

1948 T&F CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1948 Track and Field Championship was held on the 17th of July at Bath Recreation Ground, Bath. The morning events took place in good weather but it turned to steady rain in the afternoon.

It was the first to be held with the new Junior and Intermediate age groups in force. The raising of the school leaving age prompted changes in the age groups. The new Junior age group for Under 15s replaced the Under-14 age group while the new Intermediate age group for 15 to 17 year olds replaced the Under-16 age group.

Events for another age group, Senior, would be added for under-19s in 1950.

1,471 competitors from 28 counties took part in front of 6,000 spectators.

SALUTE / PRESENTATIONS

The salute was taken by Admiral Sir James Fownes Somerville, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset. He had a 49-year career in the Royal Navy starting as a cadet in 1897, serving in both World Wars and being promoted to full Admiral in 1942.

He also presented the trophies at the end of the event with the medals being presented by the Mayor of Bath, Alderman Sam Day.

GIRLS RESULTS – Junior

100 yards	1	Sheila Goodwin	London	11.9 secs	
	2				
	3				
150 yards	1	Audrey Owlett	Essex	17.8 secs	
	2				
	3				
70 yards Hurdles	1	Jacqueline Lucy	London	11.5 secs	
	2	Jean Edgerley	Buckinghamshire		
	3				
4 x 110 yards Relay	1	London		52.4 secs	
	2	Essex			
	3	Surrey (D. Sissons, D. Sweeting, J. Fleming, Hazel Jordan)			
High Jump	1	Jean MacLeod	Berkshire	4' 8"	
	2	Margaret Mellor	Derbyshire		
	3				
Long Jump	1	Beulah Perham	Kent	16' 9¼"	
	2	Georgina Lye	Hampshire	16' 8½"	
	3				

GIRLS RESULTS – Intermediate

100 yards	1	Hazel Hatfield	Dorset	11.9 secs	
	2	S. Cook	Surrey		
	3				
150 yards	1	Barbara Forster	Hertfordshire	17.2 secs	
	2				
	3	Jennifer Munday	Surrey		
80 yards Hurdles	1	Margaret Hill	Berkshire	11.8 secs	
	2	Kathleen Dicker	Norfolk		
	3				
	4	P. Refford	Surrey		
4 x 110 yards Relay	1	Surrey (Valerie Webster, P. Tresize, Jennifer Munday, S. Cook)		52.5 secs	
	2	Essex			
	3	Lancashire			
High Jump	1	Jean Cowan	Surrey	5' 0"	
	2	Stella Green	Buckinghamshire		
	3				
	4	P. French	Surrey		
Long Jump	1	Valerie Webster	Lancashire	17' 9¼"	
	2				
	3	Shirley Cawley	Surrey	16' 3¼"	
Javelin Throw	1	Pauline Reavey	London	96' 8"	
	2				
	3				

Margaret Hill (Berkshire), the 80 yards hurdles champion, won the *Broadbridge Cup* for the best performance by an Intermediate age group competitor.

Shirley Cawley (Surrey), third in the long jump, went on to win the WAAA Long Jump title in 1952. She followed this up with the **1952 Olympic Games bronze medal**.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES – Junior

POS.	COUNTY	POINTS
1	London	24
2	Essex	19
3	Kent	9
4	Buckinghamshire	
5=	Surrey	
19=	Gloucestershire and Somerset	1

GIRLS TEAM SCORES – Intermediate ("GOODWILL CUP")

POS.	COUNTY	POINTS
1	Surrey	28½
2	Essex	16½
3	Middlesex	10
4		

5	Buckinghamshire	
14	Somerset	2
18	Gloucestershire	1

BOYS RESULTS – Junior

100 yards	1	W. Alcock	Norfolk	10.8 secs	
	2				
	3	J. Coe	Leicestershire		
	4	C. Crowther	Surrey		
220 yards	1	J. Moodie	Surrey	24.1 secs	
	2	Norman Leverton	Kent		
	3				
440 yards	1	Peter Martin	Sussex	54.8 secs	
	2				
	3				
	4	R. Edmeades	Buckinghamshire		
880 yards	1	P. Bennett	Lancashire	2m 11.2 secs	
	2	J. Brown	Leicestershire		
	3	C. Stewart	Surrey		
80 yards Hurdles	2	B. Nicholas	Buckinghamshire	10.8 secs	
	2	P. Mitchell	Surrey		
	3	John Adlam	Wiltshire		
4 x 110 yards Relay	1	London		48.4 secs	
	2	Yorkshire			
	3	Leicestershire (Hunt, Wain, Oxley, Kendrick)			
High Jump	1	E. Brady	Hertfordshire	5' 6"	
	2				
	3				
Long Jump	1	George Broad	London	20' 4¾"	
	2				
	3				
	4	E. Sawkins	Surrey	17' 11"	

George Broad (London), the long jump champion, won the *Buckinghamshire Cup* for the best performance by a Junior age group competitor.

BOYS RESULTS – Intermediate

100 yards	1	John E. Woodward	Buckinghamshire	10.6 secs	
	2				
	3				
220 yards	1	E. Davies	Berkshire	22.9 secs	
	2	Alan Derry	Yorkshire		
	3				
440 yards	1	Len Smith	Kent	54.0 secs	
	2				
	3				
	4	B. Bedford	Surrey		

880 yards	1	Chris Stoneham	Surrey	2m 03.2 secs	
	2	F. Simpson	Leicestershire		
	3				
	4	D. Phillips	Hampshire	2m 9.0 secs	
110 yards Hurdles	1	David Kay	Lancashire	15.1 secs	
	2	John Atyeo	Wiltshire		
	3				
4 x 110 yards Relay	1	Cumberland		46.4 secs	
	2	Essex			
	3	Buckinghamshire			
High Jump	1	Geoff Elliott	Essex	5' 9"	
	2	John Bellenger	Surrey	5' 9"	
	3				
	4	G. Cornes	Derbyshire		
Long Jump	1	D. Skipper	Hertfordshire	19' 11"	
	2				
	3				
Shot Put	1	C. Radford	Leicestershire	39' 4¼"	
	2	A.P. Townsend	Buckinghamshire	38' 10½"	
	3	B. Lane	Somerset		
Discus Throw	1	D. Gedye	Somerset	132' 11"	
	2				
	3				
Javelin Throw	1	R. Waterman	Somerset	155' 4"	
	2	L.K. Bristow	Kent		
	3	D. March	Surrey	148' 1"	

John Atyeo (Wiltshire), second in the 110 yard hurdles, became an **England International footballer**, winning 6 caps in the 1950s.

Geoff Elliott (Essex), the winner of the high jump, went on to be **1954 and 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games Pole Vault Champion** and to win the **1954 European Championships Pole Vault bronze** medal. Geoff also won 3 AAA titles, in 1952, 1953 and 1955.

BOYS TEAM SCORES – Junior

POS.	COUNTY	POINTS
1=	London and Surrey	23
3	Sussex	17
4	Buckinghamshire	
15	Wiltshire	5
20	Somerset	3
25	Gloucestershire	1

BOYS TEAM SCORES – Intermediate (“GOODWILL CUP”)

POS.	COUNTY	POINTS
1	Yorkshire	24

2	Essex	21
3	Surrey	19
4		
7	Somerset	13
12	Buckinghamshire	
13	Wiltshire	7
18	Gloucestershire	2