevitable setback of over ten years of war. This promotion will be the first opportunity that walkers have had to qualify for membership of the Centurians since 1937 when J. F. L. Henderson, who is competing in this year's event, won the Open Brighton and Back race, 104

miles in 18 hrs. 37 mins. 40 secs., when seven others besides himself qualified for the Centurians; bringing the numbers allocated to 120. The number 99 however was never allocated as when T. W. Richardson created his record for 100 miles in 1936 he was given the number 100 as being appropriate to his performance. So that since its inception 119 have qualified for Centurians.

Each recruit is presented by his fellow members with a shield bearing the number of the new member's performance, which it is expected will be worn at all meetings of the fraternity. It is hoped that all Centurians will wear their badge at this event for a large number of them will be assisting in the organising of the Race.

Jack Butler (Centurian No. 2) who is Life President, will be present and ready to give the officials the benefit of his vast experience.

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### SUSSEX WALKING AND ATHLETIC CLUB

announce the resumption of the

## Hastings to Brighton Open Walk

(37 miles)

On SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST, 1946

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#### AWARDS:

1st Individual Scratch:	Gold Medal	1st, 2nd & 3rd in Individual Handicap
2nd " " "	Silver " "	1st, 2nd & 3rd Scratch Teams
3rd " " "	Bronze " "	1st, 2nd & 3rd Handicap Teams

also Standard Awards

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### SURREY WALKING CLUB

Revival of Annual

## London to Brighton Open Walk

(52 miles approx.)

Start at WESTMINSTER BRIDGE at 7 a.m. on the first stroke of Big Ben on SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1946

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Usual Awards and Trophies to be competed for

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