

# **Records of the Northern Cross- Country Association**

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1906-1983

Records of the Northern Cross-Country Association comprising a small number of minutes and meeting papers; programmes relating to the annual championships; large sequence of official results; and miscellaneous newspaper cuttings and ephemera. The majority of papers date from the mid-20th century although the collection does include some earlier newspaper cuttings and programmes dating back to 1906.

The collection also includes a small number of papers, primarily typescript results, relating to the Northern Women's Cross-Country League.

**Administrative history:** The Northern Cross-Country Association (NCCA) was founded in 1882. It was originally confined to the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, Durham, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire. The management was vested in a committee comprising one representative of each associated club for ordinary meetings, and two representatives for general meetings. Each associated club paid an annual subscription and each was held equally liable for any losses incurred in staging the annual championships. The Association's first President, or Chairman, was H. M. Oxley of Cheshire Tally-Ho Harriers. A number of early championships were held at Manchester Racecourse, Salford.

A number of reports concerning the NCCA, and its annual championships, were published in the journal *Athletic News*.

Sources: Records of the Northern Cross-Country Association; 'The Northern Cross-Country Association: A Centenary History' by Dr Phil Thomas, 1982 (reference: ATH/WM/2/1)

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**Arrangement:** These papers have been arranged into the following four series:

Minutes, meeting papers and correspondence;

Athletics programmes;

Results;

Newspaper cuttings and ephemera;

Papers relating to the Northern Women's Cross-Country League

1 standard box (comprising 4 files and 27 items)

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**Language:** English

**Creator name:** Northern Cross-Country Association

**Custodial history:** This collection was previously in the custody of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL).

**Archival notes:** Papers arranged and described by Mark Eccleston, March 2015, in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description (ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; and in-house cataloguing guidelines.

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**Related material:** Other archive collections, formerly held as part of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL), are catalogued as collections distinct from this collection. They comprise both institutional archives and collections of personal papers of athletes, athletics administrators, journalists and others associated with the athletics world.

Catalogues of the institutional archives available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1880-1992. Finding No: ATH/AAA;

English Cross-Country Union: papers, 1911-1989. Finding No: ATH/ECCU;

Midland Counties Amateur Athletics Association: papers, 1900-1991. Finding No: ATH/MCAAA;

Midland Counties Cross Country Association: papers, 1898-1985. Finding No: ATH/MCCCA;

Midland Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1949-[1980s]. Finding No: ATH/MCWAAA;

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1933-1989. Finding No: ATH/NCWAAA;

Northern Cross-Country Association: papers, 1906-1983. Finding No: ATH/NCCA;

Northern Women's Track and Field League: papers, 1982-1983. Finding No: ATH/NWTFL;

Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1958-1983. Finding No: ATH/SCAAA;

Southern Counties Cross-Country Association: papers, 1911-1990. Find No: ATH/SCCCA;

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The Sports Council: papers, [1940s]-2001.  
Find No: ATH/SC.

Catalogues of personal papers available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Abrahams, Harold Maurice (1899-1978), athlete, administrator, commentator and journalist: papers, 1902-1989. Finding No: ATH/HA;

Adam, George Mair (1898-1989), athlete, coach and athletics administrator: papers, 1909-1989. Finding No: ATH/GA;

Binks, Joseph (Joe) (1874-1966), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, [1920s-1950s]. Finding No: ATH/JB;

Cardew, Martin H. (b 1927), athlete: papers, 1964-1988. Finding No: ATH/MHC;

Cullum, Dennis Noel Johnson (1913-1985), athlete and coach: papers, [1930s]-1985. Finding No: ATH/DC;

Ives, Bert (1890-1975), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, [1920s-1970s]. Finding No: ATH/BI;

Jewell, John Christopher (1912-2001), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, 1897-2002. Finding No: ATH/JJ;

Lloyd-Edgley, Ralph: scrapbook, [c 1924]-[c 1931]. Finding No: ATH/RLE;

MacLean, Duncan (1884-1980), athlete and coach: papers, 1948-1977. Finding No: ATH/DM;

Monk, Walter Harry (Wal) (1896-after 1965), athlete: papers, 1918-1961. Finding No: ATH/WHM;

Morgan, Wilf (b 1935), athlete and athletics historian: papers, 1937-2012. Finding No: ATH/WM;

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Newton, Arthur Francis Hamilton (1883-1959), athlete: papers, [c 1904]-[1990s].  
Finding No: ATH/AN;

