BIG SPLASH: Mark Tallon, Gereon Max, Andrew Hart, Dietmar Anthes, Clive Summersgill and Michael Beste,who competed in the Mermaid 10km

New Marske Harriers

AFTER members of LC Rapid Dortmund competed in the New Marske Harriers Mermaid 10km on Good Friday, LC Rapid members have now hosted the Teesside club for a return fixture in Germany.

New Marske Harriers Clive Summersgill and Andrew Hart continued the link between the two clubs by taking part in the Ruhr Valley Half Marathon in Witten, just outside of Dortmund. They were joined by Gereon Max and Dietmar Anthes from LC Rapid. Both runners were happy with their times after completing the tough course in bright sunshine and temperatures above 20°c.

New Marske Harriers have now been invited to compete on the track in Dortmund next spring, with a date in May yet to be confirmed. LC Rapid members will possibly be coming over for a New Marske Harriers event or the Redcar Half Marathon in 2011.

The link was formed when New Marske Harrier Mark Tallon moved to Dortmund and joined LC Rapid.

Charlotte Ellis

Adrian Tallon

WELL done to every one who competed in the London Marathon with Andy Sugden finishing in 3.08.43, Robert Ray 3.40.23, Helen Duggleby 3.54.09 and Andrew Hart 4.58.07. In our 1st club 5k of the season.

The Harriers had a great turn out for their first club 5k of the season with 6 finishers in the top ten with Ricky Stevenson 1st in a time of 14.41 ahead of team mate Lewis Gamble-Thompson 2nd, in a time of 15.06 then Dominic Shaw 4th in 15.23, Russ Best 5th in15.46, Tony Livingston 8th in 16.24 and Mark Gamble-Thompson 9th in 16.30. Then we had young Mark Shaw 11th in 16.40, Stephen Readman 13th in 16.49, Elliott Jackson 19th in 17.36, Mark Corbyn 38th in 19.01. Jess Russon 45th in 19.38, Martin Pearson 48th in 19.53, Ian Enderwick 50th in 20.09, Andrew Hart 54th in 20.36, Peter Briggs 58th in 20.45, Richard Dowson 62nd in 20.54, Erin Pearson 65th in 21.01, Ron Sherwood 71st in 21.29,Helen Duggleby 78th in 21.53, Shelli Gordon 79th in 21.53, Doug Scott 85th in 22.13, Michelle O'Grady 90th in 22.24, Louise Tinsley 94th in 23.00, Lynn Woods 101st with 24.02, Lorraine Allamby 103rd in 24.14, Rachael Deane 125th in 26.34, Adrian Tallon 132nd in 28.32, Charlotte Ellis 136th in 29.42, Carolyn Berry 137th in 30.00, Diane Hall 138th in 32.37 and Julian Wilson 139th in 32.38. The next 5k is on the 25th June 7.15 pm at the Redcar Rugby Club you can enter on line or on the night for more details please visit www.new-marske-harriers.co.uk.

Monday's meeting at Scunthorpe was one of my better ones and I just enjoyed myself,' said Graversen, who scored paid 12 in a 50-42 defeat.

"I've never really done well there so it was nice to change that and I felt good all the way round, from start to finish.

"It's going to make a tough match even harder being without Stuart," admitted Havelock. "Jan's still recovering from an injury too, of course, but hopefully he'll keep up that sort of form."

With six Aussies and American former Bear

The line-up includes Great Britain internationals Chris Harris, Lee Richardson, Edward Kennett, Lewis Bridger and Simon Stead as well as former Bears star James Grieves, now at Glasgow.

Teesside Ath 0, Ashington 2 (M Mitchell 2, B Wheatley 2, P Lancaster, R Cook, C Gaines); Whinney Banks YCC 0, Great Ayton Utd 2 (G Portas, G Williams).

Harriers welcome German link

ATHLETICS

NEW Marske Harriers have forged a unique partnership with a German club LC Rapid Dortmund.

The partnership was cemented at the Mermaid 10k, organised by New Marske Harriers on the Coast Road between Redcar and Marske, which was attended by representatives from the German club.

