

S.W.C.C.U. East v West v Northern Ireland Cross Country Representative Match, Beach Park, Irvine -

Seniors: 1, Y. Murray (East) 20:57; 2, K. McLeod (Guest) 21:42; 3, C. Price (East); 4, S. Sinclair (West) 22:02; 5, S. Branney (West) 22:11; 6, A. Ridley (West) 22:27.

Teams: 1, West 41pts; 2, East 52pts; 3, N. Ireland 141pts.

Intermediates: 1, V. Clinton (West) 14:19; 2, C. Sheehan (East) 14:23; 3, D. Hargan (N. Ireland) 14:35; 4, P. Quinn (N. Ireland) 14:46; 5, C. Lunney (West) 15:11; 6, D. Kelly (West) 15:15; **Teams:** 1, N. Ireland 43pts; 2, West 62pts; 3, East 106pts.

Juniors: 1, H. Haining (West) 11:38; 2, M. McLung (West) 12:33; 3, J. Anderson (East) 12:34; 4, L. Svaasand (East) 12:38; 5, K. Mitchell (East) 12:42; 6, L. Thoumire (East) 12:45; **Teams:** 1, East 34pts; 2, West 49pts; 3, N. Ireland 104pts.

Girls: 1, D. Simpson (East) 12:33; 3, G. Slaven (West) 12:43; 3, J. Roxburgh (West) 13:01; 4, R. Davidson (East) 13:05; 5, L. Farmery (West) 13:09; 6, D. McInally (West) 13:11; **Teams:** 1, West 33pts; 2, East 55pts; 3, N. Ireland 110pts.

Minor Girls: 1, L. Duffy (East) 8:42; 2, H. Brook (West) 8:44; 3, G. Fowler (West) 8:45; 4, C. Freil (West) 8:59; 5, J. McDowell (West) 9:05; 6, J. Scott (East) 9:06; **Teams:** 1, West 31pts; 2, East 54pts.

Yvonne Goes On Her Way

FOLLOWING a highly successful year on track and road, Yvonne Murray continues to dominate the Scottish domestic cross country circuit, her winning margin in the East v West v Northern Ireland contest at Irvine on December 7th being an impressive 45 seconds. The personable Edinburgh AC girl, who is a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to Scottish women athletes, went into an early lead, and defying the windy, blustery conditions at Beach Park, maintained a fast, steady pace round the undulating, grassland 3½M course to finish more than 100m ahead of her club colleague Karen McLeod, the Scottish national 4000m CC champion, who was competing as a guest.

Cross Country Round-Up

On this form it would appear that the only Scottish athlete capable of beating Murray, who has already won the East District title, is Commonwealth Games 10,000m champion Liz Lynch, who defeated her the previous week at Gateshead. Karen McLeod, an Anglo-Scot from Bath, who is 12th ranked on the current UK 5000m list, held on bravely to second place, finishing four seconds clear of the fast-closing Christine Price; while local girl Sharon Sinclair, runner-up in the recent West District Championships, edged out her conqueror on that occasion, Sandra Branney, for fourth place.

Despite the East providing the first two home in the individual event, good packing enabled the West to win the team contest quite comfortably by 11 points.

The Intermediate 2½M event produced a fine race between last year's winner, the East's Carolyn Sheehan from Aberdeen, and Irvine's Valerie Clinton, runner-up in the West Championships two weeks earlier. Together they matched strides for most of the way, but in the final 300m Clinton proved the stronger and pulled away to record a four seconds victory. Dawn Hargan and Pauline Quinn, in third and fourth places respectively, led the popular Northern Ireland team to a well acclaimed triumph in the team contest.

Once again Hayley Haining demonstrated that she is in a class of her own by easily winning the Junior race by almost a minute from West District colleague Mary McClung. The Nith Valley AC girl has dominated track and cross country events in Scotland during the last few months, and while it would be unfair and irresponsible to predict the future, her outstanding form from 800m upwards and the decisiveness of her numerous victories in prestige contests, including the British Schools CC Inter-

national, indicates tremendous potential. Despite providing the winner and runner-up, however, the West succumbed 34-49 in the team competition.

There was a controversial finish to the Girls race, when some of the athletes inadvertently strayed off the 2M course. First across the line at the finish was last year's winner, Dawn Simpson from Aberdeen and the East, well ahead of the West's Gillian Slaven and Jan Roxburgh. After consultation among the judges the result was allowed to stand, though the West derived some consolation from their easy victory in the team event.

West were comfortable winners of the overall match with a score of 216 to the East's 301 and Northern Ireland's 398.

Derek Parker

Seniors — 1, Y. Murray (E) 20:57; 2, K. McLeod (Gst) 21:42; 3, C. Price (E) 21:46; 4, S. Sinclair (W) 22:02; 5, S. Branney (W) 22:11; 6, A. Ridley (W) 22:27; 7, A. Sym (W) 22:37; 8, P. Rother (E) 22:43; 9, E. Cochrane (W) 23:04; 10, E. Masson (W) 23:18; 11, J. Walker (W) 23:23; 12, J. Salvona (E) 23:34. **Teams**: 1, West 41; 2, East 52; 3, N. Ireland 141. **Inters** — 1, V. Clinton (W) 14:19; 2, C. Sheehan (E) 14:23; 3, D. Hargan (NI) 14:35; 4, P. Quinn (NI) 14:46; 5, C. Lunney (W) 15:11; 6, D. Kelly (W) 15:15; 7, M. Kennedy (NI) 15:23; 8, T. Cunningham (NI) 15:24; 9, D. Adaszkiewicz (NI) 15:25; 10, S. Robb (W) 15:27. **Teams**: 1, N. Ireland 43; 2, West 62; 3, East 106. **Juniors** — 1, H. Haining (W) 11:38; 2, M. McClung (W) 12:33; 3, J. Anderson (E) 12:34; 4, L. Swaasand (E) 12:38; 5, C. Mitchell (E) 12:42; 6, L. Thoumire (E) 12:45; 7, K. Rice (E) 12:56; 8, M. Cunningham (NI) 12:59; 9, J. Rankine (E) 13:01; 10, D. Rutherford (W) 13:03. **Teams**: 1, East 34; 2, West 49; 3, N. Ireland 104. **Girls** — 1, D. Simpson (E) 12:33; 2, G. Slaven (W) 12:43; 3, J. Roxburgh (W) 13:01; 4, R. Davidson (E) 13:05; 5, L. Farmery (W) 13:09; 6, D. McInally (W) 13:11; 7, A. Crowe (NI) 13:16; 8, A. Mooney (W) 13:18. **Teams**: 1, West 33; 2, East 55, 3, N. Ireland 110. **Minors** — 1, L. Duffy (E) 8:42; 2, H. Brooks (W) 8:44; 3, G. Fowler (W) 8:45; 4, C. Friel (E) 8:59; 5, J. McDowell (W) 9:05; 6, J. Scott (E) 9:06; 7, G. Wilson (E) 9:07; 8, M. McShannon (W) 9:08. **Teams**: 1, West 31; 2, East 54.