

CROSS-COUNTRY

Analysis of Team Finishes in National Race

SCOTLAND'S BEST JUNIORS

Several interesting and pleasing features are associated with the contest for the thirty-eighth National Championship at Hamilton. As usual there were disappointments, but on the other hand these were more than compensated for by the very impressive showing of many of the novice and junior class winners, and of J. Suttie Smith, the winner of the national title.

G. P. Inglis and T. W. Cowan, of Maryhill Harriers, both this year's novices, must be complimented on their achievement of counting seventh and thirteenth for their club, who created a record win by registering 67 points less than Plebeian.

The Plebeian must have surprised themselves by an exhibition of good team work. S. K. Tombe and W. J. Gunn—but particularly Gunn—laid the foundation of the very fine effort. Maxwell Rayne, who ran tenth and third for Plebeian, is also a first-year runner who has thus made his mark.

Edinburgh Northern felt somewhat softly, but the absence of H. McIntosh and the lapse of form by one or two of their members, including T. F. Mulholland, jeopardised their chances. J. Gardiner, Motherwell, is another improving young runner, whose performance of sixth and first man home for his club proves that his recent "western" racing when he chased R. Henderson, Glasgow, home was no flash-in-the-pan.

Henderson, who was shaping well in the early stages of the race, fell back to fourth eleventh junior.

Analysis of Finishes

	Pts.
1 MARYHILL HARRIERS—Calderwood (2), Wright (3), Inglis (7), Cowan (13), Adams (14), Robertson (16)	55
2 PLEBEIAN—Tombe (4), Gunn (5), Rayne (10), Connelly (26), M'Callum (36), James (41)	122
3 GARSCLUBE—Girvan (11), Roxburgh (12), Blue (25), A. Brook (28), D. Brooke (44), M'Farlane (51)	171
4 MONKLAND—Stevenson (1), Scott (19), Plant (20), Hassan (24), Tennant (46), Millar (65)	175
5 EDINBURGH NORTHERN—Stewart (9), Armstrong (29), Morrison (33), Lothian (35), Addison (39), Morris (48)	193
6 MOTHERWELL—Gardiner (6), M'Ewan (31), Kerr (61), Shaw (74), Archibald (79), Simpson (87)	338
7 EDINBURGH—Cameron (21), Suttie (56), Thin (57), Bannatyne (63), J. Henderson (68), Gray (73)	338
8 GLASGOW—Henderson (15), Bryans (37), Hay (47), Knox (72), Miller (84), Jordan (110)	365
9 SHETTLESTON—Geggie (30), Quinn (49), Whitters (58), Hill (67), Anderson (78), Mitchell (85)	367
10 GLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—Moss (40), Thomson (42), Craig (43), M'Ilrairie (80), M'Arthur (95), Watson (123)	423
11 GLENPARK—Pettigrew (17), Wood (62), Morrison (92), Barker (74), Holmes (118), Heron (139)	522
12 BELLAHOUSTON—Campbell (8), Robinson (89), Japp (93), Purcell (102), Forrester (113), Brown (126)	531
13 EDINBURGH SOUTHERN—Cresbie (45), Wilson (77), Ross (96), Gorrie (97), Bowman (109), Hunter (120)	544
14 SPRINGBURN—Allison (18), Campbell (55), J. Mars (101), G. Tully (114), Montgomery (115), Dunlop (142)	545
15 WELLPARK—Malcolm (50), M'Swein (54), Stewart (98), Leslie (99), M'Crae (117), Whitson (138)	556
16 PAISLEY—Stewart (32), Gilchrist (76), Campbell (90), Wylie (112), Anderson (116), M'Gowan (133)	559
17 ST PETER'S A.A.C.—Connor (34), Gaffney (86), Smith (88), M'Grath (108), Walsh (124), M'Donald (125)	565

Beith, Hamilton, and West of Scotland did not finish complete teams.

