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Various Personal Papers etc.

BOX 1

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BOX 2

European Championships 1974. Entries, start lists.
World Championships 1983. Results.
World Championships 1993. Start lists etc.
4th European Cross-country Championships 1997. Entry forms.
European Indoor Championships 1998. Entry forms.
European Championships 1998. Entry forms, start lists, results.
Commonwealth Games 1998. Entry forms.

BOX 3

Intermediate times for some outstanding long distance walking and running records 1870 to 1908. Includes Shrubbs and Larnier.
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Best indoor performances: World, European, Commonwealth & UK, as at March, 1991.
New Zealand top 10 lists 1991, compiled by Barry S. Hunt.
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Sub-4 minute mile correspondence & statistics. (1995).
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Major meetings 1961-1997.

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 Mile statistics at 31st December, 1997.
 Miscellaneous correspondence from Ian Smith re 1 Mile statistics. (1996 & 1998).
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 UK Olympic Athletes (c.2000). Supplement to "British Olympians" by Ian Buchanan (1991).
 European Women's records progression. (2001).
 World, European & UK records (indoors), as at 31st March, 2002.
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 AAA champions 1880-.
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 International athletes' biographical data file.
 Women's middle distance statistics (mainly).
 Note-book. Progressive world records (to 1958) & British records (to 1965).
 Note-book. Miscellaneous contents.

BOX 4

Olympic Games, Mexico City, 1968. Complete results.
 Olympic Games, Montreal, 1976. Box-file containing programme, daily inserts, start lists, "Leichtathletik" results edition, 2 "Athletics Weekly"
 Results editions.
 IAAF World Cup results: 1977, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1989.
 Olympic Games, Los Angeles, 1984. Box-file containing results.
 1998 competitions. In box-file:
 (i) Europa Cup Super League, St. Petersburg. Entries.
 (ii) Europa Cup 1st League, Budapest. Entries, start lists and results.
 (iii) IAAF 7th World Junior Championships, Annecy. Results.
 (iv) IAAF 8th World Cup, Johannesburg. Start lists and results.

BOX 5

Many notebooks and sets of result slips from UK meetings.

BOX 6

'Sprinting and the "Photo-Finish" Camera' by Harold Abrahams. (with photos).
 Olympic Games 1948. 200 metres women 3rd place error (Shirley Strickland). Correspondence and prints.
 Some photo-finish prints from all Olympic Games 1948-1968.
 Sundry films 1950's to 1980's.
 Photo-finish prints from Olympic Games 100 metres: 1952, 1956, 1960.
 Auto-timings for Olympic Games: 1952, 1956, 1960.
 Auto-timings, compiled by Bob Sparks for Olympic Games 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968; Pan-American Games 1955; CAC Games 1954, 1959;
 Asian Games 1962; Commonwealth Games 1966, 1974.
 Photo prints. CAC Games: 1954, 1959.
 Photo prints. European Championships: 1954, 1978.
 Photo prints. Pan-American Games: 1955.
 Photo-finish recordings at British Empire & Commonwealth Games 1958.
 Photo prints. Asian Games: 1962.
 Olympic Games 1968. Photo-finish prints for most events. (in 19 large envelopes).
 Olympic Games 1968. Prints of 4 x 400 metres final.
 Olympic Games 1968. Further prints for 10000m and a few other events.
 Olympic Games 1976. Photo-finish print of men's 4 x 100 metres and a few results.
 Photo prints. IAAF 1st World Cup, 1977.
 Photo-finish timing corrections: 1977-79.
 Photo-finish material. AAA Championships, 1978 – 10000 metres.
 Photo-finish errors. 1979.
 Correspondence with Omega Sports Timing (1980) re Olympic 10000 metres 1968.
 Olympic Games 1980. Timing.
 Correspondence and films re. timekeeping 1982-1984.
 Olympic Games 1984. Correspondence re. timing of the marathon.
 Photo-finish adjustments, especially Daley Thompson.
 Correspondence and films re. Steve Cram's world mile record in 1985.
 Summary of time-recording policy at the Olympic Games, 1948-1984.
 Olympic Games 1988. Correspondence re. timing of the 5000 metres.
 Scottish AAA 10000 metres photo-finish. (no date).