Mark Tallon, a New Marske Harrier of 17 years standing, who now lives in Dortmund, was accompanied at the event by Rapid Dortmund member Michael Beste.

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New Marske Harriers have been invited to send athletes and officials to Dortmund for a track event on May 14.

The Mermaid 10k was very well supported and was won by Jim Bulman from North York Moors AC.

Bulman came home in 32min 30sec, just two seconds ahead of second placed Tom Danby from host club New Marske Harriers.

Gary Jones of Morpeth was third, while fourth placed James Askew from Newton Aycliffe was also the first over-20 finisher.

Alan Shepherd from Morpeth in fifth was the men's over-40 winner and Gary Hetherington in sixth was the over-50 winner.

First woman was Carolyn Summersgill of Middlesbrough and Cleveland Harriers, whose time of 37.07 placed her 20th of the 275 finishers.

LINK UP: Harry Gamble Thompson (NMH president) Michael Beste (LC Rapid Dortmund) Brian Titley (NMH chairman) and Mark Tallon swap club vests

By ANDY PASSANT

North-east today

Mostly dry with some sunshine

Whitby Gazette, Friday 19 July 1991

Running

NMH host annual pie race

NEW Marske Harriers hosted their annual Pie and Peas 10k road race of three laps round the village of New Marske.

The fun run over an accurately measured 3k was off first and local boy Richard Francis was first home in 11-32. Next was Mark Tallon in 12-07, a second in front of cousin Philip Tallon. Next was Simon Douglas in 12-12 with Joel Wilson fifth in 12-53.

First girl was Claire Adams in 14-01, with Erin Pearson second in 14-40 and five seconds behind, third girl Laura McPherson.

There were 36 finishers in the main race. Burn Road champion Ian Cook was first in 32-38, with rapidly improving Nigel Orr, from Darlington, second in 33-20. Third was Tony Livingston 33-31, two seconds in front of Jim Rentschler and Shaun O'Grady fifth in 33-43. Michael Lamb, Burn Road, was sixth in 34-08, Tony Ward seventh 34-47 which won him with first vets prize, with Ian Scott, Darlington, eighth and second vet and Bob Firth ninth and third vet. In tenth was Pete Buckby in 35-35.

Next NMH were Maurice Sheppard 16 36-40, Ian Povey 21 37-15, Andrew Waterhouse 22 37-16, John Rymer 24 37-29, Andrew Sugden 26 37-44, John Spraggett 28 38-14. Next followed David Allison 30 in 39-38, Dave Jones 39 40-02, John Flatley 42 40-12, Andy Linton 45 40-40, John R Smith 48 41-10, Patrick Sibley 49 41-15, Ron Sherwood 51 41-18, Doug Scott 52 41-35, John Kettle 59 42-26, George Robinson 61 42-37, Helen Humphrey 65, 5th lady, 43-06, Brian Williamson 75 44-47, Trevor Taylor 76 44-49, David Whyte 80 45-30, Keith Hildore 82 45-38, Paul Eltherington 83 45-56, Mike McGurk 84 46-05, Terry Jackson 89 46-50, Geoff McPherson 94 48-30, David Redman 96 48-54, Sandra Jemson 93, 10th lady, 49-36, Gerry Aarons 100 51-05, Michelle Douglas 101, 11th lady, 53-08, Kath Wells 102, 12th lady, 53-09, Doug Wilson 106 54-35.

The Harriers won the team race with 19 points: Tony Livingston 3, Jim Rentschler 4, Shaun O'Grady 5, Tony Ward 7.

On Sunday, on a hot day and very tough course, five NMH ran in the Masham half marathon. David Allison was first NMH counter in 1-34-08, John Paddick 1-36-54, Doug Scott 1-43-50, Di Hannan 2-3-10, followed by Di's husband Art in 2-08-11.

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-marathon hundreds take to streets

Go, Go, Go!

By STEVE LANDELLS

GUISBOROUGH teacher Rob Holladay defied the cold and windy conditions to romp to an emphatic victory in the Enron Redcar Half-Marathon.

