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MIDLAND DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Logue's power tells in mud

The Commonwealth Games and an International race in Spain weakened the field in the senior race of the Midlands cross-country championships at Cleland Estate on Saturday.

The tall, powerful figure of the Glasgow University student, David Logue, forced his way over a heavy six-mile course, where the mud was deep in several places, to an easy victory.

Logue, an Irish Internationalist, who is currently one of the leading distance runners in the country, led from the start and was soon out on his own. The Scottish 1500 metres champion,

Laurie Spence, of Strathclyde University, kept in contact for a couple of miles along with Stuart Easton (Shettleston), but Logue finished nearly half a minute ahead of Spence, with Easton five seconds behind in third place.

Glasgow University gave Springburn Harriers a very close fight for the team race, going down by only five points.

Springburn had a splendid day of it as they took all four team titles, but every race except the senior boys' was a close result. In the junior boys' race Springburn scraped home by a

point from Victoria Park and in the youths' race their margin was only two points, from Shettleston.

There was an impressive performance by the winner of the youths' race, Nat Muir, of Shettleston, who is one of the most improved runners in the country. Muir, runner-up for the Scottish senior boys' title last year, took on John Graham, of Motherwell, runner-up in last year's Scottish youth championship and although he is a year younger than the Motherwell boy, Muir was by more than 20 yards. Results:

Senior six miles—1. D. Logue (Glasgow University), 1min. 46s.; 2. L. Spence (Strathclyde University); 3. S. Easton (Shettleston). Team race—1. Springburn, 91 points; 2. Glasgow University, 96; 3. Clydesdale, 145.

Youths' four miles—1. N. Muir (Shettleston), 24min. 50sec.; 2. J. Graham (Motherwell YM); 3. T. Paterson (Springburn). Team race—1. Springburn, 14 points; 2. Shettleston, 16; 3. Vale of Leven, 46.

Senior boys' 1½ miles—1. T. Young (Grangemouth), 12min. 47sec.; 2. M. Lane (Vale of Leven); 3. I. Murray (Springburn). Team race—1. Springburn, 18 points; 2. Clydesdale, 35; 3. Vale of Leven, 51.

Junior boys' 1½ miles—1. G. Williamson (Springburn), 1min. 50s.; 2. J. Egan (Larkhall); 3. A. Bryce (Grangemouth). Team race—1. Springburn, 32 points; 2. Victoria Park, 33; 3. Vale of Leven, 38.

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CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

On Saturday at Cleland Estate the senior team was placed 3rd, keeping up our good record in the Midland District Cross-Country Championship. We are the only club to be placed in the first three for the last four years. This year, although we relinquished the team trophy to Springburn Harriers who scored 91 points with their six runners, we finished a good 3rd — 60 points ahead of Cambuslang Harriers.

Dave Logue, of Glasgow University, won the 6 miles race over a very heavy trail, and led his club to 2nd place in the team contest.

SIX MEMBERS

In the field of about 130 runners, our six counting team members were: Phil Dolan, 6th; 36m 5s; Doug Gemmell, 7th; 36m 13s; Ian Donald, 22nd; 37m 52s; Bobby Shields, 31st; 38m 28s; Ian Leggett, 34th; 38m 39s; Allan Faulds, 56th; 39m 36s. The winning time was 35m 6s.

We also had Brian McAusland, 81st; 41m 10s and Gerry Kane, 91st; 42m 42s.

Our senior boys' team ran very well, finishing 2nd to the strong Springburn club. Peter Jack was 7th in 13m 14s; Jim Martin, 9th in 13m 18s, and Colin Andrew, 19th in 13m 39s.

Outwith the team medalists we had George McDougall 59th, Kevin Monaghan 73rd and Jim Burns 74th. Club member Ronnie Weir (competing for St. Pius), was 24th in 13m 53s.

JUNIOR BOYS

In the junior boys' race Stephen Buckley was 11th in 9m 37s; Mark Gallacher 14th in 9m 49s, and Douglas McDonald 21st in 10m 1s to take 5th team place. We also had Jim Halpin 22nd, Kenneth Williamson 29th, and Edward McLaghlin 30th.

CAPTAIN.

Springburn on top

Springburn Harriers monopolised the team honours in the Midland District cross-country championships at Cleland. The nearest challenge was in the junior boys' race where they beat Victoria Park by only one point. In the senior/junior race of approximately 6 miles, Dave Logue, the Northern Ireland international, currently studying at Glasgow University, beat Lawrie Spence of Strathclyde University by nearly half a minute.

Results — Senior/Junior — 1. D. Logue, Glasgow University, 35min 06sec; 2. L. Spence, Strathclyde University, 35.33; 3. S. Easton, Shettleston, 35.38; 4. W. Sheridan, Glasgow University, 35.55; 5. A. Partridge, East Kilbride, 36.00; 6. P. Dolan, Clydesdale, 36.05.

Teams — 1. Springburn (S. Gillespie 9, C. Lennox 10, J. Lawson 14, H. Gorman 16, J. McLean 19, E. Knox 23), 91 points; 2. Glasgow University, 96 points; 3. Clydesdale, 156 points.

Youths — 1. N. Muir, Shettleston, 24.50; 2. J. Graham, Motherwell YMCA, 24.54; 3. T. Paterson, Springburn, 25.46. Teams — 1. Springburn (T. Paterson 3, J. Fleming 5, J. Crawford 6), 14 points; 2. Shettleston, 16 points; 3. Vale of Leven, 48 points.

Senior boys — 1. T. Young, Grangemouth, 12.47; 2. P. McEwan, Vale of Leven, 12.51; 3. D. McLeod, Springburn, 12.59. Teams — 1. Springburn, 18 points; 2. Clydesdale, 35 points; 3. Vale of Leven, 51 points.

Junior boys — 1. G. Williamson, Springburn 9.06; 2. J. Egan, Blackhall YMCA, 9.08; 3. R. Bryce, Grangemouth, 9.12. Teams — 1. Springburn, 32 points; 2. Victoria Park, 33 points; 3. Vale of Leven, 38 points.