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Introduction

This is the first part of an attempt to illustrate the development of athletics in Blackpool since 1894 and as can be seen above there have been a number of different clubs in the area which is not dissimilar to the position today.

If anyone has any material, especially from the earlier days, that they feel could form part of the on-going development of this project please scan or photo and forward to Nick Hume.

Nick Hume

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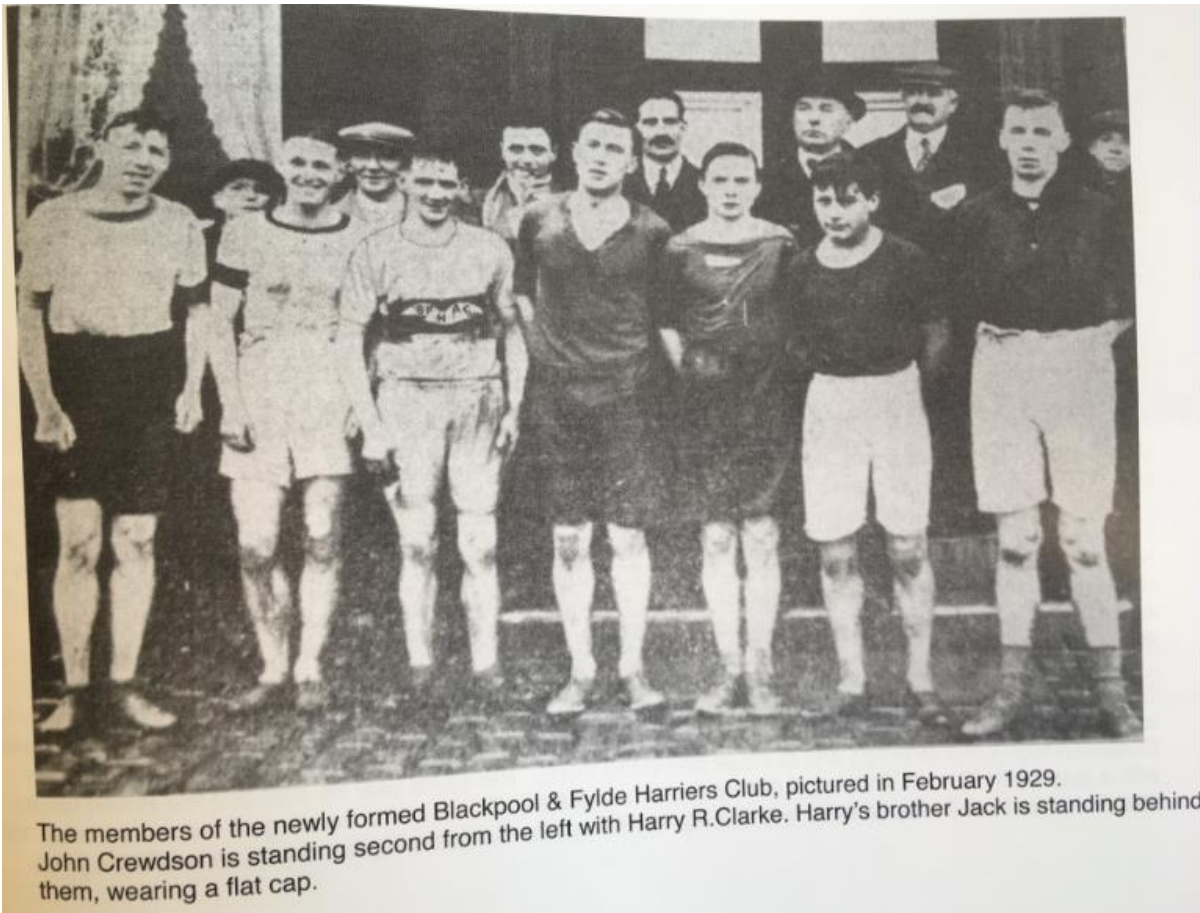
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February 1929 and Members of the newly formed Blackpool & Fylde Harriers Athletic Club



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Membership Card/ Year Book 1929 - 30

