

# VILLAGE HAR

# WINS NATIONAL EVENT

# SPRINGBURN CARRY OFF TEAM PRIZE

By "LAPWING"

**ROBERT REID**, from the tiny Ayrshire village of Benwhat, and the four lads who formed Springburn Harriers' winning team, were the heroes of the nineteenth annual national novice cross-country championship of Scotland, which was held over a five miles course at Hamilton Park Racecourse, yesterday.

**R**EID'S graduation to this stage was more or less in keeping with the progress of events, for he won the Youths' cross-country title at Redford in March, and the Youths' mile title in the S.A.A.A. Championship.

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. R. Reid, Doon (24 mins. 36 secs.).
2. A. T. Peters, Maryhill (24 mins. 54 secs.).
3. J. Morton, Springburn (24 mins. 57 secs.).
4. J. Dunn, Springburn (25 mins. 5 secs.).
5. A. Archer, Edinburgh Southern (25 mins. 6 secs.).
6. J. Gallagher, Victoria Park (25 mins. 8 secs.).
7. T. Sinclair, Wellpark (25 mins. 11 secs.).
8. A. Dunbar, Ayr A.C. (25 mins. 16 secs.).
9. H. Livingstone, Kilmarnock (25 mins. 17 secs.).
10. J. Farrell, Springburn (25 mins. 20 secs.).
11. J. Thomson, Glenpark (25 mins. 26 secs.).
12. J. Stevenson, Monkland (25 mins. 29 secs.).

## TEAM PLACINGS

1. Springburn (J. Morton 2, J. Dunn 3, J. Farrell 9, G. Martin 14), 28 points.
2. Maryhill (A. T. Peters 1, D. D. M'Leish 12, J. Drummond 21, R. Glendinning 30), 64 points.
3. Glasgow University (J. C. Gray 19, A. E. Livingstone 33, L. B. Young 34, G. Kirkwood 36), 122 points.
4. Victoria Park A.A.C. (J. Galiagher 5, G. Lindsay 31, J. Henderson 40, J. Keith 47), 123 points.
5. Monkland (J. Stevenson 11, W. Grainger 13, F. Kincaid 53, H. Ryder 77), 154 points.
6. Greenock Wellpark (T. Sinclair 6, R. Baxter 26, T. M'Cluskey 52, R. Eaglesham 74), 164 points.
7. West of Scotland (G. Stott 24, G. Johnstone 25, W. Telfer 79, H. Mallory 85), 213 points.
8. Kilbarchan A.A.C. (R. M'Cormack 23, D. Miller 32, A. Meikle 63, J. M'Ghie 96), 214 points.
9. Greenock Glenpark (J. Thomson 10, J. Blackwood 65, C. Berry 69, D. Ewart 87), 231 points.
10. South Glasgow A.A.C. (W. M'Ginty 17, W. Connor 44, M. Lyons 83, E. Cairns 97), 241 points.
11. Edinburgh Southern (A. Archer 4, W. W.

- J. Marshall 28, T. Pearson 55, T. Gargan 159, 246 points.
12. Shettleston (G. H. Taylor 38, T. Campbell 57, J. Kemp 64, W. J. Chesser 90) 249 points.
13. Carntry A.A.C. (P. Ritchie 37, J. McLeish 48, P. Crawford 60, J. Culleen 109), 254 points.
14. Plebeian (G. M'Kenzie 35, A. Sloan 46, H. V. M'Grath 82, W. Chalmers 100) 263 points.
15. Garscube (R. Mulgrew 22, C. Burns 45, N. Thomson 81, A. Warton 127), 273 points.
16. Kilmarnock (H. Livingstone 8, S. M'Vey 75, J. Wark 99, W. M'Michael 112), 294 points.
17. Bellahouston (W. J. M'Kinlay 52, D. Walker 67, C. Ferguson 89, J. T. Graham 104), 312 points.
18. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (W. Sommerville

## **He Brought Down Post—Game Stopped**

There was an unusual happening at the McLeod Cup-tie at Bonnybridge between Bonnybridge Caledonian and Smith & Welstood. Cochrane, a Caledonian forward, rushed the goalkeeper, who got out of the way, and Cochrane hit the upright and brought down the goal. The game had to be abandoned.

31. Auchmountain (J. Willis 95, A. M'Lean 141, A. Taylor 158, I. Sinclair 215), 609 points.

32. Dumbarton A.A.C. (G. Muir 108, H. Smyth 115, T. Wilson 189, J. M'Dougall 214), 626 points.

33. Renfrew Y.M.C.A. (J. Brodie 127, J. M. Johnstone 138, J. Lang 172, A. M'Kenzie 205), 642 points.

34. Edinburgh University (L. H. Liddle 78, P. Eyles 185, D. H. Clark 195, I. H. Statoe 196), 654 points.

35. Shawfield (J. Cook 153, W. Charters 197, W. M'Laughlan 211, H. Brawley 223), 784 points.

# DOON YOUTH WINS INDIVIDUAL TITLE

The nineteenth annual Scottish novice championship at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday attracted an entry which fell little short of a record.

Robert Reid, Doon Harriers, won the individual title in most convincing style, and even in the first three miles, when other rivals were disputing his leaderships, he always gave the impression that he held something in reserve. For a spell he was challenged by A. T. Peters, Maryhill, and Territorial Army mile champion, but over the last two miles he was out on his own, and eventually beat Peters by 100 yards.

Peters staved off a late challenge by J. Morton, Springburn, but the closest finish

among the leading men was between J. Dunn, Springburn, and A. Archer, Edinburgh Southern Harriers. Dunn secured fourth place by a trifling margin.

Reid, nineteen years old, has thus gained his third national title, and since his other successes, when he won the youths' race at Redford in March, and the mile title in the youths' class in June, were also won by convincing margins, he should progress still further as he gains strength with age.

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The team championship was won in equally decisive fashion by Springburn Harriers, whose aggregate of 28 points was exceptionally low in such a huge field. Even if their leader had been unavailable, they would still have won, for their fifth man finished in front of the last counting runner for Maryhill Harriers, who were runners-up with a pointage that might have been good enough to win against weaker opposition.

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## Reid Case Reopened

The controversy which became known in cross-country circles as the "Reid Case" will probably be reopened at the annual general meeting of the National Cross Country Union of Scotland in Glasgow next month. It will be recalled that Robert Reid, after winning the Scottish Novice Championship in 1937, was disqualified when it was learned months later that he had been ineligible to compete as a reinstated amateur. The net result was that the title was declared vacant; now Reid's club, Doon Harriers, is sponsoring a motion which will be put to the N.C.C.U. meeting, suggesting that the title be conferred upon Reid. The sentiment of the meeting is likely to be in favour of the proposal, if only because of the service this brilliant youngster has already done Scottish cross-country running. In March 1937 Reid won the Scottish youths' title over three miles, and retained it the following year, annexing the S.A.A.A. youths' one mile title in between. Since then he has won every championship event under the auspices of the N.C.C.U., and a victory was obtained at the first attempt. Last season — his first since emerging from youth's status—he cleared the boards by winning all possible honours—county, district, and national. Reid is now working in Birmingham as an engineer, but it is expected that he will be granted facilities to take part in the Scottish Championships if he so wishes in the coming season.