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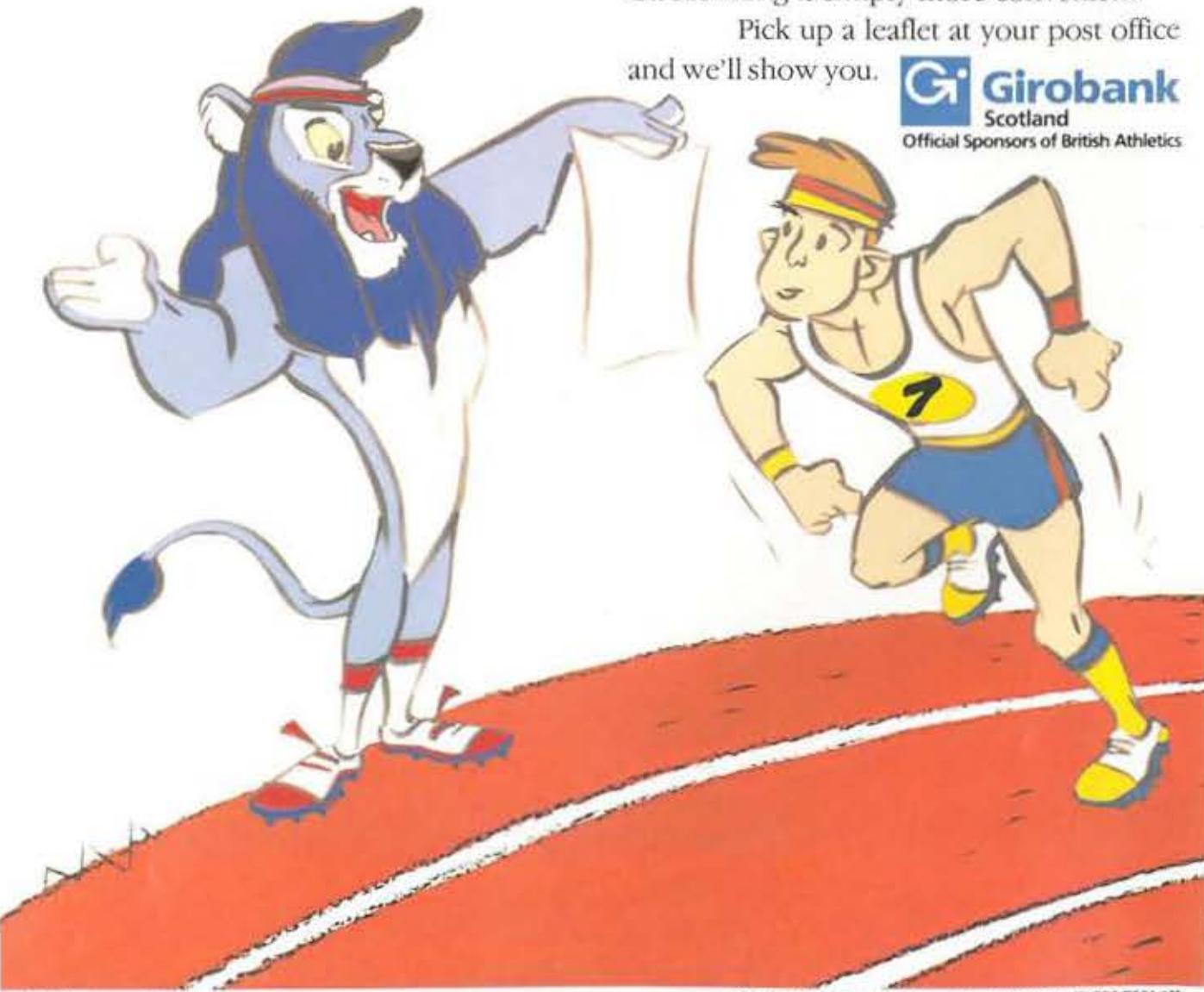
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Starting with the positive, I can only express my heartfelt gratitude to the extremely loyal nucleus of support which has gathered round Scotland's Runner in the first twelve months of publication.

This, obviously, refers to my fellow editors and the full-time staff at Kelvingrove Street. Unusually, for such a small operation — with all the attendant frustrations and tensions of launching a new project — nobody has fallen out with anybody else, and throughout there has been a unity of purpose to ensure that the magazine succeeds.

The same enthusiasm applies to our regular contributors and experts. Most have joined us since the first issue, and we now have a network of contacts throughout Scotland — all determined that athletics and its related sports should get the kind of coverage they deserve. I think it is also fair to make the vulgar point that none of the people mentioned above are getting rich from Scotland's Runner — far from it, the editorial rates are still well below the deserved payments for the work involved.

At the risk of sounding like a toastmaster, our third loyal corps is you, the reader. I well remember my feeling of acute despondency this time last year when, at the Scottish Schools' Championships at Crownpoint, I heard some loudmouth telling all and sundry that the new Scottish magazine was rubbish and a waste of time.

These overhead remarks were made after only a matter of days after the first issue was published. Paranoia set in, and it was only the kind remarks of readers in the months ahead — and particularly at the Glasgow Marathon exhibition which was a major watershed for us — which gradually exorcised the feeling.

That magazine publishing is a risky business is amply demonstrated by the fate of other running magazines in the past six months.

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With less than three months to go one of the biggest sports festivals ever planned for Scotland is facing financial disaster.

Several world champions are among the 2,000 top athletes expected in Glasgow at the end of August. International matches have been lined up in athletics, football, golf, swimming, volleyball, fencing, bowls, basketball and fly fishing.

Despite all this, Scottish businesses have not responded to appeals for sponsorship. A total of £95,000 is required to stage the week-long festival, but although this figure is peanuts in comparison to the money spent on last year's Commonwealth Games, only £50,000 — mainly from public bodies and charities — has been forthcoming.

It is the support of the charities that hints at the unusual aspect of this particular festival. It is in fact a festival for the disabled, and as such is reckoned to be the largest-ever sports event of its kind.

The festival will mark the silver jubilee of the Scottish Sports Association for the Disabled, and is due to run from August 29 till September 5. The organisers are determined that it will go ahead regardless of any cash shortfall, but desperate behind the scenes moves were being made to raise last minute sponsorship as we went to press.

Scotland's Runner wishes the organisers the best of luck. If Glasgow is indeed the great revitalised city that the public relations people would have us believe, surely its business community can rally round to back both the athletes who are participating, and the hard working people who have made such an event possible.

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Up Front

Amalgamation! Who said that?

PETER RADFORD, the former Olympic sprint medallist and now director of Physical Education at Glasgow University, is displaying the wisdom of Solomon in his latest role of heading talks with the governing bodies of Scottish athletics.

"Never once in the course of our opening meeting did he use the word amalgamation," said SAAA general secretary Bob Greenoak.

Representatives of the men's and women's track and cross country associations attended the informal talks. "We went as individuals and were not representing the views of our respective associations," said Greenoak.

Now, however, each of them is to report back to their governing body to seek a mandate to continue discussion. "I see no reason why the talks shouldn't continue," said Greenoak.

"What the Scottish Sports Council are after is better use of the grant aid which at present is divided into four, each of us with their own general committee and executive. But we already have a joint administrator, run joint championships, and have joint coaching rules and facilities committees."

Radford feels, however, that there are other ways in which matters can be improved for the good of the sport. The next meeting, if the governing bodies agree, will be at the end of June.

Angling in Scotland has an even more complex structure of governing bodies and they too are being pressurised to streamline.

Congratulations

WHEN Susan Wighton collected her Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year honour from Princess Anne, Scotland's Runner basked a little in the reflected glory.

Susan, a nurse in the Libyan refugee camp of Bourj-al-Bourajneh, is the daughter of our physiotherapist writer Lena Wighton. Also attending the presentation luncheon as guests were Scotland's Runner administrator and international sprinter, Sandra Whittaker, and this month's cover girl, Yvonne Murray.

Tough for McKean

A FEE of £4000 per race looks cold comfort for Tom McKean whose season is threatened by a flu virus which jeopardises his world championships aspirations.

The subvention package worked out for British athletes gave McKean the possibility of earning £24,000 for six races in the UK, but he was forced to pull out of the first of these, the Great Britain international at Gateshead. Now to earn a place in Rome he almost certainly will be required to win the AAA title.

The scale of fees triggered a row elsewhere. Steve Cram is on £15,000 per race, while Fatima Whitbread and Seb Coe are on £10,000. European champions Linford Christie, Roger Black and Jack Buckner are on £7000, while Yvonne Murray collects £1500 - what price a European indoor title?



Liz Lynch...short-changed at £1000 per race

Steve Ovett rebelled against the £1000 per race awarded to him and so too did Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion Liz Lynch and Tessa Sanderson, the Olympic javelin champion. New fees are being negotiated.

Campbell QC, MP

FROM Westerlands to Westminster, from spikes to silk ... Ming Campbell Q.C. profiled by Fiona Macaulay on Page 34, was successful at the fifth attempt when he won the Fife East seat for the Liberals in the General Election.

The former UK 100 metres record holder, Campbell, in 1963 at Westerlands and again the following year, won the 100 and 220 yards as well as the 440. In 1965 he looked set to do the treble again but opted out of the one-lap race after qualifying for the final. Had he achieved the treble of trebles he would have equalled Alf Downton's record which he set in 1893, '94 and '95, and which is still intact.

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No rough stuff

THE RISK of damage to those lovely, glossy, hi-tech racing bikes has forced the organisers of the Braemar Biathlon to change the route.

"We had planned a bit of rough stuff over estate roads and tracks, but the buzz from the cyclists persuaded me to put the event back on the tarmac," says organiser Andrew Manwell.

The event takes place at Braemar on June 28. Details from Andrew Manwell, Butchart Recreation Centre, University Road, Old Aberdeen.

Scot's South African title

DAVID STRANG has spent the last 13 years of his life in South Africa, but at the age of 18 has made his debut in a Scottish vest.

Strang, born in Barrhead, won the 800 metres in the SAAA junior v Scottish Universities v Scottish League select at Grangemouth. In April he recorded 1.48.8 to win the South African junior title and now has his heart set on representing the country of his birth as a senior.

"I'm very Scottish," he said, "and I'd be running for Scotland even if South Africa was allowed to compete internationally."

He had an unhappy debut to his championship career in Britain, being disqualified in the HFC United Kingdom event in Derby. "It's much more physical than in South Africa," he said. "I was pushed and pushed back. Then I was cut in on. It was like Budd and Decker out there..."

He will be spending the summer in Britain before going to Stanford to study sports medicine, and plans to run in the Scotrail national championships.

His father, an engineer, and mother are both Scottish, and his grandmother lives in Pollock in Glasgow.

Hung, drawn and quartered!

A FEW eyebrows were raised last month when we carried an advertisement for the Inverclyde Marathon - which last year was reduced to a quarter marathon because of low entries.

In fact the 1987 event on August 30 is again a quarter marathon - the mix up was entirely our fault, and we apologise to the organisers, Inverclyde District Council - from whom quarter marathon entry forms are now available, and who deserve a free plug as they have been very reasonable about our gaffe!

Elgin cheer

THE MORAY Marathon Committee has signed a three year contract with local distillers The Macallan, worth in excess of £10,000. This year's event at Elgin on August 9 includes a marathon, half marathon, 10K road race and a festival! More details next month.

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Up Front

Indian Ban

THOUGH THERE have been complaints in the past about political interference in sport in Great Britain, any Government action of the past pales into insignificance with the harsh ban on sportsmen recently instituted in India.

India sent over 400 competitors to the Asian Games in Seoul, venue of the 1988 Olympic Games, but only won five gold medals compared to the 80 golds won by China, the top nation. After widespread criticism in the national Parliament and press, an incensed Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, has banned his nation's athletes from participating in all international sport except cricket!

World's shortest

PERTH'S Fair City Fun Run on August 23 is described as "the shortest race in the world" as it takes place between two inches - the North and South Inches, both local parks.

In practice, it is a 10K race being organised by Perth



New Scottish Triathlon Association formed

SCOTLAND'S triathletes will have a more effective voice now that the first key steps have been taken towards a single governing body for the sport.

At a meeting on May 30, representatives from several Scottish clubs agreed to set up the Scottish Triathlon Association, and adopted a constitution which encompasses the broader aspects of the sport such as canoeing, cross-country skiing, biathlons and quadrathlons.

"We were agreed that we need to be broad based, so that those who do not have access to good open water in Scotland, or who prefer some of the other stamina events, can still come under the umbrella of the association," says Andrew Manwell, who was elected chairman of a steering group which is drafting a set of rules for the association.

"The association will be able to encourage and develop the pure triathlon - swim, cycle, run - as well as promote the wider aspects of the sport. My only slight concern is that this broad-based approach might not be welcomed by everyone in the British Triathlon Association, but Scotland's climate and water temperature conditions makes a broad approach vital," says Manwell.

The Scottish Triathlon Association will now establish links with the BTA so that reciprocal arrangements can be made for participation in each other's events. The Scottish Sports Council has been asked to assist during the setting-up period of the association.

"One of our first big tasks will be to find ways of allowing large numbers to take part in events," says Manwell.

Links will also be established with the governing bodies of athletics, cycling, swimming, canoeing and skiing.

"We want to conduct our affairs in keeping with the aims and objectives of other sporting bodies - although we will make modifications to where we think it necessary to suit the needs of triathletes. One area that does worry us a little is the exclusivity of the permitted events in some of our sister sports," says Manwell.

Significantly, the constitution of the Scottish Triathlon Association makes no mention of or differentiation between amateurs and professionals. "We thought it was irrelevant. Nobody is ever going to make a living out of triathlons in Scotland, and the dividing line between amateurs and professionals in other sports is becoming very blurred," explains Manwell.

CLARE Mackintosh took a jump in the British ranking lists when she won the intermediate ladies 200 metres hurdles at the East v West Championships at Meadowbank on May 31.

Her wind assisted (2.39 metres per second) 27.90 was not only a championship best, but put her fourth in the UK rankings for her age group. The 16 year old McLaren Glasgow AC hurdler is also ranked second in the Scottish listings.

Outdoor holidays

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The centre also offers tailor-made courses for athletes. Accommodation is in comfortable bunk rooms in the historic Knockshannoch Lodge, an unusual circular building set in a pine forest. Prices range from £33 plus VAT for a weekend to £113 plus VAT for a week.

Details from: Andy Main, Highland Adventure, Knockshannoch Lodge, Glenisla, by Alyth, Perthshire PH11 8PE.

Jenkins faces drugs charges

SCOTTISH athletes, coaches and officials were stunned by the news that former 400 metres star David Jenkins is languishing in a Californian Prison - facing drugs charges which could put him behind bars for many years.

The man who became Britain's youngest European champion at the age of 19 spent his 35th birthday in prison, preparing pleas of not guilty to more than 50 charges of masterminding a US-wide anabolic steroid smuggling ring.

American Federal authorities are alleging that the ring controlled almost three-quarters of the country's anabolic steroid market, estimated at £100 million. Two corporations and 34 people face a total of 110 charges and Jenkins' attorney, Michael O'Hara, confirmed to Scotland's Runner that more than 50 of them are against his client.

The charges include allegations of physical violence against users who defaulted on payment, conspiracy to defraud the US, and a wide range of offences relating to the manufacture, importation and distribution of steroids.

Anabolic steroids are used to improve performances and increase body bulk onto which muscle can be built. They can have serious side-effects including liver and kidney problems, cancers and impotence.

Since moving to the USA, Jenkins has been running a vitamins company near San Diego, where he lives with his wife Carol and toddler son Jason. He was also employed by a pharmaceutical company just across the border in Mexico.

Conviction on each charge could carry a prison sentence of five years. With more than 50 arraignments against him, David Jenkins is facing the trial of his life.

1-2-3-4 O'Stewartry

JULY 26 offers the rare opportunity to take part in a quadrathlon. Stewartry District Council are organising the event, which consists of a quarter mile sea swim, nine mile cycle ride, three mile canoe paddle, rounded off by a three and a half mile run.

The short distances involved in each section are likely to attract some first-timers who have hesitated to dip a toe into some of the tougher triathlon events.

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Our winner will also have the opportunity to extend his or her holiday to two or even three weeks at proportionally very little extra cost (approximately another £120 for two weeks, and £220 for three weeks). According to the Sweat Shop, most of the Barbados trippers take advantage of this.

Rules

In order to reduce the risk of a riot, we regret that our hard working, underpaid contributors and experts will not be eligible for the subscription draw. Nor will the even harder working and underpaid employees of Scotland's Runner.

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Just not good enough

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SIR — Having attended the Scottish East District Championships at Meadowbank on Saturday May 30, I left asking myself: "What progress has Scottish athletics made since we first held the Commonwealth Games seventeen years ago?"

The answer, with particular reference to the discipline in which I coach (sprints) would, on purely an official but not coaching basis, appear to be NONE.

There were no wind readings available after the 100's, as apparently the wind gauge blew over and broke. Was there not an available replacement? If not, why not?

There was no electric timing in the stadium which is considered to be the main athletic arena in Scotland, I find this totally unacceptable.

I understand the reason given was — the West don't have electric timing so the East shouldn't have it either. Is this really true? If so, how pathetic.

I am also led to believe that there were no wind readings given at the West District Championships. Considering that these events in purely Scottish terms are second only in importance to the Scottish Championships themselves, the situation is totally unacceptable.

If we coaches conducted ourselves with the same lack of professionalism, then there would be no athletes of a standard that would require these facilities.

We understand that it is impossible for the officials to provide us with sunshine, no rain or following winds. However, wind readings and electrical timing are now available. Please print the map, which by this stage had also been published in local newspapers.

Course clerk Wilson McCrae told us that an announcement about the alteration had been planned over the public address system prior to the half marathon start at Wishaw Stadium. But with almost 2,000 finishers in the fun run milling about, plus other



Teviotdale's honours

Leabank,
33, Marnion Road,
Hawick, Roxburghshire.

SIR — In the June issue of Scotland's Runner you published an article entitled Borders Special. On behalf of Teviotdale Harriers, I wish to question the heading "Success returns for the Harriers", and especially the paragraph: "But in terms of athletic success, Teviotdale have been limited to one brief spell of glory in the early 1960's."

What absolute nonsense. Anyone reading the details below will surely agree our achievements have never been away!

Granted the successes are not from our seniors, but surely the achievements of the younger members of Teviotdale Harriers deserve recognition — they are the seniors of tomorrow. Surely club successes are not measured only by the performances of its senior members.

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:
1967 Junior Boys 1st
1969 Junior Boys 2nd
1974 Junior Boys 1st
1983 Junior Boys 1st
1976 Senior Boys 1st

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS:
1976 Senior Boys 2nd

EASTERN DISTRICT LEAGUE:
1966-67 Junior Boys 1st
1968-69 Junior Boys 1st
1970-71 Junior Boys 1st
1972-73 Junior Boys 2nd

Senior Boys 2nd
1973-74 Junior Boys 1st
1974-75 Junior Boys 2nd
1975-76 Senior Boys 1st

1982-83 Junior Boys 1st
1983-84 Junior Boys 2nd

EASTERN DISTRICT YOUNG
ATHLETES RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP:
1983 Winners

SCOTTISH ONE-MILE MEDLEY RELAY
CHAMPIONSHIP:
1967 Girls 2nd

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CROSS-
COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:
1963 Juniors 2nd

1964 Juniors 1st
1965 Intermediates 1st
1966 Intermediates 1st

1967 Girls 2nd
1968 Intermediate 2nd

Intermediates 3rd

Girls who ran for Scotland were:
E. Petrie 1967, 1968; P. Cairns
1978, 1979; Gillian Renwick 1979.

In the Scottish CC Championships
Gillian Renwick won the 800m
in 1974

SIR — With reference to the letter "Women vets start at 40" in the June issue, I wholeheartedly agree with Margaret Allen. As someone who just took up running two years ago, and as a 43 year old, I feel there is a tremendous gap between the mid-30's and the mid-40's. I think women vets should start at 40, the same as males.

Kathy Taylor

Worthy points

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SIR — I read with interest my club colleague Henry Muchamore's article on female veterans in your May issue. He asked for letters on the subject — so, I really feel strongly on the lack of age-group awards for female vets.

I know organisers say what's the point awarding age-groups when so few female vets turn up for races, but I believe that last October a four mile race in Strathclyde Park attracted 500 lady vets from an entry of 970. One assumes they were encouraged by the organisers' foresight in providing such age-group awards.

The 10K-OK Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice race in June went to the trouble of incorporating a Home Countries International. While not seeking elevation to international standards, consideration could be given to awarding age-group awards.

No names, no pack drill, but there were only five starters, of whom the leading three left the other two detached some way into the event. At a vital turning point, an eight year old lad was the only steward on hand, and the back two were directed into Pollok Golf Course. It wasn't until about the third hole that they realised they were badly astray. They didn't finish!

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Ewan
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Gosh - I'm 32½ years now. I don't feel eight months older either. If anything, I feel younger, healthier, fitter - well, not right at this moment because I'm armchained with frozen peas clamped round my knee (my ilio-tibial band's been playing up again), reading my training diary, the one I started eight months ago.

There have been dramatic improvements; I've lost eight ounces in weight, for starters, despite (a) Ruth's Cordon Bleu cookery course - abandoned after she hospitalised me; (b) an irresistible surge of appetite as my mileage soared by 25% to 25 mpw; and (c) discovery of a wonderful lunchtime kebab takeaway which dispenses Geoff Capes-sized double-handed portions. Combined with this startling weight loss, I've got much better muscle tone, too. I don't need to take nearly such a deep breath to do up the buttons on my pyjamas. And flexibility, I can pull on my bedsocks standing up now.

