

CROSS-COUNTRY

NOVICE TEAM TITLE

SHETTLESTON'S SEVENTH VICTORY

D. FYFFE'S SUCCESS

TURNING in heavy rain over a short four and a half miles course, D. Fyffe, Springburn Harriers, showed himself the best of Scotland's young cross-country runners in the Scottish N.C.C.U. novice championship at Hamilton, on Saturday.

His tactics revealed that he had benefited from his experience in last year's race, in which he ran thirteenth. He allowed J. Crawford, Kilmarnock, and J. Barr, Beith, to make most of the running, and, drawing away from them over the last half-mile, won unchallenged in 25 minutes 25 seconds, with Barr second, seven seconds behind, and Crawford third, 31 seconds behind Barr.

Fyffe did not have the distinction of leading his team to victory, the better packing of the Shettleston four preventing Springburn from scoring a double. Shettleston won the team title with a total of 45 points, seven points better than Springburn's 52, and 24 better than Maryhill's 69. This was Shettleston's seventh victory in the series of 17 races, an impressive record, and particularly so in view of the fact that they must find a new team after each win.

EAST'S POOR DAY

The Hamilton course, taking in the race-course and part of the heavy country lying towards the Clyde, is at any time an arduous one. It was the more so on Saturday's heavy rain, and it says much for the stamina and courage of the novices that all but a handful of the 250 starters completed the course.

The East, as so frequently happens, was only moderately represented. The Edinburgh University man, L. H. Liddle, was the first Eastern man home, finishing in 56th position. The University was the best of the three Edinburgh clubs entered, being placed 16th of the 30 clubs, with 329 points, against Edinburgh Eastern's 448 and Edinburgh Harriers' 526.

Details:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Mins	Secs
1. D. Fyffe, Springburn H.	25	25
2. J. Barr, Beith H.	25	32
3. J. Crawford, Kilmarnock H.	26	3
4. G. Bell, Bellahouston H.	26	6
5. C. Porteous, Maryhill H.	26	9
6. W. Monteith, Shettleston H.	26	11
7. S. Troup, Paisley Burgh H.	26	22
8. S. Bruce, Bellahouston H.	26	24
9. W. Thomson, Springburn H.	26	30
10. J. D. Scott, Shettleston H.	26	37

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Shettleston H. (W. Monteith 6, J. D. Scott 10, D. Morrison 14, D. McEachern 15), 45 points.
 2. Springburn H. (Fyffe 1, W. Thomson 2, J. Brinkley 11, F. Gammel 31), 52 points.
 3. Maryhill H. (C. Porteous 5, A. McDonald 12, J. Craig 24, A. O'Connell 28), 69 points.
 4. Bellahouston H. (G. Bell 4, S. Bruce 8, R. McEachern 13, W. McKinday 20), 105 points.
 5. Beith H. (J. Barr 3, W. B. McCallum 30, A. Walsh 40, J. Martin 42), 125 points.
 6. Victoria Park A.A.C. (W. Mathieson 16, W. B. Craig 19, L. Linn 48, J. Keith 53), 136 points.
 7. Greenock W. Park H., 174 points; 8. Piddan H. (Hobbs), 210; 9. Kilmarnock H., 237; 10. Garscube, 240; 11. Uddingston Welfare, 255; 12. Ayr A.A.C., 265; 13. Clydebank, 269; 14. Glasgow University, 310; 15. Larkhall Y.M.C.A., 321; 16. Edinburgh University H. H. Liddle 56, J. Baxter 72, J. Gibson 77, T. B. M. Brown 124), 339; 17. Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 350; 18. Kilmarnock A.A.C., 356; 19. Al-Ed, 364; 20. Hamilton, 379; 21. West of Scotland, 380; 22. (Res), Carntyne A.A.C. and Paisley H., 404; 23. South Glasgow A.A.C., 414; 24. Edinburgh Eastern (J. McDonald 106, J. B. Craig 111, J. Forsyth 112, W. Higgins 119), 448; 25. Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 502; 26. Inverclyde Recreation, 521; 27. Sheffield H., 522; 28. (Res), Edinburgh H. (J. Archibald 113, J. Robertson 114, J. Allison 121, W. Macpherson 178), and Paisley Burgh, 526.