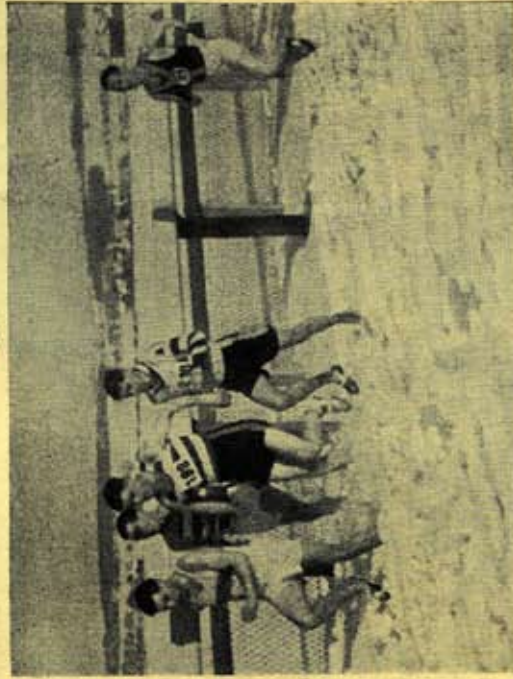


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PLOUGHING THROUGH THE SNOW in the Scottish Cross-Country Championships at Larnack Racecourse. The photo shows the leaders after covering about three miles. A. Hay (Garscube), A. Forbes (Victoria Park), G. Lamont (Victoria Park), J. Reid (West Kilbride), G. Anderson (Bellahouston).

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International Cross-Country Championship

PARIS, MARCH 30th, 1947



J. C. FLOCKHART (Shettleston Harriers)
was again first Scot home, finishing in seventh
position.

A great duel did take place, though Reiff retired in the first lap through having a recurrence of some sciatic trouble when taking a fence. His countryman, Jean Chapelle, well-known to British athletes, put up a great fighting effort against Pujazon, only to be beaten by about 150 yards. France easily won the team race. Scotland could only finish 5th, the same position as last year, but there was a great improvement in pointage.

J. C. Flockhart more than justified the confidence displayed by the selectors in him, to finish seventh and second Britisher home—and only 71 seconds behind Pujazon. A magnificent display.

H. A. Olney had a great day for England when finishing sixth in his first International, for the results proved, in the main, the value of experience.

Individual Result

1, R. Pujazon—50m. 26.8sec.; 2, J. Chapelle—50m. 51sec.; 3, M. Lahousine—51m. 04sec.

Team Placings

- 1 **FRANCE**—1 R. Pujazon, 3 M. Lahousine, 4 G. Galliot, 5 A. Plessat, 10 P. Messner, 11, H. Lévêque—34 points; 16 A. Valdovinos, 25 H. Klein, 35 M. Brahim.
- 2 **BELGIUM**—2 J. Chapelle, 8 B. Hermans, 14 Van de Wattene, 17 E. Renson, 21 E. Schroeven, 24 P. Wauters—86 points; 34 F. Foremans, 48 F. Smets; retired—G. Reiff.
- 3 **ENGLAND**—6 H. A. Olney, 12 A. H. Chivers, 15 R. G. Gosney, 22 A. A. Robertson, 23 G. E. Monshall, 27 M. Smith—105 points; 30 N. Ashcroft, 40 L. W. Herbert, 41 N. Jones.
- 4 **IRE**—9 J. Kelly, 13 P. Haughey, 18 T. Walshe, 29 K. MacGuire, 31 P. Fitzgerald, 33 J. Fitzgerald—133 points; 36 G. Cavanagh, 38 L. Donnelly, 47 J. Manning.
- 5 **SCOTLAND**—7 J. C. Flockhart, 19 J. E. Farrell, 20 R. Reid, 26 A. Forbes, 28 F. Sinclair, 37 A. McGregor—137 points; 39 G. Anderson, 43 J. Reid, 44 W. S. Somerville.
- 6 **WALES**—32 T. G. Lloyd, 42 T. Richards, 45 E. Williams, 46 M. Richards, 49 E. C. Cooper, 50 G. Williams—264 points; 51 W. B. Richards, 52 K. W. B. Harris; retired—B. W. Baldwin.

The 34th International Cross-Country Championship was held at St. Clouds Racecourse, Paris, on Sunday, 30th March, 1947. The course was four laps of 2½ miles, mostly rough meadow grass and earthy turf, though there was a 100 metres plough and six obstacles to be taken in each lap. It was a slightly heavier course than at Ayr last year.

Prior to the race the French Press worked up a great interest in the event, by suggesting that there would be a race of a lifetime between Raphael Pujazon, France, holder of the individual title, and Gaston Reiff, the Belgian champion.

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RUNNING COMMENTARY

by J. E. FARRELL

(Scottish 3, 6, and 10 miles Champion).

All forms of outdoor sport have suffered grievously in the past few months owing to the severity of weather conditions and affected were that hardy band of sportsmen—cross-country runners. What overhead conditions have failed to do underfoot conditions have managed, namely, to keep runners off country trails. Ice-bound fields and snow-drifts have compelled runners to restrict their training to road-work—and main roads at that. Under these freakish conditions the term cross-country is almost a misnomer, and what effect this will have had on the International race at Paris, the results may, in part, explain.

Certainly the conditions for both Scottish and English nationals could seldom have been worse. The Scots team run over the splendid Pollok Estate a week prior to the Paris race was, in fact, the first real country run since the severe weather set in and was, on that account, all the more welcome as a preliminary canter.

Omission of Holden

The surprise omission of Jack Holden, four times International winner and last year's English national champion, from this year's English team to run at Paris, has caused consternation in sporting circles. There is little need to go into further details since the matter has been discussed by various sports writers, and, after all, it is a domestic matter; but it seems likely that Holden's omission will have

been a distinct loss to the English team. His services as an individual, and his steadying influence on the team were thus both lost. Only last year, for example, he was first Britisher home in sixth place.

