



My Grandfather was Charles Edward Howarth. He is pictured here with some of the prizes he won for swimming and athletics. He was a member of both Pembroke and Sefton Harriers. Below are Charlie's membership card for the 1904 to 1907 seasons.



WINNERS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.		
<b>100 Yards.</b>	<b>1 Mile.</b>	<b>440 Yards.</b>
1900—H. H. Fleetwood.	J. Roberts.	
1901—T. M. Nicholson.	J. Roberts.	
1902—J. Jones.	J. Edge.	H. H. Fleetwood.
1903—C. W. Roberts.	J. Roberts.	H. H. Fleetwood.
1904—E. Green.	*J. Roberts.	
* Holder of Aggregate Challenge Cup.		
PAST WINNERS OF CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.		
1891—C. Bluett.	1898—W. Rawlinson.	
1892—A. J. Allan.	1899—F. Bartlett.	
1893—A. J. Allan.	1900—J. Roberts.	
1894—E. H. Pulford.	1901—J. Roberts.	
1895—E. H. Pulford.	1902—J. Edge.	
1896—John Shaw.	1903—J. Edge.	
1897—W. S. Collett.	*1904—J. Edge.	
* Winner outright of Cross Country Challenge Cup.		

MEMBERSHIP CARD.	
SEASON 1904-5.	
Name	C. E. Howarth
Address	41, Herbert St. R.
Date of Election	Feb 24/05
T. E. WELSH,	
Hon. Secretary.	

Liverpool and District Cross-Country Championship.		
The Club has competed in the above race 15 times, and has won on six occasions, second ones, third twice, fourth three times, and fifth once.		
Course.	Position.	Individual Champion.
1892—Aintree Race Course	3rd.	E. Waterson, Lpool H.
1893—Greenwich Park	1st.	E. Waterson, Lpool H.
1894—Greenwich Park	1st.	A. W. Geddes, Sefton H.
1895—Parkgate	1st.	W. S. Collett, Sefton H.
1896—Parkgate	4th.	H. E. Davies, West C. H.
1897—Parkgate	2nd.	J. Tennant, Ashfield H.
1898—Parkgate	1st.	J. Tennant, West C. H.
1899—Parkgate	3rd.	J. T. Rimmer, Lpool H.
1900—Parkgate	1st.	J. Roberts, Sefton H.
1901—Parkgate	1st.	J. Roberts, Sefton H.
1902—Parkgate	4th.	W. Mercer, F'worth H.
1903—Greenwich Park	4th.	J. Hosker, F'worth H.
1904—Greenwich Park	4th.	J. Hosker, F'worth H.
Also runners-up in Northern C.C.C. at Manchester in 1893.		
* Scored 56 Points, having six men in first eight.		

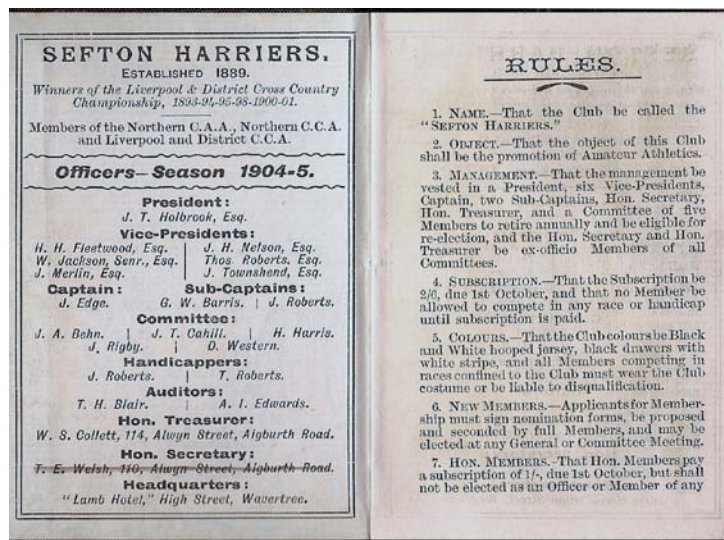
  

LIFE MEMBERS.	
C. BLUETT. A. W. GEDDES. E. H. PULFORD. G. H. MOORE.	

PAST PRESIDENTS.	PAST CAPTAINS.
1891. S. WATERHOUSE, Esq.	1891. C. BLUETT.
1892. J. F. WALKER, Esq.	1892. C. BLUETT.
1893. J. F. WALKER, Esq.	1893. C. BLUETT.
1894. J. LEATHER, Esq.	1894. E. H. PULFORD.
1895. J. LEATHER, Esq.	1895. W. S. COLLETT.
1896. J. LEATHER, Esq.	1896. W. S. COLLETT.
1897. J. LEATHER, Esq.	1897. W. S. COLLETT.
1898. G. H. MOORE, Esq.	1898. W. S. COLLETT.
1899. J. TOWNSEND, Esq.	1899. W. S. COLLETT.
1900. T. BURY, Esq.	1900. JAS. ROBERTS.
1901. J. MERLIN, Esq.	1901. J. SUMNER.
1902. J. T. HOLBROOK, Esq.	1902. J. EDGE.
1903. J. T. HOLBROOK, Esq.	1903. J. ROBERTS.
1904. J. T. HOLBROOK, Esq.	1904. J. ROBERTS.

Further details of the membership card showing the names of the Hierarchy and champions of the club at the time many of whom I am sure Charlie knew very well and often competed with.



Membership card with names of officials and Rules

FIXTURES 1904-5.		FIXTURES—(Continued).	
Oct. 1—Invitation Run (Aintree).		Jan. 7—Pembroke Harriers ("Sefton Arms Hotel," Aintree).	
" 8—Paper Chase (Headquarters).		" 14—West Cheshire Harriers (Home).	
" 15— Do. Do.		" 21—Ormskirk Harriers (Ormskirk).	
" 22— Do. Do.		" 28—Club Championship and Sealed Handicap (10 Miles Cross Country).	
" 29—Five Miles Road Handicap (Headquarters).		Feb. 4—Paper Chase (Headquarters).	
Nov. 5—Paper Chase (Headquarters).		" 11— Do. Do.	
" 12—Seven Mile Walking Race (sealed handicap, with special prize to first man home).		" 18—Northern Cross Country Championship (Haydock Park).	
" 19—Pembroke Harriers (Home). Social Evening.		" 25—Paper Chase (Headquarters).	
" 26—Seven Miles Cross Country Handicap (prize to first unplaced Novice), from the "Bridge Inn," Gateacre.		Mar. 4—National Cross Country Championship.	
Dec. 3—West Cheshire Harriers ("Black Horse Inn," Tranmere).		" 11—Liverpool & District Cross Country Championship.	
" 10—Paper Chase (Headquarters).		" 18—Ten Miles Walking Race Club Championship and Sealed H'cap.	
" 17— Do. Do.		" 25—Four Miles Road Handicap (with consolation prize).	
" 24—Christmas Handicap (Five Miles Road).			
" 31—Paper Chase (Headquarters).			