<p style="text-align: center;">Fixtures.</p> <p>1929-30</p> <p>Oct. 19—Blackpool, Town Hall, Invitation run. " 26—Bispham, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Nov. 2—Marton, Oxford Hotel, Ordinary run. " 9—Blackpool, Gymnasium, Ord. run. " 16—Marton, Half Way House, Ord. run. " 23—Bispham, Red Lion, Ordinary run. " 30—Marton Moss, St. Nicholas' School, Dec. 7—Leyland, Leyland Motors A.C., Invitation run. " 14—Blackpool, Gymnasium, Ord. run. " 21—Blackpool, Central Working Men's Club, Kent Road, Ordinary run. " 26—Blackpool, Stanley Park, Five Miles Club Championship. " 28—St. Annes, Y.M.C.A., Ordinary run. Jan. 4—Bispham, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Ord. " 11—Marton Moss, St. Nicholas' School, Ordinary run. " 18—Bispham, Red Lion, Ordinary run. " 25—Staining, Plough Inn, Ordinary run. Feb. 1—Blackpool, Gymnasium, Ord. run. " 8—Venue later. West Lancashire Cham- pionships. " 15—Blackpool, Stanley Park, Ord. run. " 22—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northern Coun- ties Championships. Mar. 1—Blackpool, Beach Hotel, Handicap Race. " 8—Blackpool, Gymnasium, Ord. run. " 15—Staining, Plough Inn, Ordinary run. " 22—Blackpool, Stanley Park, Consolation Handicap.</p> <p>A Medal will be given for the best attendance at Club Runs. — All Runs start at 3-0 p.m. —</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEASON 1929-1930.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blackpool and Fylde Harriers' and Athletic Club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YEAR BOOK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Fixtures and Rules</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Member's Certificate.</p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>Date of Election.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Joe Yates</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hon. Sec. and Treasr</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">The Blackpool & Fylde Harriers' and Athletic Club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Established 31st January, 1929.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Affiliated to Northern Counties Athletic Association and the West Lancashire Cross Country Association.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEASON 1929 AND 1930.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>President :</i> SIR A. LINDSAY PARKINSON, J.P.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chairman :</i> Councillor J. R. QUAYLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice-Presidents :</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Ald. J. Collins, J.P. Ald. T. Bickerstaffe, J.P. Coun. J. R. Quayle Coun. W. S. Ashton, J.P. Coun. W. R. Duckworth Coun. T. Fenton Coun. C. Bagot J. Squelch, Esq. J. Rawcliffe, Esq. T. Thornley, Esq. J. H. Hardwick, Esq. N. Burton, Esq. H. Rhodes, Esq. J. B. Dugmore, Esq. W. H. Tweedale, Esq. J. Yates, Esq., M.B.E. W. H. Malaney, Esq. C. S. Silsby, Esq. F. Burnett, Esq. J. A. Dawson, Esq. </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> W. Wray, Esq. J. Telfer, Esq. T. W. Pimley, Esq. A. F. Spicer, Esq. Captain A. Bailey L. Pilling, Esq. J. H. Jones, Esq. W. Tomlinson, Esq. A. Spittle, Esq. H. S. Collinson, Esq. J. Wild, Esq. F. Jackson, Esq. L. Cohen, Esq. W. Hilton, Esq. E. Johnson, Esq., M.B.E. H. Platt, Esq. J. W. Roberts, Esq. F. W. Jones, Esq. E. R. Eccles, Esq. </td> </tr> </table>	Ald. J. Collins, J.P. Ald. T. Bickerstaffe, J.P. Coun. J. R. Quayle Coun. W. S. Ashton, J.P. Coun. W. R. Duckworth Coun. T. Fenton Coun. C. Bagot J. Squelch, Esq. J. Rawcliffe, Esq. T. Thornley, Esq. J. H. Hardwick, Esq. N. Burton, Esq. H. Rhodes, Esq. J. B. Dugmore, Esq. W. H. Tweedale, Esq. J. Yates, Esq., M.B.E. W. H. Malaney, Esq. C. S. Silsby, Esq. F. Burnett, Esq. J. A. Dawson, Esq.	W. Wray, Esq. J. Telfer, Esq. T. W. Pimley, Esq. A. F. Spicer, Esq. Captain A. Bailey L. Pilling, Esq. J. H. Jones, Esq. W. Tomlinson, Esq. A. Spittle, Esq. H. S. Collinson, Esq. J. Wild, Esq. F. Jackson, Esq. L. Cohen, Esq. W. Hilton, Esq. E. Johnson, Esq., M.B.E. H. Platt, Esq. J. W. Roberts, Esq. F. W. Jones, Esq. E. R. Eccles, Esq.	<p style="text-align: center;">RULES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Club be called "Blackpool & Fylde Harriers & Athletic Club." 2. That the object of the Club be the promotion of amateur athletics generally. 3. That membership be open to amateurs as recognised by the A.A.A. and N.C.U., or other authoritative bodies. 4. That the officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, a Committee of eight members, Hon. Auditor and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The President, any Vice-President, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee shall constitute the management, five to form a quorum. 5. That the season shall date from Oct. 1st to Sep. 30th, and the Annual General Meeting be held in the month of November for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business for the ensuing season. 6. That the subscription for active members be 2/6 under 18 years of age and 4/- over 18. Non-active members 5/-, and Vice-Presidents 10/6 minimum. All subscriptions to be due in October of each year. 7. That applications for active membership be made on the printed form for the purpose accompanied with the subscription.
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8. That all candidates for membership be proposed, seconded, and subject to ballot at any committee or general meeting.

