

YORKSHIRE WALKING CLUB



24 HOUR WALK

(Under A.A.A. Laws and R.W.A. Rules)

AT

HORSFALL PLAYING
FIELDS, BRADFORD

ON

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
23rd and 24th September
1949

Start at 6-0 p.m.

Souvenir Programme — 6d.

An Appreciation



On the 18th and 19th September 1936 the Club successfully promoted a 24 hours walk during which a new record for 100 miles was created. Now after a lapse of 13 years, the Club is again promoting a similar event and the Centurions are grateful and thankful and hope that fine weather will prevail throughout the race.

The short history of the Centurions which appears in this programme amply demonstrates the extraordinary physical endurance and pluck of long distance walkers. Such qualities could not be encouraged and demonstrated unless able organisers like the Officials of the Club, were prepared to make herculean efforts.

Bradford has always been famous for its sporting and athletic activities and I am sure its ancient fame will be enhanced by this promotion.

ERNEST NEVILLE, No. 7,
Captain Centurions.

YORKSHIRE WALKING CLUB
24 Hour Track Walking Race
6 p.m. Friday — 6 p.m. Saturday



LIST OF OFFICIALS

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Hon. Secretary of Race : N. K. FEARNLEY

Hon. Treasurer of Race : F. W. MARSON

LIST OF COMPETITORS

No.	NAME	CLUB	BEST LONG DISTANCE PERFORMANCES
1.	C. ROYLE	Lancs. W.C. <i>21 hr 54 m = 100 m</i>	London to Brighton in 9 hours 53 mins.
2.	R. SMITH <i>N.S.</i>	Lancs. W.C.	
3.	F. O'NEILL <i>N.S.</i>	Lancs. W.C.	62 miles 1720 yards in 12 hours.
<i>Retired</i> 4.	J. O'NEILL <i>71 3/4 m</i>	Centurions and Lancs. W.C.	100 miles in 19 hours 51 mins 52 secs.
" 5.	J. STRANGWAY <i>50 1/2 m</i>	Lancs. W.C.	Liverpool to Manchester in 7 hours 18 mins. 20 secs.
" 6.	A. L. HEATH <i>54 1/4 m</i>	Leicester W.C. and Lancs. W.C.	
" 7.	C. A. HARRIS <i>64 1/2 m</i>	Leicester W.C. and Lancs. W.C.	Lewis's 25 miles Birmingham.
" 8.	H. SPEIGHT <i>66 1/4 m</i>	Leicester W.C.	
9.	C. SWANN <i>N.S.</i>	Centurions and Surrey W.C.	London to Brighton and back.
10.	A. F. SPICER <i>N.S.</i>	Centurions and Surrey W.C.	2nd in three London to Brighton and back races.
<i>Retired</i> 11.	J. F. SHEPPERD <i>40 m</i>	Surrey W.C.	London to Brighton in 9 hours 46 mins. 30 secs.
<i>1st.</i> 12.	T. W. RICHARDSON	Centurions and Woodford Green A.C.	100 miles record in 17 hours 35 mins. 4 secs.
13.	G. HALL <i>N.S.</i>	Centurions and Royal Sutton Coldfield A.C.	100 miles in 22 hours 19 mins. 40 secs.
<i>6th</i> 14.	P. LAMBERT	Metropolitan W.C. <i>22 hr 33 m = 100 m</i>	London to Brighton in 9 hours 24 mins.
<i>2nd.</i> 15.	W. F. WATSON	Lozells Harriers	
<i>Retired</i> 16.	F. S. HERRING <i>77 1/2 m</i>	Belgrave Harriers	
<i>8th</i> 17.	F. J. PLUMB	Sussex W.C.	London to Brighton in 9 hours 41 mins. 43 secs.
<i>7th</i> 18.	S. G. WILLETS	Godiva Harriers	London to Brighton in 10 hours 1 min. 22 secs.
<i>Retired</i> 19.	J. K. CHALK <i>56 m</i>	Centurions	104 miles 19 hours 45 mins.
" 20.	T. H. ANDREWS <i>82 1/4</i>	Bradford	"Gomersal" 22 miles in 4 hours 11 mins. 30 secs.
21.	H. HANSON <i>N.S.</i>	Wibsey Park Harriers	
<i>Did not qualify</i> 22.	H. BARRACLOUGH	Centurions and Wibsey Park Harriers	100 miles in 22 hours 46 mins. 22 secs.
<i>9th</i> 23.	S. REED <i>21 hr 33 m</i>	Centurions and Yorkshire W.C. <i>-100 m</i>	100 miles in 22 hours 29 mins. 46 secs.
<i>5th</i> 24.	N. SMITH	Centurions and Yorkshire W.C.	118 miles 1200 yards in 24 hours.
<i>3rd</i> 25.	J. PERKINS	Yorkshire W.C. <i>21 hr 21 m = 100 1/2 m</i>	60 miles 1270 yards in 12 hours.
<i>11th</i> 26.	H. ANGEL	Yorkshire W.C.	Manchester to Blackpool 51 miles.
<i>Retired</i> 27.	E. LUDLAM <i>67 3/4</i>	Yorkshire W.C.	Y.W.C. 20-mile Championship Race in 3 hours 24 mins. 45 secs.
<i>10th</i> 28.	E. BLAKEMORE	Yorkshire W.C.	Liverpool to Manchester 7 hours 10 mins. 5 secs.
<i>Did not qualify</i> 29.	R. D. BEATTIE	Yorkshire W.C.	London to Brighton in 11 hours 38 mins. 33 secs.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CENTURIONS