Two prizes will be given for best Saturday attendance.  
Club practice Runs and Walks every Wednesday night 8 p.m.  
All Fixtures take place Wet or Fine.  
x Tuesday & Thursday

Fixtures for the 1904-5 season



An early photo presumably of some sefton harriers Charlie Howarth is on the front row second from the right



Here are some of the entries in Charlie's autograph book the names of whom I am sure you will recognise. including someone who claims to be a founder of the club

Daniel Connells  
 Founder Sefton Harriers  
 1889  
 Lpool Gym Champion 1896  
 Lpool District Gymnast  
 Champion 1896  
 Fights 200 Pounds & 180 lbs Chilly  
 1893

G. W. Wernson G.B  
 Ernest Edward  
 ("Ble")  
 Tom C. Jones  
 Capt Sefton Harriers  
 Shullock  
 Sefton Harriers

John S. Pinner  
 ex 4 Mile Champion 1900  
 1 International Team  
 Olympic Games Paris  
 Sefton Harriers

John W. Edge  
 Sefton  
 Harriers  
 Champion 1901-2-3.

G. E. Howarth  
 Swam. Eastham to New Brighton  
 3 Times  
 Ran. Sandbach to Pallowfield  
 26 Miles 4  
 Walked Manchester to Blackpool  
 50 Miles 84 56  
 5th North of England Bradford Walk  
 Cheshire County Water Polo Player  
 Capt. Sefton Harriers 6 years  
 " Pembroke Harriers 5 years  
 Cheshire, Circular Walk at Maple  
 50 Miles 48. 25-40

Here is another entry in the book where Charlie lists some of the events he participated in and he also mentions that he was captain of Sefton Harriers for 6 years and captain of Pembroke harriers for 5 years. I have no confirmation of this but perhaps you can verify this from your own records



# SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN

## A Versatile Local Athlete.

### MR. E. ROPER'S REMINISCENCES.

By CRI.

I have pleasure this week in being able to give a brief outline of the sporting career of Mr. Charles Howarth, a versatile athlete, who is well known locally. Destined for the mercantile marine, he did not take to athletics seriously till he was 27, an age when most others are resigning from active participation in sport.

He joined Everton S.C. in 1902, and, thanks to the interest of that good sportsman Fred Hayes, secured a place in the team as goalkeeper, and helped them to top the League. He has performed regularly between the sticks ever since.

He was a member of Widnes S.C. for five years, and assisted them to win the championship, and also to be runners-up twice, but later Birkenhead being short of a custodian he assisted the Cheshire team, and having birth qualification and the requisite ability got his county costume in 1914. "Charlie's" last love appears to be his best, and he hopes to

My colleague, S. E. C., sends me two amusing episodes in his career. On one occasion when Howarth, then a member of Everton S.C., and George Boothman, of Edge-lane S.C., were acting as whippers-in at a massed harriers' run on the Cheshire side, the pack were of necessity confined to highways and byways, but our two stalwarts scorned them, and finding the river Weaver an obstacle, they immediately dived in and finished the distance (seven miles) in wet shorts and singlets, etc. Almost needless to say, they were well amongst the leaders at the finish, and little the worse for their twenty yards' acquaintance with the somewhat discoloured salt district element.

At a gala promoted by the Corporation Workmen's Guild, the prospective doughty opponents to fame were in opposition in a water polo match. Mr. Hodgson had got together a team of all the talents, and the prizes, thermos flasks, were assuredly theirs.

Howarth, who was between the sticks with a particularly nippy lot of "juniors" in front of him, thought otherwise. The youngsters (some of them rare speed merchants) gave of their best, and the rest depended on Charles. Shots were rained at him, but he parried and thrust with so much success (my colleague doubts whether any goalkeeper was ever so seriously tested) that the aforesaid juniors, who on paper were entitled to a 10-0 defeat, were victorious by the odd goal of three, and col- lared the prizes.

My readers will see that as an all round sport Charlie Howarth would not have to give way to many. May he keep it up for many years to come.



Mr. C. E. Howarth, wearing the uniform of the Birkenhead Harriers Club.

Here is a potted history of Charlie Howarths sporting career as reported in the local press the article continues on the next page together with some cuttings about Sefton Harriers



complete his career with the Birkenians, with whom he appeared destined to secure another League medal, as they were an easy first in the League when the declaration of war necessitated the suspension of all competitions.

In open competition he has been a consistent performer, and quite a score of prizes bear witness to his prowess at either the trudgion or breast stroke. In his opening year he secured a couple of second prizes. In 1904 he took a third in an open scratch breast stroke race at Bootle, and in 1907 he occupied a similar position in a 100 yards rescue race at Liverpool Tramway S.C. gala, the winner being George Matthews, the King's Cup winner, and the second H. E. Humphreys, the Olympic swimmer.

The walking craze of 1903 saw him a member of Sefton Harriers, and he early forged to the front as a "ped." He finished third in the New Ferry-Wrexham 25 miles, in which event only two minutes separated the first three home. In the Cheshire All-England 50 miles he finished 5th in 8h. 25min. 40sec., and took second prize in the sealed handicap. Added successes were his portion in the Swimmers' Walk (17 miles), Bradford (43½ miles), Hull (20 miles), Leicester (22 miles), and Manchester to Blackpool (51½ miles).

#### Running Exploits.

Running was Howarth's particular forte. For four years he was captain of Pembroke Harriers, and is at present captain of the Sefton pack, being decidedly popular with the fraternity, and "hail fellow, well met" with all.

His prizes in this branch are almost too numerous to mention, including, as they do, tangible proof of his prowess at all distances from 100 yards to Marathon distance, principal amongst them being: Newton le Willows, 2nd, mile; Liverpool Corporation, 1st, mile; Prescott, 3rd, ½-mile; Sefton Harriers, 3rd, mile; Bangor, 3rd, ½-mile; Formby, 1st, mile; New Brighton, 2nd, mile; Liverpool Corporation, 1st, mile; Holyhead, 1st, mile and 2nd ½-mile; Woolton, 1st, 220; Holyhead, 2nd, obstacle; N.A.U. Mile Break, 3rd; Pembroke Harriers, 1st in the 8 miles (three times) and seven miles; N.A.U. seven miles, 1st; and was placed second in the Club Championship 10 Miles in 1912.

