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Representative Matches for the Civil Service

During its long history the Civil Service Team has competed in many representative fixtures against other Associations, Counties or Teams. Not many of these have survived to the present day, particularly since the running boom in the early 1980s, but the Sefton-Brancker Cross Country Race is the one that stood the test of time and is reported in some detail below:

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Cross Country Representative Matches

Background to the Sir Sefton-Brancker Representative Matches for Men

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker KCB AFC. You may well wonder who Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker was, and why so much importance is attached to the Trophy which was awarded annually for Cross Country and Track & Field combined?

During the 1914-18 General in the AFC and later end of the First Personnel on the Marshal. On his Service to head the encourage the this work he was

In 1928, Sir Sefton Country match the RAF. Sir Sefton interest in the 3 Force officer, an of Middlesex RAF Uxbridge in Middlesex.



SIR SEFTON BRANCKER (Portrait by Sir John Lavery)

War, Sefton Brancker was a Major-Royal Flying Corps. He was awarded the transferred to the Royal Air Force. At the World War, he was Controller-General of Air Council in the rank of Air Vice-retirement in 1919 he joined the Civil department set up in the Air Ministry to development of civil aviation; it was for knighted.

succeeded in arranging an annual Cross between the Civil Service, Middlesex and initiated the event because of his great Associations: being a retired senior Air eminent Civil Servant and the President County AA. The first event was held at January 1929, resulting in a win for

Sir Sefton was killed in the Airship R101 disaster at Beauvais in France in the early hours of 5 October 1930. The airship was the hope for lighter than air flying, and was on a trip to India to demonstrate its efficiency. After his unfortunate death, it was decided that the 3 Associations would jointly provide a Challenge Cup to commemorate Sir Sefton, and to include Track & Field events in addition to the Cross Country race already being held. (With thanks to the RAF Website for the above information).

The Ladies competed for the SEAX Trophy for the first time in 1987 over the Country until in 1991 the Track & Field was included and a Trophy donated by Sir Arthur Gold C.B.E.

Unfortunately, Middlesex withdrew from the event in 2009 and the Track & Field Match was discontinued but the Cross Country is still held between the Civil Service and RAF on an annual basis.

1960 is the first year that the Civil Service won the fixture helped by being 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the race.



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The Results

Year	Venue	Match Winner	Individual	Association	Time
30/01/29	Uxbridge	Middlesex	B C V Oddie	Civil Service	38.30
30/01/30?	Uxbridge				
Feb 31					
32					
21/03/33	Northolt	RAF	S Ferris	RAF	43.39 4/5
34					
35					
18/03/36	Northolt				
27/01/37	Northolt	Middlesex	B Hennessy /R Thomas	RAF	
16/03/38	Northolt	Middlesex	C Griffiths	Middlesex	43.06
39					
46					
47					
48					
49					
15/02/50	Chessington	Middlesex	A Ferguson	Middlesex	40.53
14/02/51	Teddington	RAF	G Pirie	RAF	36.57
30/01/52	Chessington	Middlesex	L Eyre	Civil Service	39.10
11/02/53		RAF	W Ranger	RAF	40.08
24/03/54	Headley Court	Middlesex	L Eyre	Civil Service	34.17
09/02/55	Henlow	RAF	W Ranger	RAF	33.19
08/02/56	Chessington	RAF	P Driver	Civil Service	33.53
06/02/57	Chessington	RAF	P Driver	Civil Service	38.04
05/02/58	Chessington	RAF	F Seal/S Langridge	RAF/RAF	37.04
04/02/59	Chessington	Middlesex	K Norris	Middlesex	38.42
03/02/60	Chessington	Civil Service	M Price	Civil Service	37.36
08/02/61	Chessington	RAF	M Price	Civil Service	40.50
07/02/62	Chessington	Civil Service	J Snowden	Civil Service	34.25
20/03/63	Reading	Civil Service	M Price	Civil Service	37.28
05/02/64	RAF Stanmore	Middlesex	T Briault	Middlesex	33.15
03/02/65	RAF Halton	Civil Service	T Briault	Middlesex	30.54
66	RAF Stanmore		M Beevor	Middlesex	
01/02/67	RAF Stanmore		M Barratt	Middlesex	
31/01/68	RAF Stanmore	Civil Service	R Clark	RAF	31.38
29/01/69	RAF Stanmore	Middlesex	B Holt	RAF	18.54
28/01/70	RAF Stanmore	Middlesex	R Clark	RAF	30.01
27/01/71	RAF Stanmore	Middlesex	R Clark	RAF	28.11
26/01/72	RAF Stanmore	Middlesex	M Hurd	RAF	29.18
31/01/73	RAF Stanmore	RAF	M Hurd	RAF	28.31
30/01/74	RAF Stanmore	Civil Service	B Ford	Civil Service	26.57
29/01/75	RAF Stanmore	Civil Service	C Moxsom	Civil Service	29.00
04/02/76	RAF Stanmore				
02/02/77	RAF Stanmore	RAF	J Goater/J Wild	RAF/RAF	27.24

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01/02/78	RAF Stanmore	Civil Service	B Ford	Civil Service	29.10
31/01/79	RAF Halton	RAF	J Wild/R Crabb/S Jones	All RAF	31.36
30/01/80	RAF Halton				
28/01/81	RAF Halton	RAF	S Jones/J Goater	RAF/RAF	30.45
27/01/82	RAF Halton	Civil Service	S Jones/J Wild	RAF/RAF	30.49
26/01/83	RAF Halton	RAF	S Jones	RAF	30.22
25/01/84	RAF Halton	RAF	R Hackney/S Jones	RAF/RAF	22.07
30/01/85	RAF Halton	RAF	R Hackney/D McNeilly	RAF/RAF	30.24
29/01/86	RAF Halton	RAF	R Hackney	RAF	31.24
26/01/87	RAF Halton	RAF	D McNeilly	RAF	28.40
20/01/88	RAF Halton	RAF	D McNeilly	RAF	25.15
17/01/89	RAF Halton				
17/01/90	RAF Halton	Civil Service	D McNeilly	RAF	31.01
22/01/91	RAF Halton				
15/01/92	RAF Halton				
06/01/93	RAF Halton	RAF	A Neal	RAF	28.56
05/01/94	RAF Halton	Middlesex	J Downes	Middlesex	28.38
04/01/95	RAF Halton	RAF	S Robinson	Civil Service	29.38
04/01/96	RAF Halton	RAF	P Gardner	RAF	34.02
15/01/97	RAF Halton				
07/01/98	RAF Halton	RAF	S Snow	Civil Service	31.00
10/02/99	RAF Halton	Civil Service	N Francis	Civil Service	28.15
19/01/2000	RAF Halton	RAF	M Flint	RAF	31.18
17/01/01	RAF Halton	RAF	J Mooney	RAF	31.31
16/01/02	RAF Halton	RAF	S Neill	RAF	32.29
15/01/03	RAF Halton	RAF	M Whitehouse	RAF	32.08
14/01/04	RAF Halton	RAF	M Whitehouse	RAF	31.48
05/01/05	RAF Halton	RAF	M Whitehouse	RAF	30.09
18/01/06	RAF Halton	RAF	H Dodwell	Middlesex	35.44
17/01/07	RAF Halton	RAF	M Whitfield	RAF	36.08
16/01/08	RAF Halton	RAF	M Hilton	Civil Service	37.38
13/12/08	Kingsbury	Middlesex	C Smith	Civil Service	26.05
12/12/09	Kingsbury	Middlesex	B Livesey	RAF	24.18
19/01/11	RAF Halton	RAF	S Mitchell	RAF	36.11
18/01/12	RAF Halton	RAF	M Cummings	Civil Service	32.43
16/01/13	RAF Halton	RAF	S Mitchell	RAF	32.19
16/01/14	RAF Halton	RAF	S Mitchell	RAF	32.13
15/01/15	RAF Halton	RAF	M Kallenberg	RAF	32.47
14/01/16	RAF Halton	RAF	M Kallenberg	RAF	42.03
12/01/17	RAF Halton	RAF	M Hobbs	Civil Service	36.30
18/01/18	RAF Halton	RAF	C Smith	Civil Service	35.53
17/01/19	RAF Halton	RAF	B Livesey	RAF	36.17
15/01/20	RAF Halton	Civil Service	O Hind	Civil Service	36.01

