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1933-1989

Records of the Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association (NCWAAA). Comprises a small number of minutes and meeting papers; a sequence of athletics programmes relating to meetings organised by NCWAAA; substantial volume of results relating to women's athletics meetings held during 1970s and 1980s; correspondence, largely dated 1978-1982, relating to women's athletics in North-West England; and a small number of miscellaneous photographs.

Note that this collection includes a small number of papers relating to the Northern Women's Track and Field League (NWTFL). Other papers related to the NWTFL can be found at ATH/NWTFL

Administrative history: The Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association (NCWAAA) was established during the late 1920s, at a similar time to the establishment of women's associations in the Midland Counties and then in the Southern Counties, the latter was the last area to form a women's association in March 1930. The Northern Counties Amateur Athletic Association (NCAAA) itself had been established in 1879 by representatives of various northern clubs. The NCAAA and NCWAAA were replaced by the North of England Athletic Association in 1992.

Sources: 'Women's Athletics' by George Pallett, The Normal Press Limited: London, 1955

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

Minutes and meeting papers;

Records of the Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association

Athletics programmes;

Results;

Correspondence;

Photographs and negatives.

2 standard boxes (comprising 6 files and 39 items)

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Creator name: Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association

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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

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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;

The Sports Council: papers, [1940s]-

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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:

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papers, [mid-20th century]. Finding No:
ATH/RW;

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/NCWAAA/1 Minutes and meeting papers 1976-1982

Incomplete sequence of minutes and
meeting papers of the Northern Women's
Track and Field League and the Northern
Counties Women's Amateur Athletic
Association (NCWAAA). Northern
Women's Track and Field League papers
include minutes of AGM held in Leeds, 7
November 1976 and 5 November 1978;
meetings held in Cleckheaton, 26 October
1980 and 25 October 1981; balance
sheet, 1981; General Secretary report,
October 1982; financial statement, 1982.

NCWAAA papers include minutes of AGM
held in Leeds, 2 December 1978.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2 Athletics programmes 1933-1989

Programmes of athletic events organised
by the Northern Counties Women's
Amateur Athletic Association (NCWAAA).
The programmes primarily relate to track
and field events although some
programmes relate to cross-country
racing. Some programmes have been
annotated with placings and timings and
some appear to have been in the
possession of George Adam.

Programmes relate to meetings largely
organised by NCWAAA but also includes
some items relating to the Women's
Cross-Country and Race Walking

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Association.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/1 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 15 April 1933

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Second Annual Northern Cross-Country Championship' held at Anstable Holme Estate, Morecambe.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/2 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 20 April 1935

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Fourth Annual Northern Cross-Country Championship' held at Old Golf Links, Morecambe.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/3 Athletics programme: track and field 31 May 1952

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'First Annual Championships' held at Port Sunlight Recreation Grounds.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/4 Athletics programme: track and field 30 May 1953

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Second Annual Championships' held at The Crescent Athletic Ground, Salford.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/5 Athletics programme: track and field 30 May
1953

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Second Annual
Championships' held at The Crescent
Athletic Ground, Salford.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/6 Athletics programme: track and field 5 June
1954

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Third Annual
Championships' held at Municipal Track,
Temple Newsam, Leeds.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/7 Athletics programme: track and field 11 June
1955

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Fourth Annual
Championships' held at Municipal Track,
Temple Newsam, Leeds.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/8 Athletics programme: track and field 9 June
1956

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Fifth Annual
Championships' held at Rolling Mills

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Stadium, Darlington.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/9 Athletics programme: track and field 27 May
1957

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Northern Women's
Inter-Counties Amateur Athletic
Championship' held at Municipal Track,
Temple Newsam, Leeds.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/10 Athletics programme: track and field 8 June
1957

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Sixth Annual
Championships' held at Municipal Track,
Temple Newsam, Leeds.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/11 Athletics programme: track and field 24 May
1958

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Seventh Annual
Championships' held at Hillsborough
Sports Arena, Sheffield.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/12 Athletics programme: track and field 16 May
1959

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Eighth Annual
Championships' held at Marley Sports

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Stadium, Keighley.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/13 Athletics programme: track and field 4 June
1960

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Ninth Annual
Championships' held at King George V
Playing Fields, Huyton.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/14 Athletics programme: track and field 20 May
1961

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Tenth Annual
Championships' held at Rockingham
Sports Arena, near Barnsley.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/15 Athletics programme: track and field 20 May
1961

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Tenth Annual
Championships' held at Rockingham
Sports Arena, near Barnsley.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/16 Athletics programme: track and field 12 August
1961

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Inter-Counties
Championship' held at Carlisle Municipal

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- Track.
With manuscript annotations.
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- ATH/NCWAAA/2/17 Athletics programme: track and field 5 June
1965
Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Fourteenth Annual
Championships' held at Longfield Road
Stadium, Darlington.
With manuscript annotations.
1 item
Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/18 Athletics programme: track and field 6 June
1970
Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Nineteenth Annual
Championships' held at Witton Park,
Blackburn.
With manuscript annotations.
1 item
Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/19 Athletics programme: track and field 6 June
1970
Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Nineteenth Annual
Championships' held at Witton Park,
Blackburn.
1 item
Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/20 Athletics programme: cross-country
racing 17
January
1976
Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'National Women's
Inter-Counties Cross-Country

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Championships' held at Abbey Stadium,
Redditch.