Marathon races added two seconds to his list at Keighley and North Wales respectively, and two-fifths at Coventry and Broughton Harriers. Added successes were secured with Sefton Harriers, he being second in the five miles last year, and third in the five and six miles this.

As a proof of stamina, it may be mentioned that he ran 41½ miles of the 50 miles race at Stamford Bridge, and helped Green, and Lloyd to put up the record.

Howarth now seeks further worlds to conquer, and is an acceptor, together with his old club mate John Hodgson, of the challenge issued by Messrs. Crossley, Hayes, Walton, etc.

the advisability of pursuing it required.

#### Another Challenge.

Some men achieve greatness, others have it thrust upon them. The cheery C. Howarth belongs to the former category, and the editor has done Charlie justice, and I recommend his column to all and sundry that know the genial breast-stroke swimmer, goalkeeper, Marathon runner, etc. Despite his forty odd years, Charlie has authorised me to issue another challenge! Conditional upon it having a direct bearing upon any given charitable object, he is prepared in the event of his being beaten in the New Brighton to Eastham swim (I believe it could be arranged, beaten or not), to run the others—Messrs. Crossley, Hayes, Walton, and Hodgson—a relay race between the two localities, viz., Charles to go the whole distance and the others on a "flag" system, say a quarter of the distance each. Now, J. H., here is a sporting one after your own heart. What say you? They would look like having a busy summer.

#### ATHLETICS.


The approaching cross-country season probably will be the last carried on under war conditions, for we hope and believe that by the time season 1918-19 comes round we will be enjoying the piping times of peace once more. That being so, and having "carried on" for three winter seasons of war, we are determined not to go under now, but to keep the ball rolling "till the boys come home."

With the continued support of men like the chairman of the club, Mr. Harry Goulbourn (undoubtedly one of the finest sportsmen in the kingdom); Charlie Howarth, the stalwart captain (who hasn't heard of him and his exploits in running, walking, swimming, &c.), and J. T. Rimmer, sub-captain (the old English champion), it would indeed be strange if another successful season were not anticipated. Now that our other sub-captain, Sergeant Tom C. Jones, is taking a turn for the better, he is anxious to resume the sport, despite the shortage of his right arm. We may yet see him at Knotty Ash this season.

Since his death, a bar has been added to the V.C. won by the late Captain Dr. N. G. Chavasse, which means that he earned the V.C. on two occasions.



In my collection of memorabilia I have found a couple of Sefton and Pembroke Harriers Programmes for some of their events  
 The first one is for an evening meeting at Liverpool Athletic Grounds in 1906  
 That day he was running against W T Clarke in the 4<sup>th</sup> heat of the half mile handicap. He eventually finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the event .H H Fleetwood coming first J Cahill second and H S Mellander third.  
 On the same night Charlie also won the one mile walking handicap. He had a busy night!



# ....SEFTON HARRIERS....

(Members N.C.A.A., N.C.C.A., and L. & D.C.C.A.)

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## PROGRAMME

OF

## Evening Athletic Meeting,

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(Under A.A.A. Rules) at the

### LIVERPOOL ATHLETIC GROUNDS,

PRESCOT ROAD, STANLEY, ON

## Monday, July 9th, 1906,

COMMENCING AT 7 P.M. PROMPT.

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**REFEREE**—J. A. BEHN, Esq.

**Judges :**

J. MOLYNEUX (N.C.A.A.)		J. BUTTERFIELD (N.C.A.A.)
G. H. BOOTHMAN (N.C.A.A.)		

**Handicappers :**

JAMES ROBERTS.		JOHN CAHILL.
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**Starter :** E. S. WATERSON.

**Marksman :**

A. POOLE.		E. H. PULFORD.		C. AMMONIER.
J. H. NELSON.		T. E. WELSH.		W. B. BIRD.
		C. BLUETT.		

**Stewards :**

W. CREW.		T. H. BLAIR.		W. JACKSON, SR.		A. SHAW.
E. H. SESSIONS		J. TOMS.		S. McLOUGHLIN.		J. NORMAN.

**Hon. Treas. :** W. S. COLLETT, 99, Blythswood St., ST. MICHAEL'S.


**Hon. Secretary :**

GEO. W. BARRIS, 119, BAGOT STREET, WAVERTREE.

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**PRICE ONE PENNY.**


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MILLS & KNIGHT, PRINTERS, 34, MOORFIELDS, LIVERPOOL.



This is an evening meeting of Pembroke harriers at the Liverpool Tramway Grounds Green Lane. Charlie was competing in the two miles flat race handicap - there is no record of how he got on.



**Liverpool Pembroke A. and C.C.**  
(Members N.C.A.A., N.C.C.A., L. & D.C.C.A., N.C.U.,  
and L. & D.T.T.A.)

..... PROGRAMME OF .....


**Evening Athletic Meeting,**  
(Under A.A.A. Laws and N.C.U. Rules),  
AT THE  
LIVERPOOL TRAMWAY GROUNDS, GREEN LANE,  
ON  
**Monday, June 7, 1909,**  
COMMENCING AT 7 P.M., PROMPT.

—= OFFICIALS. =—

President: S. V. GANNON, Esq.  
Judges (*Flat Events*): J. MERLIN, S. V. GANNON.  
Judges (*Cycling Events*): H. DAVIS, H. N. ELLIS.  
Handicappers (*Flat Events*): P. SHARPE, J. W. HISLOP.  
Handicappers (*Cycling Events*): W. KENNY, J. E. BROWN.  
Starter: E. WATTERSON.  
Marksmen: T. HAYGARTH, E. H. SESSIONS, W. MALCOLM.  
Chief Steward: A. MALCOLM.  
Telegraph Stewards: B. ALLEN, W. O. HANLON.  
Finance Stewards: F. POPE, J. W. SHEPLEY, W. TODHUNTER.  
Competitors Steward: J. PARRY.  
Ground Stewards: J. TODD, W. PEDDAR.  
Press Steward: A. D. DEAN. Programme Steward: L. DAVIES.  
Hon. Secretary: J. MOLYNEUX,  
77, Granton Road, LIVERPOOL.