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SEAX Cross Country for Women

Year	Venue	Match Winner	Individual	Association	Time
26/01/87	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	
20/01/88	RAF Halton		C Horne	Civil Service	
17/01/89	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	
17/01/90	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	
22/01/91	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	
15/01/92	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	
06/01/93	RAF Halton	Civil Service	W Sly	Middlesex	18.28
05/01/94	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	19.42
04/01/95	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Horne	Civil Service	18.42
04/01/96	RAF Halton		C Horne	Civil Service	
15/01/97	RAF Halton		C Horne	Civil Service	
07/01/98	RAF Halton	RAF	M Ayling	RAF	20.05
10/02/99	RAF Halton	Middlesex	S Murphy	Middlesex	18.09
19/01/2000	RAF Halton	Middlesex	S Murphy	Middlesex	20.29
17/01/01	RAF Halton	Middlesex	S Murphy	Middlesex	20.29
16/01/02	RAF Halton	Middlesex	A McCutcheon	Middlesex	20.46
15/01/03	RAF Halton	Civil Service	S Robson	Civil Service	20.30
14/01/04	RAF Halton	Middlesex	N Cendrowicz	Middlesex	20.10
05/01/05	RAF Halton	Middlesex	L Muggeridge	Middlesex	20.53
18/01/06	RAF Halton	Civil Service	L Chisholm	Civil Service	23.34
17/01/07	RAF Halton	Civil Service	N White	Civil Service	23.52
16/01/08	RAF Halton	Civil Service	J Digby	RAF	26.02
13/12/08	Kingsbury	Middlesex	L da Silva	Middlesex	24.41
12/12/09	Kingsbury	Middlesex	E Waldman	Middlesex	24.20
19/01/11	RAF Halton	Civil Service	K Beecher	Civil Service	25.52
18/01/12	RAF Halton	RAF	T Rutter	RAF	22.00
16/01/13	RAF Halton	RAF	T Rutter	RAF	
16/01/14	RAF Halton	Civil Service	A Bagshaw	RAF	22.53
15/01/15	RAF Halton	Civil Service	K Beecher	Civil Service	22.53
14/01/16	RAF Halton	Civil Service	V Carter	Civil Service	26.49
12/01/17	RAF Halton	Civil Service	N Jackson	Civil Service	24.18
18/01/18	RAF Halton	RAF	T Rutter	RAF	30.58
17/01/19	RAF Halton	RAF	T Rutter	RAF	28.49
15/01/20	RAF Halton	Civil Service	C Richardson	RAF	23.47

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Civil Service Sports Journal March 1929

SEVEN MILES TRIANGULAR CROSS-COUNTRY MATCH.

ROYAL AIR FORCE v. CIVIL SERVICE v. MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
 held at Royal Air Force Depot, on January 30th, 1929.

FOR the first time in the history of Civil Service Athletics it has been possible to arrange an athletic match against one of the fighting services.

Owing to the assistance rendered by Mr. A. V. Gelder, Honorary Secretary, Middlesex Athletic Association, the above match was arranged.

Both the Royal Air Force and Middlesex County paid us the compliment of putting out the strongest teams available, the former including the famous Marathon champion Sam Ferris.

The Civil Service Team consisted of:—

- B. C. V. Oddie, Air Ministry.
- H. E. Thomas, Post Office Stores.
- W. G. Webb, Customs and Excise.
- C. E. Green, Post Office Telephones.
- G. Tolley, Post Office Telephones.
- R. A. E. Galley, Fuel Research Board.
- A. E. Moon, Inland Revenue.
- A. J. Norris, P.O.S.B.

The course was over seven miles of country, commencing and finishing at the Depot, and was of a very heavy nature, and although we were unable to win the team race, we had the honour of providing the first man home, namely, Oddie, who won by about 100 yards in record time for the course.

The race resolved itself, for the first two miles, into a fight for the lead with Oddie, Griffiths, and R. H. Thomas taking it in turns, but at about two miles Oddie summoned up his pluck and jumped a gate while the others stopped to climb over; this gave him about 15 yards lead, which he increased gradually to the end of the race. The other members of the Service team ran well but were not quite up to the class of the runners put up against them.

The result was an example of good packing, or team work, by the Middlesex team.

The event was of an extremely sporting nature and every man of the 26 starters might well be termed a first-class cross-country runner, there being only 4½ minutes between the first and last men to finish the seven miles. The full results are appended.

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Vice Air Marshall Sir Sefton Brancker, K.C.B., A.F.C., who was interested in all three teams, being a member of the Royal Air Force, a Civil Servant, and also President of the Middlesex County Athletic Association, started the race and afterwards made a short speech welcoming all the runners and saying how pleased he was to assist at an event of this nature which represented the truest form of amateur athletics.

Group Captain Courtney, C.B.E., also spoke welcoming the Civil Service and Middlesex County to the Royal Air Force Headquarters and expressed the hope that the match might become an annual fixture.