While I've not been tempted to run again in the mornings after the last fiasco, and the Capes kebabs mean lunchtime runs are verboten, my actual running's come on a ton. But unfortunately not due to my meticulously chartered evening schedules - perpetually disrupted by injury at least twice a week, hospitalisation, bad weather, domestic crisis, business pressure, double glazing salesmen, Len's homework, and falling asleep in the armchair during Australian soap operas. No, it's all down to Ballockburn Bounders and Wilson Wizzard.

Bob Geddon, Ballockburn's secretary, forgave me my tactically mismanaged error of spatial perception, was grateful for my appearance at such short notice, and says he'll turn me into an athlete yet. He hauls me out of the house every Wednesday for my seven mile squad run with the Lastorders, as the last of 13 groups is euphemistically known, owing to our habit of sweatily

Younger, healthier, - and fitter

appearing just before the pub closes.

This has tripled my LSD run since I started the diary. And I enjoy the company, though my conversational contributions come only after six-and-a-half miles when I get my second wind. However, the Lastorders shook their collective heads disapprovingly at Bob's latest ploy, that attending the Tuesday squad's interval sessions will really improve me, and protectively corralled me into the corner of the bar, boozing Bob every time he tried to talk to me.

The second factor - the most recent, and the most influential - is Wilson, my Monday evening partner. Initially dismissive of his ability, I've discovered a goldmine of useful information, scattering nuggets of advice.

Unlike my Lastorder run (plain uncomfortable), Wilson insists I go as fast as I can over the hour - my sustained speedwork session sibilantly calls it. And while I gasp, he talks. All the time. "Drop your shoulders, you're running as if you're holding knitting needles, unclench those fists Jim Watt, relax your face muscles you look as if you've swallowed a lemon for God's sake KEEP GOING and don't spit into the wind like that, it'll just... there, told you so!" And I can't reply too puffed.

But it's working - I'm getting quicker on my shorter runs (30 seconds off my PB) and stronger on my long ones. Solid preparation for Glasgow in September!

Roll on the next eight months I'm looking forward to being a long-running record-breaker at 33½!

To Fraser Clyne

Between now and December, 1988, I would like to be able to run consistently below 40 minutes for 10K (38 minutes as a target, if possible); consistently below 90 minutes for half marathons (1-27 as a target); and consistently run below 70 minutes for ten miles (66 minutes as a target). If I can regularly run below these times, I would like at the beginning of 1989 to run a marathon in about 3-15.

Perhaps my targets are too ambitious, but it is this hope that keeps me going.

My best times in these events are as follows: 10K in 41-08 (achieved at Tain in August 1986); 10 miles in 68-14 (Inverness, September, 1985); half marathon in 1-30-06 (Tain, May, 1987).

In most of my 10K's I have run between 41-30 and 43 minutes. The only other ten miles I did in 70-51, and my half marathons have ranged mostly from about 1-34 to 1-43.

I am a police officer working shifts (detective sergeant), and some weeks I have difficulty fitting in runs, but at other times it is no problem. I have also been involved as course director for the Inverness Half Marathon and Ness Motors "10", with the result that meetings etc have taken place over runs. However, I am usually able to manage a minimum of 20-odd miles to a maximum of 50 miles per

week. Most weeks I should manage four days training at least.

I am 38 years of age, and took up jogging in November 1981, never having done any running previously. (I was advised by a specialist to start jogging due to ulcer problems. This would help to get rid of acid in the stomach lining - it worked; I now very rarely have any problems).

I ran the 1982 and 1983 Glasgow Marathons - I had injuries both times and shouldn't have run, but did and struggled in with times of about four hours both times. I did not enjoy them as much as I thought I would, so swore that I wouldn't do another until I could consistently run below 1-30 for half marathons.

My biggest problem seems to be that after a spell when I feel as if my running is going somewhere at last, I then go through a spell of disasters - I just seem to disintegrate in the middle of a race and don't seem to have the willpower to force myself on; I struggle all the way in. I would like to be much more consistent.

Most weeks I try to include a 10-15 mile run (but often find that this is one of the ones I miss out on, although recently I have tried to keep it in); a three mile fast run or track session; a 7-7½ mile steady run; a fartlek session of 5-6½ miles; and recently I have been trying to do a hill repetition session.

During the summer I participate in as many local events as possible



Farquhar MacGregor

Training TIPS

THIS YEAR, instead of printing generalised marathon schedules for beginners and experienced athletes, we are inviting readers to tell us their targets, and our experts will tailor schedules accordingly.

But please remember the following points:

1. Letters should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and, if possible, a current black and white picture of the sender.
2. Remember there is a gap of five or six weeks before receipt of your letter and publication. Bear this in mind when stating your target.
3. Please give our experts as much background as possible about your experience, age, sex, previous best times, when you can train, how often etc. The more you can help them, the more they can help you!
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(not on track), and one or two in Central Scotland. During winter months I take part in the North District Cross Country League, and in Inverness Harriers' races, which usually means about two races per month.

For the past three years I have had problems periodically with my knees and above my right hip (I had to stop running for ten weeks with this).

The events I have lined up for the rest of the summer are: June - Ross-shire 10K; Skye Half Marathon; July - Dornoch Half Marathon, Inverness 10K; Dingwall-Evanton 10K; August - Nairn Half Marathon; Inverness-Drumadrochit "16"; September - Ness Motors "10"; October - Black Isle Half Marathon.

For ages I have longed for the invitation extended by Scotland's Runner to have tailored training schedules, as I have never had the courage to do it off my own bat. If you decide, having read all this, to suggest that I should take up tiddlywinks or something equally strenuous, I will not be offended, but I hope you can take up my challenge.

By perseverance, I mean it is important to have belief in what you are doing, even when the going gets tough. It is not possible for every training session to go smoothly. There will be days

when you think that you've got it all wrong. The course you normally run round in 30 minutes

Enthusiasm for running is the third vital ingredient which I believe to be essential for someone aiming for improvement. You wouldn't be doing the sport if you weren't enthusiastic about it, but there will be occasions when that enthusiasm wanes.

I appreciate that your shift work and involvement in organising races sometimes makes regular training difficult. I am sure, however, that this has been contributing to the lack of consistency which you refer to.

From your training diaries I see that some weeks you have run as little as 17 miles, while on others you have run over 50 miles. I also noted that in one particular week you ran a fast four miles on the Monday, did a session of 10 x 400m on the Tuesday, then ran 14½ miles on the Wednesday. Including warm-ups, you covered a total of 28 miles on three successive days. During the remainder of the week you only ran another 10 miles. No wonder you complained of heavy stiff legs on the Wednesday!

I think that these points highlight two main areas in which you should look to re-arrange your training. Firstly, try to spread your volume more evenly.

I understand that on some days you work long hours and after work you feel too tired to train. Maybe, however, it would be possible to fit in a relaxed easy run before your shift begins. I know of a police officer who is famed locally for his 5 am runs along the golf course. I would stress, however, that on these busy days when you have more time your running should not be too taxing. Save your harder sessions for days when you have more time (and energy) available.

Secondly, I think you need to alternate your hard days with easy days. Rather than doing three consecutive tough sessions it would be better to do two hard days with an easy day in between. Adopting the same principle, I would suggest that every fourth should be an easy week with no hard sessions whatsoever.

Patience, perseverance and enthusiasm are essential virtues in this sport and I get the impression from your letter and training notes that you have all three qualities. It is necessary to be patient in distance running because improvements in racing performances do not happen overnight. Improvement is something that has to be earned by working hard in training week after week, month after month. It's all worth while at the end when targets are achieved.

Once you have decided which events to go for, prepare them thoroughly. Ease back in your training in the week leading up to these races and do not be diverted from the task ahead.

To Fraser Clyne

I am a 29 year old male club runner with just over three years experience. I run a variety of distances between 10K and marathon.

I followed your Glasgow Marathon schedule with success last year, and feel there is room for more improvement. My best times are as follows: 10K in 33-15; 15K in 50-50; half marathon in 72-40; and marathon in 2-39-15.

My usual training schedule is:

Mon: 6½ miles at 5-45/6 min pace
Tues: 10 miles at 6½ min pace
Wed: 10 miles inc 5 x 5 min hard 5 min pace
Thurs: 8 miles at easy 7 min pace
Fri: Rest
Sat: 19 miles at 6½-6¾ min pace
Sun: 7 miles at 6½ min pace

My main target of the year is to try and run nearer to 2-35 for the marathon, of which I believe I am capable. Any advice you could give to help me achieve this would be appreciated.

I am also trying to fit in a few shorter races to sharpen up a little. *Geoffrey Fidler Stanraer*

YOUR TIMES for shorter distances certainly indicate that you are capable of running a 2-35 marathon in the near future, and I think this could be achieved by introducing more speedwork to your training programme.

I would suggest that a three month build-up should include two speed sessions per week for three weeks out of every four. The fourth week of every cycle should be made up of completely easy running to allow your body to recover from the three previous weeks of hard work.

The speed sessions that I recommend that you do each week are

MONTH ONE
10 x 400m with one minute recovery.
20 x 200m with 30 seconds recovery.

MONTH TWO
6 x 800m with two minutes recovery.
8 x 300m with one minute recovery.

MONTH THREE
5 x 5 minutes with four minutes recovery.

4 x 600m and 4 x 300m alternating (ie. 600m, 300m, 600m, etc) with one minute recovery between each.

You should retain your weekly long run, which is vital to developing your endurance base, and the remainder of your running should be similar to your existing schedule. It would also be a good idea to fit in some shorter races as you already plan to do.

Check your obesity rating

THE WELL-FED Runner

TWO London conferences on nutrition within two weeks in May mean that nutrition is news. So our very own columnist twice stumped up the completely outrageous air fare from the City of Culture (Whaur's Edinbro noo?) to the Great Wen to address the assembled throngs (actually about 100 each time) and to gather the latest gems of nutritional wisdom for the readers of Scotland's Runner, for whom nothing but the latest and best is good enough. Read on and learn, courtesy of Professor JOHN HAWTHORN.

Bjeez, these doctors do themselves proud! The first conference was held in the palace of the Royal Society of Medicine in Wimpole Street.

Quiet good taste simply shrieks through the spacious silence when you go in. The reception was held in the conservatory — all cool marble, glass walls and doors and expensive pot plants. There were 50 or so standing around in expensive-looking groups, but there were only three chairs between the lot, so standing for an hour and a half was compulsory, no one had the courage to squat on the floor.

Fitness was in the air, as I shuddered at my first sip of wine which, alas, failed to match the splendour of the surroundings. My hostess, the charming wife of the Famous Professor of Nutrition, was at my elbow with a handsome, bearded, fit-looking chap "John," said she, "I want you to meet Sir Donald Acheson, who has just given us a super lecture on the health of the nation."

I apologised for the travel problems which had prevented me from hearing his lecture, and the apology was genuine because Sir Donald is the Chief Medical Officer of the DHSS, no less. If anyone should know about health he is the man.

But no. He did not really want to talk about the nation's health, but about running. Being boss of the nation's health must be a stressful occupation, especially if you travel by underground and see fat slobs sitting comfy and tight while poor women burdened with parcels and kids are standing.

"Oh yes," he said, "I run three or four



John Hawthorn

miles at least twice or three times a week when this is possible." He added: "The great thing is that it takes you so little time — half an hour out of your day and the lift you get out of it is well worth it."

"That," thinks I, "is a good line to shoot for a health supremo. Shower, change and four miles in 30 minutes is good going in anybody's language, and for a middle-aged man carrying the nation's health on his back, it was pretty impressive. A dinner followed the reception, but at half past nine the great man apologised and left on the grounds that he had still work to complete before morning!

The next day we got down to business under the benevolent and wise chairmanship of the Famous Professor of Nutrition. We had learned lectures on the diseases of affluence, obesity, additives and nutrition, the food industry and good nutrition, children's food and future developments. All good stuff, but from the runner's point of view, the most interesting was the discussion of obesity.

How do you know if you are over or under weight? The usual height and weight tables are of little use, since they

take no sure account of build. The trick is to divide your weight in kilograms by your height in metres squared.

Taking myself as an example, height 5ft 8 (68 ins) weight 11 stone 7 lbs (161 lbs). Now get out the pocket calculator. Multiply 68 by 0.0254 which gives my height as 1.73 metres. Multiply 161 by 0.0454 which gives my weight as 73.1 kilograms.

Now divide 73.1 by 1.73 squared, thus

Obesity Index = 73.1

1.73×1.73

= 24.4

Try it on your own height and weight, using the same factors to convert pounds to kilograms and inches to metres. If the figure is below 25 you are within the normal weight range for your build, and other figures are as follows:

Moderate obesity	25-29.9
Severe obesity	30-40
Gross obesity	over 40

The value of this calculation is that it makes some allowance for differences in build and it applies to both sexes. People of chunky build may think themselves fatter than they really are. On the other hand, if your index is below 20 you may be too thin for your height.

This index was devised by Professor J.S. Carrow who is one of the top men in the UK on the treatment of obesity, so try out the sums and see how you rate.

His studies, incidentally, show that 33% of men and 24% of women in Britain between the ages of 16 and 64 are moderately obese.

The second affair was held in the more workman-like atmosphere of Regent's College, London University. The college is set in the pleasure of Regent's Park which was at its leafy best in lime-green, which is all very restful to churning grey matter.

But I really wanted to write about the conference lunch. It was a cold buffet laid out in a handsome marquee in the college quadrangle. Cold meats there were, salads, and red and white wines with fruit, biscuits and cheese to follow. And all good healthy stuff at that. But there were also sweets — delicious, creamy, fluffy, egg-white yum yums.

It was fun to see who took what. I went straight for the yum yums. So did the Famous Professor of Nutrition. So did the Doctor from the London Medical School. As another well-known lady nutritionist once said as she tucked into a table laden with goodies: "Don't do what I do, but do as I say."

Dietary Hint

THE experts are not the hypocrites they seem. An occasional fling with all the delicious, wrong, fluffy, sugary, creamy, fatty, salty, fibre-free things will do you no harm. It's eating them daily or too often that's wrong. Food is for fun as well as nourishment.

WOMEN on the RUN

Often when women runners sustain an injury, they just have to grin and bear it. Running a house and looking after the children usually takes precedence over the niggling knee or back problem. Or, if they do seek treatment, the family doctor is too busy (or perhaps downright unsympathetic) to give the injury the attention it requires.

In most cases a good physiotherapist is what's needed, but the cost of private treatment or long hospital waiting lists can make that prohibitive.

That's when the sports injury clinics come to the rescue. More and more women are now attending such clinics, which provide first class treatment for all types of sports injuries. For a small fee, qualified physiotherapists offer treatment for all manner of knee and ankle problems, back complaints and foot injuries.

Dr Elizabeth McSwann, MB Ch B, is medical officer at Moray College of Physical Education, formerly known as Dunfermline College. She supervises the sports injury clinic which has been running at the student health centre, Cramond Road North, Edinburgh, for three years.

Dr McSwann says she has noticed a large proportion of women runners coming forward for help.

"We deal with all sorts of soft tissue sports injuries, which can be caused by playing squash, rugby, running and numerous other hobbies. We do not treat broken bones," she said.

Problems with knees and ankles are probably the common injuries suffered by runners attending the clinic.

and Dr McSwann believes women sustain the same kind of problems as men. Usually those runners increasing training, or newcomers to the sport, are the main groups to suffer problems.

Dr McSwann said: "We get a lot of runners at the clinic, but the numbers vary considerably depending on the dates of the Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dundee marathons.

"More women runners than men attend, but I'm not entirely sure why. I don't think more women get injured. It could be that they are more aware of their bodies or more careful. Possibly because we were a women's college, they feel we will be more sympathetic."

Twenty-five-year-old Jackie Smillie, from Bishopbriggs near Glasgow, says she will be forever grateful to the physiotherapist who treated her at Edinburgh's Meadowbank sports injury clinic — the first to open in Scotland.

Jackie attended the clinic several years ago, after numerous attempts to cure a recurring knee injury had failed.

"My doctor just gave me painkillers and told me to rest. I had never been to a physiotherapist before and was a bit nervous at first, but after a three-month course at Meadowbank, I was fine. The

To some women club running is a great aid to improving speed and endurance; to others who prefer to run on their own it is an unattractive suggestion.

But if you are looking for companionship and a new challenge, joining a club is a great idea which would be well worth considering. And the trend shows that more women are now becoming club runners.

Three years ago there were 77 women's clubs affiliated to the Scottish Women's Amateur Athletic Association. The figure for 1986 has risen to 93.

During the 1984 summer season, 952 seniors and intermediates, 684 juniors and 528 girls were affiliated to the SWAAA. Last year the equivalent figures were 1152, 769, and 608.

Admittedly though, joining a club is not everyone's cup of tea. Many women do not want to make such a commitment to the sport.

"I'm just a jogger and am quite happy doing my three miles two or three times a week. That's what I enjoy doing. I don't take it that seriously to want to join a club," said Ann Lamont, aged 19, from Edinburgh.

Ann's reaction is fairly common, and understandable. She had reached the level she wants and does not want to push it any further.

However, some women may feel the need to improve. If you have grown bored and jaded covering the same runs on the same days, week after week, it's hardly surprising. A club might help break that boredom and monotony, and give your running the extra dimension it requires.

Think about it.



Connie Henderson

knee hasn't bothered me since.

"It was great to go to a clinic which appreciated sports problems. My doctor just used to lecture me."

Jackie believes that many women may be too embarrassed to seek help for a running problem.

"They'll often just put up with it, but sports clinics prove that you don't have to put up with the pain," she says.

Dr McSwann added: "The greatest advantage of these clinics is that runners and other sportsmen and sports-women can get access to good, qualified physiotherapists, who can take time to treat the problem properly."

The Scottish Sports Council has awarded grants to 15 sports injury clinics throughout Scotland. A runner can be referred by her doctor, or can simply go along of her own accord. Fees vary, but in some cases if a runner pays a membership fee to become affiliated to the clinic, costs are reduced.



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Race-pace training the key to progress



By DEREK PARKER
senior British and
Kilbarchan club
coach

One of the principles of coaching theory is that training must be specific to the physiological and psychological demands of each particular athletic event. Therefore failure to observe this basic maxim in the compilation of a training schedule invariably results in an athlete not achieving his/her goal.

For example, a person aiming to run 5000 metres in 13 minutes 45 seconds would have to be capable of maintaining a pace of 66 seconds per 400 metres for 12½ laps. It is logical, therefore, for that athlete to train at race pace if he hopes to attain his objective — just as it is equally obvious that long, steady runs done at slower than race pace are in themselves not sufficient if the specific mental and physiological requirements are to be met.

A typical session for the aspiring 13-45 contender would be 12 x 400 metres at 66 seconds pace, with short recoveries between repetitions of around 20 seconds, followed by one 200 metre sprint within 30-90 seconds of the final 400 metre lap.

The perspicacious will note that the total distance of this particular session amounts to 5000 metres exactly — and that the idea is to train at race pace with as short a recovery as possible so that in a competition the athlete will, ideally, be able to do the entire 12 x 400 session with NO recovery.

The 200 metre repetition at the end of the session is quite clearly included to make up the total 5000 metres distance, and to develop the athlete's mental and physiological ability to sprint over the final half-lap while tired.

The list of variations is extensive and can include sessions such as 25 x 200 metres with 20 to 30 seconds recovery, or 16 x 300 metres with 20 to 30 seconds recovery plus 1 x 200 metres, or 10 x 500 metres with 25-45 seconds recovery, or 6 x 800 metres with 30 to 60 seconds recovery plus 1 x 200 metres, or 5 x 1000 metres with 30 to 90 seconds recovery, or even 2 x 2000 metres with 30 to 90 seconds recovery plus 1 x 1000 metres.

The key to these sessions is that the athlete must (1), train at race pace, (2), keep the recovery as short as possible, and (3), cover the full 5000 metres race distance. If some of the sessions appear daunting and difficult, the athlete must always remember that he/she will have to run the full distance without a recovery pause.

But, specificity must involve more than just running repetitions at a steady pace — no matter how close these may be to the athlete's ideal race tempo. While steady pace is the most economical method of running, and the least costly in terms of energy expenditure, experienced athletes and coaches will be aware that during races the tempo frequently fluctuates.

Often a competitor will inject fast laps or

The 300s are run at 5000 or 3000 metres pace, and the 200s at 1500 or even 800 metres pace, with the recovery being a constant 20 seconds.

Again the principle is the same as previously — the athlete trains at race pace with short recovery (in this instance race pace means varied pace) so that, with the added stimulus of adrenalin-producing competition, he/she can complete the sequence of repetition runs with no recovery at all.

The 5000 metres training system involving short recovery repetitions over the total race distance can be easily adapted to 1500 and 800 metres pace sessions.

The 1500 metres sessions can be, for example, 2 x 5 x 300 metres at race pace, with 20 to 30 seconds recovery between repetitions and 15 to 25 minutes between sets or, using the varied pace principle, 300 at 1500 metres pace (20 seconds recovery) + 200 metres at faster than 1500 metres pace (20 to 30 seconds recovery) x 3 series x 2 sets.

Sample 800 metres pace sessions would 2 x 4 x 200 metres (20 seconds between repetitions/15 to 25 minutes between sets) or 2 x 300 metres at race pace (20 to 30 seconds recovery) + 200 metres full effort x 2 sets.