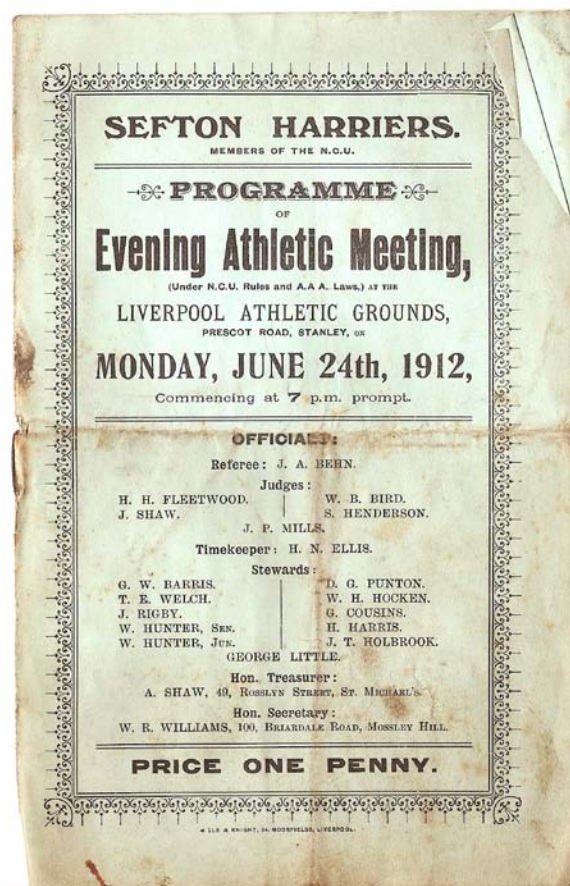
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PRICE ONE PENNY.



MILLS & KNIGHT, PRINTERS, 34, MOORFIELDS, LIVERPOOL.

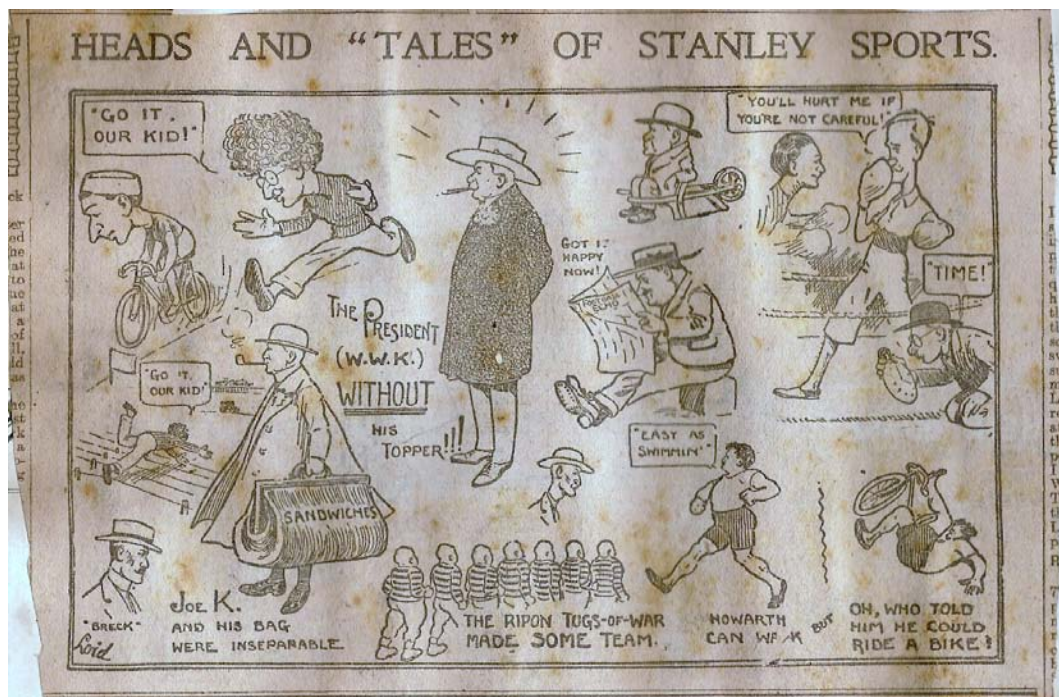




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Another Sefton Harriers programme from 1912. This time Charlie was competing in the quarter mile cycle handicap for members he was unplaced I don't think cycling was his thing

In fact his cycling was that poor that it merited a cartoon in the Liverpool Echo – see below





### LIST OF COMPETITORS.

No.	Name	Club
1	H. A. Adelsberg (N)	Sefton H.
2	W. Broadbent (N)	Sefton H.
3	W. T. Clarke	Sefton H.
4	J. Edge	Sefton H.
5	J. T. Kinner	Sefton H.
6	S. Hodgman	Sutton H. and A. C.
7	C. J. Straw	Sutton H. and A. C.
8	S. Welding	Sutton H. and
9	F. J. Whittle	Sutton H. and A. C.
10	C. E. Howarth	Pembroke A. and C.C.
11	H. Davies	West Cheshire H.
12	J. Tennant	West Cheshire H.
13	W. J. Eccles (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
14	H. B. Ellis (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
15	J. Hayton (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
16	W. Hayton (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
17	C. Owen (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
18	J. E. White (N)	Liverpool Gym. H.
19	J. A. Fallon (N)	Liverpool H. and A. C.
20	D. Boyle (N)	Liverpool Boundary H.
21	A. Chadwick (N)	Liverpool Boundary H.
22	A. Davies (N)	Liverpool Boundary H.
23	H. H. Herbert	Liverpool Boundary H.
24	C. N. Couves (N)	Liverpool Oddfellows H.
25	J. W. Hacker (N)	Liverpool Oddfellows H.
26	J. Kay (N)	Liverpool Oddfellows H.
27	W. Kay (N)	Liverpool Oddfellows H.
28	W. H. Mason	Liverpool Oddfellows H.
29	C. E. Blake (N)	Southport H. and A. C.
30	E. Mason (N)	Southport H. and A. C.
31	E. E. Jones	Richmond H.

(N) Signifies eligible for Novice Prize.

Officials will be stationed at various points of the route, for the purpose of directing and recording the Competitors' progress.

No Attendant will be permitted to wait upon Competitors in the race, until such Competitors have run as far as the Red Lion Bridge, Maghull.

#### SCRATCH RACE.

	Hours.	Time.	Secs.
First			
Second			
Third			

Liverpool and District Cross-Country Association.