Due to transport hold-ups many Northern athletes failed to arrive in time for the English national. Holden's party was only 24 minutes late. Critical comment was also caused by the fact that two selectors picked the team in the absence of the Midland representative.

Club Championships Postponed

The unprecedented weather conditions have caused wholesale postponements of Club Championships—in some cases, indeed, double postponements. Among these are Shettleston's and Maryhill's, which are likely to be run in second week of April—an extension, indeed, of the cross-country season!

Activity In April

For most track runners April is a month of gradual preparation for the summer season, but cross-country runners will still be busy, even though the "News of the World" relay race is off through inability to find a suitable date.

April 5th, for example, features two road relays: the popular race round Dundee, consisting of four men per team, at present held by Shettleston; and a road relay, Kilmarnock to Ayr, confined to Ayrshire clubs. April 12th features postponed club championships,

and on April 26th the 10 miles and 3 miles walk championships take place. Helensvale is the likely venue.

In the 10 miles event, held by myself, A. Forbes, Victoria Park; J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston; A. McGregor and A. McLean, Bellahouston, should especially be well in the running if they care to have a bid. There are likely to be many improved performances.

McLean, who is fit, and running well in training, was disappointed at not making his place in the International team, and will be particularly anxious to show that his form at Lanark was all wrong.

Robertson Again in Training

His many admirers will be pleased to learn that Donald Robertson, Scottish Marathon Champion, is again training steadily in an attempt to reach the form which gave him the record number of six A.A.A. marathon championships. He reports that he has now shaken off the effects of leg trouble which had been hampering him for some time, and is now "on the job." Very conscientious in training, Robertson hopes to make the Olympic grade in 1948, as he did in the Berlin Olympics, where, despite showing the creditable time of 2hr. 37min. 62sec., he was unfortunate to find himself up against the record-breaking running of Son, of Japan; and Harper, of Great Britain.

Last year Robertson, despite winning the Scottish Championship, and finishing such a close runner-up to Squire, Yarrow, in the British Marathon, did not show form reminiscent of his best.

Will his return to his favourite haunts of Campsie and Blaneield help to work the oracle?

British West Indies and Olympic Games

If the report is true that the British West Indies (embodying Jamaica, Trinidad and British Guiana) are desirous of sending a joint team to the Olympic Games, at London, 1948, is true, then the British team may be

materially weakened, as McDonald Bailey, and giant A. Wint, who are a host in themselves, were considered to be certainties for the British team. With Bailey (Trinidad), Wint (Jamaica) and Herb. McKenley (Jamaica) eligible, the West Indies could send a small, but compact team, which would give a good account of itself.

OLYMPIC

PLANNING

In a note from Jack Crump, Hon. Team Manager, A.A.A., he points out that the greatest co-operation in Olympic and International team matters exists between himself and Mr. James Gilbert, Hon. Sec., S.A.A.A., and he suggests:—"Scottish athletes should refer to Mr. Gilbert for information, advice, and help in such matters, and they will be certain to obtain speedy and sympathetic action. What Scottish athletes need, above all else, is first-class SCRATCH competition. Performances in handicap events just cannot be assessed adequately. The standards set out for Olympic aspirants cannot easily be adjusted to scale up against performances in handicap events.

Clubs and promoters will do immense service to Scottish, and, therefore, to British, athletes, if they will try to stage open level events at, or near to, Olympic distances."

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Students of the sport will recall the pleas of Joe Binks, ex-mile-record-holder and famous athletic enthusiast, in his "News of the World" column prior to and after the last Olympics for more races in Britain over metre distances to give our athletes every opportunity in International competition.

Probably with the same idea in view, Shettleston Harriers are having invitation 100 metres and 400 metres races on their programme for their sports to be held at Ibrox on 3rd June. They hope to have English stars competing. Such enterprise has to be admired.

PHOTOFLASH

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ALEX. MACLEAN (Bellahouston Harriers)



"Runs comfortably with a sweet, rhythmic movement."

The 1946-47 Scottish cross-country team and Midland Relay champions, Bellahouston Harriers were greatly helped in achieving their successes by Alex. MacLean, on account of his running ability, his driving personality and great club spirit. He is always an inspiration to his team-mates. At 33 years of age, Alec is just approaching his best, though he has been running since 1930 with no off-seasons except for a break during the early years of the war.

In the past seventeen years whilst earning distinction he has, naturally, gained a wealth of experience. He was six times club champion of Greenock Glenpark, to which club he first belonged, and was British Territorial Champion in 1939. He is happy on the track or over the country, and has been Rentfrewshire 7 miles' cross-country and 3 miles' track champion.

Intended giving up running at the outbreak of war but was influenced to re-start by Sydney Wooderson, whom he met near Aldershot in 1942. It did not take Alec long to get to the forefront again, winning various Army titles and was runner-up in both the 5,000' and 10,000 metres races at the Egyptian Championships.

So far, though he has been placed several times, a Scottish title has eluded him, but I think that Alec, who runs comfortably with a sweet, rhythmic movement, may take primary place in either the 10 miles flat this month, or in the six miles event in June. He was runner-up in both races last year and his form is still improving.

ROY ROBINSON.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

By Michael Melford

[Reproduced with acknowledgments from "The Observer," London, March 9, 1947.]

"The International Olympic Committee having chosen the City of London as the place for the celebration of the XIVth Olympiad, the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games of 1948, on the instructions of the International Olympic Committee, has the honour to invite you to take part in the competitions and celebrations which will take place on this occasion at London from July 29 to August 14, 1948."

Thus will run the historic invitation which will be sent out at the beginning of 1948 to the nations of the world, less Germany and Japan. For over a year, now, preparations for the Games have been in full swing, and, with 16 months to go, most of the obstacles confronting the organisers have been removed or are easily removable. Let there be no illusions about the magnitude of the task to which Great Britain has committed herself in conditions of unprecedented difficulty and with almost the shortest period for preparation on record.