The Centurions is the most exclusive athletic body in the world. No other organisation demands the same high standard of performance. There are no patrons.

Number One was Mr. J. E. Fowler-Dixon the doyen of long-distance walking and running, who so long ago as the year 1877 walked 100 miles in 20 hrs. 36 mins. 8 secs. No amateur athlete created an important long distance record until twenty years later, when "Teddy" Knott walked from London to Brighton within 9 hours.

The 50 years which have passed since then have seen the development of race-walking throughout the world, until to-day it may be justly claimed that the sport is one of the most popular and beneficial of athletic exercises.

Knott was a great lover of the sport and, being a very modest man, was convinced that there were to be found others who could beat his time; so he, in association with several of his fellow members of the South London Harriers, in 1899 founded the Surrey Walking Club. A scheme for time trials was drawn up which, inter alia, provided that any member walking from London to Brighton and back within 24 hours should receive a gold medal.

The Surrey Walking Club for the first two years of its existence had only a handful of members, but in the early part of 1901 young walkers entered its fold and soon it became the premier road-walking club of the world.

On October 31-November 1, 1902, the "Surrey" promoted the first London to Brighton and back time trial. In this race against the clock, Jack Butler created the first authentic record for the double journey of 104 miles by accomplishing the distance in 21 hrs. 36 mins. 27 secs. He was followed home by G. H. Schofield and W. Taylor.

In the next year H. W. Horton, F. J. Wakefield and E. H. Neville all broke Jack Butler's record, and Ion Pool and E. C. Wray also completed the journey within 24 hours.

But in June, 1907 the achievement of H. W. Horton was completely eclipsed by T. E. Hammond, who did the double distance in 18 hrs. 13 mins. 37 secs.

In 1907, too, the Road Walking Association was formed, and the subsequent growth of the sport is without parallel in the history of athletics.

On the 11-12 September, 1908, the first 24-hours track walking race of the twentieth century was held at the White City Stadium, when T. E. Hammond created a new record of 100 miles of 18 hrs. 4 mins. 10 1/5 secs. and covered 131 miles, 580 yards within the 24 hours. These figures are still unbeaten and form the target of to-day's great event.

In the following year another 24-hours race was held at the same venue the winner being T. Payne, but record figures were undisturbed.

Early in 1911 "Bob" Gillespie, who had walked 106 miles without a stop in the 1908 24-hours race, conceived the idea of forming the Centurions, and as the result of discussions with Hammond and Neville a meeting was arranged of those qualified. By a happy thought this took place on the 131st day of the year at the Ship and Turtle, 131, Leadenhall Street, London.

It was then decided to form a brotherhood under the title of "Centurions," J. E. Fowler-Dixon to be President for life and T. E. Hammond Captain.

Since 1911 many notable performances of 100 miles and over have been accomplished. For example, in June, 1926, W. F. Baker reduced the time for the Brighton-and-back walk to 18 hours 5 mins. 51 secs.; and on 18-19 September, 1936, T. W. Richardson covered 100 miles at Bradford in 17 hours 35 mins. 40 secs. in a 24-hours Race promoted by the Yorkshire Walking Club.