Sprinting speed sessions can be accommodated by 12 x 150 metres full effort (250 metres slow jog) or eight to twelve laps of sprinting 50 metres and jogging 50 metres alternately.

Having devised specific race pace sessions, the next step is to integrate them into a training microcycle, preferably over a two-weekly period.

Bearing in mind the fact that the 5000 metres event is 75 to 80 per cent aerobic (ie. oxygen requirements are met by oxygen intake) and 20 to 25 per cent anaerobic (ie. oxygen requirements must be met while the athlete is in oxygen debt) the two-weekly training cycle could take the form below.

That cycle would be performed during the competitive season with the aerobic

DAY 1 — 12 to 15 miles cross-country run

DAY 2 — 5000 metres pace session with short repetitions (eg. 12 x 400 metres 20 seconds recovery) + 1 x 200 metres full effort (200 metres jog in 75 seconds after final 400).

DAY 3 — (am.) 5 miles easy, (pm.) 5 miles fast, steady run at 90 to 95 per cent effort.

DAY 4 — 1500 metres pace session (eg. 2 x 5 x 300 metres (20 seconds between repetitions/20 minutes between sets)

DAY 5 — (am.) 5 miles easy, (pm.) 12 x 150 metres full effort (250 metres slow jog recovery).

DAY 6 — 5 miles steady

DAY 7 — 10 miles steady

DAY 8 — 12 to 15 miles cross-country run

DAY 9 — 5000 metres pace session with long repetitions (eg. 5 x 1000 metres (200 metres jog in 75 seconds).

DAY 10 — (am.) 5 miles easy, (pm.) 8 miles steady.

DAY 11 — 1500 varied pace session (eg. 2 x 3 x (300 metres + 200 metres) with 20 seconds between repetitions and 20 minutes between sets)

DAY 12 — 800 metres pace session (eg. 2 x 2 x 400 metres (30 seconds between repetitions/20 to 25 minutes between sets)

DAY 13 — 5 miles steady run

DAY 14 — 10 to 12 miles steady run

demands of the 5000 metres event being accommodated by the long, steady runs and the 5000 metres pace session; the anaerobic requirements are accommodated by the Thursday speed sessions and partly by the 1500 metres sessions.

During the winter months, the athlete will not have neglected his/her speed work. He/she will have been doing one track session a week at 5000 metres pace, as well as one fartlek and one hill session. A typical week's training in winter could be:

Sunday — 12 to 15 miles cross-country running.

Monday — 90 minutes, fartlek with warm up and cool down e.g. 4 x 2 minutes fast (1-2-1-2 minutes jog) + 2 x 3 minutes fast (3 minutes jog) + 4 x 2 minutes fast (1-2-1-2 minutes jog) + 4 x 1 minute fast (½-1-½-1 minute jog) + 4 x 30 seconds fast (15-30-15 seconds ease down)

Tuesday — 5 to 8 miles steady.

Wednesday — 10 to 12 miles steady.

Thursday — 4 x 1200 metres (200 metres jog recovery in 75 seconds) + 1 x 200 metres (200 metres jog after final 1200 metres)

Friday — 30 to 45 minutes easy/steady running.

Saturday — 8 x 200 metres, 12 x 150 metres, or 6 x 300 metres, or 6 x 100 metres sprints + 6 x 100 metres high knee-lift runs + 6 x 50 metres sprint/50 metres high knee-lift runs ALL uphill with jog back recovery.

Depending on the athlete's age, experience, fitness, and time available, five-mile easy recovery runs can be done in the mornings.

It is important to remember that all training sessions must be tailored to suit the individual requirements of individual athletes, and great care must be taken when working with young athletes who should not be subjected to excess oxygen debt training or mileage.

The proof of the proverbial pudding is in the eating, and during recent years the training schedules described in this article have been used effectively — and modified where necessary — by athletes such as Quinn (UK junior international, Scottish youths and junior cross-country champion, and world championship representative in 1984 and 1985), Paul Mayles and Tom Hearle (world cross-country championship representatives 1986), Robert Hawkins (British police road and cross-country champion), Alan Walsh (1983 Scottish junior boys' cross-country champion), Tommy Graham (1985 Scottish junior boys' cross-country champion), and the successful Kilbarchan junior and intermediate women's teams.



ROBERT QUINN...
during the Edinburgh to
Glasgow road race.

Cycling



Bill Cadger

Scotland will be the starting point for the first Kellogg's Tour of Britain which will feature 80 of the world's best professional cyclists.

The route is **Stage One**: Edinburgh to Newcastle by Galashiels, Melrose and Otterburn, 117 miles. **Stage Two**: Newcastle to Manchester, by Richmond, Keighley and Oldham, 170 miles. **Stage Three**: Manchester to Birmingham by Buxton and Stoke, 122 miles. **Stage Four**: Birmingham to Cardiff by Worcester and Pontypridd, 153 miles. **Stage Five**: two mile time trial, 62 miles circuit race, Westminster.

Many of the riders, particularly Kelly, will be using the race as the springboard for the world road race championships in Austria which follow the Kellogg's. The Irishman has never won the world championship.

One of the strongest teams entered is the 7-Eleven squad, which includes Canadian Alex Steda who astonished the Tour de France when he took the yellow jersey last year. The five-man outfit also includes Eric Heiden, five times Olympic speed skating star and Dag-Otto Lauritzen of Norway, who won a bronze medal in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Edinburgh at Festival time will be bustling with people, and the carnival atmosphere of the 'Tour' with its caravan of motorcycle riders, helicopters, promotion vehicles and, of course, cyclists, should add its own pageantry of colour.

On the first day the field will ride the first five miles in convoy along Princess Street, Clerk Street and Craigmellon Park to Gilmerton, when the flag will go down for the start of the race proper. The riders then head for the border through Galashiels and Melrose, where they will battle out for the first of the day's special Hot Spot sprints, before

beginning the 1400 foot climb to Carter Bar. The stage ends at Newcastle.

Next stop in this £65,000 spectacular is Manchester, followed by Birmingham, Cardiff and Westminster, London, where there will be two stages — a two mile time trial and a 62-mile circuit race.

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Channel Four will televise the five-day race with one-hour slots each evening, starting with a preview from the Edinburgh Festival on August 11. A key feature of the event are the city centre finishes in Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and London, a formula already well proved by the Kellogg's city centre races.

NEWS

THIS YEAR'S Tour de France will cover 2,500 miles and will start in West Berlin for the first time. The city stages the prologue time trial and two stages before the race heads into France, from Stuttgart to Strasbourg. Two hundred and sixteen professionals from 24-nine man teams face a course with 27 climbs in the Pyrenees and the Alps. Top climbs in the Pyrenees are from Pau to Luz-Ardiden. Four days in the Alps take in L'Alpe d'Huez and the Col du Galibier. The Tour starts on July 1 and finishes in Paris on July 26.

THE WORLD championships are in Austria from August 25 to September 6. The track events will be held at the Ferry Dusika indoor stadium in Vienna. The road races are based at Villach, with the professional championship on the final day.

Highland GAMES



David Webster

The 1987 season is well under way with few surprises so far in either the amateur or professional heavy events. As predicted in an earlier issue, the first clashes of the amateurs at Gourock resulted in wins for Alan Pettigrew — but with stiff opposition from Stuart Menzies who beat him in the putt, and the evergreen Walter Weir who turned the caber a bit straighter. Henry Naismith, too, was always in contention.

Willie Robertson, the professional turned amateur, has also been competing, but dividing his time between wrestling and heavy events. He cannot possibly do justice to his previous form with this sort of regime, and he will have to make his mind up if he

wishes to reach his full potential in either activity.

Willie is one of the few Highland heavies using a variation of Brian Oldfield's "birling" technique in the shot putt, and he can do an awful lot better than his early season marks this year. Incidentally, I was with Crazy Horse Oldfield at an American Games last year and he remembers with great affection his sojourn in Scotland for the Games. Many

competitors in the States firmly believe he is the greatest ever shot putter.

Results as given to me by competitors were: 1st Alan Pettigrew, 2nd Stuart Menzies, 3rd Walter Weir, 4th Henry Naismith.

16lb Shot S. Menzies 14.16m; A. Pettigrew 13.91m; W. Weir 12.72m.

Weight for height Pettigrew 14'; Menzies 12'; Weir 12'; H. Naismith 12'.

Caber: Weir, Pettigrew, Naismith.

Sprint Pettigrew, Weir.

The top professionals met in competition at Blair Athol Games, which had its origins at a meeting in 1824. Although there was keen rivalry, and a splendid day of sport in a wonderful setting in front of the castle, the performances were unimpressive and very predictable.

Geoff Capes took the overall prize, with Jim McGoldrick of America beating a heavily bandaged Grant Anderson. Old Father Time has caught up with the two Anderson's Bill and Grant. They have been splendid ambassadors for Scotland with nearly 50 years of competition between them, but we can't expect much more in the way of major wins. *But there are still no Scots able to beat them yet and we should do something about this.*

Jim McGoldrick looked jet-lagged, as well he might, having arrived from California only hours earlier, and we can expect much better marks in the weeks to come. It was surprising to see him struggling with a 15' throw in the weight for height when we have seen him pass 17' on more than one occasion. His hammer, too, was down by some 20' feet.

ON the eve of his professional debut in Highland Games, Chris Black, the Commonwealth Games hammer medalist, sustained an injury which could prove extremely detrimental in his first season in the paid ranks. While finishing his meticulous

126 feet but they were throwing uphill and that could have added a bit to all the throws. Nevertheless it's a long way short of the 151 feet we have seen Grant and Bill do in the past.

Grant Anderson won the hammer with a very mediocre

preparation, involving a training stint in Cyprus. Chris trapped a nerve which now makes arm and shoulder movements very painful.

The right triceps and deltoid are affected and sports medicine experts are assisting him in rectifying the problem. Chris is confident that he can justify his decision to change from the amateur code, and is determined to do well against the world's best.

The final result at Blair Athol was 1st Geoff Capes, 2nd Jim McGoldrick, and 3rd Grant

Anderson. Individual events: 22lb Stone: Geoff Capes 492'; Jim McGoldrick 428'; Mark Higgins 41'10".

28lb for Distance Capes 93 1/4"; McGoldrick 832'; Higgins 766'.

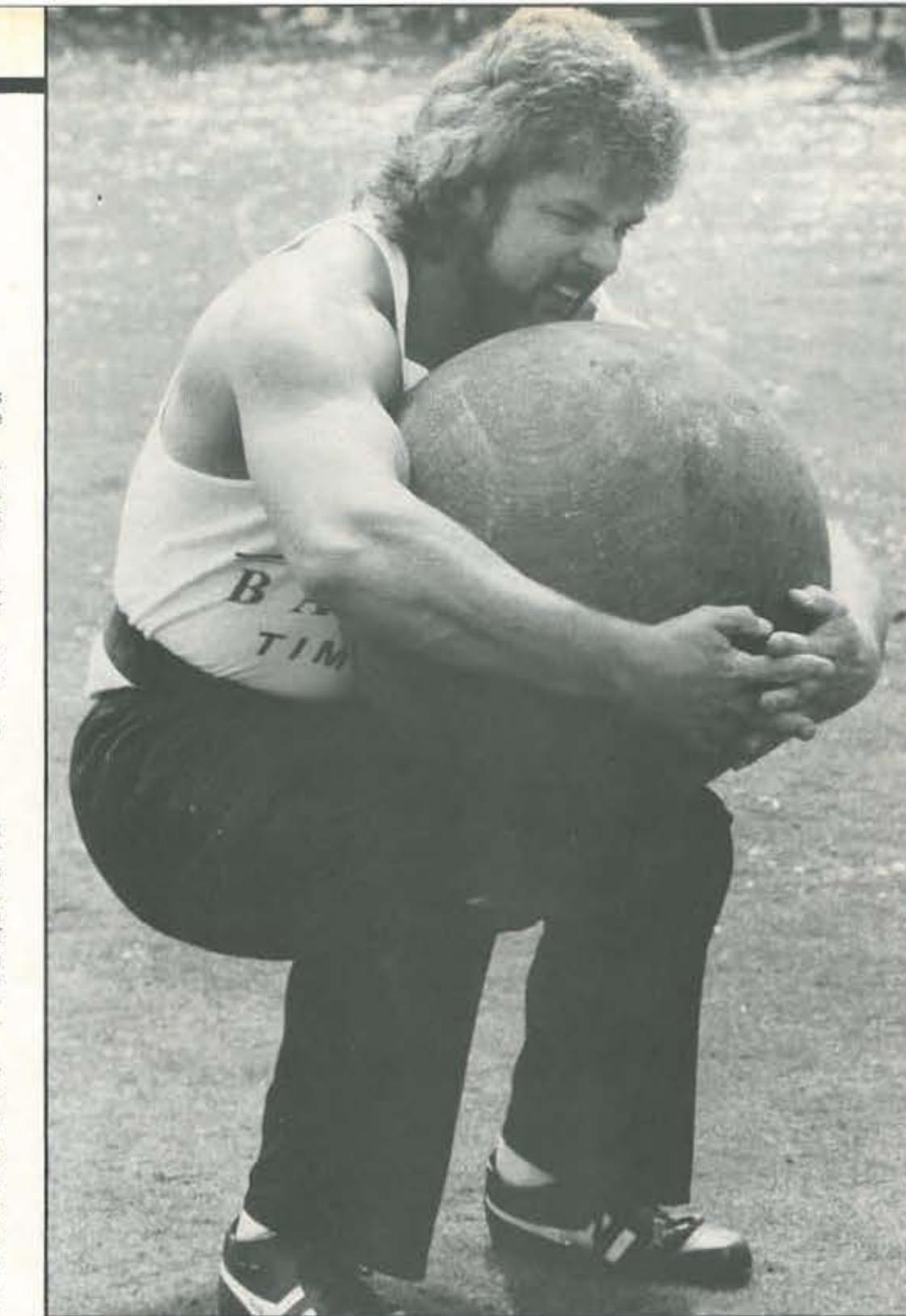
Hammer: Grant Anderson 1268'; Capes 1258'; Bill Anderson 1194'.

Weight for height Capes 16'; Jon Pall Sigmarsson 156'; G. Anderson 15'.

Caber: Capes, McGoldrick, Sigmarsson.

Farmers Walk: Sigmarsson; Anderson; Capes.

Chris Black on his debut weekend as a heavy-lifting one of the McGlashan Stones. Picture: KEN FERGUSON, Daily Record



Teachers put Lease in a corner

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sun shone to herald the dawn of a new era in Scottish athletics. A weekend of the inaugural Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships at Queen Victoria school in Dunblane attracted 850 youngsters and set the foundations for future years.

More than 100 schools were involved from all over Scotland and the birth of the championships, sponsored by Girobank Scotland, was adjudged an outstanding success by Scottish Schools' Athletic Association officials. Plans are already being laid for next year.

Dounby Primary in Orkney sent three teams to the event and St Ninian's Primary in Dumfries sent a coachload of pupils. Athletics has never seen the likes before and there is talk of making the course longer next year and even extending the invitation to age groups younger than the 11 to 12 years who swamped Queen Victoria last Saturday.

But one man who would argue against the case for a national championship for primary children is none other than David Lease, Scottish national athletics coach.

"First, let me say that it's lovely to see so many people giving their time to children. One of the signs of an educated society is that it has time to teach its young," says Lease, himself a former teacher. "But in principle I'm against national championships in any sport before the age of 14 to 15."

"There is plenty of time for intense competition at a later age and I don't think that children should be a foil for adult ambitions. An athlete is not at his or her best until the age of 23 to 28 and only then do they reach physical and mental maturity. Of course, it's nice to see so many involved, but is that because of the children or the teachers' interests?"

Lease cites the examples of swimming and gymnastics as two sports which reach into the youngest age-groups for participants but have difficulty in holding on to competitors after the age of 18.

BY RODDY MACKENZIE

AS we mentioned last month, a furious debate about the merits of staging the inaugural Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships has been raging following an article which appeared in the Times Educational Supplement. GRAHAM CRAWFORD has been investigating further.

THE MAN who sparked off the row with his attributed comments in the TES is national coach David Lease. Graham Crawford tried to contact Lease for his comments, but the national coach was abroad for most of May, and therefore not

available to defend or elaborate on his alleged remarks. In the circumstances, all we can do to represent David Lease's point of view is re-print the TES article, which we do with the courtesy of that publication.



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Scotland's Runner

THE FOLLOWING is a summary of the Scottish Schools' Athletic Association's response to David Lease's comments, as made by honorary secretary Alex Jack to the Times Educational Supplement:

No-one could be 850th as Mr Lease suggested, as this number of competitors was divided into three separate races. As far as achievement is concerned, this was not a highly competitive event (deliberately planned this way). It was literally a picnic day in the sun, with mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters present.

It is a pity that Mr Lease was unable to attend this event in order to see the teams of six runners, boys and girls (not elite performers) with some schools entering four teams (up to 25% of the school roll).

As far as the "young" age groups are concerned, the youngest eligible participant was ten years and four months old (born in 1976). The senior governing bodies of athletics in Scotland, with whom Mr Lease deals, organise events for younger boys and girls. This was a factor taken into account when planning the event.

It is also a great pity that Mr Lease, despite regular invitations, has never been able to attend any school's coaching course or any event since 1984/85. It is sad, therefore, that the first time most schools will have heard of Mr Lease will be because of a negative article in a publication, which is distributed to all schools, and which does little to encourage participation in sport in any age group.

Mr Lease declares he "was" a teacher. All of our Association members are currently teaching, and deal daily with young people. They are aware of the various development stages of school pupils, their needs, their

education, their ambitions and their personalities, as well as the inherent dangers of intense competition in any sport. Another anomaly which occurs is that the SSAA has recently been encouraged by the four senior governing bodies of athletics, together with the Scottish Sports Council, to develop a programme for re-motivating schools' participation, following the recent industrial dispute.

To continue in a less negative vein, however, what is required concerning school pupils' participation in athletics is an active input from athletic bodies in Scotland. As Mr Lease points out, school staff and school Physical Education staff in particular, are involved in many sports. These members of staff have the

training and the knowledge to teach various activities. They will not, however, have the up-to-date technical knowledge of more than one or two specific sports.

Currently, to gain this knowledge in athletics, it requires long hours over weekends, away from home, for teachers who are already committed to other activities. If athletics wishes to develop according to Mr Lease's formulae and to protect younger age groups, he will need to go out and about to Area Schools' Athletic Associations, contact Physical Education advisors, organise in-service (or extra-curricular) courses for teachers, offer seminars, locally based, concerning all of the topics in his statement.

Letter to the SSAA from the headmaster of Banff Primary School

"In our Boys' team we had Darren Wiseman. Darren lives in the tiny Banffshire coastal village of Crovie, which is little more than a row of cottages crouching somewhat precariously between the high tide line and the foot of a high cliff. Darren is the only boy in the village, and has been the only boy for all of his eleven years. He has had no opportunities for organised sport at all outside school. He has never shown much interest in sport within school either, until we started preparing for Dunblane.

He came to our first practice and suddenly discovered that running was something he enjoyed. His Mum tells me that she seldom sees him now, he is out everyday running along the beach or pounding up and down the cliff road. He has discovered an interest which will last, and something of his own abilities.

For him, the day at Dunblane was a very precious one. For all that the championships have meant to Darren, and all the other Darrens who travelled to Dunblane, our very grateful thanks."

Well, what do readers think? We'd like your views on this debate. Write to Scotland's Runner, 62, Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7SA.

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National schools' coach?

This is the only way of ensuring that young people in schools and their teachers become aware of all the implications of the sport. We should also remember that every athlete goes to school - every athlete at school does not join a club.

Perhaps if there were a national coach for schools' athletics (similar to the Scottish Rugby Union's U/18 coaching appointments), every potential athlete in Scotland would receive positive advice, along with his/her teachers. How much sponsorship would the Scottish Schools' Athletic Association require to make such an appointment?

The primary schools attending the inaugural cross-country event were spread from Orkney to Gatehouse-on-Fleet, and from Oban to Eyemouth. Somewhere, out there, are other Tom McKearns, Liz Lynchs, Yvonne Murrays.

We are trying to find them. We need help but only positive statements and advice will bring back the participation level in schools' sport which we all enjoyed in days gone by.

Well, what do readers think? We'd like your views on this debate. Write to Scotland's Runner, 62, Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7SA.

Champion's dad backs Lease line

David Lease has, perhaps surprisingly, an ally in much of what he has said in Harry Gorman, whose son, Martin, won the "A" race at Dunblane.

Gorman, a 40-year-old member of Springburn Harriers, shares Lease's dread of youngsters being pushed too hard too soon, and goes as far as suggesting possible training guidelines, or directives, schools could follow.

There are, however, a number of points he disputes with the national coach.

"I can't agree with Mr Lease when he opposes a national championship for youngsters under the age of 14. Nor can I share his concern that there could be a damaging psychological effect on youngsters who trail in at the back of a large field."

"As a long time member of Springburn, and a parent of an 11-year-old boy who has competed for over a year and a 15-year-old girl who has run for three years, I have seen no evidence to suggest that being well beaten has a bad effect on youngsters of the age in question."

"Mr Lease also appears to be suggesting a suppression of the competitive element that's apparent in virtually every game played by a child."

"You can't get away from a degree of elitism among youngsters. Whether or not you hold specific races, most children establish pretty set ideas about who is the fastest runner. Just as they do about who is the best footballer, or the 'cleverest in the class'."

Gorman shares David Lease's reservations about high level competition for young children.