Housing Problems

The Organising Committee, of which Lord Burghley is chairman, has under it committees to deal with medical arrangements, transport, finance, Press and publicity, reception, arts, and housing. The musical section of the Arts Committee will be responsible for training the massed choir of 1200 voices, which will sing the Olympic Hymn at the opening ceremony on Thursday, July 29. The importance of the work of the Housing Committee is immense. Officials and competitors will number at least 5000, but no Olympic village will be built as was the case at Berlin. At the moment it appears that much Army and R.A.F. accommodation used during the war will be available. Uxbridge is well situated for Wembley, while the Henley

and Aldershot areas should provide comfortable camps.

The Games will cover 17 different sports. Athletics, boxing, swimming, and fencing will be entirely at Wembley, but only the finals of the hockey and football tournaments will be held in the Empire Stadium. Rowing and canoeing will be at Henley, equestrian events at Windsor or Aldershot, and yacht racing at Torquay. Shooting events will be at Bisley.

The running track at Wembley will have seven lanes, and will not be laid until a few weeks before the Games open. The greyhound and speedway tracks will be removed. The foundations of the track are already there, and experiments will soon take place to decide the composition of the upper layers and the surface. Those responsible are convinced that the result will be a track combining all the best features of those at Berlin, Los Angeles, and Princeton.

The Marathon

The Marathon course of 26 miles 385 yards has already been selected and will be announced when it has been approved by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The route of the relays of torch-bearers on their way from Olympia in Greece is still to be decided, and experts of the Fuel Research Board are applying themselves to the problem of keeping the Olympic Flame alight in the Stadium during the Games in all weathers.

It is pleasant to record the gift from the Finnish Olympic Committee of about 50 tons of timber, a most useful contribution and a gesture typical of the atmosphere of goodwill which, prior to 1936, always accompanied the Games. There has been in some quarters,

largely as a result of the political significance of the Berlin Games, an unhappy tendency to become resigned to incidents in international sport and

particularly in the Olympic Games. It should be a gay summer in 1948. Let us hope that Berlin will be as completely forgotten as is Body-line.

Olympic Flashbacks

When the Olympic Games are held next year, 12 years will have passed from the previous Olympics—Berlin, 1936. Can we expect to see any of the Berlin competitors still representing their country in 1948? It would be a tremendous feat. One person likely to have that honour is Denis Victor Shore of South Africa, who, in the past year, has been running better than ever.

Prior to the last Olympics, at a South African meeting he ran 100 yds. in evens, 220 yds. in evens, and 440 yds. in 48sec., all within two hours.

Shore did not reach the Olympic final, but qualified in the First Trial Heats.

Bill Roberts, of Salford, who represented Britain last year at Oslo, could well be running for us again in London, though it has been stated that he has retired. He was fourth in the 1936 Olympic Final of the 400 metres, won by Archie Williams, U.S.A., in 46.5 seconds. A. G. K. Brown, G.B., was second; and J. E. Luvalle, U.S.A., third.

Roberts was one of the famous 1600 metres relay team (others were Wolff, Rampling and Brown) which took the title in 3m. 9sec., only .6 of a second outside the World and Olympic record. He was clocked as running 46.4sec. in his leg—a magnificent effort, but typical of his great team-fighting spirit.

An outstanding record of top-rank ability over a long number of years is that of the French hurdler and high jumper, Georges André. He competed in the 1908, 1912, 1920 and 1924 Olympics.

The great Finnish athlete, Volmari

Iso-Hollo, was the only successful defending champion at Berlin, when he made the best Olympic time of 9m. 14.6 sec. in the 3000 metres steeplechase. Unquestionably better time than his winning effort at Los Angeles in 1932. No wonder, for that day the officials made a mistake in the counting and he ran a lap too many!

Incidentally, heats are run for the steeplechase. It's just as well these are not needed for the marathon!

Iso-Hollo was also 3rd to his countrymen, Salminen and Askalo, in the 10,000 metres event in 1936, and has held world records at various distances, including the four, seven, eight and nine miles.

Truly, one of the greatest runners of all-time.

We in this country had the pleasure of seeing him win the two-mile steeplechase from scratch at a Rangers meet, prior to the war.

He was also, of course, a member of the Finnish team in the memorable Great Britain v. Finland contest at Hampden Park in 1935. He won the steeplechase, with a compatriot runner-up, both well ahead of the British pair.

Who remembers him running in the mile on the same day? What a great race that was! Iso-hollo, making his running early, had about 20 or 30 yards lead with only about 250 yards to cover. He looked a certainty and he could not have bargained for the terrific finish of A. V. Reeve (Great Britain) down the last straight to pass him a yard or so before reaching the tape.

Alfred Shrubb's Ten Miles

With the Ten-Miles Flat Championship due to be run on 26th April, it may be interesting to recall a historic race over the same distance nearly forty-three years ago. Many people in and around Glasgow must remember Alfred Shrubb running at Ibrox Park on 5th November, 1904; the meeting was organised by West of Scotland Harriers.

The track was heavy and there was a strong westerly wind blowing.

Many records went by the board, and the times returned were truly phenomenal. He broke all world amateur records from six to ten miles. Some of the records made still exist at the present day. We are putting Shrubb's times, lap by lap, before you as a challenge. The times are well worth study.

Shrubb was born at Slinfold, Sussex, on 12th December, 1879; so, at the time of his performance he was not quite 25 years of age.

SPIKED SHOES

In reply to the small advertisement with regard to the sale of two pairs of spiked shoes in last month's issue, we received about 30 callers to our office and about twice that number of enquiries. This gives an idea of how badly off our young athletes are for proper training equipment. It is impossible to train properly on the track or to make any progress whatsoever without "spikes."

This is an urgent matter, and we are asking every reader of this magazine who has retired from competition to help. Many ex-competitors must have spikes in good condition being unused. Send them to the secretary of the club you are (or were) associated with. Return them to the sport and give our youth a chance under the emergency! If lost contact with a club, advertise in these columns. Help the sport!