9. That any member desiring to resign and to avoid further liability for subscription, must send in his resignation in writing to the Hon. Secretary before the 30th September of each year.

10. That the Committee shall have power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrear, provided a month's notice in writing shall have been sent to such member by a registered letter addressed to his last known address informing him of proposed action of the Committee. The name and address of any member so expelled shall be sent to the Secretary, N.C.A.A., and shall be entered by such officer in a book (to be called the black book) for the purpose. Every person whose name has been so entered shall be suspended from competing at a meeting under the A.A.A. laws until the liability causing his said expulsion shall have been discharged.

11. That the costume be black shorts and tangerine coloured vest with badge (a "Seagull" with letters B F H A C) to be affixed on front of vest.

12. That a Club Championship of not less than five miles be held each season, across country or on the track, and other events decided at the discretion of the Committee.

13. That a dispute arising at any time shall be left to the Committee to decide.

14. That if the conduct of any member be inconsistent with the best interests of the club or obnoxious to other members he shall be dealt with as the Committee may deem advisable.

15. That no member in arrear with subscription be allowed to receive any club prize until his liability has been discharged.

16. That none of the foregoing rules shall be altered, deleted, or added to except at the Annual Meeting, or at a General Meeting called for the purpose. No member allowed to vote unless he be clear on the books.



Blackpool Union Printers, Ltd., Charnley Road.

Head-quarters :

Blackpool Gymnasium, Central Drive,
Blackpool.

Club Costume :

Vest 2/6, Badge 1/10, to be obtained from the
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, J. Yates, M.B.E.,
"Chatsworth," Chatsworth Avenue, Norbreck,
Blackpool.

Patrons :

His Worship the Mayor of Blackpool
(Councillor G. W. Gath).
Sir Walter de Frece, M.P.
Captain Lord Stanley, M.P.
Alderman John Potter, J.P.
(Ex-Mayor of Blackpool).
Messrs. Catterall & Swarbrick, Ltd.
Messrs. Threlfall, Ltd.
Messrs. Matthew Brown & Co., Ltd.
Messrs. Magee, Marshall & Co., Ltd.
Messrs. Geo. Shaw & Co., Ltd.

Officers.

Captain : H. R. Clarke.
Vice-Captains : J. Crewdson and J. Platt.

Committee :

Coun. J. R. Quayle (Chairman), Ald. T. P. Fletcher, J.P., Coun. Handel Wilde, Coun. W. R. Duckworth, Coun. W. S. Ashton, J.P., W. Brade, W. T. Honeysett, T. W. Pimley, F. Daly.