A record number of more than 850 runners took on the 13-mile challenge yesterday, on a slightly adjusted course to avoid the infected areas because of the foot-and-mouth epidemic.

After just two miles, Holladay, of Morpeth Harriers, had broken clear in a group of three alongside clubmate Terry Wall and New Marske Harrier Alan Stimpson.

But the 25-year-old made his decisive bid for victory at the eight-mile point, and passed the ten-mile mark in 52 minutes.

Holladay opened up to a victory by 1min 29secs to record a winning time of 1:08:01, with Wall settling for second and the impressive Stimpson claiming third spot.

Morpeth claimed the team prize with first, second and seventh in the individual race.

Great Britain international Claire Naylor (Sutton-in-Ashfield) scored an emphatic victory by nearly seven minutes in the women's race.

Darlington's Alison Raw claimed second spot with veteran Fiona Shenton of Elvet in third.

Middlesbrough and Cleveland's Marie Stansmore, making her debut over the half-marathon distance, finished an impressive fourth in 1:26.09.

Gary Hetherington was the leading veteran finishing in 11th place.

Nine-time Paralympic legend Tanni Grey-Thompson claimed a comfortable win in her home half-marathon, in the women's wheelchair race.

London Marathon winner Kevin Papworth claimed a four-minute win in the men's

1:09:30; Alan Stimpson, New Marske, 1:09:56.

WOMEN: Claire Naylor, Sutton in Ashfield, 1 hour: 16 minutes: 08 seconds; Alison Rew, Darlington, 1:22:52; Fiona Shenton, Elvet Striders, 1:25:36.

WHEELCHAIR RACES

MEN: Kevin Papworth, 41 minutes : 34 seconds; Ian Thompson, 45:38; and Ed Graizer 48:58.

WOMEN: Tanni Grey-Thompson, 51:16; Sarah Loughran 1:25:47; and Evelyn Neave 2:08:46.

VETERANS

Over 40s: Gary Hetherington, independent runner, 1:12:34.

Over 50s: Jimmy Bell, Elswick Harriers, 1:14:29

Over 60s: Harold Dobson, Knavesmire Harriers, 1:28:01

NOT SO DRY RUN: Spectators brave the miserable weather to cheer on runners at the four-mile stage

WINNER: Guisborough's Rob Holladay, of Morpeth Harriers, left, with New Marske Harriers' Alan Stimpson

'Victory salutes' all round

By ANDREW WILKINSON

HARTLEPOOL strengthened their promotion bid and Darlington boosted their survival hopes as both recorded impressive victories on Saturday.

Pool won 2-0 at Plymouth to take their unbeaten run to 19 league games, while Quakers have lost just once in seven after their 2-1 Feethams triumph over Scunthorpe.

Tommy Miller (28th minute) and Anth Lormor (42) scored for Pool in another rock-solid performance.

They are now established in fourth place in the Third Division, and manager Chris Turner feels they don't need to worry about any other side's results.

"We must go on concentrating on ourselves, and playing as we have done in the last three games in particular.

"When we lose players, others have come in and done an excellent job, as Mark Robinson did on Saturday, when Sam Shilton went down with flu.

"I gave Mark the job of marking Michael Meaker, who was their dangerman and quickest player. The fact that he was substituted says it all."

Darren Knowles picked up a slight head injury but should be fit for Pool's home game with Lincoln tomorrow.

But Darlington face growing injury worries ahead of tomorrow night's crucial clash at fellow strugglers Exeter.

Already without six players for the rest of the season, striker Adam Marsh (hamstring) is ruled out tomorrow.

Clint Marcelle and Mark Ford also took knocks on Saturday and face fitness tests, while Olivier Bernard is still suffering from his ankle injury.

"We're stretched," admitted manager Gary Bennett. "But if the lads work for each other like they did on Saturday we will be all right."

Halifax's win over Barnet ensured that Quakers are still only four points off the bottom.

John Williams' two goals against Scunthorpe - which trebled his tally for the club - were outstanding.

Scunthorpe blamed keeper Tom Evans for being out of position twice, but both times Williams executed perfect lobs, one from a tight angle and the other when under pressure from a defender.