FOUNDED 1891. MEMBERS OF THE N.C.A.A.

THE LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT

## MARATHON TRIAL CONTEST.

Great ROAD RACE from LIVERPOOL  
(Distance about 18 Miles) to SOUTHPORT, (Distance about 18 Miles).

**ALSO SEALED HANDICAP**  
to be Run in conjunction with same, will be held  
(under A.A.A. Laws) on

**Saturday, April 4th, 1908,**  
STARTING AT 3 P.M. PROMPT.

and will be open to all *bonafide* Amateurs who are Members of Clubs affiliated to the above Association, and who are First-claim Members of the Club—under whose name they compete—by February 1st, 1908.

**STARTING POINT: Sefton Arms Hotel, Aintree.**  
**FINISH at Richmond Hotel, Zoo Park, Southport.**

#### OFFICIALS:

*Referee:* Mr. H. H. Fleetwood.

*Judges:* Mr. J. B. Sanders, Mr. J. Bennett, Mr. J. Merin, Mr. H. S. Mellander and Dr. H. B. Bates.

*Starter:* Mr. Joe Cole. *Timekeeper:* Mr. H. N. Ellis.

*Road Marshals:*  
Mr. E. Battersby (Chief), Mr. H. S. Finney, Mr. Fred Johnson.

*Competitors' Steward:* Mr. G. N. White.

*Point Steward:* Mr. C. E. Pugh.

*Clerks of the Course:* Members of the Ormskirk C.C., Pembroke A. and U.C., N.L. Gym. B.C., and Southport H. & A.C.

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME—ONE PENNY.**

HILLS & KNIGHT, PRINTERS, 24, DOORFIELDS, LIVERPOOL.

### LIST OF PRIZES. COMPETING TO-DAY.




Photo by permission of "Liverpool Echo."

**W. T. CLARKE,**  
Northern and Liverpool & District Cross-Country Champion.

DON'T FORGET THE

## L'pool Harriers' Annual Sports

(Under A.A.A. and N.C.C. Rules), on

## GOOD FRIDAY,

COMMENCING AT 2-45 P.M.

### AINTREE TO SOUTHPORT

VIA  
NETHERTON, SEFTON, MAGHULL, LYDIATE,  
AUGHTON, ORMSKIRK, HARLETON GREEN,  
BISCAR, SCARISBRICK, CARR CROSS AND  
BROWN EDGE.

Starting from	Distance	Finishing at
The Sefton Arms Hotel, Warbreck Moor, Aintree, LIVERPOOL.	18 Miles.	The Richmond Hotel, Zoo Park, Higher Blawie, SOUTHPORT.

#### MILEAGE.

Aintree to Old Roan Hall	1 Mile.
" Netherton Post Office	2 "
" Sefton Church	3 "
" Sefton Station	4 "
" Hare & Hounds, Maghull	5 "
" Old Mill, Lydiate	6 "
" Swann Inn, Aughton	7 "
" Two Cottages on right	8 "
" Christ Church, Aughton	9 "
" Parish Church, Ormskirk	10 "
" Cross Roads	11 "
" Old Waterworks	12 "
" Brook (Scarisbrick Hall)	13 "
" Wood beyond Canal Bridge	14 "
" Schools	15 "
" St. Mark's Church	16 "
" Otterbye Bridge	17 "
" Richmond Hotel	18 "

N.B.—The exact distance between some of the above mentioned points is less than One Mile, whilst between others it exceeds One Mile; but the distances are approximate.

The Official Half-Way Quarters of the L. & D. C. C. A. Marathon Trial Race Committee, is the Talbot Hotel, Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

The nearest Railway Station to the Sefton Arms Hotel is Aintree Station, and to the Richmond Hotel, Kew Gardens' Station.

This is a programme for a marathon organised by Sefton Harriers in 1912  
 Charlie was racing with some of Sefton's finest - W T Clarke was first and  
 J.Edge third,



A Number of Sefton Harriers fought in the great war . Here are some press cutting of just a few of them. The first is about T.C, Jones who signed Charlie's autograph book all those years ago!

### Monday's Sports.

The usual fortnightly evening sports meeting was held on Monday at the Liverpool Police Athletic grounds, and though the weather was of the vilest possible description this did not deter quite a useful coterie from making an appearance. The racing was particularly keen, so much so, in fact, that in the sprint the finishes were so desperate that the judges had quite a difficult job to discriminate. The final of the 90 yards handicap was one of the best finishes seen at these little meetings, and that is saying a tremendous lot. No less than five men thought they might "just have won," but there was no doubt as to the verdict, the winner being that grand sportsman Charlie Howarth, the Sefton Harriers' captain, who, despite his long swim in the Mersey, from Eastham to New Brighton a fortnight ago, showed that, "given" a decent start, he can also raise a gallop, even as a sprinter. His mark, 13 yards, just proved sufficient, and he got the verdict by three to four inches from T. H. Langley, 9 yards, Wirral A.C., who, in turn, was an inch or so in front of F. Frith (4yds.), who is finding his old form in splendid style. J. R. Greenwood, Joe Bailey, and J. Guile were right up in a line on the tape, so what would you? A better race was impossible. The time was 10 3-5sec., but this was against the wind and on the sodden track. The two laps handicap, run in the heavy downpour and on the waterlogged course, almost savoured of a cross-country run. The conditions suited that enthusiastic mud-plugger, T. H. Langley, Wirral A.C. (40yds.), down to the ground. He ran very strongly, and staying along in good style won handsomely from J. Guile, who from scratch ran quite steadily. Mr. Goulbourn started the men in his own efficient style, and it was very gratifying to have help as judges such keen enthusiasts as Messrs. C. E. Pugh and Sergt. Rennie, while Private Henry Kely, the Liverpool Pembroke Harrier, who is still at Alder Hey, also lent a helping hand.

### Future Events.

### Sefton Harriers.

Although last Saturday's turn-out was the poorest of the season this had no undue effect upon the pleasure derived from the run by those taking part. Offsetting the shortage in numbers was the presence of the cheery captain, C. E. Howarth, who, as an athlete and a sportsman, stands four square to every wind that blows. The pack included a couple of Knotty Ash Harriers (J. Guile and H. Amson), and about six miles were covered, after making a somewhat late start. After the recent falls of snow the country was very heavy, and in parts it was a matter of difficulty to maintain one's footing, so slippery was the nature of the ground. A good, but increasing, pace was set up over the last two miles of road, with Charlie Howarth, J. M. Beckwith was first home, with Charlie Howarth and H. H. Roadie quite close up. Lance-corporal T. C. Jones was there to see the finish, having arrived too late to participate in the run.

