

SCCU v Scottish Universities

8th DECEMBER, 1973 AT STEPPS

(Report by Colin Shields)

Scottish University stars ran well to fill the first three individual places in their annual match with the SCCU at Stepps Playing Fields, but narrowly lost the team contest by only four points.

David Logue and Laurie Spence quickly hit the front and led a small bunch including Frank Clement, Willie Day, Douglas Gunstone and Eddie Knox over the heavy, snow bound course. SCCU runners played it clever in the early stages, letting the University boys tramp a path through the thick snow, till they surged through, led by Gareth Bryan Jones and Donald McGregor (out only for an easy run), to fill the places from 4th to 12th.

At half distance Logue and Spence broke clear, followed only by Clement and Gunstone. On the last lap Logue strode clear of his followers, revelling in the harsh conditions, to win ultimately by over 60 yards from Spence with Clement giving the Universities a clean sweep of the top individual placings when pipping Gunstone on the line with his usual finishing burst.

Good performances by Brian Morrison (Irvine) and David Long (Glasgow Police - a late reserve brought in only that afternoon) in 8th and 9th positions were the surprises of the day. At the other end of the scale Ian Elliot and Fergus Murray had dismal performances, never getting going in the wintry conditions, and just had a day they will quickly want to forget.

Team Results

1. SCCU 39 pts. (S)

2. Scottish Universitites 43 pts. (U)

1. D.Logue (U) 29.33; 2. L.Spence (U) 29.44;
3. F.Clement (U) 29.48; 4. D.Gunstone (S) 29.49;
5. W.Day (S) 30.13; 6. G.Bryan-Jones (S) 30.19;
7. D.McGregor (S) 30.32; 8. B.Morrison (S) 30.36;
9. D.Lang (S) 30.38; 10. C.Martin (S) 30.41;
11. A.Hutton (S) 30.43; 12. A.Wight (S) 30.43;
13. P.McLagan (U) 30.49; 14. M.Craven (S) 30.54;
15. P.Kenney (U) 30.57; 16. W.Yate (S) 31.19;
17. A.Millard (U) 31.26; 18. P.Dolan (S) 31.33;
19. G.Milne (S) 31.41; 20. I.Mitchell (U) 31.51;
21. I.Moncur (U) 31.59; 22. I.Orton (U) 32.04;
23. R.Knowles (S) 32.08; 24. E.Knox (S) 32.24;
25. W.Fothergill (U) 32.27; 26. J.Walker (U) 32.36;
27. W.Sheridal (U) 32.38; 28. I.Elliot (S) 32.41;
29. P.Preston (U) 32.43; 30. J.Gunstone (U) 32.48;
31. F.Brown (S) 32.57;
32. N.Blackley (U) 33.01; 33. I.Duncan (U) 33.16;
34. I.Malcolm (U) 33.39; 35. F.Murray (S) 34.39,