

Records tumble at Downs School sports

IN GLORIOUS sunshine on Thursday the Downs School at Compton held their athletics day. Early in the morning records began to tumble with Paul Atkins putting the senior boys' shot 11.62m., thus breaking Barry Ford's long-standing record.

Then Dawn Butler, who broke three school records during the day, broke the J. Griffiths' record in the senior girls' long jump with a jump of 4.71m. Meanwhile Sarah Lockett was equalling the junior girls' high jump record with a jump of 1.29m. and down at the javelin Maureen Butler broke her previous record with a throw of 28.85m. Later the highlight of the morning's high jump competitions took place with Angela Fox and Dawn Butler both jumping to a new record of 1.35m.

After lunch the track events, and soon it was evident the standard was here and was going to be exceptionally high. For it was in the first event that Joe Bull broke the 1st year girls' 200m. record with a sparkling 30.2 secs. Soon afterwards Jill Bailey broke the 2nd years girls' 200m. record timed at 31.2 secs.

In the 100m. heats Joe Bull 14.5 secs. for 1st year girls, Dawn Butler 14.2 secs. for senior girls and Richard Beake and Martin Dunne 13.8 for the junior boys all broke previous records.

By the time the finals arrived it seemed impossible for further records to come but come they did with Joe Bull heating

her heat time to produce a 14.00 sec. for the 1st year girls' 100m. which must make her one of our most promising young athletes in the area.

Jeff Wicks confirming early session form put a record breaking run of 13.0 secs in the 100m. final and Andrew Smith storming away from the field to record 2m. 17.1 sec. for the senior boys' 800m. In the first running of the junior boys' 800m., Barry Mason has set the standard at 2m. 46.7sec. and in the senior boys' discus Peter Day using a new weight threw 29.58m.

Finally came the relays and sure enough two records fell here Aldworth House 2nd year boys working well together to return 60.00 sec. and the Aldworth senior girls recording a 60.5 sec. run.

The junior Victor Ludorum was won by Martin Dunne who showed his versatility with wins in the junior boys' high jump, shot 100m. and 200m. thus gaining maximum points.

The senior Victor Ludorum went to Dawn Butler for her record breaking wins in the senior girls' high jump, long jump and 100m. and her victory in senior girls' 200m. Like Martin she gained maximum points.



Downs' School's record-breaking competitors pictured at Compton. Altogether 16 records were broken including two relays.

1st year girls' long jump—1 J. Bull (P), 2 K. Twist (R), 3 J. Mead (L). Sen. girls' high jump—eq. 1 A. Fox (L) and D. Butler (A) (N.R. 1.35), 3 L. Dillon (P).

1st year girls' high jump—S. Lockett (R) (rec. 1.29), 2 J. Burgess (P), 3 J. Bull (P). 2nd year girls' long jump—1 H. Silver (L), 2 J. Bailey (A), 3 C. Quelch (P).

Senior girls' long jump—1 D. Butler (A) (N.R. 4.71), 2 A. Fox (L), 3 D. Heavon (P); discus—1 S. Moss (P), 2 H. Richardson (R), 3 G. Williams (A); javelin—1 M. Butler (P) (N.R. 23.85), 2 S. Wakefield (L), 3 I. Herring (P); shot—1 M. Butler (P), 2 G. Williams (A), 3 H. Richardson (R).

1st and 2nd year boys' high jump—1 M. Dunne (A), 2 R. Beake (L), J. Wicks (R); long jump—1 R. Beake (L), 2 N. Cook (A), 3 B. Mason (R); shot—1 M. Dunne (A), 2 A. Stanley (R), 3 N. Cook (A); javelin—1 A. Stanley (R), 2 R. Nation (A), 3 J. Wicks (R); discus—1 A. Goddard (L), 2 J. Yates (A), 3 R. Chapple (P).

Senior boys' high jump—1 S. Bull (R), 2 J. Wicks (A), 3 I. Davies (P); long jump—1 G. Myles (R), 2 R. Croton (A), 3 A. Goodchild (P); shot—1 P. Atkins (A) (N.R. 11.62), 2 G. Myles (R), 3 P. Day (R);

javelin—1 T. Davis (A), 2 I. Davies (P), 3 P. Moss (L); discus—1 P. Day (R) (N. weig.), 2 N. Harrison (L), 3 C. Warren (A).

1st and 2nd year boys' 400m.—1 N. Cook (A), 2 R. Nation (A), 3 S. Fulker (P). Sen. boys' 400 m.—1 A. Smith (L), 2 S. Bull (R), 3 M. Dominy (R). 1st and 2nd year boys' 800m.—1 B. Mason (R), 2 S. Fulker (P), 3 R. Young (R). Sen. girls' 800m.—1 A. Fox (L), 2 A. Little (A), 3 M. Little (A).

1st year girls' 100m.—1 J. Bull (P) (N.R. 14.00), 2 K. Twist (R), 3 J. Mead (L). 2nd year girls' 100 m.—1 J. Bailey (A), 2 D. Shilton (P), 3 H. Silver (L). Senior girls 100m.—1 D. Butler (A), 2 B. Mansell (L), 3 D. Heavon (P). 1st and 2nd year boys' 100m.—eq. 1 R. Beake (L) and M. Dunne (A), 3 N. Cook (A). Sen. boys' 100m.—1 J. Wicks (A) (N.R. 13.00), 2 I. Davies (P), 3 B. Brunson (A). Sen. boys' 1500m.—1 D. Harvey (L), 2 C. Warren (A), 3 P. Merrell (A).

1st year girls' 200m.—1 J. Bull (P), 2 S. Lockett (L), 3 K. Twist (R). 2nd year girls' 200m.—1 J. Bailey (A), 2 W. Puffett (A), 3 D. Tripe (P). Sen. girls' 200m.—1 D. Butler (A), 2 B. Mansell (L), 3 A. Fox (L). 1st and 2nd year boys' 200m.—1 M. Dunne (A), 2 R. Beake (L), 3 A. Goodchild (R). Sen. boys' 200m.—1 J. Wicks (A), 2 I. Davies (P), 3 B. Brunson (A). Sen. boys' 800m.—1 A. Smith (L) (N.R. 2.17), 2 S. Davies (A), 3 A. Goodchild (P).

Relays: 1st year girls—1 Lowbury, 2 Ridgeway, 3 Perborough; 2nd year girls—1 Aldworth, 2 Lowbury, 3 Perborough; 1st year boys—1 Ridgeway, 2 Lowbury, 3 Perborough; 2nd yr. boys—1 Aldworth (N.R. 1m.00), 2 Ridgeway, 3 Lowbury; sen. girls—1 Aldworth, 2 Lowbury, 3 Perborough; senior boys—1 Lowbury, 2 Perborough, 3 Ridgeway.

Key—N.R. new record. A—Aldworth House. L—Lowbury House. P—Perborough House. R—Ridgeway House.

House positions—1 Aldworth, points, 2 Lowbury 295, 3 Ridgeway 288, 4 Perborough 274.