Mr. G. C. Smallwood replied for the Civil Service, thanking the Royal Air Force for their hospitality and cordially accepting the invitation for a similar match next year, at the same time expressing the hope that next year the Civil Service would have the privilege of winning the team event and beating this year's conquerors.

		m. s.
1. B. C. V. Oddie (Civil Service) ...	38	30
2. Cpl. S. Ferris (R.A.F., Uxbridge) ...	38	49
3. B. D. Taylor (Middlesex) ...	38	55
4. C. W. Griffiths (Middlesex) ...	39	5
5. A/c F. W. Turner (R.A.F., Uxbridge) ...	39	24
6. A/c R. H. Thomas (R.A.F., Henlow) ...	39	49
7. S. J. Hanrohan (Middlesex) ...	39	57
8. A. J. Nunn (Middlesex) ...	40	1
9. A. Allum (Middlesex) ...	40	5
10. H. E. Thomas (Civil Service) ...	40	10 ² / ₅
11. H. T. Green (Middlesex) ...	40	10 ³ / ₅
12. P. V. Bicknell (Middlesex) ...	40	34
13. E. O'Connor (Middlesex) ...	41	9
14. J. Martin (Middlesex) ...	41	12
15. A. E. Moon (Civil Service) ...	41	23 ³ / ₄
16. Cpl. A. Whale (R.A.F., Kenley) ...	41	29
17. A/c C. H. Sanderson (R.A.F., Henlow) ...	41	30
18. A. J. Norris (Civil Service) ...	41	33
19. W. G. Webb (Civil Service) ...	41	36
20. A/c R. Foley (R.A.F., Uxbridge) ...	41	37
21. A/c Harrison (R.A.F., Cranwell) ...	41	42
22. R. A. F. Galley (Civil Service) ...	41	44
23. C. E. Green (Civil Service) ...	42	5 ³ / ₈
24. J. Tolley (Civil Service) ...	42	19
25. A/c E. Stone (R.A.F., Kenley) ...	42	44
26. A/c Stevens (R.A.F., Cranwell) ...	43	16

Team placings (1st six to count).

1. Middlesex County Amateur Athletic Association		
3. 4. 7. 8. 9. 11. ...	42	
2. Royal Air Force		
2. 5. 6. 16. 17. 20. ...	66	
3. Civil Service		
1. 10. 15. 18. 19. 22. ...	85	

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Athletic Review March 1951

RESULT

R.A.F. v. CIVIL SERVICE v. MIDDLESEX

Teddington, Feb. 14

This annual race, for the Sefton Branker Trophy, was run on a flat, fast 7-mile course. From the start Gordon Pirie moved into the lead and, at the mile mark, was 40 yards ahead of Len Eyre. With $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile to go, Alec Olney closed with Pirie, but the tall South London Junior appeared to have something in hand and won by 20 yards. Result of the team race: 1st, R.A.F.; 2nd, Civil Service; 3rd, Middlesex. Leading placings: 1st, D. A. G. Pirie (R.A.F.), 36.57; 2nd, A. H. Olney (M.), 37.01; 3rd, L. Eyre (C.S.), 37.19; 4th, J. Brown (C.S.), 37.26; 5th, J. W. Stone (R.A.F.), 37.28; 6th, A. B. Parker (C.S.), 37.42; 7th, A. T. Ferguson (M.), 37.58; 8th, R. W. McMinnis (R.A.F.), 38.04; 9th, J. C. Green (C.S.), 38.25; 10th, G. Iden (M.), 38.41.

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1955 AW Report

**R.A.F. 33pts., CIVIL SERVICE 68pts.,
MIDDLESEX 70pts.**

The annual Sir Sefton Brancker Trophy match was held at Henlow on 9th February, over a heavy course of just under six miles.

Soon after the start Peter Driver (C.S.) took the lead and at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile was leading from Barrett and Clark (R.A.F.), with Stonehouse (C.S.) Ranger (R.A.F.), Mike Barratt and Ken Norris (Mx.) close up.

At just under two miles Driver still led from Barrett, with Ranger third, and these three were opening up a gap from the rest of the field. Half a mile later Brian Barrett was leading, with Ranger and Driver tucked in close behind, 50 yards in front of the next group led by Mike Barratt. Caulder, after a slow start, had moved up from 11th to 5th, and Stonehouse was now in 6th place, with Eyre 7th.

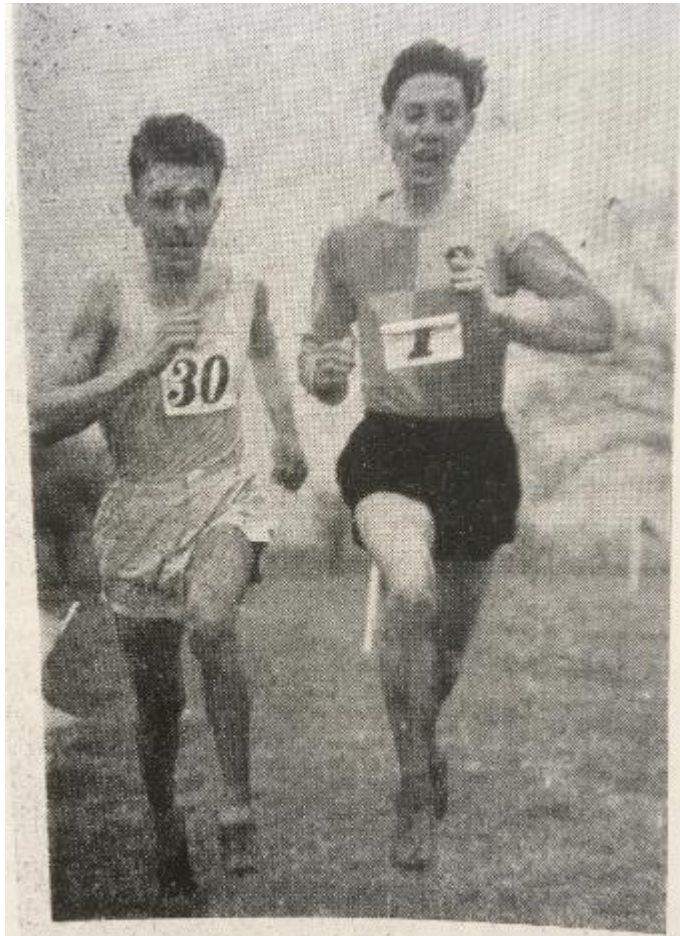
Ranger started to get away at the start of the last lap, was soon 30 yards up and increasing his lead steadily. For a time Driver was in second place but after falling twice, he eventually fell back behind Barrett, who ran on strongly to take second place. Norris had moved up and joined up with Caulder. These two, who had run together in Belgium only three days before, ran the rest of the way in amiable company and fought out a good humoured sprint finish at the end, with Caulder just getting the verdict.

Stone, the 15 mile champion, had a good run after making his way slowly through the field from near the tail end to finish 12th. There was never any doubt about the result, the R.A.F. being in a winning position throughout. In the end they totalled 33pts. to the Civil Service's 68 and Middlesex's 70.