The figures reproduced are not quite accurate, fractions of seconds are knocked off and on at each lap to make easy reading and assimilation. His time at ten miles was 50 mins. 40 3-5 seconds, which clipped 40 seconds off the previous world record of 51 mins. 20 secs., made by W. G. George at Stamford Bridge in 1884.

Shrubb ran on to take the Scottish all-comers record for one hour with 11 miles 917 yards, and completed 11½ miles in 60 minutes 32 1-5 secs.

	M. S.
1 Mile 65, 69, 74, 76	4 44
2 Miles 74, 75, 76, 75 (5 m.)	9 44
3 .. 75, 76, 76, 75 (5 m. 2 s.)	14 46
4 .. 76, 75, 76, 78 (5 m. 3 s.)	19 51
5 .. 76, 76, 76, 77 (5 m. 5 s.)	24 56
6 .. 76, 75, 76, 76 (5 m. 3 s.)	29 59
7 .. 76, 76, 77, 77 (5 m. 6 s.)	35 5
8 .. 77, 77, 79, 78 (5 m. 11 s.)	40 16
9 .. 78, 78, 77, 79 (5 m. 12 s.)	45 28
10 .. 80, 78, 79, 76 (5 m. 13 s.)	50 41

The four Edinburgh harrier clubs—Edin. Northern, Edin. Southern, Edin. Eastern, and Edinburgh—will again carry through their usual confined athletic events at New Meadowbank. Starting mid-April, the first two named clubs will decide their events each Tuesday, and the latter two each Thursday.

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Every harrier in Glasgow should be taking his sweetheart to the dance being arranged by Victoria Park A.A.C. on behalf of The Scottish Physiotherapy Hospital (Principal, T. M. Anderson).

The big event takes place at the beginning of May, 1947, in Partick Burgh (Large) Hall. Tickets, 2/6 each, from R. O'Hara, Esq., 479 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.3, or members.

PAPER CHASE

Even Bus Could Not Catch Him

Home on Army leave which coincided with his eighteenth birthday, Alex. Black of Hawkhill Harriers celebrated the occasion by winning the Dundee Youths' Championship on Saturday.

The race, an annual promotion of Thistle Harriers, was held from that club's headquarters in Cupar Street, Lochee, over a road course of 2½ miles in the Ancrum Road, Blackness district.

Black had not intended to compete, and had called into Hawks' clubrooms in Fairfield Street, off Cliffrington Road, to see his former clubmates, but was promptly chased out again by officials who knew his capabilities. With borrowed kit and shoes under his arm he set out for Lochee, running from bus stop to bus stop, finally reaching his destination without being overtaken by a bus, but just in time for the start.

Lying handy for about a third of the distance, Alex. then went into the lead and, forging steadily away, won with half-a-minute to spare.

—"Dundee Courier," 20/1/47.

London Recognition

Scots have their own athletic magazine. The "Scots Athlete," copies of which have just been sent me, has been going strong for some time and is filling a long-felt want in the North. It appears monthly, like its English counterpart, "Athletics," and runners in the South will find plenty to interest them in the reported activities of Scottish athletes. After all, it won't be long before we are meeting some of them again over the country, and with

youngsters like Alan Paterson the Scots will play an important part in Britain's team for the Olympic Games.

—London "Evening News," 14/12/46

Send Him a Membership

Summoned to vote by the division bell when he was in the Commons gymnasium yesterday, Mr. H. L. Austin (Streford — Lab.) hurried through the Chamber wearing blue running shorts and white plimsolls.

—Glasgow "Evening Times," 15/3/47.

Common-sense Lead From U.S.

Dan Ferris, secretary of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, said in New York yesterday that, speaking as a private individual, he favoured the inclusion of Germany and Japan in the Olympic Games in London.

"I have talked with a number of our ex-Service men on the subject, and they cannot see any reason why they should not be invited," Ferris said.

Ferris thought that if a number of countries appealed to Britain to invite Germany and Japan to take part "she would give in."—Reuter.

—"News of the World," 16/2/1947.

Inspiration for Women

The idea that competitive athletics was harmful for women is now proved wrong by the many competitors now married who are encouraging their own children in the sport. In fact, many such mothers are of the opinion their period of competition has proved beneficial rather than otherwise. Twenty-five years ago women were merely tolerated, if not scorned, in athletics; but England, like other countries, has now recognised them as an integral part of the sport.

—In a message from R. Taylor, Chairman, Women's A.A.A., "Athletics," Jan., 1947.

INCENTIVE OF CLUB STANDARD AWARDS

By JAMES L. LOGAN

[Many clubs hold their A.G.M. in April. Most certainly track programmes will be discussed in all clubs this month. The suggestions here put forward by James L. Logan ought to be given full consideration.—Editor.]

It is sometimes profitable to study sports other than the one which claims our closest interest and to discover any good ideas which might be borrowed and applied to our own favourite game.

The sport of time-trial cycling, for instance, has a unique advantage over all other sports where individual performance is the main feature. In this particular sport each competitor (there are often 100 of them) rides alone and unassisted and has his time faithfully recorded whether he is the fastest or slowest rider of the day.

There are several good features about this system, the chief of which is that each competitor has the satisfaction of knowing exactly how he has performed; but the one which concerns us most here is the application of the club standard idea. In the good old pre-war days, every cycling club had gold, silver, and bronze standard medals which were awarded to club members for eligible performances in either confined or open events.

These provided a continual incentive for the average cyclist, apart altogether from the normal striving after a handicap award. The standards required to qualify for each class of medal may be roughly translated into running terms by taking the mile flat as our examples. A gold would be represented by a 4 min. 25 secs.; a silver by a 4 min. 35 secs.; and a bronze by, say, a 4 min. 45 secs.