BOX 7

Results envelopes for the following home meetings. Some include start lists and/or film:

2/2/1980. UK v FRG (indoors). Includes some prints.
 14-15/6/1980. UK Championships. Crystal Palace.
 27/6/1980. SCAAA Talbot Games.
 5-6/7/1980. SCAAA Championships.
 8/8/1980. Coco Cola meeting.
 15-16/8/1980. WAAA Championships.
 24-25/5/1981. UK Championships. Antrim.
 26-27/6/1981. SCAAA Championships.
 31/7/1981. Talbot Games.
 10/2/1982. GBR v BEL (men) & GBR v NED (women) (indoors).
 13/3/1982. ENG v USA (indoors).
 18-19/6/1982. GBR v BEL v GDR.
 17/7/1982. ENG v KEN v JAP v ESP.
 24-25/7/1982. AAA Championships.
 30-31/7/1982. WAAA Championships.
 4/8/1982. SCAAA v Combined Services v British Police v Achilles Club.
 14/8/1982. GBR v FRG (juniors). Event programme included.
 20/8/1982. Talbot Games.
 30/8/1982. Heinz British Games.
 12/2/1983. GBR v FRA. Cosford.
 12/3/1983. ENG v USA (indoors).
 28-29/1/1983. AAA & WAAA Indoor Championships.
 5/6/1983. GBR v USSR.
 1/7/1983. ENG v POL v AUT v BEL.
 2-3/7/1983. SCWAAA Championships.
 9-10/7/1983. AAA Decathlon Championships.
 31/8/1983. ENG v SCO v NOR v HUN.
 13-14/1/1984. AAA & WAAA Indoor Championships.
 1-2/6/1984. SCAAA Championships.
 17/6/1984. British League, Division 1.
 23-24/6/1984. AAA Championships.
 14-15/6/1985. SCAAA Championships.
 19-20/7/1985. Talbot Games.
 21-22/3/1986. AAA & WAAA U20 Indoor Championships.
 6/8/1986. SCAAA v Welsh AAA v Combined Services v Achilles Club.
 8/8/1986. IAC Miller Lite meeting.
 24-25/5/1987. UK Championships.
 20/6/1987. ENG v CZE v ITA (men) & ENG v CZE v BUL (women).
 27/6/1987. GBR v FRG v POL (juniors). Ipswich.
 10/7/1987. Peugeot Talbot Games.

Packet of films from several meetings in 1974.

Meetings' films (in tins):

Gateshead meeting (29/6).

ENG v USA (27/6); SCAAA U20 (19/7); GBR v Commonwealth (5/8); IAC Miller Lite meeting (8/8); SCAAA U20 Inter-Area (14/9).

Kodak Classic (13/6).

BOX 8

File of photo-finish prints. No details of the meetings.

Statistical biographies and major championship results from 1970's.

Various world championships 1983-1992.

5th IAAF World Indoor Championships. Barcelona, 1995. Start lists.

IAAF World Championships 1995. Entries and start lists.

National record lists file, c.1996.

World Indoor Championships 1997 file.

BOX 9

European Championships 1969. Start lists, some results.

European Championships 1969: jumps, 20 km. walk, 10000m. information.

Olympic Games, Munich 1972. Results (3 folders).

Commonwealth games 1974. Full results.

European Championships 1974. Full results.

GB internationals 1975. Result sheets.

GB internationals 1976. Result sheets.

7th European Cup 1979, Turin. Press information booklet: entries, statistics.