Payne, Howard (1931-1992), athlete:  
papers, 1899-[c 1975]. Finding No:  
ATH/HP;

Percy, Joe W. (1912-2001), athlete and  
athletics administrator: papers, 1910-1997.  
Finding No: ATH/JWP;

Powell, Edgar Robert Leslie (Peter), (fl  
1920s-70s), athlete: papers, 1813-1988.  
Finding No: ATH/ERLP;

Richards, Wilf (b 1906), athlete and  
journalist: papers, 1924-[mid-20th century].  
Finding No: ATH/WR;

Roberts, Dave (fl 1930s-1990s), athlete and  
statistician: papers, [1930s]-1991. Finding  
No: ATH/DR;

Simpson, Colin J. (1929-2011), athlete and  
athletics administrator: papers, 1945-1990.  
Finding No: ATH/CS;

Tatham, Wilfrid George (Gus) (1898-1978),  
athlete: papers, 1908-1960. Finding No:  
ATH/WGT;

Thomas, Dr Philip, athletics administrator  
and coach: papers, [c 1900]-[late 20th  
century]. Finding No: ATH/PT;

Vargas, Charles Climaco (1905-1975),  
athlete: papers, 1921-31. Finding No:  
ATH/CCV;

Ward, Leonard H., athletics coach: papers,  
[mid-20th century]. Finding No: ATH/LW;

Watman, Melvyn Francis (Mel) (b 1938),  
athletics journalist and statistician: papers,  
1980-1993. Finding No: ATH/MW;

Wight, Robert M., athletics administrator:  
papers, [mid-20th century]. Finding No:  
ATH/RW;

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Winter, Arthur E. H. (d 1990), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, [early 20th century]-1983. Finding No: ATH/AW;

Yarrow, Squire Stevens (1905-1984), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, 1938-1984. Finding No: ATH/SY.

ATH/NCCA/1	<p>Minutes, meeting papers and correspondence</p> <p>Small number of meeting papers covering 21 September 1906 to 14 January 1983 although the majority of papers date from the 1960s onwards. Early papers are photocopied, rather than originals.</p> <p>Papers include notices of forthcoming meetings; agendas; financial records; rules; committee members; notice concerning the termination of agreement between AAA and NCU, April 1910; typescript report on cross-country running in the Hull district from 1890; small number of items of correspondence; Secretary's Report, 1967-1968; and minutes of AGM of West Lancashire Cross-Country Association with Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, 1980s.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	[mid-20th century]
ATH/NCCA/2	<p>Athletics programmes</p> <p>Athletics programmes covering events organised by the Northern Cross-Country Association. All except one programme relates to the Annual Championships, held in February. As a whole the programmes provide information about meeting officials; basic information about entrants; advertisements for other meetings; and details of advertisers and sponsors. Some programmes include lists of committee members and results of previous championships.</p>	1906-1982

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A number of programmes are photocopies for which the originals do not appear to have survived.

27 items

Access: Open

ATH/NCCA/2/1 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 17 February 1906

Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Haydock Park Racecourse.

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ATH/NCCA/2/2 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 17 February 1912

Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Lofthouse Park, Wakefield.

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ATH/NCCA/2/3 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 23 February 1929

Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Alderley Park, Cheshire.

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ATH/NCCA/2/4 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 22 February 1930

Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Gosforth Park Race Course, Newcastle.

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| ATH/NCCA/2/5 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 28 February 1931 |
|              | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Haydock Park Race Course.            |                  |
|              | 1 item   |                  |
|              | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/6 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 25 February 1933 |
|              | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Crewe Hall Park.                     |                  |
|              | 1 item   |                  |
|              | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/7 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 23 February 1935 |
|              | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster.        |                  |
|              | 1 item   |                  |
|              | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/8 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 22 February 1936 |
|              | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Brinsworth Sports Ground, Rotherham. |                  |
|              | 1 item   |                  |
|              | Access: Open   |                  |
|              | <b>Physical description:</b> Photocopy   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/9 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 27 February 1937 |
|              | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Alder Forest, Worsley.               |                  |
|              | 1 item   |                  |
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- ATH/NCCA/2/10 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 26 February 1938  
Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Stockton  
Racecourse.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/11 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 25 February 1939  
Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Farington Works,  
Leyland.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/12 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 23 February 1946  
Northern Cross-Country Association 'Victory  
Championships' held at Rider's Fields,  
Radcliffe.  
1 item  
Access: Open  
**Physical description:** Photocopy
- ATH/NCCA/2/13 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 23 February 1946  
Northern Cross-Country Association 'Victory  
Championships' held at Rider's Fields,  
Radcliffe.  
1 item  
Access: Open  
**Physical description:** Cover has been  
removed.
- ATH/NCCA/2/14 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 28 February 1948  
Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Sherdley Park,  
Sutton, St Helens.  
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- Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/15 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 26 February 1949
- Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Rowntree's Sports Ground, York.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/16 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 24 February 1951
- Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Gosforth Park Race Course, Newcastle Upon Tyne.
- With manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/17 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 21 February 1953
- Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Graves Park, Sheffield.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/18 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 14 February 1959
- Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' organised by Bolton United Harriers and Athletic Club and held at Nab Gate, Harwood.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCCA/2/19 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 12 February 1966
- Northern Cross-Country Association  
'Championships' held at Bradley Bar, Huddersfield.
- 1 item