During the last World War competitions were suspended, but soon after the termination of hostilities the Metropolitan Walking Club promoted a 24-hours Race for record. This event was held at the White City Track on the 14th and 15th June, 1946. It rained heavily throughout the race and a large part of the track was under water. Notwithstanding this 8 men completed 100 miles within 24 hours and the Centurions gained 7 new members.

P. J. Reading succeeded in creating the following new world records:—

105 miles 466 yds. in 19 hours,
110 miles in 19 hours 57 mins. 16 sec. and
110 miles 410 yds. in 20 hours.

On the 20th and 21st June, 1947 the Surrey Walking Club revived the London to Brighton and Back Walk (approximately 104 miles). The winner was S. E. Horton who accomplished the journey in 18 hours 56 mins. 20 secs.

17 competitors walked 100 miles within 24 hours including T. W. Richardson, No. 100, the holder of the 100 miles World Record and P. J. Reading, No. 121, the holder of the above-mentioned records.

Never in the history of the World, until such race, had so large a number as seventeen men, at one time, walked 100 miles within 24 hours and the result fully demonstrates that in very long distance walking Britons are pre-eminent.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Bracewell Smith, graciously invited all Centurions and their attendants to the Mansion House, London, on the 11th September, 1947, when he presented the 15 Badges to the new Centurions. In doing so he has paid a great tribute to the walkers and also to their self-sacrificing and efficient attendants without whose aid no race of 100 miles would be possible.

On the 13th and 14th August, 1948, the Surbiton Town Sports Club promoted a 24-hours Race at Motspur Park Track, Surrey, when A. J. Stirling-Wakeley walked splendidly and covered 122 miles 1411 yards.

S. E. Horton led at 100 miles in 18 hours 37 mins. 30 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. and thus became the first holder of the T. E. Hammond Memorial Trophy subscribed for by Centurions.

The number of walkers who have been elected to membership to date totals 144 (number 99 was not allocated) of these 30 have passed over but their performances will ever be kept green.

The present members are without exception an enthusiastic body who are always ready and willing to do everything they can to encourage the sport, as they fervently believe that it is not only the most natural and beneficial of exercises but also tends to the happiness of mankind.

WORLD WALKING RECORDS

1 mile	6 min. 18.6 sec.	A. Stubbs (Australia)	1943
2 miles	12 min. 45 sec.	V. Hardmo (Sweden)	1954
3 miles	20 min. 25.8 sec.	G. Larner (England)	1905
4 miles	27 min. 14 sec.	G. Larner (England)	1905
5 miles	35 min. 43.4 sec.	H. G. Churcher (England)	1948
6 miles	43 min. 7 sec.	A. H. Pope (England)	1932
7 miles	48 min. 15.2 sec.	W. Hardmo (Sweden)	1945
8 miles	58 min. 4.6 sec.	A. H. Pope (England)	1932
9 miles	67 min. 1 sec.	F. J. Redman (England)	1934
10 miles	1 hr. 10 min. 55.8 sec.	J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1945
15 miles	1 hr. 56 min. 9.8 sec.	J. Dalinsh (Latvia)	1933
20 miles	2 hr. 41 min. 7 sec.	H. Olsson (Sweden)	1943
21 miles	2 hr. 55 min. 25 sec.	G. T. Galloway (England)	1934
25 miles	3 hr. 32 min. 26 sec.	J. Dalinsh (Latvia)	1932
30 miles	4 hr. 24 min. 54.2 sec.	F. Cornet (France)	1945
1 hour	8 m. 1025 yds.	J. Mikaelsson (Sweden)	1945
2 hours	15 m. 1521 yds.	O. Anderson (Sweden)	1945
3 hours	21 m. 868 yds.	G. T. Galloway (England)	1934

TRACK WALKING RECORDS (BRITISH)

Mls.	h.	m.	s.		Made at	Date.
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
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	57	16	P. J. Reading	White City, London	1946
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.		Made at	Date
1	8	1025	J. Michaelson	Sweden	Sept. 1, 1945
2	15	1521	O. Anderson	Sweden	Sept. 9, 1945
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	466	P. J. Reading	White City, London	June 14 & 16, 1946
20	110	410	P. J. Reading	White City, London	June 14 & 16, 1946
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

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