

Big Events For Harriers

'Dunky' Wright Training For National Again

By ATHLON

JANUARY has its share of big events in cross-country. The Renfrewshire seven miles championship at Thornliebank and the second Eastern District League race from Redford Barracks both take place on the 16th.

On the 30th there is the Midland seven miles championship at Hamilton Park Racecourse.

After the Midland race come the other two district events on successive Saturdays—South-Western at Eglinton Castle on February 6, and the Eastern at Falkirk on the 13th. This day there is also the Ayrshire championship at Irvine, followed a week later by the third and last of the Eastern District League contests at Glencorse Barracks. A fortnight later, on March 6, the national championship will be decided at Redford Barracks.

The "national" was last run at Edinburgh ten years ago, when Maryhill H won with 83 points, Edinburgh Northern being second with 124 points, and Monkland third with 145. Redford Barracks was the venue on that occasion also.

Maryhill's First

That race marked the culmination of many years endeavour on the part of the Maryhill club. "Dunky" Wright, who had won three "nationals"—one as a Clydesdale Harrier and two as a member of the Shettleston club—joined Maryhill, and led them to their first national championship—a double.

Wright did not again win the individual title, but he played a big part in Maryhill's subsequent record series of six wins. Even last year at Lanark Wright was a counting member of the Maryhill team, which finished second, 36 points better than Springburn H.

I understand he is training steadily, so we may expect to see him in action at Edinburgh in March. Only once has this wonderful runner missed running in the national championship over the whole post-war period: that was two years ago.

Another splendid veteran whom Maryhill may be glad to call upon this year is Donald McLean, who was a member of the winning team ten years ago, when he

finished actual ninth to count sixth in the club placings.

Springburn Harriers, the national champions, have lost one of their best runners in J. Kelly, who competed in the 10 miles event at Powderhall on Saturday. The Kirkintilloch man was originally a member of St Peter's AAC, whose novice and club championships he won in his first season, 1933-4. Last year he won the Midland District championship at Hamilton, while at Lanark he was third counting man in the team which won the title, his actual placing being fourteenth.

The loss of such a useful runner may affect Springburn's chances of retaining the title, but they have D. Fyfe, the national novice champion, to take his place.

I was glad to see Peter Allwell winning the Beith Harriers team race. To beat champion J. C. Flockhart is indeed something to be proud of, especially when the victor is a runner who has had a tantalising number of second and third places these past two seasons. Having at last broken the tape in a big race, I will be disappointed if the Beith youngster does not go further ahead before the season is finished.

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BIG SHETTLESTON AMBITIONS

Can Local Harriers Scoop Pool This Year?

Harrier clubs in and around Glasgow are busy preparing for the Midland District Seven Miles Championship, down for decision at Hamilton on 30th January. Most clubs have on their cards for this week-end a race intended to be a trial for the district championship. At Gartocher Road, Shettleston Harriers hold a seven miles team race, and the results will probably determine the personnel of the team to represent the club at Hamilton.

Ambitions

Unbeaten so far this season, the Shettleston club does not conceal that it is all out to capture the premier team awards in every one of the season's events. Hope runs high among members and supporters, and there is no doubt that past displays this season and the shaping of the men at the disposal of the club for future events gives reasonable ground for confidence.

Starting off with the Victoria Park relay road race, in which, in addition to the premier team award, the team record for the course was broken, and W. Donaldson broke the record for the individual lap, the club next annexed the Novice National Team Championship. Followed the capture of the Midland District Relay Championship, and now effort is concentrating on the Midland Seven Miles Team Championship.

This race is, of course, confined to juniors—that is competitors "who have not secured a first, second, or third award or counted in the first and second teams in the Scottish National Championships, or won a senior or junior championship or counted as one of the winning team in a district championship, or competed in international cross-country contests." Twelve members will represent the club, six to count.

It is not difficult to think of six Shettleston men who will make the backbone of a very formidable team. A. Craig, W. Donaldson, J. J. McDonald, J. Whiteside are all juniors, as also are R. Thomson (who won this year's five miles handicap) and B. McLaughlan, who has been showing excellent form this season. Among recent products E. Taylor has been outstanding, while A. Hill, W. Moutrie, A. M. Hay, and D. Morrison are not far behind, and old friend T. Mitchell is not to be discounted.

An Appeal

It will be a keen race on Saturday! Members should note to be forward as near to three o'clock as possible. An appeal is again made for local lads to take part in the sport. Why not take the opportunity of seeing this race on Saturday at Gartocher Road? The time is 3 p.m.

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CROSS-COUNTRY TITLES AT STAKE

By "D. B. R."

SIXTEEN clubs have entered for the Midland District seven miles cross-country championship to be decided next Saturday at Hamilton.

Notable absentees are Shawfield, the holders, Dumbarton, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., and Uddingston. Influenza is responsible for Shawfield not competing, I understand, and the epidemic may be also partly responsible for the other absentees.

Two clubs which were not represented a year ago are entered—Canbuslang Y.M.C.A. and Carnyne.

The race is a very open one. Shettleston, I fancy, will start favourites, however. They have already chosen their team—A. Craig, W. G. Donaldson, A. Hill, J. J. McDonald, B. M'Laughlan, T. Mitchell, W. Moutrie, D. Morrison, J. A. P. Scott, E. Taylor, R. Thomson, J. Whiteside.

Donaldson, Craig, Whiteside, and McDonald are a quartette of proven ability. It was in this event a year ago that Craig ran one of his best races, when he was runner-up to J. Pelly, then of Springburn, and now a professional. All four are capable of returning fast times over the course, and should set their side in a good position.

Garscube will also be fancied. Led by J. Lardy, they are expected to do well.

W. G. Black, last year's national novice champion may prove to be Plebeian's latest man, and should find strong support from among his team mates.

Springburn should run into a place, with D. Fyfe, national novice champion, in their side, while Motherwell Y.M.C.A. will almost certainly receive a good lead from R. Simpson, the Scottish Y.M.C.A.'s champion.

The performance of West of Scotland Harriers will be watched with interest. Only beaten into second place a year ago by two points, West will field a strong representation, and it will be surprising if the team does not give a good account of itself. A. L. Spencer, A. Spencer, J. Parker, and R. I. MacDonald have all been running consistently well this season, and should capture prominent places.

I rather think, however, that of all the clubs mentioned Shettleston should have a slight advantage which should result in success.

Individual Title

The tussle for the individual title should be a thrilling one. J. Gifford, Bellahouston, is one of the most fancied candidates. Gifford, one of the most stylish runners in Scotland, won the Renfrewshire title a week ago in comfortable fashion, but he may find a strong challenge coming from Simpson, Donaldson, Black and Craig next Saturday.

Simpson has been giving splendid demonstrations of his prowess this season. The fact that he defeated A. Dow, Kirkcaldy, in the Y.M.C.A. championships not long ago, was ample proof of his worth, since Dow is considered as one of national champion J. C. Flockhart's principal rivals.

Black, too, may be seen at his best, and, if so, he is capable of returning fast time indeed.

Conditions are likely to count a lot in both team and individual contests. If the course is heavy then the more experienced runners, by good tactics, may gain a place or two on the youthful participants, who are apt to lose some of their powers of judgment. A good afternoon's sport is definitely assured.

Bellahouston are becoming one of the strongest fancies for the national championship. That convincing victory in the Renfrewshire, when they occupied first, second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth, is a record which will not be beaten for a long time.

A year ago Bellahouston were third in the National—and they had not the services of Gifford or G. Hunter. With the exception of A. Austin the club has all last season's counting six to call upon, so it is not surprising that there is great optimism Bellahouston way.

Once the District races are over it will be a more opportune time to analyse national chances, but, at the moment, no club has given such indications of strength as Bellahouston.

J. F. Wood's Come-Back

A week ago, I wrote that J. F. Wood intended making a serious come-back to athletics. He chose last Saturday to do it, and his performance was a good one—fourth in the Eastern District League race. Those ahead of him included W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern (the winner), and J. P. Laidlaw of the same club (second). Only 5.4 seconds separated Wood from Hinde, so it would appear that the Heriot's man will be well in the running for a place in the Scottish team to run at Brussels.

Considering that Wood has been out of the sport for four years, his performance was remarkable, and since it is almost certain that he will further improve, this "come-back" may prove to be of great advantage to Scotland.

