

RECORDS AT BAF SPORTS

Three faster in 14-mile

WHEN D. K. Osborne (Tipton Harriers) trotted on to Mitcheldean Playing Field on Saturday afternoon and loped steadily around the track before breasting the winning tape, he established a record for the 14-mile road race, for some years now the main event of British Acoustic Films annual athletic sports meeting.

The new time of one hour 18 min. 43 sec. is more than three minutes better than that recorded last year by E. R. Grose (Halesowen A C), who entered again this year and came in fourth.

Last year's time of one hour 21 min. 59 sec. was also beaten by G. Harrison (Highgate Harriers) who came in second with a time of one hour 19 min. 48 sec., and by H. S. Oliver (Reading A C) who was third with a time of one hour 20 min. 48 sec.

Two competitors took the wrong road and cut off several miles while A. J. Evans (Ross-on-Wye A C) discarded his running shoes en route and finished in his bare feet.

Team placings for this race were: 1, Reading A C; 2, Halesowen A C; 3, Ross-on-Wye. Last year Ross were the first team winners.

Spoiled by weather

BAF were unlucky in that the weather for this, their 14th annual meeting, was cold and miserable, and their programme lost much of its popular attraction by the decision to cut out all open events with the exception of the 14 miles.

Rivalry, accordingly, was of a more domestic character. There was a lighter touch to the proceedings with the staff—closely accompanied by two ambulance men and their stretcher—having their own race, which was won by Mr. E. F. Horne (a director) with E. Blaich (BAF) not far behind.

Basil Wright, last year's winner of the one mile men's walk handicap, started off puffing a cigarette, but ended up just puffing and a few yards behind W. Brown, with R. Wrigglesworth again finishing third.

T. B. Knight (nine points) was the new winner of the "Victor Ludorem" Cup, L. C. Pratt being next in line with six points.

Results

Results were:
100 yards men's handicap: 1, T. B. Knight (RAF); 2, E. Manton (BAF); 3, C. H. Fowell (TT and H).
220 yards men's handicap: 1, T. B. Knight; 2, E. Manton; 3, R. Wrigglesworth (BAF).
440 yards men's handicap: 1, T. B. Knight; 2, R. J. Jones (BAF); 3, C. H. Fowell.
880 yards men's handicap: 1, L. C. Pratt (TT and H); 2, M. Davis (BAF).

Mile invitation race: 1, J. Cross; 2, C. Bishop; 3, J. H. Andrews.

Mile men's handicap: 1, L. C. Pratt; 2, W. Brown; 3, M. Priestley.

1 mile men's walk handicap: 1, W. Brown; 2, B. Wright; 3, R. Wrigglesworth.

440 yards invitation race: 1, S. R. Cooper; 2, J. H. Andrews; 3, C. Whiteley.

Wheelbarrow race (mixed): 1, H. M. Miles and R. Atkinson; 2, D. Partridge and E. Manton.

Women's potato race: 1, J. Flint (TT and H); 2, D. Partridge (BAF).

Interworks tug-of-war: 1, TT and H (Stroughton Street Works).

Veterans' 100 yards: 1, H. O. Matthews (TT and H); 2, A. J. Kelock (TT and H); 3, W. Brown (BAF).

Three-legged race: 1, J. Flint and D. J. Miles; 2, A. Allen and J. C. Francks; 3, H. M. Miles and R. Atkinson.

Inter-works one mile medley race: 1, TT and H; 2, BAF.

Women's sack race: 1, J. M. Flint; 2, C. Cockayne; 3, D. Partridge.

14 mile road race: 1, D. K. Osborne (Tipton Harriers); 2, G. Harrison (Highgate Harriers); 3, H. S. Oliver (Reading A C).

Officials

Judges: J. Knox, R. E. Baker, H. R. Pochon, W. G. Smith, W. E. Blaich, F. W. Court, T. E. Worsley and J. Disney.

Clerk of the Course, Mr. R. Camp; starter, G. Wood; Time-keepers, Mr. B. C. Wintle (Ross-on-Wye A C), Mr. V. Pickles, Mr. H. Stockwell and Mr. H. Tooze; Competitors' Stewards, Mr. J. Morgan and Mr. S. Richardson; Announcer, Mr. F. Edwards; Recorder, Miss S. Powell; Course Stewards, Mr. L. Vincent and Mr. R. Thomas.

Road race stewards, Mr. L. Tuffley, Mr. P. Cleal, Mr. S. Taylor, Mr. F. Reece, Mr. C. Webb (Ross-on-Wye A C), Prize Stewards: Mr. R. Davies and Mr. A. Walton.

Army lorry fatality

One soldier was killed and two others slightly injured when an army lorry carrying mail crashed at Birstall Batley, West Yorks., last night. Killed was Ian Wing, RAOC (21), stationed at York, of Council Houses, Ingham, Lincoln.