

SCOTLAND

ANOTHER FINE RUN BY MOIRA O'BOYLE

THE outstanding performance on a day of biting wind was Moira O'Boyle's 500 yards victory over Evelyn McMeekin in the Intermediate 3 miles at the West v. East Women's Cross-Country match at Fauldhouse, on January 8th. Scottish Intermediate champion, Eileen Radka, indisposed, did not run, but Moira already has two substantial wins over the champion and looks good for honours even beyond the home title. Moira's mother, Noreen, who only took to the sport three years ago, represented the West in the Senior event where Christine Haskett shook off Wanda Sosinska in the closing stages and went on to a comfortable win.

1. C. Haskett (East) 24.42
2. W. Sosinska (East) 25.13
3. P. Lindsay (East) 27.13
4. S. Dunn (West) 27.25; 5. E. McCulloch (West) 27.57; 6. P. Spence (W) 28.12; 7. G. Dick (W) 28.18; 8. M. Brown (W) 29.02; 9. A. Orpiszewska (W) 29.38; 10. M. Poole (E) 29.44; 11. E. Brown (W) 30.11; 12. S. Barclay (W) 30.21; 13. G. Clapperton (E) 30.38; 14. N. O'Boyle (W) 31.06; 15. G. Mochrie (E) 33.28; 16. B. Buchanan (E) 34.18. Teams: 1, West 39; 2, East 44.

Intermediates

1. M. O'Boyle (West) 18.57; 2. E. McMeekin (West) 20.55; 3. R. Aitken (West) 20.55; 4. M. Dewar (East) 21.17; 5. Y. Smith (W) 21.20; 6. J. Higgins (W) 21.26; 7. S. McPherson (W) 21.26; 8. L. Dorrان (W) 21.29; 9. A. Dunningan (E) 21.40; 10. S. Brown (E) 21.40; 11. S. Goodfellow (E) 22.03; 12. A. Munro (W) 22.08; 13. J. Cain (E) 22.11; 14. C. McMeekin (W) 22.27; 15. A. Mullen (W) 22.32. Teams: 1, West 24; 2, East 63.

Juniors

1. A. Cherry (East) 13.21; 2. J. Will (East) 13.51; 3. A. McKenna (West) 14.04; 4. J. Eaglesham (E) 14.33; 5. M. Hood (W) 14.57; 6. H. Ward (W) 15.00; 7. J. Duncan (W) 15.03; 8. G. Brown (W) 15.10; 9. A. Robertson (E) 15.14; 10. A. Dickson (E) 15.14; 11. L. Barrett (W) 15.14; 12. E. Brownlie (W) 15.23; 13. W. Boyle (W) 15.23; 14. L. Craig (E) 15.35; 15. J. Gibson (E) 15.47. Teams: 1, West 40; 2, East 40.

Minor Girls

1. K. Robinson (E) 4.51; 2. S. McKenzie (E) 4.54; 3. J. Devlin (E) 5.01; 4. B. McLaren (W) 5.08; 5. L. Hodge (E) 5.10; 6. A. Lynn (E) 5.13; 7. A. Elder (W) 5.15; 8. K. Williams (E) 5.19; 9. K. Anderson (E) 5.20; 10. J. Hunter (E) 5.23. Teams: 1, East 25; 2, West 65.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victoria Park, who successfully promoted their first women's cross-country event last November, will stage the first Scottish Women's Road Relay Championships at Scotstoun on January 29th.

Jim Logan

MEADOWBANK PROFESSIONAL MEETING

Bert Oliver, a 19-year-old plumber from Cowdenbeath (Fife) who was an unplaced finalist in last year's "Skol" 110m dash, came good this time to win by the

comfortable margin of three metres. Oliver, highly promising and with admirable pace and style, oddly enough only got through to the final on a dead heat decision in the first round, but made no mistakes in his subsequent races. His time, off 8m, represents roughly 11.8 over the full distance, as good as the scratch man, Commonwealth Champion Bert Hutchison (a Scot now settled in Australia), accomplished in the heat.

In the other races at this Meadowbank Professional Meeting, Bob Cuthbertson and John Gray were the only runners of class. Gray's time in the 1600m is equal to around 4:06 for a full mile. The sprinting lacked sparkle and could not stand comparison with the high standard of past years. Certainly the absence of the brilliant "Flying Scot", George McNeil, through injury, did not help matters. A disturbing feature was the appearance of young runners no more than infants taking part in the Youths race. This is something for which professional authorities can take little credit and perhaps a pointer to the amateur authorities to make a serious approach into the areas concerned in order to encourage these youngsters on the right lines.

January 1st. 220y Handicap: 1, M. Murray (Barrow) (4y) 21.98 . . . 3, R. Hutchison (Australia)(scr) 22.2. 800: G. Syme (Kelty)(60m) 1:47.2. **January 3rd:** 110m "Skol" Handicap: R. Oliver (Cowdenbeath)(8m) 10.94. 440y: R. Cuthbertson (Dunfermline)(scr) 48.72. 1000m: G. Stark (Glenrothes)(15m) 2:25.6. 1600: W. Gray (Glenluce)(20m) 4:02.3. Invitation 100m: A. Lindsay (Innerleithen)(3½m) 10.52. 90m: P. Mulgrew (Edinburgh)(8½m) 9.40. Youths 1600: H. Gray (Swinton)(275m) 4:25.0.

David Keddie

NIGEL BARGE RACE

December 8th

1. R. MacDonald (Monkland) 22.35
2. P. MacLagan (Victoria Park) 22.38
3. A. Blamire (Shettleston) 22.39
4. A. McKean (Edin. Univ) 22.41; 5. A. Wight (Edin. AC) 22.43; 6. D. McMeekin (VP) 23.12; 7. A. Faulds (Clydes) 23.13; 8. A. Partridge (E. Kil) 23.15; 9. T. Wiseman (Garscube) 23.16; 10. J. Dingwall (Edin. U) 23.29; 11. H. Barrow (VP) 23.34; 12. I. Gilmour (Monkland) 23.37; 13. D. Gemmell (Clydes) 23.38; 14. C. Lennox (Glasgow Un) 23.40; 15. I. Leggatt (Clydes) 23.42; 16. I. Mitchell (VP) 23.47; 17. D. Simpson (Law) 23.49; 18. D. Logue (Glas. U) 23.56; 19. D. Lang (Glas. Police) 23.59; 20. R. Anderson (Cambuslang) 24.01; 21. P. Dollan (Clydes) 24.03; 22. A. Brown (Law) 24.07; 23. A. Reid (Glas. Un) 24.10; 24. I. Donald (Clydes) 24.16; 25. W. McDonald (VP) 24.27; 26. R. Blair (VP) 24.29; 27. J. Brennan (Mary) 24.31; 28. J. Johnstone (Law) 24.31; 29. D. Wyper (West. of Scot) 24.31; 30. S. Irvine (Glas. Pol) 24.38; 31. G. Eadie (Cambuslang) 24.39; 32. L. Smith (Gars) 24.44; 33. J. Smith (Green. Glen) 24.49; 34. H. Martin (Dumb) 24.52; 35. D. Harvey (Pasley) 24.52; 36. B. Gardner (E. Kil) 24.52; 37. R. Inglis (Cambus) 24.53; 38. R. Calderwood (VP) 24.53; 39. S. Polwart (Gars) 24.58; 40. I. Gilbert (E. Kil) 24.59. 134 finished.