

N U T S N O T E S

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EDITORIAL

You will all have been saddened to learn (from 5 May issue of "AW") of the death on 17 April of David Keddie at the age of 56. I should like to add my own appreciation of David's kindness and generosity to that of the much fuller one which follows by his close SATS colleague Ian Steedman:

"To his many friends and colleagues in Scottish athletics who knew him as an enthusiastic and meticulous compiler of ranking lists or as a keen collector of programmes, results and records or as a conscientious and unobtrusive journalist or simply and typically as a charming and modest companion and thorough gentleman, the sudden loss of David Gordon Anderson Keddie has now left a gap which will be very difficult to fill.

During the mid-1960s, as the collection and collation of the results of track and field in Scotland became more organised, I had the pleasure of co-operating with David to produce a number of issues of "Scottish Athletics" following the departure to Canada of the pioneer author of that publication, Simon Pearson. With David's wealth of information and his almost encyclopaedic knowledge of names and performances to call upon, together with his endless fund of anecdotes about athletics personalities past and present (David had been a capable and respected reporter of Scottish sport for more than 30 years), my task as a founder member and first Honorary Secretary of the SATS became a rewarding and memorable experience.

In recognition of his invaluable work as a statistician, David was invited in 1967 to membership of the NUTS and for the past two years he had been joint Scottish correspondent of "AW". He officiated with merit during the 1970 BCG athletics at Meadowbank; he was a co-author of the ESH 75th anniversary booklet in 1972; and he had already begun preliminary research for the official centenary publication (due to be published in 1983) of the history of the SAAA, of which body he was an Honorary Member.

It is appropriate and, perhaps, symbolic that David Keddie - the committed churchman, the athlete, the rugby player, the gentleman - always spoke with the greatest admiration of his boyhood hero and Scotland's greatest Olympian, Eric Liddell.

The deepest sympathy of SATS members and of all of those acquaintances and friends of David's in the NUTS goes to his widow, Norah, and his sons Gordon and John."

Jeff Carter, Hon Secretary of SATS, has very kindly agreed to take over the arrangements for the NUTS AGM which this year will be held in Edinburgh in conjunction with the European Cup finals. There is every possibility that some accommodation will be available in the homes of Edinburgh-based SATS members; I understand that there should be little difficulty in securing hotel accommodation, however. Further details, including for example those relating to tickets, will be notified to members as they become available.

MISCELLANY

Ø Would members able to officiate at either of the following meetings please contact Mrs I Armitage, 63 London Road, ENFIELD, Middx. EN2 6EP (Telephone: 01-363 6266):

14 July WAAA Senior Relays, Intermediate and Junior Pentathlons at Hendon

25 August Borough of Enfield Trophies meeting at Enfield

Ø Richard Szreter appears in the recently published "Academic Who's Who 1973-74" (A & C Black, £7.50); his entry reads as follows: Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of Birmingham since 1970; b. 1927; m. 1950,

2s, 1d; BSc(Econ) London 1950. BA London 1955. Cert Ed Leicester 1952. School teacher 1952-60; Lectr School of Educn Univ of Birmingham 1960-70. Publications: Contrib, Teaching Economics, ed. N Lee 1967; ed and trans. W Kula Problems and Methods of Economic History (forthcoming); contrib. Brit. Jl Educnl Studies, Jl Royal Stat Soc, Univ Qly, Univ Birm Hist Jl, etc.

Ø Margaret Gould has been reading Mrs Gaskell's "Life of Charlotte Brontë" (first published 25 March 1857) and came across the following reference to festivities on the Yorkshire moors in and about 1744 (it was mentioned in connection with the story of the preaching and reforming habits of the Rev William Grimshaw, curate of Haworth for 20 years):

"Scarcely a wedding took place without the rough amusement of foot-races, where the half-naked runners were a scandal to all decent strangers."

Margaret comments: "Isn't that nice? Perhaps we should revive the custom and let weddings be even more riotous than they are at present."

Ø The author of the subsequent piece can now (to quote Dave Cocksedge) be ruthlessly exposed as the perpetrator of an article in "Tit Bits" on Steve Green entitled "Sport's Outrageous New Whizz-Kid" (under the pseudonym Russ Edgar).

POST-RACE CONVERSATIONS by Cliff Temple

Common or Garden Nut: That was a great race, wasn't it?

Specialist Nut: Yes, indeed, Charlie Cherub's 29th place was the fastest 29th place ever recorded by a NUTS Youth, AAA Junior or ESAA Intermediate on a Tuesday in August, and moves him to joint 78th on the all-time list for 18-year old Dorset natives born in April. Left-handed, of course, that is.

Common or Garden Nut: But what about Dave Bedford's winning time?