Hon. Auditors :

Messrs. John Potter and Harrison.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer : J. Yates, M.B.E.

Hon. Assistant Secretary : J. A. Dawson.

Hon. Trainer :

Mr. H. Gregory, Blackpool Gymnasium.

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1933 Blackpool Marathon Certificate

**BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE
HARRIERS AND ATHLETIC CLUB**

**BLACKPOOL MARATHON RACE (26 Miles, 385 Yards),
for the Blackpool Corporation Trophy.**

Time Certificate

26th June 1933

Awarded to... *E. J. Sullivan* ... *3* Hours *11* Minutes *27* Seconds

President... *Alfred J. ...* (Mayor of Blackpool)

Referee and Chairman... *John R. ...*

Timekeeper... ..

Judges... *W. Brad...*

Hon. Secretary... *Les Yates*

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Did this Race Ever Take Place?

Blackpool and Fylde Harriers and Athletic Club

Members of the N.C.A.A. and N.C.C.A.

President : His Worship the Mayor of Blackpool (ALDERMAN W. ROSTRON DUCKWORTH, J.P., M.P.)

Chairman : ALDERMAN JOHN R. QUAYLE, J.P. Hon. Treasurer : J. YATES, M.B.E. Under the patronage of the Mayor and Corporation of Blackpool.

BLACKPOOL MARATHON RACE

(26 MILES 385 YARDS)

On SATURDAY, 9th SEPT., 1939, at 2-45 p.m. prompt

Race Starting and Finishing at **BLACKPOOL TOWN HALL.**

Official Timekeeper : J. H. HARDWICK, Esq., A.A.A. and N.C.A.A. (First Grade Timekeeper).

PRIZES :

The Blackpool Corporation Trophy

(Value 100 Guineas, presented by the Blackpool Corporation).

Winner to hold trophy for one year, or until called upon by the Secretary of the Blackpool & Fylde Harriers & Athletic Club to return same prior to the next competition, whichever period shall be the shorter. Competitors winning twice in succession or three times in all will be awarded a special Gold Commemorative Medal.

Winner 1931, H. Wood, Makerfield H.; 1932, H. Doggett, Salford H.; 1933, J. W. Beman, Birchfield H.; 1934, A. C. Chamberlain, Sheffield U.H.; 1935, H. Wood, Makerfield H.; 1936-1937, No Race. 1938, H. Wood, Makerfield Harriers.

PRIZES.	<small>1st Prize, value £7 7s.</small>	<small>3rd Prize, value £3 3s.</small>	<small>5th Prize, value £1 10s.</small>
	<small>2nd Prize, value £4 4s.</small>	<small>4th Prize, value £2 2s.</small>	<small>6th Prize, value £1 1s.</small>

A Prize value £1 1s. will be awarded to the First Veteran (over 40 years of age), who is not in the first six.

Veteran's age to be given on Entry Form.

ENTRY FEE, 2/- EACH COMPETITOR.

A Medical Examination as to fitness of Competitors to take part in a race of this kind (A.A.A. Rules for Competitions), will take place at Cocker Street Baths, Blackpool, at 1-30 p.m., on day of race.

No one under the age of 21 years will be allowed to compete.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, September 2nd, 1939. Monday's post in time. Entries without fee not accepted.

Competitors will be entertained to Tea after the race.

Entries to and all details supplied by Hon. Secretary : T. A. TAYLOR, 30, Weymouth Road, Blackpool.

CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS from L.M.S. Railway Stations to BLACKPOOL.