Leading Juniors

First twelve juniors and placings in the national races were:—

	Min.	Sec.
1 Lance-Corpl. R. R. Sutherland, Garscube (4)	54	46
2 J. F. Wood, Heriot's (8)	55	11
3 J. Gardiner, Motherwell (10)	55	36
4 G. P. Inglis, Maryhill (11)	55	41
5 J. Campbell, Bellahouston (12)	55	45
6 M. Rayne, Plebeian (14)	55	59
7 T. Meikle, Barleith (17)	56	15
8 W. Gibson, Canon A.S.C. (18)	56	18
9 T. M'Cowan, Maryhill (20)	56	23
10 C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A. (21)	56	25
11 R. Henderson, Glasgow (23)	56	29
12 R. Allison, Springburn (26)	56	34

At the annual general meeting of Glasgow University Hares andounds the following office-bearers were elected:—Hon. president, Professor J. Gray; captain, J. N. Miller; hon. secretary, D. D. Duff; committee—J. & H. J. M'Aulay, I. M'Phail, and J. S. Melvin.

SUTTIE SMITH TO THE FORE.

MARYHILL STILL BEST CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

By "Globe."

J. Suttie Smith, Dundee Thistle Harriers, easily proved himself the best man out in the National Cross-Country Championship at Hamilton. For a time he had to contend with a serious challenge from Frankie Stevenson, Monkland, the 10 miles flat champion, but his superior speed over the final mile drew him clear of his rival, to win by about 150 yards in 54 minutes 1-5 second.

W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill, did very well to race home third about another 120 yards behind Stevenson. Lance-Corporal R. R. Sutherland, Garscube Harriers, performed creditably by finishing fourth, thus securing the junior championship award. His nearest contender was J. P. Wood, Heriot's, who finished four places behind Sutherland.

MARYHILL AGAIN.

The team championship resulted, as expected, in an easy win for the holders, Maryhill. They actually finished eight men within thirty—a brilliant performance, indeed!

To the surprise of many, Plebeian Harriers came up trumps, defeating more fancied clubs for the minor honour of runners-up.

The disappointment was the lapse of form by the holder, "Dunky" Wright. He more than ever favours the greater distance, especially when the shorter course and lighter going suit his rivals better.

FIRST SIX.

	Mins.	Secs.
1. J. Suttie Smith, Dundee Thistle...	54	1-5
2. F. L. Stevenson, Monkland Har.	54	23
3. W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill H.	54	41
4. CL R. R. Sutherland, Garscube H.	54	46
5. Duncan Wright, Maryhill Har.	54	54
6. S. K. Tombe, Plebeian Harr.....	54	55

LEADING TEAMS.

1. Maryhill—W. H. Calderwood (2), D. Wright (3), G. P. Inglis (7), T. W. Cowan (13), A. W. Adams (14), D. N. Robertson (16)—55 points.
2. Plebeian Harriers—S. K. Tombe (4), W. J. Gunn (5), M. Rayne (10), P. J. Connelly (26), N. McCallum (36), E. James (41)—122 points.
3. Garscube Harriers—J. Girvan (11), R. Roxburgh (12), C. H. Blue (25), A. Brooke (28), D. Brookes (44), J. McFarlane (51)—171 points.
4. Monkland—1, 19, 20, 24, 46, 65—175 points.
5. Edinburgh Northern—9, 29, 35, 35, 39, 48—193 points.
6. Tie—Motherwell—6, 31, 61, 74, 79, 87—338 points; and Edinburgh—21, 56, 57, 63, 68, 73—333 points.

The international team will be chosen at a special meeting to be held next Friday evening.

DUNDEE HAWKHILL.—Road championship of five miles—1, G. Simpkins, 27 mins. 5 secs.; 2, George Lindsay, 28 mins. 15 secs.; 3, T. Barron, 28 mins. 23 secs.

SUTTIE SMITH GAINS HARRIER TITLE

Record Maryhill Win in National Championship

YOUNG GLASGOW CLUB RUNNERS-UP

For once in a while the most important cross-country event of the season enjoyed splendid weather conditions, when the 38th National 10-Miles Championship was decided at Hamilton on Saturday.

The entry of 20 clubs and 19 individuals was very gratifying, but some clubs were compelled to start without full teams. Interest in the race was somewhat robbed by the attraction of local and other football cup-ties.

Owing to the difficulties of transport to the scene of the contest complete declaration of teams was rendered impossible. There was the spectacle of competitors running up in motor cycles, changing in quick time, and just succeeding to get at the tail of the starters carrying their identification numbers in their hands. Alex. McHattie and William Dick (Doom Harriers), and Cpl. Joe McIntyre (Garscube Harriers) were non-starters out of the list of individual entrants.