J. Campbell, Bellahouston, is again getting into the condition which has won for him in the past international recognition. Campbell seems to strike his best form each season at the right time. Quite often, it is the other way round with many runners.

In not allowing A. Craig Shettleston, to run in the Renfrewshire last week, the Renfrewshire authority, was acting strictly according to rule. Craig resides inside the county, but is a member of a non-county club, therefore he was ineligible. If Craig had resided outwith the county he would have been allowed to compete.

Glasgow Harriers Too Strong For County Rivals

By ATHLON

A BUSY time for harriers lies ahead. The district championships are now upon us and for the next three Saturdays interest will centre in the work of the junior members of clubs all over the country.

The term "junior" is not one which is governed by an age limit, being simply a matter of grading according to performance. Each year the winning team of six runners, and also the individual winner, in each of the three district championships lose their junior status at the end of the season. Thus, roughly, a score of juniors become seniors each season.

Numerically the Juniors are a much larger body than the Seniors, and so it may be said that interest in the district races is more widespread than in the more important National championship.

The Midland Race

First of these seven-mile contests will take place at Hamilton on Saturday. Midland title will be at stake. On the following Saturday, February 6, the South-Western race will be run off at Eglinton Castle policies, Irvine, the scene of the first SW championship in 1930, while Eastern district honours will be decided a week later at Falkirk.

Since the old Western area was subdivided into Midland and South-Western in 1930, Midland titles, both team and individual, have been monopolised by Glasgow clubs. Hardly surprising this, as most of the clubs in the district come from within the city boundaries.

Seven races have already been decided. Only one club (Springburn) has won twice—1930 and 1933. Other successful clubs were Shettleston (1931), Plebeian (1932), Bellahouston (1934), Garscube (1935), and Shawfield (1936). All are Glasgow clubs. Only once has a Lanarkshire club got into the first three. That was in the first race of the newly-formed district in 1930, when the placings were Springburn 91, Bellahouston 110, Hamilton 182.

Not Strong Enough

Much as I would like to see the honours go to one of the Lanarkshire clubs, I am afraid none of them will prove strong enough. A year ago Motherwell YMCA finished eighth with 297 points, Hamilton following on their heels with 318 points. Other county representatives are Airdrie, Larkhall YMCA, and Monkland, none of whom can be classed as potential winners.

Shettleston have not been prominent in this race for some years. Besides their win in 1931, they have only been placed twice—third in 1932 and second in 1933. The next two years they were placed sixth, while last year they were fifth.

A steady building-up process has been going on during these blank years, and now Shettleston look like returning to the forefront. If their team runs as chosen, they will certainly be much stronger than a year ago.

Five of last year's counting six are included in Saturday's team, while in

addition to W. Donaldson and J. J. McDonald, backed up by several good novices, gives the Shettleston team quite a formidable look.

Donaldson will be running in his first district championship, but McDonald, the former St Peter's boy, who won the SAAA youths' half-mile in 1933, ran third in the Midland that same year, when J. C. Flockhart won, with J. Gifford second. McDonald seems to be getting back to his form of four years ago. I think Donaldson will be up with the leaders at the finish.

Plebeian's Hope

Plebeian's chances must also be respected. They hope to include in their team the same six who gained third place last year. They have no outstanding newcomers, but with W. G. Black to lead them they should show improvement on last year's placing.

Neither Springburn nor Garscube came up to expectations a year ago; they have plenty of room for improvement. Maryhill and Bellahouston may be coupled as having better prospects in the national than in the Midland.

Maryhill cannot field J. E. Farrell or R. McPherson of last year's team, as both became seniors through being in the Maryhill team which were runners-up to Springburn in the national at Lanark. J. Gifford's presence in the Bellahouston team should inspire the others to improve on their last year's placing, which was seventh.

Shawfield, last year's winners, have not entered a team. They have not a big membership and no doubt the task of getting together a fresh team will take some time. West of Scotland, beaten for first place last year by only two points, are able to field almost the same team, but I fancy they will find the opposition much stronger this time.

Challenging Again

I find that six of the first twelve in the individual title last year are again entered. Here they are:—A. Craig, Shettleston, 2; R. Simpson, Motherwell YMCA, 3; J. Gifford, Bellahouston, 5; T. W. Lamb, Bellahouston, 6; W. G. Black, Plebeian, 8; J. Kerr, Plebeian, 10. All are likely contenders, as also are W. Donaldson, Shettleston; A. Fyfe, Springburn; J. R. Lardy, Garscube, to name but a few of the better-known men.

Entries for the South-Western event close tomorrow with J. Rowan, 6 Lynedoch St, Greenock.

By ATHLON

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS go from strength to strength. On Saturday at Hamilton they not only won the Midland seven-mile team championship, but also supplied the individual winner in W. G. Donaldson.

This is the first time any club has won the double since the formation of the Midland District in 1930. Their winning total of 80 points is also the lowest score with which the Maley Trophy has yet been won, although Springburn's 86 points in 1933 was just as good relatively, as there were 21 teams in the race four years ago.

In recording their second win of the series (their other success was gained in 1931) Shettleston accomplished an outstanding performance, for of the 17 teams which competed there was the only one which finished a full complement of 12 men. Not only so, but their 12th man finished before some of the other teams had begun to count. Alone of all the clubs entered, Shettleston were able to field their full team, no reserves being called upon.

Plebeian Do Well

Plebeian and Maryhill, each of whom gained a place on the previous year's race, were second and third, while West of Scotland, who lost the title by a couple of points last year, dropped back to fifth place. Considering that they were without two of their best men (J. Kerr and W. Hall) Plebeian did well to finish runners-up. A year ago Kerr was ninth and Hall fifteenth.

Maryhill, who finished in third place 50 points behind Plebeian, had an entirely new team from last year. Garscube showed most improvement by gaining six places, while Bellahouston and Springburn each gained three places.

Eight In Lead

The individual title was one of the best contests of the series. At the end of the first lap (fully a mile and a half) there was a pack of eight leading the field by a few yards. This party comprised the first seven to finish, the odd man being W. Cameron, Uddingston Welfare, one of the six individual entrants.

Next time round (about 4½ miles), the leading quartet were Donaldson, Black, Hardy, and Simpson. Thirty yards behind came Gifford, with clubmate Lamb another 20 yards further in the rear, followed at an interval of 100 yards by A. Craig, last year's runner-up.

At this point the team issue obviously lay between Shettleston and Plebeian, with the former, who had five men in the first 20, better placed.

On the final circuit Donaldson and Black soon drew clear of Simpson and Hardy, and over the last two miles fought their novice championship battle of last season. This time, however, the tables were turned, and Donaldson ran out a splendid winner by 60 yards.

An International?

The winner who is now located in Glasgow, was employed for a number of years in Glendaruel, Argyllshire, but belongs to Clydebank. Earlier in the season I predicted that he would run for Scotland at Brussels in March. Bar accidents, I think he is sure to do so, while he will be a serious contender for national championship held by his clubmate and training companion J. C. Flockhart in winning Midland District honours at the first attempt. Donaldson has emulated the champion, who was successful over the same course four years ago.

R. Simpson, Motherwell YMCA, on the other hand, was making his sixth attempt on the individual title, but had to be content with third place, as last year, while J. Gifford the SAAA three miles champion, also finished in the same position as a year ago—fifth.

International Charlie Smith had an easy



task in retaining the Dundee Hawkhill title. Illness was responsible for the absence of a number of leading contenders, including elder brother John Suttie Smith. The course was snow-covered, and the conditions generally trying.

MIDLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Individual Placings.

	Points
1. W. G. Donaldson Shettleston H.	41
2. W. G. Black Plebeian H.	42
3. R. Simpson Motherwell YMCA H.	42
4. J. R. Lardy Garscube H.	42
5. J. Gifford Bellahouston H.	42
6. T. W. Lamb Bellahouston H.	43
7. A. Craig Shettleston H.	43
8. A. L. Spencer W. of Scotland H.	43
9. J. Wilkie Plebeian H.	43
10. T. Moffat Plebeian H.	43
11. D. Fyfe Springburn H.	43
12. J. Parker West of Scotland H.	43

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Maley Trophy.)

