

The Scottish internationalist, Movra O'Boyle (Victoria Park AC) easily won the West women's cross-country championship at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow yesterday. She led from the start and won in the time of 29min 35sec, over 500 yards ahead of Christine McMeekin (Maryhill Ladies AC) with Alison Brown (Greenock Rankin Park) third. Maryhill won the team race with 24 points from Greenock Rankin Park (38).

Rankin Park dominated the Intermediate three miles race with Janet Duncan winning the individual title in 20min 20sec, closely followed by her team-mate, Lesley Langan with Christine Hutton (Law & District AC) third. Rankin Park won the team race. Other winners — Junior girls — 1. F. McQueen (VP), 9min 50sec; 2. M. Pahnke (Clyde Valley), 10min 5sec. Teams — 1. Bellahouston 32 points; 2. Victoria Park 42.

MOIRA—"IN A CLASS OF HER OWN"

Moira O'Boyle, running for Victoria Park A.A.C., won the West of Scotland women's cross-country championship at Bellahouston Park last Saturday by the enormous margin of 500 yards.

Moira is in a class of her own, and it seems like she is running out of opposition in Scotland.

Janet Higgins, who was bitten by a dog earlier in the week, and was still feeling the effects, did well to finish 6th and secure her place in the West of Scotland team.

Thirteen-year-old Fiona McQueen, ran a great race to win the Junior Girls' race by 100 yards, and the team finished second.

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running at the National 4 x 2½ mile cross-country relay race.

C. Spence ran the first lap and was always up with the leaders. He was in second place up to the last half mile when the conditions finally got the better of his slight build and, he dropped to 5th place.

To his credit he never gave up trying and at the finish he was still close to the lap leader.

D. Martin ran his usual steady race in the second lap but dropped a few places. It was at the end of this lap that the two Spango Valley runners missed each other at the change-over and several minutes elapsed before the next runner J. Spence finally got on his way.

Although he and the next lap runner G. Spence tried hard they could not make up the ground that had been lost.

Again, C. Spence showed excellent form which should make him hard to beat in the championship races at Linwood.

While the seniors were competing at Bellahouston Park H. Cox was running in the Clydesdale Harriers youth race at Clydebank.

He started fast and was always in the first three places. At the turn, Murray of Springburn Harriers made his effort and opened a slight gap.

Cox chased hard but he just failed at the finish to catch Murray to finish a good second.

It should not be long before he is showing his training form in races.

RANKIN LADIES

Rankin Park Lady Harriers travelled to Bellahouston on Sunday

to take part in the Western District Championships. Conditions were terrible with very heavy rain and mud.

In the first race for girls 9-11 years, which was not a championship event, the club had 4 girls entered.

Leslie Dunnet got off to a very good start and took the lead early on in the race, keeping her lead to finish 1st.

The other girls finished as follows: H. Cameron 12th, L. Woodall 16th, J. Morton 37th.

For girls 11-13 years Marjorie Dunnott ran very well to finish 4th with V. McWilliams 11th, C. McWilliams 12th, M. Bannerman 27th, S. Black 32nd, S. Jeffers 34th, A. M. O'Neill 38th, A. Quigley, 39th, A. Docherty 40th and R. McNight 49th.

In the junior girls race (13-15 years) A. Rae was first home for Rankin Park finishing 35th with E. Ballantyne 41st.

R. Murphy had a bad fall and was unable to complete the course.

Joyce Duncan took the lead right at the start of the intermediate race and Leslie Langan was very close behind in 2nd position.

These girls dominated the race to finish 1st and 2nd with E. Docherty a good 5th and C. Kneebone 15th. They also took the first team prize.

Running in the senior race, A. Brown was not in her usual form and finished 3rd with P. Spence 4th C. Lafferty finished 13th with P. Law 18th. A. Wilson failed to complete the course.

The following girls go through to represent the West District in the East versus West match which takes place