J. S. Smith's Early Lead

There was keen speculation as to the outcome of the individual championship, but everyone present thought the team race a foregone conclusion for the Maryhill Club.

Coming into view for the first time the leading group included J. Suttie Smith (Dundee), W. H. Calderwood (Maryhill), F. I. Stevenson (Monkland), R. Henderson (Glasgow), D. M. L. Wright (Maryhill), J. F. Wood (Heriot's) and J. Mitchell (Barleith). At the end of the next lap—time, 19min. 6sec.—Suttie Smith was still in front, closely followed by F. I. Stevenson, W. H. Calderwood, W. J. Gunn (Plebeian), Cpl. R. R. Sutherland, of Tilsforth Barracks; then after an interval came S. K. Tombe (Plebeian), D. M. L. Wright, J. F. Wood, R. Henderson, J. Girvan (Garscube), and G. P. Inglis (Maryhill).

During the next lap Smith and Stevenson gradually pulled clear of the field, and at seven miles or thereby both were together forty yards in front of W. H. Calderwood. Several yards behind Calderwood came J. F. Wood and Cpl. Sutherland.

Wood's Soldier Opponent

By this time it was evident that the individual race rested with Smith and Stevenson, the junior championship for Wood or Sutherland and the team championship for the holders, Maryhill Harriers. There was, however, a keen fight taking place for the honour of team runners-up, and prominent were Plebeian Harriers, whose leaders, Gunn and Tombe, were exhibiting fine form.

Going for the last circuit the leaders steadily increased their pace, and tenacious though Frankie Stevenson usually is he had to allow Suttie Smith to go ahead. Down the home straight came the fast-moving and stylish Dundee youth to win a great race by nearly 150 yards in 54min. 1.5sec. Frank Stevenson beat Calderwood (who also ran very well) by a less margin for second place.

As was expected, the team race ended in a brilliant victory for Maryhill Harriers, whose winning points totalled 55, showing a record marginal win. Had Maryhill counted eight instead of six they would still have won.

Inspiring Leaders

Plebeian did exceptionally well to displace more fancied clubs in Edinburgh Northern, Garscube, and Monkland, but it was S. K. Tombe and W. J. Gunn who inspired their colleagues to run as they had never ran before.

Cpl. R. K. Sutherland (Garscube Harriers) finished first junior. He also ran splendidly over the final lap to reach the forward position of fourth. A tall, upstanding athlete, Sutherland may be expected to perform well in the International.

Wood, of Heriot's, lost four places during the last mile.

Leading Twelve

	Min.	Sec.
1 J. Suttie Smith, Dundee Thistle	54	1.5
2 F. I. Stevenson, Monkland	54	23
3 W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill	54	41
4 Corporal R. R. Sutherland, Garscube	54	46
5 Duncan Wright, Maryhill	54	54
6 S. K. Tombe, Plebeian	54	55
7 W. J. Gunn, Plebeian	55	4
8 J. F. Wood, Heriot's	55	11
9 James Mitchell, Barleith	55	30
10 James Gardiner, Motherwell	55	36
11 G. P. Inglis, Maryhill	55	41
12 J. Campbell, Bellahouston	55	45

Team Placings

1. MARYHILL—W. H. Calderwood 2. D. Wright 3. G. P. Inglis 7. T. W. Cowan 13. A. W. Adams 14. D. N. Robertson 16—55 points.

2. PLEBEIAN HARRIERS—S. K. Tombe 4. W. J. Gunn 5. M. Rayne 10. P. J. Connelly 26. N. McCallum 36. E. James 41—122 points.

3. GARS_CUBE HARRIERS—J. Girvan 11. R. Roxburgh 12. C. H. Bine 25. A. Brookes 28. D. Brookes 44. J. McFarlane 51—171 points.

4. MONKLAND—F. I. Stevenson 1. D. Scott 19. W. C. Plant 20. H. Hassan 24. J. Tennent 46. A. S. Millar 65—175 points.

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7. Glasgow, 365; 8. Shettleston, 367; 9. Glasgow V.M.C.A., 473; 10. Glespark, 522; 11. Bellahouston 531; 12. Edinburgh Southern.

The international team of nine and three reserves will be chosen at the end of this week. Meantime those who are obvious candidates should continue their training.