His 37th and 74th-minute goals gave Quakers a lead which was just enough after Alex Calvo Garcia replied (85).

But considering Scunthorpe had won four and drawn one of their last five games, it was Darlington's best win for some time.

Sports World

Tennis

DEFENDING champion Pete Sampras and Yevgeny Kafelnikov followed US Open champion Marat Safin out of the Ericsson Masters Series in Miami, leaving Australian Lleyton Hewitt the clear favourite. Teenager Andy Roddick dismissed the 13-time Grand Slam champion 7-6 (7/2) 6-3 to reach the fourth round. Gaston Gaudio of Argentina, a claycourt specialist, showed his ability on hard courts by defeating Kafelnikov 6-4 6-1.

Golf

DITLAND'S Janice Moodie produced a superb performance to finish joint second as Annika Sorenstam of Sweden won the LPGA Nabisco Championship in California. England's Laura Davies closed with the day's best score of 68 to finish 11th.

Swimming

OLYMPIC champion and world record holder Pieter van den Hoogenband left the Speedo Grand Prix to a close in Glasgow with a blistering swim in the 100m freestyle to clock 49.54sec to be named Male Swimmer of the Meet.

Cricket

INDIAN are threatening never to play Pakistan again in response to their archrivals' refusal to send a team to Sharjah for the forthcoming one-day international triangular tournament.

Rally

FRENCHMAN Didier Auriol won the Rally of Catalunya after a time penalty scuppered former leader Philippe Bugalski's hopes of a victory. Auriol's Peugeot 206, finished in 3hrs 40min 31sec, ahead of fellow Frenchman Gilles Panizzi and overall World Rally Championship leader Tommi Makinen.

Soccer

UEFA today confirmed Deportivo La Coruna will not be kicked out of this season's Champions League even if four of their players are found guilty of passport irregularities. Reports had suggested Leeds, who face Deportivo in the quarter-finals of the competition, could have been awarded a bye through the last four.

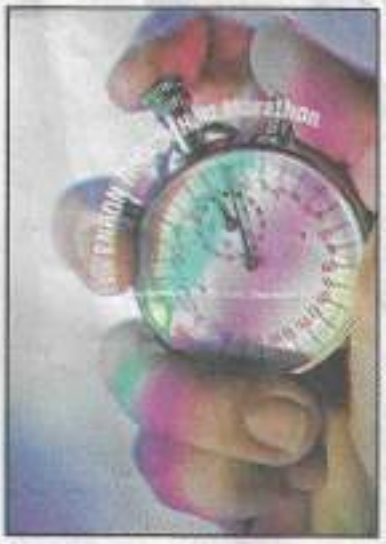
Basketball

SHEFFIELD Sirks claimed the BBL Northern Conference title with an 83-69 victory over Derby Storm.

Golf

TIGER WOODS still has a lot of work to do if he is to lift the Players

Race is on as half-m



AND THEY'RE OFF: Runners set off from Redcar Bowl at the start of yesterday's Enron Redcar Half-Marathon

WELCOME REFRESHMENT: Runners top up with vital fluids at the four-mile water station, below

KEEP ON RUNNING: The

known American Jerry Kelly.

Soccer

THE FA will begin talks with Manchester United at the end of this week in an attempt to keep Steve McClaren on the England coaching staff.

Golf

SOUTH African Darren Fichardt was today celebrating securing his golfing future after claiming his maiden European Tour title with a five-stroke victory in the Sao Paulo Brazil Open.

Rugby Union

TEESSIDE fly-half James Simpson Daniels has been included in a 26-man England squad for the FIRA Under-19 world championship in Chile next month. The former Boro player is among more than 20 players selected from England's leading clubs, the party also including Tim Foster of Darlington, who is currently playing for Leeds Tykes.

Soccer

IRELAND captain Roy Keane says he will quit international football if the treatment of the players does not improve. Keane was angered by the conditions at the team's training camp prior to Saturday's 4-0 over Cyprus and by the fact they were made to sit behind Irish FA officials on the flight to Cyprus.

