

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS go on from strength to strength. On Saturday at Hamilton they not only won the Midland seven-mile team championship, but also supplied the individual winner in W. G. Donaldson. This is the first time any club has won the double since the formation of the Midland District in 1930. Their winning total of 80 points is also the lowest score with which the Maley Trophy has yet been won, although Springburn's 86 points in 1933 was just as good relatively, as there were 21 teams in the race four years ago.

In recording their second win of the series (their other success was gained in 1931) Shettleston accomplished an outstanding performance, for of the 17 teams which competed theirs was the only one which finished a full complement of 12 men. Not only so, but their 12th man finished before some of the other teams had begun to count. Alone of all the clubs entered, Shettleston were able to field their full team, no reserves being called upon.

Plebeian Do Well

Plebeian and Maryhill, each of whom gained a place on the previous year's race, were second and third, while West of Scotland, who lost the title by a couple of points last year, dropped back to fifth place. Considering that they were without two of their best men (J. Kerr and W. Hall) Plebeian did well to finish runners-up. A year ago Kerr was ninth and Hall fifteenth.

Maryhill, who finished in third place 50 points behind Plebeian, had an entirely new team from last year. Garscube showed most improvement by gaining six places, while Bellahouston and Springburn each gained three places.

Eight In Lead

The individual title was one of the best contests of the series. At the end of the first lap (fully a mile and a half) there was a pack of eight leading the field by a few yards. This party comprised the first seven to finish, the odd man being W. Cameron, Uddingston Welfare, one of the six individual entrants.

Next time round (about 4½ miles), the leading quartet were Donaldson, Black, Hardy, and Simpson. Thirty yards behind came Gifford, with clubmate Lamb another 20 yards further in the rear, followed at an interval of 100 yards by A. Craig, last year's runner-up.

At this point the team issue obviously lay between Shettleston and Plebeian, with the former, who had five men in the first 20, better placed.

On the final circuit Donaldson and Black soon drew clear of Simpson and Hardy, and over the last two miles re-fought their novice championship battle of last season. This time, however, the tables were turned, and Donaldson ran out a splendid winner by 60 yards.

An International ?

The winner who is now located in Glasgow, was employed for a number of years in Glendaruel, Argyllshire, but belongs to Clydebank. Earlier in the season I predicted that he would run for Scotland at Brussels in March. Bar accidents, I think he is sure to do so, while he will be a serious contender for national championship held by his clubmate and training companion J. C. Flockhart in winning Midland District honours at the first attempt, Donaldson has emulated the champion, who was successful over the same course four years ago.

R. Simpson, Motherwell YMCA, on the other hand, was making his sixth attempt on the individual title, but had to be content with third place, as last year, while J. Gifford the SAAA three miles champion, also finished in the same position as a year ago—fifth.

International Charlie Smith had an easy



task in retaining the Dundee Hawkhill title. Illness was responsible for the absence of a number of leading contenders, including eldery brother John Suttie Smith. The course was snow-covered, and the conditions generally trying.

MIDLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP. Individual Placings.

	Mins. Secs.
1. W. G. Donaldson, Shettleston H.	41 56
2. W. G. Black, Plebeian H.	42 7
3. R. Simpson, Motherwell YMCA H.	42 13
4. J. R. Lardy, Garscube H.	42 18
5. J. Gifford, Bellahouston H.	42 31
6. T. W. Lamb, Bellahouston H.	43 3
7. A. Craig, Shettleston H.	43 4
8. A. L. Spencer, W. of Scotland H.	43 5
9. J. Wilkie, Plebeian H.	43 7
10. T. Moffat, Plebeian H.	43 9
11. D. Fyfe, Springburn I.	43 10
12. J. Parker, West of Scotland H.	43 12

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Maley Trophy.)

1. Shettleston H (W. Donaldson 1, A. Craig 7, A. Hill 16, J. Whiteside 17, J. J. McDonald 18, R. Thomson 21)—80 points.

2. Plebeian H (W. G. Black 2, J. Wilkie 9, T. Moffat 10, A. Robertson 19, H. Wilkie 32, H. Graham 36)—108 points.

3. Maryhill H (J. Nelson 13, G. Porteous 14, R. Osborne 24, A. Coogan 27, J. Murnin 38, H. Scoles 42)—158 points.

4. Bellahouston H (J. Gifford 5, T. W. Lamb 6, G. Bell 15, A. Dickie 47, J. M. Lindsay 52, S. Bennie 55)—180 points.

5. West of Scotland H (A. L. Spencer 8, J. Parker 12, T. Cruden 30, R. I. Macdonald 40, I. Haddow 48, A. Spencer 54)—192 points.

6. Garscube H (J. R. Lardy 4, J. Fleming 28, T. Gourlay 33, G. B. Russell 44, R. D. Phoenix 45, T. Simms 67)—221 points.

7. Springburn H (D. Fyfe 11, W. A. Struthers 20, J. Dunn 29, J. Brinkins 51, P. Gemmell 72, R. Kinloch 87)—270 points.

8. Motherwell YMCA H (R. Simpson 3, J. L. Ferguson 22, T. R. Milne 51, T. I. McGlynn 59, W. D. McGowan 78, R. Devon 94)—287 points.

9. Victoria Park AAC (A. Forbes 23, R. Regerson 25, J. S. Oswald 43, D. E. Thomson 53, J. Blackstock 77, W. Jenkins 80)—301 points.

10. Hamilton H (T. Hunter 34, A. Wardlaw 41, J. Brownlie 46, A. Robertson 63, J. D. Hillis 66, J. G. Scott 97)—349 points.

11. Glasgow University H and H (J. D. Binning 49, J. C. Gray 50, R. Taylor 56, H. Garety 83, W. A. McBride 91, G. Kirkwood 107)—436 points.

12. Airdrie H (R. L. Lawson 61, John Marshall 70, C. Hannah 81, J. McGlone 88, James Marshall 137, T. Calder 147)—584 points.

13. Clydesdale H (T. Sinclair 92, A. McLean 93, C. Middel 102, W. Wilkinson 114, D. Macdonald 115, A. Shields 117)—633 points.

14. Larkhall YMCA H (J. Gebble 71, J. McMillan 76, J. Steel 119, T. White 120, W. Perrie 125, H. Kirkpatrick 126)—637 points.

15. Monkland H (J. Clelland 37, J. Tennant 113, R. Taylor 118, H. Ryder 123, J. Leslie 128, A. James 141)—660 points.

16. Cambuslang YMCA H (D. Burns 62, J. Black 82, J. Stewart 112, G. Pickering 132, J. Gibson 139, T. Muir 145)—672 points.

Carntyne AAC (R. Semple 85, P. Crawford 109, J. Cullen 130, D. Y. Dunn 149)—Team incomplete.

The individual entrants finished as follows:—W. Cameron, Uddingston Welfare AAC, 13; J. Redman, Glasgow YMCA AC, 45; R. Hutcheson, Olympic H, 60; A. Hutcheson, Olympic H, 81; T. A. Strachan, Glasgow YMCA AC, 108.