### Athletics.

## SEFTON'S SUB - CAPTAIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

When news came to hand that Sergeant T. C. Jones had been wounded, it was hoped that he had not sustained any serious injuries. These hopes, however, have been shattered by the receipt of the unpleasant information that the Sefton Harriers' sub-captain has lost his right arm, which, following unsuccessful operations, had to be amputated. All will be sorry to hear of Tommy's sad plight, but, knowing him as we do, we are sure he will not be downhearted, even though he has been so heavily struck, for his pluck was one of his most marked characteristics on

SERGEANT T. C. JONES.

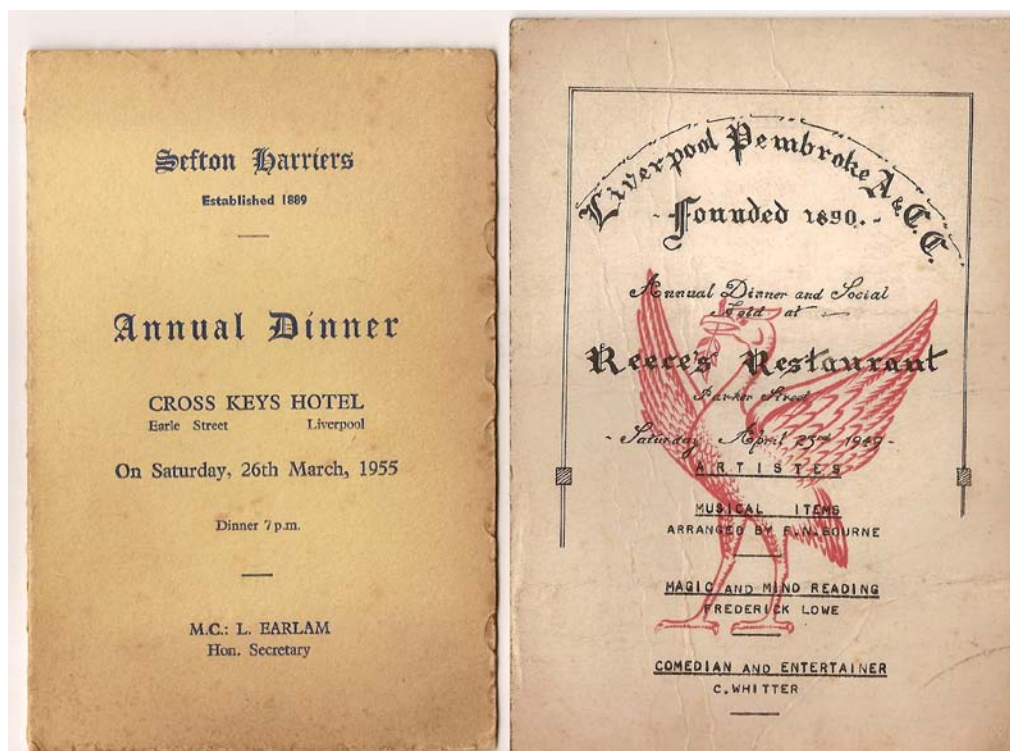
the track and over country. Our sympathy goes out to him, and we can but hope that he will make such a recovery as will enable him to continue in his high place amongst northern athletes. Otherwise, athletics, and his club in particular, will sustain an unfortunate blow. His address is 24, 930, Sergt. T. C. Jones, Ward 16, Norfolk War Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich, and the many friends and admirers will appreciate how much a line or two will mean to him at this time.



Some more Sefton Harrier Soldiers W H Byron, T.C. Jones and J E Handley



On a lighter note here are two menus for the annual dinner for Sefton Harriers in 1955 and for Pembroke Harriers in 1949 presumably Charlie attended these in his old age!





The following are some of the press cuttings from my Grandfather's scrapbook appertaining to Sefton & Pembroke Harriers

*Tuesday, Dec 2*

**Sefton Harriers.**

Sports took place at the Police Athletic Grounds on Monday. The weather, though conditions not, withstanding, a dozen runners prepared for the fray, and F. Frith and J. Gule first heat, T. H. Lawley and J. Bailey second heat, C. E. Howarth and J. P. Greenwood third heat, qualified for the final, which proved very exciting and resulted in Charlie Howarth just winning from T. H. Lawley (Witral A.C.). Charlie couldn't resist the temptation of a cold water plunge—an added attraction for spectators. The 2 lap race was run under 200 yards, which invagination effectively stopped any waiting, and T. H. Lawley, off 35 yards, turned up the winner of a heavy race. Messrs. A. G. Nicholson, C. T. Pugh, and W. H. Hennie acted as judges. Mr. Harry Goulbourn kept his powder dry and every shot resulted in a broken tape!

Lance-Corporal H. Brown, the sack race exponent and winner from scratch of the obstacle race at Manchester last Saturday, was among the competitors, which included A. W. Jones—father and son. The next meeting will probably be on a Saturday afternoon.

Bishop, Chavasse, in a personal letter to Mr. F. H. Beadle, thanks Sefton Harriers for their expression of sympathy in the loss of his son, Captain V. G. Chavasse, V.C. and M.C. A sportsman of his first water—earnest and courageous—they was proud of his membership.

**ATHLETICS.**

**SEFTON HARRIERS STILL RUNNING.**

Sefton Harriers held an ordinary run from headquarters. The club captain, Charlie Howarth, led the good-sized pack over the fields in the district of Broadgreen to Downing Park, and on to Childwall, turning at a right angle to Roby, a couple more fields, then Prescott road, and the set to.

The first three to arrive were E. Rogers, C. Ran, and Tom Smith, and they must have used considerable exertion to make headway against the high wind prevailing. Charlie again ran well, and as he was short—real time. Good old Charlie, a real, still-born Francis. A visitor at this run was Sergeant Jim Pearson, of the Liverpool Scottish, on leave from France. One of Sefton's most popular and ardent friends will be glad to learn he is looking in fine trim.

Pirate A. Withay, of the motor transport, is in hospital in France with an injured eye. Like all his old clubmates, he wishes to be remembered to all his old friends, and hopes it will be so kept. Best of luck, Arthur.

Next Saturday, December 8, all Liverpool and district cross-country men are requested to take part in the combined run from the quarter of Pembroke Harriers, Alexander-son, Moss-lane, Orrell. Take your car to Orrell—half ten minutes' walk, and you are there.