1. Cpl. W. P. Ranger (RAF)	33.19
2. LAC B. T. Barrett (RAF)	33.45
3. P. B. Driver (C.S.)	34.12
4. LAC K. F. Caulder (RAF)	34.38
5. K. L. Norris (Middx.)	34.38
6. M. L. Barratt	

(Middx.)	34.47
7. Cpl. R. Darchambaud (RAF)	34.57
8. Cpl. P. R. Clark (RAF)	35.10
9. L. Eyre (C.S.)	35.15
10. E. G. Ellis (Middx.)	35.18
11. Cpl. R. Dunkley (RAF)	35.22
12. J. W. Stone (C.S.)	35.27
13. Flt. Lt. D. Haw (RAF)	35.33
14. R. Stonehouse (C.S.)	35.37
15. LAC R. G. Shuttleworth (RAF)	35.38
16. T. Harwood (Middx.)	35.38
17. J. E. Gamlin (C.S.)	35.46
18. AC F. Gilson (RAF)	35.54
19. M. J. Blyth (CS)	36.01
20. E. W. Whitehead (Middx.)	36.03
21. G. Olding (Middx.)	36.09
22. J. Brown (C.S.)	36.15
23. C. W. Walker (C.S.)	36.23
24. J. Atkinson (Middx.)	36.25
25. F. Seal (Middx.)	36.31
26. H. J. Hicks (Middx.)	36.42
27. C. Roffey (C.S.)	37.01

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KEN CAULDER and KEN NORRIS have a keen but friendly tussle for fourth place in the match between the R.A.F., Middlesex and Civil Service, won by the R.A.F. W. P. RANGER (R.A.F.) was first home.

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1956 AW Report

R.A.F. BEAT MIDDLESEX & CIVIL SERVICE

At Chessington, February 8th

THE annual Sir Sefton Brancker Trophy match took place at Chessington over a course of just under six and a half miles, which was soft and heavy in places and included some plough which Peter Driver described as the stickiest he had ever encountered.

The match provided the R.A.F. with an unexpected win, for after the loss of most of their stars of last year their team was, on paper, hardly up to the standard of the Middlesex team. It was also weakened by several withdrawals, but from the start they had their half-dozen always in a winning position and finished with 6 in 12. In particular, Clark, Lillycrap and Gilson were, with Ibbotson, never out of the first eight, once the field had settled down.

Harry Hicks was soon pushing things along and he led at the end of the first lap by 25 yards from Ibbotson, with Driver, who started slowly, Gamlin and Lambert close together a similar distance behind the R.A.F. man. Then came Lillycrap, Clarke, Gilson, Gallagher and Cobby, all of the R.A.F.

On the second lap Ibbotson moved up on Hicks, but Driver came up to them both and, running very strongly, went away over the last mile to come home a comfortable winner. Hicks hung on well to Ibbotson, who very

wisely did not run himself into the ground after much travelling and a most exacting race at Hannut only three days before.

With the R.A.F. lads more or less holding on to their forward positions—only Harwood and Arnold, who ran particularly well, managed to split them—the result was a foregone conclusion and on normal scoring the totals would have been—R.A.F. 45pts., Middlesex 57, Civil Service 84. Scoring in reverse so that the points can be added to the track and field match in the summer the totals were:—R.A.F. 69pts., Middlesex 57, Civil Service 45.

1. P. B. Driver (CS)	33.53																							
2. D. Ibbotson (RAF)	34.06																							
3. H. J. Hicks (M)	34.08																							
4. J. E. Gamlin (CS)	34.32; 5. R. Lambert (M)	34.42; 6. Cpl. P. R. Clark (RAF)	34.59; 7. Cpl. B. Lillicrap (RAF)	35.02; 8. LAC F. D. Gilson (RAF)	35.06; 9. T. Harwood (M)	35.12; 10. Sgt. D. Gallagher (RAF)	35.20; 11. D. Arnold (M)	35.25; 12. Sgt. D. Cobby (RAF)	35.28; 13. M. J. Blyth (CS)	35.31; 14. G. T. Olding (M)	35.40; 15. B. Saunders (M)	35.53; 16. J/T T. R. Colson (RAF)	35.57; 17. J. Hovell (M)	36.30; 18. F. Salvat (M)	36.30; 19. J. Cooke (RAF)	36.36; 20. E. A. Earle (CS)	36.42; 21. SAC Jackson (RAF)	36.50; 22. D. G. Davidson (CS)	37.22; 23. J. Brooks (M)	37.36; 24. D. J. Clark (CS)	37.44; 25. D. Baulch (CS)	37.55; 26. Pennington (CS)	38.16; 27. J. C. Green (CS)	38.53.

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1957 AW Report

R.A.F. WIN SEFTON BRANCKER MATCH

THIS annual match was again contested over 6½ miles at R.A.F., Chessington, on February 6th, and resulted in an unexpected win for the R.A.F. team, which ran to instructions with great enthusiasm and determination.

Owing to a marker mis-directing the runners after 2½ miles, they had to scramble through a narrow gap in a hedge and then wade waist deep through a duck pond, an occasion which brought forth a chorus of strong language from the competitors. Fortunately, they were directed over the correct route on the second of the two laps.

The R.A.F. had only two of last year's team and brought in Sgt. Gallagher and Off./Cadet Ian Boyd as last minute replacements. Sgt. Clark led from the start, followed by French (R.A.F.), Segal (Mx.) and Eyre (C.S.), but before two miles had been covered Peter Driver was on Clark's heels and was in the lead after the duck pond incident.

At halfway, Seal and Driver were leading, closely followed by Reeve and Clark (R.A.F.), then Brown (C.S.), with four more airmen packing in well right behind him. Driver took the lead after 4 miles and gradually opened up a lead which he kept to the finish.

Using the University system in reverse, the

point score was R.A.F. 76, C.S. 54 and Middlesex 41. Points carried forward to the summer athletic match are R.A.F. 25 1/3, C.S. 18, Mx. 13 2/3.

1. P. B. Driver (CS) 38.04
2. F. Seal (M) 38.11
3. P/O M. J. Reeve (RAF) 38.17
4. J. W. Brown (CS) 38.27; 5. SAC D. Shaw (RAF) 38.42; 6. Sgt. P. R. Clark (RAF) 38.49; 7. LAC R. Campbell (RAF) 38.51; 8. Sgt. D. Gallagher (RAF) 38.51; 9. O/Cdt. I. H. Boyd (RAF) 39.06; 10. C. W. Walker (CS) 39.14; 11. R. Lambert (M) 39.21; 12. AC C. E. French (RAF) 39.34; 13. M. J. Blyth (CS) 39.46; 14. P. Vivian (M) 40.18; 15. G. Harrison (M) 40.19; 16. D. Case (M) 40.20; 17. J. F. Davis (CS) 40.21; 18. L. Eyre (CS) 40.37; 19. F. Salvat (M) 40.38; 20. P. O'Connor (M) 40.39; 21. M. R. Prynne (CS) 40.39; 22. Sgt. R. W. McMinnis (RAF) 41.09; 23. G. Grayson (CS) 41.11; 24. I. Brookes (M) 41.19; 25. AC T. Barnfield (RAF) 41.28; 26. G. Thomson (M) 41.50.

