

# SCOTTISH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

## HAMILTON RACECOURSE

4th MARCH, 1950

### SENIOR NINE MILES

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS—

1. R. Reid (Birchfield & Doon H.). 50.22.
2. F. Sinclair (Greenock W. & Blayden H.) 50.25.
3. T. Tracey (Springburn H.) 50.31.
4. J. E. Farrell (Maryhill Harriers) 50.36.
5. G. B. Craig (Shettleston H.), 6. B. Bickerton (Shettleston H.), 7. C. D. Robertson (Dundee Th.), 8. A. Forbes (Vic. P.) (Holder), 9. J. Sanderson (Gala & Thames Valley), 10. A. C. Gibson (Hamilton H.).

#### TEAM PLACINGS—

1. Shettleston H. (G. B. Craig 3. B. Bickerton 4. R. C. Wallace 9. J. C. Flockhart 18. J. Clark 21. J. C. Ross 24.)—79 Points.
2. Edinburgh Un. H. & H. (T. H. Braid 8. R. R. Rowles 11. R. F. Wilby 16. J. P. Waterson 27. R. J. Sherwin 35. R. Naylor 43.)—140 Points.
3. Victoria Park A.A.C. (A. Forbes 5. C. Forbes 7. D. McFarlane 17. J. Stirling. 19. D. Shuttlesworth 39. A. Johnson 56. 143 Points.
4. Springburn H. (T. Tracey 1. J. Morton 15. A. Stevenson 25. J. Stevenson 30. D. Fyfe 40. N. McGowan 48.)—159 Points.
5. Bellahouston H. (R. Climie 10. G. Anderson 14. H. O'Neill 28. T. W. Lamb 37. J. Christie 41. G. Bell.)—172 Points.
6. Maryhill H. (J. E. Farrell 2. R. Brynmor 22. T. Wilson 33. T. Harrison 45. G. Porteous 57. J. Wilkie 74.)—233 Points.
7. Edinburgh Southern H. (D. Webster 23. D. C. Boyle 32. H. Robertson 38. W. Grant 53. R. Syme 70. L. G. Kappelle 97.)—313 Points.
8. Vale of Leven A.A.C. (W. Gallacher 13. D. McPherson 36. H. Coll 67. W. Crowe 83. J. McNabb 88. M. Connell 104.)—391 Points.
9. Garscube H. (A. Kidd 20. J. Gunn 68. A. Gold 71. D. Causon 82. N. Ross 86. W. J. Ross 91.)—418 Points.
10. Glasgow Police A.A. (A. McGregor 29. K. Sigrist 54. A. Allan 59. T. McGrath 87. I. Johnston 95. H. Steven 96.)—420 Points.
11. Clydesdale H. (R. Boyd 61. D. Bowman 62. W. Howie 72. A. Donaghy 75. P. Reynolds 89. P. Younger 90.)—449 Points.
12. Monkland H. (F. Bradley 50. A. Farmer 65. J. Steel 73. I. Brown 94. J. Geddes 99. G. Jackson 105.)—486 Points.

#### INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS—

1. Reid (W. Kilbride) 13. T. McNeish (Irvine Y.M.) 16. A. McLean (Greenock G.) 25. D. Clelland (St. Modan's) 29. F. G. Bathgate (Ballydrain) 30. D. Brown (Larkhall Y.M.) 31. R. McKessack (Edinburgh E.) 35. D. McFarlane (Glasgow Y.M.) 41. W. Lindsay (Auchmountain H.) 43. J. McAvoy (Shettleston H.) 65. J. Hamilton (Edinburgh E.) 67. A. C. Robertson (Plebeian H.) 74. D. Lawson (Irvine Y.M.) 75. D. Gallagher (Udd. Wel.) 76. E. Thursby (Ayr) 78. R. Hutton (Olympic H.) 79. J. M. Burns (Kilmarnock H.) 85. A.

McNeill (Shotts Wel.) 90. J. Wilson (St. Modan's) 94. W. Elder (Greenock G.) 97. G. Martin (Shettleston H.) 110. J. Watt (Shettleston H.) 112. D. McManus (Beith) 114. B. Leitch (Greenock G.) 112. D. Sellars (Paisley H.) 128. C. Berry (Greenock G.) 132. G. Brown (Kilmarnock H.) 135. T. Mearns (Greenock G.) 138.

### JUNIOR SIX MILES

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS—

1. G. Adamson (West Kilbride A.S.C.) 37.15.
2. W. Lennie (Vale of Leven A.A.C.) 37.59.
3. C. L. Walker (Edinburgh Un.), 4. A. C. Ross (Edinburgh Un.), 5. E. Bannan (Shettleston H.), 6. A. Crawford (St. Modan's).