MARTIN GORMAN

I was delighted to hear recently that the Scottish Cross Country Union had rejected a proposal for district and national championships for colts (9-11 years)," states the Springburn man. "There are ample races in the club set up to satisfy of youngsters of that age."

He also agrees with Scotland's national coach that children could be used to further the egos and ambitions of certain teachers, coaches or parents.

"I have strong feelings on the handling of youngsters. It is frightening how good you could make a child in the short term by hammering them, and I am convinced Scotland has lost hundreds of potentially top class athletes over the years due to 'burning out' between 14 and 17."

For those reasons, Gorman says it would be highly



'Absolute nonsense', says PE supremo

Dr Ian Thomson, director of physical education at Stirling University, used two words repeatedly to describe statements attributed to David Lease - "absolute nonsense".

"I can only suspect that he has either been misquoted or seriously misconstrued," he said.

Dr Thomson, formerly involved in the training of teachers as a lecturer at both Jordanhill and Dunfermline Colleges, added that the national coach had done teaching "a great disservice" if he made the remarks in the controversial article.

"It's absolute nonsense to suggest that children may be asked to compete in "an unnatural environment" at too early an age," said Thomson. "I can only see a danger if children are being asked to train with the intensity found in Eastern bloc countries - which they are not."

"Mr Lease really is doing the profession a wrong to imply that teachers would not make sure children got the most out of an event like Dunblane."

"The emphasis would have been on enjoying the day, and from what I've heard everybody had a thoroughly exciting and fun time."

"I can't understand the notion that finishing well down the field in a cross-country race is psychologically damaging. This is more nonsense. The very essence of schools cross-country is mass participation, and children taking part in such a large event have their own sense of elation and achievement in finishing."

"It is also extremely good for them to be there on the day and part of the whole excitement."

Dr Thomson said he was angered by the increasing number of people who have now decided that the competitive element in schools could be damaging.

"None of these people are coming forward with instances of proof to back such ridiculous opinions."

"School sports have been going on for over 100 years and are educationally sound."

Scotland's Runner

I came out of the shrubs at the side of the pool. "I won't beat about the bush, Velda," I said. She dropped her robe and walked towards me. Her swimsuit fitted in all the wrong places.

"I knew it had to be someone from the house, Velda, so did the cops. But how could anyone have gotten down to the jetty, tampered with the seaplane motor and back again before that poor slob finished his game of pool?"

One road down, three miles of hairpin bends and both cars locked in the garage."

She stood against me and that perfume hit me again like a velvet brick.

"You tell me. You're making all the running." "Then I remembered those shoes in your closet, sweetheart. New Balance W475's. No woman buys shoes like that to walk the poodle."

"So you bought a pair for yourself."

"That's right and I went down the way you went down, Velda. Straight down. Running all the way. Through the pines, along the stone gully under the freeway and across the rocks at the ocean's edge."

That route took a special kind of nerve lady and a special kind of shoe."

"So I confess." She put her arms around my neck. "Now all you have to do," she breathed, "is to prove it."

"Okay inspector," I called, "you can come out now!"

She spun round. "Why you . . .!"

They led her away. I felt like a heel. But my feet?

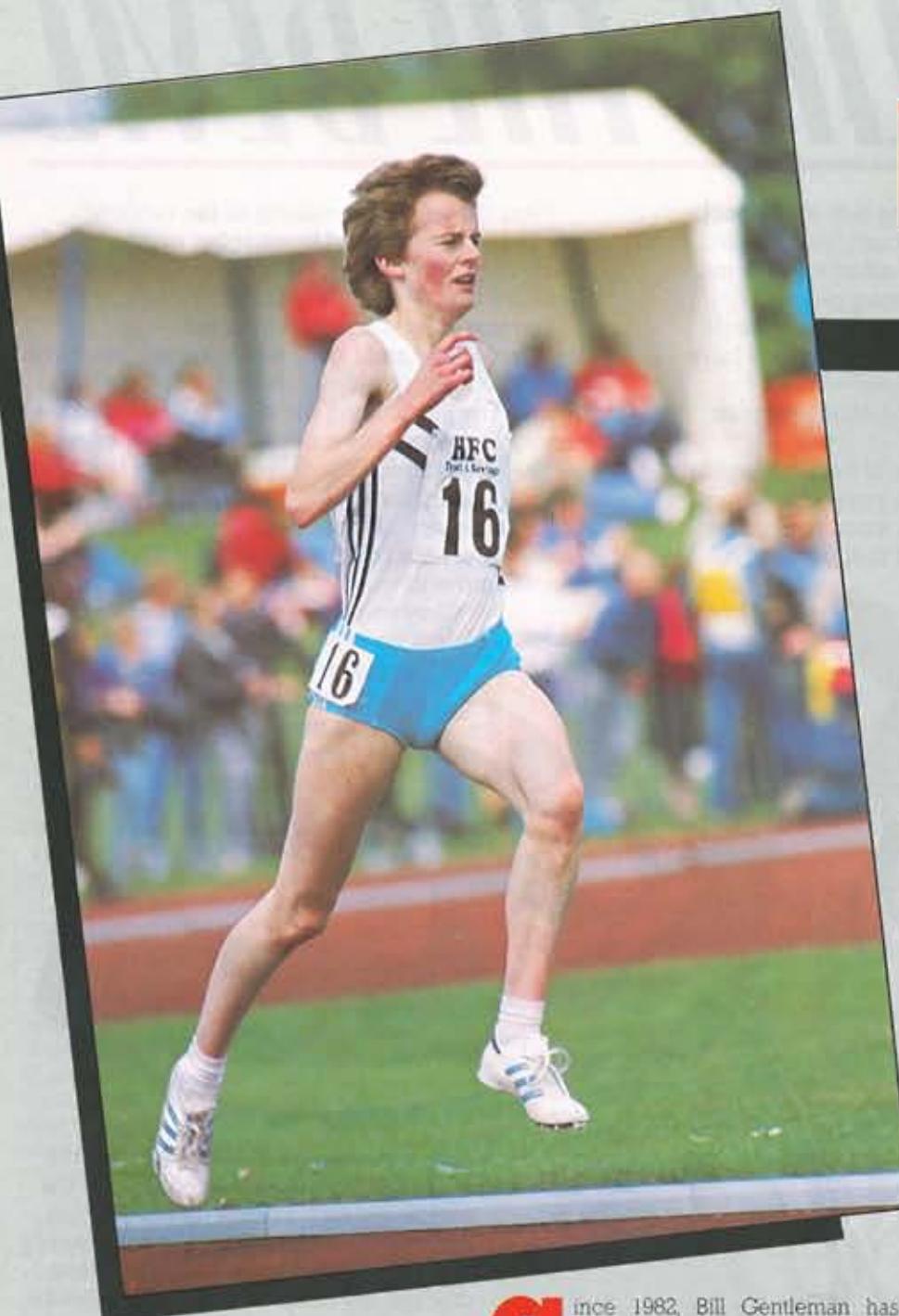
My feet felt like a million dollars.



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Minting it? Not Murray



Solo effort...at the UK event in Derby.

REPORT:
Doug Gillon

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Mark Shearman

Since 1982, Bill Gentleman has seen his hammer hurtle from the throwing circle at ever-decreasing velocity. From a personal best of 48.22 metres in 1982, he is now throwing some five metres shorter.

The compensation and indeed the reason for the missing five metres is spectacular — Yvonne Murray. In those five years she has set Scottish records of one kind or another at every distance from 800 to 10,000 metres.

Some, of course, have subsequently fallen by the wayside, under the assault of the other golden girl of Scottish athletics, Liz Lynch, but for all that, the Edinburgh Athletic Club woman has compiled a list of records unvalued in the history of the sport in Britain.

She currently holds the fastest indoor times by a Scot as follows:

800m	2 min 04.01 sec
1500	4 - 09.15
3000	8 - 46.06
2 miles	9 - 36.85

The last of these is also a UK and Commonwealth best, while outdoors you will find her name against the following Scottish records:

1500m national	4 - 05.36
1500m native	4 - 08.90
1 mile national	4 - 23.08
1 mile native	4 - 28.68
2000m national	5 - 29.58
3000m national	8 - 37.15
3000m native	8 - 55.32

Her 2000 metres time is also a UK and Commonwealth best, and third fastest of all time in the world. Last season her world rankings were:

800m	177th
1000m	9th
1500m	35th
mile	6th
2000m	2nd
3000m	7th

Yvonne recorded 4.03.60 during a 1500 metres race in Brussels, a time which would move her from 35th to 14th, but that mark has still to be validated.

The Musselburgh secretary has also held the Scottish 5000 and 10,000 metres records which, at the time of going to press, stood to Liz Lynch. The Dundee woman also has her sights set on most of Yvonne's other marks, a healthy rivalry which can only profit Scotland.

In 1982, before all the record-breaking started, Gentleman, a former schoolboy sprinter, had graduated to being a university triple jumper and subsequently, in his late 20s, tried the hammer. Five years ago he was training three nights a week, doing heavy lifting as Yvonne trained with friends. Even at 14st 4lb he had little problem keeping up with his protege on shorter runs.

"But as Yvonne became faster, I have had to run faster to keep up. It has cost me

a stone in weight and 100lbs on my deadlift. Hence the hammer decline," he explains.

It is, however, a small price to pay, concedes Gentleman, who at 47 is principal teacher of biology at Musselburgh Grammer School. That was where he first set eyes on Yvonne, a spindly teenager who joined his cross country group.

"It was the big freeze of 1979," recalls Yvonne. "I couldn't play hockey, but in order to keep fit I asked if I could join Bill's small cross country squad." The hockey stick was soon discarded permanently as she showed immediate talent.

"On about one week's training she competed in an Edinburgh Schools League race," says Gentleman.

"I recall I took a wrong turning, but still came home with the bronze," said Yvonne.

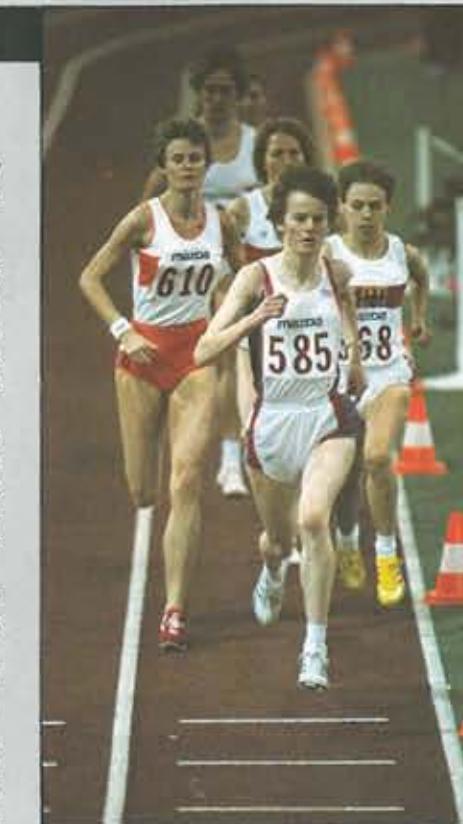
"Then she entered the Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships at Riccarton," adds Gentleman. "She ran in gym shoes. I remember it was very muddy and she finished 28th out of 330 runners."

The most remarkable thing perhaps was that even then Gentleman, whose only coaching experience was in schoolboy shot and discus, could identify a special something. "She is going to be good," Gentleman told neighbours who were involved in the city's rival Edinburgh Southern club.

"There goes Bill again," was the reaction.

"I can remember it well," says Gentleman. "And despite all the records and titles, I think the most satisfactory thing, apart from Yvonne's pleasure, is being proved right, having said from the very beginning 'She's going to be good'."

The first real signs came just a few months after her schools cross country



bad another load of dirty training gear," recalls Yvonne.

It all had to be washed by hand in the family's council home, but that was something Yvonne was able to rectify after her first big financial win. In January last year she picked up £2500 for a victory in an international 10,000 metres race in Bermuda. And the first acquisition from the trust fund was a washing machine incorporating a tumble dryer, a present for her mum.

There have been other benefits. For years the stock image of Yvonne was of a long-legged gazelle with a face screwed up in agony, even within seconds of the starter's gun.

"That was because I was invariably trying to see what was happening, where I was going," confesses Yvonne. So the second trust fund purchase was a pair of contact lenses. "They have literally opened up a whole new world for me," she says.

"I can see well enough to cover breaks in track races. Often in the past a rival would get away without me seeing her go. And in cross country races I have taken wrong turnings through not having seen

debut, in the Scottish Schools track championships. She had done about one month's training before that cross country race, and by the time the track championships came along she had had two trial outings at 1500 metres, the better of them being 5 - 44," said Gentleman.

Yvonne got her first pair of spikes for that schools race. "They cost £20" and celebrated with a silver medal-winning effort of 5 - 02. She was still 14.

Although the cost of equipment is now taken care of by Adidas, these early pairs of spikes did not come easily. With three sisters and a brother, as well as Yvonne, her mum, Mary, had to stretch the purse a long way when work was done in a local bakery.

"The sport seemed very expensive, and my mum and dad had no money," says Yvonne. "But I was lucky. Because I broke through quickly, I've only ever had to buy one track suit in my whole career."

"I can remember what happened to the first pair of spikes — they went back to my school. That's what we always did with spikes we'd outgrown, to let someone else get the use out of them."

Before that though, the shoes logged up a string of successes, but they didn't bring any bonuses for her mum.

"I would return from a race and say 'First the good news, mum, I won. Now the

Yvonne's annual progression

	800m	1000m	1500m	1 mile	2000m	3000m
1979	2-24.00		4-49.60			
1980	2-17.3	2-53.8	4-30.00			10-11.8
1981	2-11.6	2-54.11	4-29.23		6-47.00	9-30.00
1982	2-08.00		4-15.10			9-07.77
1983	2-06.80		4-15.94	4-43.78		9-04.14
1984	2-06.15	2-46.50	4-12.18	4-30.25	5-47.75	8-58.54
1985	2-06.50		4-08.90	4-28.64		9-00.94
1986	2-03.60	2-37.75	4-03.60	4-23.08	5-29.58	8-37.15



Top left — En route to victory in Lieven pursued by Elly van Hulst (610).

Above... "I've done it"



Front-runner...setting the pace at the World Indoor Championships.

the markers. It never cost me a race, but I often had to sprint like mad to get back into the lead."

Apart from the obvious benefits, Gentleman, with the perception befitting a scientist, points out: "When you can't see clearly you tend to look down at your feet when running, instead of studying the track or trail maybe 15 to 20 yards ahead. The result is that your stride becomes shorter and if you are really watching your footing closely, leaning forward, it can constrict your breathing, both of which affect performance."

Not that she is complaining. Her employers, Musselburgh builders AM Gille, have in the past given her considerable time off work with pay. They also installed a shower so that she could feel more comfortable following her lunchtime training.

But her rising international stock means

A typical winter week's training

	LUNCHTIME	EVENING
MONDAY	Steady 4-6 miles around 5-45 mile pace on road or grass.	Track 3 x 3 x 500 metres. Two mins recovery between each run, six minutes between each group. OR 5 x 1200 every sixth min.
TUESDAY	4-6 miles easy with fast five-minute effort in middle.	Circuits 3 x 10 exercises, 12 of each exercise. One mile warm-up and down.
WEDNESDAY	Hills bounding, striding, up and down, varying gradients.	5 miles steady, 5-30 - 5-40 mile pace.
THURSDAY	4-6 miles, five mins easy, three fast at around 85% effort.	5 x 6 x 75 metres, walk back recovery between each, six mins between sets. Around 11 secs.
FRIDAY	Rest	Circuits, as Tuesday, but with lighter weights. 3/4 mile run back to Musselburgh.
SATURDAY	15 min steady, 10 min faster, 5 fast (4-50 mile pace), 10 easier, 15 steady.	Rest
SUNDAY	30 mins easy running, with strides.	Rest

The money has clearly helped. But before you get the impression that Yvonne is in the Cram bracket (a possible £90,000 for just six races in Britain alone, not to mention overseas races and advertising endorsements) consider this.

In three years, the money that has gone into her trust fund amounts to "around £20,000" states Gentleman.

That should put into perspective the allegation from some quarters that athletes are in the sport for the money. Nobody in their right mind would be flogging their body as Yvonne does for less than £7000 per year, most of which is ploughed back into footing the expenses bills.

When Yvonne won her third UK title at Derby in May — a solo 3000 metres in 8:53.69 — she elected to return home

"We've produced the goods so often it's not just luck"

she can now command significant subventions for her trust fund. "I could hardly expect to get paid at work if I was making money from a race," she said. In fact her boss, who describes her as a delight to have working for him, has recently taken on another young woman to spread the workload.

"I'm delighted at that," she says. "They've been very good to me, giving me time off whenever I wanted it, but I'd always feel guilty about asking. In fact I would get Bill to ring up and ask if it would be alright. I just hate doing it."

Gentleman has been a model coach. Married with two children, one of whom, Catriona, is an accomplished fencer — she was double gold medallist at the Scottish Colleges' championship and double sabre bronze medal winner at the Scottish open.

Bill too has been out of pocket through his role in the sport, although Yvonne now contributes to the family phone bill. She is not on the phone herself and Gentleman is constantly making calls on her behalf.

It is largely through his efforts that she has any kind of sponsorship. For long enough Yvonne viewed the trust fund gravy train with a wry smile. "I had three free chickens a week from Chunky Chickens," she said.

Now matters have improved. A car from Trust Motors, in the shadow of the capital's Meadowbank Stadium, is at her disposal whenever she has to travel to matches in the UK.

And when it comes to overseas travel which is not taken care of by meeting organisers, she has struck another fortunate seam, a company appropriately named PACE — Professional Advisors in Construction Engineering.



East District championships...and another record - 2:49.55 at 800 metres, pursued by Linsey MacDonald (6) and Dawn Kitchen (4).

One of the senior executives sings with Gentleman, a tenor in the Edinburgh Grand Opera Company. PACE have assisted frequently with flight costs and have helped Gentleman get to foreign fields to coach Yvonne when he would have otherwise have been absent — notably at the European indoor championships this year when Yvonne completed her match set of medals by taking the gold in Lieven.

He is meticulous in his preparation, even down to standing on the finishing line at the UK championships with a record form made out in advance, completed in every detail save the time!

If that seems obsessive, it reflects the fact that in most of her races, particularly on the domestic scene, the clock is Yvonne's only adversary.

And by pursuing the clock, she has gained the confidence to chase athletes who otherwise would have appeared more than mortal.

The 2000 metres run which saw her beat Zola Budd for the first time (at sub 8:15 3000 metres pace) also put her within five metres of the Olympic 3000 metres champion and newly crowned world record holder, Maricica Puica of Rumania.

Building on each successive step she then dominated the European indoor 3000

"It doesn't matter, as long as he gets results," Yvonne started to tell him. "But then I went bananas," she recalls. "I thought he had a dreadful cheek and started to tell him so. The BBC pulled the plug and put the interview off the air."

"It was always in my mind that people would say I was just lucky to have a uniquely talented athlete on my hands, but I feel that together we have produced the goods so often that it's not just luck," says Gentleman.

When Yvonne won the Ludden Street mile, in May, she was beaten by her teenage training partner Alan Kinghorn, another of Bill's young protégés. But such set-backs are part of the learning process, and Yvonne's championship record makes revealing reading.

Her very first Great Britain vest was in Utrecht in 1981 and she finished fifth at 3000 metres. That same year she tackled her first European championship as a 17-year-old junior. It is the only European championship, indoor or out, from which she has failed to return with a medal.

Significantly she has demonstrated the ability to perform when the chips are down — a Scottish record to take Commonwealth bronze, an improvement of 5.76 secs on her then best just to qualify for the Stuttgart final — and then a further 1.241 secs to win the bronze.

The fact that she does it all with no prima donna extravagance makes her all the more endearing. No dietary fads, and she enjoys a single glass of wine.

But the biggest food for thought is where it is all leading. "At 22 she could still have more than a decade in the sport," says Gentleman. "And she could still be right at the top then. She has 10 years to get stronger and faster."

She is still progressing, but we aren't kidding ourselves it will get any easier," says Bill. "It won't. Each improvement now will be harder, won at a higher cost."

Part of that cost is financial. "We won't accept races just because there is a good offer," says Yvonne. Bill Gentleman adds: "I've rejected several races this year because they aren't right, despite the incentives. She could be earning a lot by running 3000s, but we'll wait for that until after the world championships — assuming she is picked."

By then the Olympics will be beckoning. Gentleman makes no rash claims. "She's a genuine home produced champion with time on her side. Seoul? Yes, she must be up there with a medal chance."

Triathlon



Diana Caborn

The Wester Hailes Triathlon in Edinburgh, though limited to 60 entrants, attracted some 300 entries from all over Britain and about 250 disappointed enthusiasts had to be turned away. There is an obvious need for more triathlons in Scotland, and with a large and expanding network of communication already working, word quickly gets around about races.