I said that the sport of cycle time-trials was unique in this matter. It is unique, however, only in the fact that the scheme can be applied in either open or confined events. In our own sport, we could apply the system of club standard performances in open competition only in the case of the field

events and the long distance road race where all the competitors initially record scratch performances and then have their times or distances adjusted by their handicap allowances. Ordinary track events, where only the scratchman covers the full distance, are obviously out of the question on this score alone, apart from the impossibility of recording individual times.

This difficulty, however, can be easily surmounted; and in a way, too, that I think would infuse new interest into ordinary club athletics. Most of our clubs feature occasional confined competitions on training nights. These certainly help to stimulate interest, but even greater enthusiasm could be engendered by staging scratch events throughout the season to enable members to qualify for standard awards. These need only embrace ordinary track events, as duly accredited performances at open meeting could be taken into account in the case of field events.

The standard medal idea, I think, is one of the best incentives to improved performances among the lesser lights in the athletic world. It gives a definite goal at which to aim, and a coveted award to record the performance; an award intrinsically slight, but more significant to the true athlete than any prize to be obtained off a big handicap at one of our super-meetings.

The S.A.A.A., of course, award bronze "standards" at the Championship meeting. But only athletes of championship or near-championship class can aspire to these, a fact which was proved at the last meeting when most of the winners just managed to beat standard time or distance. In fact, if memory serves me right, one or two champions actually failed to beat standard.

The club standards can be fixed at suitable levels. In the half-mile they

could be, say — 1st Class, 2 mins. 2 secs.; 2nd class—2 mins. 5 secs.; and 3rd class, perhaps 2 mins. 8 secs.

I know that medals (and finances, often) are in short supply and that in many instances certificates would have to be the hall-mark of the athlete's performance. The important point is that there would be a hall-mark.

Under present circumstances an athlete, after some specially careful training, can put in a series of sterling

performances only to find the luck of the handicap against him. Unless he counts 1, 2, or 3 in a race he has nothing to show for his more than usual performances. Perhaps during his bright period, if he is a miler, say, he has been doing the equivalent of 4 mins. 35 secs., instead of his customary 4 mins. 40 secs.

The testimony of his lone friend who holds the watch on training nights is apt to be his sole recognition.

NIGEL BARGE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The purpose of "The Scots Athlete" is not only to provide interesting reading matter, but to put on record all major events in Scottish athletics. This is a deliberate policy which will be appreciated more fully in time.

Various races now accepted as annual events sprang up during the war years, and records of these events have been gathered by workers and students of our sport for publication. We have recorded in other issues past winners of the Perth-Dundee Road Race and the "Kingsway" Relay Race. We are grateful to Fred Graham, loyal secretary of Maryhill Harriers, for the following brief summary.—Editor.

This handsome trophy was presented to Maryhill Harriers by Colonel Barge, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., of Armadale, Rhu, in memory of his son Nigel who was killed in the Dunkirk action.

The Maryhill Harriers Committee decided to put the trophy up for annual open competition to teams of 4 to run, 3 to count, over a five-mile road trail on the first Saturday of each year.

This year two teams—Benwell H. and Gosforth H.—from across the Border participated, and although not in the prize-list they hope to be in a more formidable position next year.

2nd January, 1943—1st Garscube H., 18 points; 1st individual, T. Gibson,

Bellahouston, 24 m. 56½ s. (15 teams, 68 runners.)

1st January, 1944—1, Maryhill H., 7 points; 1st individual, J. E. Farrell, Maryhill, 24 m. 34 s. (10 teams, 41 runners.)

6th January, 1945—1st Maryhill H., 17 points; 1st individual, H. Howard, Shettleston, 24 m. 12 s. (20 teams, 86 runners.)

5th January, 1946—1st Maryhill and Shettleston H., 11 points each; 1st individual, H. Howard, Shettleston, 24 m. 4 4-10 s. (25 team, 107 runners.)

4th January, 1947—1st Shettleston H., 12 points; 1st individual, G. Lamont, Victoria Park, 24 m. 35 s. (33 teams, 151 runners.)

DUNBARTONSHIRE A.A.A.

Youths' cross-country championship was held from Westerton on 29th March, 1947. Results:—

	Min.	Sec.
1 J. J. Duffy (Garscube) — — —	14	38
2 R. Smith (Garscube) — — —	14	42
3 F. Russell (Garscube) — — —	15	41
4 R. Morrison (Cumbernauld) — — —	15	44
5 A. McDougall (V. of Leven) — — —	15	46
6 A. Hylan (Clydesdale) — — —	15	50

The team race was won by Garscube with six points, and Cumbernauld were second with 17 points.



MASTER OF THE MILES

By ROBERT SCANLON

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Eight National Collegiate Athletic Association titles! Placing in two Olympics! Running the mile 20 times in less than four minutes ten seconds! Fastest indoor mile in the history of sport! That's Glenn Cunningham's record—the record of the greatest foot-racer of all time.

Yet, Glenn—now living quietly on a farm near Peabody, Kans.—says, "I only went out for records twice," and "when I was in school my ambition was to be a basketball star, not a runner." To add to these paradoxes, at the age of seven and a half, Glenn's small legs were twisted and horribly burned. The accident had happened in the little red school house just outside Elkhart, Kansas.

That February day in 1917, the three Cunningham brothers, Glen, Ray, and 13-year-old Floyd, had arrived early, and the unwritten law was for the first boy to lay a fire in the potbelled stove in the single school room.

As Floyd opened the stove door, he noted a bed of glowing coals left from the grange meeting of the night before. He picked up the kerosene can in the corner and poured the contents on to the coals. Glenn and Raymond were at the blackboard. The blast missed Raymond completely, but it caught Glenn in the legs. He slumped to the floor with the groans of his oldest brother in his ears. They had used gasoline lamps at the grange meeting, and someone had left the gasoline in the kerosene can. Floyd had poured that on the live coals.