#### TEAM PLACINGS—

1. Edinburgh Un. H. & H. (G. L. Walker 1. A. C. Ross 2. A. Cumming 14. H. N. Williams 23.)—40 Points.
2. Shettleston H. (E. Bannan 3. J. Turnbull 13. M. Birt 26. R. McLaren 28.)—72 Points.
3. Plebeian H. (J. Barber 9. P. Cassels 21. A. Smith 22. D. Barclay 28.)—90 Points.
4. H.M.S. Caledonia (C. Howarth 7. A. Wilkinson 17. G. Frampton 34. A. N. Humphreys 36.)—94 Points.
5. Edinburgh Eastern H. (J. Rollo 5. A. Doctor 18. R. Stark 24. J. Lackenby 62.)—109 Points.
6. Edinburgh Rover Scouts (C. R. Jones 8. D. Hall 19. R. Pearson 45. W. Hardie 53.)—125 Points.
7. Edinburgh Southern H. (W. Gembles 16. H. Robb 30. W. G. Smith 39. I. Ferguson 41.)—126 Points.
8. Bellahouston H. (A. Muir 12. C. Kirk 13. G. McArthur 32. P. Livingstone 74.)—131 Points.
9. Garscube H. (J. J. Duffy 20. F. Robertson 27. R. Smith 43. H. Hatrick 44.)—134 Points.
10. Greenock Glenpark H. (S. Williamson 11. H. Beaton 29. D. Kennedy 50. C. Sinclair 52.)—142 Points.
11. Maryhill H. (J. Wright 10. S. Lawson 40. G. Taylor 48. R. McDonald 56.)—154 Points.
12. Cambuslang H. (G. Russell 25. I. Ballantyne 37. J. Brew 49. R. M. Kendrick 76.)—187 Points.
13. Victoria Park A.A.C. (W. Sloan 6. B. Smith 35. J. Webster 72. D. Bowie 79.)—192 Points.

#### INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS—

- W. Grieve (Kirkcaldy Y.M.) 7. T. Stevenson (Greenock W.) 8. T. D. Reid (Larkhall Y.M.) 9. J. Miller (Dundee Th.) 20. J. P. McRoberts (Edinburgh N.) 22. R. Ballantyne (Kilmarnock H.) 24. J. Jarvis (Hamilton) 29. P. Corrigan (Monkland H.) 34. D. Smith (Kilmarnock (Clydesdale H.) 54. F. McKay (Clydesdale H.) 40. A. Duncan (Paisley H.) 48. J. Duffy H.) 64. K. Phillips (Beith) 67. J. McCrimmon (Vale of Leven) 72. R. Walsh (West of S.) 73. W. Carson (Auchmountain H.) 75. D. Donachie (Glasgow Y.M.) 76. J. Craig (Hamilton H.) 82. G. Parley (Edinburgh N.) 85. T. Cumming (Paisley H.) 89. 106. Finished.

**ATHLETICS.**—Scottish youths' cross-country championship over three miles at Stirling—1 J. Finlayson, Hamilton H., 17 min. 14 sec.; 2 R. Quigley, H.M.S. Caledonia, 17 min. 25 sec.; 3 I. Morrison, Edinburgh Scouts, 17 min. 33 sec. Team Championship—1 Victoria Park (W. Duncan 9, R. Calderwood 10, S. Ellis 13, A. Brackenridge 14), 46 points; 2 Shettleston H. (J. M'Neill 7, C. Robertson 14, J. Kean 15, E. Dolan 18), 54 points; 3 Hamilton H. (J. Finlayson 1, T. Linwick 19, H. Gibson 21, W. Stewart 26), 67 points.

# Scottish Youths' Cross-Country Championship

By GEORGE DALLAS, Hon. Secy., N.C.C.U. of Scotland.

THE eleventh annual Youths' Individual and Team Cross-Country Championship three miles held within the King's Park, Stirling, on 3rd December, 1949, attracted 24 teams and 20 individuals, an entry which was on par with those previously decided in conjunction with the National Senior event. The course was one of one and half miles with a slightly deviated route over the second lap—a course good under foot and mostly of meadow-land, at one time the setting for the sport of Kings and Nobles resident in Stirling Castle which is only a short distance away.

There were 160 starters of youths varying from 16 to 18 years as at 1st October previous.

President John Scott of the National Cross-Country Union acting as Starter sent off the eager youths who found the conditions overhead not all propitious for a race, which has produced winners, at

least two, of whom, figured in National teams at a later date.

Among the fancied clubs for the team race were Shettleston, Victoria Park (rich in resources), Hamilton and West Kilbride A.S.C. It was evident at the end of the first lap that the first two named clubs were likely to be well in the running for honours, but West Kilbride were not so well placed, because one of their number, J. Butcher, was failing to keep pace with his clubmate, T. Coleman, who was incidentally among the fancied candidates for the individual honour.

Leading at this stage was a newcomer, R. Quigley, a real dark horse, one of the H.M.S. Caledonia contingent, with the most tipped candidate for the race, T. Finlayson of Hamilton Harries, on his heels—a lithesome type of runner who created an excellent impression in a recent Lanarkshire Championship race held for his class. It was of course



shown in that race he was in a class by himself, and, therefore, freely mentioned to win. Finlayson lived up to these expectations, for over the last lap he pulled on his reserve power to career away from the rest of the field, including Quigley, to win as he pleased by 70 yards with I. Morrison of Rover Scouts, Edinburgh, third, another 50 yards behind Quigley.

