

MacSherry Wins Title By Inches

Scottish News from James Logan and David Keddie

THERE was an amazing repeat of last year's tremendous battle for the Scottish women's cross-country title, at Lesmahagow on February 14th. On this occasion the runners were Margaret MacSherry and young Christine Haskett (16), who quickly moved away from the field—MacSherry leading with Haskett about 10y behind. With a mile left, Christine made her challenge, but MacSherry resisted and they passed and repassed until at 200y MacSherry made what appeared to be the decisive move. Christine guttily came again and the two girls fought all the way to the line, both clocking 26.00 but with MacSherry a whisker in front. Margaret well remembered the pangs of such a close defeat from her experience of last year. Bathgate's Rose Murphy strode away with the Intermediate race, crossing the line 73 sec. in front of the next girl.

1. M. MacSherry (Cambridge H.) 26.00
2. C. Haskett (Dundee Hawkhill) 26.00
3. S. Fitzmaurice (Aldershot) 27.02
4. S. Kirk (Bury) 27.23; 5. A. Barrass (AFD) 27.57;
6. M. Speedman (M'hill) 28.26; 7. K. Mackie (B'gate) 28.44; 8. D. Greig (Tannahill) 29.08; 9. L. Watson (M'hill) 29.20; 10. P. Lindsay (Dundee

H) 29.36; 11. G. Craig (Western) 29.54; 12. N. Cherry (F'house) 29.59; 13. J. Gibb (Ilford) 30.04; 14. N. Munro (ESH) 30.11; 15. E. Stewart (Western) 30.16; 16. M. Brown (L'hall) 30.49; 17. B. Grinney (Thurrock) 30.57; 18. A. Orpinzewski (M'hill) 30.59; 19. S. Sutherland (ESH) 31.12; 20. J. Will (Dundee) 31.23. Teams: 1, Dundee Hawkhill 32; 2, Maryhill 33; 3, Western 49.

Intermediates

1. R. Murphy (Bathgate) 16.55; 2. A. Edmont (Law) 18.08; 3. E. McCulloch (Bell) 18.13; 4. D. Mercer (Ball) 18.30; 5. A. Stafford (B'gate) 18.44; 6. J. MacIntyre (F'house) 19.14. Teams: 1, Bathgate 14; 2, Bellahouston 16.

Juniors

1. E. Radka (Bathgate) 9.31; 2. J. Close (Fauldhouse) 9.40; 3. M. Murphy (Bathgate) 9.52; 4. M. Dewar (F'hse) 9.56; 5. P. Spence (F'hse) 9.59; 6. M. O'Boyle (Clydes) 10.00. Teams: 1, F'house Victoria 11; 2, Bathgate 11.

Minor Girls

1. A. Cherry (F'house) 7.46; 2. A. Boyle (B'gate) 7.59; 3. G. Brown (Lesmahagow) 8.02. Team: Bathgate.