

some of the Glasgow clubs though tracks exist, cannot be accommodated to suit their requirements?

Surely even if coaching is desired the prime issue is that of the granting of facilities where a happy atmosphere will prevail.

My experience of athletics is that once an athlete gets to a certain higher standard, all sorts of people come forward as so called trainers and coaches who claim to be THE person who is responsible for that athlete's success—but—once the athlete begins to slip down the scale, so surely does the coach slip back to obscurity, just at the period when he is really necessary. Anyone can be a coach to a champion, it only means carrying his bag.

An athlete can only by his own efforts in persistent training and if he can persuade his club members to co-operate, make the grade. Did these out-of-town clubs have "Hon. Senior" Coaches "fully examined and tested" to enable them to win this year's National Cross

Country honours? I doubt it, but I can imagine it was the enthusiasm of the individual plus the able assistance of his club members who built them up to such a high standard. No coach can make a champion out of a man who has not the gift. A champion is born not made and until we have some born in Scotland, so must we make the best out what we have got in hand.

Looking back on the years, I feel that we had better runners when each man or Club had its little "school." How can one Coach deal with a number of men all with different temperaments each with his own interests, difficulties of home life, jobs, facilities and hours of training. Is he going to change all these people's ideas of training to his own into a massed production athletic system. No; its not coaches or trainers we want, its some place where a man can train—at his own convenience—a place where he feels he is welcome and I am firmly convinced that until that time comes, we will always be behind in this country's athletic achievements.

## SCOTTISH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### DETAILS—

##### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS—

1. J. Fleming, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 54m. 57s.
2. J. Reid, West Kilbride A.S.C., 55m. 3s.
3. J. E. Farrell, Maryhill H., 55m. 5s.
4. T. McNeish, Irvine Y.M.C.A., 55m. 36s.
5. T. Stevenson, Greenock W. H., 56m. 12s.
6. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston H., 56m. 18s.
7. J. J. Stuart, Shettleston H., 8; G. B. Craig, Shettleston H., 9; G. Wood, Motherwell Y.M., 10; J. Sanderson, Gala H., 11; A. Kidd, Garasube H., 12; J. Reid, Victoria Park A.A.C.

#### TEAM PLACINGS—

- 1.—Shettleston Harriers.—(J. C. Flockhart 5; J. Stuart 6; G. B. Craig 7; J. C. Ross 16; H. Howard 17; J. Clark 18).—69 Points.
- 2.—(Tie) Bellahouston Harriers.—(G. Anderson 12; R. Climie 20; T. W. Lamb, 27; J. Christie 28; A. McLean 30; A. Dunwoody 47).—164 Points. J. Kelly 60; J. Allan 65; J. Gifford 83.
- (Tie) Victoria Park A.A.C.—(J. Reid 10; A. Forbes 11; J. Ellis 15; R. O'Hara 41; W. Ritchie 42; D. McFarlane 45).—164 Points. A. Jenkins 49; C. Forbes 50; A. Johnston 52; J. Stirling 63; D. Dick 105.

- 4.—Garasube Harriers.—(A. Kidd 9; J. Gunn 26; T. McGinlay 40; T. Daily 44; R. J. Mulgrew 48; J. Andrews 56).—223 Points. A. Gold 58; D. G. Causon 59; A. Hay 84; T. A. Gourlay 91.
- 5.—Springburn Harriers.—(T. Tracey 19; D. McLachlan 33; J. C. Morton 39; D. Fyfe 61; R. F. McLean 67; A. C. Stevenson 68).—287 Points. H. Haughe 72; H. Frith 74; N. McGowan 75; A. Reid 87; S. S. Neilson 99.
- 6.—Maryhill Harriers.—(J. E. Farrell 3; T. Harrison 31; R. Brynner 53; J. Bissell 62; J. Wright 70; T. K. Wilson 71).—290 Points. J. Nelson 73; H. Morrison 76; D. Tait 79; J. Wilkie 89; A. H. Henderson 110.
- 7.—Kilmarnock Harriers.—(W. Morton 14; R. Miller 22; C. Martin 38; T. Tod 78; D. C. Wark 80; M. Butler 85).—317 Points. J. Morton 100; D. L. Richardson 118.
- 8.—West Kilbride A.S.C.—(J. Reid 2; T. Reid 36; G. Houston 66; R. Paton 81; D. Armstrong 82; A. Wentworth 97).—364 Points.
- 9.—Greenock Glenpark Harriers.—(W. Williamson 13; J. Grant 35; W. McLean 43; W. Elder 86; C. Berry 102; B. Leitch 106).—385 Points. T. Mearns 115.
- 10.—Clydesdale Harriers.—(R. Boyd 24; D. Scott 59; D. Bowman 57; P. Younger 64; G. Divers 92; A. Donachie 95).—387 Points. E. Murphy 103; D. Stewart 114; A. Hylan 120.