The team race ended not in favour of Shettleston Harriers who were prime favourites but for Victoria Park whose first runner was ninth, and last counting runner 17, giving them an aggregate of 49 points for the four places, with Shettleston placing their first runner in seventh place, and their counting fourth runner in the eighteenth position. Actually it was the better positioning of their two intermediate runners that contributed most to securing the five points margin over their great rivals. Hamilton Harriers once again finished third. It was certainly good work on the part of the representatives of Edinburgh Rover Scouts and H.M.S. Caledonia to occupy fourth and fifth places, beating the more fancied Springburn and West Kilbride clubs. If a special award had been made that would assuredly have gone to the Rover Scouts boys who were never fancied to be within the first half dozen. Among the biggest disappointments in the race were Bellahouston, Irvine, and Maryhill Harriers—a showing which was undoubtedly far below what form predicted.

#### INDIVIDUAL.

1. J. Finlayson (Hamilton H.) ... 17m. 14s.
2. R. Quigley (H.M.S. Caledonia) 17m. 25s.
3. I. Morrison (Edin Rover S.) ... 17m. 33s.
4. T. Coleman (W. Kilbride A.S.C.) 17m. 39s.

#### TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Victoria Park A.A.C.—(W. Duncan 9, R. Calderwood 10, S. Ellis 13, A. Brackenridge 17)—49 points; W. Cameron 78, A. Ross 79, W. Miller 111.
2. Shettleston H.—(J. McNeil 7, C. Robertson 14, J. Kean 15, E. Dolan 18)—54 points; T. Swan 22, A. Baird 50, J. Duncan 75, R. Hays 89.
3. Hamilton H.—(J. Finlayson 1, T. Limmerick 19, H. Gibson 21, W. Stuart 26)—67 points; W. Lucas 39, W. Kelley 66, A. Stewart 70, W. Guy 100.
4. Edinburgh Rover Scouts.—(I. Morrison 3, J. Crawford 12, D. Fordyce 37, W. Donachie 31)—73 points; K. Thomson 60, D. Baston 81, J. Cowan 91.
5. H.M.S. Caledonia.—(R. Quigley 2, E. Berry 8, A. Furdridge 30, K. Warden 67)—107 points; J. Watts 74, E. Yardell 76.

6. Springburn H.—(P. McFadden 16, J. Crawford 40, J. Jacobs 46, J. Drummond 49)—151 points; J. Murray 61, B. Kane 107.
7. West Kilbride A.S.C.—(T. Coleman 4, J. Robertson 34, B. McLaughlin 53, N. Roberts 63)—154 points; H. Dick 69, J. Butcher 86, J. Reid 105.
8. Kilmarnock H. & A.C.—(J. McPhee 6, G. Wilson 24, J. Young 55, A. Connor 72)—157 points; L. Marshall 101, D. McKenna 102.
9. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. H.—(A. Brown 5, M. Mitchell 25, J. Moir 44, J. Simpson 84)—158 points; W. Brown 90.
10. Vale of Leven A.A.C.—(W. Carsley 28, J. Campbell 33, R. Steel 42, A. Miller 71)—174 points; 110.
11. Edinburgh Southern H.—(C. Stirling 20, A. Philip 47, I. Gourlay 54, I. Clifton 82)—203 points.
12. Dundee Thistle H.—(J. Fitzpatrick 37, A. Wilkie 38, R. Johnstone 57, D. High 73)—205 points; I. Fitzpatrick 90.
13. Teviotdale H.—(D. Campbell 43, B. Murray 45, M. Shankie 52, T. Fairbairn)—220 points; J. Fox 83, R. Neill 95.
14. Edinburgh Eastern H.—(W. Ness 36, F. Shiels 58, T. Meek 65, W. Ramage 68)—227 points; T. Scott 77, T. Johnstone 106.
15. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. H.—(P. McLean 15, J. Cameron 41, S. Russell 48, A. McGregor 109)—233 points.
16. Bellahouston H.—(W. McAuslan 11, R. Stoddart 59, H. Kennedy 64, J. Herbert 103)—237 points; A. Scoular 112.
17. Irvine Y.M.C.A. H.—(D. Andrew 23, H. Kennedy 29, F. English 97, H. Gibson 108)—257 points.
18. Maryhill H.—(A. Bold 32, W. Appleby 62, A. Miller 85, D. Gardner 99)—278 points.
19. Auchmountain H.—(J. Ramsey 56, N. McLeod 88, J. Findlay 92, J. Kerr 104)—340 points.
20. St. Modan's A.A.C.—(T. McCracken 87, A. Galbraith 93, M. Kelly 94, K. Foxworthy 113)—387 points.

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