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Shawfield Harriers Win Narrowly

MIDLANDS RACE SURPRISES

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The Midlands Cross-Country Championship over seven miles at Hamilton on Saturday provided one of the keenest and best races of the series.

Shawfield and West of Scotland surprised general expectations by filling the first two positions, while further proof of the open nature of the race was provided by the scoring. Shawfield won by two points, Plebeian beat Maryhill for third place by two points, and 11 points covered the first four teams.

Son of Former Champion

The race for the individual title was not so keen, and it also did not fall to the first favourite. The winner, J. Kelly, Springburn, ran with rare judgment to beat young A. Craig, Shettleston, son of a former National champion, by 100 yards in



During a lap on the race-course

41min. 12sec. R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., a hot favourite, was third, another 70 yards behind.

Over the first lap of 1½ miles the leaders were J. E. Farrell, Maryhill; W. G. Black, Plebeian; and A. Craig, Shettleston. Neither R. Simpson, Motherwell, nor Jack Gifford were among the leaders. On the next lap Farrell and J. Kelly, running neck and neck, drew away from the others, and Kelly, with arms low and running comfortably, showed more reserve. Over the final circuit Kelly piled on the pace and speedily left Farrell. Craig came into the picture again, and actually made ground on the leader over the last mile.

Kelly is a product of the unattached novices' races initiated by his club, and is a miner.

Team Championship

1, Shawfield (G. Anderson 5, S. A. Kennedy 11, J. Lapraik 13, R. Wright 30, J. Seymour 50, G. Beveridge 59), 168 points.

2, West of Scotland (A. L. Spencer 12, J. Parker 16, A. Spencer 17, R. I. MacDonald 27, T. Cruden 44, W. Smith 54), 170 points.

3, Plebeian (W. G. Black 7, J. Kerr 9, W. Hall 15, A. Robertson 19, H. Wilkie 39, T. Moffat 88), 177 points.

4, Maryhill (J. E. Farrell 4, R. M'Pherson 10, H. B. Morrison 14, P. Pandolphi 46, H. M'Rae 52, A. H. Henderson 53), 179 points.

5, Shettleston, 236 points; 6, Victoria Park, 237 points; 7, Bellahouston, 292 points; 8, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 297 points; 9, Hamilton, 318 points; 10, Springburn, 376 points; 11, Dumbarton, 387 points; 12, Garscube holders, 389 points.

Individual Championship

1, J. Kelly (Springburn), 41min. 12sec.

2, A. Craig (Shettleston), 41min. 30sec.

3, R. Simpson (Motherwell), 41min. 45sec.

4, J. E. Farrell (Maryhill), 41min. 55sec.

5, J. Gifford (Bellahouston), 41min. 58sec.

6, G. Anderson (Shawfield), 42min. 4sec.

7, T. W. Lamb (Bellahouston); 8, W. G. Black

(Plebeian); 9, A. MacPherson (Airdrie); 10, J. Kerr

(Plebeian); 11, R. MacPherson (Maryhill); 12, S. A.

Kennedy (Shawfield).

Individual entrants (excluded from team pointages)—

J. Gifford (Bellahouston), 5; S. C. Gebbie (Larkhall),

56; R. Blackstock, 67; J. Black (Cambuslang), 69;

R. D. Phoenix (Glasgow University), 106; T. Brew

(Cambuslang), 107; J. Kirk (Larkhall), 145; M. Berry

(Larkhall), 163.

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