

11th London to Brighton Walk 14th? Sep 1929

OVERWORKING THE WORD " RECORD."

" Shall I get to the Aquarium?

" Shall I reach the Brighton front?

" Shall I get an honorarium,

" Or ?"

These noble lines from the Walkers Hymnal must have rung in the heads of many of the 115 starters in this year's Pageant of the Brighton Road, and it is satisfactory to be able to record the fact that 82 of those starters had both the questions contained in the quotation

answered in the affirmative for 82 is the number that reached the Aquarium and received a certificate on the day of the race. The other " honoraria " to which these men are entitled, viz., the medals are all in hand, and will be dispatched without delay when engraved—and thus it is hoped, has a new order of things been established; a new order in which successful competitors will not be kept waiting for certificates and medals until they trip over their beards or become too blind to decipher them.

Reviewing the race from the lofty pinnacle of a spectator with an official job, the writer is happy to be able to report that this year's "procession of protracted death " (as our captain, feelingly employing Elroy Flutter's lines from " Hassan," calls the race), was in all respects but one a record-breaking event. There was a record entry (128) a record number of starters (115) and finishers (82). Nine men beat 9 hours (record), 31 beat 9.30 (record), and 62 beat 10.30 (record again!)

There were many expressions of doubt on the lips and in the eyes of competitors in previous races when it was announced that the certificates would be presented at the Royal York at 7 p.m.—but so it was, and thus another record (a very bad one) was broken, and this year's competitors went home able to proudly display the official record of their performances to their admiring families and friends during the week-end.

As far as I can see the one record which was not broken, was the all-important individual record for the course 8.11.14 which has now stood for 20 years. Thus again are we reminded what a wonderful walker was H. V. L. Ross when, in 1909, he set up the present record on his first attempt at the journey. Still, Green's winning time this year 8.15.41 was a great performance, and is at any rate a very good second best.

Holt gave him a fine race and in fact at one time was walking so fast and looking so comfortable in a commanding lead, that it seemed impossible for Green or any body else to catch him. This pace or possibly unwise feeding or both causes together, produced internal troubles and Holt had to make several stops in the later stages of the race, which let Green up. Once in the lead Green made no mistake and went on to register the fastest time yet inscribed on the Victory Cup. W. Gum, of the Essex Beagles, was a good third, and the Italians, who had all been prominent throughout, came in 4th, 5th and 8th, whilst Rickards was 6th and A. VV. King, of Hampstead, 7th.

Our first member home was F. A. Hammond, wearer of an illustrious name. His time 8.55.11 was sound. He gave no sign of distress or discomfort at any time during the race, and should greatly improve on his time by next year.

The team race first contest for the Edward Knott Memorial Shield was a very close affair, but the Belgrave got the best of it by a two points margin owing to the forward position of Green and Rickards. We had five men home in the first twenty placings, but only three aside score. Our old friends from the L.C.C. Trains occupied the third place once more.

Great credit is due to the British walkers for their triumph over the Italians. Giani demonstrated his class two years ago, when he gave us an 8.18 Brighton on a brutally wet day, whilst Brignoli, Rivolta and Giani finished in that order in this year's Milan Walk (approximately 63 miles); all these beating Pavesi's record for the course. In that race Brignoli's time was 10h 14m.

—CLODHOPPER.

