

8th London to Brighton Walk ? Sep 19

The eighth race for the Victory Cup and the sixteenth contest for the Dithy Cup are over, and three men in particular have added fresh laurels to their already goodly collection of evergreens. First amongst these great protagonists is W. F. Baker, who has rounded off a great year of long distance triumphs by registering his third consecutive London-Brighton win. Next in the order of finishing comes the great Italian walker Donato Pavesi, whose frequent and lengthy visits to this country are enabling him to become quite as familiar a figure on the Brighton Road as some of our own stalwarts. He made his usual plucky fight, but was again beaten by W. F. Baker, though he managed to reverse the tables on E. C. Horton and relegate that irrepressible warrior into third place. " E. C." game as ever, had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and although beaten by Baker and Pavesi, won the Dithy Cup for Club members for the seventh time, and together with J. H. Simpson and G. Booker, scored a great team victory for the Club.

The times of the leaders in this year's Brighton showed a falling-off as compared with 1925, in which year no less than seven men beat 9 hours ; but the weather, though fine, was against the walkers, as a strong south-westerly wind was blowing towards them all the way down. It is somewhat surprising that the leading trio were the same as the first three in the historic Brighton and back of June last. Stale although they must have been from that earlier effort, there was nobody in the field of a hundred competitors good enough to get amongst them. To revise an old adage, it might be said " Perpetual youth will be served! "

The Club has every reason to be proud of the showing of its younger members. Simpson, Booker, Woodyard, Johnstone, Kitchen, Amer, Gosling, Sanders, C. S. Harrison,. Fry and Mawbey, all finished inside 10 hours 5 minutes.

In the team race " the Surrey " had a very comfortable 11 point victory over the Q.P.H., but it was a very close thing between Q.P.H., L.C.C. Trams, and Belgrave, single points only separating them in the order named.

Results:

- 1 W. F. Baker, Queen's Park Harriers 8.39.39
- 2 D. Pavesi, Unione Sportive Italia 8.49.4:6
- 3 E. C. Horton, Surrey Walking Club 8.53.45
- 4 T. A Snell, Surrey Athletic Club 9. 7.18
- 5 L. J. Hillary, L.C.C. Trams 9. 9.12
- 6 J. H. Simpson, S.W.C . 9. 9.48
- 7 G. Booker, S.W.C. 9.10.30
- 12 C. H. Woodyard, Valentines 9.21. 9
- 14 R. B. Johnstone, S.W.C. 9.25.18
- 19 K. A. J. Kitchen, S.W.C. 9.37.34
- 23 W. F. Amer, S.W.C. 9.46.10
- 28 G. W. Gosling, S.W.C. 9.54.52
- 29 A. H. Sanders, S.W.C. 9.54.53
- 30 C. S. Harrison, S.W.C. 9.58.38
- 32 H. A. Fry, S.W.C. 9.59.51
- 36 R. C. Mawbey, S.W.C. 10. 5. 0
- 59 F. L. Pearce, S.W.C. 11. 2.58