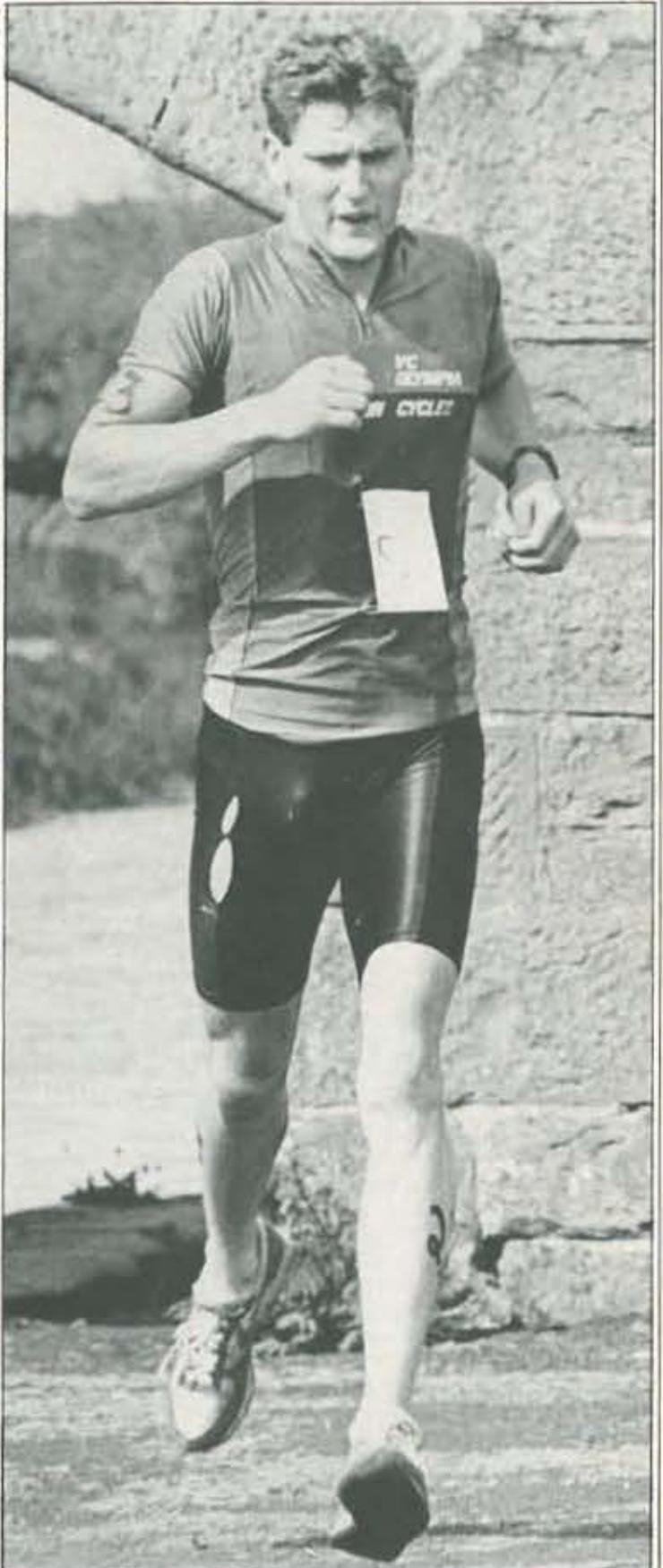
The numbers at each race are restricted for practical reasons like pool availability and police regulations, not to mention Ambulance support and race marshalls. The organisation of a triathlon in itself is a challenge, requiring a high degree of planning, coordination, energy and enthusiasm.

Despite this, the Wester Hailes Triathlon is in its second year and has received a name even across the border, which must be a reflection of its success. Certainly in the sport of triathlon you'll find Scots travelling south to race, but entertaining English competitors in Scotland is less usual. Credit is due to the race organiser who has provided one of the most enjoyable and best organised races I have ever seen - it is quite a skill.

The race developed from the initiative and enthusiasm of Andrew Grant, who works at the Wester Hailes Education Centre in the Geography department. His map drawing skills are an invaluable asset in the drawing of the pre-race maps of the bike and run routes. Grant approached the Edinburgh Bike Co-op (EBC) last year to discuss their sponsorship of the event, and the race took off from there.

This year EBC is the sole sponsor of the Edinburgh triathlon and it has donated a range of prizes from a "Taco Trainer" (value £79) for the overall winner, "Vetta Bicycle Computers" for the fastest male and female cyclists, and other small prizes.

Sponsorship goes beyond the donation of prizes, and EBC has just produced a twelve page leaflet called "Competition/Triathlon" which is available from the



Stuart Black, winner of this year's Wester Hailes Triathlon. Full report and more pictures next month.

SCOTLAND'S RUNNER

1. Who was the first honorary secretary of the SAAA?

2. Name any two members of the Caribbeanos.



3. Who's this bending over backwards to be helpful?

4. Who "ran" the Inverness 10K in 75 minutes last year - on crutches?

5. Who did we claim as "Scotland's oldest runner"?

6. Who won the 1986 Edinburgh Marathon?

7. Who finished last in the 1986 Glasgow Marathon?

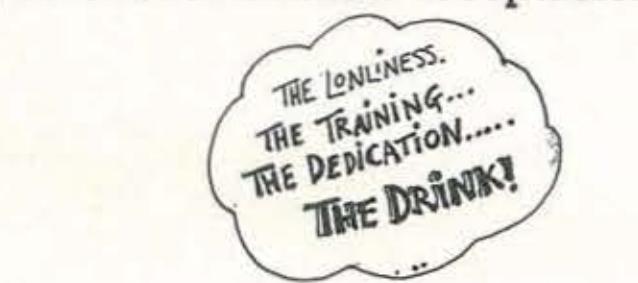
8. Who was the first Scot to win an Olympic medal?

9. Who said "You'll have to get a new caber next year. I'm needing a new spurtle and this will do fine for stirring my porridge."

10. What does STOWA stand for?

11. Which island race was being referred to in the alleged remark: "You'll na seffer from th' suen?"

TO MARK the first anniversary of Scotland's Runner, we are holding a special prize quiz with the winner receiving £50. Fifteen of the questions have been picked at random by ALAN CAMPBELL from previous issues of Scotland's Runner - which should give our loyal readers a flying start - while the remaining ten have been compiled by our usual quiz composer, PETER COWAN. Closing date for the quiz is July 16, and the highest scoring entrant will win the £50 prize. In the event of a two-way tie, the money will be split, but if there are three or more highest scoring replies, the winner will be drawn from a hat, or some other such suitable receptacle.



SCOTLAND'S RUNNER

13. How many 10K races were held in Scotland last summer according to Colin Shields? a) 59, b) 79, c) 99, d) 119.

14. What is Robert Maxwell's real name (other than Cap'n Bob etc, etc)?

15. Where did Scotland meet America in an athletics match in 1908?

16. Who broke a UK Senior record in July 1983, while competing in the English Schools' championships at Plymouth?

17. Which athlete finished second to Carlos Lopes in the 1984 Olympic Marathon, depriving Charlie Spedding of a silver medal?

18. Which club won the 1983 Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay for the first time ever?

19. Which African was the men's AAA 100m champion in 1985 and is now an English internationalist?

20. By what name is Mrs Ray Washington better known?

21. Who won his fifth successive Scottish AAA 400m hurdles title at Meadowbank in 1984, to equal the record of Bob Hay?

22. Which famous athlete is known as the "chairman of the board"?

23. Geoff Capes was AAA Shot champion every year from 1972 to 1979, with the exception of 1974, when which American won the title?

24. Which athlete finished second to Seb Coe in and Brussels in 1981, when Coe twice broke the world mile record?

25. When he won the Olympic pole vault at the 1972 Games, which athlete became the first non-American winner of the title?

The name of the winner and the solutions will be published in our September issue. Good luck!

FROM SPIKES TO SILK



Fiona Macaulay

FIONA MACAULAY talks to Ming Campbell, former British 100 metres record holder turned QC.

Scotland has a tremendous tradition in producing world class sprinters. For well over a century, Scots like John Cowie, Alf Downer, Charlton Moneypenny, Alan Stewart, Henry McIntosh, Eric Liddell, Alistair McCorquodale, Les Piggot, Don Haliday, David Jenkins, Allan Wells, Drew McMaster and Cameron Sharp have made their mark on British and world sprinting, and they are now being followed by youngsters like Elliot Bunney and Jamie Henderson.

The 1960's, however, belonged to Walter Menzies Campbell. His accomplishments prompted John Keddie, in his book *Scottish Athletics*, to comment "Certainly the most versatile of our post-war sprinters (Jenkins excepted), Campbell lifted his sprinting to the very fringes of true world class."

As he showed me into his office he apologised for the mess, and indeed the vast conference table was littered with paper and books, for besides being a Queen's Council, Ming Campbell is Liberal MP for East Fife having been successful at the fifth time of standing for parliament. Looking at the watch in his hand, he announced "We have forty minutes," and for a horrible moment I was back in a philosophy tutorial with old Professor Watsit.

Campbell's athletic career started in 1956 when he won the Scottish Schoolboys 220 yards championship, after which he joined Garscube Harriers before going on to study law at Glasgow University from 1959-1965. In the sixties, athletics was very strong within the universities, as a look at the ranking lists will show, and while Campbell was at Glasgow they lifted eight or nine national relay championships.

The universities at that time were perhaps an even better springboard to a successful athletic career than the club system. He was coached by Donnie McDonald who, Campbell says, had far more practical experience than theory, so he looked to James Donachie for that part of his training.

As often happens, however, he virtually ended up coaching himself. He usually trained five days out of seven, summing up his training quite simply as "Stamina in the winter, and sprinting in the summer." Because of the types of tracks in those days, sprinting more or less came to a standstill when the bad weather came in.

Although Ming Campbell started off as a 440 yards man, in 1963 and 1964 he had triple successes at the Scottish Championships, winning the 100, 220, and 440 yards, and taking the 100 and 220 titles the following year. He competed at the Tokyo Olympics of 1964, the Jamaican Commonwealth Games of 1966, took a silver medal in the 200 metres at the World Student Games in Tokyo behind Tommie Smith, and was British team captain in 1966 and 1967. During his athletic career he broke Scottish records in the 75 yards, 100 yards, 100 metres, 150 yards, 220 yards, 300 yards, and 440 yards, yet he retired from athletics at the peak of his career after setting a Scottish 100 yards record of 9.6 in 1968. Why?

There were many factors that influenced Campbell's decision to hang up his spikes. Without doubt, his chosen profession played a large part. Campbell finished his studies in 1968, and with no money in athletics (indeed it cost money to participate), he found he needed a job. After the customary deviling, he was called to the Bar in November of that year.

A lawyer's work, especially at the Bar, is such that there is very little time to pursue outside interests. Campbell had spent the previous year doing a post-graduate course at Stanford University, and it was in the States that he did his best running, clocking a British record of 10.2 for the 100 metres which he was to repeat a week later, and also 20.8 for the 220 yards. He says he might well have stayed on in America after his student visa expired, but for the fact that he was then eligible to be drafted to Vietnam, and therefore, not surprisingly, thought it wise to return home.

That home-coming proved to be an anti-climax as far as his sport was concerned,

and Campbell found it difficult to raise the same enthusiasm that the Californian sunshine and highly motivating training and competitive atmosphere had promoted. But would he not still have liked to compete in the Mexico Olympics?

Campbell recalls that the '68 Olympics were not really looked forward to because of the altitude, even though it would undoubtedly be beneficial to the shorter events. Also at that time there was a dispute over the captaincy of the British team. So, at the age of 27, Menzies Campbell bowed out of athletics.

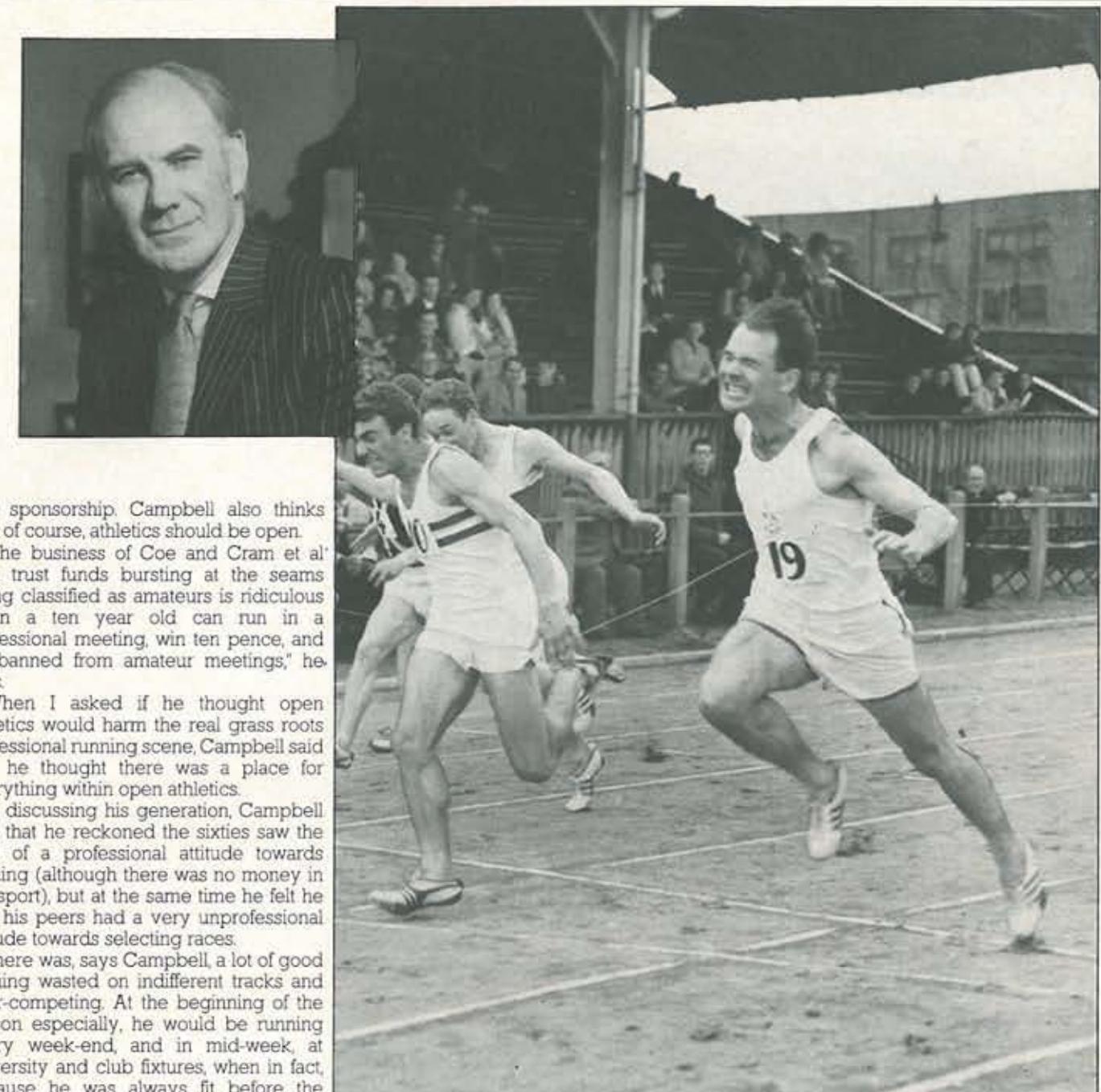
He has not, however, been totally lost to the sport. As well as being a trustee of the Scottish International Education Trust and the Alloa Brewery Trust and a governor of the Scottish Sports Aid Foundation, he is also honorary president of the Scottish Schools' Athletics Association. He feels that the Scottish Schools' Championships is still a great meeting, although he agreed that perhaps it could be given a more gala atmosphere if the girls and boys were combined over days.

Campbell states quite categorically that Scotland must have one governing body, and that in British athletics too much power is being wielded by too few people. He says there must be a check put on this before it gets totally out of control.

When I asked for his reaction to national coach David Lease's comments that championship events for primary children should not be held because of the detrimental effect this may have on the losers, Campbell said he could see nothing wrong in such a championship as long as the children are properly handled by parents, coaches, or teachers.

Even if competitiveness is not encouraged at an early age on the sports field, it nevertheless crops up in all walks of life, in the classroom, in the playground — it is unavoidable," he points out.

Campbell enjoys watching athletics, especially the Grand Prix type of meetings, and while he thinks there is enough money in athletics, he thinks the distribution is at fault, with those at the top getting it all — while those on the periphery are having to fight for grants



June 1963 ... Ming Campbell (19) wins the SAAA championship title at Westerlands with Justin Togher (10) second. Left - Campbell QC, MP, as he is today.

and sponsorship. Campbell also thinks that, of course, athletics should be open.

"The business of Coe and Cram et al with trust funds bursting at the seams being classified as amateurs is ridiculous when a ten year old can run in a professional meeting, win ten pence, and be banned from amateur meetings," he says.

When I asked if he thought open athletics would harm the real grass roots professional running scene, Campbell said that he thought there was a place for everything within open athletics.

In discussing his generation, Campbell said that he reckoned the sixties saw the start of a professional attitude towards training (although there was no money in the sport), but at the same time he felt he and his peers had a very unprofessional attitude towards selecting races.

There was, says Campbell, a lot of good running wasted on indifferent tracks and over-competing. At the beginning of the season especially, he would be running every week-end, and in mid-week, at university and club fixtures, when in fact, because he was always fit before the season started, he did not need nearly so many races to sharpen up.

He can vividly remember just before the Jamaican Commonwealth Games, going to compete in a race at Gourock. There was an inch or two of water on the track, and during his race a child ran out onto the track resulting in Campbell falling and aquaplaning for 20 yards before coming to a halt. Stories like that would surely make Britain's top sprinters of today shudder.

He is still great friends with Adrian Metcalf and Bruce Tulloh, and ran often against Jeffrey Archer. He feels that athletes of that era were great all-rounders, not totally consumed by athletics as top athletes of today seem to be. If Ming Campbell and company had been told to take six months off to train for a specific event, they would not have known what to do with themselves, and he says that there was no way he could have been totally absorbed in athletics. Perhaps his attitude would have been different, however, if he

had been an athlete of the 80's where athletics at the top is now big business.

Does Ming Campbell feel that he left athletics without fulfilling any ambitions?

He certainly feels that he could have got his 220 yards time of 20.8 seconds below Peter Radford's British record of that time (20.5 seconds). In Modesto, when he ran his best 100 metres time of 10.2, beating 1968 Olympic silver medallist Ed Roberts, he was also down to run the 220 yards, but did not, due to too many people being entered.

He feels he may have missed a golden opportunity that day. He also reckons he should have lowered his 440 yards time of 47.9, which he calls "not very good" in view of the fact that he had on more than one occasion run a 4 x 440 relay split in the low 46 seconds.

As all the world now knows, he is married and because he looks so lean and

athletic still, I asked him what he did to keep fit. "Not enough" was his reply.

Since taking Silk in 1982, and combining that with the politics that have interested him since his university days, Ming Campbell has very little time to himself, and his exercise is confined to hill-walking during holidays and walking to and from his office — as parking in the centre of Edinburgh is virtually impossible.

As I stood to go, and Menzies Campbell got ready to attend yet another meeting in his tight schedule, he remarked on how much he enjoyed reminiscing on his running days, a time undoubtedly when he found the successful balance between athletics and his studies. Shakespeare could well have been writing for Ming Campbell in saying:

*"If all the year were playing holidays
To sport would be as tedious as to work."*



By GARETH BRYAN-JONES,
former international
steeplechaser and orienteer

At the larger orienteering events, the competition is divided into men's and women's age group classes. The youngest classes are the men's and women's under 10's - M10 and W10. Between these, the junior classes go up in two year jumps to the open classes, M21 and W21. Then the over 35 classes go up in five year jumps - M35, W35, M40, W40, M45, W45 etc.

This age group structure offers competition for all ages and makes the sport attractive to a lot of people who, as they get older, find other sports no longer give them realistic competition. To illustrate how popular some of the classes are for the older age groups, at a recent large event, the JK event in April, there were 55 competitors over 60, 200 in the M45 class, 280 in the M40 class and 140 in the W40 class.

The knock-out rounds lead to a Scottish champion club - in 1986, Forth Valley Orienteers (Stirling and Alloa). The Scottish champions then go to the UK final where they meet one North of England team, one Midland, one Southern team and the Irish champions. In 1986, FVO were 3rd behind Derwent Valley (Derbyshire) and Walton Chasers (Stafford), but ahead of Mole Valley (London).

Orienteers in the junior and senior classes are also important when it comes to inter-club competitions. The UK national knock-out orienteering competition for clubs is the Compass Sport Cup. Each club team is made up of representatives in six age group combinations:

Group A: M21 (21 to 35)
Group B: M19 and M35
Group C: M17, M40, M45 and W21



Ken McKay of Pitreavie en route to the East District 100 metres title in 10.7 sec.

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100m		800m		1500m		400m		500m	
10.2W	Allan Wells (ESH)	1.48.8	David Strang (J) (HGY)	Adrian Callan (Spr H)	13.51.20	Peter Fleming (Bella H)	13.51.20	Peter Fleming (Bella H)	14.15.0
10.48	Jamie Henderson (J) (ESH)	1.50.11	Tom Ritchie (Pit)	John Robson (ESH)	14.15.0	Tom Murray (OGH)	14.15.0	Tom Murray (OGH)	14.25.07
10.7	Ken McKay (Pit)	1.51.4	Alastair Currie (N & EB)	Alastair Currie (N & EB)	14.25.07	Harnish McInnes (O Gay)	14.25.07	Harnish McInnes (O Gay)	14.26.6
10.7	Neil Turnbull (ESH)	1.51.6	Richard Archer (St AU)	Bruce Chinnick (Forres H)	14.26.6	Frank Harper (Pit)	14.26.6	Frank Harper (Pit)	14.26.1
10.7	Alan Doris (EU)	1.52.2	Alan Smith (EU/ESH)	Peter Fleming (Bella H)	14.26.1	George Braidwood (Bella H)	14.26.1	George Braidwood (Bella H)	14.26.1
200m		3000m		10,000m		110m H		300m SC	
21.0W	Neil Turnbull (FV) (2144)	3.42.53	Adrian Callan (Spr H)	30.18.86	Alastair Douglas (GU/VP)	14.1W	Neil Fraser (IH/EAC) 1427	4.50	Andrew Wake (J) (Bella)
21.0W	Martin Johnstone (EAC) (218)	3.45.6	John Robson (ESH)	30.21.49	Paul Dugdale (DU)	14.83	John Wallace (N & EB)	4.40	Alan Leiper (AFD)
21.17	Jamie Henderson (J) (ESH)	3.45.98	Alastair Currie (N & EB)	30.56.0	Chris Armstrong (Ab AAC)	15.3W	Murray King (J) (Ab AAC)	4.40(i)	Douglas Hamilton (ESH) (400)
21.5	Brian Whittle (HGY)	3.46.83	Harnish McInnes (O Gay)	30.58.4	Terry Mitchell (Fife AC)	15.4W	Colin Hogg (EAC)	4.00	Alex Collins (EAC)
21.5W	David Clark (ESH)	3.48.69	Peter Fleming (Bella H)	31.10.8	Charlie Thomson (Cambus)	15.5	Ben Thomson (EAC)	4.00	Brad McStravick (Belg.)
400m		500m		High Jump		100m H		Long Jump	
47.0	Andrew Walker (ESH)	13.51.20	Peter Fleming (Bella H)	2.22	Geoff Parsons (IAC)	14.1W	Neil Fraser (IH/EAC) 1427	7.44W	John Scott (EAC) (721)
48.2	Allan Murray (J) (Kilm)	14.15.0	Tom Murray (OGH)	2.08	Ben Thomson (EAC)	14.83	John Wallace (N & EB)	7.32	Ken McKay (Pit)
48.3	David Strang (J) (HGY)	14.25.07	Harnish McInnes (O Gay)	2.05	Andrew Edgar (ESH)	15.3W	Murray King (J) (Ab AAC)	7.26W	Mei Fowler (VP)
48.3	David Young (BHF/EAC)	14.26.6	Bruce Chinnick (Forres H)	2.05	Paul Sudiskas (J) (CR)	15.4W	Colin Hogg (EAC)	7.02	Stephen Whyte (EU/ESH)
48.4	Gary Patterson (ESH)	14.26.1	George Braidwood (Bella H)	2.03	Graham McAslan (EAC)	15.5	Ben Thomson (EAC)	6.93W	Ian Snowball (EAC) (692)
500m		400m H		Triple Jump		110m H		Javelin	
53.12	Peter Campbell (Stoke)	15.96W	Peter Campbell (Stoke)	15.96W	Craig Duncan (ESH) (1582)	14.1W	Neil Fraser (IH/EAC) 1427	6.704	John Guthrie (ESH)
53.3	Dave McCutcheon (Lpool)	14.88W	Dave McCutcheon (Lpool)	14.88W	John Scott (EAC)	14.83	John Wallace (N & EB)	59.80	Roddy James (J) (ESH) (6004)
54.8	Stewart Dempster (ESH)	14.43W	Stewart Dempster (ESH)	14.43W	Roger Harkins (Shett)	15.3W	Murray King (J) (Ab AAC)	58.20	Alex McIntosh (Kilm)
55.6	Andrew Bowie (ESH)	14.20	Andrew Bowie (ESH)	14.20	Norman Ross (Bella H)	15.4W	Colin Hogg (EAC)	57.76	Stewart Maxwell (RAF/Pit)
56.3	Ken Anderson (Nith V)	14.11	Ken Anderson (Nith V)	14.11	Rod McKay (EAC)	15.5	Ben Thomson (EAC)	56.44	Adam Whyte (EAC) (5820)
Marathon		Shot		400m H		100m H		High Jump	
2.12.32	John Graham (Bfheld)	17.22(i)	John Graham (Bfheld)	53.12	Peter Campbell (Stoke)	14.1W	Neil Fraser (IH/EAC) 1427	2.22	Geoff Parsons (IAC)
2.15.07	Lindsay Robertson (EAC)	15.24	Lindsay Robertson (EAC)	53.3	Dave McCutcheon (Lpool)	14.83	John Wallace (N & EB)	2.08	Ben Thomson (EAC)
2.17.43	Fraser Clyne (Ab AAC)	15.11	Fraser Clyne (Ab AAC)	54.8	Stewart Dempster (ESH)	15.3W	Murray King (J) (Ab AAC)	2.05	Andrew Edgar (ESH)
2.19.04	Frank Harper (Pit)	13.98	Frank Harper (Pit)	55.6	Andrew Bowie (ESH)	15.4W	Colin Hogg (EAC)	2.05	Paul Sudiskas (J) (CR)
2.19.28	Andrew Beattie (Linton)	13.11	Andrew Beattie (Linton)	56.3	Ken Anderson (Nith V)	15.5	Ben Thomson (EAC)	2.03	Graham McAslan (EAC)

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With only a few exceptions, the early-season form revealed in Duncan McKechnie's Scottish Top Five (performances up to May 31) is not wildly encouraging.

Much of that however can be attributed to the curse of the domestic climate. Those fortunate enough to escape home shores have posted some respectable performances.

Allan Wells (remember him?) clocked a windy 10.2 in Australia early in the new year, but so far has kept his form as closely guarded as he has the secret of eternal youth.

Jamie Henderson has the only legal electronic timing to date for both sprints, 10.48 sec, as runner-up to Linford Christie at the HFC United Kingdom championships in Derby, and the bronze medal winning 21.17 at the same meeting.

A broken wind gauge and the unavailability of the electronic equipment at Meadowbank for the East District championships robbed a few competitors of significant marks, all three 10.7 performers

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Worthy of comment however is the 6.90 metre long jump, which just fails to make the lists, achieved by 17-year-old Brian Milne at the West District event.

Other encouraging overseas performances came from Tom Hanlon (a lifetime best steeplechase of 8.38.72) and Barrhead-born David Strang who, aged 18, won the South junior 800 metres title (1.48.8) in April. He's no slouch at 400m either.

Hanlon's time in Tel Aviv was an Israeli all-comers' record, and at the same meeting Peter Fleming clocked a personal best of 13.51.2 for 5000 metres.

The race was won by Dave Lewis of Rossendale whose winning time of 13.43.40 was also an Israeli all-comers' best.

Fleming, fourth, was also inside the old mark.

Scotland's Runner will carry Top Five rankings every month until the end of track season. We regret that this month we are unable to provide women's lists as originally intended. However, these will be included hereafter.

yesterdays...



Jim Willkie



The way they were...an advert from an early edition of The Scottish Cyclist.

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You might think that this is the kind of thing you would hear at a Scotland's Runner editorial meeting but, in fact, it comes from the inaugural issue of a publication which was launched all of ninety-nine years ago - the Scottish Cyclist.

Cycling was closely connected with athletics in the 1880's and, like all outdoor sports at the time, was on the up and up. It was six years since the Cycling Mercury, pioneer of cycling papers in Scotland, had made its debut, and three-and-a-half years since it was absorbed into the Scottish Umpire. It had, however, apparently been a "long-expressed opinion ... that Scotland was ready and able to maintain a weekly journal solely devoted to cycling," and the editors had finally yielded to the pressure.

"Starting a new paper is usually looked upon by those concerned as equivalent to beginning one's journalistic career all over again."

Now that is the kind of thing you hear from Scotland's Runner editors, but again their words come from their Victorian counterparts, James R. Nisbet of Glasgow and David F. Bremner from Edinburgh who are further distinguished by their noms de plumes, *Aeolus* and *Steersman*. Today it would be *Bacchus* and *Trencherman*, or something, but no matter.

There were a number of other cycling publications at the time: The Cyclist, Wheeling, Bicycling News (the oldest in the world) and Irish Cyclist and Athlete, to name but a few, and all offered their warm congratulations to the Scottish

debutant. Rather strangely, so did the Invergordon Times, although I think their copy was delivered by bicycle, as it didn't arrive until July, 1888, four months after the launch. Besides the Scottish Meet at Powderhall, there were a whole range of cycling events throughout the country, usually linked to athletics meetings, and with races for both professionals and amateurs. Rangers Sports in particular were a top draw, although the Ibrox club was not above reproach and they felt compelled to upgrade their cycling track following a scathing Cyclist editorial. (Latest: Souness signs Robert Millar).

Among the public at large, cycling had also taken a great trick. James Horne of Forth CC

attitude to those who desecrate the Sabbath.

The first year of the Scottish Cyclist was largely uncontroversial but, by the Spring of 1889, some storm clouds were gathering.

The paper had initially offered its support to the National Cyclists' Union, "so long as that body shows a distinct consideration for the opinion of Scotland as apart from that of England," but within a year a campaign for a Scottish Union was gaining momentum. Edinburgh was the first to break away, with meetings in the Cafe Royal, and so forth, and all this must have sounded very familiar to the Scottish athletics fraternity.

Unlike the athletes, however, cyclists in the major cities were divided between the NCU and the SCU, and a temporary peace plan had to be found for the summer events.

Following mediation by the SAAA who, it might be remembered, had only recently put their own house in order, it was agreed that whichever union had the majority in any defined locality, their authority would prevail. It was obviously only a short-term solution.

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Kilmalcolm 3 Mile Hill Race -
1. C. Wallace (Kilbarchan) 15:45, 2. D. Finlaystone (Kilbarchan) 14:23, 3. T. Grinnan (Unatt) 18:30, L. H. Thomson (Unatt) (18th) 28:00

Scottish YMCA National Championships, Wishaw -
200m 1. S. Robertson (Bellshill) 23:2, 1500m 1. I. McLuckie (Bellshill) 4:01.8/9:07.6

UK Womens Access League Division 2 Match, Grangemouth -
1. Birchfield 287pts, 2. McLaren 244, 3. Hounslow 236, 4. Wolverhampton 234, 5. Monk Shett 277, 6. Crawley 218

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Ladies: 100/200m 1. J. Booth (Edin) 12.3w/25.2w, 400m 1. S. Burgess (Edin) 58.3, 1500/3000m 1. A. Ridley (Glas) 4:46.5/10.150-2, 4 x 100m relay St. And 58.2.

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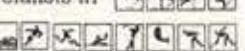
SAAA NATIONAL 20K ROAD WALK
CHAMPIONSHIP, BELLHAUSTON -
1. M. Rush (Lakeland) 1:31.06, 2. M. Bell
(Annan & Dist) 1:35.30, 3. G. White
(Brighton) 1:37.53.

HEAVY EVENTS THROWING COMPETITION: SP:
A. Pettigrew (Shett) 14.87m, W: over Bar
A. Pettigrew 3.80m, Caber: W. Weir
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CALDERGLEN HARRIERS "JIMMY MOORE" TROPHY 15,000 METRES ROAD RACE, E. KILBRIDE -

1. A. Gilmour (Cambus) 46.41 (Record), 2.
E. Stewart (Cambus) 46.54, 3. D. Cavers
(Teviotdale) 47.21, V1. C. Martin
(Dumbarton) 10th 48.11, V2. D. Wyper
(Bellshill) 18th 51.46, VO/50: W. Marshall
(Motherwell) 37th 56.12, L1. K.
Chapman (Giff. N) 57th 61.13, L2. H.
Oliver (Law & Dist) 71st 63.41, L3. R.
Gardner (McLaren) 79th 65.46, LV1. H.
Chapman, LV2. E. Buchanan (HELP)
(89th) 69.23, Teams: 1. Cambuslang 58pts,
2. Calderglen 86.

GOYROCK HIGHLAND GAMES -
3000m: 1. L. Spence (Spano Valley) 8.38.3,
2. G. Crawford (Springburn) 8.39.1, 3. C.
Wallace (Kilbarchan) 8.40.4, Teams: 1.
Spano Valley, 2. Green Well park, 14
Mile Road Race 1. H. Cox (Green Glen)
72.32, 2. J. Gallacher (Spano Valley) 75.
24, 3. R. Johns (Green Glen) 78.51, V1. D.
Martin (Spano Valley) VO/50 1. Riddell
(Green Glen).

BORDER ATHLETIC LEAGUE MEETING,
TWEEDBANK -
1. Blackhill 428pts, 2. Melrose 412, 3.
Teviotdale 378, Inter-1500m: 1.
J. Anderson (Teviotdale) 5.00-7.

LANARKSHIRE WOMENS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP,
WISHAW -
Seniors: 400m G. Stonebank (L & L) 59.1;
800m F. Hillen (L & L) 2.16.0; 1500m C.
McGregor (L & L) 5.01.0; Inters: 1. J. Thain
E. Kilbride 5.35m

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LONGBAR 5 MILE ROAD RACE, BEITH -
1. G. Tenney (Linwood) 24.43, 2. A.
Stewart (Ayr) 25.15, 3. N. Grier (Beith)
25.43, V1. G. Dickie (Beith) 27.24, Teams:
1. Ardrossan 19pts, 2. Beith 21.

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ADIDAS CHALLENGE 15,000 METRES ROAD
RACE, POLLOCK ESTATE -
1. T. Murray (Green Glen) 48.19, 2. D. Watt
(Calderglen) 48.41, 3. J. Duffy (Green
Well) 47.14, 4. S. Conaghan (Spano Valley)
47.22, 5. C. Spence (Spano Valley) 47.40, 6. P.
Russell (Green Glen) 48.02, V1. D.
Fairweather (Law & Dist) 49.18 (9th), V2.
C. Martin (Dumbarton) 49.35, V3.1
McMillan (Strath Po) (16th) 50.43, L1. S.
Brannan (McLaren) (45th) 53.41, L2. A.
Sym (McLaren) (70th) 55.39, L3.1. Salvona
(Law & Dist) 77th 56.14, LV1. K. Chapman
(Giff. N)

OVERALL ADIDAS CHALLENGE RACE CATEGORY
WINNERS:
Men: 1. T. Murray (Green Glen) Ladies: 1.
S. Brannan (McLaren). Vet Men: 1. C.
Martin (Dumbarton). Vet Ladies: 1. K.
Chapman (Giff. N)

COMBINED SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES v SCOTTISH
ATHLETIC LEAGUE v SAAA
JUNIOR SELECT, GRANGEMOUTH -
100m 1. S. Scott (SL) 10.7, 2. A. Doris (SL)
10.8, 200m N. Turnbull (SL) 22.1, 400m 1.
A. Walker (SL) 48.2, 2. W. McDonald (SL)
48.6, 3. D. Young (SL) 48.8, 800m 1. P.
Strang (SL) 1:52.2, 2. N. Smith (SL) 1:53.3, 3.
A. Smith (SL) 1:53.5, 4. T. Blackie (SL) 1:
53.8, 1500m N. Muir (Guest) 3:57.6,
3000m N. Muir 8:24.9, 2. J. Orr (Guest) 8:
31.0, 110H 1. N. Fraser (SL) 14.3, 2. M. King
(SL) 15.3, 400mH: A. Bowie (SL) 56.3, 4 x
100m Relay: 1. SC League 42.2, 2. Scot
Univ 43.6, 3. Scot Juniors 43.7, 4 x 400m
relay: Scot Juniors 3:20.8, L1. I. McKay
(Guest) 7:27.6, 2. 1. Snowball (SL) 6:75m,
TJ. N. McMenamy (SL) 13:68m, HJ 1. P.
Sudikas (SL) 2:04m, 2. C. Talbot (SL) 1:
95m, 3. D. Mathieson (SL) 1:98m, SP 1. E.
Irvine (Guest) 16:68m, 2. A. Syverson (SL)
15:24, DT 1. R. Devine (SL) 16:26, 2. K.
Christie (SL) 40:38m, JT 1. R. James (SL)
60:14m, 2. A. Whyte (SL) 56:20m, HT 1. R.
Meikle (SL) 55:28m, 2. R. Devine (SL) 54:
20. Result: 1. SAAA Junior Select 230pts, 2.
Scottish League 218, 3. Scottish Uni 217.

Results

With another six races
contested during May, none
of the four early leaders in the
Scotland's Runner Road Race
Championship had retained their
positions in the rankings lists at the
end of the month.

Both Kate Chapman and Colin
Martin took advantage of a hectic
eight day period of competition to
pile up points in the Adidas
Challenge 10K and 15K and Jimmy
Moore 15K races, with their total
mileage almost equalling the
marathon. Indeed Martin covered
the three race distance in
approximately 2:10 and has now
recorded four veteran victories
and one second place. This defeat
was inflicted by his close rival
David Fairweather in the Adidas
15K - which, curiously enough,
was his only victory in his four
outings to date.

Last month's leader of the men's
rankings, Bellshouston's Andy
Daly, had slipped to seventh place
by the end of May - his points total
of 16 remaining unimproved
largely because of his trip to China
with the Glasgow team for Dalian
International Marathon. The first
four places are now occupied by
Greenock runners and, with
another four runners in the top
twenty, the Greenock clubs are
dominating the men's section.

Lawrie Spence leads with 89
points from four races, although his
Tom Scott win remains his only full
points effort. Two Greenock
Glenpark runners, Hammy Cox
and Tommy Murray, had two wins
each to their credit and are strong
contenders, with Alex Gilmour of
Cambuslang Harriers (53 points
from two races) being a good
outsider.

Kate Chapman occupies the role
of leader in both women's
categories. A relative novice to
athletics, she has now won five
of her six races in the veteran
section - her only defeat coming
from Lorna Irving in the Glasgow
Kodak 10K event at the very start
of the championship series.
Encouraged greatly by fellow
members of her Giffnock North
club, Chapman and veteran
runner-up Elizabeth Buchanan
(Haddington) had between them
raced in nine of the twelve races
staged by the end of May.
However, third placed Margaret
Robertson was still well poised to
catch the leaders with three wins
from four outings.

The obvious danger in the
women's section is Sandra
Brannan, who, after racing in Seoul,
has made her tally four wins out of
four.

The list of competitors is
extensive, with over 170 men
having scored championship
points, and a most encouraging
113 scorers in the veteran
women's rankings.

Finally, a couple of problems.
The first is that due to computer

SCOTLAND'S RUNNER

Road Race Championship



Hammy Cox moving into second place in the road race championship with his record 64.31 win at the Ludlow Half Marathon on May 17.

June

24. ROEVIN 10K, ABERDEEN (S)

July

10. RUNSPORT 10K (S)

12. RUNSPORT HM (L)

19. INVERNESS 10K (S)

August

2. EDINBURGH 10 MILES (M)

2. FERRANTI 10 MILES, ABERDEEN (M)

16. BRITISH AIRWAYS HM, GLASGOW (L)

22. TSB BLAIGOWRIE HM (L)

30. INVERCLYDE QM (S)

30. ADIDAS MARS HM (L)

30. LIVINGSTON HM (L)

Results

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Argyll Inter Club Match, Mossfield Park, Oban
Men: 1. Mid Argyll 124pts; 2. Oban 106; 3. Cowal 51. **Ladies:** 1. Oban 100pts; 2. Mid Argyll 95; 3. Cowal 51.

Strathclyde Fire Brigade International 5-mile Road Race, Glasgow Green
1. C. Bark (Tyne & Wear) 25-54 (Record); 2. P. Deni (Manchester) 26-51; 3. M. Jones (Manchester) 26-53. 1st. Socotra 9. M. Simpson (Glasgow) 28-01; V1. J. Culkin (New York) 27-20; VO/50. D. Caffrey (New York) 32-19; L1. H. Heeringa (Amsterdam) 37-51. **International Team:** 1. England 11pts; 2. USA 43; 3. Holland 60; 4. Scotland 68.

On the hills.....

English runners were well to the fore when the Ben Lomond Hill Race (eight miles, 3200 feet) was run on May 9. SAAA president Jim McInnes and his Dumbarton AAC colleagues again administered an excellent and much appreciated race. The hill did the rest!

A record entry and number of starters — the organisers were turning away entries long before the closing date — was assured with precious British Fell Running Championship points at stake, as well as the Scottish Hill Runners Association Championship third round.

Anglo-Scot Jack Maitland, the reigning British Champion, had his work cut out from the start with his two main rivals this year taking the lead to the top together. Englishmen Malcolm Patterson (Dark Peak) and Rod Pilbeam (Keswick) were only separated when the tall long-legged Patterson made use of his stride advantage on the fast descent to win by 20 seconds.

Maitland finished an isolated third, never giving up, and now he knows he will not have a runaway procession towards the British title — as he did last year.

Though the hill was dry and fast underfoot, the record was not threatened as the 270 starters had to contend with a stiff wind and a sleet shower.

The first home Scot was Dermot McConigle (Dundee Hawkhill Harriers), confirming he will not relinquish his Scottish title without a fight. He was followed respectively in the top ten by Andy Curtis (Livingston), Brian Potts

SWAAA Western District Championships, Crownpoint
Seniors: 100m 1. S. Whittaker (McL) 11-9; 2. A. McGillivray (Monk Shett) 12-0; 3. J. Booth (Cent Reg) 12-2; 200m 1. Whittaker 24-04w; 2. McGillivray 24-2w; 3. A. Curtis (Stewart) 25-0w; 400m G. Coubrough (Kilbar) 57-2; 800m 1. G. Stonebank (L & D) 12-2; 1500m 1. E. Gibney (McL) 34-9; 2. S. Branney (McL) 4-36-0; 3000m R. Ailese (Monk Shett) 10-20-0; 100H 1. C. Boyle (Monk Shett) 15-2; 2. E. Dempsey (Colzium) 15-8; 400mH 1. C. Spiers (McL) 52-4; 2. A. Brown (Monk Shett) 62-5; L1. C. Spiers 5-83m; 2. N. Murray (McLaren) 5-86m; 3. A. Jackson (Monk Shett) 5-54m; H1. R. Pinkerton (McL) 1-65m; SP/DT D. Morris (Pitreavie) 5-98m; 48-34; JT S. Maxwell (Pitreavie) 5-76m.

Match 'A'
Euro Juniors: 100/200m: M. Neel (McLaren) 124w/25-0w; 400m H. McHenry (Vic Park) 60-2; 800m F. Hillen (L & D) 2-18-0; 1500m N. Allison (McL) 4-56-1; H1. F. Hall (Vic Park) 1-63m; SP/ A. Sinclair (Monk Shett) 12-06; **Intermediates** 100/200m K. Lithgow (Nith Val) 12-3/24-9w; 400m M. McCluskey (Kilmarnock) 59-2; 800m D. Kelly (L & D) 4-22-0; 2. E. Finnegan (Colzium) 2-22-0; 1500m H. Haining (Nith Val) 4-61-3; 80H M. McGuiness (Colzium) 11-9; 200m H. C. McIntosh (McL) 28-0; 2. M. McGuiness 28-0; 400mH 1. C. Spiers (McL) 52-4; 2. A. Brown (Monk Shett) 62-5; L1. C. Spiers 5-83m; 2. N. Murray (McLaren) 5-86m; 3. A. Jackson (Monk Shett) 5-54m; H1. R. Pinkerton (McL) 1-65m; SP/DT D. Morris (Pitreavie) 5-98m; 48-34; JT S. Maxwell (Pitreavie) 5-76m.

Match 'B'
100m: V. Friel (Colzium) 12-6; 200m L. Nicholson (McL) 20-0m; L. Blair (Cent Reg) 2-23-1; 1500m S. Buchanan (Colzium) 4-59-5; 75H C. Murphy (McL) 12-2; H1. M. Melvin (Troon) 1-58m (CBP) 1. L. M. Sommerville (Monk Shett) 5-01m.

Penicuik/Howgate 6 Mile Road Race
1. A. Walker (Teviotdale) 30-53 (Record); 2. R. Carey (Aman) 31-04; 3. B. Emerson (Teviotdale) 31-28; V1. J. Knox (Gala) 33-27; V2. R. Cockburn, V3. R. Redpath (Liv & Dist) 36-32; J1. J. Connally (Gala) 32-31 (Record); J2. C. Blakelock (ESH) 38-38; J3. K. Coy (Lasswade) 38-40; L1. P. Rother (EAC) 35-57; L2. J. Salvona (Liv & Dist) 38-42; L3. C. Gray (EAC) 41-48; LV1. M. Dryburgh (Unatt) 45-51; LV2. M. Parker (Teviotdale) 46-46; LV3. J. Dickson (Ladywood) 48-11. **Teams:** 1. Teviotdale 19pts; 2. EAC 29; 3. Gala 30. **Ladies Teams:** 1. L1. L. & D. 19pts; 2. Ladywood 30.

(Clydesdale) and Clifford Kerr (Fife).

Jacquie Smith (Dark Peak) emulated her boyfriend by winning the women's race (106th overall), with Pete McWade (Clayton le Moors) winning the veterans' title (16th). Keswick AC won the team title.

Robin Morris

ANDY CURTIS won the Tiso Campsie Hill Race at Lennoxton on May 31, and pulls ahead of Gifford Kerr (second at Lennoxton) after four counting events of the 1987 Scottish Hill Runners Association Championship (see below).

Christine Whalley extended her lead in the women's section by winning at the Tiso Campsie, while the new outright veteran leader is Peter Fettes of Lochaber, also the winner at Lennoxton.

Leading positions (six out of nine races to count):

MEN

1. A. Curtis (Livingston) 79pts; 2. G. Kerr (Fife) 75pts; 3. P. Marshall (H.E.P.) 53pts; 4. B. Potts (Clydesdale) 44pts; 5. D. McConigle (Dundee) 37pts; 6. R. Morris (Carnethy) 37pts; 7. M. Rigby (Westerside) 31pts; 8. D. Bell (H.E.P.) 29pts; 9. J. Maitland (Pudsey) 21pts; 10. J. Shields (Clydesdale) 20pts.

WOMEN

1. C. Whalley (Livingston) 17pts; 2. A. Curtis (Livingston) 9pts; 3. C. Menhennet (Bellahouston) 8pts; 4. A. Salisbury (Stewart) 5pts; 5. P. Hawtin (Edinburgh AC) 5pts; 6. K. Butler (Aberdeen) 5pts.

VETERAN MEN

1. P. Fettes (Lochaber) 40pts; 2. B. Shields (Lochaber) 25pts; 3. P. Mackie (Irvine) 23pts; 4. J. Shields (Clydesdale) 20pts; 5. A. McGillivray (Fife) 17pts; 6. T. Stapeley (Fife) 16pts.

JUNIORS

1. J. McFerran (Irvine) 10pts; 2. S. McFerran (Irvine) 10pts.

SWAAA National Multi Events and Relay Championships, Grangemouth Stadium — Senior Heptathlon: 1. M. Anderson (EAC) 4605pts (13-37; 43-58 JT).

Intermediate Heptathlon: 1. N. Emblem (EAC) 45-54 JT. 4367pts; 2. A. McGregor (Monk Shett) 3843pts; 3. C. Ogg (Arbroath & Dist) 2908pts.

Relays: 4 x 100 metres: Euro Juniors: 1.

Aberdeen 50-9; Intern. McLaren 49-9; Juniors: 1. Monk Shett 51-6; Girls 1. H. 55-3.

4 x 200 metres: Intermediate: 1. McLaren 1-44-8; 3 x 800 metres: Juniors: 1. EWM 7-31-2; 4 x 400 metres: Euro Juniors: 1. EWM 4-06-1.

Scottish Young Athletes League, Crownpoint: 1. Clydebank 52%; 2. Ayr Sea 61.3; Kilbarchan 57%; 4. Vic Park 56.7; Cambuslang 50.7; 6. Kilmarnock 48.7; Kilmarnock 43.7; Cumbernauld 26.

International Meeting, Zaragoza, Spain
1500m: 6. J. Robson (ESH) 245-6; 300m: 2. N. Muir (Shett H) 5-02-62.

Results

9/10

British Universities Athletic Championships, Meadowbank
Men: 100m 5. A. Doris (Edin) 10-98; 400m 2. W. McDonald (Edin) 48-80; 1500m 3. R. Archer (St. And) 3-50-83; 7. B. Scally (Strath) 3-50-9; 10000m 2. A. Douglas (Glasgow) 30-18-86; SP/ A. Syverson (2nd) (Glasgow) 14-85m.

Women: 100m 2. J. Booth (Edin) 12-32; 4. M. Marnie (Strath) 12-52; 7. G. Vaughan (Aber) 12-32; 200m 1. A. Thomson (Lough) 25-16; 2. M. Marnie 25-45; 3. G. Vaughan 25-74; 1500m 7. V. Vaughan (Oxford) 4-44-45; 3000m 5. A. Ridley (Glas) 9-59-13; 6. A. Sym (Glas) 10-03-45; 8. V. Vaughan (10-13-91); H. N. Murray (Strath) 1-70m.

10
Marathon London Marathon
1. H. Taniguchi (Japan) 2-09-50; 2. N. El Mostafa (Morocco) 2-10-09; 3. H. Jones (GB) 2-10-11; Scots Placings: 1. J. Graham (Birchfield/Motherwell) 2-12-32; 4. F. Harper (Pitreavie) 2-19-04; 46. A. Beattie (Luton/Cambus H) 2-19-28; 47. J. Doig (Aberdeen) 2-19-33; 60. J. Boyes (Bromsgrove/Sheffield) 2-21-48; 105. L. Reilly (Stamford) 2-25-29; L1. J. Kristiansen (Norway) 2-25-48; 12. P. Wilson (GB) 2-25-51; L3. V. Marot (GB) 2-30-51; Scots: 28. L. Reynolds (Essex Ladies) 2-47-35; 32. C. Robertson (N London H) 2-48-22; 37. E. Masson (Kilbarchan) 2-50-42; 38. L. Watson (LV) (London Oly) 2-50-53.

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On the VETERAN scene...

Stalwarts like Grade 1 timekeeper George Athie from Musselburgh, who has been doing the job for over 40 years, make the serious point that with so many veterans actually running, there are not so many willing to take over some of the officials' tasks. Barry Craighead is a veteran who would love to have the time to compete more often, but because he is only one of a small band of official starters, and his services are called on twice most week-ends plus mid-week events, he does not have the time to train or compete.

Added to this is the blatantly unfair situation whereby top class athletes are now able to ask for appearance money as well as lucrative subventions, but officials are lucky if they get their travelling expenses and a cup of tea for their troubles.

Now I know that the vast majority of officials would say they do it for the love of the sport, but the least some of us can do is take our share. Barry Craighead spends 12p every time he fires his starters gun, but can only claim £3 expenses per event. The cheapest official starters gun is about £180.

25 YEARS AGO

CRAWFORD Fairbrother (Victoria Park AAC) was the outstanding performer at the Scottish National Championships at Meadowbank, setting five records (United Kingdom, Scottish All-comers, National, Native and championship records) with his high jump clearance of 6' 9 1/4".

Two other all-comers' records were broken. John Linaker (Pitreavie AAC) beat his own record of 9:03.2 secs by one second when winning the 3000 metres steeplechase by over 80 yards, and Howard Payne (Birchfield Harriers) won the hammer title with a record throw of 19'3", beating Lawrie Bryce (Edinburgh Uni).

Ronnie Whitelock (Victoria Park AAC), who won the 100 yard title three years previously, scored an upset win over the favourite Alistair McIlroy (Anglo Scottish AC), with a strong headwind keeping the time slow at 10.1 secs.

(NB. Crawford Fairbrother gained 53 British international vests, competed in the high jump in Commonwealth, European and Olympic Games. He died tragically last November at the age of 49. Howard Payne won the Commonwealth hammer title in Edinburgh at the 1970 Games, and Ronnie Whitelock is now a respected official at athletics and cross-country meetings).

by Colin Shields

50 YEARS AGO

CRITICISMS of the management of the athletics team at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin were made in a report considered at the annual general meeting of the AAA in London. It was stated that three members of the team - D. Finlay (captain), A. Brown and P. Ward - had discussed the matter with representatives of the AAA who, after full consideration, came to the conclusion that no substantial effect on the performance of the athletes could be traced to faulty team organisation.

Some of the athletes complained that they should have arrived in Berlin at least a week beforehand, that the masseurs were not efficient, that Britain was the only athletics team without qualified coaches in attendance, that the team was unable to obtain information as to the start times of certain events, and that transport between living quarters and the stadium was inadequate for athletes.

The report contained assurances from the AAA that complaints such as these need not arise in the future.

(NB. Matters did not improve in the next quarter of a century, with continued complaints from international athletes as to team mismanagement and not enough concern by officials for athletes in the team).

100 YEARS AGO

THE ANNUAL amateur athletics championships of Scotland were decided on the splendid grounds of Queens Park F.C. at Hampden Park, in weather of the most favourable description. Indeed, the heat was so intense that it told to some extent on the competitors. While last Saturday's championships were, athletically, a great success, financially they were a failure as the attendance did not outnumber a thousand spectators.

A curious blunder was made by those who were entrusted with the arrangements in marking off the distance for the 120 yards hurdles race. The distance to the first hurdle was only 10 yards, with 20 yards of a run in at the finish. The proper way to mark off the distance for the hurdles race is to have 10 yards between each set of hurdles, and 15 yards at each end.

The curious part of it is that the Queens Park officials have always at their own sports adopted the wrong method, and nobody has ever spotted it before. Some delay was caused at the start through no tape being provided, nor were any labels available for marking the distances achieved in the hammer throwing and weight putting.

But these small matters apart, the arrangements, on the whole, may have been considered satisfactory.



Henry Muchamore

during the British Coastal Relay Run '87 in aid of the British Deaf Association. Some of these lads were out of work steelmen, while others had taken the whole of their annual leave to complete the arduous and sometimes lonely 5000 mile trip around the British coast.

THE DUNDEE Marathon on April 26 incorporated the Scottish championship, but only 800 runners turned up. Bob Wood from Dundee was first vet to finish in 2:36:35 and in conditions that turned out to be the warmest of the year. Margaret Robertson, also from Dundee, took the ladies award in 3:09. Margaret also picked up the vets award in the Haddington '10'.

JACK KNOX, after a period of absence with a thigh injury, was back on the winning trail at Haddington and Penicuik over 10 miles and 10k respectively (55:09 & 33:27).

IN THE Edinburgh to North Berwick 22 mile Road Race, Dave Fairweather was the only athlete to give winner Martin Coyne (Jnr) any worries when he had the fastest finish, completing the course in 1:57:05. The only other runners in the event to break two hours for the 22 mile trip will both be vets next year - Andy Stirling from FVH and Peter Marshall from Haddington. Another pre-vet really going well again is Brian Emmerson of Teviotdale, who was third in the Penicuik 10k race.

ARCHIE Duncan, after finishing third vet at Haddington, took the honours in the Edinburgh Half Marathon in 73:40, holding off the challenge from Newcastle's Mike Walker, by six seconds. Bill Adams, another new vet from Lerwick in Shetland, did well to take third spot in Edinburgh in 1:44:59. Anne Newbigging from Bo'ness took the ladies vets award in 1:31:49.

ROGER Redpath, a relative novice to road running and one of Martin Hyman's enthusiastic Tuesday night group at the Meadows in Edinburgh, showed that determination can bring its rewards as we get older when he won Britain's smallest marathon on the Isle of Benbecula, beating a field of 20 runners in a time of 2:47:30 - a nine minute improvement on his best run.

SUMMER brings out the track and field specialists, and veterans are as keen in this aspect of our sport as on the roads. The SVHC track and field championships are being held at Crownpoint track in Glasgow on Sunday, 28 June starting at 12 noon.

Events Diary

June

18 Forth Valley League: Div 1, Livingston; Div 2, Saughton

19 Scotrail National Championships, Meadowbank (Day 1), SAAA: Championships Convenor - B Craighead, 98 Magdalene Gardens, Edinburgh EH5 3DR. SWAAA Championships Convenor - Mrs R Booth, Dunrobin, The Crescent, Dunblane, FK15 0DW. E close May 30.

20 SAAA/SWAAA Scotrail National Championships, Day 2.

21 Afton Water 10 mile Road Race, New Cumnock, E - Janette Hume, 59, Pathhead, New Cumnock, Ayrshire.

22 Pearl Assurance Great North Run, Newcastle to S. Shields.

23 Tiso Seven Hills, Edinburgh (4 miles, 2200ft climb). Rec - 1:38:10. M Burton (Carnethy Hill Runners) 1986 E - G Tiso, 13, Wellington Pl, Leith, Edinburgh (Start 11:15am).

24 Edinburgh SH Open Graded Meeting, Meadowbank. Details - I McKenzie, 146 Avontown Park, Linlithgow, West Lothian EH49 (E on race night).

25 Kilwinning Academy Tenth Anniversary Festival of Road Running (inc. senior 10K and races for children 12-16). Details - A Crant Young, Assistant Rector, Kilwinning Academy, Ayrshire. Tel: 0294-51318.

26 Europa "Bruno Zauli" Cup Final, Prague (Day 1).

27 SAAA Dairy Crest Under 19 years Juniors, Youths and Senior Boys Championships, Crownpoint, Championship convenor: B.A. Goodwin, SAAA West District Office, Argyle Street, Glasgow.

28 Sixth Loch Rannoch Marathon and Inaugural Half Marathon, Loch Rannoch, E - A Andrews, Rannoch School, Rannoch Station, Perthshire PH17 2QO (11am start).

29 Scottish and North West League: Divs 1 & 2 - Wishaw; Divs 3 & 4 - Grangemouth; Div 5 - Dam Park, Ayr.

30 Lairg Chru Hill Race, Aviemore to Braemar (28 miles, 2100ft climb). Rec - 3:12:40. A. Pratt (RAF) 1976 E - D Sumner, 20, Skele Street, Macduff (start 11:00am).

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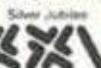
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Dingwall 10 Eventon 10 mile Road Race, Dingwall E — Roy Cameron, 5 Rose Croft Muir of Ord, Ross-shire

Musselburgh Festival Road Race, Musselburgh

Irvine New Town Highland Games, Laigh Park, Irvine, and Irvine Half Marathon E — W. Banks, 25 Hazel Grove, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, KA13 7JH

Helensburgh Peoples Half Marathon, Helensburgh E — DJ Wilson, 18 Duncan Road, Helensburgh

Stromness Half Marathon, Orkney Isles

Pearl Assurance Invitation Athletics Meeting, Gateshead

Tyneside Scottish League, Meadowbank

Monklands Half Marathon, Airdrie E — D Morrison, 12c Deedes Street, Airdrie, ML6 9AC

Half Ben Nevis Hill Race, Fort William 6 Miles, 2200 ft climb) Rec 47-39, C. Donnelly (Cambuslang Harriers) 1983 E — L. Volverk, School House, Glencoe

26 Home Countries Match (Day 2) Irvine Harbour Festival Half Marathon, Irvine, E — W. Banks, 25 Hazel Grove, Kilwinning, KA13 7JH

August

1 Kodak AAA Championships, Crystal Palace (Day 1)

Celtic Countries Junior Women's International Match, Antrim Forum, N. Ireland.

Tour of Tameside Details — Ron Hill Sports, PO Box 11, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 1LL

26 Gatehouse Gala "Roan the Watter" 10K Road Race, E — See local Press and sports shops (start 3.30pm).

27 Cow Hill Race, Fort William (2.5 miles, 900 ft climb) Rec 17-35 R. Bergstrand and P. Dugdale (Sheffield H) 1986 E — L. Volverk, address as above.

29 Ord Hill Race, North Kessock (5 miles, 600 ft climb) Rec 29-02 B. Chinnick (Forres H) 1986 E — R. Cameron, 5 Rose Croft, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire

Sri Chinmoy 10,000 metres Road Race, Glasgow Green

Sri Chinmoy 2 miles Road Race, The Meadows

Edinburgh AC Open Graded Meeting, Saughton (E on night)

City of Edinburgh 10 Mile Road Race Cramond E — Edinburgh AC, c/o 40 St Ninians Road, Edinburgh EH12 8AW (Start 10am)

Corrie Capers Round Arran 6 Stage 56 Mile Road Relay Race, Isle of Arran E — John McVicar, "Gowanlea" Sannox, Isle of Arran KA27 8JB

1 Kodak Champs (Day 2)

GRE Gold Cup Semi Final, Gateshead.

Strathallan Highland Games and Half Marathon, Bridge of Allan. Details — Runsport, 97, Barnton St, Stirling (E close 19-7)

Scottish Young Athletes League, West Divs 1 & 2 - Wishaw

Ferranti 10 Miles Road Race, Aberdeen. Details — Running North, 5, South Mount St, Aberdeen

8 European Junior Athletic Championships, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

6-9 Cambuslang Harriers Open 10 Mile Road Race, Rutherglen, E — J. Scarbrough, 22, Burnfoot Crescent, Burnside, Glasgow G73 5DT

Brodick Highland Games, Brodick, Isle of Arran E — Elizabeth Lambie, 16, Douglas Place, Brodick

Abernethy Highland Games, Nethy Bridge.

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Events Diary

Newtonmore Highland Games and Greagh Dubh Hill Race, Newtonmore (4 miles, 1100ft climb) (Rec — 26-13, A. McGee (Keswick AC) 1978 E — Mrs C. Ralph, Caman Dubh, Old Glen Road, Newtonmore (3pm).

Donkey Brae Road Race, Aberdour. Details — Running North.

Granton on Spey Half Marathon, Granton on Spey. Details — Tumbull Sports, 10a, Church Street, Inverness

4 Renfrewshire AAA/ Dumbartonshire AAA Track League, Crownpoint.

5 Falkirk District Council Open Graded Meeting, Grangemouth Stadium Details — A. Kerr, Stadium Manager, Kersiebank Ave, Grangemouth E — on night

2 Kodak Champs (Day 2)

GRE Gold Cup Semi Final, Gateshead.

North Berwick Law Hill Race (3 miles, 600 ft climb) Rec — 18-13 M. Lindsay (Carnethy Hill Runners) 1985 E — R. Morrison, 33, Morningside Road, Edinburgh 7pm start.

6-9 European Junior Athletic Championships, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

8 Cambuslang Harriers Open 10 Mile Road Race, Rutherglen, E — J. Scarbrough, 22, Burnfoot Crescent, Burnside, Glasgow G73 5DT

10 Donkey Brae Road Race, Aberdour. Details — Running North.

11 Granton on Spey Half Marathon, Granton on Spey. Details — Tumbull Sports, 10a, Church Street, Inverness

12 Shetleston Harriers Open Graded Meeting, Crownpoint. Details — W. Scally, 43, Duke Street, Glasgow (E on night)

13 Moray People's Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Road Race, Elgin, E — Ed McCann, Dept. of Recreation, 30-32 High Street, Elgin. 11am start.

14 SVHC 10K Road Race, Lochinch, Pollock Park, Glasgow. Details — D. Morrison, 12c Deedes Street, Airdrie. 2pm start.

15 Eyemouth People's Half Marathon, Manderston to Eyemouth. Details — G. Taylor, 7, St Clairs, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.