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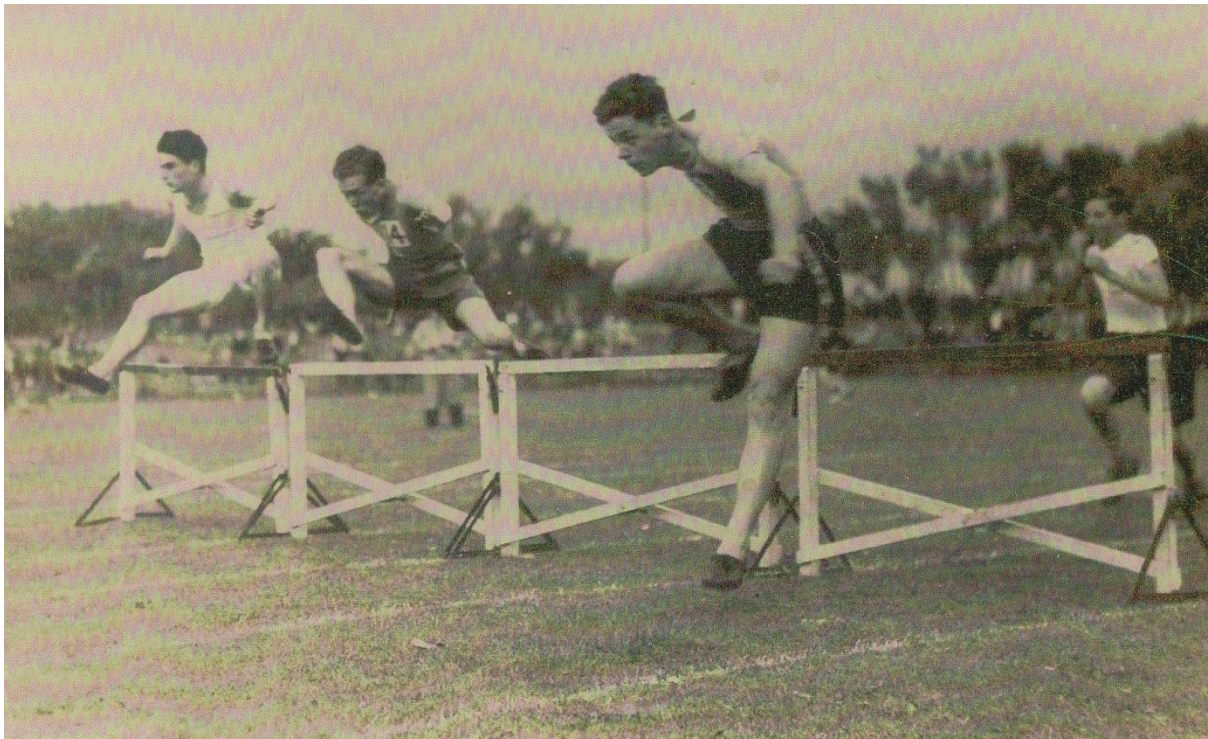
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1947 Blackpool Schools Athletic Championships

From the Left: Mike Arnott (Arnold) – 3rd, Ron Burford (Palatine) – 2nd, Dave Kay (Palatine)- 1st