Cricket

INDIA, 2-1 winners over Australia in the Test series, continued their good form with a 60-run win over the Aussies in yesterday's one-day clash in Bangalore.

DETERMINATION: Competitors in the wheelchair race set off from the start at Redcar Bowl, right

Pictures: **DAVE CHARNLEY**

WHEELCHAIR WARM-UP: Competitors prepare for the race, including Olympic star Tanni Grey-Thompson, centre

Wear-Tyne striker chase

FRENCH striker Pierre Yves Andre is being chased by Sunderland and Newcastle. The £5m-rated Bastia star is out of contract in the summer and wants to move to the Premiership to boost his international chances.

ASTON Villa have issued a "hands-off" arning over defender Alpay. Besiktas d hoped to lure him back to Turkey, but say they have no intentions of selling

NHAM goalkeeper Ian Walker George Graham's sacking could another chance at White Hart ker fell out with Graham e season and lost his place an.

United striker Ole Gunnar he hopes to finish his fford. The Norwegian is £13,000-a-week Ferguson, t of clubs hopeful of

The MSV boot-room buzz

RANGERS will make a move for Taribo West at the end of the season. The Nigerian is currently on loan with Derby from Inter Milan.

CELTIC are leading the pack of clubs chasing Newcastle winger Stephen Glass. The out-of-favour Scot is also wanted by Blackburn, Bolton and both Dundee clubs.

FIORENTINA and Parma are battling it out to sign Frederic Kanoute from West Ham. Harry Redknapp is determined to keep hold of the Frenchman but may be forced to cash in if a big bid comes in.

WIGAN goalkeeper Roy Carroll will move to Leicester for £2m in the close season. The Northern Ireland stopper is seen as an ideal replacement for Tim Flowers.

CHARLTON have handed John Salako a new one-year contract. Alan Curbishley is now hoping to extend a deal to keep striker Jonatan Johansson at The Valley.

TORE Andre Flo has admitted that his £10m price tag is putting pressure on him. Flo has come in for criticism from Rangers fans after struggling to find his form since his move from Chelsea.

LEEDS are trying to sign Norwegian striker Thorstein Helstad. He will cost £3.5m from Brann Bergen.

CHRIS Waddle will return to Sheffield Wednesday if Peter Shreeves gets the manager's job full-time. Waddle will get the assistant manager's position.

We're in

RACING

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MANDALE Harrier Carl Driffield, the North-East Counties long jump champion, was again in top form in the competition held at Blackpool.
He took silver in the U-15 event, soaring out to 5.47m, a centimetre behind the winner.
Joanne Pybus, another North-East champion, also took silver, finishing runner-up for the second season in a row to **Vicky Lamb** (Sale) with a clearance of 4.85m.
Last season's U-15 North of England Inter Counties champion **Suole Nyananyo** finished fifth after moving into the U-17 age group after recording 5.62cm, three centimetres off third place.
Great Britain junior international **Elaine Smith** took bronze in her first taste of senior competition with a clearance of 5.34m.
The youngsters' next competition is the AAA England Championships in Birmingham next month.

Durham City Harriers

THE City veterans (Over-50) team took third place in the North-East Veterans Championships when the club hosted the 18th Durham Cathedral Relays, presented by the City of Durham Council and the University of Durham at the weekend.
The trio of **Malcolm Heslop** (V-50), **Bryan Mackay** (V-55) and **Elwyn Baldwin** (V-50) finished 13th overall in a time of 32:50, Heslop recording 10:52, Mackay 11:02 and Baldwin 10:56.
In the senior men's event, fine running by **Graham Hunt** (13th in 9:35), **Ian Crampton** (9th in 9:34) and **Steve Everett** (6th in 9:28) brought the A team home in sixth place with a time of 28:37.
Caroline Ratcliffe ran well to record 11:06 in the senior women's race while veteran **Val Hancock** (0-55) finished in 12:15 in the incomplete team.
Other results Men's Senior B 13th in 31:06 (Andy Billett 10:31; Stephen Nesbitt 10:21; Steve Soulsby 10:14). **Senior C** (team incomplete): Francis Turner 11:19. **Veterans O-40** 7th in 31:20 (Ron Fletcher (V-45) 10:10; Stephen Marshall (V-45) 10:09; Jeff Price (V-40) 11:01). **Veterans C** 16th in 33:52 (Geoff Davis (V-40) 11:18; Steve Walker (V-45) 11:12; Roger Wright (V-55) 11:22. **Veterans D** (team incomplete): Michael O'Donovan (V-50) 12:44; John Hampson (V-55) 12:42.

