

22nd London to Brighton Walk 6th Sep 1947

The absence of Harry Forbes, last year's winner, made the 1947 Brighton a very open affair with Whitlock, Henderson, Christie-Murray and Megnin all fancied.

Rex Whitlock, with record-holder brother Harold as mentor, walked a good race and went into the lead just before halfway when Colin Sutton, in front, was disqualified — a very rare occurrence in the long distance classic. With twelve miles to go Megnin made an effort — perhaps too quickly or too early and overhauled Whitlock to gain the lead, At Dale Hill Rex made his counter attack and gradually drew away to win by a quarter of a mile in time only a minute slower than Forbes' winning time of last year.

Martineau walked extremely well to take third position and win the Surrey Club's "Dithy" Cup. Both he and Maurice Horton beat the holder, Stan, who had held it without a break since 1932. The promoting Club won the team race, although they had a shock when it was found that their President David Christie-Murray, fourth man, had gone right back into the late twenties.

Polytechnic achieved their best for a long time in any kind of event to finish second, ten points behind the Surrey W.C. Bertram Grigg of Sussex, in the fifties, now, won the "Harry Preston" Cup awarded to first veteran of 45. The weather was rather warmer than average, but the proportion of finishers quite good, 70 out of 94.

Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	G.	B.	Whitlock	Met. W.C.	8	21	54
2	C.		Megnin	Highgate H.	8	24	25
3	H	A.	Martineau	Surrey W.C.	8	36	49
4	M.	Y.	Horton	Surrey W.C.	8	39	23
5	J	V.	Henderson	Sussex WAC	8	45	55
6	S.	E.	Horton	Surrey W.C	8	51	47
7	L.		Barrett	Enfield A.C	8	55	55
8	J.	C.	Baker	Belgrave H.	8	59	53
9	P.	J.	Reading	Poly. H.	9	0	33
10	A.	H.	leveridge	Essex B.	9	2	53
11	C.	E.	Wingate	Brighton C.H.	9	8	31
12	S.	F.	Abel	Essex B.	9	13	3
13	H.	W	Shephard	Poly. H.	9	14	23
14	W	P.	Everard	Essex B.	9	19	52
15	A.	E.	Dales	Godiva H.	9	21	13
16	L.	H.	Toussaint	Poly. H.	9	23	35
17	L.	S.	Fairman	Poly. H.	9	26	20
18	J		Wilsonn	Belgrave H.	9	27	40
19	A.	D.	McSweeney	Highgate H	9	30	53
20	J.		Stirling-Wakoloy	Bel. H.	9	31	6
21	J.	F.	Holding	Woodford Grn	9	36	36
22	L.		Farmlon	Godiva H.	9	37	31
23	R.	J.	Brown	Sussex W.A.C.	9	39	31
24	A.	B.	Grigg	Sussex W. & A.C.	9	41	2
25	R.	S.	Nichols	Met. W.C.	9	47	41
26	R		Smith	Lancs. W.C..	9	48	0
27	C.	W.	Strachey	L. Vids. W.C	9	50	48
28	D	H.	Chirstie-Murray	Surrey W.C.	9	51	34

29	G.		Donbleday	Belgrave H	9	51	59
30	S.	G.	Spencer	Belgrave H.	9	56	45
31	G.	A.	White	Essex B..	9	59	55
32	W.	L.	Mewett	Birm'ham WC	9	59	55
33	S.	G.	Willetts	Godiva H.	10	1	22
34	S.	G.	Last	Poly. H.	10	2	33
35	C.		lloylo.	Lancs W.C.	10	3	12
36	W.	A.	Wesson	L.T. & T.B.	10	5	25
37	R.	W.	Stone	Godiva H.	10	8	9
38	H.	D.	Neilson	Woodford Grn	10	8	51
39	F.	J.	Plumb	Sussex W. & A.C.	10	9	22
40	J.	A.	Massey	Birm'ham W.C.	10	10	4
41	A.	H.	Field	Birm'ham W.C.	10	13	14
42	G.	J.	Howse	Essex B.	10	15	58
43	W.	J.	Harris	L.T. & T.B.	10	22	48
44	J.	C.	Coomber	Highgate H.	10	36	59
45	A.		Free	Highgate H.	10	37	17
46	G.	T.	Moore	Highgate H.	10	38	55
47	F.		Wilmot	Surrey W.C.	10	43	35
48	L.	J.	Penfold	L. Vids. W.C	10	45	36
49	J.	E.	Dadey	Highgate H.	10	49	50
50	G.		Sykes	Central Buses S.A.	10	50	13
51	J.	H.	Jansen	Essex B.	10	51	22
52	F.	R	Scott	Surrey W.C.	10	52	27
53	T.		Beckett	Highgate H.	10	58	10
54	W.	E.	Ives	L.T. & T.B.	11	0	35
55	B.	C.	Angell	L.T. & T.B.	11	0	38
56	F.	S.	Herring	Belgrave H.	11	1	35
57	C.		Hatch	Lancs W.C.	11	2	18
58	R	D.	Beattie	Yorks W.C.	11	7	47
59	C.		Campbell	Birm'ham W.C.	11	7	50
60	L.	E.	Lambert	Gosport B.A.C	11	8	1
61	F.	S.	Laming	L.T.&T.B	11	9	10
62	A.	J.	Tompkinson	Unnatt.	11	10	31
63	R	J.	Board	Highgate H.	11	11	35
64	J.	F.	Banfield	L. Vids. W.C	11	15	45
65	F.	W.	Ferris	Surrey W.C.	11	17	40
66	J.	F.	Sheppard	Thames V.H.	11	36	14
67	W.		Fitzpatrick	L.T.& T.B	11	37	3
68	C.	E.	Lancaster	L.T.& T.B	11	47	28
69	E.	H.	Kemp	Surrey W.C.	11	49	28
70	L.	E.	Cook	L. Vids. W.C	11	59	17

Team Position Club

1 Surrey W.C.

Points

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2	Polytechnic H.	48
3	Essex B.	59
4	Belgrave H.	67
5	Sussex W.A.C.	81
6	Godiva H.	96
7	Highgate H	100
8	L. Trams & Tolleybuses S.A	168
9	L. Vidarians W.C	195

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