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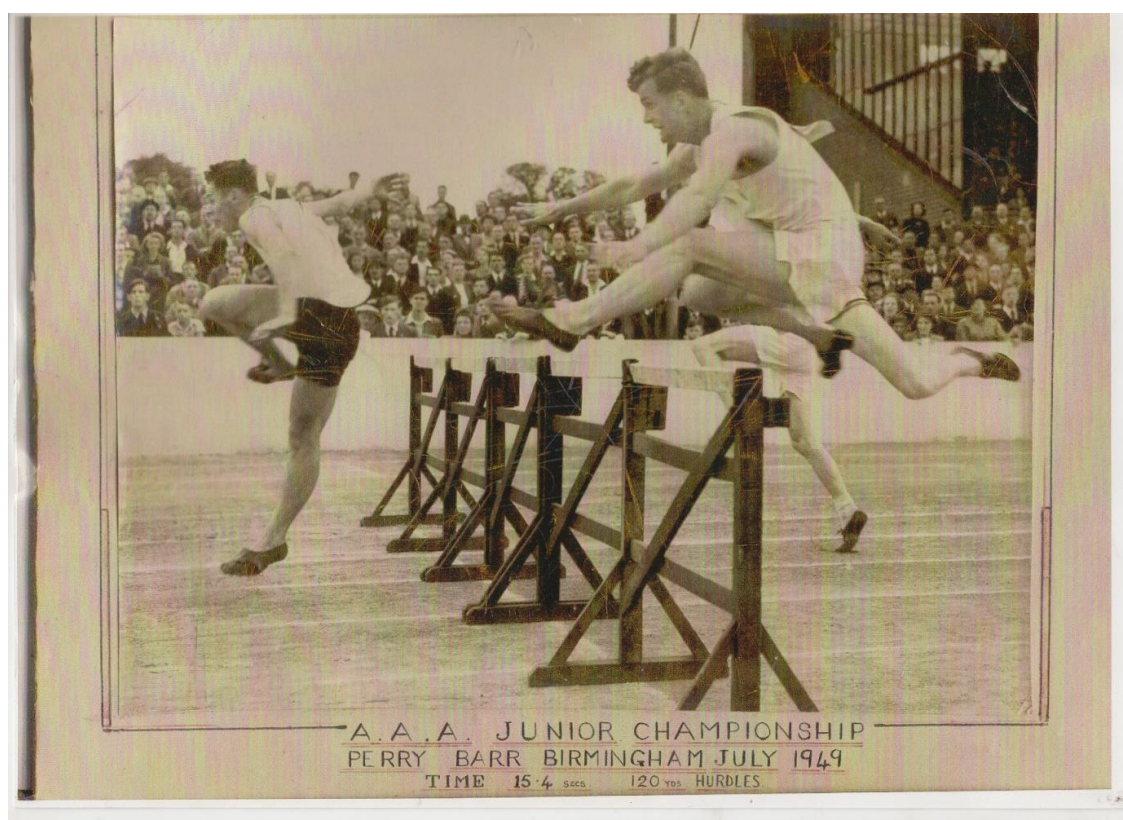
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1949 AAA Junior Championships: David Kay winning AAA 120 yards Hurdles in 15.4 secs

(Neil Scott won the 100 Yards in 10.2 secs)



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Alf Meakin



A. MEAKIN (Blackpool) extreme right of the British record-breaking 4 x 110 Yards Relay Team; and D. C. V. WATTS (Northern and Chief National Coach)

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Blackpool & Fylde Harriers Club photo from 1953



BLACKPOOL & FYLDE HARRIERS - 1953

Back Row: Bill Thorpe - Pete Moorehouse --- Neil Scott - Dave Kay - Syd Jones ---
--- Ken Westmore
Centre: --- John Strickland --- Johnny Long - Wilf Rispin(Capt) --- Alan Mason -
Frank Holland
Front: Gerry North --- Geoff North --- ---

