

JUNIOR HARRIERS

Team And Individual Title Winners In Districts

By "GGROE"

DUNDEE, Greenock and Glasgow secured both individual and team titles in the respective Eastern, South-Western and Midlands junior district cross-country championships, decided over seven-miles courses on Saturday.

Dundee Thistle and C. Smith, Hawkhill, brought home the Eastern honours; while A. MacDonald led Auchmountain to a grand double victory in the South-Western race. Garscube captured the team, and J. Gillies, Shawfield, the individual title, in the Midlands race.

EASY FOR GARS_CUBE

Garscube experienced little difficulty in securing the William Maley Trophy in the Midlands Championship at Hamilton Racecourse. Throughout the race it was obvious that their counting men were much better placed than their rivals. Although many experienced runners did not live up to their reputations, the victory of J. Gillies, Shawfield, occasioned no surprise. Gillies has been running consistently well for some time, and thoroughly deserved the honour. Great praise must be offered the runner-up, Raymond Jerratt, Shettleston's "first year" novice champion, who gave a grand display of grit and finishing power, to beat A. Austin, Bellahouston, by a yard in a desperate finish for second place.

1. Garscube (J. Bennett 5, T. Dailly 16, T. Armstrong 17, W. Gowans 21, D. M. Armstrong 22, R. McKie 25)—106 points.

2. Victoria Park A.A.C. (D. E. Thomson 7, J. Gifford 10, J. Oswald 19, R. Rogerson 20, W. D. Oswald 42, W. Stevenson 58)—156 points.

3. Maryhill (J. Farrell 12, H. Morrison 18, H. M'Rae 27, J. Nelson 29, R. M'Alpine 33, R. M'Pherson 56)—175 points.

4. Hamilton, 190; 5. Shawfield, 218; 6. Shettleston, 250; 7. Plebeian, 261; 8. Bellahouston, 362; 9. Olympic, 412; 10. Clydesdale, 429; 11. Dumbarton, 430; 12. Monkland, 453; 13. Springburn, 477; 14. Airdrie, 515; 15. West of Scotland, 523; 16. Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 719; 17. Larkhall Y.M.C.A., 773.

Individual placings—1, J. Gillies, Shawfield, 43 mins. 6 secs.; 2, R. Jerratt, Shettleston, 43 mins. 10 secs.; 3, A. Austin, Bellahouston, 43 mins. 11 secs.

AUCHMOUNTAIN SURPRISE

Although the success of A. MacDonald, Auchmountain, in the South-Western championship at Grangehill, Beith, was not altogether unexpected, the victory of his club in the team race was indeed a surprise. Auchmountain did extremely well to

aggregate 122 points, to beat Beith by 25 points, with Kilmarnock, who were much better placed at half-distance, third.

Until five miles had been covered, the individual race looked like developing into a tussle between P. Alwill, Beith, and T. M'Laren, Wellpark. But when A. MacDonald moved up to challenge over the last 2½ miles, neither Alwill nor M'Laren could cope with the Auchmountain leader's pace, and he won a finely judged race.

1. Auchmountain (A. MacDonald 1, D. M'Ewan 8, A. G. M'Phail 17, H. C. Gray 27, R. Bottomley 28, J. M'Gilvray 41), 122 points.

2. Beith (P. Alwill 2, G. Murdoch 7, W. Murdoch 12, J. Quinn 30, R. J. M'Allister 46, A. Barrett 50), 147 points.

3. Kilmarnock (J. M'Dade 11, T. Baillie 14, R. Price 15, J. Murray 31, W. Learmont 49, N. Abbot 70), 190 points.

4. Glenpark, 192; 5. Eglinton, 210; 6. Kilbarchan, 225; 7. Wellpark, 225; 8. Irvine Y.M.C.A., 226; 9. Paisley Y.M.C.A., 241; 10. Paisley, 282; 11. Torpedo Factory, 425.

Individuals—1, A. MacDonald, Auchmountain, 40 mins. 23 secs.; 2, P. Alwill, Beith, 40 mins. 41 secs.; 3, T. M'Laren, Wellpark, 40 mins. 56 secs.

THE OTHER SMITH

In emulating the feat of his renowned brother "Suttie" in 1927, the diminutive Charlie Smith, Dundee Hawkhill, flabbergasted the Eastern critics by beating the hot favourite, A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh, by over 200 yards in the Eastern race at Galashiels. Indeed, Smith's performance was the outstanding feature of all three district title races.

Team honours also went to Dundee, but to the Thistle club, who achieved the feat of winning the title for the second successive season. Aggregating 82 points, Thistle defeated their Hawkhill townsmen by the handsome margin of 61 points, with Edinburgh Southern third.

1. Dundee Thistle Harriers (A. B. Ewan 4, A. T. Whitecross 10, A. Donnat 13, C. M'Donald 17, R. Wright 18, J. Angus 20), 82 points.

2. Dundee Hawkhill (C. Smith 1, A. Jamieson 14, D. Taylor 22, C. Haskett 34, G. Keiller 37, E. Kane 38), 146 points.

3. Edinburgh Southern (G. Lindsay 15, R. Robertson 21, J. S. Reid 24, Joe Wilson 25, A. Hunter 44, L. G. Kapelle 45), 174 points.

4. Kirkealdy Y.M.C.A., 182; 5. Edinburgh University, 192; 6. Eastbank, 194; 7. Edinburgh, 233; 8. Edinburgh Northern, 269; 9. Teviotdale, 344; 10. Gala, 393; 11. Heriot's, 448; 12. Edinburgh Rover Scouts, 477; 13. Penicuik, 521.

Individuals—1, C. Smith, Hawkhill, 43 mins. 22 secs.; 2, A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh, 44 mins.; 3, D. H. Ferguson, Edinburgh Northern, 44 mins. 20 secs.