1. Shettleston H. (W. Donaldson 1, A. Craig 7, A. Hill 16, J. Whiteside 17, J. J. McDonald 18, R. Thomson 21)—80 points.	1. A. Craig
2. Plebeian H. (W. G. Black 2, J. Wilkie 9, T. Moffat 10, A. Robertson 19, H. Wilkie 32, H. Graham 36)—108 points.	2. J. J. McDonald
3. Maryhill H. (J. Nelson 15, G. Porteous 14, R. Osborne 24, A. Coogan 27, J. Murnith 38, H. Scoles 42)—158 points.	3. H. Graham
4. Bellahouston H. (J. Gifford 5, T. W. Lamb 6, G. Bell 15, A. Dickie 47, J. M. Lindsay 50, S. Benzie 53)—180 points.	4. J. M. Lindsay
5. West of Scotland H. (A. L. Spencer 8, J. Parker 12, T. Croden 30, R. I. MacDonald 30, I. Haddow 48, A. Spencer 54)—192 points.	5. R. I. MacDonald
6. Garscube H. (J. R. Lardy 4, J. Fleming 28, T. Gourlay 33, G. B. Russell 44, R. D. Phoenix 45, T. Simms 67)—231 points.	6. J. R. Lardy
7. Springburn H. (D. Fyfe 11, W. A. Strathern 20, J. Dunn 29, J. Brunkins 51, P. Gemmell 72, R. Kinloch 87)—270 points.	7. W. A. Strathern
8. Motherwell YMCA H. (R. Simpson 5, J. L. Ferguson 22, T. R. Milne 31, T. I. McGlynn 39, W. D. McGowan 78, R. Devon 94)—287 points.	8. R. Simpson
9. Victoria Park AAC (A. Forbes 23, R. Rogers 25, J. S. Oswald 43, D. E. Thomson 53, J. Blackstock 77, W. Jenkins 80)—301 points.	9. A. Forbes
10. Hamilton H. (T. Hunter 34, A. Wardlaw 41, J. Brownlie 46, A. Robertson 65, J. D. Hills 66, J. G. Scott 97)—349 points.	10. A. Robertson
11. Glasgow University H. and H. (J. D. Bluning 49, J. C. Gray 50, R. Taylor 56, H. Garsly 83, W. A. McBride 91, G. Kirkwood 107)—436 points.	11. J. C. Gray
12. Airdrie H. (R. L. Lawson 61, John Marshall 70, C. Hannah 81, J. McGilchrist 82, James Marshall 137, T. Calder 147)—384 points.	12. R. L. Lawson
13. Clydebank H. (T. Sinclair 62, A. McLean 93, C. Middel 102, W. Wilkinson 114, D. Macdonald 115, A. Shanks 117)—533 points.	13. T. Sinclair
14. Larkhall YMCA H. (J. Giesbie 71, J. McMillan 76, J. Steel 119, T. White 120, W. Perrie 125, H. Kirkpatrick 126)—637 points.	14. J. Giesbie
15. Monkland H. (J. Clelland 37, J. Tennant 113, R. Taylor 118, H. Ryder 123, J. Lewis 128, A. James 141)—650 points.	15. J. Clelland
16. Canbuslang YMCA H. (D. Burns 62, J. Black 82, J. Stewart 112, G. Pickering 122, J. Gibson 139, T. Muir 145)—672 points.	16. D. Burns
17. Carnyne AAC (R. Semple 85, P. Crawford 109, J. Cullen 130, D. Y. Dunn 149)—Team incomplete.	17. R. Semple

The individual entrants finished as follows:—W. Cameron, Uddingston Welfare AAC, 33; J. Redman, Glasgow YMCA AC, 45; R. Hutchison, Olympe H. 60; A. Hutchison, Olympe H. 81; T. A. Strachan, Glasgow YMCA AC, 108.

Beith Harriers May Retain Title

By "D. B. R."

BEITH are the holders of the South-Western District seven miles cross-country championship, which will be decided in the Eglinton Policies next Saturday, and the club may quite well retain the honour, since it is in a position to field a well-balanced team.

Led by J. Barr, who was second in the National Novice championship this season, the Beith men should find inspiration from his running. T. J. McAlister, that well-known, many-distanced track exponent, is also in the side.

Irvine Y.M.C.A. were second last year, and Kilbarchan third, and it is probable that they will be strong challengers for honour.

Irvine have J. B. Ferguson in their side, and he is running well at present. He captured his club's championship recently. Other capable men who will represent Irvine are W. H. McCulloch—a former club champion—D. W. Aldie and G. S. Pringle.

Kilbarchan will miss the services of W. Kennedy this year. Kennedy won the individual title last year, and thus cannot take part in the race again. R. Kerr, however, is expected to be well up with his leaders.

The two Greenock clubs—Glenpark and Wellpark—and Ardeer cannot be left out of the reckoning, as all three will have able performers representing them.

For the individual title J. Barr will be most fancied, and if he strikes his best form he should win, but the margin he may hold at the finish is not likely to be a big one. J. B. Ferguson should run him close.

Nine clubs have entered for the contest, and three individuals.

Eastern Claims

Judging by performances which are being put up in the East these days, it looks as though there is going to be keen rivalry between Eastern and Western runners for places in the Scottish team. It is only at this stage of the season and after that there is a real opportunity to study the form of our leading men, as training routines differ so much that some athletes are ready early, while others depend on attaining the best condition only when the actual tests are due.

In the East this season, fighting for international honours, and with good hopes of putting forward strong claims, are, among one or two others, W. Hinde and J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern; J. F. Wood, Heriot's; A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.; A. Hay, Dundee Thistle; D. C. Smith, Dundee Hawthill; and who knows but that J. S. Smith may also be in the running.

There are others, too, but the names men-

tioned are well enough known for noted performances as to make their claims to honours something which cannot be treated lightly.

In the West it is difficult to surmise all that may happen. There is a host of good men this year who might better all their individual best performances.

J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston, of course, seems to be in a class by himself in Scotland when he strikes his best form; but of many others there are no definite indications how the differences may work out.

A few of the West men who may quite well land in the first 12 at Redford are R. Simpson, Motherwell; J. Gifford, Bellahouston; W. Donaldson, Shettleston; W. G. Black, Plebeian; D. Fyfe, Springburn; J. Campbell, Bellahouston; P. J. Alwell and W. C. Murdoch, Beith; J. Freeland, Hamilton; W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan, and J. E. Farrell, Maryhill.

There are also the Anglo-Scots to consider—R. R. Sutherland and W. C. Wylie—so it would appear that our national individual title race this season is going to be a thrilling one—and it would not surprise me if several of those I have mentioned were beaten back by younger and lesser-known runners, whose performances up to the present have only been average.

Surprises Frequent

Cross-country running is a sport in which surprises are so frequent that the enthusiast can never be sure of what is going to happen, and when the enthusiast is also a participant then it is even more difficult to know how a race is going to work out.

One night this week, in a suburb of the city, a motor-car in which I was travelling almost ran into a bunch of harriers who were running on the road—not on the footpath.

Fortunately, the car was not being driven fast, and the driver—with nothing to spare—managed to pull up and bear into the centre of the road to safety. On roads where there is little lighting, harriers should take the utmost care to keep on the footway or as close to the left as possible. Within recent memory a fatality occurred in Glasgow in which a harrier was killed.

Club officials should impress upon their members the need for care, especially upon youths, who are not experienced in the way of night running.

HARRIER CLUB NOTES

Poor Entry For West Junior Title

By "GGROE"

LIKE the Midland race on Saturday, the South-Western District Junior Championship, to be held at Eglinton Policies, Irvine, on Saturday, has attracted a very poor entry.

Only nine teams will compete, and, as runners-up last year, Irvine Y.M.C.A. are being discussed as the most probable lot to succeed to Beith's title. The Irvine team is well balanced, if not individually brilliant, and there is good reason for their optimism. Their last success was in the inaugural event in 1930, since when, only Beith have won the title twice.

Last year's winners, Beith, have quite a good "second year" team, and are quietly hopeful. Their leader, James Barr, who was runner-up in this season's National Novice, is favoured to win the individual crown. Among his more prominent rivals are J. B. Ferguson and W. H. McCulloch, Irvine; P. McLaren, Wellpark; H. McClymont, Ayr; and H. Brown, Doon.

Edinburgh-Glasgow Race

Invitations are now out for the annual Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race, and I understand the entry will be on the lines of last season. Beith Harriers, who have been cornering the senior honours in the South-West, are expected to be running this time.

The question of setting a time limit, to a stage just before Glasgow, is one that will receive the attention of the promoters. In previous contests, the experience of clubs lagging so far behind the leaders as to make them a burden to organisers and traffic controllers, has prompted this suggestion, and no one should grumble if such a new rule is introduced.

Anent the international, I have just received a plan of the course at Stockel Hippodrome. It is pretty much on the lines of the trail laid for the last time this blue riband of cross-country running was held at the same venue.

There will be no bad obstacles on the course, and only a few hedges. The plough has been entirely eliminated, and I am also informed that there will be no paving or hard surfaces. At one point of the trail there will be an ascent of fifty metres, and this part will be covered three times during the race.

Favours Fast Running

Spectators will secure an excellent view of the race practically all the way. From the plan of the course it is evident that it will be a fast run race, favouring the Continental teams in their style of running. In such a case it is up to the Scottish N.C.C.U. committee to assure us of a fast course at Edinburgh on March 6.

Any Scots who intend entering for the English championship, to be run at Stratford-upon-Avon, may get particulars by writing L. N. Richardson, "Norcross," Lynton Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire. I don't suppose that any of our clubs will be thinking of sending down a team but if they are, the fee is one guinea. Individual entrants are charged five shillings, and the last date for receiving entries is Monday, March 1.

TRAINER WANTED

A well known harrier club desire a club trainer. Applicants please write to G. D. Murgetroyd, 148 Glenhead Street, Glasgow, N.W.

IRVINE HARRIERS COME OUT ON TOP

South-West District Title Success

By "Lapwing"

LOCAL boys made good at Eglinton Castle Policies, Irvine, yesterday, when Irvine Y.M.C.A. won the South-Western District seven miles cross-country championship by a margin of 64 points over Greenock Wellpark Harriers.

Irvine "packed" well, right from the start, and never looked like losing grip.

Ardeer Recreation Club finished third, 25 points behind the runners-up, but if their last two men had been nearer the standard of their four leaders, the Stevenston club would have been much higher up the table.

The individual title was won in runaway fashion, but not by the man who was generally expected to win. After his novice, and club championship form, J. Barr, Beith, was considered to have a very bright chance of winning his district championship, but he was completely outpaced by W. Fulton, of Ardeer Recreation Club.

In the first breakaway, Fulton moved to the front, ahead of Barr and the others, and at two miles he was running 30 yards ahead of the Beith star.

To prove that his margin was no fluke, Fulton built up a lead of almost 200 yards at half distance, and at that stage he appeared much fresher than Barr, who was pressed to keep ahead of R. Kerr, Kilbarchan.

Over the second circuit Barr strived in vain to completely close the gap, and Fulton breasted the tape an easy winner by over 160 yards.

TEAM PLACINGS

1. Irvine Y.M.C.A. (D. W. Aldie 4, M. Ferguson 6, G. S. Pringle 7, W. H. McCulloch 18, W. Fulton 19, J. B. Ferguson 27), 75 points.
2. Greenock Wellpark (T. McLaren 5, T. H. Harrower 20, J. Ritchie 25, J. G. Taylor 26, J. Sinclair 30, A. Wallace 33), 139 points.
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Garscube Harriers May Win Again

By "D. B. R."

THE inter-club cross-country contest between the Glasgow West-end clubs will be held at Westerton next Saturday. The race will be over seven miles, and the competing clubs will be Garscube, Victoria Park, Clydesdale, Glasgow Y.M.C.A. and probably Glasgow University.

Garscube won the contest a year ago, and they will be strongly fancied to do so again.

Victoria Park should put forward a good challenge, however, and the other clubs competing will all be strongly represented.

With conditions 14 to run and eight to count, this annual event gives a good opportunity to young runners included in the teams to gain valuable experience, and experience of open competitive running counts a great deal in bringing out the ability in the young athlete.

It was apparent in last Saturday's race at Hamilton that quite a few of the competitors were badly lacking in judgment and knowledge of their own capabilities. While it is correct to state that a runner must be quick mentally in the early stages of a race to arrive at some sort of understanding as to what the policy or tactics of others is going to be, it must also be appreciated by the competitor that he has—and should know—his own limitations.

It is only by experience that these limitations can be handled in a manner which curtails them to a minimum, but experience can be attained much more quickly if the athlete gives a little study to his own handicaps, both mental and physical. It is seldom that this is done seriously, however, in this country. Haphazard running sometimes brings success, but studied running is more deserving of it—and more often brings reward. To self-analyse is valuable, but it cannot be done during the progress of a race. It must be done afterwards, and self-analysis as regards racing must not be defined as "recognising one's failings, but as recognising the failings and endeavouring to find the best ways and means of overcoming them.

A Shettleston Star

The running of W. Donaldson, Shettleston, in the "Midland," which he won in confident fashion, was a good example of studied running. He had W. G. Black, Plebeian, and R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., as his chief challengers, and both he knew to be determined opponents. At an appropriate time he opened out a little to see what kind of response there would be, and still feeling comfortable, he kept up a steady pace which the others could not contend with easily, and ran out winner by some 60 yards.

It would appear that the many tributes which Shettleston "fans" have been paying recently regarding Donaldson have been well and truly justified, and the possibility of his finding a place in the Scottish team is a very definite one.

The Shettleston club is having a wonderful season. Already the Midland ten-miles relay, seven miles, and national novice titles have been annexed; so now, they say at Gartocher Road, all is well for the national championship. And why not?

An interesting event before then, however, will be the Shettleston Club championship, when J. C. Flockhart and Donaldson will meet. Donaldson is expected to give the national champion a close race for the honour.

Jack Gifford, Bellahouston, did not do so well as many enthusiasts hoped he would do in the "Midland." The difficult conditions may not have suited him, but nevertheless I expected the Bellahouston man to be more prominent than he was—though fifth is a prominent position.

Gifford must be one of the busiest athletes in Scotland. He is a regular competitor during the track season, and when cross-country begins he is active almost at once. Frankly, it is on the track that I like the Bellahouston man best.

The International Contest

The International this year at Brussels is expected to be a very fast race, as the course, I understand, will not be dotted with difficult obstacles and there will be no "plough." Everything possible is going to be done to make the race a sporting event which will attract a lot of attention, and spectators will be assured of a clear view of the runners over practically the whole course.

When the Scottish authorities decided to hold the championships at Lanark a year ago, it was freely stated that they had in view the fact that the Lanark course would be more similar to the Blackpool course—where last season's International was staged—than Hamilton, which had become accepted as the "home" of the Scottish championships. This year the championships will be decided at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, and it is to be hoped that the course to be run there will bear as much resemblance as possible to that at Brussels.

Entries for the English championship at Stratford-on-Avon close on March 1. It is unlikely that there will be much response from our home runners, as the international contest comes soon after the English championship, and our leading men may not be keen to take any risks of overdoing things by competing in the Scottish, English, and international in the space of three weeks.

J. C. Flockhart, however, may decide to make the journey South. The last time he competed for the English title he ran a very fine race to obtain second place. R. R. Sutherland and W. C. Wyllie, however, the two noted Anglo-Scots, will almost certainly take part in the Stratford-on-Avon race.

By ATHLON

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS are "all set" for the most successful season in their history. Already they have won all three team championships open to them. Beginning with the national novice title, they have since added the two Midland district events—ten-mile relay and seven-mile. They have only to win the national championship next month to place yet another record to their credit.

Winning the national title, however, is not going to be an easy task for Shettleston or any other club.

It is four years since Shettleston last won the national. Maryhill had then set up their record sequence of six wins when in 1933, J. C. Flockhart joined Shettleston and led them to their fifth national team title—their first since 1924.

Rival To Flockhart

The Shettleston club championship takes place in a fortnight. Flockhart, who has held the title for the past four years, will find a foe worthy of his steel in W. G. Donaldson, the new Midland champion. From this race we will be able to get a line on the East Enders' chances at Redford Barracks on March 6. When the race was last run there (1927) Shettleston finished eighth, scoring 372 points against Maryhill's winning total of 83.

Whereas Maryhill still have two of their 1927 team in active service (D. McL. Wright and Donald McLean), Shettleston will have an entirely new list from which to select their team. Pity they have not this season had the services of W. Sutherland through illness. He would have been a valuable man in the big test which lies ahead. They will, however, be stronger at Redford Barracks than they were at Lanark last season, when their counting six were:—J. C. Flockhart 1, W. Sutherland 4, J. C. Ross 14, W. Donaldson 31, T. Mitchell 60, W. Shearer 66—176 points. Two of their best juniors, A. Craig and J. Whiteside, did not run in the Lanark race, but should be valuable recruits this year. Sutherland's place should be adequately filled by Donaldson, while valuable assistance ought to be forthcoming from A. Hill, J. J. McDonald, and R. Thomson.

Glasgow Dominance

Last year the first five clubs in the "national" were drawn from Glasgow, the order being Springburn 1, Maryhill 2, Bellahouston 3, Plebeian and Shettleston (equal) 4. Then came Dundee Thistle, followed by Edinburgh Southern.

Springburn, Maryhill, and Bellahouston are no less strong than a year ago. We will be better able to pass an opinion about Thistle and Southern after the Eastern District race at Falkirk on February 13. Edinburgh Northern, winners two years ago, were only tenth last year, but, with J. P. Laidlaw in the team once more, considerable improvement may be looked for.

In any case, while Shettleston look like being strongly represented, it would be a mistake to couple their name too closely with the championship just yet.

Laying The Trail

On Saturday at Hamilton I learned from one of the officials that some of the trail stewards had taken exception to something I had written at the time of the Midland relay championship at the same venue earlier in the season. My reference was to three runners having gone off the trail on the final circuit. It seems that the trail stewards took this as a reflection on the way they had carried out their duties. If so, they are quite wrong. The fact that the leading runner had no trouble in following the course surely indicates that no blame was attached to the stewards on duty.

No one has a higher regard for the valuable services rendered by trail stewards than the writer. It is one of those thankless but very essential tasks carried out by enthusiasts at all big races, and very often, as on Saturday, under extremely severe weather conditions.

The late entry of Kilmarnock Harriers for the South-Western District seven miles championship at Eglinton Castle police brings the total entry for Saturday's race up to 10 teams—the same as last year.

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS ON TOP

Glorious Victories In Midland Championship

The results of the Midland District Seven Miles Cross-Country Championship at Hamilton last Saturday gladdened the hearts of members and supporters of Shettleston Harriers, who registered a double triumph.

Record Pointage

The club won the team championship with a record pointage of 80, demonstrating in convincing manner its superiority over all rivals. Shettleston also supplied the individual champion, in the person of William Donaldson, who, it will be remembered, made record time in the Victoria Park relay race.

Seventeen teams and 250 runners faced the starter. Conditions were, literally, "not so hot." A bitterly cold wind swept down the course, and during the progress of the race snow fell quite heavily. The condition of the ground, however, was quite firm without being hard.

Congratulations must go to Donaldson, who led the team to victory in a well-judged race. Allowing the pace to be made for him for the greater part of the course, only towards the end did he take the lead to win by a comfortable margin of sixty yards.

When it is remembered that his

rivals included W. G. Black (Plebeians), the much-fancied R. Simpson (Motherwell), and J. Gifford (Bellahouston), his victory gives a significant pointer to his probable position in the Scottish National Championship at Edinburgh in a month's time.

So far as the Shettleston team is concerned (and this includes the non-counting runners as well) its performance was excellent in every respect. Even the twelfth man had finished before some of the other teams had begun to count!

The greatest feature of the race, indeed, was provided by a non-counting Shettleston runner who, when he heard of the double victory of his club, gave vent to shouts of delight—typical of the team spirit which animates the whole membership of the club!

Special Excursion

For the "National" at Redford Barracks Shettleston Harriers are arranging a special bus excursion for members and supporters. The names of those intending to travel should be given immediately to the convener of the social committee, Mr. Tom McCulloch, 22 Blair Street, Glasgow, E.2. The cost is five shillings per ticket.

Ayrshire Cross-Country Titles

By "D. S. R."

THE last of the important cross-country events before the national championships takes place at Irvine next Saturday, when the Ayrshire championships are decided. Beith are the holders of the team title, and are strongly fancied to retain the honour.

I understand that they may be without the services of J. Barr, runner-up in the national novice championship, who is leaving for London. The loss of Barr to home athletics is an unfortunate one, as this young runner has been most impressive during the season, and is regarded as a young man who will make a mark in the sport.

Despite their loss, however, Beith should still be strong enough to win. P. Allwell and W. C. Murdoch should give the Beith side a good start, and they should find adequate response from their team-mates.

Irvine Y.M.C.A., who last Saturday won the South-Western district race, will likely depend on the juniors who served them so well, and may prove to be the principal challengers to Beith. Ardeer will also field a strong side, and Kilmarnock cannot be overlooked.

The Individual Title

The race for the individual title should be a most interesting one. W. Fulton, Ardeer, in winning the S.W. District Championship, did so in convincing fashion, and if he can reproduce such good form again, he should stand an excellent chance of gaining success. The opposition, however, will be strong. M. Stobbs and T. Tod, Kilmarnock, Allwell and Murdoch will make the Ardeer man go all out. Stobbs and Tod are both internationalists and also previous winners of the Ayrshire championship. Stobbs staged a "come-back" after being out of the sport for a period, and that "come-back" proved to be a very successful one, and he is running as convincingly as before his temporary retirement. Both Tod and Stobbs lack nothing in experience and can be depended upon to run with fine judgment.

A special train is to be run from Glasgow for those wishing to see the national championships at Redford on March 6.

This year's race promises to be a thrilling one, and it is expected that a large contingent of supporters of West of Scotland clubs will journey East.

SATURDAY was a busy day among cross-country athletes, and races were featured in all districts. Down at Irvine, Beith found the task of retaining the Ayrshire seven miles team title beyond them, but gained compensation in the form of the individual championship.

At Glencorse Barracks Eastern attention was on the last of the season's League races, the feature of which was the return to form of the Northern team, which won this event with enough to spare to retain the championship, which they have held for twelve of the thirteen years the League has been in operation.

Strong-going Ardeer

Without J. Barr, Beith were no match for the strong-going Ardeer Recreation team, which aggregated 56 points, to beat the holders by sixteen points. The local Irvine club were only thirteen points behind the runners-up.

The winner was W. C. Murdoch, Beith, and there was no suggestion of a fluke about his victory, for he had almost 100 yards to spare at the finish, from H. McClymont, Avr. W. Fulton, Ardeer's South-West champion, was third, and the local captain, D. W. Aldie, managed to squeeze home a foot ahead of G. Murdoch (the winner's brother) for fourth place.

Keen League Race

Great credit is due to the Edinburgh Northern team which ran so excellently in Saturday's League race. Brilliantly led by Jackie Laidlaw and Billie Hinde, the Northern team rose to the occasion and beat the runners-up, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., by 45 points.

Club championships again claimed attention. Donald Urquhart followed up his win of last week by an even more convincing victory in the Garscube race on Saturday, while that great veteran Frank Stevenson added yet another Monkland title to his already formidable collection. W. Kennedy repeated his last year's success by retaining the Kilbarchan title, while Bob Simpson registered his sixth victory in the Motherwell race.

Ayrshire Championship

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. W. C. Murdoch, Beith, 39 mins. 43 secs.
2. H. McClymont, Avr. 39 mins. 59 secs.
3. W. Fulton, Ardeer, 40 mins.
4. D. W. Aldie, Irvine Y.M.C.A., 40 mins. 3 secs.
5. G. Murdoch, Beith, 40 mins. 4 1/2 secs.
6. W. H. McCulloch, Irvine Y.M.C.A., 40 mins. 16 secs.
7. P. McCurry, Ardeer, 40 mins. 21 secs.
8. H. W. Davidson, Ardeer, 40 mins. 24 secs.
9. J. Miller, Beith, 40 mins. 26 secs.
10. J. Wallace, Ardeer, 40 mins. 28 secs.
11. M. Stobbs, Kilmarnock (holder), 40 mins. 32 secs.
12. G. Maxwell, Ardeer, 40 mins. 38 secs.

TEAM PLACINGS

1. Ardeer Rec. (W. Fulton 3, P. McCurry 7, H. W. Davidson 8, J. Wallace 10, G. Maxwell 12, H. Pritchard 16, 56 points).
2. Beith (W. C. Murdoch 1, G. Murdoch 5, J. Miller 9, P. J. Allwell 15, A. Munro 19, R. Reid 23), 72.
3. Irvine Y.M.C.A. (D. W. Aldie 4, W. H. McCulloch 6, M. Ferguson 14, G. S. Pringle 18, J. B. Ferguson 20, J. Orr 21), 83.
4. Kilmarnock (M. Stobbs 11, T. Todd 13, A. Livingstone 25, T. Caven 32, D. Wark 34, E. Thursty 37), 122.
5. Avr. (H. McClymont 2, J. C. Gray 28, A. Dunbar 29, W. Logan 30, J. B. Hood 31, R. C. Douglas 35), 129.

EASTERN LEAGUE RACE

TEAM PLACINGS

1. Edinburgh Northern (J. P. Laidlaw 1, W. Hinde 3, D. H. Ferguson 5, C. S. Clark 10, W. Johnston 13, W. Russell 18), 50 points.
2. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (A. Dow 4, J. Peacock 7, T. Dewar 11, W. Duncan 22, D. Nairn 23, W. McGregor 28), 95 points.
3. Edinburgh Southern (G. Lindsay 2, R. Sime 9, Joe D. Wilson 14, L. G. Kapelle 19, I. Ross 24, J. S. Reid 35), 101 points.
4. Rover Scouts (W. Blair 6, W. H. Whalley 8, G. Mochrie 13, A. M'Rae 31, J. Mitchell 32, J. Blair 38), 150 points.
5. Edinburgh (J. T. Suttie 12, A. W. Carfrae 21, E. Stenhouse 26, J. Allison 29, J. Ritchie 34, J. W. Crossley 36), 158 points.
6. Heriot's (D. B. McKenzie 17, J. F. Wood 20, J. Worling 30, G. Insill 39, S. Bell 43, 45), 194 points.
7. Kirkcaldy Boys' (D. Blair 25, J. Bell 27, A. C. Bell 35, W. Townsend 41, A. Johnstone 42, C. Mills 44), 214 points.
8. Penicuik (J. Johnstone 16, W. Little 27, J. Johnston 40, 46, 47, 48), 234 points.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. J. P. Laidlaw, Northern, 35 mins. 38 secs.
2. G. Lindsay, Southern, 35 mins. 39 secs.
3. W. Hinde, Northern, 36 mins. 8 secs.
4. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 36 mins. 22 secs.
5. D. H. Ferguson, Northern, 36 mins. 31 secs.
6. W. Blair, Rover Scouts, 36 mins. 35 secs.
7. J. Peacock, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 36 mins. 46 secs.
8. W. H. Whalley, Rover Scouts, 36 mins. 48 secs.
9. R. Sime, Southern, 36 mins. 49 secs.
10. C. S. Clark, Northern, 36 mins. 54 secs.
11. T. Dewar, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 36 mins. 55 secs.
12. J. T. Suttie, Edinburgh, 36 mins. 56 secs.

INTER-CLUB

BELLINGHOLM and DUMBARTON.—Three packs covered nine miles from Pollokshaws. Paces and whips—Slows: J. McGouldrick (D) and W. M. Taylor (B); mediums—D. Cannon (D) and W. McKinlay (B). Racing pack under A. Hamilton (B).

CLYDESDALE and OLYMPIC.—Two packs covered eight miles from Clydebank Baths. Paces and whips—Slows: T. Millar (C) and R. Grant (O); fasts—A. McMillan (C) and J. Gray (C).

HAMILTON and LARKHALL Y.M.C.A.—Two packs covered eight miles from Hamilton Baths. Paces and whips—Mediums: W. Perrie (L) and T. Hunter (H); fasts—G. Craig (H) and H. Kilpatrick (L).

MARYHILL, SHETTLESTON and SOUTH GLASGOW.—Three packs covered seven miles, youths three miles, from Maryhill Baths. Youths—1. T. Harrison (M); 2. D. Ferguson (S); 3. J. Simpson (S). Slows—1. G. Porteous (M); 2. A. Weir (M); 3. G. Taylor (S). Mediums—1. A. Coogan (M); 2. I. Powell (M); 3. T. Glendinning (M). Fasts under W. Nelson (M) finished as a pack.

ORDINARY RUNS

KILMARNOCK.—One pack covered six miles at Riccarton. Pace—J. McAllister; whip—C. Gibson.

TEVIOTDALE.—One pack covered seven miles at Hawick—1. T. Bryden; 2. J. Crawford.

AIRDRIE.—Two packs covered six miles at headquarters. Paces and whips—mediums—J. Marshall and T. Calder; fasts—R. I. Lawson and J. Thomson.

GLENPARK.—One pack covered five miles at Orangefield. Mediums—1. J. Rowan; 2. J. Thomson; 3. R. Lennox. Fasts finished together.

OTHER RACES

NORTH-EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Seven miles cross-country team and individual championships, at Aberdeen. Individual placings—1. Alec Milne (Y.M.C.A.); 2. Geo. Milne (Y.M.C.A.); 3. W. Girvan (Y.H.C.A.). Won by one foot. Time, 48 mins. 5 secs. Team placings—1. Y.M.C.A., 1-2-3-9-10-15, 58 pts.; 2. Aberdeenshire, 5-6-7-11-18-19, 66 pts.; 3. Aberdeen University, 4-8-12-15-23, 76 pts. Y.M.C.A. winning team—A. Milne, G. Milne, N. Girvan, K. Gray, A. Lobban, and J. A. Walker.

AIRDRIE.—Two miles youths' championship at Gartlea Road—1. J. McGlone (holder), 11 mins. 12 secs.; 2. K. Sidonio, 11 mins. 49 secs.

CAMHUSLANG Y.M.C.A.—Nine miles championship at Greenices Road, Camhuslang—1. D. Burns, 56 mins. 55 secs.; 2. J. Black, 59 mins. 35 secs.; 3. J. Swan, 65 mins. 35 secs. Handicap winner, J. Swan.

DUNDEE THISTLE.—Seven miles scratch race—1. A. Hay, 41 min. 1 sec.; 2. P. Quinn, 41 min. 24 sec.; 3. D. Duncan, 41 min. 26 sec.

GARSCLUBE.—Nine miles championship at Westerton—1. D. Urquhart, 55 mins. 30 secs.; 2. T. Daily, 56 mins. 57 secs.; 3. D. B. Brooke, 58 mins. 16 secs. Handicap—1. P. Thomson (5.22), 55 mins. 42 secs.; 2. R. D. Phoenix (4.22), 54 mins.; 3. T. Daily (1.52), 55 mins. 5 secs. Three miles youths' championship—1. R. Mulgrew, 17 mins. 13 secs.; 2. A. Warton, 17 mins. 26 secs.; 3. A. Veitch, 18 mins. 10 secs. Handicap—1. N. M. Ross (2.15), 16 mins. 25 secs.; and A. Veitch (1.45), 16 mins. 25 secs. (tie).

GLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—Three miles youths' championship at Bishopbriggs—1. W. Herning, 18 mins. 25 secs.; 2. A. Bradford, 3. A. Smith.

GREENOCK WELLPARK.—Eight miles championship at Gateside—1. T. McLaren, 48 mins. 2 secs.; 2. A. Wallace, 48 mins. 21 secs.; 3. T. Harrower, 49 mins. 5 secs. Handicap—1. T. Harrower (2.00), 47 mins. 5 secs.; 2. A. Wallace (1.15), 47 mins. 6 secs.; 3. T. McLaren (1.5), 47 mins. 57 secs.

KILBARCHAN.—7 1/2 miles championship at Kilbarchan—1. W. Kennedy, 45 mins. 6 secs.; 2. R. Kerr, 45 mins. 14 secs.

MOTHERWELL Y.M.C.A.—Nine miles championship, at Brandon Street—1. R. Simpson, 55 mins. 10 secs.; 2. T. McGlynn, 56 mins. 21 secs.; 3. J. L. Ferguson, 56 mins. 46 secs. Handicap—1. T. Milne (2.45), 54 mins. 5 secs.; 2. T. McGlynn (2.00), 54 mins. 21 secs.; 3. W. Kerr (6.30), 54 mins. 33 secs.

MONKLAND.—Seven miles championship, at Inveresk—1. F. L. Stevenson, 43 mins. 40 secs.; 2. J. Clelland, 44 mins. 10 secs. Handicap—1. J. Tennant (2.00), 44 mins. 50 secs.; 2. J. Leslie (2.45), 45 mins. 18 secs.

PAISLEY.—Ten miles championship, at Moss-side—1. A. Muir, 65 mins. 30 secs.; 2. N. McLean, 66 mins. 9 secs.; 3. H. Cassidy, 67 mins. 33 secs. Handicap—1. N. McLean (2.20), 65 mins. 49 secs.; 2. J. Culloch (4.20), 65 mins. 55 secs.; 3. J. K. Lawrie (3.00), 65 mins. 10 secs.

PAISLEY Y.M.C.A.—Seven miles championship, at Barshaw—1. J. M. Sellar, 45 mins. 11 secs.; 2. J. G. Paton, 46 mins. 5 secs.; 3. J. Stevenson, 46 mins. 27 secs. Handicap—1. H. McQuillan (4.00), 44 mins. 6 secs.; 2. J. Stevenson (2.15), 44 mins. 12 secs.; 3. J. G. Paton (1.15), 44 mins. 15 secs. Youths' championship—1. J. Marshall, 17 mins. 11 secs.; 2. T. McNeill.

SPRINGBURN.—Eight miles championship, at Auchinairn—1. H. Haughie, 49 mins. 6 secs.; 2. R. Allison, 49 mins. 14 secs. Handicap—1. J. Ross (4.00), 47 mins. 37 secs.; 2. H. Haughie (1.10), 47 mins. 56 secs.; 3. J. Brinkins (3.00), 48 mins. 22 secs. Three miles youths' championship—1. G. Martin, 17 mins. 27 secs.; 2. E. Martindale, 17 mins. 36 secs. Handicap winner—H. Beattie (1.30), 16 mins. 39 secs.

VICTORIA PARK.—Eight miles championship, at Milngavie—1. R. Rogerson, 50 mins. 42 secs.; 2. D. E. Thomson, 50 mins. 48 secs.; 3. A. Forbes, 51 mins. 5 secs. Handicap—1. A. Forbes (1.30), 49 mins. 35 secs.; 2. R. Rogerson (1.45), 49 mins. 57 secs. Youths' championship—1. J. Thomson; 2. J. Wilson; 3. E. Ward.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.—7 1/2 miles championship, at Thornliebank—1. J. Parker, 46 mins. 10 secs.; 2. A. L. Spencer, 47 mins. 20 secs.; 3. T. Cruden, 48 mins. 30 secs. Handicap—1. J. Parker (1.45), 45 mins. 35 secs.; 2. R. W. Smith (5.20), 46 mins. 19 secs.; 3. T. Cruden (2.00), 46 mins. 30 secs.

MOST of the numerous club championships having been decided, clubs are now, more or less, aware of the personnel of their teams for the National championships, to be held at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, on Saturday, March 6. Officially, of course, teams will not be known until the entries definitely close on Wednesday first.

Shettleston, who have, by general consent, been selected by most critics to win the team title this year, will be led by the Scottish champion, Jim Flockhart, and good support is expected from W. Donaldson, A. Craig, J. Whiteside, J. C. Ross and company. Unless there are disappointments from this group, the Glasgow club have an excellent chance.

Loss To Springburn

Springburn, the holders, have unfortunately lost J. Keny to professionalism, and that loss will not easily be made up, for although the champions can still boast of an evenly balanced team, there are not sufficient stars among them to give the tail a flying start. With most of their rivals, it is the tail and not the head of their teams that matter.

Bellahouston, Maryhill, Garscube, Dundee Thistle, and Edinburgh Northern are other clubs whose possibilities cannot be ignored, but we will have further occasion to discuss the prospects when we know all the teams.

Individual form, if we are to take a cue from the topsy-turvy stuff we have been seeing of late, will be rudely shaken up, and the tussle for places in the International team is going to be keener than ever. Alec Dow, who gladdened our hearts by finishing third in the International last year, was only fourth in the Eastern race on Saturday—not like him.

Laidlaw and Hinde showed up well in beating Dow, as did G. Lindsay, Southern, while in the West, a probable candidate for a trip to Brussels is Donald Urquhart, who scored a runaway victory. Of last year's team, Willie Sutherland, Shettleston, will certainly not run in this National. Whether or not temporarily, he has given up the sport meantime.

Police And Amateurism

Central Halls, Bath Street, Glasgow, will be the venue of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association A.G.M. on Saturday, and despite the imminence of National races attention will principally be focussed on the Bath Street meeting.

The annual report reveals a healthy state of affairs in the sport, and presages a general opinion that the Police Forces in Scotland will shortly all be amateur. Great importance seems to be placed in the value of Police support, by the commissioners of the summer game.

I note the following paragraph in the report:—

"It must undoubtedly be recognised that in Scotland, the general public is slow to attend any new venture, and it will be necessary in the future for the Association to consider what steps can best be taken to stimulate interest in large athletic meetings."

This refers to the International, which failed to bring out the expected attendance at Hampden last season. Much of the responsibility for the Hampden event has, of course, to be shouldered by the promoters.

Publicity may not have been exploited advantageously and perhaps, above all, the men who did make the trip were not held in sufficient esteem by the general public (although to athletes they were a big draw) and unfortunately the weather was atrocious.

Important Proposal

Among the shoal of amendments and additions to Rules suggested in the formidable looking agenda is one which appears insignificant on paper, but is nevertheless all important to the rank and file of the clubs who are not affiliated to the Association. It falls under the head of Rules for Competition and concerns a motion submitted by the Executive.

The new rule, if passed, just means that in future a competitor after his first year in open competition must become a member of a club which is affiliated to the Association. In other words, this infers that no club can stand out if they wish to retain the membership of such a member unless that member elects to refrain from competitive track work.

Anglo-Scots For Cross-Country 'National'

By "D. B. R."

IN a fortnight's time the National Cross-country Championships will be decided at Redford Barracks, and everything points to the meeting being a very successful one.

Although the entries will not be known until the middle of next week—Wednesday is the closing date—the expectancy is that there will be a very full representation from all the districts.

Shettleston Harriers are one of the clubs who will be strongly fancied to do well in the team championship, and they have already compiled a list from which the team will be chosen. It comprises J. C. Flockhart, A. Craig, J. C. Ross, A. Hill, B. McLaughlan, J. J. McDonald, W. Moutrie, R. Thomson, H. McCubbin, D. Morrison, J. Whiteside, W. Donaldson, T. Littlejohn and J. Ferguson.

Whiteside and Donaldson, I understand, are suffering from leg injuries, but it is fully expected that both will be fit in good time for the championships.

The club championships already decided have given a good indication that leading club runners are well forward in their preparations for the national.

J. C. Flockhart, for instance, won his club championship easily, though it was unfortunate that Donaldson was not able to turn out to give the champion a stiffer test, since Donaldson, if he is fit, is regarded as being likely to show fine form at Redford.

W. C. Wylie

And, talking of Flockhart—will he again win the individual championship? That is a question which, in Scotland, will meet with an almost unanimous "Yes" in reply. But in England when the question is put before those who have seen W. C. Wylie, the Darlington Scot, run recently, the answer is not unanimous. Wylie, I am told, has struck a fine patch of form. Running in the English North-Eastern Championship he finished second to J. Potts, and in the field were many notables, including A. Burns, the English captain.

Small though he is, Wylie, on his day, is a brilliant runner. His second in the international at Paris two years ago, when he ran the greater part of the race with only one shoe, showed him at his best. Since then he has not been seen quite so impressive as he was that season, but the opinion of North-Eastern folks is that he has struck "peak."

The Scottish race is one which Wylie enjoys, and especially so when he can have another tussle with Flockhart.

Wylie I regard as Flockhart's chief rival, but he may not prove to be the only serious challenger. Several of the home men may find that little bit "extra" which sometimes comes to an athlete when competing in a big event. At the same time, there is always an extra strain on the man who holds the title, and particularly on a man who has held it so frequently as Flockhart has done. While the champion knows where it is probable the challenge will come from, it is not always the case that the probability becomes fact. Instead, from a quite unexpected source, a new problem presents itself, perhaps in the early stages of the race. The champion, who may have made his plans to run the race in a particular way, has to change his tactics. As likely as not this early challenge may fizzle out, and another change of tactics is called for.