Teams:	Pts.
1. R.A.F.	(3. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9) 38
2. Civil Service	(1. 4.10.13.17.18) 63
3. Middlesex	(2.11.14.15.16.19) 77

Daily Mirror – Thursday 07 February 1957

Birmingham Daily Post – Thursday 07 February 1957

QUACK, QUACK!

PETER DRIVER, the England cross-country international, practically swam his way to victory in the Sefton Brancker trophy race at Chessington (Surrey) yesterday.

On the first lap Driver, running for the Civil Service, was wrongly routed and found himself waist deep in the middle of a duck pond.

"It was fantastic," he said afterwards. "When I looked round, there were eight other runners who had followed me in."

"I have never heard so much bad language."

Driver Survives Adventures and Wins Again

Peter Driver, the England runner, won probably the most adventurous cross-country race of his career at Chessington, Surrey, yesterday. Driver, competing for the Civil Service, finished more than 30 yards ahead of the rest of the field, having covered six and a half miles in 38min. 4sec.

Before he achieved his second successive victory in the triangular match between the Civil Service, Middlesex and the Royal Air Force for the Sefton Brancker Trophy, Driver had several unusual experiences. Running with Sgt. P. Clark (R.A.F.) 40 yards ahead of the rest of the field, the England man found himself and his rival almost waist deep in the middle of a pond through which they had been wrongly routed.

By the time Driver and Clark had struggled out the rest of the field were on their heels.

During the second lap the course was re-routed to avoid the pond. Just before this the competitors had to grope their way through a narrow gap in a hedge over which there was a low hanging branch of a tree, and 200 yards from the finish they had to run up a series of earth steps.

Driver waited until four and a half miles before putting on the pressure and he had little difficulty in beating F. Seal (Middlesex), who was second in 38min. 11sec. with P.O. M. J. Reeve (R.A.F.) third in 38min. 17sec.

R.A.F. were first in the team event with 76 points, Civil Service second with 54 and Middlesex third with 41.

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Birmingham Daily Post – Thursday 05 February 1959

Norris Wins in Spite of Going Wrong Way

A sporting gesture by Flying Officer M. Reeve (R.A.F.) enabled Ken Norris, a British international representing Middlesex for the last time before retiring, to win a triangular cross-country race for the Sefton Brancker trophy at Chessington yesterday.

With 400 yards to go in the six-and-three-quarter miles race, Norris was leading, but he took the wrong turning. Reeve, who was closely on his heels, called to Norris: "turn right," but Norris carried on and Reeve sportingly followed him.

Norris's mistake added another 100 yards to the distance but, despite suffering from stomach trouble, he won in 38min. 42sec. Reeve was second in 38min. 45sec. and Flying Officer A. Wood (R.A.F.), the Scottish six miles champion, third in 39min. 7sec.

Middlesex won the team event for the first time since 1954 with 46 points. R.A.F., last year's winners, were second with 56 and the Civil Service third with 73.

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1961 AW Report

R.A.F. WIN SEFTON BRANCKER TROPHY

OVER 6¼ miles of heavy country, Mick Price, Bristolian Civil Servant, repeated his convincing win of last year at Chessington on Feb. 8th. He led from the start, built up a lead of 120 yards after 3 miles and increased this to 200 by 5 miles.

The team contest was the most exciting for several years, with the R.A.F., team building since November, out to regain the title they relinquished two years ago. With five men well up the R.A.F. led 43-56 over Middlesex after lap one, but Middlesex closed the gap and took a 47-52 lead by 3 miles. At Winney Hill, with a little more than one lap to go, it was 50-51. By 5¼ miles the R.A.F., led by Craig and Lindsell, had taken a 49-52 advantage and they improved this to 45-59 by the finish.

1. M. J. Price (CS)	40.50
2. B. B. Craig (RAF)	41.25

3. J. R. Lindsell (RAF)	41.36
4, W. J. Card (M) 41.58; 5, G. McIntyre (M) 42.02; 6, P. J. Mellor (CS) 42.05; 7, T. Pugh (RAF) 42.09; 8, R. J. Collins (M) 42.22; 9, B. G. Lillicrap (CS) 42.27; 10, J. R. Baldwin (RAF) 42.30; 11, I. A. Evans (RAF) 42.34; 12, W. B. Jeffs (RAF) 42.41; 13, P. C. Newell (M) 42.46; 14, M. Marlow (M) 42.51; 15, B. Parkes (M) 42.52; 16, P. Sowter (M) 42.53; 17, L. Sykes (CS) 42.55; 18, W. P. Bennett (RAF) 42.57; 19, J. C. Pickett (RAF) 43.13; 20, P. McIlwain (M) 43.21; 21, J. W. Brown (CS) 43.23; 22, G. T. Olding (M) 43.38; 23, W. T. Wheeler (CS) 44.23; 24, S. H. Williams (CS) 45.05; 25, R. Taylor (RAF) 46.13.	

Teams:	Pts.
1. R.A.F. (2.3.7.10.11.12)	45
2. Middlesex (4.5.8.13.14.15)	59
3. Civil Service (1.6.9.17.21.23)	77

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Birmingham Daily Post – Thursday 08 February 1962

SNOWDEN WINS BY 2 YARDS

John Snowden, Nottinghamshire champion, won a tremendous shoulder-to-shoulder six miles duel against a fellow international, Brian Craig (RAF), in the ~~Scott~~ ~~Wessely~~ Memorial Trophy cross-country match at R.A.F. Chessington, Surrey, yesterday.

Snowden led the Civil Service to victory with 49 points. Middlesex and the R.A.F. were second and third with 64 and 75 points respectively.

Snowden accelerated into the lead after only 200 yards and thought he had broken away completely from the rest of the team.

After a quarter of a mile, however, Craig caught up and they stayed together all the way, pulling further and further ahead of the rest of the field.

Home Sprint

It all depended on the run-in and Snowden found just enough reserve of energy to sprint away over the last 50 yards to win in 34min. 25sec.


Craig was only two yards behind in 34min. 27sec.

They had gone so far in front that the third man home, B. Lillierap (Civil Service), was well over 100 yards back in 35min. 28sec.

This cross-country is the first part of the annual competition between the Civil Service, the R.A.F. and Middlesex County A.A.A. for the ownership of the trophy. The track and field events will be held at Uxbridge on August 1.

Athletics Weekly 20th February 1965

Soon after the start of the Sir Sefton Brancker race at Halton. L. to R.—Mick Price (Civil Service), Geoff North (C.S.), and No. 4 Tim Briault (Middlesex) lead the field.



Ed Lacey

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Daily Mirror - Thursday 04 February 1965



Tim 'does a Pirie'

Tim Briault, Middlesex cross-country ace, on the way to winning the Sefton Brancker race at R A F Halton yesterday for the second year running—a double last achieved by Gordon Pirie. In freezing conditions, Briault won by fifty yards from Geoff North.

Cross country

**Briault's trophy
double**

Tim Briault, an Enfield school teacher, emulated the feat of Gordon Pirie by winning the Sir Sefton Brancker Trophy race for the second successive year at R A F Halton, Buckinghamshire yesterday.

Briault was always to the fore and made his effort over the slippery 6¼-mile course when he sped up a steep incline just after the half way point. His winning time was 30min. 54sec.

Birmingham Daily Post – Thursday 04 Feb 1965

It appears that these Press Reports are incorrect as Peter Driver won the race in 1956 & 1957 and Mick Price in 1960 & 1961.

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1975 AW Report

28 February 15th

MOXSOM WINS SIR SE

At RAF Stanmore, January 29th

THE Civil Service scored a resounding victory in the traditional Sir Sefton Branker Trophy fixture by taking first six places.

On a waterlogged course Colin Moxsom, Bob Holt and John Wild led at the end of the first lap. Moxsom applied pressure at the halfway stage, taking Holt with him while Mick Hurd and Wild (later to lose a shoe) led the chasing bunch. At this point Brian Bagalley also put in some determined running only to find there was still a lap to go! During the final circuit Colin Robinson completed the clean sweep for the Civil Service by moving through into sixth place, while at the front Moxsom ran home ahead of Holt. Middlesex edged an injury-hit RAF team into third place.

Alan Warner

1, C. Moxsom (Civil Service) 29:00
2, R. Holt (Civil Service) 29:03
3, B. Bagalley (Civil Service) 29:11
4, J. Cain (CS) 29:17; 5, D. Brown (CS) 29:18;
6, C. Robinson (CS) 29:22; 7, M. Puddifoot (Mx)
29:25; 8, M. Hurd (RAF) 29:29; 9, P. Gallagher
(CS) 29:34; 10, A. Byrne (CS) 29:45; 11, G.
Pringuer (Mx) 29:52; 12, W. Cooper (CS) 29:58;
13, G. Staunton (Mx) 30:01; 14, M. Barratt (Mx)
30:04; 15, D. Wyatt (RAF) 30:10; 16, N. King
(Mx) 30:15; 17, W. Tonner (RAF) 30:42; 18, W.
Wallis (RAF) 30:51; 19, H. Marson (RAF) 30:52;
20, J. Wild (RAF) 30:56; 21, T. Pretty (Mx)
31:14; 22, R. Slowe (Mx) 31:21; 23, A. James
(Mx) 31:26; 24, P. Carr (RAF) 31:27; 25, D.
Parsons (RAF) 31:42. **Teams:** 1, Civil Service
21; 2, Middlesex 82; 3, RAF 97.

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AW Report 26th February 1977

RAF ON TARGET AGAIN

THE RAF continued their highly successful season by scoring a convincing victory in the traditional Sefton Branker Trophy match, against Middlesex and the Civil Service at Stanmore Park on February 2nd. On a course made heavy by recent rain and snow, internationals Julian Goater and John Wild quickly took command, accompanied by 'junior' Brian Dawkins and Steve Jones. However, Jones looked jaded (he had won for Wales against the Army four days earlier) and by halfway Dawkins was struggling to hold the RAF pair. Close support from Mick Hurd ("I never have a bad one here!!") and relative newcomer Terry McBrien saw the servicemen heading towards their first victory since 1973. Over the tiring hills of the final circuit Dawkins lost contact and Wild, the RAF captain (third in San Sebastian the previous Sunday), ran home comfortably with teammate Goater. With six in ten the RAF easily won the team event by 35 points.

Goater, Wild and Jones have their sights set firmly on their 'Nationals' and possible selection for the International Cross-Country Championship, in Dusseldorf, on March 20th.

Alan Warner

1, eq J. Goater (Royal Air Force)	27:24
J. Wild (Royal Air Force)	27:24
3, B. Dawkins (CS) 27:32; 4, A. Pretty (Mx)	27:56; 5, S. Jones (RAF) 27:56; 6, M. Hurd
(RAF) 28:19; 7, G. Dugdale (Mx) 28:25; 8, K.	Clifford (CS) 28:29; 9, S. Appleton (RAF) 28:32;
10, T. McBrien (RAF) 28:33; 11, M. Puddifoot	(Mx) 28:38; 12, K. Daykin (RAF) 28:39; 13,
R. Wallis (RAF) 28:43; 14, D. Clark (CS) 28:47;	15, P. Hurt (RAF) 28:50; 16, R. Lunnon (CS)
28:56; 17, H. Marson (RAF) 29:00; 18, A.	Campbell (Mx) 29:01; 19, K. Brackstone (RAF)
29:10; 20, J. Dryden (CS) 29:17; 21, M. Spinks	(Mx) 29:25; 22, A. MacFarlane (CS) 29:37; 23,
D. Patterson (Mx) 29:39; 24, B. Walters (Mx)	29:47; 25, G. Rimmer (RAF) 29:48; 26, M.
Heath (Mx) 30:02; 27, D. Evans (CS) 30:43; 28,	W. Tonner (RAF) 31:54. Teams: 1, RAF 33; 2,
Civil Service 68; 3, Middlesex 70. (Sefton	Branker Trophy): 1, RAF 40; 2, Civil Service
23; 3, Middlesex 22.	

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Reading Evening Post - Friday 29 January 1982

Ted is now a Life Vice-President of the Civil Service Athletic Association and has held many roles within CSAA, Customs & Excise and HMRC.

Ted steps in to fill the gap

By TOM POLLAK

READING civil servant Ted Wingrove was forced out of retirement by the rail strike.

The dispute prevented several runners getting to the annual cross-country clash between Middlesex, the Civil Service and the RAF at RAF Halton for the Sefton Branker Trophy.

Wingrove, 35, from Kidmore Road, Reading, was acting team manager for the Civil Service squad as regular team official Jim Carr was unable to make a trip from Manchester.

In addition to taking the team vest along he also took his own kit — and it was lucky he did because only five Civil Servants turned up and at one stage it looked as though they would not field a team.

But Wingrove, the Berkshire 1,500 metres Champion back in 1971 and at one stage a regular member of Reading's track team, gamely agreed to force himself into service to make up the team.

Although he finished 27th his team had done enough to

snatch the team honours by just one point with 54 points ahead of the RAF.

Middlesex were third on 68pts.

Expenses

Customs officer Ted said: "I actually went along to pay out the expenses. But I had the foresight to take my kit along as well."

"Because of the bad weather it's about five weeks since I trained but I did go out for a run on Tuesday night."

Ted rarely races now so he was obviously pleased to have helped the Civil Service win. However, he has no comeback plans.

Playing a more significant part in the Civil Service victory was Bracknell meteorologist Bob Lunnon who finished fifth in 32 mins 4 secs.

