

SCOTTISH NOVICE, 1948

UNDER the new qualifying rule the National Novice Cross-Country Championship was held over a 2-lap circuit making up 5 miles at Hamilton Race-course on Saturday, 20th November, 1948, during heavy intermittent rain-showers on a raw winter day.

Of the 251 starters, well-built Tom McNeish (Irvine Y.M.C.A.) at half-distance, running with the leaders looked strong enough to win. This he did magnificently but only after shaking off a persistent J. Ellis (Victoria P. A.A.C.) who finished 2nd.

T. Tracey, one of the popular "fancies," after showing signs of dropping back badly showed grand pluck to finish a good 3rd, D. Nelson (Motherwell Y.M.) was 4th, the up-and-coming Wellpark youth, T. Stevenson, was 5th and stylish F. W. Syme (Scottish Youths' quarter-mile champion) of the newly formed Strathgait Harriers made a promising cross country debut finishing 6th.

Congratulations goes from the sport to Victoria Park's counting four (J. Ellis, J. Stirling, D. Shuttleworth, A. Jenkins) who, by winning the team title made their club holders for the 2nd year in succession.

DETAILS:—

1. Individual.—T. McNeish (Irvine Y.M.C.A.) Time 29 mins. 30 secs.
1. Victoria Park A.A.C.—(J. Ellis 2; J. Stirling 9; D. Shuttleworth 21; A. Jenkins 23).—55 Points. T. Burns 77; D. Masters 108, 154, 198.
2. Edinburgh University H. & H.—(A. Cumming 12; R. Naylor 15; R. J. Sherwin 29; G. Walker 41).—97 Points. W. Parkes 44; D. Chambers 48; W. P. Honeyman 54; J. Thin 72.
3. (Tie) H.M.S. Caledonia—(C. Howarth 17; J. A. Wyatt 20; R. J. Pasely 30; F. Meaden 35).—102 Points. G. J. Frampton 71; A. A. Humphries 75; F. Evans 83; B. J. Willis 102.
3. (Tie) Irvine Y.M.C.A. H.—(T. McNeish 1; E. Allan 22; J. Lawson 28; D. Lawson 51).—102 Points. F. Muir 92; H. Clothworth 93, 179, 190.
4. Maryhill H.—R. Brynmor 13; J. McBride 37; F. McRae 45; T. K. Wilson 55).—150 Points. T. Brynmor 65; D. Tait 81; D. Wright 115; C. Roach 144.
5. (Tie) Shettleston H.—(S. Pollock 24; A. Campbell 31; T. Fletcher 50; T. Clark 61).—166 Points. I. Colquhoun 68; P. Duff 70; A. Blackhurst 74; H. Hunt 91.
5. (Tie) Glasgow Univ. H. & H.—(J. Gourlay 10; H. Garven 38; G. Bowles 56; I. F. Manning 62).—166 Points. W. S. Rathie 101; G. B. McCall 104; H. R. Livingstone 126; J. H. Jardine 148.
6. Vale of Leven A.A.C.—(A. McDougall 14; W. Crowe 46; D. McPherson 49; M. Connell 66).—175 Points. J. McNabb 85; E. Murphy 113, 162, 212.
7. Springburn H.—(T. Tracey 3; T. McGill 32; J. Rankin 53; G. Pollock 112).—200 Points. S. Neilson 117; J. McKay 122, 165.
8. Bellahouston H.—(J. Kelly 8; C. Kirk 43; W. Bisland 69; E. Oxburgh 87).—207

