

WELSH NOTES By Bernard Baldwin

KEN NORRIS, who in 1955 became the first Britisher ever to win the San Sylvestre road race at Sao Paulo, will present the bronze statuette, awarded to him, to Mountain Ash Council on 6th December. It is Ken's wish that the statuette should remain in Mountain Ash as a perpetual trophy for the annual Nos Galan road races in the town. Councillor Harry Ward, J.P., Chairman of Mountain Ash Urban District Council will receive the trophy on behalf of the people of Mountain Ash.

This is a magnificent gesture on behalf of Ken Norris and the council have shown tremendous enthusiasm for the idea. B.B.C. Welsh Sports Parade will film the ceremony.

In the last Nos Galan committee meeting, Councillor Ward spoke at length about Ken's gift and said "Ken Norris must be, in fact he is, a true sport in every sense of the word."

The statuette will be brought forward each New Year's Eve, for presentation to the winning team, but kept in the Town Hall owing to its weight and size, and a miniature will be handed over to the winners, for one year. Ken also gave the miniature.

The statuette was presented to him by the President of Brazil and bears the coat of arms of the Brazilian Government on the marble base. It stands 3ft. high.

Preparations for the 1962 Nos Galan races are well under way. A flag day, held in pouring rain recently, raised £60 towards the funds. The organisers are determined to make amends for the disaster which befell the dance last year and have appointed a Young Ladies' sub-committee to organise this year's dance. It consists of the prettiest girls in town (Frank Salvat knows them all, personally) so this year's dance should be a riot.

The West Wales C.C. and Athletics League are progressing with their fixtures, and I think that such promotions will create the necessary continuity which is so sadly lacking in our athletics affairs between school and senior age groups. I know the Leagues cater for all age groups after Boys', and with hundreds of boys taking part in weekly inter-school fixtures it is time the Welsh C.C.A. also took a hand. To promote six championships and nothing else each year is not enough, I feel. I will make certain recommendations to the Association shortly.

Fifteen teams and three individuals will contest today's Welsh Novice C.C. Championship at Swansea, 3 p.m. Swansea Harriers are the promoters and they have applied themselves to the task in a most commendable way. Runners should report to the Atlas Sprinkler Factory, Ystrad Road, Fforest Fach Estate, Swansea.

Scottish News By W. DIVERTY

Midland District Relay, Stirling, November 3rd. Motherwell Y.M. easily retained their title over the 4x2½ miles course. A. P. Brown gave them a lead of 100y over the first stage and though J. Poulton lost a little on the 2nd leg, A. H. Brown soon made this up on the 3rd. R. W. McKay ran out a very comfortable winner. 1, Motherwell Y.M. (A. P. Brown 13.01, J. Poulton 13.55, A. H. Brown 12.55, R. McKay 13.25) 53.11; 2, Victoria Park (F. Macpherson 14.08, G. Peters 13.29, J. McLaren 13.17, R. Lees 13.41) 54.35; 3, Shettleston (I. Donald 13.24, P. Longfield 14.07, H. Summerhill 13.13, C. Briggs 14.07) 54.51; 4, Cambuslang 55.33; 5, Glasgow Univ. 56.02; 6, St. Modans 56.08. Fastest laps: A. H. Brown (M'well) 12.55; A. P. Brown (M'well) 13.01; M. Ryan (St. Mod) 13.07.

Eastern District Relay, Kirkcaldy, November 3rd. Teviotdale H. kept the title after a keen tussle with Edinburgh S.H., whom they beat by some 60y over a 4x3 miles trail. Edinburgh Univ. finished 3rd thanks to a great run by F. Murray. 1, Teviotdale (W. Mather 16.15, J. Meikle 16.30, P. Roden 16.13, C. Douglas 15.57) 64.55; 2, Edinburgh South (G. M. Brown 16.16, R. McFall 16.23, A. Ross 16.10, H. Glegg 16.19) 65.08; 3, Edinburgh Univ. (C. Elsom 16.42, M. Craven 16.08, B. Stacey 16.16, F. Murray 15.51) 65.27. Fastest laps: F. Murray (Edin. Un) 15.51; C. Douglas (T'dale) 15.57; S. Taylor (Aberdeen) 16.07.

South Western Relay, Irvine, November 3rd. Ayr Seaforth retained their title, beating Beith by 100y over a 4x2½ miles course. 1, Ayr Seaforth (J. C. Davidson 14.46, J. R. Boyd 15.21, J. Wilson 14.52, J. P. McLatchie 14.06) 59.15; 2, Beith (J. Sloss 14.53, J. McClellan 14.57, T. Gilbert 15.25, T. Cochrane 14.21) 59.36; 3, Kilmarnock (W. Anderson 15.46, H. Rankin 14.57, J. Young 14.50, W. J. More 14.57) 60.30. Fastest lap: J. P. McLatchie (Ayr) 14.06.

Glasgow Univ. beat Loughborough Coll. by 27 pts. to 57, Garscadden, November 5th. 1, C. Laing (G) 36.17; 2, A. Faulds (G) 37.41; 3, T. D. Gifford (G) 38.09; 4, R. C. Shepherd (G) 38.12; 5, A. Ellis (L) 38.22; 6, R. G. Hartley (G) 38.35.

Glasgow University, Athletics Section, officers for 1963. President, R. Bow; Captain, D. L. Seager; Vice-Captain, A. M. Miller; Secretary, J. R. Campbell; The Students' Union, University Avenue, Glasgow, W.2; Assistant Secretary, T. F. Moncur; Treasurer, A. B. Kennedy; Other members, J. D. M. Asher and A. J. Gibbons.

Secretary of Shrewsbury A.A.C. is now R. Thomas, Selwyn House, 68 Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury.