

1980 Chris McMeekin Takes Scottish CC Title

CHRISTINE McMEEKIN won her first ever Scottish cross country title over a tough, snow covered course at Lanark Race Course on February 2nd, just seven days after gaining a medal in the National Indoor 800m at Cosford. She followed the early pace set by Fiona McQueen, with Kerry Robinson, Barbara Harvie and Sonia McLaren close behind, then with just over a mile to go, showing the experience and strength gained in her extensive racing in America, she broke clear on a hill in a small lap through woods adjacent to the race course. With a mile to go she had a lead of 50m over McQueen with Robinson heading Harvie 40m behind.

As the runners returned to the race course, covered in six inches of snow, the lead had stretched to 90m, with Harvie now in third place, 40m back. Glasgow AC, with three in six, dominated the team contest, winning for the fifth successive year since the club was founded.

Lynne MacDougall recorded another Glasgow victory in the Junior race, when she outclassed the field of 110 runners to win easily in 9:26, finishing over 120m clear of Elise Lyon. Only 20m clear after setting the early pace from the start, she maintained her season's unbeaten record with a strong finish, adding over 100m in the final quarter mile as her rival weakened in the face of the strength of this tiny girl who, as well

as displaying cross country power, has speed from her 1500m track racing, where she holds the UK 14-year-old record.

Colin Shields

1, C. McMeekin (Glasgow)..... 25:06
 2, F. McQueen (Glasgow)..... 25:27
 3, B. Harvie (Aberdeen Univ.) 25:35
 4, K. Robinson (Pit) 25:41; 5, S. McLaren (A'deen) 26:03; 6, J. Higgins (Glas) 26:06; 7, C. Price (Bol) 26:27; 8, M. Brown (ESH) 26:34; 9, M. Hendley (Bol) 26:52; 10, L. Watson (LOAC) 27:00; 11, E. Trotter (Glas) 27:16; 12, K. Shepherd (ESH) 27:49; 13, D. Kitchen (A'deen) 27:51; 14, A. McDougall (Shett) 28:22; 15, D. Thomson (Law) 28:30. **Teams:** 1, Glasgow 9; 2, Edinburgh Southern 36; 3, Bolton 38; 4, Aberdeen 46; 5, Shettleston 59. **(Inters):** 1, B. Breen (FVH) 14:44; 2, C. Clark (Cov) 14:52; 3, P. Cairns (Tev) 14:54; 4, C. Hunter (FVH) 14:59; 5, A. Everett (Shett) 15:13; 6, S. Tait (ESH) 15:21; 7, E. Lynch (Dund) 15:26; 8, H. McNee (Ayr S) 15:36; 9, K. Greally (Pit) 15:41; 10, C. Neville (Glas) 15:49; 11, A. Reid (Shett) 15:52; 12, E. McArthur (FVH) 16:03; 13, J. Anderson (Pit) 16:14; 14, M. Young (VP) 16:24; 15, A. Bennett (Tev) 16:25. **Teams:** 1, Falkirk Victoria 17; 2, Pitreavie 40; 3, Shettleston 40; 4, Glasgow 50; 5, Victoria Park 76. **(Juniors):** 1, L. MacDougall (Glas) 9:26; 2, E. Lyon (Wyc) 9:51;

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3, A. Johnstone (Dund) 10:06; 4, S. Morris (Shett) 10:12; 5, Y. Murray (EAC) 10:21; 6, A. Ridley (Ayr) 10:22; 7, M. Hogg (CV) 10:22; 8, H. McFarlane (Ayr) 10:28; 9, S. Hide (Bella) 10:29; 10, K. McKee (Glas) 10:30; 11, K. Husband (ESH) 10:35; 12, Y. Anderson (Glas) 10:36; 13, A. McGeown (Pais) 10:38; 14, D. Mackland (A'deen) 10:45; 15, A. Jamieson (Dund) 10:48. **Teams:** 1, Paisley 107; 2, Edinburgh Southern 116; 3, Glasgow 118; 4, Ayrshire 121; 5, Livingston 127. **(Girls):** 1, V. Vaughan (Dund) 7:35; 2, K. Wilson (Ayr S) 7:47; 3, J. Stewart (VP) 7:56; 4, C. Brotherstone (ESH); 5, H. Coltman (ESH); 6, S. Trotter (Glas); 7, L. Docherty (VP); 8, S. Graham (VP); 9, A. MacDougall (Glas); 10, F. McMillan (Pit); 11, E. McMinn (Law); 12, J. Sullivan (VoL); 13, K. Scobie (Leeds); 14, G. Spankey (Ayr S); 15, W. Carrick (VP). **Teams:** 1, Victoria Park 33; 2, Edinburgh Southern 67; 3, Pitreavie 83; 4, Ayr S 101; 5, Clyde Valley 129. **(U/11):** 1, J. Cameron (VP) 5:58; 2, S. Hamilton (ESH) 6:00; 3, C. Bartley (C'dale) 6:04; 4, A. Walsh (Law) 6:09; 5, G. Doig (ESH) 6:10. **Teams:** 1, Edinburgh Southern 38; 2, Pitreavie 62; 3, Central Region 91.