

### 39th London to Brighton Walk 5th Sep 1964

On a misty morning that rightly foretold a very warm day, 76 starters were sent on their way by Big Ben. Last year's winner, Dennis Read, set a very fast pace from the start and at Streatham (5 miles) led by over 4 minutes from a bunch of seven (Fogg, Vale, Hazle, Neilson, King, Goodall and Holliman). The rest of our hopes were wisely making a very steady start. At the Swan (10 1/2) Read led by nearly six minutes from South African George Hazle and King of the Bels., with Dennis Vale just behind. Dick Green, Peter Selby and Ken Mason were now beginning to move up the field. By the time the Feathers, Merstham (18 1/4) was reached Read's lead had been cut to 1 1/2 minutes; Vale had dropped back a little, but Selby had left the Captain and was moving up steadily. Read was passed by King and Hazle just past the 20 miles mark. After the Chequers, Horley (24 1/2) King pushed ahead and by Crawley (30 1/4) was three minutes up on Hazle and Read. Dennis Vale was unfortunately forced to retire here, but Peter Selby had been steadily improving his position and was now 4th, 4 1/2 minutes back. At Bolney (38 3/4) Hazle was walking very strongly and gaming quickly on King. Read had dropped out and Peter was now in third place some 10 minutes down, but walking steadily. The field was now reduced to 56. By the top of Dale Hill (46) Hazle had gained a lead of 13 minutes. Soon after Dale Hill Selby got up into second place. And so to the finish with George Hazle an easy winner in a good time for the warm humid day; and the distinction of being the first overseas winner since Giani of Italy in 1927. The weather had taken its toll throughout the field; only 47 reached Brighton and only 6 of these were inside first class standard. Great credit is due to Peter Selby on his first Brighton and also to King who hung on bravely to finish third. Congratulations to Hew Neilson in completing his 25th Brighton and winning the Harry Preston Cup for veterans for the fourth successive year.

Although there were only ever three clubs really concerned in the team race, it was always a close and exciting race between Belgrave, Woodford Green and the Club. We gained an early lead, but when Dennis Vale dropped out at Crawley we were back on level points with Woodford. The latter soon lost ground, while Belgrave began to improve their position. At Bolney and Dale Hill, the Bels. and the Club were level, with their fourth man ahead of ours. But in the final stretch Selby passed King and Ken Mason put in a storming finish, passing Morris in the process. The Captain had improved his position steadily to finish fifth. Belgrave closed in before us and it all depended on Fred Nickolls. There were nearly 20 minutes of suspense for the Club's supporters before he came into sight with a couple of places to spare.

Of our other starters, Les Simmonds did a very creditable time and Dave Melia, though obviously not enjoying it, held on gamely to finish on a day when this was an achievement in itself.

#### Results:

Position	Initial	Initial	Surname	Club	Hour	Min	Sec
1	G	G	Hazle	Germiston Callies Harriers, S. Africa	08	25	20
2	P	W	Selby	Surrey W.C.	08	43	12
3	D		King	Belgrave H.	08	46	07
4	C	W	Fogg	Enfield A.C.	08	50	28
5	R	E	Green	Surrey W.C.	08	57	19
6	H	D	Neilson	Woodford Green A.C.	09	00	32
7	M	J	Holliman	Highgate H.	09	16	45
8	G	E	Beecham	Belgrave H.	09	16	50
9	J	C	Hurst	Essex B.	09	18	38
10	C		Megnin	Highgate H.	09	23	49
11	K	J	Mason	Surrey W.C.	09	26	55
12	P	W	Thorn	Salisbury & Dist. A.C.	09	31	21

13	A	G	Thomson	Metropolitan W.C.	09	32	17
14	J		Morris	Belgrave H.	09	33	12
15	B	F	Ficken	Woodford Green A.C.	09	36	26
16	K		Livermore	Woodford Green A.C.	09	40	40
17	B		Eglinton	Belgrave H.	09	41	00
18	T	C	Morgan	Roath Labour W.C.	09	42	48
19	J		Hayward	Enfield A.C.	09	43	17
20	C	J	Shelly	Trowbridge A.C.	09	48	15
21	W	D	Symes	Queens Park H.	09	52	53
22	F	G	Nickolls	Surrey W.C.	09	52	58
23	L	C	Taylor	Cambridge H.	09	53	41
24	H		Nunns	Blackheath H.	09	57	02
25	T		Tidy	Steyning A.C.	09	57	45
26	W	F	Nichols	Cambridge H.	09	59	39
27	J	F	Keown	Belgrave H.	10	03	35
28	J	H	Eddershaw	Sheffield U.K.	10	10	33
29	J	J	Nutt	Leicester W.C.	10	12	40
30	H	C	Hooper	Polytechnic H.	10	14	45
31	L	C	Simmonds	Surrey W.C.	10	17	00
32	E	J	Rogers	Trowbridge A.C.	10	27	18
33	A		LeGallez	Guernsey Is. A.A.C.	10	39	36
34	C	W	Patrick	EvergreenSports, Trinidad	10	40	03
35	D	H	Hill	London Vidarians	10	47	20
36	D		Fotheringham	Belgrave H.	10	52	26
37	F	P	Baker	Highgate H.	10	57	01
38	J	C	May	London Vidarians	11	02	06
39	J		Simpson	Hemel Hempstead A.C. & St. Dunstan's	11	04	40
40	D	J	Melia	Surrey W.C.	11	15	15
41	J	B	Marriott	Leicester W.C.	11	15	15
42	R	F	Hodges	Highgate H.	11	15	33
43	J	P	Thomas	Hemel Hempstead A.C.	11	15	33
44	B	R	Hill	Leicester W.C.	11	36	12
45	S		Shirley	Polytechnic H.	11	36	15
46	W	C	Merrett	Polytechnic H.	11	37	42
47	A	S	Rymer	Unattached	11	39	00

	<b>Team Position</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
1		Surrey W.C.	26
2		Belgrave H.	29
3		Highgate H.	57