Welsh international Steve Jones and Englishman John Wild dead heated for the RAF in 30 mins 49 secs to race home over the muddy six-mile course ahead of Civil Servant Nicky Lees (31:20) and Michael Chorlton (31:45).

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January 1988 Report from Athletics Weekly on the Sir Sefton-Brancker Match. The RAF included Steve Jones and Roger Hackney in their team.

SIR SEFTON BRANCKER TROPHY

The RAF established a commanding lead in the first leg of their match against the Civil Service & Middlesex at RAF Halton on January 20. RICHARD TUCK reports.

ULSTERMAN Deon McNeilly boosted his confidence for Saturday's Gateshead trial, by leading the RAF to a handsome team victory in devastating fashion.

From the gun, McNeilly took up positive front running, heading the charge up the first demanding 300 metre incline of the two lap course totalling about five miles. He showed scant respect for the quality behind him, including Paul Cuskin in the dark blue of the Civil Service and RAF international stars, Roger Hackney and Steve Jones.

Jones from the outset appeared totally unconcerned as he settled in at about tenth place, alongside team-mate Peter Jenkins. Scheduled to fly to Japan that night for last Saturday's Nara half marathon, Jones was only wanting a hard training run.

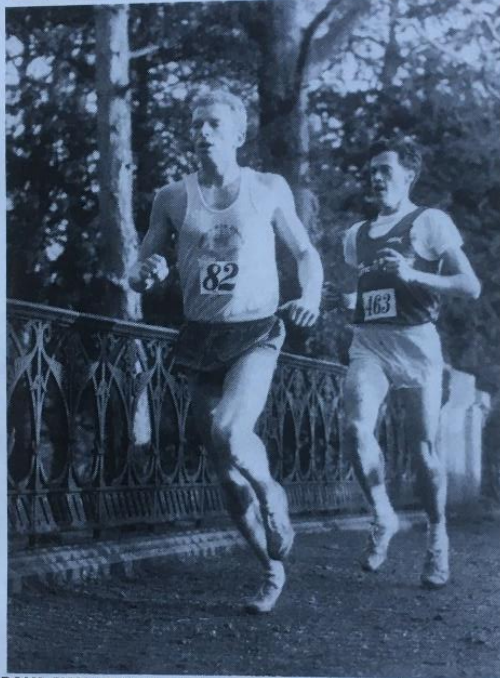
Aggressive

At half a mile, the aggressive McNeilly had opened a lead of 20 metres from Cuskin with Hackney a further 20 metres back. During the next mile, Cuskin made a desperate attempt to catch his RAF opponent, reaching him only for McNeilly to break away once again.

At the end of the first lap McNeilly was 25 metres clear and looking strong. Cuskin, third in the recent Northern Championship was digging into second, and Hackney was a comfortable third. Peter Jenkins, who seems to be getting better with every race was fourth, followed by Civil Servant, Freary just ahead of a relaxed but menacing Steve Jones.

During the second lap, McNeilly began to extend his lead and at

McNEILLY SPEARHEADS RAF'S DOMINANCE



PAUL CUSKIN (463) catches Deon McNeilly (82), but the Ulsterman soon accelerated away again. Pic: Bob Atkins



First three at Halton (L to R), CUSKIN (second); McNEILLY (first) and HACKNEY (third). Pic: Bob Atkins.

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three and a half miles, his victory seemed assured by a 60 metre advantage.

It was now only a question of whether Cuskin would hold onto second from the improving Hackney. However, the World Championship steeplechaser appeared well below par, and was not to make any significant gains on the Jarrow athlete. Peter Jenkins was safe in fourth from Steve Jones.

McNeilly stormed home to victory in 25:15, looked composed and confident, and over the length of a rugby pitch ahead of Cuskin.

The 25 year old Ulsterman was pleased with his win, but admitted: "I feel a little tired from all my recent training — building up towards the World Championship trial. However, my training is going well."

Less satisfied with his performance on his local patch, was Roger Hackney, just three weeks back into training following a heavy cold. "I just came for a blow out, but after that I wouldn't think my chances for the trial are very good."

Deceptive course

A cheerful Steve Jones admitted he had enjoyed his training run over what he described as "a deceptively fast course". Jones hasn't missed this fixture for 12 years and for the past few years has been the RAF's team captain.

With six to score, the RAF were clear team winners, by 42 points, their sixth scorer Steve Marzillius finishing ninth.

The Civil Service took second place, 16 points clear of an under-strength Middlesex who had a disappointing afternoon with none of the first nine from their County Championship being present. But particularly pleasing for them, was the performance of Jason Rawlings, their junior champion, leading the county home with an impressive seventh.

Sir Sefton Brancker, in whose memory this trophy has been contested for 50 years, had an active association with all three participating institutions. The cross country is the first of two legs, in the summer the three will meet again in a track and field fixture, the trophy being awarded to the team with the highest aggregated point score.

RESULTS

Men — 1, D McNeilly (RAF) 25:15; 2, P Cuskin (CS) 25:37; 3, R Hackney (RAF) 25:49; 4, P Jenkins (RAF) 26:15; 5, S Jones (RAF) 26:33; 6, P Freary (CS) 26:46; 7, J Rawlings (Mx) 26:51; 8, D Wilson-Evans (RAF) 26:53; 9, S Marzillius (RAF) 27:05; 10, C Speers (RAF) 27:11; 11, C Metcalfe (RAF-Guest) 27:21; 12, J Critchlow (CS) 27:25; 13, M Gormley (CS) 27:27; 14, J Barnard (Mx) 27:36; 15, C Bailey (Mx) 27:38; 16, K Brackstone (RAF-Guest) 27:46; 17, M Chapman (Mx) 27:47; 18, A Derrick (RAF-Guest) 27:48; 19, P Watson (RAF) 27:55; 20, A Jones (RAF-Guest) 27:55; 21, N Hume (CS) 28:00; 22, B Chinnock (RAF) 28:04; 23, M Critchlow (Mx) 28:07; 24, J Knowles (RAF-Guest) 28:14; 25, C

Murray (RAF-Guest) 28:20; 26, A Crawford (RAF-Guest) 28:25; 27, R Crabb (RAF-Guest) 28:29; 28, I Deans (RAF-Guest) 28:40; 29, A Hawkins (RAF-Guest) 28:45; 30, A Briggs (Mx) 28:50; 31, M MacRevell (CS) 28:53; 32, C Armstrong (RAF-Guest) 29:17; 33, M Jones (RAF-Guest) 29:40; 34, J Kramm (Mx) 30:14; 35, P Northrop (Mx) 30:29; 36, A Tindell (Mx) 31:04; 37, I Statter (CS) 33:27; 38, N Hornsby (CS) 37:12.

Match Result — 1, Royal Air Force (1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9) 30; 2, Civil Service (2, 6, 11, 12, 17, 24) 72; 3, Middlesex (7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20) 88.