Women's world championships, Sittard, 1980. Results.
 Commonwealth Games 1986. Results.
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 Olympic Games, Barcelona, 1992. Folder.
 4th IAAF World championships, Stuttgart, 1993. 4 x 400 metres races results.
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 Ireland v North of England v Russia, 25/6/1994. Results.
 European Championships, 1994. Results sheets.
 World Championships (1995?). 4 x 400 metres splits.
 Sensomatic Cork City Sports, 22/6/1996.
 Olympic Games, Atlanta, 1996. Men's & women's marathon results.
 BUPA Indoor Grand Prix, Birmingham, 23/2/1997. Official results.
 BUPA British Championships, Birmingham, 11-13/7/1997. Results.
 Spar British Challenge, Crystal palace, 17/8/1997. Official results.
 AAA Championships, Birmingham, 24-25/8/1997. Start lists & official results.
 AAA Championships, Birmingham, 24-26/7/1998. Programme, start lists & results.
 BUPA Indoor Grand Prix, Birmingham, 14/2/1999. Results.
 Loughborough University v England (and others), Loughborough, 23/5/1999. Results.
 AAA Championships, Birmingham, 23-25/7/1999. Start lists & results.
 CGU British Grand Prix, Crystal Palace, 7/8/1999. Programme, start lists & results.
 7th IAAF World Championships, Seville, 1999. Results sheets.
 Norwich Union British Grand Prix, Crystal Palace, 5/8/1999. Start lists & results.
 AAA Championships, Birmingham, 11-13/8/2000. Programme, start lists & results.
 AAA Championships, Birmingham, 13-15/7/2001. Full results.

BOX 10

Meetings' films, usually in tins:

- 1975: B.I.G. (31/5), Southern Champs; Southern Counties v PE Colleges (1/6), Southern WAAA Champs (7-8/6), AAA v Borough Road College (11/6); Counties Athletic Union Champs, Pye Cup final, Phillips International (4/7); AAA Champs, WAAA Champs, Europa Cup semi-final; BAAB Decathlon (3-4/5), UK v USSR (24-25/8), IAC Coca-Cola meeting (29/8), UK v SWE (13-14/9).
- 1976: Southern Counties v RAF v Borough Road College (5/5), Kraft Games (4-5/6); WAAA Champs (20-21/8), AAA v Borough Road Coll. (26/5); AAA Champs, Southern Counties v Loughborough Colls. v Oxford Univ. (28/4), IAC Coca-Cola meeting (6/8), UK v POL v CAN (3-4/7); Southern Champs (18-19/6), CAU Champs (30-31/5); WAAA Pentathlon & Relays (18/9), Debenhams Games (17/9).
- 1977: WAAA Champs, Phillips Silver meeting (18/5); Debenhams Games (25-26/7), Europa Cup semi-final (16-17/7), UK v FRG (28-29/8); Southern Champs (17-18/6), IAC Coca-Cola meeting; AAA Champs (22-23/7); Edinburgh Highland Games (20/8).
- 1978: Phillips meeting (24/5), Southern Champs (2-3/6); WAAA Trials (17-18/6); AAA Champs (23-24/6); Southern WAAA Champs (22-23/7); WAAA Champs.
- 1979: Phillips meeting (16/5), Southern WAAA Champs (2-3/6); AAA Champs (13-14/7), WAAA Champs, UK Champs (11-12/8); WAAA Pentathlon & Relays (16/6); ENG v BEL v NOR v SCO (10/6), UK v FRA (B) (30/6), Europa Cup semi-final (1/7); WAAA Champs (27-28/7); ENG v POL v SUI (27/8); SCAAA Champs (17-18/8); Rotary Games (31/8); GRE Cup (1/9), Amoco Games (8-9/9), IAC Coca-Cola meeting (14/9), UK v URS (22-23/9).
- 1980: ENG v BEL v SCO v SWE (21/5); WAAA Pentathlon (24/5); Cwmbran (25-26/5); SCAAA Champs (4-7/6); UK Champs (14-15/6); Talbot Games (27/6); UK 800m & 1500m (21/6); Amoco Games (13/7); WAAA Champs (15-16/8); British Meat games (25/8), AAA Junior Champs (2-3/8); IAC Coca-Cola meeting (8/8); ENG v SCO v YUG v NOR (31/8); AAA Champs (5-6/9); UK v SWE (12-13/9).
- 1981: UK Champs (24-25/5); Phillips International (3/6); UK v POL v FRG (23-24/6); SCAAA Champs (26-27/6); UK v URS (17-18/7); WAAA Champs (24-25/7); Gateshead Games (26/7); Talbot Games (31/7); AAA Decathlon (1-2/8); Combined Events European Cup (29-30/8); IAC Coca-Cola meeting (11/9); GRE Cup Finals (19-20/9).
- 1982: ENG v USA v SWE v AUS (9/6); UK v GDR v BEL (18-19/6); Southern Champs (19-20/6); Southern Junior Champs (26-27/6); WAAA Relays (3/7); ENG v JAP v KEN v ESP (17/7); AAA Champs (24-25/7); WAAA Champs (30-31/7); Iveco International (31/7); AAA Junior (31/7-1/8); Welsh Games (11-12/8); UK v FRG Junior (14/8).
- 1983: ENG v POL (1/7); Talbot Games (15/7); Southern WAAA Champs; Europa Cup (20-21/8); Nike Classic (29/8).
- 1984: GBR v FRG Indoors (9/2); ENG v USA Indoors (10/3); HFC meeting (27-28/5); Southern Champs (1-2/6); AAA Champs (23-24/6); Rank Xerox Games (6/7); U20 Champs (11-12/8); Nike Classic (18/8).
- 1985: AAA/WAAA Champs Indoors (25-26/1); Southern Champs (14-15/6); GBR v CZE v FRA (29/6); GBR v GDR v JAP (6-7/7); AAA Champs (13-14/7); Talbot Games (19-20/7); ENG v CZE v HUN v POL (26/8).