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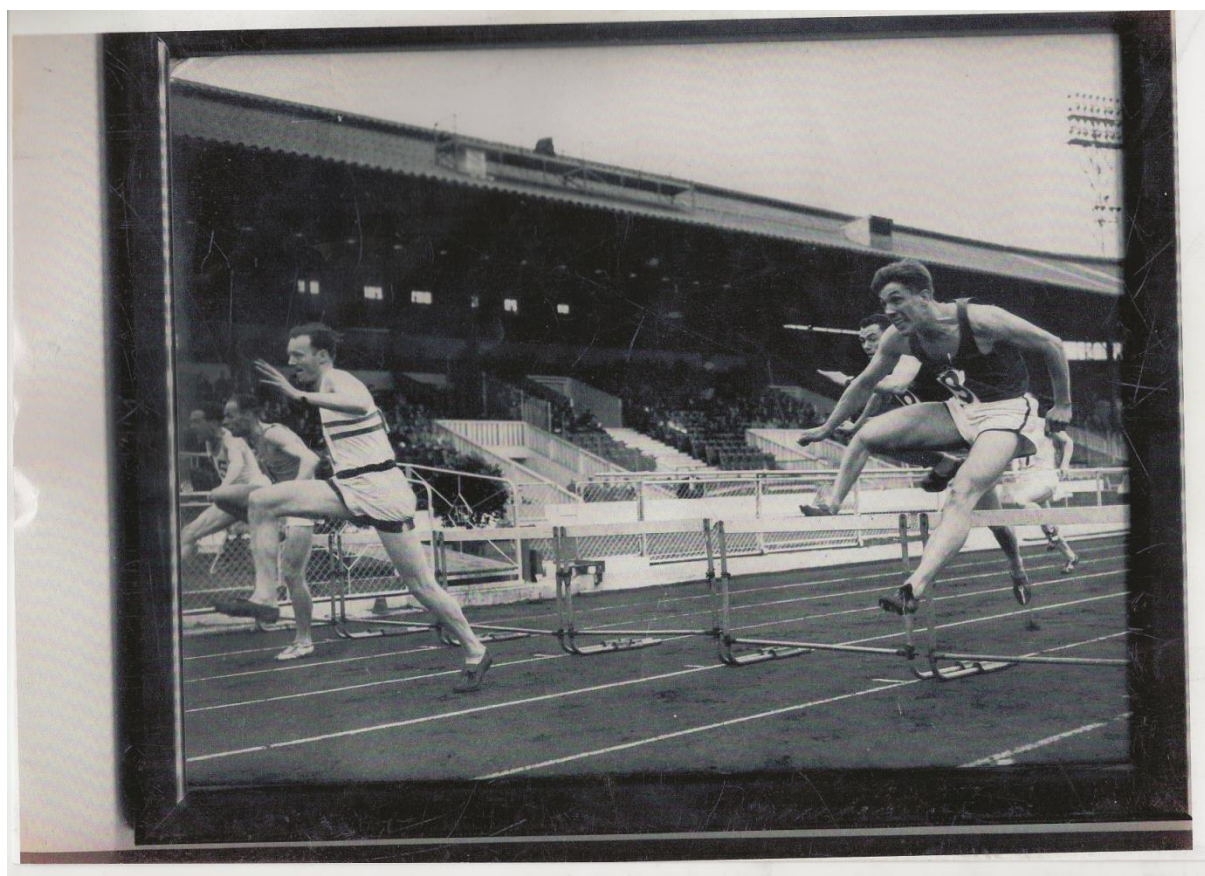
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1956 AAA Championships: 220 Yards Hurdles - 2nd David Kay (2nd left) 24.9 secs



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1950's Group Photo



Back Row

Gerry North – Dave Pilling – Geoff North – Peter Moorehouse - - Keith Morrow – Frank Howard – Stewart ?

Front Row

- Judith Allen – Elizabeth Martlew – Pat Huber – - Carolyn Ivins

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Gerry North (left) winning the 1957 National Junior Cross Country Title at Parliament Hill

Right – Gerry after moving to Belgrave Harriers



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Stan Taylor before he moved to Blackpool



N.C.A.A. 4 x 1 MILE RELAY TEAM l to r B. HALL (Manchester & D.L.C.H.), A. SIMPSON (Rotherham), S. G. TAYLOR (Manchester A.C.), J. P. ANDERSON (Saltwell), which set a British record of 4 min. 24.8 sec. in Dublin, 1961 — only 1 sec. behind a NEW ZEALAND team

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D Munroe, third Lancashire Boys Cross Country Championships Bispham 2nd January 1960



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Gerry North wins the English Cross Country Championships at Blackpool in 1962



G. A. NORTH (Blackpool & Fylde) wins the ENGLISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP at Blackpool, 1962

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B & F AC London to Brighton Road Relay Team 1962



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The Unknown Blackpool athlete has been identified by Howard Henshaw as Norman Neilson.

Leigh Harriers Veteran Track Meeting 13th November 1965



Veteran athletes, all from the North of England, who competed at the Leigh Harriers veteran track meeting, 13th November 1965.

Standing left to right: Unknown, Jeff Settle, John Willy Grainey, Chris Hallinan, Jack Charlson, Bob Jackson, Charlie F. Madely, Matt Thorpe,

Kneeling: unknown Blackpool athlete, Bill Horrocks and Norman Ashcroft founder of the Northern Vets.

