

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 25th

The Scottish District Championships were held on Saturday, 25th Jan., 1958, the Midland at Renton, the Eastern at Edinburgh, and the South-West at Paisley. After a week of snow and frost, a quick thaw took place on Saturday forenoon, making the courses very difficult and treacherous. The conditions at Renton were probably the worst, there being several inches of water on top of a layer of ice all over the course and rain fell heavily all afternoon.

MIDLAND

John McLaren (Vic. Pk.) retained his title for the fourth year running, beating Graham Everett (Shett.) by about 25yds. in 30:12. At half distance, Everett led McLaren by some 20 yds. followed by Wright (Clydesdale), Brown (Motherwell) and Fenion (Bellahouston). At this stage, Bellahouston were in a strong position for team honours, but Harry Fenion retired shortly afterwards and their prospects faded. John Wright (Clydesdale), the Junior Champion, ran a grand race to finish 3rd, 100 yds. behind Everett.

Victoria Pk. took the team title with 90pts., Bellahouston finishing 2nd with 125pts. and the holders, Shettleston, 3rd with 159pts.

The Youths' 3 miles was won by F. McPherson (Vic. Pk.) who beat I. Bogan (Hamilton H.) by 150yds. in 15:59. Shettleston took the team honours with 17pts. The awards in this race were withheld at Clydesdale, Garscube and Vale of Leven lodged a protest because the race was started without their teams. The Boys' race, a new event, was won by W. McCulloch, Shotts M.W.C., in 8:57, while his Club won the team race with 10pts.

Senior—6 Miles

1, J. McLaren (Vic. Pk.) 30:12; 2, G. E. Everett (Shettleston) 30:20; 3, J. Wright (Clydesdale) 30:38; 4, A. M. Brown (Motherwell) 31:33; 5, A. D. Breckenridge (VP) 31:38; 6, E. Reilly (Camb.) 31:39; 7, A. Fleming (Camb.) 31:41; 8, G. Govan (Shett.) 31:53; 9, E. Sinclair (Spring.) 31:56; 10, S. Horn (Gar.) 31:57; 11, J. Connolly (Bell) 32:00; 12, F. G. Nelson (Bell) 32:05; 13, A. McDougall (V. of L.)

32:07; 14, W. Gorman (Shett.) 32:08; 15, R. Irving (Bell.) 32:08.

Teams:

1, Victoria Pk. A.C. (J. McLaren 1, A. Breckenridge 5, R. Lees 16, R. Calderwood 17, R. Kane 23, W. Kerr 28) 90pts.

2, Bellahouston H. (J. Connolly 11, F. G. Nelson 12, R. Irving 15, R. Black 22, D. Dickson 24, D. Adam 41) 125pts..

3, Shettleston H. (G. E. Everett 2, G. Govan 8, W. Gorman 14, R. Wallace 25, L. Orr 36, J. Smart 74) 159pts.

4, Springburn H. 262; 5, Clydesdale H. 271; 6, Motherwell Y.M. 295.

Youths—3 Miles

1, F. McPherson (Vic. Pk.) 15:59; 2, I. Bogan (Hamilton) 16:19; 3, W. Hendry (Shettleston) 16:22; 4, J. Cowie (Spring) 16:23; 5, A. Chalmers (Shett.) 16:41; 6, G. Dewar (St. Modans) 16:42; 7, T. Grantham (Spring) 16:50; 8, J. Anderson (Bell.) 16:53; 9, H. Summerhill (Shett.) 16:57.

Teams: 1, Shettleston H. 17pts.; 2, Springburn H. 24; 3, St. Modans 47; 4, Victoria Pk. 51; 5, Motherwell Y.M. 57.

Boys—1½ Miles

1, W. McCulloch (Shotts M.W.) 8:57; 2, W. Scott (Garscube 8:59; 3, M. Ryan (St. Modans) 9:07; 4, D. Stein (Shotts) 9:08; 5, W. Forrest (Shotts) 9:08; 6, F. Reilly (Shett) 9:14.

Teams: 1, Shotts M.W.C. 10pts.; 2, St. Modans A.C. 29; 3, Shettleston H. 36.