With manuscript annotations.

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/21 Athletics programme: track and field 15 August
1976

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'West Pennines
Pentathlon and Relay Championships'
held at Witton Park, Blackburn.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/22 Athletics programme: track and field 19
December
1976

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Women's Inter
League' held at Leverhulme Park, Bolton.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/23 Athletics programme: cross-country 22
January
1977

Women's Cross-Country and Race
Walking Association 'Inter-Counties
Cross-Country Championships' held at
Chesham Fields, Bury.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/24 Athletics programme: cross-country 12
February
1977

Northern Counties Women's Cross-
County and Race Walking Association
'Cross-Country Championships' held at
Townley Park, Burnley.

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- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/25 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 26 February 1977
- Women's Cross-Country and Race Walking Association 'National Cross-Country Championships' held at Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/26 Athletics programme: track and field 4 June 1977
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Track and Field Championships' sponsored by Kingston upon Hull City Council Leisure Services Department and Arco Sports and Leisure and held at the Alderman Kneeshaw Recreation Centre, Bilton Grange.
- With manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/27 Athletics programme: track and field 19 June 1977
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Senior, Intermediate and Junior Pentathlon Championships' held at Kirkby Sports Centre.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/28 Athletics programme: track and field 26 June 1977
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-Counties Jubilee Track and Field Championships' held at Kirkby Sports Centre.

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1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/29 Athletics programme: track and field 23 July
1977

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'National Junior and
Intermediate Pentathlon Championships'
held at Wolverhampton Stadium,
Aldersley Road.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/30 Athletics programme: cross-country 25
racing February
1978

Women's Cross-Country and Race
Walking Association 'National Cross-
Country Championships' held at
Hughendon Park, High Wycombe.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/31 Athletics programme: track and field 23 July
1978

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Championships' held
at Kirkby Sports Centre.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/32 Athletics programme: cross-country 16
racing December
1978

Northern Counties Women's Amateur
Athletic Association 'Women's Inter-
League Cross-Country Match' held at
Amphill, Bedford.

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1 item

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/33 Athletics programme: track and field 15 July
1979

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-County Track and Field Championships' sponsored by the Borough of Blackburn and held at Witton Park, Blackburn.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/34 Athletics programme: track and field 18 August
1979

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Pentathlon, Walk and Relay Golden Jubilee Championships' sponsored by Stelrad Group Limited and held at Costello Athletics Stadium, Hull.

With manuscript annotations.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/NCWAAA/2/35 Athletics programme: track and field 6
September
1980

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-County Track and Field Championships' sponsored by Mileta Sports Limited and held at Princess Mary Stadium, Cleckheaton.

1 item

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ATH/NCWAAA/2/36 Athletics programme: track and field 2 August
1981

Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-County Track and Field Championships' held at Longford Stadium, Stretford.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/37 Athletics programme: track and field 18
October
1981
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Frodsham Ladies Relays' held at Frodsham Community Centre.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/38 Athletics programme: track and field 16 July
1989
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-County Track and Field Championships' held at Dorothy Hyman Stadium, Cudworth, Barnsley.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/2/39 Athletics programme: track and field [nd]
- Northern Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association 'Intermediate and Junior Pentathlon Championships and Merseyside Women's AAA Invitation County Match'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/NCWAAA/3 Results [1970s]-
[1980s]
- Two files comprising comprehensive set of results relating to various athletics meetings organised by various bodies, primarily NCWAAA but also including Northern Women's Track and Field League; Sports Hall League; and various schools athletics matches in North-West England. The majority of papers are dated late 1970s to early 1980s. Included with these results are some fixture lists and additional information regarding the

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organisation of specific athletics meetings.

3 files

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Correspondence

[1970s]-
[1980s]

Various items of correspondence, mostly dated 1978-1982, and largely concerning the NCWAAA. Some items include references to Liverpool Pembroke Athletic Club Ladies Section; Merseyside Schools; and Merseyside Women's AAA. There are also some papers relating to the Northern Women's Track and Field League, including details of officers and divisional secretaries. There are some items of correspondence with Merseyside Counties WAAA and Dr Phil Thomas concerning his role as statistician, 1978. Some papers refer to arrangements of forthcoming athletics meetings detailing arrangements.

It appears that some of these papers were in the possession of Dr Phil Thomas, collected by him in his role as athletics statistician in the North-West and as a divisional secretary to NCWAAA.

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Photographs and negatives

[1970s]

Small number of unidentified and uncaptioned photographs depicting athletes. Some images appear to have been taken during the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. Also includes miscellaneous images of horse riding.

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