16 GRE BAL Cup Finals (Day 2)

17 Octavians Relay Meeting, Meadowbank, inc National Relay Events. (SAA National 1600 metres Medley Relay Champs) Championship Convenor — J. B. Taylor, 34 Pinebank, Ladywell, Livingston, W. Lothian (E close 27/7)

18 British Airways Glasgow Half Marathon, Cartha Rugby Park, Pollok Estate, Glasgow. E — Bellahouston Harriers 53, Anchor Crescent, Paisley PA1 1LX Start 9.30am

19 Marymass 10K Road Race, Irvine Sports Club, Irvine. Details — W. Fulton, 159, Clark Drive, Irvine. E on night, 7.30pm.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers Open Graded Meeting, Meadowbank. Details — I. McKenzie, 49, Avontoun Park, Linlithgow, W. Lothian EH49 6QG (E on night)

20 Weltklasse Grand Prix Meeting, Zurich.

Fourth Haddington Open Half Marathon, Neilson Park, Haddington. E — Joe Forte Sports, 68, High Street, Haddington (E close 3/8). Start 2pm.

21 Dalchully Hill Race, Laggan Bridge (4 1/4 miles, 1500 ft climb) Rec — 27-15 J. Musgrave (Grampian Orienteering Club) 1986 E — T. Robertson, Knockmalloch, Station Road, Newtonmore. Start 2.30pm.

22 Marymass Sports Meeting, Irvine. E — W. Banks, 25, Hazel Grove, Kilwinning Ayrshire.

Grampian Television Athletics League, Peterhead.

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Weltklasse Grand Prix Meeting, Cologne.



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Events Diary

22 Dairy Crest Games, Crystal Palace.
TSB Blairgowrie "500" Half Marathon, Blairgowrie.
E - John Wilson, Springbank, Darklaid, Blairgowrie Start 215pm
Ciba Geigy 5 Mile Open Road Race, Linwood Sports Centre, Bredland Road, Linwood. Details - John McGuinness, 29, Yarrow Crescent, Bishopston, PA7 5EW (E on day) Start 3pm
Bute Highland Games and 10 Miles "Round the Island" Road Race. E - T.B. McMillan, Ardialla, Gobelloch, Rothesay, Bute PA20 9HN
Argyll Open Championships, Oban. E - D. McGregor, Ardchoille, Benderloch, by Oban, Argyll.
HPC Scottish Athletic League, Wishaw.
Arrochar Alps Mountain Race, Arrochar (14 miles, 7900 ft climb). E - A. Duthie, 43, Braehead Road, Duntonch, Clydebank. Start 11am.
Orkney Isles AAA Open Championships, Kirkwall (Day 1). Details - Mrs I. Adams, 16, Linket, Papdale East, Kirkwall. Orkney KW15 1UZ.
Scottish Young Athletes Handicap Meeting, Arbroath.
23 Tweedsmuir Fair Fell Race, Tweedsmuir (4 miles, 1000ft climb) E - F. Smith, Broughton Brewery, Broughton, Biggar.
Monklands Scottish Cup Final (Women), Wishaw.
Radio for the Blind (Scotland) 10K Road Race, Grangemouth Stadium. E - John Loudon, 21, Kincardine Road, Carronshore, Falkirk FK2 8AE.
Marymass 10 Mile Sand Race, Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine. E - W. Fulton, 159, Clark Drive, Irvine.
South Carrick Half Marathon, Girvan. E - John Holt, Girvan Swimming Baths, Girvan.
Capital Sports Midlothian People's Half Marathon, Gorebridge. Details - Secretary, Greenhill Community Education Wing, Greenhill High School, Gorebridge, Midlothian EH23 4PE.
Montrose Half Marathon, Montrose. Details - Mrs A. Grant, 2, Wellington Gardens, Montrose DD10 8QF.
HPC Scottish Athletic League Divs 1 & 2 - Meadowbank.
Border Athletics League, Tweedbank.
Grampian Television Athletics League, Elgin.
North East League, Inverness.
Fair City Fun Run, Perth.
SVH Marathon Championships, Lochinch. Details - David Morrison, 12c, Deedes Street, Airdrie. Start 1030am.

28 Cowal Highland Gathering, Dunoon (Day 1). E - JM Brown, 8, Ardencaple Drive, Helensburgh G84 8PS.
UK v FRG v Switzerland Junior International, W. Germany (Day 1).
29 Cowal Games (Day 2).
SAAA Heavy Throwing Events Championships, Championship Convenor - George Spence, 56, Kylemore Road, Greenock.
Junior International (Day 2).
Access UK Women's Athletic League: Div 1 - Stretford, Div 2 - Hounslow.
Forth Valley Athletic League Divs 1 & 2 - Pitreavie.
Peterhead Inaugural Track and Field Meeting and Road Race, Peterhead. E - J. Mundie, 1, Abbottswell Road, Peterhead AB4 8QU.
Scottish Veterans v North East Veterans Track Meeting, Grangemouth.
Two Bridges 36 Mile Road Race, Rosyth. E - Race Secretary, Civil Service Sports Centre, Castle Road, Rosyth, Fife. (E closes 8/8) Starts 10am.
Glenurquhart Highland Games and 15 Mile Road Race, Inverness to Drumnadrochit. E - R. MacDonald, Westfield, Lewiston, Drumnadrochit (E close 22/8). Start 115pm.
Auchonby Hill Race, Drumnadrochit (5 miles, 500 ft climb). Rec - 20-57, F. Clyne (Aberdeen AAC) 1978 E - R. MacDonald, as before. Start 3pm.
IAAF World Athletic Championships (till September 6).
30 Inverclyde Quarter Marathon, Greenock. E - Race Secretary, Municipal Buildings, Greenock. Start 9am.
Adidas Mars Half Marathon, Aberdeen. E - I. Fraser, 48 Westholme Avenue, Aberdeen AB2 6AB. 10am start.
Mid Argyll 9K Road Race and Fun Run, Lochgilphead. E - W. McCallum, 38, Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead PA31 8DG.
Goretex Fabrics Livingston Half Marathon, Howden Park, Livingston. E - Race Secretary, Livingston Fire Station, Craigshill, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 8LP. 10am start.
Inter-Regional Athletics Meeting, Tweedbank.
North-East League, Queens Park, Inverness.
UK Access Women's Athletic League.
Div 3 - Pitreavie.
31 Kilmarnock and Loudon 10K Road Race, Kilmarnock. Details - Mrs E. Dalziel, 3, Stronsay Place, Kilmarnock KA3 2JG (E on night) 7pm start.

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July 15 - One Mile July 22 - 5K July 29 - 10K

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TUESDAY, 21st JULY, 1987, at 11.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY 23 August 1987
from 12 noon

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Events include:
Hart (Builders) £1000 Sprint Handicap
Dondaldson Construction "Heavy" Competitions
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at
Grant Park, Forres
on
Saturday July 11
Tack and Heavy events
Grass cycling - 11 1/4 miles road race.
Entry forms from: Mike Scott,
Secretary,
7 Fleurs Road, Forres,
Grampian. Tel: 0309-73289
Entries close on June 30
(Under SAAA, SWAAA, SWCC&RRA, SCCU rules)

THE BRAEMAR GATHERING

will be held on
Saturday 5th September, 1987
in

The Princess Royal & Duke of Fife Memorial Park, Braemar
HEAVYWEIGHT FIELD AND TRACK COMPETITIONS (including 80 metres British Championship)
SOLO PIPING AND HIGHLAND DANCING (Entries close 17th August)
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in RECREATION PARK, HALKIRK (Caithness)
on SATURDAY, 25th JULY 1987
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HEAVY, FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS. CHILDREN'S RACES
NOVELTY EVENTS
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING
Over £3000 Prize Money
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Tel. Halkirk 666

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to be held on
SATURDAY 11th JULY, 1987
at the VICTORIA PARK, DINGWALL
OPEN PIPING COMPETITION commences 12 noon
OTHER OPEN EVENTS commence 1.30 p.m.
Over £1000 in Prize Money and Handsome Challenge Trophies
£10 prize for any ground record established -
Usual Traditional Events
No Entry Fee
Entries taken on Ground
Secretary
A.W. MILLER, 15 Old Evanton Road, Dingwall,
Ross-shire Tel: 62024

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at
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on
Saturday June 27, at 1pm.
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Various stalls and amusements
Secretary A. Reid, Tel Laurencekirk 252

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on
Sunday July 5, at 2pm.
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Usual side stall refreshments, beer tents etc.
Secretary David Martin Tel: Cupar 55088

TAYNUILT HIGHLAND GAMES

at
Sports field, Taynuilt
on
July 25, at 1pm.
Open and local piping competitions, Highland dancing, Pipe band parade.
Track and heavy events
Prize money £1,000. Admission £1.50. Children and OAP's 50p
Free Car park
Contact secretary Mrs Thomson, Taynuilt 431

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Sunday 5th July 1987
Caird Park Stadium
Official Opening 1 p.m.

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British Open Tug-O-War Championship,
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Track events, Drum Majors,
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For entry form and further details contact:
Leisure and Recreation Department,
353, Clepington Road, Dundee DD3 8PL
Tel: (0382) 23141 ext. 4287

ROSNEATH & CLYNDER (Dunbartonshire) HIGHLAND GAMES

Clachan Park, Rosneath

SUNDAY 19th JULY, 1987
Gates Open 10.30 a.m.

HIGHLAND DANCING Commences 11 a.m. LOCAL TRACK & FIELD EVENTS Local Area - Dumbarton; District - Argyllshire OPEN TRACK & CYCLING EVENTS 1 pm. OPEN HEAVY EVENTS 2 pm LOCAL TUG-O-WAR, HILL RACES, PIPE BANDS, YOUTH TRACK EVENTS

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SATURDAY 18th JULY, 1987
at

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DUNBARTONSHIRE

Commencing 11.00 a.m.

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Tel: (0389) 67469

Handicapper: A. MITCHELL, 20 Keltyhill Road, Kelty, Fife.
Tel: (0383) 830245

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MEMORIAL PARK — THORNTON
SATURDAY 4th JULY, 1987
Over £1500 in Prizes and Trophies
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ATHLETICS — 1 p.m.

ATHLETICS — CYCLING — YOUTH EVENTS
HEAVY EVENTS — DANCING — PONY TROT
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Coaltown, Markinch. Tel: 771425

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GLENDEVON
DOLLAR, CLACKMANNANSHIRE FK7 14JY
Friday, 24th July 1987
Commences 11.00 a.m.

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HIGHLAND GAMES
Please note change of date
From
Sunday, July 19
to
Sunday September 6, 1987

Cycling

July

1 Junior Grand Prix, 10 miles, Glasgow Green; Senior Grand Prix, 8.15pm, Glasgow Green, Glasgow Centre track championship.
4 Kilometre pursuit, Meadowbank, 7.15pm

2 Ayr Roads 25-mile time trial, 6.30 pm

3 Ayr Roads circuit race, Prestwick, 7.30pm

4 East Kilbride Wheelers two-day event: 2 miles prologue, 50 miles road race, 80 miles road race.

5 Glenmarnock Junior Grand Prix — 60 miles road race, 11am.

Dundee Thistle 100 miles road race, 11am

Lanark Valley CC 25-mile time trial, 8am, New Lanark.

Kestrel CC 40-mile Italian pursuit, West Ferry, 10.30am

6 Glasgow Centre Track League, Grangemouth.

7 Meadowbank National Track League, 7pm

11 Johnstone/Dooley kermesse, Inchinnan, 7.45pm

Forres Highland Games, grass track events.

12 Junior Grand Prix, 65-miles, Dundee, 11am

Glasgow Centre 100 miles time trial, 8am

Football

June

28 Cumbernauld Mini Triathlon (S600m, C15, R4.5). E — Lesley Kelly, Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld

July

19 Fleet Feet Tri Club Triathlon (S1k, C40k, R10k). E — Organiser, FFT, Bowmont House, 21, Arbutneth Place, Stonehaven AB3 2JA.

25 Irvine Harbour Festival Triathlon (S800m, C20m, R6m). E — Organiser, Irvine Triathlon, Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine.

26 Cumbernauld Half Ironman Triathlon (S1.1m, C56m, R13.1m). E — Lesley Kelly, as above.

30 East Kilbride Triathlons (S600, C18m, R6m) (S1200, C36m, R12m). E — The Organiser, EK Triathlon, Dollar Baths, Town Centre, East Kilbride.

14 National Track League, Meadowbank, 7.45pm.

18 Inverness to Elgin Road Race, 6pm.

19 Dundee Centre 100 miles time trial, 7am.

21 Meadowbank Track League.

26 Deeside Thistle 90 miles road race, 11am

£25 Prize Crossword

ACROSS

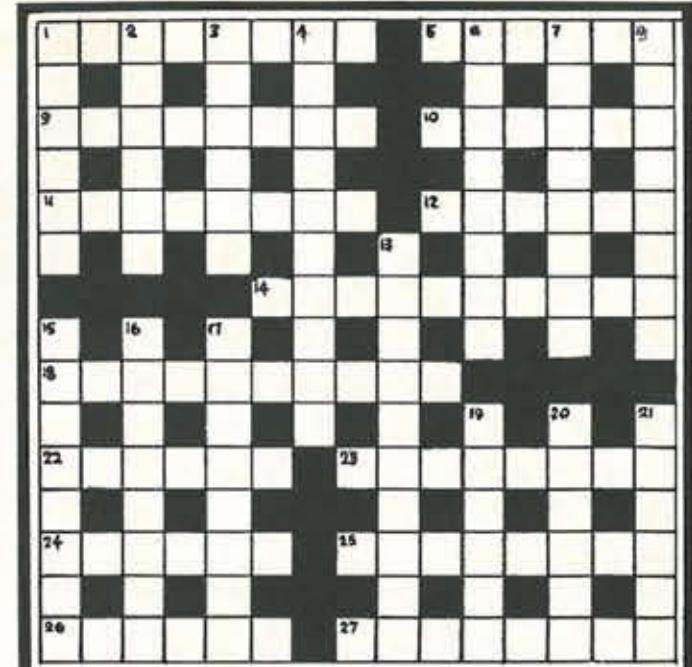
- Indeed divided, the cat heartlessly found out (8)
- Condescend to embrace second plan (6)
- Sheriff Dorothy's companion? (3,3)
- Eastern ruler semi-real in ubiquitous chip (6)
- Report back to school gym with small ball (6)
- Region for a politician, one mum's mum takes to heart (8)
- Low singer and French hound (6)
- Hm! Dormouse exercised and grew (10)
- In favour of the healthy and the talented? That's useful (10)
- Do a favour for nothing and get back for instance one pound (6)
- What you have to remember donor's subsistence — rice-beer (8)
- Latin's set out or set up (6)
- Key for driver — Number 1; can American soldier swing back? (8)
- Stupidly agrees to bribe (6)
- False allegation coppers are about to soak (8)

DOWN

- Condescend to embrace second plan (6)
- Sheriff Dorothy's companion? (3,3)
- Eastern ruler semi-real in ubiquitous chip (6)
- Report back to school gym with small ball (6)
- Region for a politician, one mum's mum takes to heart (8)
- Low singer and French hound (6)
- Hm! Dormouse exercised and grew (10)
- Identical or different directions about dancing flames (8)
- Fitness comes from a physical training as you say, you'd followed it (8)
- Champion's rival left league in silly change over holder of the crown (10)
- Standing up to surgery sitting (8)
- Seb has untied laces to unite (8)
- A sad, grim arrangement of figures (8)
- Race with a slow start and photo finish (6)
- North American tribe is, or Norwegians initially (6)
- Sitting here you can see better (6)

By Menodromes

No.4



The first correct entry opened on July 17 wins £25 prize. The solution and winner's name will be published in our September issue.
Answers, please, to Crossword

Competition No.4, Scotland's Runner, 62, Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7SA.



Scotland's Runner Quiz No.4

- When he won the mens 100m title in Cwmbran in 1986, who became the youngest ever winner of a UK title?

- Which club were the first winners of the British Athletic League, formed in 1969?

- Which American gave Zola Budd her first home defeat since she became a British citizen, beating her in the 3,000m at the Ulster Games in 1985?

- Who was the first Englishman to long-jump over 26 feet?

- Which British athlete was nicknamed "Il Topolino" by the Italians, during the 1960 Rome Olympics?

- Who became the first Scotsman to break five minutes for the 2,000 when he finished second to Eamonn Coghlan at the Nike Classic International in 1983?

- The first London Marathon in 1981 started at Greenwich Park. Where did it finish?

- Who beat Cameron Sharp into second place, in the 200 at the 1982 European Championships?

- Who had his first major success at the marathon distance when he won the Oakland Marathon in California in 1983, retaining the title the following year?

- Who became the first Scotsman to break five minutes for the 2,000 when he finished second to Eamonn Coghlan at the Nike Classic International in 1983?

QUESTIONS

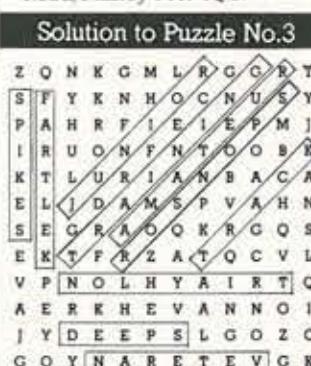
- Who won the inaugural women's 10,000m title at the 1985 Scottish Championships, at Meadowbank?

The solutions will appear in the August issue.

Compiled by Peter Cowan

ANSWERS TO QUIZ No.3

- Chris Robson; 2, Carlos Lopes; 3, Marilyn Neufville (400m); 4, Rangers Sports; 5, Henry Rono; 6, Graham Eggleton; 7, Kipper Bell; 8, Diane Royle; 9, Wyomia Tyus (100m, 1964/1968); 10, Dave Moorcroft.



Scotland's Runner Puzzle No.4

Find these hidden words in the puzzle alongside:

- club
- coe
- elite
- fitness
- funrunner
- harriers
- mileage
- muscles
- pace
- shorts

The words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards or forwards!

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P I V C S N O E S I D E
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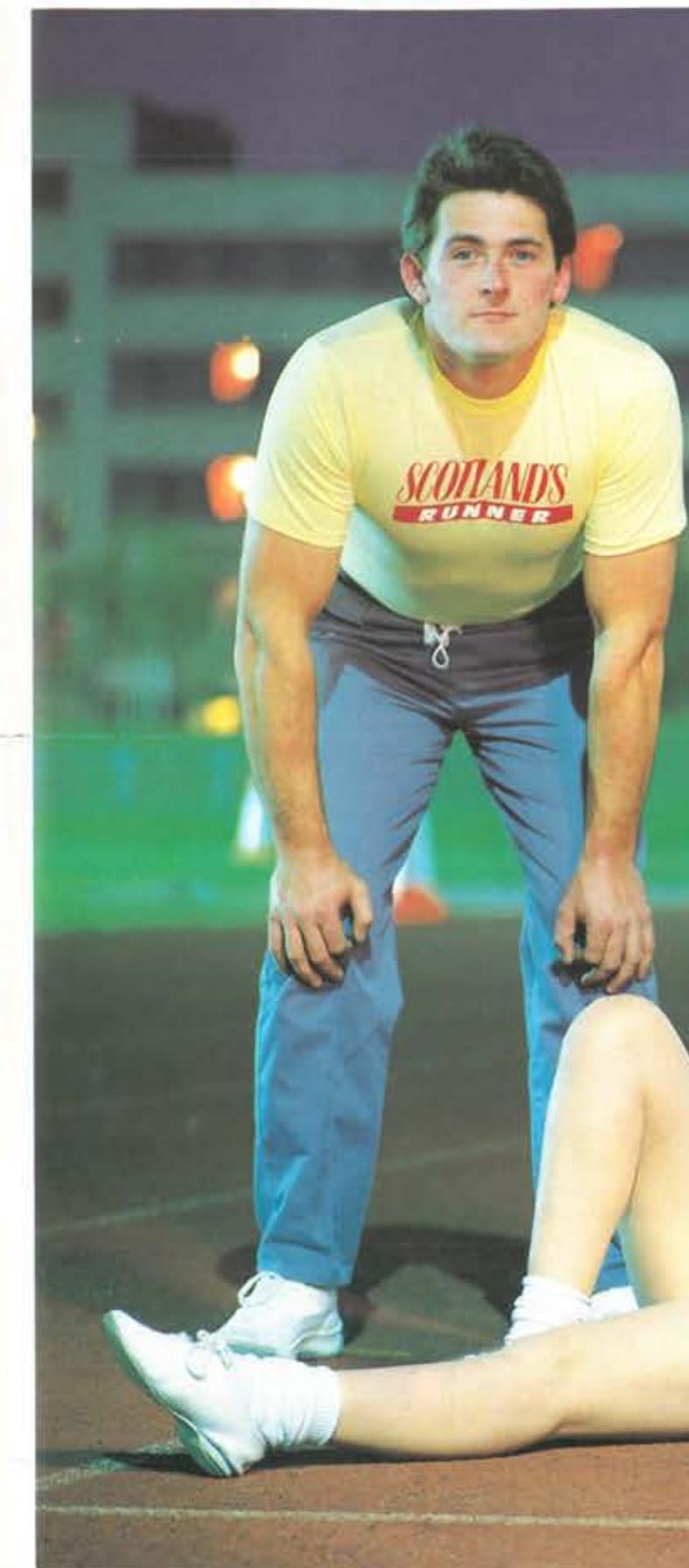
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