**ATHLETICS.**

**NEWS FROM SOLDIER MEMBERS.**

Sefton Harriers held an ordinary run from headquarters. Practically a dozen members braved the elements, and indulged in a run of about five miles, against a strong and bitterly cold wind.

The captain took the pack over the fields in the West Derby and Knowley districts, a smart pace being maintained. As the result of a scupper down the road, the first three arrivals were L. Rogers, C. Ran, and J. Fox. Charlie Howarth took the opportunity of beating a horse and trap over the last mile, much to the surprise of the driver, who was anxious to show the skipper how to travel. Head off to Charlie! Will Adelberg show this day as a particularly suitable one to recommence cross-country running, after almost ten years of retirement. It is always a pleasure to see the old runner returning to the sport, though not all would return as well as did Adelberg on this occasion.

Mr. H. Shaw, the old Sefton Harrier, writes from Down that he has met Corporal Bill Lord, the little ex-Sefton man, down there, and wishes to be remembered to all the members—Mr. Goulbourn in particular.

Lance-corporal Maurice Burns writes from France that he is glad to see that the old club is still keeping to the front, with Charlie Howarth still going, and wishes to be remembered to all the boys and Mr. Goulbourn. Address: No. 2017, 15th King's Liverpool Regiment, to Plaisance, C. Company, B.E.F., France.

Freddie W. Almond is in Ireland—probably temporarily—as it is not worth while giving his full address.

Next Saturday—15th inst., an ordinary run from headquarters, following work will stage big handicap at 12.30.

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**Sefton.**

Sefton Harriers had a small but enthusiastic muster out under the guidance of Charlie Howarth. Knotty Ash Harriers joining in, and thus making the combined pack more imposing in regard to numbers. A course of about seven miles of real stiff country was negotiated, the plough in particular proving very heavy and severe owing to the alternate snow, frost and thaw. The cold necessitated a good stiff pace being kept up, but no racing was attempted until the road home. Here Charlie Howarth increased the pace, which was gradually increased. J. M. Beckwith finished first, followed by Charlie Howarth, who ran in great style, with H. H. Beadle third, while the Knotty Ash runners, Gule third, and Amson, were the next to pass the line, and Amson, who was at the finish, Lance-Corporal T. C. Jones was at the finish, as he was unfortunately up too late to turn out with the pack.



**JACK CAHILL**

Jack Cahill, who has been with him and his wife for some time.

*Saturday, Dec 2, 1920*



Clark, Sefton Harriers (No. 62), who eventually won by two yards.

**THE SEFTON RACE.**

In the recent event W. T. Clarke Sefton Harrier was expected to follow in his own footsteps, but only danger being expected to come from the holder of the Sefton Harrier title, the Knotty Ash Harrier, who was in his best form, and was expected to be a close race. From the start Clarke led the pack, and he was followed by his club-mates Jack Edge and A. G. Roberts, with J. W. Bailey (Sefton) and J. S. Gilbertson (Knotty Ash) close behind. On the second lap another Sefton Harrier (Jack Bennett) had taken a lead, with A. G. Roberts third, T. Goulbourn fourth, Bailey fifth, and S. Froese-Sefton sixth, but Clarke had a ten yards advantage on entering the final circuit, but when Roberts put in a strenuous challenge in the home straight Clarke had to do all he knew to stall off his club-mate and win by a yard, after making practically all the running. Details—

**SEFTON CHAMPIONSHIP—Distance 8 miles 1,415 yards (five laps).**

Rank	Name	Club	Time
1	W. T. Clarke	Sefton Harriers	48:35
2	A. G. Roberts	Sefton Harriers	48:58
3	J. P. Bennett	Sefton Harriers	49:02
4	J. W. Bailey	Sefton Harriers	49:04
5	J. S. Gilbertson	Knotty Ash	49:08
6	S. Froese	Sefton Harriers	49:15
7	H. K. Jones	Warrington A.C.	49:18
8	A. Weidling	Sefton Harriers	49:25
9	T. Gule	Sefton Harriers	49:28
10	James Roberts	Sefton Harriers	49:32
11	W. H. K. Jones	Warrington A.C.	49:35
12	J. Edge	Sefton Harriers	49:38
13	J. P. Bennett	Sefton Harriers	49:40
14	J. S. Gilbertson	Knotty Ash	49:42
15	J. T. Bennett	Liverpool Pembroke	49:45
16	C. A. Millington	Liverpool Pembroke	49:48
17	J. Chapman	Sefton Harriers	49:50
18	H. Holbrook	Warrington A.C.	49:52
19	G. Warrington	Warrington A.C.	49:55
20	C. W. Bradshaw	Sefton Harriers	49:58
21	A. Hinton	Sefton Harriers	50:00
22	W. Warrington	Warrington A.C.	50:02
23	C. W. Bradshaw	Liverpool Pembroke	50:05
24	C. H. Hinton	Sefton Harriers	50:08
25	S. Froese	Warrington A.C.	50:10

**Liverpool cross-country championships were decided at Hooton Park on Saturday.**



Friday 16 February 1900

## FLYING FLEETWOOD.

(BY SWIFTSURE.)

This week I have chosen as worthy subject for interview sprinter H. H. Fleetwood, of Sefton Harriers, who in the season now closing has covered himself with glory. What he did not win is an open championship; but it should yet come to him.

This fair-complexioned young man is a friend of mine; nevertheless, I can say nice things of him. To meet him on the path or off it is to meet one of clean views and actions. His track morals are as straight as the strings between which he has so often speeded to victory. I have not the least hesitation in characterising him as one of the most honest amateurs on the path. It is unnecessary to say that modern amateurism is not altogether synonymous with honesty. His running takes incentive from the laudable aspiration to get there for achievement's proud sake.



H. H. FLEETWOOD.

Fleetwood's physique is light medium. He stands of middling height. His limbs are not gnarled as the oak, but suppleness itself. He commenced running as a boy, and met with early success in the Liverpool district. In 1897-9, his distances ranging from 100 yards to 440 yards. In 1900 he developed excellent form, and won several good handicaps. Next year he captured Salford Harriers 100 yards championship, then practically that of the mid-northern counties.