Specialist Nut: Sorry? Dave who?

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Reporter: Well done, Tom. I'm Dave Dirt from the Daily Dozen. Tell me about the race.

Tom: Well, I'm delighted to have broken the record. I was very worried beforehand.

Reporter: Was that because Arthur Gold was watching?

Tom: No. I've had a bit of tendon trouble recently.

Reporter: What would you attribute that to? Arthur Gold?

Tom: No. I think I've been doing too much sprint work lately.

Reporter: I saw Arthur Gold talking to you before the race. Was he in any way issuing you with an ultimatum?

Tom: No. He just said he hoped my tendon trouble was better.

Reporter: Was he being sarcastic, do you think?

Tom: No. He seemed genuinely concerned.

Reporter: Were you confident throughout the last lap that you'd win?

Tom: Not really. I had a bit of stitch in my side.

Reporter: Would you say that it was caused by Arthur Gold reminding you of your tendon trouble before the race?

Tom: No. I think I had lunch a bit too late.

Reporter: Why was that?

Tom: I couldn't find the hotel we're staying at.

Reporter: Would that be because Arthur Gold sent you incorrect directions?

Tom: No. I had the directions, but my dog ate them.

Reporter: What are you planning now? Will you protest to Arthur Gold about him making you run this race?

Tom: No, because he didn't. I wanted to run it.

Reporter: You were under no pressure from him?

Tom: No. Next, I'd like a race abroad. I'll have to ask Arthur Gold about the possibility in a minute.

Passer-by: You're too late. He's just left.

Tom: Has he? Damn!
Reporter
(leaving): "Arthur Gold snubs winning athlete!" Great! But, phew, that was close!

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Common or Garden Nut: Great news, Dave! Although you missed the record by six-tenths of a second, Albert Nutt, who is - as I'm sure you know - the world's greatest authority on such matters, has worked out a formula with his slide rule, which takes into account the wind velocity hitting you on the back straight, the angle of the bend, the distance you had to run wide round lapped runners, and applying his own famous formula $3x = 10,000 X 4mH (9y_2) + 30.89352$ secs, has estimated that your run was actually worth an intrinsic five-tenths outside the record.

Dave Bedford: Albert bloody who?

BEANS MEANS ... BADDESLEY ENSOR ATHLETICS NEWS SERVICE by Celia Cotton

Baddesley Ensor is a small village in the heart of England about 15 miles north of Birmingham. I saw my first live athletics here in 1962, when the Warwickshire CC Championships took place; the senior race was won by Maurice Herriott. The course start and finish were in Baxterley Park which is close to Baddesley Colliery possessed of excellent changing and shower facilities. This event was held at Baddesley for several years and those who have competed here include, in addition to Herriott, Basil Heatley, Brian Kilby, Bill Adcocks, John Hammond and Dick and Juan Taylor.

The most important event held locally was the 1967 AAA Marathon. The course took athletes through some pleasant Warwickshire countryside, through the neighbouring villages of Hurley and Baxterley, past Merevale Hall (1840) and the surrounding estate belonging to Sir William Dugdale, Lord Lieutenant of the county. To refresh your memories the result was: 1. Jim Alder 2:16:08, 2. Alastair Wood 2:16:21, 3. Don Macgregor 2:17:19. The event was well attended by local residents and Jim Alder spent some time after the presentation signing autographs and answering the questions of young enthusiasts (myself included).

Baddesley Ensor is quite close to the Staffordshire border and only about 7 miles from Tamworth, which - although it has no athletic club - has produced Stuart Atkins and David Black. Atkins now resides at Wilnecote, a village about 2.5 miles outside Tamworth, while Black lives at Bolehall, a district of Tamworth.

NUTS MEMBERS' PENTATHLON & DINNER

These will be held on Sunday 26 August (to coincide with the GB & NI v Hungary match); the venue for the pentathlon has not yet been fixed but the dinner will be again at the excellent Hostaria Romana, 70 Dean Street, LONDON W1V 5HB. Please let Peter Hopkins, 22 Valerie Close, ST ALBANS, Herts. AL1 5JD know whether you will be competing in the pentathlon and also whether you will be at the dinner together with number of guests.

BRITISH JUNIOR ATHLETICS 1973

Copies of this NUTS publication will shortly be available and copies may be obtained from Andrew Huxtable, 78 Toynbee Road, LONDON SW20 8SR at 25p post free.

FRI-IDRETTS-KALENDEREN 1973

Copies of the official Norwegian yearbook containing 1972 and all-time lists, fully detailed with club, year of birth, placing, venue and date; junior age records; annual trends since 1965; 14 pages of photographs. Copies obtainable from Andrew Huxtable at 10p post free.

