

# WEATHERHEAD AND KNOX TAKE THE CARROT

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An appetising carrot was dangled in front of the runners in Saturday's contest between the Scottish Cross-country Union and the Scottish Universities. The first two home would compete in Barcelona next Sunday.

And so the match, held at Heriot-Watt University's playing fields at Paties Road, became much more than just a chummy team contest where the only concern is getting six of your own team in higher position than six of your opponents'. It developed into an enthralling man-to-man encounter in which the colour of the vest in front meant very little.

## Biting wind

Adrian Weatherhead, the 26-year-old former Heriot-Watt runner, made the most of his local knowledge by leading virtually from start to finish of the one-and-a-half mile course, which they covered four times. He has an unusual prancing action, one that looked as if it might let him down in the later stages, when he tends to start running on the spot.

He was being harried considerably by Eddie Knox and Gareth Bryan-Jones in conditions that

would have deflated a lesser competitor. "The wind was cutting me in half, but when I looked round the gap wasn't closing at all," Weatherhead said after the race.

He swept over the finishing line 20 yards ahead of a fast-closing Knox, with Bryan-Jones third, but two minutes later there was a shock for Knox. He was disqualified for not wearing a number. His initial reaction was unprintable, but he then followed that up with "It's my favourite trick." Apparently Knox has a habit of overlooking this footery but necessary detail.

Anyway, his lapse did not stop his selection for Barcelona. He and Weatherhead, along with Dick Wedlock, who was a non-starter on Saturday, will form a strong Scottish team next Sunday.

In the match the S.C.C.U. beat the Universities by the biggest possible margin, filling the first seven positions. Results:—

1. A. Weatherhead (S.C.C.U.) 31min. 34sec.;
2. G. Bryan-Jones (S.C.C.U.) 31-42;
3. W. Stodart (S.C.C.U.) 31-45;
4. J. Wight (S.C.C.U.) 31-46;
5. Alex. Brown (S.C.C.U.) 31-59;
6. C. Falconer (S.C.C.U.) 32-1;
7. P. MacLagan (S.C.C.U.) 32-2;
8. A. McKean (S.U.) 32-10;
9. D. Logue (S.U.) 32-14;
10. A. Johnston (S.C.C.U.) 32-18.