

ATHLETICS.

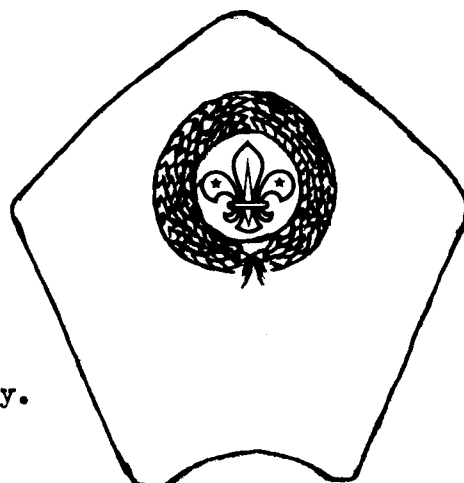
This year's Venture Scout Athletic Competition was held at Tooting Bec Running track in the middle of June. The Sunday that was chosen turned out to be very warm and helped to produce a large number of spectators.

Two teams were entered by the Unit to give as many members as possible a chance to compete. The results in the field competitions were as follows:-

Long Jump	4th Andy Day(A team)
	4th Gary Wilson(B)
High Jump	3rd Chris Olsen(A)
	3rd Graham Budden(B)
Shot	3rd Ewen Anderson(A)
	4th Paul Wickett(B)
Discus	3rd Graham Budden(B)
Javelin	1st Jeremy Olsen(A)
	2nd Paul Wickett(B)

The first four field events didn't provide any outstanding placings but there was consistency from each team. The surprise came in the javelin where Jeremy Olsen and Paul Wickett took not only the other competitors by surprise, but also the other members of the Unit by finishing first and second respectively.

The track events were progressing slowly with the heats which saw the Unit A team qualify for each final. The B team qualified for one final.



Relay
Trophy.

The finals started well with Nigel Quiney gaining 3rd place in the 100 metres, following this up with 2nd place in the 200 metres. In the 400 metres Ewen Anderson gained 3rd place while Ron Woolard came 4th in the 800 metres. Ron was the only member of the B team to gain a place in the track finals and this was an excellent race by him. Again in the track finals there were no outstanding placings, but there was a lot of consistency.

With the track finals over there were just the relays to run to bring the competition to an end. Andy Day, Nick Sawyer, Nigel Quiney and Jeremy Olsen were just pipped into 2nd place in the 4 X 100 metres while in the 4 X 400 relay Chris Olsen, Jeremy Olsen, Nigel Quiney and Ewen Anderson won with ease. After taking the lead on the first bend the team never looked back and won comfortably.

Not surprisingly after two fine relay performances the Unit