- Points. G. McArthur 106; J. S. Taylor 120; P. Livings one 132, 170.
9. St. Modan's A.A.C.—(A. Crawford 26; M. Kaney 33; G. McCracken 58; P. Donnelly 95).—212 Points. A. Lafferty 109, 155, 178.
 10. Edinburgh Southern H.—(J. Kay 25; J. White 59; H. Robertson 75; G. G. Elliot 94).—256 Points. D. L. Gowan 97; J. Clifton 118; R. M. Paul 127.
 11. Greenock Glenpark H.—(S. Williamson 18; H. Beaton 19; T. Brands 103; D. Farren 137).—277 Points. 152.
 12. Greenock Wellpark H.—(T. Stevenson 5; G. King 7; J. Sinclair 124; R. Beaton 145).—291 Points.
 13. Plebeian H.—(E. Latham 63; W. McInnes 67; H. S. Patterson 88; J. Girvin 110).—328 Points. 199.
 14. Strathgait H.—(F. Syme 6; J. S. McKechnie 96; J. Newton 99; D. Macbeth 153).—354 Points. 163.
 15. Garscube H.—(E. Cormack 57; F. Russell 82; W. McNeil 102; J. McIntosh 125).—364 Points. 166, 184.
 16. Kilmarnock H.—(G. Martin 34; J. McPheely 47; R. Ballantrine 140; D. Todd 147).—368 Points. 200, 206, 215.
 17. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. H.—(D. Nelson 4; J. McMillan 76; D. Sommerville 136; 176).—392 Points. 217.
 18. Cambuslang H.—(W. Scouler 42; G. Russell 73; J. Brew 124; 160).—393 Points. 167, 207, 208, 209.
 19. Clydesdale H.—(J. Hume 64; P. Younger 80; A. Divers 107; A. Donaghey 150).—401 Points. 201, 213.
 20. Helensburgh A.A.C.—(J. Arroll 84; P. Milligan 105; P. Campbell 121; J. Cowie 123).—433 Points. J. Mauchline 130; J. Arroll 139.
 21. Doon H.—(B. Hainey 27; J. Galloway 135; 164, 169).—495 Points. 187, 195.
 22. West of Scotland H.—(A. Freegard 52; J. Douglas 89; 168, 188).—497 Points. 202.
 23. Glasgow Police A.A.A.—(A. Allan 11; S. Martin 138; 182, 183).—514 Points. 191, 196, 199.
 24. Dumbarton A.A.C.—(J. Malcolm 39; H. MacNee 146; 159, 175).—519 Points.
 25. Monkland H.—(F. Bradley 60; H. Upton 114; 182, 192).—555 Points.
 26. Edinburgh Eastern H.—(R. Stark 90; F. Donaghy 129, 185, 204).—608 Points.
 27. Paisley H.—(A. Brown 133; T. Cummings 149; 158, 171).—611 Points. 172, 173, 174.
 28. Auchmountain H.—(I. Graham 141; C. Fackery 142; 161, 151).—625 Points.
 29. Edinburgh Northern H.—(W. Messer 86; G. S. McGowan 143; 186, 216).—631 Points. 218.
 30. Eglinton H.—(H. Maxwell 111; 157, 180, 203).—651 Points. 210, 211.
 31. Olympic H.—(R. Houston 151; 156, 177, 214).—698 Points.

FAILED TO CLOSE IN—

- Uddingston Welfare A.A.C.—(W. R. Hunt 40; J. Simpson 116; W. Graham 128, —).
Glasgow Y.M.C.A. H.—(D. Lindsay 36; D. McLean 79; 191; —).
Larkhall Y.M.C.A. H.—(T. D. Reid 16; P. Corrigan 131; 193, —).
Shotts Welfare A.A.A.—(A. McNeil 98; J. Shields 119; 205, —).

INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS.

- A. Foster (Airdrie H.), 84; G. Gordon (Kirkcaldy Y.M.), 96; J. Thompson (Ayr A.A.C.), 97; A. Wikie (Dundee T.), 110; D. Wylie (Lochwinnoch A.A.C.), 141; F. Wilson (Airdrie H.), 158; G. Ness (Airdie H.), 167; M. McCormack (Lochwinnoch A.A.C.), 183; J. Frazer (Kirkcaldy Y.M.), 202; W. Douglas (Hamilton H.), 207.