UK ALL TIME BEST PERFORMERS (as at 1 Jul 73) compiled by Janette Pye

3,000m Walk

15:00.6	Sally Wish	(1)	16 Sep 72	Warley
15:01.2	Judy Woodsford/Farr	(1)	5 Jun 71	Watford
15:03.0	Barbara Fisk/Cook	(1)	2 Jun 73	London (CP)
15:13.4	Christine Coleman	(2)	2 Jun 73	London (CP)
15:18.6	Betty Franklin/Jenkins	(1)	2 Jun 73	Warley
15:21.8	Pamela Branson	(1)	12 May 73	Wolverhampton
15:28.6	Virginia Lovell	(2)	2 Jun 73	Warley
15:34.0	Margaret Billingsley/Lewis	(2)	30 Nov 69	Birmingham ()
15:39.8	Brenda Edge/Cook	(1)	3 Jul 71	Birmingham (Un)
15:42.6	Jennifer Peck/Finch	(2)	5 Jun 71	Watford

5,000m Walk

25:09.2	Betty Franklin/Jenkins	(3)	16 Sep 72	Warley
25:58.4	Brenda Edge/Cook	(5)	16 Sep 72	Warley
26:21.2	Margaret Billingsley/Lewis	(7)	16 Sep 72	Warley
26:21.4	Barbara Fisk/Cook	(8)	16 Sep 72	Warley
26:28.0	Judy Woodsford/Farr	(6)	24 Aug 69	Le Neubourg
27:20.0	Virginia Lovell	(5)	19 Aug 72	Birmingham (A)
27:26.6	Marion Hindley	(1)	24 Apr 71	Birmingham (PB)
27:32.0	Christine Coleman	(6)	19 Aug 72	Birmingham (A)
27:50.0	Maureen Eyre/Graham	(7)	19 Aug 72	Birmingham (A)
27:57.0	Pamela Horwill	(8)	19 Aug 72	Birmingham (A)

UK ALL TIME BEST PERFORMANCES - No 5 4 x 400m Relay (Women)

This is the fifth in a series bringing up to date (1 July 1973) the lists appearing in "British Best Performances of All Time" (1966 edition). Please send any amendments to: A Huxtable, 78 Toynbee Road, LONDON SW20 8SR.

3:28.7	National Team	(5)	10 Sep 72	Munich
	(Bernard - Simpson - Roscoe - Stirling)			
3:30.1	(4)h		9 Sep 72	Munich
3:33.9	(1)		26 Jul 72	Papendal
	(Bernard - Stirling - Roscoe - Simpson)			
3:35.5	(2)		10 Jun 72	London (CP)
	(Bernard - Stirling - Roscoe - Simpson)			
3:38.0	(1)		5 Aug 72	London (CP)
	(Bernard - Stirling - Simpson - Roscoe)			
3:39.7	(1)		16 Jun 72	Edinburgh (M)
	(Bernard - Stirling - Roscoe - Simpson)			
3:30.8	National Team	(1)	20 Sep 69	Athens
	(Stirling - Lowe - Simpson - Board)			
3:34.3	(2)h		19 Sep 69	Athens
3:34.4	National Team	(2)	2 Aug 70	E Berlin
	(Lyll - Stirling - Tranter - Lowe)			
3:37.8	(3)		22 Aug 70	Budapest
	(Stirling - Tranter - Lyll - Lowe)			
3:34.5	National Team	(4)	15 Aug 71	Helsinki
	(Bernard - Roscoe - Lowe - Stirling)			
3:34.6	(2)		30 Aug 71	London (CP)
3:35.0	(2)h		14 Aug 71	Helsinki
3:34.9	National Team	(1)	13 Sep 70	Warsaw
	(Lyll - Bowring - Lowe - Stirling)			
3:36.2	National Team	(1)	8 Oct 69	London (CP)
	(Stirling - Pawsey - Lowe - Simpson)			
3:36.5	National Team	(1)	12 Aug 69	London (WC)
	(Lyll - Lowe - Simpson - Board)			
3:38.0	(1)		16 Aug 69	Middlesbrough
3:37.1	National Team	(2)	26 Jul 72	Helsinki
	(Attwood - Coomber - Cropper - Tranter)			
3:37.6	National Team	(1)	22 Jun 69	London (CP)
	(Pawsey - Attwood - Simpson - Board)			