● The international Great North Cross Country Races take place on the racecourse, Durham City tomorrow, with the first open race starting at 11.40am.

Crook and District AC

KEVIN Archer followed up his excellent 2:06 800m indoors at Birmingham last week with a storming final leg of 9:28 to move Crook into third place in the North-East Veterans championships at the Durham Cathedral Relays.
Mike Mallens (10:09) and **John Dennis** (10:16) got the team off to a good start.
Other results: Ray Partridge 10:38, Dennis Brown 10:46, Martin Harbisher 10:54, Len Noble 11:46 Gerry Hehir 12:29, Allen Purdham 13:03.
Phil Carter took the third veterans prize when he completed the Morpeth 11km road race in 39:09.

New Marske Harriers

RICHARD Johnson led the Under-13 boys team to third place at the fourth fixture of the North Yorkshire and South Durham League held at Richmond School.
Johnson took 12th place in a sprint finish with teammate **James Fahey** just behind in 14th.
Iain McPherson was 22nd, **Andrew McCaig** 27th and **Geoffrey O'Grady** 31st.
Mark Tallon took 20th place in the youth's race with **Shaun O'Grady** third and **Tony Livingston** sixth in the junior/senior/veterans men's event.
Johanna Jackson continued her good form, notching up her fourth win in four league races in the U-15 girls' race. She stormed into the lead before winning by 45 seconds.
The team took first place when **Tahleigh Cook** finished tenth, **Laura McPherson** 11th, **Rebecca Livingston** 22nd, **Joanne Hutton** 23rd and **Laura Gibbon** 24th.
The U-13 girls were short of a team but **Matilde Dunn** finished 16th and **Penny Wilson** 24th. **Katy Livingston** took 17th place in the intermediate/junior/senior/veterans women's race.
Other results
Junior/senior/veterans men: 16 Paul Welham; 74 Mark Jackson; 102 Andrew Sugden; 131 Geoff O'Grady, John R Smith; 139 Iain Povey; 142 Bernard Foulkes; 143 Dave Grimwood; 144 Colin Scollay; 149 Phil Cole; 162 Keith Hennessey.
Intermediate/junior/senior/veteran s women: 36 Elizabeth Adams; 48 Gaye Adams; 52 Abi Silcock; 54 Barbara Kettle; 56 Jill Johnson; 61 Jean McHugh.

■ **On his own: A lone runner heads for home in the fourth NYSD Harrier League meeting at Richmond on Sunday.**

Burn Road Harriers

THE senior men's 100 per cent record in this season's NYSD Cross Country League came to an end when they finished runners-up to Knavesmire at the fourth meeting in Richmond on Sunday.
The individual championship is still wide open and **Ian Cook**, the club's top athlete, kept alive his hopes of retaining his title when he took fourth place.
This was an amazing run considering Cook had to curtail his training over the last three weeks because of a hamstring problem.
The individual and team titles now rest on the remaining events at Saltburn and York.
With Paul Stephenson absent from the team because of flu, **Mick Lamb** put in a superb performance for 12th place, a few places ahead of **Ian Wilson**.
After falling heavily on the slippiest part of the course, Wilson battled to get back on the pace and did very well to finish 19th overall and third junior man.
Mark Armstrong has hopefully shaken off his injury problem after running a determined race for 28th place.
Veterans **Colin Cragga** and **Dave Knee** battled it out for 35th and 37th respectively to complete the scoring team.
For the first time this season Burn Road fielded five runners in the senior women's race.
In her first cross country event, **Tracey Waller** had an incredible run to finish 14th.
Patricia Hanson was next home for the club in 50th with **Debbie Blackwood** in 59th and looking to improve her fitness for the next two fixtures.
Doreen Alderson came in 62nd, turning the tables on **Carol Westhorp** in 63rd while **Alex Clark**, fresh from victory in the Hartlepool Schools Cross Country finals, ran well with the senior ladies to finish 28th overall and eighth in the intermediate girls' race.
Felicity Beedle also ran exceptional race – her th days – to take eighth pla 15 girls event.
This followed her first pla Hartlepool Schools Cros and victory in the Nation Cadets Cross Country a Cranwell in Lincolnshire.
Liam Ruddock led the B U-12 boys for fourth spo performance this year, h finished fourth in the Har Schools Cross Country f
On his debut for the club **Morrell** took 17th with D **Johnson** home in 34th p **Martin Lithgo** and **Chris Steele** both had to pull o race.
Lithgo had an excellent r Hartlepool Schools Cros finals, finishing in third.
Other results Senior Karl Edwards; 55 Mike F Mick Ludgate; 68 Graha 75 Dave Edwards; 78 De Dave Clouston; 126 Alan 140 Peter Johnson; 155 Wilkinson.

