

BRILLIANT BOY SPRINTER

Seldom do we find a British sportsman winning international honours at both athletics and Rugby football. Only the late Eric Liddell, of Scotland, Jock Butler (Poly. Harriers and Harlequins) and, quite recently, Cyril Holmes, of Manchester, have pulled off the double distinction.

If J. C. M. Wilkinson's Rugby form is anything like the standard of his sprinting shown in the Public Schools 100 yards championship at Motspur Park then he should be booked to emulate their feat (**writes Roy Moor**).

I am told that this Uppingham boy has a first love for Rugby, yet he completely outclassed all opposition in Saturday's short sprint final to win by three yards in 10.3sec., 1-10th outside record. Tall and well built, Wilkinson gets quickly into his running from the holes and moves with delightful ease.

Another notable performer was J. Banes (Epsom), who put the 12lb. shot 48ft. 3in., an improvement of 2½in. on the record set by H. Merz (Germany) in 1936.

Other winners were:

440 Yards.—J. Earle (Tonbridge), 52.8sec. **580.**—A. I. Rae (Bishop's Stortford), 2min. 4.2sec. **1 Mile.**—D. Gilbert (Bishopshalt), 4-35.6. **120 Hurdles.**—D. W. Bruce (Queen Elizabeth's), 16.4sec. **Three-quarter Mile Steeplechase.**—D. C. Law (King Edward VII., Sheffield), 3min. 44sec. **1 Mile Walk.**—C. N. MacEacharn (Queen Elizabeth's) 7min. 46sec. **Long Jump.**—A. W. Blackier (Bancrofts), 20ft. 9½in. **Pole Vault.**—T. McKeirnan (St. Bede's), 9ft. 6in.

Schools championship.—1. Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet (holders), 50 pts.; 2. Latymer Upper, 30; 3. Bishopshalt, 23

SCHOOLBOY JUMPS 6ft.

A RECORD - BREAKING high jump of 6ft. by 17-year-old P. Wells, of Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, outshone all else on the opening day of the Public Schools athletic championships at Motspur Park.

Previous best high-jump at these Games was the 5ft. 10½in. by H. A. Simmons in 1928. When it is recalled that internationals Stan West and John Newman did not attain even this height in winning the Public Schools title, Wells's performance is certainly one of which to be proud.

His record leap, ½in. above his own height, actually cleared the bar with 1½in. to spare, but feeling tired, he wisely called a halt at 6ft. An exceptional spring is the secret of Wells's success, and he might easily find another 6in. when he perfects the Western roll technique.

Double for Dodd

B. W. Dodd (St. Albans) received a shock before retaining the javelin championship with 174ft. 7½in. Using a metal javelin, J. Swaisland (Bishopshalt) got in a beautiful throw of 184ft., but because the implement had not been approved in advance of the competition, his throw was not allowed to count. Dodd also won the discus at 127ft. 0½in.

Results of finals:

High jump: 1. P. Wells, 6ft.; 2. G. Evans (Wellington), 5-8; 3. G. Band (Eltham), 5-6. **Javelin:** 1. B. Dodd (St. Albans) (holder), 174ft. 7½in.; 2. J. Swaisland (Bishopshalt), 166-2½; 3. C. Fisher (Epsom), 163-9. **Discus:** 1. Dodd, 127-0½; 2. A. Coomb (Bedford Modern), 120-7½; 3. C. Reed (Kelly C), 117-9½.

Rest of the finals will be decided today, commencing 3 p.m.

Twenty-two teams are entered for the London to Brighton relay, commencing from the "News of the World" sports ground, Mitcham, at 12 noon.

ROY MOOR

YOUTH'S WEIGHT RECORD

Queen Elizabeth's (Barnet) retained the team cup in the Public Schools Athletic Championships at Motspur Park with 50 points, Upper Latymer being second with 30 and Bishopshalt third with 23.

Best performance was by J. Banes, 18½-year-old Epsom College student, who put the weight 48ft 3in for a new record.

Winning the sprint in 10.3sec. J. C. M. Wilkinson (Uppingham) was only one-tenth outside record.

KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT

While on his way from his Selsey (Sussex) home to Chelsea field to report the Chelsea v. Huddersfield Town match yesterday, Mr L. V. Manning, sports editor of the "Daily Graphic," was knocked down by a car and flung against a by-pass near Putney. He was dead when taken to hospital. Mr. Manning, who was 62, leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.