When young Glenn's brain cleared, his brother Raymond was bending over him. The school room was blazing. Somehow those two boys managed to drag their half-conscious brother into the yard. They put out his blazing clothes with sand. Then, half crazed with pain, they started for home, stumbling blindly down the frozen road for three miles. Glenn's legs were burned terribly. Floyd's abdomen was burned clear through to the intestines, but somehow, the three made it home.

Then it was Mother Cunningham's turn to show her courage. While waiting for the doctor she wrapped the burns in oiled cloths, and then she prayed.

It was a long time before the doctor came out of the big room off the kitchen and when he did he shook his head, "Floyd can not live. And young Glenn, it is merely a question of time."

Nine days later Floyd died, but Glenn hung on somehow. The tissues and tendons above his right knee were burned into an ugly deformed mass. His transverse arch and the toes of his left foot were almost gone, and three weeks later, when Glenn tried to stand, his legs buckled like those of a baby. Clint, his father, helped him back into bed.

"There's only one chance of the boy ever walking again," the doctor said. "massage—hours of massage every day for months."

And the Cunninghams did massage. Clint, with his big, rough hands, weary from the heavy chores about the farm; his wife, her hands cool and tender. And then, when they could massage no longer, Glenn would hunch up in bed, his own small hands rubbing aour after hour.

Seven months later Glenn got out of bed and he walked, a funny hippety-hop step, but he was walking. Gradually he took on his share of the chores around the Cunningham farm, and he took his place in the games with the boys. That meant running, so Glenn ran—still that hippety-hop step.

Four years later, at Elkhart's county fair, Glenn came down the home stretch yards ahead of the high school's best runners—his first mile, and he ran it in five-nineteen! Pretty good for a 12-year-old, especially for one with a limp.

Still, Glenn had no ideas about being a runner. He liked all sports, but his hopes were pinned on basketball. Through grammar school and junior high he stuck to basketball. But when Coach Roy Varney, at Elkhart High, laid eyes on Glenn, he recognised his potentialities. He pulled the boy off the basketball court with its fierce broken pace, and put him under a programme designed to nurse those tender legs for track.

Coach Varney never exploited his young star. He ordered the boy to pace his field to win, never to burn it up. Once, when Glenn disobeyed that order and led his competition to the tape by some 30 yards, Varney pulled him off the team for the season.

"It's for your own good, Cunningham. You've got to watch those legs."

But Glenn never really found himself until he came under the tutelage of Coach Brutus Hamilton, at Kansas Un. Once again he spent a dull season nursing those legs, but in the spring of '32, Hamilton turned him loose in the Big Six meet. Cunningham walked away with it. Came the N.C.A.A.

Olympics try-out, and he won the right to represent his country in the Olympic 1500 metres.

About that time the story got out about Cunningham's unorthodox running. He ran the second half of his mile faster than the first; quite a change from the accepted theory of running your heart out on the first half mile and then coasting through the next quarter and a half, recuperating for the mighty sprint down the stretch. Glenn ran as fast as his rhythm would allow him the first half mile. He waited until his heart and lungs and glands were built up to the gruelling pace and then on the second half mile he ran with everything he had.

This was heresy in track theory. Many a sports' writer and coach advised Hamilton to take his boy back to the wheatfields of Kansas. After Glenn's showing in the Olympic 1500 metres their advice seemed justified—Glen, placed fourth, but then the truth came out that Glenn had contracted a bad case of tonsillitis. Through the try-outs Glenn had been earning his way by working in clammy locker rooms. Five hours of this every day, added on to some stiff running, and something had to give.

The sports' writers didn't scoff for long. After the Olympics, Glenn began hitting his pace. Another N.C.A.A. title the following spring, a couple of near record miles, and then a barn storming trip through Europe. In 13 straight races Glenn beat Europe's best on their own tracks and in their own favourite race—the 1500 metres.

That's how it was for the next seven years, never peaking for one special race, but running at top form 12 months out of the year. He did this as a married man and father of two children, as a student for a Ph.D. at New York University from 1934 through 1939, and he did this as a breadwinner holding down a job after school hours; to say nothing of 3000-mile week-end trips to the big race of the week.

Somehow this programme agreed with the "Master of the Miles." He ran the mile more than twenty times

under four minutes ten seconds—all the top runners combined can't beat this record.

"Yet," Glenn says, "in all this time I only went out for records twice. I just didn't talk in terms of records. I ran to win."

In 1936, up at Princeton, the reporters got to hounding him a little too much about Paavo Nurmi's 6:42 mile-and-a-half world record. Glenn let slip that he believed a record like that would not stand. It could be run some six seconds faster. That's all the boys needed. They let the story out last Glenn had stated he would better the Nurmi record by six seconds, so Glenn was on the spot, and he ran two seconds faster than his own prediction—six-thirty-four.

The second, and last time, Glenn allowed himself to be badgered into staking his reputation was up at Dartmouth's board track in 1938. The indoor mile stood at four-eighths-four—Glenn's own record. In the locker room just before the race he told one of the reporters he believed his record couldn't stand up very long. Someone would chop a second or two off it. That's all they needed.

Glenn objected that the Dartmouth track wasn't the best, having a lot of old boards mixed in with new, stiff, lumber, to say nothing of the fact that part of the track led through a tunnel-like arrangement under the seats. The boys insinuated that Glenn was abiding.

Well, he ran fast indoor mile in four minutes, four-and-four-tenths seconds, clipping a full four seconds off his own world record!

That race is a good example of Glenn's favourite thesis. "It isn't judgment, or pace, or the ability to sprint that makes a good runner a champion," he tells you sincerely, "it's beyond the physical—it's in his mind, his will to win. And that's the one factor that's going to cut the record for the mile down to four minutes or

less; not better tracks, finer training, or super coaches.

"When I first started to race," he goes on to prove his point, "a mile in four-twelve was something for the papers. Now," he grins, "any good runner can run under four-ten, and it isn't just because we're super-men. We're just thinking in different terms. We know the mile can be run in better time, so we run it."