Sprint Finn-ish brings Victoria suc

Shildon Running and AC

VICTORIA FINN recorded 41:92 to finish first in her heat and take first place in the U-17 women's 300m when the club's sprint group competed in the Birmingham Games indoor meeting held at the National Arena.
The competition was held on graded heats with overall positions decided on fastest times.
NATASHA MEITE was third overall with 27:29 after winning her heat in the girls U-15 200m. Sister YASMINE was second in her heat over the same distance and 11th overall with 26:52 in the U-17 women's event.
In the boys events, ADAM ROGERS was fourth in heat and overall when he recorded 26:29 for the U-15 200m.
BEN FINN took third place after finishing third in his heat of the 400m in 1:06.61 in the same age group with RICHARD TURNER taking fourth in his heat and 14th overall with a time of 26:05 in the U-17 200m.
IAN DAVEY was second after recording 9:37.35 for second place in his heat of the junior men's 3000m.
GARY ANKERS finished eighth overall after winning his heat of the junior men's 200m in 23:69.
The same day the club also competed at the NYSD Harrier League held at Richmond.
MATTHEW LOMAX had another impressive run when he chased the unbeaten NICK ZISSLER (Richmond) home in the U-13 race. ADAM GIBSON was 11th with newcomer JAMIE HOLE 15th. ADAM INGRAM came home in14th position in the U-15 boys event while, at U-17, PAUL BEST recorded another runaway success, with MARTIN TURNBULL home in third, STEPHEN BROWN taking tenth and MICHAEL DUNN 16th place.
In the senior men's race, WESLEY TARN was first back for the club in 77th position. CHRIS GRIFFITH was 97th, DARREN Sear 120th and STEVE SCOTT 123rd.
In the girls' events, PENNY BELL came home in 11th place, GEORGETTE REID took 28th, JOY CLARKE 30th and NICOLA RHYMER 35th at U-13. MICHELLE SCOTT came home fourth, NATALIE OWENS seventh and DONNA ROBINSON 20th at U-15 with REBECCA HOWARD 19th and AMY MOGUIRE 31st in the U-17 event.

Elswick Harriers

THE club's women's teams took centre stage at the 10th Cathedral Relays on Sunday along the banks of the River Wear.
The senior women took second and sixth places in the 3x1.9mile relays with the veterans' team of YVONNE SWINHOE, MARY RANDS and ANGELA SMEE coming home 11th overall.
SOPHIE MILBURN finished third on the first leg for the senior women in a time of 10:49. On the second leg, KIM DAVISON took the team through to second spot in 11:17 with CLAIRE HARROD finishing in 11:30 to hold onto the runners-up spot and deservedly take silver behind Morpeth Ladies.
JACQUIE ELLIOTT completed her leg in 11:16 for the club's second squad with SUZANNE MORTON taking 12:04 and JUDITH NUTT 11:39.
In the North-East Veterans Championships, the O-50s team took fourth p won the BELL, fi TAYLOR MATTHE team of (10:05), WILSON ANDERS fastest blistering men's ra 9:47 and DAVID his solo In the M Saturda O-50s p SUZANN woman

Set for capital gains

CROSS COUNTRY
By MIKE COTTON

THE CLIMAX to the schools' cross country season will be staged over the tough Parliament Hill Fields course in London tomorrow.

