

Fred Westall Memorial Shield



FRED YATES WESTALL



Walter Westall

Old Newspaper reports

Accrington

The men's 200 yards senior championship of Accrington Amateur Swimming Club was won by L. Dean, on Saturday evening, in the good time of 2min. 27 2-5sec. Leo Killgallen, a former cupholder, who used the trudgeon stroke for seven lengths, came in second in 2min. 33 2-5sec. T. Coulson, the holder, was third.

The women's 100 yards senior championship was won by R. Birtwell, with her twin sister, Isabella, second, and E. Lambert third. Time 71 1-5sec.

Some attractive swimming was seen in the competition for the Westall Shield, given for neatness of execution in breast, back, side and free style strokes, by the family of the late Mr. Fred Westall, a former secretary of the club. Only half a point divided the winner, Alex Broadley, from the second, Mary Whittaker. Marjorie Joplin, the holder, was third. In the Higham's women's championship M. Barlow defeated the holder, M. Ironfield.

Other club events resulted:--Girls' novice: 1, E. Newsham; 2, E. Wellington; 3, N. Almond. Boys' novice: 1, G. Johnson; 2, E. Veevers; 3, C. Woods. Girls' 50 yards handicap: 1, D. Boulton; 2, D. Birtwell; 3, I. Birtwell. Men's 50 yards handicap: 1, E. Mills; 2, G. Johnson; 3, D. Walker.

In friendly competition Accrington girls' squadron outswam Darwen girls, and Accrington men defeated Darwen men. At polo Accrington won 3-0, H. McPherson scoring in the first half, and L. Dean and G. Broadley in the second half.

A diving demonstration was given by Thomas Duckworth, of Darwen, a boy who is winner of four open diving competitions. The Mayor of Accrington, Alderman G. H. Ellis, presided.

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Pre-War Swimmers

Accrington Swimming Club are thinking of rallying pre-1914 swimmers for an appropriate gathering when Mr. Walter Westall, a former champion of the club, hands over the shield that he has generously given in memory of his late brother, Mr. Fred Westall, a former secretary of the club.

Mr Westall has ensured that there shall be a permanent souvenir to go with temporary possession of the shield, by giving ten replicas for as many years ahead.

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Just before the war broke out, Accrington Swimming Club had got together a very fine polo team of swimmers, including Walter and Fred Westall, Johnny Clough, Jack Heaton. There was also James Haworth, to-day of Nelson.

A reunion would be an interesting event both to the swimmers of 20 years ago and those of to-day.

23rd August 1935

Johnny Clough is my great uncle, known to us as Jack Clough. He is Fred Westall's brother-in-law.

PRAISE FOR BARROW

Swimming League Official's Tribute to Girl Swimmers

Barrow girls' squadron team were complimented by Mr. R. Hodgson, of Blackburn, president of the North Lancashire League, when he presented the championship shield to them at Accrington on Saturday night after their victory over the Accrington girls' squadron team.

He said they had in their captain, Miss Sheila Calderhead, one of the finest swimmers in England, and also a good girls' team who were following the lead that Miss Calderhead was giving.

The Barrow girls were one of the finest women's squadron teams they had ever had in the North-Lancashire League.

Barrow, who were competing against Accrington in various N.L.L. events, won the medley races by 7-1. Miss Annie Coulson on the breast stroke bringing off Accrington's one victory. Barrow won both squadron races. In the polo match there was a draw of two goals each.

Welsh and Tonge scored for Barrow in the first half and G. Broadley and McPherson for Accrington in the second half.

In Accrington club events much interest was taken in the Westall Memorial Shield competition for the best stylist. The shield has been presented by Mr. Walter Westall, a former playing member, in memory of his brother, the late Mr. Fred Westall, a former secretary of the club. The winner, judged on 25 yards each of breast, back, side and free strokes, was Miss Mollie Coulson, who is the club champion. The second place was secured by Miss Mary Whittaker, and the third by Albert Bury.

Miss Mollie Coulson won the women's championship for the sixth time, with the twin sisters, R. and I. Birtwell, second and third. Leslie Dean won the men's championship, with L. Kilgallen (six times holder) second, W. Place third and T. Coulson fourth.

The last swims of the season in the works welfare team race left Howard and Bul-lough's ring frame team and Accrington Borough Police tying, and they will swim off at a later date. The individual championship of the works teams went to G. Broadley with E. Thornton second and F. Windle third.

Other events.—Women's 50 yards handicap: 1. B. Blakemore; 2. D. Lyon; 3. E. Taylor. Men's ditto: 1. J. Chadwick; 2. J. Holden; 3. K. Dearden.

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO. PRESTON WIN AT ACCRINGTON.

Considerable interest centred in this friendly encounter, which took place at Accrington last night. Preston won the squadron race by half a length of the bath, and elected to defend the deep end.

Jackson, the Accrington captain, was the first to get away, only to be robbed by Farrar and Knott, getting possession, shot straight into the home custodian's arms. Dawson, the visitors' goalkeeper, was then tested by Hobson, but proved safe, giving to Farrar, whose shot was a trifle too high. Walter Westall then secured, and sent in a rasper, Dawson clearing in fine style. Farrar gave F. Westall considerable trouble with a shot which he just managed to turn aside, and the interval arrived without a goal being scored.

On the resumption W. Westall missed a good opportunity, sending in a weak shot with practically an open goal. Statham then secured the leather, and, dashing in, forced F. Westall to give a corner, from which, however, nothing accrued. Jackson and Hobson then got down, and for a time play remained in the visitors' quarters, Dawson clearing several good shots. Wilson gave to Farrar, who parted to Statham, who was well placed, and experienced no difficulty in beating Westall. Wilson rattled the crossbar with a good shot from long range, and a moment after added a second point for his side with a shot that completely baffled the Accrington keeper. The game had been very scrappy at times, the narrowness of the bath seriously militating against combination. On many occasions the players were gathered in a bunch, with scarcely room to move. No further score resulted. Final—Preston 2, Accrington 0.

In a members' race, contested in six heats, H.

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