- 11.—Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers.—(J. A. Fleming 1; G. Wood 8; J. McMillan 88; W. Watson 94; J. McGuire 107; R. Devon 119).—417 Points.
- 12.—Monkland Harriers.—(A. McPherson 29; F. Bradley 34; J. Tennant 104; H. Ryder 108; J. Geddes 111; G. Jackson 112).—498 Points. D. Steel 117; W. Ward 121.

#### FAILED TO CLOSE IN—

- Greenock Wellpark Harriers.—(T. Stevenson 4; G. King 25; J. Sinclair 101; T. McCluskey 116; T. Reid 122. —).
- Plebeian Harriers.—(J. Latham 51; A. C. Robertson 54; W. McInnes 77; C. S. Heaney 90; J. Houston 113. —).
- Glasgow Police A.A.—(A. McGregor 23; J. McLeish 93; S. Martin 96; G. A. Girvin 98; W. Walker 109).

#### INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS:—

- John Bathgate, Ballydrain H. 13; T. H. Braid, Edinburgh Un. H. 6 H. 17; W. Gallacher, Vale of Leven, 18; D. Clelland, St. Modan's 19; F. G. V. Bathgate, Ballydrain H. 24; C. D. Robertson, Dundee Thistle, 28; A. C. Gibson, Hamilton H. 34; J. Barton, Shettleston H. 42; G. McGill, Hamilton H. 49; T. D. Reid, Larkhall Y.M. 60; R. Kerr, Ayr, 68; E. Summerhill, Shettleston H. 74; C. Jones, Edinburgh R. & S. 78; I. Thomson, Ayr, 98; J. Kerr, Hillington, 99; J. S. McKechnie, Strathgait, 100; J. Simpson, V.P. A.A.C., 101; J. Stewart, Hamilton, 103; P. Taylor, Dundee Thistle, 107; K. McKinnon, Kilbarchan, 109; W. H. Whalley, Ayr, 115; H. I. Fenion, Lochwinnoch, 117; J. Gardner, Vale of Leven, 118; W. Brownlie, Hamilton, 119; K. Phillips, Beith, 126; M. Connell, Vale of Leven, 129; C. Craig, Hamilton, 130; D. E. Clark, H.M.S. Caledonia, 132; H. Pritchard, Eglinton, 137; J. McClure, V.P. A.A.C., 138; J. Single, H.M.S. Caledonia, 142; D. McNaughton, Auchmountain, 146; R. Donald, Glasgow Y.M., 147; R. Houston, Olympic, 149; A. Mills, Auchmountain, 151; J. M. Sellars, Paisley Y.M., 154; H. Maxwell Eglinton, 155; W. More, Auchmountain, 157; J. Giffin, Hillington, 163.
- 195 Starters. 164 Finished.

### YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### DETAILS—

##### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS—

1. G. Adamson, West Kilbride A.S.C.
2. J. Stevenson, Greenock Wellpark Harriers.
3. B. L. Hainey, Doon Harriers.
4. D. Nelson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers.
5. T. Coleman, West Kilbride A.S.C.
6. W. Duncan, Victoria Park A.A.C.; 7. W. J. McCammon, Springburn H.; 8. H. Gibson, Hamilton H.; 9. E. S. Murray, Garasube H.; 10. McCafferty, St. Modan's A.A.C.; 11. D. McCulloch, Doon H.; 12. J. Craig, Hamilton H.