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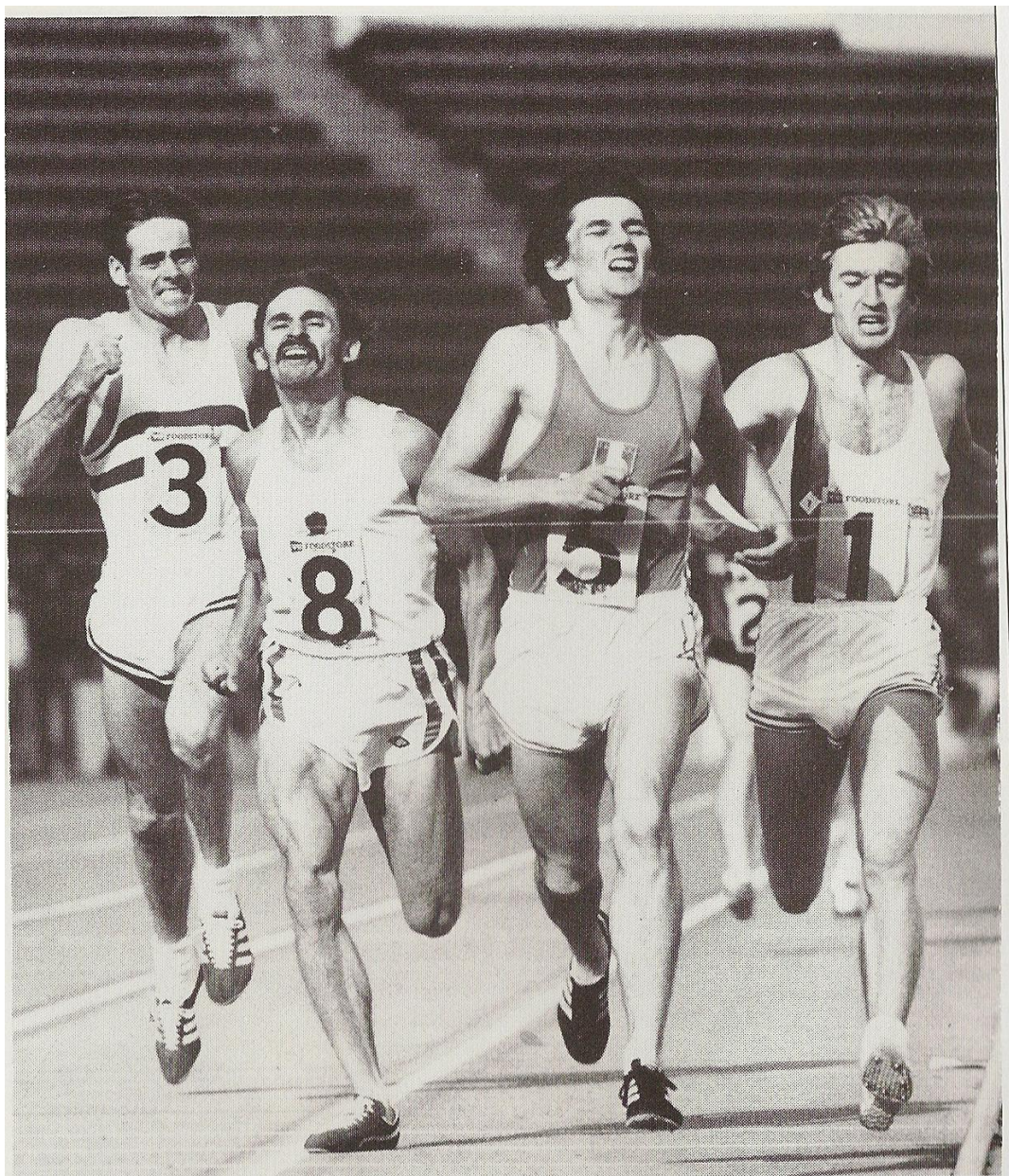
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John Kirkbride 1500m



W. WILKINSON (No. 8) and J. KIRKBRIDE (No. 5) in a close finish

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Tony Byrne in Action but Year unknown

