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WIGLEY TAKES WARD GREEN HONOURS

International John Wigley, from Kent, ran away with the honours in the inaugural Ward Green Six-Mile Road Race on Boxing Day.

Competing in the colours of his Invicta club, Wigley finished in 28 min 34 secs, 23 seconds ahead of Sheffield A.C.'s P. Shaw and N. Taylor, who finished third in 30:04.

The first Barnsley man home was Barnsley Road Runner Eddie McKenzie, who finished fourth in 30.18.

Wigley, Shaw, Taylor, McKenzie and Stainforth's Jack Cook were all together for the first mile when the three leaders then broke, leaving Cook and McKenzie.

Taylor was dropped at the two mile marker and Wigley finally pulled away from Shaw as they went into the second lap.

The former Assistant Editor of Athletics Weekly, Wigley was visiting his wife's family in Stocksbridge for Christmas when he heard about the race and decided to enter.

Barnsley Road Runner results:-

4. E. McKenzie	30.18
7. D. Cartwright	32.05
9. K. Sharpe	32.17
10. D. Bennett	32.38
11. K. Binney	32.38
14. T. Corbett	32.59
18. B. Elliott	33.59
20. C. Wright	34.15
23. B. Bedford	35.21
24. D. Allemby	35.24
25. C. Claydon	35.27
26. J. Finn	36.06
27. D. Stratton	36.21
29. R. Blackburn	36.50
31. M. McMahn	37.06
33. B. Barraclough	38.12
37. M. Atkinson	40.13
43. F. Walshaw	48.44
44. J. Taylor	48.44

Forty-four runners completed the race, nineteen of whom were Barnsley Road Runners.