CALLING SPORTS ORGANISERS.

Dear Sir,—I have long wondered at the apparent indifference of the athletic officials and organisers towards promoting many more class meetings during the summer months.

If Scotland is to put up any show at all in the international fixtures it must buckle down to some hard training, and an essential part of that training is the running, at week-ends, of meetings where the athlete has a chance to compete against the cream of the athletic world.

Apart from the Glasgow Rangers' sports, Scotland offers no attraction to the English athlete, and precious little to the Scots.

Last season I looked, in vain, for a meeting which offered such events as the javelin, 120 yards hurdles, 440 hurdles, hop-step-and-jump, etc. All I could see was a succession of dull handicap meetings with little else but the usual flat events. I exclude from this, of course, the Universities and Scottish Championships.

The A.A.A.s have asked for more field events. Back up, Scotland, give 'em them. I'm sure we have a great wealth of talent in our midst, and I think it's time we did something about it.—I am, sir, yours truly,

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EASTERN CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE

Reviewed by Charles Donnet

Competition is the life-blood of our sport! Without it we languish and fail.

This was never more true than in the early days of the recent war when the call-up was denuding many clubs of their store of talent, and officialdom was in the process of hibernating for the duration.

It was at this time that the Eastern Cross-Country League, a pre-war promotion long dead, was reborn in the active minds of the Dundee harrier clubs, particularly that of Jim Brannan, the "livewire" of Dundee sport.

Invitations to compete were sent to the various Army, Navy, and Air Force units in the district and the response was immediate and almost overwhelming. Soon regular monthly races were taking place between teams from the different units and the local harrier and University clubs, with as many as 100 runners in some races.

Handsome dividends were soon forthcoming, as a glance at the records will show.

The Dundee team finished third in the S.C.C.A. championship, the unofficial National, in 1941-42, Allan Haddow of R.A.F., Leuchars, being first man home, with Jim Brannan 6th, and young Phil Donnachie 9th.

The following year, Dundee again had the honour of taking the individual championship through Jim Brannan.

Team performances, although not so brilliant, nevertheless showed up well, proving that the experience being gained in the monthly League Races was being put to good use.

In the S.C.C.A. championships from 1942 to 1945 the Dundee team was never out of the first four.

Coming to the current season, we find that the full fruit is now being harvested, as every member Club of the Eastern League has figured in the honours list. In both the Eastern Cham-

pionship Relay and the Eastern Junior Championship, the first three teams to finish are members of the Eastern League and they also have an almost complete monopoly of the individual honours. Kirkcaldy Y.M. won the Y.M.C.A. Championship, whilst H.M.S. Condor won the British Naval Air Stations Championship, and R.N.A.T.E. were 3rd in the Seniors Championship at Chatham, taking the individual honour through D. Lucas.

By the way, it's a safe bet that we will hear a lot more about Lucas in the years to come.

The first race of the present series was held in Dundee on 16th November, 1946, over a 5-mile course and resulted in a win for Dundee Thistle with 60 points, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. having 77 points, and H.M.S. Condor 83 points, Hawkhill 122 points, and R.N.A.T.E. Rosyth 156 points. The first three individuals were C. Robertson (Thistle), A. Donaldson (Condor), and D. Lucas (Rosyth).

The second race, a 6-miler from Kirkcaldy on 14/12/46, resulted in Kirkcaldy Y.M. winning with 59 points as against the Thistle's 72 points, with Condor close behind in third place with 76 points, Rosyth and Hawkhill having 147 points and 180 points respectively. This race was chiefly notable for the brilliant running of 17-year-old D. Lucas (Rosyth), who finished 1st, with C. Robertson (Thistle) close behind, followed by J. Preston (Kirkcaldy).

The third race (5 miles) from Arbroath took place in deplorable weather conditions of gale and stinging sleet on 11/1/47. H.M.S. Condor took full advantage of their knowledge of the course and finished worthy winners with 78 points, Hawkhill being runners-up on this occasion with 82 points, Kirkcaldy and Thistle slipping back a bit with 97 points and 109 points respectively, Rosyth bringing up the rear with 162 points. Hawkhill had the first two men home in W. Robert-

son and D. Taylor, with G. Wright (Condor) third.

The League table then stood as follows:—

Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.	233 points
H.M.S. Condor	236 "
Thistle Harriers	241 "
Hawkhill Harriers	384 "
R.N.A.T.E. Rosyth	465 "

and the individual championship:—C. Robertson (Thistle) 5 points, D. Lucas (Rosyth) 4 points, W. Robertson (Hawkhill) 3 points.

The fourth and last League race of the season, from Lochee Baths, Dundee, on 8th February, 1947, was in the nature of a disappointment, as owing

to travelling and other difficulties only two teams participated. The extremely heavy snowfall compelled an alteration of course and the five miles race was confined to the road, resulting in a win for Thistle, with 30 points; to H.M.S. Condor's 50. Charlie Robertson (Thistle), once again led the way home, followed by P. Donnachie (Thistle), and G. Wright (Condor).

This result gave Thistle both team and individual League Championship titles for 1946-47.

In conclusion, may I propose a toast: To the Eastern Cross-Country League, may its future be as profitable as its past.

South Western Junior Championship

By GEORGE PICKERING

(Hon. Secy., S.W. Dist., N.C.C.U.)

The South Western District Seven-Miles Junior Championship was held at Ayr on Saturday, 1st February, 1947. Eight teams representing Auchmountain, Doon, Wellpark, Glenpark, Kilmarnock, Kilbarchan, Renfrew Y.M.C.A., and West Kilbride, with three individuals from Ayr and one from Johnstone Y.M.C.A., faced the starter.

At the start J. Reid, West Kilbride, went into the front, followed closely by J. Fisher of the local club. As the runners came into view at the end of the first lap it was seen that Reid was still leading, with W. McLean (Glenpark) and Fisher close behind. Fisher was running fairly easy, and it looked as if he was the only one who might give Reid a run for it. But it was not to be. Fisher did get on level terms with Reid, but an old foot injury reasserted itself and this allowed Reid to romp home followed by McLean 100 yards behind, with Fisher, who was limping, a good third.

