

ADELAIDE'S FIRST MARATHON.

The Walking and Field Games Club will conduct the first South Australian Marathon race in Adelaide to-day. The distance will be 26 miles 385 yards. A similar contest was held in Victoria last May, and victory rested with Ernest Roberts, who will be a competitor in to-day's contest. Another visitor, P. L. Collins (who triumphed in last Saturday's 10-miles crosscountry championship) was leading at the 23½ miles post when he retired. His time at that point was 2 hours 35 minutes. Roberts was content to trail Sgt. Sinton Hewitt (the Australian Olympic representative), and was a long way behind Collins when the latter retired, but he proved the victor in 3h. 5m. 50s. T. H. Byrnes, of Queensland, is also here to contest the Marathon. He has previously started in two such races. The best of the Adelaide quartet will probably be Clement Duncan, who finished second to Collins last week. He is a pronounced stayer, and a "pocket Hercules." Duncan won the South Australian 10-miles C.C.C. last year. The start of the race will be from the Kingston Statue, Victoria square. The contestants will run along Grote street and West terrace, and proceed to St. Leonards Inn, Glenelg, and return to a point near to Morphettville, and journey to the big tree at Glen Osmond. The route will then be along Portrush, Greenhill, Burnside, and Payneham roads to the Glynde Hotel, across to the O.G. Hotel, and back to the city by way of the North-east road, Walkerville, Finniss street, and Avenue road, North Adelaide. The race will end on the University Oval. The probable starters at 1 o'clock will be.—P. L. Collins (Carlton Harriers), E. Roberts (Essendon Harriers), T. H. Byrnes (Boonah Harriers, Brisbane), C. G. Duncan, T. H. Terrell, and H. E. Wolter (South Australian Walking and Field Games Club), and J. W. H. Mason (Adelaide Harriers).

MARATHON RACE.

WON BY A VICTORIAN.

The first Marathon Race decided in South Australia in connection with amateur athletics was contested on Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the South Australian Walking and Field Games' Club. It was originally intended that the contest should be over a modified marathon track (15 miles), but owing to the correct distance (26 miles 385 yards) being chosen by the Victorian authorities for a contest held last May, the Walkers' organization decided to come into line, and Gawler to Adelaide was mentioned as the probable course to be run. Subsequently an Adelaide and suburban route was considered preferable, and the final decision was:—Start at the Kingston Statue, Victoria square, along Grote street, West terrace, to St. Leonards Inn, Glenelg, returning to a point north of Morphettville, and along a direct road to the big tree at Glen Osmond, thence to Burnside by way of the Port-rush and Greenhill roads, to the Glynde Hotel, along Payneham, Felixstowe and Marden roads to the O.G. Hotel, and to the University Oval by way of the North-East road, Northcote terrace, Walkerville, Mann terrace, McKinnon parade, and Avenue road, North Adelaide. The competitors who finished were then within 915 yards of the end of the long journey, and they covered a lap and a half on the playing arena. The half-dozen runners stripped at the City Baths, and arrived at Victoria square shortly after 1 o'clock. After having been addressed by the starter (Ald. L. Cohen) they were dispatched at 11 minutes past the hour. The field comprised:—P. L. Collins (Carlton Harriers), E. Roberts (Essendon Harriers), T. A. Byrnes (Boonah Harriers, Queensland), and C. G. Duncan, H. K. Wolter, and T. H. Terrell (South Australian Walkers' Club). Their respective attendants were A. J. N. Rumsby, E. N. Hill, A. D. Spriggins, G. B. Lockwood, G. Stone, and A. N. Smith. The secretary of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association (Mr. R. F. Middleton) was present, and there was a large attendance of representatives of amateur clubs. Terrell and Byrnes were prominent early, and the former was still in front at Keswick. Byrnes then took a turn at the pacing, and piloted the field to Plympton, where Duncan ran to the front, and arrived at St. Leonards in 40 minutes. This time was in advance of his schedule, and he was about 150 yards ahead of Terrell, who was leading Collins and Wolter by 200 yards. The distance covered was then six miles 340 yards. The other competitors' times were:—Terrell, 49.34; Collins and Wolters, 41.7; Roberts, 41.11; and the Queensland veteran, 42.16. When Duncan turned off the Bay road to run to Glen Osmond he had traversed another two miles. He was clocked 53m. 13s., and was nearly five minutes ahead of his estimated time. Collins and Wolter were close together, their time being 54.27. Terrell arrived in 55.15, and Roberts and Byrnes were plodding along. At the intersection of the Cross roads and Unley road Duncan was about a quarter of a mile ahead of Collins, who led Wolter by 70 yards. Terrell was still fourth, about 500 yards away. The runner

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