#### TEAM PLACINGS—

- 1.—West Kilbride A.S.C.—(G. Adamson 1; T. Coleman 4; J. Butcher 19; B. McLaughlin 45).—69 Points. C. Milne 55.
- 2.—Garasube Harriers.—(E. S. Murray 8; G. Dunn 17; F. J. Robertson 18; W. Munro 28).—71 Points. J. Gardner 59; W. Stanwix 89.
- 3.—Hamilton Harriers.—(H. Gibson 7; J. Craig 11; J. Scoular 34; G. Hutson 44).—96 Points. A. McGonigle 99.

- 4.—H.M.S. Caledonia.—(R. J. W. Quigley 15; E. J. Berry 23; G. J. Frampton 25; A. Plummeridge 51).—114 Points. P. F. J. Smith 67.
- 5.—Doon Harriers.—B. L. Hainey 3; D. McCulloch 10; E. B. Uriarte 40; W. Chalmers 74).—127 Points.
- 6.—Edinburgh Eastern Harriers.—(A. Doctor 12; R. Stark 22; F. Shiels 33; W. Ness 64).—131 Points. W. Findlay 90; T. Johnstone 91.
- 7.—St. Modan's A.A.C.—(McCafferty 9; M. Kaney 30; G. McDonald 41; J. Quinn 52).—132 Points. A. Lafferty 57; J. Brown 79.
- 8.—Kilmarnock Harriers.—(J. McPheely 20; R. Ballantyne 32; D. Todd 36; G. Wilson 46).—134 Points. J. Thomson 81; W. Aird 98.
- 9.—Shettleston Harriers.—(E. Dolan 31; R. Bolling 37; J. Moore 38; J. Kirk 43).—149 Points. J. McGeechan 50; A. Henderson 70.
- 10.—Edinburgh Rover & Scout A.A.C.—I. Morrison 24; I. Murdoch 39; W. Linton 47; C. Begg 48).—158 Points. D. Fordyce 49; D. Hall 75.
- 11.—Victoria Park A.A.C.—(W. Duncan 5; A. Brodie 26; A. Hector 62; D. Orr 68).—161 Points. G. Munro 69; D. Bowie 96.
- 12.—Dundee Thistle Harriers.—(J. Fitzpatrick 29; S. Hopton 53; R. Johnston 58; G. Thomson 61).—201 Points.
- 13.—Greenock Glenpark Harriers.—(S. Williamson 13; H. Beaton 42; J. K. Aitchison 71; W. Cooper 77).—203 Points. T. Brands 84.
- 14.—Maryhill Harriers.—(R. McDonald 35; A. Gordon 60; A. Bald 63; J. Rushbury 73).—231 Points. A. Miller 76; C. King 97.
- 15.—Greenock Wellpark Harriers.—(J. Stevenson 2; J. Thompson 65; I. Grant 80; J. Smith 100).—247 Points.
- 16.—Springburn Harriers.—(W. J. McCammon 6; R. Stevenson 78; J. Coleman 82; J. Duffy 85).—251 Points. J. Edgar 92.
- 17.—Edinburgh University H. & H.—(A. Ross 16; H. Simpson 56; A. McAllister 88; R. Davidson 93).—253 Points.
- 18.—Auchmountain Harriers.—(P. McIntosh 27; C. Facherty 66; R. Clark 83; R. Scott 99).—271 Points.
- 19.—West of Scotland Harriers.—(W. Mullen 54; T. Cowan 72; A. Campbell 86; J. Davidson 94).—306 Points.

#### FAILED TO CLOSE IN—

- Bellahouston Harriers.—(W. Anderson 14; C. Kirk 21; J. Carmichael 87. —).

#### INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS—

- A. H. Brown (Castlehill Y.C.) 19; A. Diamond (Irvine Y.M.) 26; J. Hume (Clydesdale) 30; A. R. Girvin (Plebeian) 33; D. McCallum (Clydesdale) 36; C. Ballantyne (Monkland) 37; A. Shields (Motherwell Y.M.) 39; T. Scott (Castlehill Y.C.) 44; D. Clotworthy (Irvine Y.M.) 51; J. McGregor (Plebeian) 58; T. Cummings (Paisley H.) 67; J. McIvor (Beith) 71; R. King (Castlehill Y.C.) 79; H. Glasgow (Plebeian) 82; J. Joyce (Olympic H.) 101; D. Carter (Edinburgh R. & S.) 106; R. Steel (Beith) 116.
- 124 Starters. 119 Finished.