The occasion is the annual English Schools Cross Country Championships which brings together the 44 counties of England with 2,000 competitors contesting one or other of the six races.

Cleveland will be fully represented in all six races and are likely to do best in the junior girls championship.

Convincingly

At the recent schools North Eastern Inter Counties meeting, Cleveland's junior girls convincingly won the team race beating the best runners from Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria.

Led by their county champion Samantha Hart, Cleveland should do particularly well in the group C category which is for the 17 smaller counties - although all 44 counties take part in the race together.

The intermediate girls race will be led by county champion Johanna Jackson who has just finished as champion of the North Yorkshire and South Durham League in club running.

Johanna won all six races.

The senior girls will be led by Catherine Hare who won the individual title at the Schools Inter Counties meeting by a big margin and has also finished as U-20 champion of the NYSD League.

Similarly, Ian Wilson, Cleveland's senior boys' champion, has finished the NYSD League season as U-20 champion and will be looking for a good result in his final Schools Nationals.

County champions, Ryan Hughes (junior boys) and Chris Coates (intermediate boys) have also had outstanding seasons in schools and club competitions and will be looking to end their season on a high note.

The following are the athletes who have qualified through school, town, county and inter county levels to represent Cleveland at the National Championship:

Junior girls: Samantha Hart (Ryton, Redcar), Natalie Allan (Linthorpe, Middlesbrough), Beverley Merwood (St Patrick's, Thornaby), Debbie Hastings-Ling (Laurence Jackson, Guisborough), Rachel Lightfoot (Roseberry, Loftus), Jenny Hill (Crosby, Middlesbrough), Felicity Beecle (High Tunstall, Hartlepool), Joanne Highfield (Eggleschiffe).

Intermediate girls: Johanna Jackson (Sacred Heart, Redcar), Kirsty Biege (Acklam Grange, Middlesbrough), Katy Livingston (Sacred Heart, Redcar), Carly Geales (St David's, Middlesbrough), Alex Clark (High Tunstall, Hartlepool), Amanda Lappin (Sacred Heart, Redcar), Rachel Appleyard (King's Manor, Middlesbrough), Mandy Wilks (Grangefield, Stockton).

Senior girls: Catherine Hare (Prior Pursglove, Guisborough), Lucy Beaumont (Eggleschiffe Sixth Form), Stacey Dunn (Bede College, Billingham), Elizabeth Adams (Prior Pursglove, Guisborough), Abigail Silcock (St Mary's College, Middlesbrough), Sarah Rudd (St Mary's College, Middlesbrough), Nicola Darragh (Stockton Sixth Form).

Junior boys: Ryan Hughes (St Patrick's Thornaby), Stephen Pegge (Laurence Jackson, Guisborough), Steven Thompson (Sacred Heart, Redcar), James McCarthy (Guisborough and St Bedes, Stockton), Paul Stockton (King's Manor, Middlesbrough), James Herring, Ian Smith (Yarm School), Douglas Priestley (Hurworth Bathurn).

Intermediate boys: Christopher Coates (Northfield, Billingham), Mark Crutchley, Anthony Harvey (Macmillan College, Middlesbrough), Nicholas Williams (Laurence Jackson, Guisborough), Stuart Bates (Billingham Campus), Alex Homer (Ian Ramsey, Stockton), Andrew Gill Nathaniel Williams (Northfield, Billingham).

Senior boys: Ian Wilson (Hartlepool College), Stephen Dunn (Bede College, Billingham), Darren Bullock (Teesside Tertiary College), Ryan Williams (Bede College, Billingham), David Gibson, John Burton (St Mary's College, Middlesbrough), Craig Allen (Middlesbrough College), Matt Talbot (Prior Pursglove, Guisborough).

■ ON THEIR MARKS: Cleveland Schools Cross Country Squad

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Tomorrow's