

CHRONICLE SPORT

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CHRONICLE STARS

BATTING

D. WALKER (Chelsfield)	111
D. LOCKYER (Buckhurst)	*101
WITHERS (Halstead)	*100
S. TAYLOR (Crockham Hill)	98

The following batsmen also scored 50 or more: A. Dean (Westerham) 78, R. Bayliss (Vine) 75, M. Taylor (Ide Hill) 64, Stephen (Four Elms) 59, R. Deed (Ide Hill) 59, J. Jacoby (Holmesdale) 55*, R. Botting (Vine) 55*, Stevens (Chelsfield) 54, Womack (Biggin Hill) 53*, R. Lynch (Ide Hill) 53, P. Anderson (Vine) 52, Henderson (Buckhurst) 50, Trigg (Four Elms) 50, G. Ireland (Vine) 50*, J. Cole (Chevening Amblers) 50*.

*Denotes not out.

BOWLING

R. BRUNT (St John's/ Seal Casuals)	9-60
P. COLLINS (Ide Hill)	8-18
ANDREWS (Knockholt)	7-32
R. OGLEY (Buckhurst)	7-43

The following bowlers also took five or more wickets: G. Hill (Crockham Hill) 6-12, A. Griffiths (Sevenoaks School) 6-21, Winnie (Brasted Chart / Toys Hill) 6-33, Scott (Holmesdale) 6-40, Wood (Artesians) 6-46, Marchant (Westerham) 5-20, Reynolds (St John's / Seal) 5-24, A. Hodder-Williams (Vine) 5-34, S. Gorman (Chevening Amblers) 5-41, Birch (Eynsford) 5-60.

EARLY START FOR OAKS TRIATHLON

EARLY risers on Sunday (July 7) may catch Dunton Green's Howard Jones as he heads off at 7.30am to start the first Sevenoaks Triathlon.

The 150 entrants will leave the Sevenoaks Swimming Centre at one minute intervals for the first part of the three sport competition — a 19.6 mile cycle ride.

The last cyclist will leave at around 9.43am, with the route taking them along the Tonbridge Road as far as St Julians Road, where they will branch left and follow the perimeter of Knole Park.

Cycling back down Blackhall Lane and then left into Seal Hollow Road will bring them back up to the High Street and the finish.

A four and a half mile run in Knole Park will follow, with the contest finishing with a 400m swim in the Sevenoaks Pool. Prize giving will take place at the swimming centre at around 1pm.

Organiser Alan Coxhead hoped that spectators would keep close to the swimming centre, where much of the action would start and finish.

With competitors coming from all over the country, plenty of attention will be focussed on the

Sevenoaks Triathlon

day's competition, and while many will be taking part for the first time, there are also sure to be a good number of experienced campaigners.

The likely success of Sunday's triathlon will open the way for more next year, and the possible formation of a local club to cater for the upsurge in interest.

Marshalls and stewards are being provided for the day by Sevenoaks Swimming Centre, Shoreham Girl Guides and Otford Cycling Club, but more are always welcome.

Anyone willing to help out should contact Martin Finch on Otford 4272 after 6pm. All marshalls will have to report to the starting point at 7am on Sunday and will be needed until 1pm. Each will receive food and a special T shirt.



CROCKHAM Hill — maintaining their fine record in the National Village

'Tink' inspires Hill victors

Underriver 86

Crockham Hill 162-7

CROCKHAM Hill brought little Underriver's brave run in the "Cricketer" National Village Championships to an end on Sunday when they won the Kent Final by 76 runs.

A very slow wicket with a disconcerting tendency to keep low restricted stroke play but admirably suited a grafter like Stuart "Tink" Taylor, whose 68 proved to be a match winning, and chanceless knock. Keeping the good balls out and punishing anything short or over pitched, he was a constant thorn in Underriver's side.

After a breezy 31 from Peters, the visitors later slumped to 106-6

against accurate bowling as respected batsmen Andrew Walker and Richard Gorman were sent back to the pavilion with a duck.

However, Taylor was joined by first Vizard (18) and then Richardson (18 no), whose aggression pushed the visitors to a respectable but attainable 162-7 after 40 overs.

Wicket takers were Scott (2-19), Warren (2-23 and Lister (2-51).

Underriver's openers started comfortably but rather slowly to

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reach 30 who resulted in C out.

From this always struggled curacy of Kent Charlie Wac supported by fielding. Bent Smith 15 b finally dismissed Crockham to the final 32



ALL TOGETHER — Otford and Kent players put



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SUCCESSFUL triathletes (from left to right) Cailean MacKirdy, Julie Richardson, Sarah Coope, Howard Jones, Chip Rimmer, Caron Groves and Walter Hill. See below for more details. Picture by Alex Watson

TRIATHLETES TRIUMPHANT

SPECTATORS lined the route by Sevenoaks' new Swimming Centre to cheer home Dunton Green's Howard Jones to victory in the first Sevenoaks Triathlon on Sunday.

Howard, who has shot to the top of the sport and into the British finished in 1:24.33 — more than five minutes ahead of Reading's Chip Rimmer who came in second in 1:29.56. Redhill's Walter Hill was third in 1:31.16.

First woman home was top British squad member Sarah Coope from Eastbourne, who came in seventh in 1:35.09. Second and third were Julie Richardson (London) who came 24th in 1:41.30, and Caron Groves (West Byfleet) who was 25th in 1:42.00.

The first veteran (over 40) to finish was Orpington triathlete Cailean MacKirdy, who came 17th in 1:39.48.

In all, 117 competitors completed the course, which consisted of a 19.6 mile cycle ride, a four and a half run and a 400 metre swim.

Despite the humid conditions, there were no real casualties and organiser Alan Coxhead was delighted with the day's events.

"More than 10 competitors were in the world championships, and more than 20 in the British and European. All the sections went well and we had a very high standard overall," he said.

"There were 54 people who completed their first triathlon. I was surprised how well everyone hard trained up for it."

At least a dozen people came up to me afterwards and said they were really pleased with the event and they would like to enter for next year. Some even wanted to fill in an application form on the spot."

Of the local runners, J. Sheaf finished a creditable 12th in 1:37.12, while a cluster of others (K. Roshier, P. Cronk, D. Robb, R. Cook and A. Scully) finished in the top 40.

A valiant performance came from Christine Russell-Vick, who battled home in 2:27.49 to come 114th and raised £300 for Dorton House.

For the organiser Alan Coxhead, the way is now clear for the sport to take off in the Sevenoaks area. He hopes to plan three triathlons for 1986 for the spring, summer and autumn — one of the same length as this year, and two incorporating longer distances.

If the response to these events is good, a triathlon club may well be established in Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks Triathlon

Anyone interested should contact Alan Coxhead on Otford 3727. He can also provide application forms for anyone keen to join the British Triathlon Association. Those interested should apply in writing to Alan at 12 Mildmay Place, Shoreham, enclosing an SAE.

Membership is necessary for entering certain Grand Prix events, and the association also provides free advice on training and arranging travel abroad to triathlon events.

Alan was keen to thank all those who had helped in the organisation and marshalling of Sunday's triathlon, particularly Martin Finch, John Randall and all from Otford Cycling Club, Geoff Everard and his Swimming Centre team, the Shoreham Girl Guides and friends, and Sevenoaks District Council.

The event looks to have raised several hundred pounds for Dorton House.

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HONOUR FOR HOWIE

FORMER Sevenoaks School master David Howie occupied the hot seat at Wimbledon on Sunday — umpiring the mens singles final classic

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