

New Records Likely in Final Stages of A.A.A. Championships

STRONG RESISTANCE TO BIG OVERSEAS CHALLENGE

By Our Special Correspondent

NUMEROUS nations are represented in the A.A.A. championships which were begun last evening at the White City Stadium and were continued this morning. The standard of achievements should be very high, with the prospects of a few new records to-day.

Many, of course, are wondering what the great John Lovelock will do in the mile. He is going to win—accidents, of course, apart. But in what time you may ask? That will depend upon his field, whether they are capable of making him run fast.

Aubrey Reeve, the Polytechnic Harrier, whom one would like to have seen challenging Lovelock, does not relish running a mile (heat and final) twice in a short space of time. Hence he will concentrate on the three miles.

S. C. Wooderson, the southern champion, might be Lovelock's runner-up. He is in surprisingly good form.

The Hungarian, M. Szabo, a 4min. 14 8-10 sec. miler, and second to L. Beccali, the Italian, in the European championships, and the Frenchman, Normand, equal to 4min. 15sec. for the distance, should do well if they start.

Szabo may have preferred his chance in the half-mile, since he is credited with doing 1m. 52 8-10sec. We know the form of our own men, despite the fact that Kuchar-ski (Poland) has done 1min. 55sec., sufficiently well to feel a little confident that J. C. Stothard, the Cambridge and Scottish champion, is the most likely winner of the half-mile.

REEVE'S CHANCE

I think Aubrey Reeve is as likely to succeed as any one in the three miles race. His form a week ago, when both C. K. Allen and R. H. Thomas were well beaten by him, suggests that Reeve has a big chance of winning his first A.A.A. title at a distance which the unthinking had not considered for him.

For the first time the marathon championship assumes international importance, since J. Galambos (Hungary) and S. Kyriakides (Cyprus), the Balkan Games winner in 2hr. 24min., are expected to be in the field of 43 runners. Galambos is the Hungarian champion, but, unlike Kyriakides, who has been here training for several weeks, he may not know the course any too well.

For the most part the course, excepting at Hestow, where it has had to be slightly altered because of road repairs, will be the same as that used last year. The runners will do 2½ laps of the track to start with and 1½ laps to finish.

A. J. Norris, the Polytechnic champion, is

ORDER OF EVENTS

- 11.0.—Throwing the Discus.
- 11.45.—Throwing the Hammer.
- 12.30.—Seven Miles Walk.
- 2.0.—Throwing the Javelin.
- 2.30.—100 Yards: First Round.
- 2.35.—Putting the Weight.
- 2.35.—Pole Vault: Final Trials.
- 2.50.—Marathon: Start (in the Stadium).
- 3.0.—Tug-of-War (Catchweights): First Round.
- 3.5.—880 Yards: Final.
- 3.15.—120 Yards Hurdles: Heats.
- 3.25.—100 Yards: Semi-finals.
- 3.35.—High Jump: Final.
- 3.40.—120 Yards Hurdles: Cross-heats.
- 3.40.—Long Jump: Final.
- 3.50.—Tug-of-War (Catchweights): Semi-finals.
- 4.0.—100 Yards: Final.
- 4.10.—Three Miles.
- 4.30.—220 Yards: Final.
- 4.35.—120 Yards Hurdles: Final.
- 4.40.—One Mile: Final.
- 4.40.—Tug-of-War (Catchweights): Final.
- 4.55.—440 Yards Hurdles: Final.
- 5.0.—Two Miles Steeplechase.
- 5.15.—440 Yards: Final.
- 5.20.—440 Yards Relay (4 x 110 yards): Final.
- 5.25 (approx.).—First Marathon arrivals.

understood to be in great form and hopes at last to wrest the title from the Scotsman, D. M. Robertson. The latter, however, will want a lot of beating. He is believed to be every bit as good as ever.

In the high hurdles there should be only one—Don Finlay, the Empire champion.

The quarter-mile hurdles might give J. Simpson a chance, as it will F. A. R. Hunter, the Empire champion, and if R. K. Brown (holder) is dethroned it will be the result of a great race.

ABOUT THE SPRINTERS

In the 100 yards, J. Sir (Hungary) is believed to be defending the title he won last year in surprising style. His fastest time on the Continent, perhaps, gives him a slight advantage in one's reckoning.

But C. Berger, the Dutchman, now European champion, has beaten Sir in 9 7-10sec. There are five other Hungarians entered, all credited with even time, and L. Strandberg (Sweden) has shown only a yard slower.

Can any of them beat the Empire champion, A. W. Sweeney? He is bound to carry the confidence of Britishers. His would be a popular success, bearing in mind that he was runner-up last year and in front of Berger.

The Polytechnic, for the sprint relay, would appear to be the only other home success likely on the track.

WOKING'S MEETING

The hon. secretary of the Surrey Constabulary Sports Club's meeting at Woking, this afternoon, advises me that the standard of the entries is very high. There will be over 300 competitors in the various events.

Belgrave Harriers are one of the five teams taking part in the relay race, and they expect to have formidable opponents in the 2nd Battn. Coldstream Guards.

In the tug-of-war Reigate Borough Police (Surrey champions) are challenged by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, among other teams.

Belgrave Harriers are to be well represented in the Birmingham Road Walking Club's race to-day over a 25 miles course. T. W. Green, F. Rickards, F. Bentley and A. H. Field constitute a formidable team.

Bexley Heath Gala, in Danson Park, judging from the entries for the meeting this afternoon, does not lose any of its popularity. There will be more competitors than one associated with last year's meeting.

R. H. Argent is defending his title in the Kent County five miles cycling championship, and both the wheel open handicaps have the same number of entries (37).