

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scottish newspapers reported that "many" girls collapsed and dropped out of the Championships held at Bellshill on February 19th. In fact three of the total number of 106 fell out, one of these with a sprained ankle.

1, L. Watson (Mary) 24.54; 2, D. Greig (Tanna) 25.02; 3, M. Crawford (Mary) 25.43; 4, D. King (Western) 26.13; 5, C. Kelly (Mary) 26.30; 6, M. Purdon (B'houst) 26.46; 7, I. Inwood (Mary) 27.58; 8, E. Horn (Dunf C) 30.14;

9, A. Lusk (West) 30.14; 10, E. Devine (DC) 30.44. 17 finished. **Teams:** 1, Maryhill (1,3,5) 9; 2, Dunfermline Coll. (8,10,11) 29; 3, Greenock Rankin Park (12,14,15) 41. **(Inter)** 1, E. Petrie (Tev) 14.12; 2, M. White (Lesm) 15.00; 3, A. Jamieson (Fauld) 15.09; 4, C. McKinnon (Lesm) 15.28; 5, C. Marchetti (M'well) 15.28; 6, I. Shields (Gar) 15.44; 7, A. Wilcox (Tev) 16.20; 8, L. Carruthers (Mary) 16.21; 9, J. Green (Teviot) 16.26; 10, M. Godfrey (Mary) 16.33. 20 finished. **Teams:** 1, Teviotdale (1,7,9) 17; 2, Lesmahagow (2,4,17) 23; 3, Maryhill (8,10,12) 30. **(Juniors)** 1, M. Simpson (Fauld) 5.45; 2, L. Cherry (Fauld) 5.56; 3, R. Cairns (Mary) 6.00; 4, M. Weir (B'burn) 6.00; 5, M. Smith (Muirkirk) 6.15; 6, M. Hamilton (Western) 6.16; 7, M. McDougal (Mary) 6.21; 8, L. Nurse (Mary) 6.23; 9, J. Agnew (Forrester SS) 6.24; 10, M. Thomas (Fauld) 6.26. 36 finished. **Teams:** 1, Fauldhouse (1,2,10) 13; 2, Maryhill (3,7,8) 18; 3, Forrester SS 49. **(Girls)** 1, H. Adamson (Lesm) 4.27; 2, E. Stevenson (Bellshill) 4.29; 3, M. Wardrope (Lesm) 4.36; 4, N. Morrison (West) 4.39; 5, E. Muirhead (Mary) 4.45; 6, J. Johnston (Teviot) 4.53. 30 finished. **Teams:** 1, Lesmahagow (1,3,8) 12; 2, Fauldhouse Victoria 31; 3, Teviotdale 35.

Strong Finishing Run

Miss L. Watson (Maryhill) won the Scottish women's cross-country senior title on Saturday at Bellshill. She covered the three-and-a-half miles in 24min. 54sec., beating Miss D. S. Greig (Tannahill), winner of the title three times, by 30 yards, with Miss M. Crawford (Maryhill) third, a long way behind.

Snow covered the course to a depth of six inches in places, which made the footing unsafe.

At half-distance Miss Greig and Miss Watson were together, well ahead of the field. After two-and-a-half miles Miss Watson, running with more determination than usual, broke clear and opened up a 20-yard lead. Over the final half-mile Miss Greig reduced the margin

and looked like catching up, but Miss Watson, sensing the danger, produced a remarkable turn of speed.

Maryhill won the team race for the fifth successive year, this time with the record total of nine points.

Miss E. Petrie (Teviotdale) had an emphatic victory by 48 seconds over Miss M. White (Lesmahagow) in the intermediate event, with Miss A. Jamieson (Fauldhouse) third, 9 seconds behind. Teviotdale retained the team title with 17 points.

Miss M. Simpson (Fauldhouse) won the junior title, beating a club-mate, Miss L. Cherry, by 11 seconds. Their club retained the team title with 13 points.

Miss H. Adamson (Lesmahagow) scraped home ahead of Miss E. Stevenson (Bellshill) in 4min. 27sec. in the three-quarter mile open race for girls aged 11 and 12. Lesmahagow won the team race.

EDINBURGH ON TOP AT CAMBUSLANG

Edinburgh University — undismayed by the absence of six of their best runners, who won the six-lap relay round Hyde Park, London—won the team race in the inter-University six-and-a-half mile test at Cambuslang. With seven runners in the first 10 places they scored 33 points—a clear-cut win over Strathclyde whose total was 71.

Bellshill Results

Senior (3½ miles)—1, L. Watson (Maryhill), 24min. 54sec.; 2, D. L. Greig (Tannahill), 25min. 2sec.; 3, M. Crawford (Maryhill), 25min. 43sec. Team race—1,

ATROCIOUS CONDITIONS

The Olympic runner was timed at 13 min. 39 sec., compared with the old course record of 13 min. 36 sec.; but individual honours went for the fourth year in succession to Cambridge's Mike Turner, who lowered his own best time to 13 min. 30 sec. on the final lap.

Competitors in the Scottish women's cross-country championship events at Bellshill had atrocious conditions to contend

with, but the vast majority of the runners, whose ages range from 11 years up to senior (17 and over), completed the course without mishap or distress.

A splendid display of relaxed yet powerful running over the snow-covered, rutted farmland course marked the victory of the 20-year-old Glasgow physiotherapy student, Lesley Watson, of Maryhill Ladies A.C., in the senior 3½-mile race. This was her first Scottish title success, and incidentally the first by a runner of her club since Morag O'Hare's victory in 1957.

SUPERB PACKING

On the other hand, Maryhill, who are also holders of the English team championship, continued to dominate the Scottish title race with their superb packing; and with three runners in the first five places they recorded their fifth successive "Daily Record" Trophy victory.

The energetic secretary of the Scottish Women's Cross-Country Union, Dale Greig, of Paisley, who first won the Scottish senior title in 1960 and who is possibly better known as Scotland's first woman marathon runner, found the severe conditions to her liking, and was a worthy runner-up, some eight seconds behind the winner.

Another noteworthy performance was by Miss Eleanor Petrie, of Teviotdale Harriers, in winning the intermediate championship of two miles by almost a minute.

Senior 3½ miles—1. L. Watson (Maryhill L.A.C.), 24 min. 54 sec.; 2. D. S. Greig (Tannahill H.), 25-02; 3. M. Crawford (Maryhill L.A.C.), 25-43; 4. D. King (Western A.A.C.), 26-13; 5. C. Kelly (Maryhill L.A.C.), 26-30; 6. M. Purdon (Bellahouston H.), 26-48. Teams—1. Maryhill Ladies A.C. (1, 3, 5), 9 pts.; 2. Dunfermline College of P.E. (E. Horne 8, E. Devine 10, O. Frier 11), 29 pts.; 3. Greenock Rankin Park L.A.C. (R. Docherty 12, G. Clement 14, W. Scott 15), 41 pts.

Intermediate 2 miles—1. E. Petrie (Teviotdale H.), 14 min. 12 sec.; 2. M. White (Lesmahagow A.A.C.), 15-00; 3. A. Jamieson (Fauldhouse Victoria A.A.C.), 15-09. Teams—1. Teviotdale H. (1, A. Wilcox 7, J. Green 9), 17 pts.; 2. Lesmahagow (2, C. McKinnon 4, V. Mair 17), 23 pts.; 3. Maryhill L.A.C. (L. Carruthers 8, M. Godfrey 10, N. Connarty 12), 30 pts.