Individual Result

- 1st—J. Reid, West Kilbride—38.51
- 2nd—W. McLean, Glenpark—39.11
- 3rd—J. Fisher, Ayr A.A.C.—39.35

Team Championship went to Auchmountain, beating West Kilbride by 24 points, with Glenpark third. Placings:—

- 1st—Auchmountain (J. McKinnon 4, W. Stewart 6, S. Bownes 7, J. Richardson 8, A. McLean 12, J. McLean 14)—51 points.
- 2nd—West Kilbride (J. Reid 1, J. Park 10, T. Reid 11, J. McKie 17, G. Houston 15, A. Westworth 21)—75 points.
- 3rd—Glenpark (W. McLean 2, W. Williamson 3, J. McNab 13, J. Blackwood 19, I. McCall 20, R. Delussy 25)—80 points.
- 4th—Kilbarchan (5, 22, 26, 30, 33, 39)—155 points.
- 5th—Doon—(9, 28, 32, 34, 40, 42)—185 points.
- 6th—Renfrew Y.M.C.A.—(24, 31, 44, 48, 49, 50)—246 points.

When winning the South-Western Championship at Ayr, Auchmountain only fielded 10 men—comprising nine former club novice champions and their President. A unique record! The President, by the way, failed to make the counting six.

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Heard at the handicap:—

"Give me five minutes more!"

Eastern District Junior Championships

By M. STEWART (Hon. Secy., Eastern Dist., N.C.C.U.)

The 37th Eastern District Junior Championship for the Fraser Trophy was held from Dr. Guthrie's School, Liberton, Edinburgh, on 1st February, 1947.

Ten teams with a total of 85 runners were started off on their seven-mile journey by Mr. W. McKenzie, Deputy Headmaster of the School. The trail was laid over a three-mile course, which was covered twice, with an extra circuit of about a mile in the first lap. Conditions underfoot were very treacherous owing to a hard frost after a thin powdering of snow.

After the first quarter-mile of road, C. Robertson of Dundee Thistle went to the front, followed by W. Robertson, Hawkhill; R. G. Strachan, Rovers; D. Taylor, Hawkhill; E. Clarke, Kirkcaldy; and P. Donnachie, Thistle. At two miles C. Robertson was leading Taylor and Strachan by 100 yards, and was running very confidently.

At the start of the second lap, after 4 miles, the lead had increased to 175 yards, with Taylor and Strachan still running together, followed closely by Clarke, Donnachie, W. Robertson, and J. G. Gray, Rovers.

At this point Dundee Thistle were in a good position for team honours with 5 men inside 13, with Kirkcaldy showing good packing with 6 inside 23, and Hawkhill, Rovers, and University fighting for third place.

Running easily, C. Robertson finally ran out a winner by 170 yards from D. Taylor, with R. G. Strachan third, 100 yards farther behind.

The result of the team contest remained in doubt for quite a time,

Kirkcaldy finishing with 95 points, and Dundee Thistle counting 41 points for five men, but with no sign of a sixth. However, the fears of the Thistle supporters were finally set at rest when their man appeared in the 45th position to give them the first place with 86 points. Hard luck, Kirkcaldy!

Individual Result

- 1—C. Robertson, Thistle—43m. 32s.
- 2—D. Taylor, Hawkhill—44m. 5s.
- 3—R. G. Strachan, Rovers—44m. 26s.
- 4—E. Clarke, Kirkcaldy—44m. 53s.
- 5—W. Robertson, Hawkhill—45m. 4s.
- 6—P. Donnachie, Thistle—45m. 10s.

Team Result

- 1—Dundee Thistle (C. Robertson 1, P. Donnachie 6, C. Donnet 7, W. Byrne 13, N. Ewen 14, N. Young 45)—86 points.
- 2—Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (E. Clarke 4, J. Peacock 15, J. Preston 17, W. E. Duncan 18, J. Ritchie 19, J. Bell 22)—95 points.
- 3—Dundee Hawkhill (D. Taylor 2, W. Robertson 5, J. S. McKenzie 16, N. Scott 20, J. Davidson 30, G. Haskett 33)—106 points.
- 4—Edinburgh University—9, 11, 20, 27, 28, 34—135 points.
- 5—Rover Scouts—3, 8, 12, 23, 55, 56—157 pts.
- 6—Edinburgh Southern—10, 21, 24, 31, 44, 47—177 points.
- 7—Edinburgh Eastern—39, 40, 60, 62, 68, 69—328 points.

SCOTTISH MARATHON CLUB

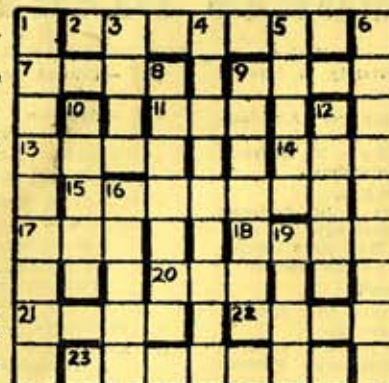
The Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Marathon Club was held on Friday, 14th March.

Officials for ensuing season were elected thus:—Hon. President, G. S. Barbour; President, D. McL. Wright (Maryhill H.); Vice-President, A. Gold (Garscube H.); Hon. Secretary, R. Devon "Cruachan," 15 Earnock Ave., Motherwell (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.); Hon. Treasurer, J. Walker (St. Modan's A.A.C.); Captain, J. MacNamara (Maryhill H.); Vice-Captain, E. Paton (Clydesdale H.).

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- 23—They are experienced (7).



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- 5—Surpass (5).
- 8—Important to keep this when at "Get set" (7).
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- 12—Keyed-up (5).
- 16—Animal (5).
- 19—Not distant (4).

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