During the seasons of 1901-2-3-4 he kept popping up again in handicaps and club races. How many is the total of his trophies dependent knoweth not. But it was in 1905 that he began to show tip-top form, which reached its best phase in the season now closing. Last year he won eighteen prizes, including nine firsts. By the commencement of this season he had worked his way by handicap prizes to the actual scratch mark in furlong races, commencing the following series of achievements during the summer:—Sefton Harriers, 220 yards, 2nd off 1 yard; Salford Harriers, 440, 3rd, off 5 yards; Liverpool Lancers, 220 yards, 2nd, off scratch; Sefton Harriers, 440 yards, 1st, off scratch; Wigan, 880 yards, 1st, off 20 yards; Sefton Harriers, 100 yards club championship, 2nd; Sefton Harriers, 530 yards, 1st, off 10 yards; Widnes, 880 yards N.C.A.A. championship, 2nd; Liverpool Tramways, 440 yards, 1st, off 6 yards; Sefton Harriers, 440 yards club championship, 1st (for the seventh time); West of Scotland, 880 yards, 3rd, off 10 yards; Glasgow Rangers, 440 yards, 1st, off 17 yards; Warrington, 880 yards, 3rd, off 15 yards; Sefton Harriers, 880 yards, 1st, off 14 yards; Salford, 880 yards scratch, 2nd; Salford, 440 yards club championship, 1st.

Fleetwood competed in national and northern counties championships; he has run for All-England against London in a successful relay team; and he has no mean reputation as a cross-country runner. His development of speed over a half-mile this year has been phenomenal, at a time when good runners at that distance have been plentiful. To some extent he has been overshadowed in scratch races by Lieut. Halswell and A. Astley, but he has had the satisfaction of leading them both in races over a quarter of a mile. With Halswell out of the way next year, the Liverpool man's time will come. Here's luck, Herbie boy!

## SEFTON HARRIERS' CAPTAIN.

Let me give you a sketch of Clarke's track career. He is well known in the North not by his performances since he settled in Liverpool, but he made his debut and something of a name in the Midlands, his operations centring upon Lincoln. Cross-country work was until this season a novelty to him! Running a mile on grass, which he prefers to cinders, he has always regarded in serious light, as is shown by the following list of achievements, at the distance:—Coningsby 2nd, Grimsby 1st (4m. 12s. off 120), Stourbridge 1st, Leam. 1st, Burton-on-Trent 3rd, Lincoln 3rd, Woodhall Spa 1st, Ousdale 2nd, Notts Forest 2nd, Newark 1st, Mansfield 2nd, Pinxton 3rd, Thelthorpe 1st, Horwell 1st, Banger 3rd, and Rockdale 3rd. On his visit to Bangor he also notched his name for a prize in the district.



W. T. CLARKE.

miles race. Of course he has tried other distances. With James Roberts he has represented Sefton Harriers in a national championship race. He finished second to his clubmate in the Northern Counties Four Miles Race, in 1905, and second to Duncan last year, at Royton. This year cross-country he was fourth in the Northern, and, of course, second in the District race. Clarke has already proved an acquisition for his club's team races, and they have such a good team, too, for distance track events. James Roberts, S. Francome, J. Rimmer, and J. Edge will take some beating. Who'll try conclusions with them? Clarke is captain of the club, in which he takes enthusiastic and intelligent interest. His keen optimism has done much to put new life into its distance-running section.

## SEVEN MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. F. B. Thompson, London A.C. 23.50
2. C. Trippier, Salford H. 25.50
3. J. W. & Bennett, Manchester A.C. 26.50
4. Rev. S. L. Saxe, London A.C. 33.40
5. H. T. Morris, Spars Hill H. 34.90
6. W. J. Palmer, Acree Hill, 7; E. Quinn, Bella-
7. Houston H. 8; A. P. Harding, London A.C. 9;
8. E. Larner, Highgate H. 19; W. G. Yates, Sal-
9. ford H. 11; E. A. Spencer, Polytechnic H. 3;
10. J. Brown, Salford H. 15; W. Price, Warrington
11. A.C. 14; J. C. Boudry, Sheffield W. 15; E. G.
12. Searby, Rockdale H. 16; H. P. Brayshaw,
13. Ayrdale H. 17; A. R. Edwards, Manchester A.C.
14. 18; S. Harrison, Birchfield H. 19.

C. Trippier led for five miles, his time for the first and succeeding miles being—7min 5.15sec, 14min 37.55sec, 22min 12.45sec, 29min 28sec, and 36min 27.55sec. At 52 miles Thompson had taken the lead, his time for the sixth mile being 43min 56sec, Thompson winning by 15 yards, 5.50sec.

## TEN MILES FLAT HANDICAP.

1. A. Underwood, Birchfield H. 54.50
2. A. Duncan, Kendal H. 54.50
3. A. J. Robertson, Birchfield H. 54.50
4. S. Pearce, Highgate H. 54.50
5. W. R. Whittington, Salford H. 55.15
6. S. Wedder, Sutton H. 55.50
7. E. Owen, Broughton H. 55.50
8. J. Price, Small Heath H. 55.50
9. B. G. Long, Polytechnic H. 55.50
10. J. A. Oxen, Heaton H. 55.50
11. W. Birtles, Hallamshire H. 57.20
12. J. W. Bailey, Sutton H. 57.20
13. W. W. Piper, Sheffield United. 59.35
14. J. W. Daniels, Rockdale H. 59.35
15. H. Holland, Manchester Zion. 61.40

W. T. Clarke, who led at the start, covered the first mile in 4min 56.55sec. G. Pearce was in front at the second mile (time 16min 15sec), while there followed closely in his wake H. Bennett, A. Underwood, W. T. Clarke, and A. Duncan. Clarke again assumed command at the third mile, while at the half-distance, covered in 26min 25sec, George Pearce proved the leader. In the following four miles Duncan was in front on three occasions, while W. T. Clarke, A. Underwood, and G. Pearce were close on. When the bell rang Underwood put on a big spurt, and won cleverly by beating A. J. Robertson, Clarke being five yards away third. Time, 54min 50sec.

## REPORT AT ALDERLEY EDGE.

One incident in connection with the big run occurred when the "whippers-in" (Messrs. G. H. Boothman and C. E. Howarth) reached the canal on the outward journey and may be described thus:—Seater Near the feeder. First whip (looking across the canal at its widest part): "That's the nearest way." Second whip: "So it is." Splash! Splash! The race to the opposite bank demonstrated that the breast stroke is a good one, but not the fastest. The exponents of swimming enjoyed themselves at Warrington and they cherish memories of a good many years of cross-country running.

Warrington A.C. start from the Bridge Inn at 3.30 to-day for an ordinary run, under a race and whip. Visitors cordially invited.

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