3:37.6	National Team (Webster - Roscoe - Kennedy - Wright)	(3)	1 Jul 73	Leipzig
3:38.2	National Team (Lyall - Roscoe - Bowring - Stirling)	(1)	20 Sep 70	Bucharest
3:38.5	National Team (Bowring - Lowe - Tranter - Roscoe)	(2)	11 Jul 70	London (WC)
3:40.2	National Junior Team (Webster - Banton - Saunders - Bernard)	(1)	25 Sep 71	Landau
3:40.6	Wolverhampton & Bilston AC (Sanderson - Stirling - Tranter - Bernard)	(1)	16 Sep 72	Warley
3:41.4	National Team "B" (Lowe - Parncutt - Roscoe - Dourass)	(2)	22 Jun 69	London (CP)
3:41.6	National Team (Pawsey - Attwood - Lowe - Simpson)	(1)	6 Jul 69	Brno
3:41.9	National Team (Neufville - Pawsey - Lowe - Simpson)	(1)	28 Sep 69	Hamburg
3:42.0	National Team (Webster - Cropper - Roscoe - Bernard)	(1)	24 Jun 73	Drachten
3:42.8	National Team "B" (Tranter - Coomber - Allison - Hunt)	(3)	5 Aug 72	London (CP)
3:44.1	Edinburgh Southern H (Pringle - Brown - Munro - Lyall)	(1)	27 Jun 70	London (CP)
3:44.8	National Junior Team (Lloyd - Banton - Saunders - Webster)	(2)	1 Jul 72	Härnösand
3:45.1	National Team (Beattie - Tranter - Lowe - Neufville)	(1)	17 May 70	The Hague
3:46.4	Edinburgh Southern H (Brown - Robb - Munro - Lyall)	(1)	2 Aug 69	Birmingham (Un)
3:47.0	Birchfield HLS (Kay - Robinson - Lowe - Collins)	(2)	2 Aug 69	Birmingham (Un)
3:47.8	National Junior Team (Sonner - Honick - Saunders - Webster)	(1)	26 Sep 70	Leicester

SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	Total
Patricia Lowe/Cropper	1	6	10	2	19
Rosemary Stirling/Wright	4	6		8	18
Jannette Champion/Roscoe		5	7	2	14
Janet Simpson		2	6	6	14
Verona Bernard	9			3	12
Barbara Lyall	5		1	2	8
Maureen Tranter	1	2	3	1	7
Lillian Board				5	5
Dawn Webster	3			2	5
Jennifer Taylor/Pawsey	2	2			4
Pauline Attwood	1	2			3
Avril Usher/Bowring	1	1	1		3
Elaine Saunders			3		3
Noeline Banton		2			2
Patricia M F Brown	1	1			2
Margaret MacSherry/Coomber		2			2
Mary Munro			2		2
Marilyn Neufville (Jamaica)	1			1	2
Joan Page/Allison			1		1
Avril Beattie	1				1
Jennifer Collins				1	1
Gloria Dourass				1	1
Jennifer Honick		1			1
Penelope Haworth/Hunt (NZ)				1	1
Barbara Kay	1				1
Ruth Kennedy			1		1
Paula Lloyd	1				1
Elizabeth Parncutt		1			1
Sheila Pringle	1				1

	1	2	3	4	Total
Alison Robb		1			1
Linda Robinson		1			1
Theresa Sanderson	1				1
Mary Sonner	1				1

RISE AND FALL OF THE CROXLEY STRIDERS by Les Crouch

Back in 1963 or thereabouts there came to Hertfordshire's satanic hills a duo of athletes, who with a partially resident Welsh druid, decided to form their own non-competing athletic group. The purpose was to (s)train and not allow competition to interfere - which is, of course, the aim of most British runners. As far as the writer was concerned, and indeed the druid, the plan met with almost total success. Apart from yearly entry in the NUTS pentathlon, competition(?) was avoided. However, one member (who has been drummed out, alongside the druid, of that society noted for its high principles - this latter derived from the floor used for Committee meetings - perhaps one day the table?) was partly disenfranchised for regular competition.

It was decided by the non-Executive Committee to extend honorary membership to those persons who have made a singular contribution to athletics. Those so honoured were Ron Clarke and Siegfried Hermann. NUTS members will readily observe that both men had a wide range of performance and when at their best made world lists at numerous distances.

A later honorary member who, in fact, lived at one time only a few hundred yards from the Croxley State Hill was Mike Wiggs, who was so honoured for his effectively wide range of performance (though not at the level of the other two perhaps).

In the mid 1960s a regular visitor to the Croxley Grail was a Birmingham computer who was seen to have achieved those levels of athletic efficiency and demanded his membership.

In the late 1960s the druid was de-frocked (he got married and moved to 'itchen, 'erts) and the previously partly disenfranchised tall, angular sports scribe moved to the Midlands. The death knell indicating the last lap had sounded. After eight years those gay (?) young (?) adventurers were no more. The last resident moved away to the Tyne and what had started as a movement to shape the world ended as most similarly inspired movements do.

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