Sir Sefton Brancker point scores — Royal Air Force 68½; Civil Service 48; Middlesex 40.

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Other Known Cross Country Representative Matches

Date	Venue	Other Teams	Winner
07/12/32	Wimbledon Women's Race	London Polytechnic	M Lush CS Team: Civil Service
15/02/61	Southwick	Navy	B Lillicrap CS 30.46 Team: Civil Service
22/02/61	Aldershot (Crookham)	Universities Athletic Union Army	J Snowden CS 32.35.5 Team: UAU
20/03/63	Reading	Universities Athletic Union Berks, Bucks & Oxon Army RAF Middlesex	R Hill UAU 37.28 Team: UAU
16/03/66	Wythenshawe, Manchester	Army UAU East Lancs	C Jackson UAU 30.08 Team: UAU
15/02/67	Wimbledon Common	Universities Athletic Union Berks, Bucks & Oxon Army	R Holt CS 34.27 Team: Civil Service
15/02/68	Aldershot	Army Universities Athletic Union	Eq D Holt CS 31.17 R Holt CS Team: Civil Service
27/11/68	Loughborough	Universities Athletic Union PE Colleges	A Holden UAU 30.27 Team: UAU
19/02/69	West Ewell	Berks, Bucks & Oxon Army Police	M Tagg BBO 32.00 Team: Civil Service
11/02/70	Reading	Army Berks, Bucks & Oxon	G Stevens BBO 27.13 Team: Army
Dec 1970	Aldershot	Army Police	R Holt CS 32.41 Team: Civil Service
17/11/71	Hayes	PE Colleges UAU Nat Police Army	E Pomfret Police 29.32 Team: PE Colleges
20/11/74	West Wickham	Police Royal Navy	R Holt CS 23.42 Team: Civil Service
29/02/76	Bath	Bristol AC Bath University	C Mattock Bristol 32.38 Team: Bristol AC
18/12/76	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland Scottish Universities	D Logue NI 25.06 Team: Northern Ireland
26/10/77	Alsager	British Police Midland Colleges NALGO Fire Service GLC	M Coleby NALGO 24.41 Team: British Police

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03/12/77	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland Scottish Universities	A McKean CS 36.16 Team: Scottish CCU
16/12/78	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	C Spence SCCU 37.13 Team: Scottish CCU
1980	Timperley	Fire Service UAU	Team: Fire Service
13/12/80	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	S Irvine CSAA Team: Scottish CCU
12/12/81	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	
11/12/82	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities Scottish Banks	P Fox (SU) 32:24 Team: Scottish CCU
10/12/83	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	
15/12/84	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	Team: Scottish CCU
14/12/85	St Andrews	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	
13/12/86	Stirling University	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	T Mitchell 30.33 Team: Scottish CCU
12/12/87	St Andrews	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	Team: Scottish CCU
10/12/88	St Andrews	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	
09/12/89	St Andrews	Scottish CCU N Ireland CCU Scottish Universities	
06/03/93	Plymouth	English CCU Combined Services	
05/03/94	Aldershot	English CCU Combined Services British Universities British Colleges British Polytechnics	R Birchall ECCA 35.03 Team Men: ECCA K Holmes CS 26.47 Team Women: ECCA
04/03/95	RAF Halton	English CCU Combined Services	N McCaffrey ECCA 36.09 Team: ECCA

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		British Universities British Colleges British Polytechnics	
02/03/96	Plymouth	ECCA RAF	Men: ECCA Women: Civil Service
12/10/96	Cardiff Welsh XC Centennial	England Wales N Ireland Police Fire Service Territorial Army	S Power N IRL 28.25 Team Men: England
07/03/98	RAF Halton	England CCA Combined Services	J Pugsley: ECCA 30.22 ECCA

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The Sphere - Saturday 10 December 1932

Women's Representative Match 3rd December 1932



"THEY'RE OFF!" London Polytechnic met **Civil Service** in a **cross-country** duel at Wimbledon last Saturday. The hardiness of these young women, most of whose work is perforce sedentary, baffles belief. The event was won by the **Civil Service** team, Miss M. Lush of the Ministry of Health gaining first place

22nd February 1961

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TRIANGULAR MATCH (Crookham, 6 miles).—1. J. Snowden (Civil Service), 32m. 35.5s.; 2. M. Price (Civil Service), 32m. 50s.; 3. J. Heywood (Reading University), 33m. 5s.
Team Placings: 1. U A U, 43 pts.; 2. Civil Service, 43; 3. Army, 97.

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Welsh Cross Country Centennial Cardiff 12th October 1996

HOW fitting a man called Power was the hero of the party that mainland Europe could not poop.

Seamus Power, a 25-year-old from County Clare, in his first race since a stomach operation five months ago, won where no continental deigned to tread.

Racing merely for travelling expenses – and a seat at a banquet in Cardiff City Hall – was firmly rejected by France, Spain, Portugal, and all the other mainland nations which used to contest the International Cross Country Race before it was superseded by the IAAF World Championship.

All except Belgium, which accepted its invitation from the AA of Wales so long ago it filed it away and forgot it – not the best way to treat a nation that supports the Belgian CrossCup so sturdily.

So this event became a replica of the first International Race in 1903 – an affair for only the Welsh

(who would win gold medals for hospitality at any level), English (who won all these gold medals bar one), Irish (who basked in the glory of Power) and Scots (who sadly failed to raise a men's team).

It was probably as well: Heartbreak Hill, a 200 metres long climb steeper than the average house roof, was only one of the testers on a soup-spoon shaped course that would have had many a modern man (and maybe woman) swooning over its difficulties.

Course builder Graham Finlayson made one concession to fashion. He put a huge log across the only flat straight.

Results

Men's International (8898m)

1 S Power (IRL) 28:25; 2 C Stephenson (WAL) 28:36; 3 R Findlow (ENG) 28:44; 4 I Hamilton (TA) 28:50; 5 T McGrath (IRL) 28:53; 6 M Peters (ENG) 28:55; 7 N Caddy (ENG) 29:03; 8 J Ferrin (NI) 29:08; 9 D Buzzza (ENG) 29:10; 10 A Jones (WAL) 29:14; 11 B Glenton (Civ S) 29:15; 12 J Hooper (WCCA) 29:17; 13 P Freary (ENG) 29:22; 14 C McLoughlin (IRL) 29:33; 15 G Davies (WAL) 29:37; 16 C Gallagher (IRL) 29:40; 17 J Weir (NI) 29:44; 18 I Pierce (WAL) 29:51; 19 S Hall (Fire) 29:54; 20 M Rees (WAL, M40) 29:59; 21 R Gardiner (TA) 30:02; 22 G Sunners (Comb S) 30:07; 23 P Tuiba-Morrison (ENG) 30:11; 24 K Chapman (TA) 30:21; 25 R Hollingsworth (Civ S)

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