BOX 11

Decathlon Tables 1912. Includes copies of a Swedish publication from 1917.
 "Are Athletes Machines?" Article by A.V. Hill in "Scientific American", August, 1927.
 USSR Scoring Tables 1928. (Photocopy).

1930 German tables for Women's pentathlon. (Photocopy).
 1935 International 100 points scoring tables for women). (Photocopy).
 German Scoring Tables 1943. Copies from a German publication.
 Metric – Imperial conversion tables. (Photocopies).
 Scoring tables – 3 files. (No dates). Timekeeping. Correspondence and auto-times from numerous events. (Large concertina file).
 Formulae for IAAF Combined Events scoring system + miscellaneous papers.
 Authentic times for post-war Olympic Games with automatic timing.
 Fully-automatic photo-finish timings from 1952, 1956 & 1960 Olympic Games.
 Major meetings with photo-finish, 1958-61.
 60 metres indoor events. Scoring tables' proposals.
 European Cup Final, Munich, 1997. Results & photo-finish prints.
 Timing correspondence, including letter from Don Potts & Bob Hersch (20/12/1979).
 Correspondence re. OMEGA timing (1984 & 1991).
 1984 Combined Events Competitions scoring tables. Photocopied extract of text, not including the tables.
 Decathlon Progressive Records correspondence, including letter to Don Potts, 14/12/1984.
 Miscellaneous correspondence with Fulvio Regli etc. re. Women's Pentathlon. (991984-87).
 "A statistician's nightmare" re. Combined Events records and scoring tables (1985).
 "Point-by-point commentaries on IAAF edition of scoring tables for Men's and Women's Combined Events Competitions (approved in 1984)", by Rooney Magnusson. (1986).
 "The 1985 IAAF Decathlon Scoring Tables: an attempt at analysis", by Gunter Tidow.
 Correspondence, including with Alan Lindop (1985), re. 60 metres scoring tables.
 IAAF Combined Events' Scoring Tables correspondence, 1989, especially with Howard Willman, USA.
 Auto-times, Patinaud lists, etc.
 Lists of various UK and England records. Letter from BAF to Bob Sparks.
 Timekeeping correspondence (electrical timing).
 Current/former world records, Decathlon, at 1st June, 1993.
 Barcelona 1995: national indoor best performances. (Loose-leaf file).
 IAAF official handbook – names list (10/2/1995). (Loose-leaf file).

BOX 12

World Cup results, 1977-1989.
 World Indoor Championships, 1985-1991.
 Olympic games, Seoul, 1988. Results.
 IAAF World Junior Athletics Championships, Plovdiv, 1990. Final results.
 European Championships, Split, 1990. Start lists, results + a little correspondence.
 3rd IAAF World Indoor Championships, Seville, 1991. Start lists and statistics.
 IAAF World Championships, Stuttgart, 1993. Results.