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	T	W	Green	Belgrave Harriers	8	15	41
2	F		Holt	Yorkshire WC	8	25	53
3	D		Gum	Essex Beagles	8	35	21
4	E		Rivolta	Societa Comense, Como	8	41	28
5	M		Brignoli	Sport Club, Italia	8	45	4
6	F		Rickarcds	Belgrave Harriers	8	46	52
7	A	VV	King	Hampstead Harriers	8	48	32
8	C		Giani	Societa Comense, Como	8	52	55
9	F	A	Hammond	Surrey Walking Club	8	55	11
10	C	H	Heaney	Lancaster WC	9	7	46
11	F	R	Scott	Surrey Walking Club	9	9	51
12	G	S	Card	P.L.A. Police A.C	9	10	20
13	E	V	Goff	Ashcombe AC	9	13	53
14	W	F	Amer	Surrey Walking Club	9	14	22
15	F	A	Bennett	Surrey Walking Club	9	14	29
16	H	J	Devonshire	Surrey Walking Club	9	20	30
17	L	J	Hillary	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	9	22	34
18	G	H	Baverstock	Hants A A C	9	27	59
19	W	J	Harris	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	9	28	40
20	F	W	Blackmore	Surrey Walking Club	9	29	11
21	C	F	King	North London Harriers	9	29	25
22	J	C	Bidgood	Belgrave Harriers	9	30	56
23	H	L	Etherington	Surrey Walking Club	9	33	39
24	H	W	Jordan	Victoria Park Harriers	9	35	6
25	C	A	Wattam	Belgrave Harriers	9	35	25
26	C	A	Cattell	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	9	36	30
27	W	C	Wallis	Valentines Sports Club	9	40	46
28	J	C	Johnson	Sussex Walking & AC	9	42	21
29	A		McSweeney	Highgate Harriers	9	43	5
30	C	H	Speechley	Belgrave Harriers	9	48	43
31	W		Cains	Wesley Harriers	9	52	3
32	J	H	Roberts,	Surrey Walking Club	9	55	8
33	H		Tharley	Valentines Sports Club	9	55	29
34	J	W	Lock	Unattached	9	55	54
35	R	C	Mawbey	Valentines Sports Club	9	57	23
36	G	H	Laurie	Belgrave Harriers	9	57	56
37	F	G	Fullalove	Essex Beagles	9	59	22
38	S	A	Manning	Belgrave Harriers	10	0	2
39	A	A	Bailey	New Barnet A.A.	10	1	22
40	J		Bird	Godiva Harriers	10	1	31
41	R	J	Martin	North London Harriers	10	3	22
42	A	E	Harris	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	10	5	13
43	W	R	W'alke	Surrey Walking Club	10	12	16
44	J		Parker	Surrey Walking Club	10	14	36

45	W	D	Dulling	P Div Police A.C	10	15	0
46	G	W	Shaw	Unattached	10	17	2
47	E	A	Boyce	P.L.A. Police A.C	10	21	31
48	T	G	Leary	P.L.A. Police A.C	10	21	31
49	R	J	Purves	Walthamstow YMCA	10	22	23
50	G	W	Head	Britannic House AC	10	24	17
51	J	G	Scotchmoor	North London Harriers	10	24	33
52	L		Dalton	Godiva Harriers	10	24	34
53	R	W	Kimber	Britannic House AC	10	42	54
54	H	A	Callow	Essex Beagles	10	24	58
55	D		Logan	Metrogas AC	10	24	59
56	L	L	Davis	Unattached	10	25	18
57	F		Boyer	Essex Beagles	10	26	51
58	S	G	Gay	North London Harriers	10	27	6
59	A	F	Stoyell	Surrey AC	10	27	15
60	J		Prior	Surrey Walking Club	10	27	15
61	T	H	Tugwell	Brighton & County H	10	27	27
62	C	H	Hill	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	10	29	0
63	F	S	Morris	Hampstead H	10	33	51
64	H	P	Midgley	Southgate & W G A A	10	38	18
65	B	C	Holland	Essex Beagles	10	42	40
66	H		Chinn	North London Harriers	10	44	13
67	T.		Helps	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	10	45	34
68	A.		Martin	Belgrave Harriers	10	54	35
69	L.	H	Wilkins	Surrey Athletic Club	10	55	7
70	J.		Corthesy	Surrey Walking Club	10	55	27
71	A.		Diggins	Ashcombe AC	10	56	45
72	L.	G	Smith	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	10	56	46
73	W.	H.	Grindley	S.Ry.(B'ton. Sec.) A.C.	10	58	23
74	G.		Wood	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	10	58	34
75	G.		Stratta	Surrey Walking Club	11	2	31
76	B.		Webster-Smith	Southgate & W G A A	11	4	52
77	A.	E	Cheshire	L.C.C.T. S. & A.A	11	11	37
78	S.	W	Taylor	Highgate Harriers	11	18	26
79	L.	E	Fletcher	Belgrave Harriers	11	22	58
80	R.	D	Gay	North London Harriers	11	33	13
81	U.	J	Fox	Ashcombe AC	11	34	38
82	T.	A	Drake	Unattached	11	43	23