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Papers collected by the athletics administrator Bob Wight. The collection comprises material relating to the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, including a substantial volume of newspaper issues featuring reports and news from the Games; a small number of articles written by Wight, mainly for inclusion in 'Convocation Review' at the University of Leicester; and photographs and slides taken by, or collected by, Wight between 1952 and 1960.

**Administrative history:** Robert Wight was born in Scotland and for a number of years was Director of Physical Education at the University of Leicester. His particular interest was hammer throwing but he was heavily involved in all aspects of athletics. Internal evidence suggests that Wight attended the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, collecting newspaper reports and taking slide images during the meeting. He became President of the Commission pour l'Etude du Sport Universitaire during the early 1970s and received the Diploma d'Onore of the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire for his work at the World Student Games, c 1973. He was elected Vice-President of the British Physical Education Association, c 1976, and shortly afterwards became a Fellow of that organisation. He was made a life Vice-President of Leicestershire and Rutland AAA at the club's 46th annual meeting.

Wight was also a prolific author of articles concerning athletics. Many articles were published during the 1960s in the following sporting journals: Top Level Sport in Universities; The Physical Education Yearbook; Outdoors; Hermes; FISU Bulletin; Sport in the World of Technology; Traguardi; Journal of Physical Education; UPEA Bulletin; University Sport in a Changing World.

Source: papers of Robert (Bob) Wight

**Arrangement:** These papers have been arranged into the following 3 series:

material relating to the 1960 Rome Olympic Games;

articles and writings;

photographs and slides

## Papers of Robert (Bob) Wight

1 standard box and 1 outsize box (comprising 6 files and 23 items)

Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers.

**Notes:** Old references: RW; NCAL XXV

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**Language:** English German Italian

**Creator name:** Wight, Robert M., athletics administrator

**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, October 2014, in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description (ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; and in-house cataloguing guidelines.

**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: AAA;

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Midland Counties Amateur Athletics Association:  
papers, 1900-1982. Finding No: MCAAAA;

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

Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association:  
papers, 1958-1983. Finding No: SCAAAA.

Catalogues, or collection descriptions, 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;

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.

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ATH/RW/1                      Material relating to 1960 Rome Olympic Games                      [c 1960]

Publications and ephemera relating to the 1960 Rome Olympic Games and collected by Wight. The series includes a substantial volume of newspaper issues, some written in Italian, providing daily reports on the Games.

Slides [presumably taken by Wight] depicting the Games can be found at ATH/RW/3/2

2 files and 23 items

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ATH/RW/1/1                      1960 Rome Olympic Games: newspaper issues                      1960

Comprises a substantial volume of newspaper issues featuring results and news from the Olympic Games. Many newspapers are written in Italian:

/1: Corriere dello Sport, 1 September 1960

/2: Corriere dello Sport, 2 September 1960

/3: Daily American, 2 September 1960

/4: Corriere dello Sport, 3 September 1960

/5: Tuttosport, 3 September 1960

/6: Daily American, 3 September 1960

/7: Corriere Sportivo, 4 September 1960

/8: Specchio, 4 September 1960

/9: Daily American, 4-5 September 1960

/10: La Gazzetta dello Sport, 6 September 1960

/11: Daily American, 6 September 1960

/12: Daily American, 7 September 1960

/13: Corriere dello Sport, 7 September 1960

/14: Daily American, 8 September 1960

/15: Corriere dello Sport, 8 September 1960

/16: Corriere dello Sport, 9 September 1960

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/17: Daily American, 9 September 1960

/18: Corriere dello Sport, 10 September 1960

/19: Daily American, 10 September 1960

/20: Il Tempo, 11 September 1960

/21: Sunday American, 11 September 1960

/22: Daily American, 11-12 September 1960

/23: Daily American, 13 September 1960

23 items

Access: Open

**Language:** English Italian

ATH/RW/1/2      1960 Rome Olympic Games: publications      [c 1960]

Comprises small number of maps, guidebooks to Rome, tourist information and magazine and newspaper cuttings.

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Access: Open

**Language:** English Italian

ATH/RW/1/3      1960 Rome Olympic Games: ephemera      [c 1960]

Comprises material relating to travel arrangements and accommodation in Rome; tickets for athletics events; and typescript timetable of events.

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ATH/RW/2      Articles and writings      [mid-20th century]

Small volume of publications, articles and other writings collected by Wight primarily during the 1970s.

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ATH/RW/2/1	Articles written by Robert Wright	1970-1980
	<p>Comprises various annual reports [written for 'Convocation Review', an annual publication produced by the University of Leicester] providing sporting news at the University throughout the 1970s. These reports give details of sporting teams and their successes and list R. M. Wight as Director of Physical Education. There are numerous references to the Manor Road ground including an article by Wight 'Twenty Five Years at Manor Road', 1976. There is also a typescript 'addendum to report on CESU activities' by Wight, June 1975.</p>	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
ATH/RW/2/2	Writings collected by Robert Wright	[mid-20th century]
	<p>Comprises copy of unidentified newspaper article 'A Salute to Bob Wight by AAA' providing brief details of Wight's involvement in athletics; cuttings listing titles of Wight's publications and articles concerning athletics; typescript article 'Sport and the Community' by A. D. Munrow [Director of Physical Education at the University of Birmingham]; and various typescript papers, some written in German, from FISU [International University Sports Federation] meeting in Obertraun, 1962.</p>	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
	<b>Language:</b> English German	
ATH/RW/3	Photographs and slides	1952-1960
	<p>Photographs and slides collected by Bob Wight, some captioned and dated.</p>	
	2 files	
	Access: Open	
ATH/RW/3/1	Photographs	1952-1960
	<p>Comprises one postcard depicting image of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games stadium; and three unidentified group photographs depicting athletic</p>	



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teams [presumably representing the University of Leicester].

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Slides

1960

Slides taken at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games. Images depict the athletics stadium; various unidentified athletes including sprinters, discus thrower and cyclists; and tourist scenes of Rome. Some slides carry brief captions.

Printed material relating to the Games can be found at ATH/RW/1

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