1. J. Fleming (Motherwell H.M.).
2. J. Reid (West Kilbride).
3. J. Farrell (Maryhill).
- \* 4. J. McNeill (Glasgow H.M.).
5. J. Stevenson (Greenock Wellpark).
6. J. C. Flockhart
7. J. C. Stuart
8. J. B. Craig
9. J. Wood (Motherwell H.M.).
- \* 10. J. Sanderson (Gala H.).
11. A. Gold (Glasgow H.).
12. J. Reid (Victoria Park).
- \* 13. J. Bathgate (Ballydoon).
14. A. Forbes (Victoria Park).
15. J. Anderson (Bellahouston).
16. W. Williamson (Greenock Wellpark).
17. J. H. Reid (Edinburgh H.).
18. W. Gallagher (Dundee H.).
19. D. Chalmers (St. Modans).
20. W. Munton (Kilmarnock H.).
21. J. Ellis (Victoria Park).
22. J. C. Ross
23. H. Howard
- \* 24. J. C. Bathgate (Ballydoon).
25. J. Clark
26. J. Gracey (Springburn).
- \* 27. R. Clinch (Bellahouston).
- \* 28. C. Robertson (Dundee H.).

29. C. Wallace
30. R. Miller (Kilmarnock).
31. A. M. Gregor (Glasgow Police).
32. R. Boyd (Clydebank).
33. J. King (Greenock Wellpark).
- \* 34. A. C. Gibson (Hamilton).
35. J. Gunn (Glasgow).
36. J. Lamb (Bellahouston).
37. J. Christie (Bellahouston).
38. A. M. Peterson (Monkland).
39. A. M. Dean (Bellahouston).
40. J. Harrison (Maryhill).
41. J. Morrison
- \* 42. J. Burton
43. D. M. MacLellan (Springburn).
44. J. Bradley (Monkland).
45. J. Grant (Greenock Wellpark).
46. J. Reid (West Kilbride).
47. W. Laing
48. C. Martin (Kilmarnock H.).
49. D. Murray (Glasgow).
50. J. C. Munton (Springburn).
51. J. M. Binley (Glasgow).
52. R. O'Hara (Victoria Park).
53. W. Ritchie (Victoria Park).
54. W. M. Dean (Greenock Wellpark).
55. J. Daily (Glasgow).
56. D. M. Purdie (Victoria Park).

57. A. Hill
58. A. Dunwoody (Bellahouston).
59. R. Mulgrew (Glasgow).
- \* 60. J. D. Reid (Glasgow).
61. A. Jenkins (Victoria Park).
62. C. Forbes (Victoria Park).
63. H. Mills
64. A. Johnston (Victoria Park).
65. R. Bryner (Maryhill).
66. A. C. Robertson (Glasgow).
67. J. Scott (Clydebank).
- \* 68. R. Reid (Ayr A.C.).
69. J. Andrews (Glasgow).
70. D. Brown (Clydebank).
71. A. Gold (Glasgow).
72. A. Cairns (Glasgow).
73. J. Kelly (Bellahouston).
74. C. Cunningham
75. D. Gyle (Springburn).
76. J. Russell (Maryhill).
77. J. Shilling (Victoria Park).
- \* 78. J. Gair (Kew Gardens).
79. J. Gair (Clydebank).
80. J. Allan (Bellahouston).
81. J. Houston (West Kilbride).
82. R. M. Dean (Springburn).
83. A. Stevenson (Springburn).
84. J. H. Taylor

Details from "Glasgow Herald" 1. J. Fleming 54. 59, 2. J. Reid 55. 3, 3. J. Farrell 55. 5, 4. J. M. Neill 55. 36.

5. J. Stevenson 56. 12. 6. J. Flockhart 56. 18.

Team Contest: - Shillston (J. Flockhart 5, J. Stuart 6, J. Craig 7, J. Ross 16 H. Howard 17 J. Clark 18) 6

Clark Wallace.

Post Secretary 10/3/49.