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| ATH/NCCA/2/20 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 8 February 1975  |
|               | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' organised by Clayton-le-Moors Harriers and held at Towneley Park, Burnley. |                  |
|               | 1 item   |                  |
|               | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/21 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 12 February 1977 |
|               | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Military Field, Roundhay Park, Leeds.                              |                  |
|               | 1 item   |                  |
|               | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/22 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 11 February 1978 |
|               | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.   |                  |
|               | With loose insert.   |                  |
|               | 1 item   |                  |
|               | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/23 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 10 February 1979 |
|               | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Witton Park, Blackburn.  |                  |
|               | 1 item   |                  |
|               | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/NCCA/2/24 | Athletics programme: cross-country racing  | 14 February 1981 |
|               | Northern Cross-Country Association<br>'Championships' held at Beverley, Westwood, Humberside.                                    |                  |

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ATH/NCCA/2/25	Athletics programme: cross-country racing	13 February 1982
	Northern Cross-Country Association 'Championships' held at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/NCCA/2/26	Athletics programme: cross-country racing	20 November 1982
	Northern Cross-Country Association 'Centenary Celebration Inter-Area Divisional Cross-Country Race' held at Templenessam, Leeds.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/NCCA/2/27	Athletics programme: cross-country racing	12 February 1983
	Northern Cross-Country Association 'Championships' held at Towneley Holmes, Burnley.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/NCCA/3	Results	1909-1980
	Includes official report, with results, of NCCA Championships. Some reports are copies:	
	/1: 20 February 1909, photocopy	
	/2: [February] 1914, photocopy	
	/3: 21 February 1920, photocopy	
	/4: 19 February 1921, photocopy	
	/5: 18 February 1922, photocopy	
	/6: 17 February 1923, photocopy	

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- /7: 16 February 1924, photocopy
- /8: 21 February 1925, photocopy
- /9: [February] 1926, photocopy
- /10: [February] 1927, photocopy
- /11: 25 February 1928, photocopy
- /12: 23 February 1929
- /13: 22 February 1930
- /14: 28 February 1931
- /15: 24 February 1934
- /16: 22 February 1936, photocopy
- /17: 27 February 1937
- /18: 26 February 1938, photocopy
- /19: 25 February 1939
- /20: 23 February 1946
- /21: 22 February 1947
- /22: 28 February 1948
- /23: 26 February 1949
- /24: 25 February 1950
- /25: 24 February 1951
- /26: 23 February 1952
- /27: 21 February 1953
- /28: 27 February 1954
- /29: 19 February 1955
- /30: 18 February 1956, photocopy
- /31: 23 February 1957
- /32: 19 February 1958

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/33: 14 February 1959, photocopy

/34: 20 February 1960

/35: 25 February 1961

/36: 17 February 1962, photocopy

/37: 16 February 1963

/38: 15 February 1964, photocopy

/39: 13 February 1965, photocopy

/40: 12 February 1966, photocopy

/41: 11 February 1967, photocopy

/42: 17 February 1968, photocopy

/43: 8 February 1969, photocopy

/44-66: miscellaneous results of inter-area cross-country meetings, 1969-1980

1 file

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Newspaper cuttings and ephemera

[early 20th century]-  
1982

Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings, some undated and unidentified, concerning the Northern Cross-Country Association Annual Championships; ticket for the 48th Annual Championships held at Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster, 23 February 1935; typescript autobiography by George Mair Adam, 1981; and menu for NCAA 'Centenary Celebration Buffet', 20 November 1982.

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Papers relating to the Northern Women's Cross-Country League

1979-1983

Small number of papers, primarily typescript results, relating to meetings organised by

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