This kind of thing happens frequently in the big cross-country and distance track events, and the man who holds the title must be prepared for all kind of false alarms and real alarms.

In the "Scottish" Flockhart has in the past been seen at his best, but, nevertheless, the additional strain which a champion has to carry applies to his case as well as others, and when he successfully defends his Scottish title he deserves every possible praise.

Another Anglo-Scot

R. B. Sutherland is an almost certain starter at Redford. The Army man is very fit, and is keen to get into the team to go to Brussels. I do not see Sutherland providing a really strong challenge to Flockhart if the Shettleston man is going at his best, but I shall be surprised if he does not find a place well up to the front.

In judgment and tactics "R. B." has got little, if anything, to learn, but over the past two or three seasons an old leg injury has had a wicked habit of slightly reasserting itself. Sometimes the leg behaves, at other times it does not. Let us hope that the Birchfield and Garscube man will find everything going smoothly.

VERY HIGH-HANDED ACTION

Shettleston Harriers Resent Methods

Amazing Position Through Coach Being With Team

The East End club, Shettleston Harriers, faced a major crisis over the last week. Like a bolt from the blue came the sensational news that on Thursday last the National Cross Country Union, the governing body in cross-country sport, was threatening to suspend the club if an undertaking were not given by Tuesday, 2nd March, that Allan Scally, the famous professional runner and coach to Shettleston Harriers, would not be permitted to take part in club runs in future.

The Position

To clear up a great deal of misapprehension which has been undoubtedly created in the minds of the public over the unfortunate episode, Shettleston officials desire to state that there was no question of Allan Scally taking part against amateurs in club or any other races. There was no question of him even using the club facilities as the basis for his own training for professional running. Allan has not taken any serious part in professional competition for a long time and, in fact, applied a short time ago for reinstatement as an amateur.

The issue was really this:

Was Allan Scally as coach of the club entitled to go out with the members in their training runs? There may be differences of opinion on that point as to whether it is desirable that he should. Some training runs in cross-country sport are what are known as official runs, although there is no question of competition involved, at least in the Shettleston club.

These official runs are merely the ordinary Saturday afternoon programme, when the members go out in packs, controlled by a "pace" and a "whip." There are never any finishes in such runs at Shettleston, although in some clubs there is a short competitive finish at the end.

What is certain is that there is no definite rule against the practice; and in the opinion of many it is indeed a most desirable thing that a club should have an experienced man

to go out with members and instruct them in the sport. In fact, it is envisaged by the more far-seeing that such a man some day will be attached professionally to every important athletic club in Scotland.

The Cross Country Union roundly challenged the Shettleston club with breaking rules, and in effect demanded that they should do the same no more; otherwise suspension.

If the union had said that it was of opinion that the practice of allowing Allan Scally to run was undesirable, and had asked the club to defer to the wishes of the union until the matter was definitely ruled upon, there would not have been the slightest objection. What the club did object to was the high-handed manner adopted. And the fact that, although Allan Scally has been doing the same thing, to the knowledge of all officials of the union, for years back, it was on the eve of the Scottish National Cross-Country Championship that the threat of suspension was issued.

The club at an emergency special general meeting decided to give an undertaking not to allow the coach to take part in club runs subject to the understanding: (1) That the union, in asking it, is not charging the club with a breach of rules; and (2) that the club has broken no rules. A meeting with the general committee of the union is also asked to discuss the matter.

What attitude the union will take is still uncertain. The undertaking is a conditional one. But if the union refuses to accept it, it is felt that that body will alienate the sympathy of all fair-minded people. Shettleston Harriers are not prepared to admit that they have in any way been guilty of dishonourable practices or breaches of rules.

Powerful Club

A matter of incidental though very significant interest is the strength of the club numerically. For the special general meeting the official figure for those entitled to attend was 227. How many clubs in Scotland can boast of that membership?

By "D. B. R."

THE threatened suspension of Shettleston Harriers by the Scottish Cross-Country Union has created a sensation in athletic circles. Coming as it does just prior to the Scottish Championships and not long before the International, it is a most unfortunate dispute, and one, I feel, which might have been settled without threats or challenges as is the case at present.

This morning I received a written statement from Mr Andrew Bradley, secretary of Shettleston Harriers, in which he gives an account of what happened prior to the threat of suspension.

Mr Bradley states that in January he received a letter from the union secretary calling attention to "the publication in different newspapers of Allan Scally, your coach, and a professional runner, taking part in pack runs of Shettleston Harriers." The letter added that the "General Committee deprecated this breach of rules," and asked Shettleston to take steps to stop such an occurrence.

At the January meeting of the Shettleston Committee this letter was allowed to lie on the table, the reason being that the question of Allan Scally's reinstatement was pending.

A further communication was received by Shettleston from the N.C.C.U. secretary on February 3, asking for an acknowledgment of his previous letter, and an "undertaking that Allan Scally will be no longer be allowed to participate in your official club runs."

Committee's Instructions

To this, on the instructions of his committee, Mr Bradley replied requesting that, in order that proper inquiry might be made, the union secretary should furnish him with exact details of any charge or complaint against the club, and also quote the rule or rules alleged to have been infringed.

The next letter from the N.C.C.U. secretary said that "Allan Scally, a professional runner, competed or took part in a club run of Shettleston Harriers on November 21, 1936." The letter also stated "that in the opinion of the General Committee, taken after consideration, and in view of closely parallel precedents, professionals cannot under any circumstances be allowed to compete with amateurs."

The next letter from Mr Bradley to the Union maintained that it was the right of the club to be referred to the rule or rules under which it was charged.

"On February 25," writes Mr Bradley, "I received per registered post an unsigned letter, purporting to be from the N.C.C.U. secretary, demanding an undertaking on behalf of the club that 'Allan Scally be not permitted to take part in any future club runs.' The undertaking was sought by Tuesday at the latest, 'otherwise your club stands suspended.' This morning I received a further letter in the identical terms of the unsigned letter of February 25, but this time signed by the secretary of the N.C.C.U."

"I immediately called an emergency special general meeting of the club for Monday, which will decide what action the club will take."

Mr Bradley concludes by asking—"What rule or rules of the Union have been infringed by Shettleston Harriers?"

It is to be hoped that next week will find a solution to the whole affair.

Harrier Suspension Threat Decision

A SPECIAL general meeting of Shettleston Harriers, held last night to discuss the threatened suspension of the club by the N.C.C.U., decided to give the undertaking requested by the Union on the two conditions, namely:—

(1) That the General Committee of the Union, in asking the undertaking, is not charging the club with a breach of rules.

(2) That no rules of the Union have been infringed.

The members also decided that the Union's committee should be asked to meet representatives of the club to discuss the matter.

The Union threatened to suspend the club unless an undertaking was given that Allan Scally would not be allowed to take part in club runs in future.

CROSS-COUNTRY attention is now focussed on the National Senior, Junior, and Youths' championships, to be held at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, on Saturday.

The entries have exceeded expectations, and fully justify the claims of the Eastern District to have the race run at Edinburgh.

The extraordinary situation that has arisen over the refusal of Shettleston to give the N.C.C.U. an undertaking that Allan Scally will not in future be permitted to take part in official club runs, and the consequent threat of that body to suspend the club if the assurance is not forthcoming by to-day, makes it difficult to discuss the prospects.

Shettleston are unbeaten in team competition this season, and are naturally considered favourites to win the title.

Last night's meeting of the Glasgow club, however, will have decided which line of action to adopt. Let us hope that the club members have taken a sane view of the case, and not defied authority.

Excellent Chance

Assuming that Shettleston do run as a team, their chances of winning the Elkhington Shield are excellent. Led by Jim Flockhart, W. Donaldson and A. Craig they seem to be stronger than any of their rivals, but in races of this description one can never be sure. Some clubs, in fact, would much rather they were not tipped as the probable winners, and allowed to run without that strain over them.

Springburn, the holders, have lost J. Kelly to professionalism, but must still be expected to finish among the leaders; while Maryhill and Bellahouston, who filled the minor positions last season at Lanark, are quite confident that they will do better instead of slipping back. Plebeian, too, must not be left out of the reckoning, while Edinburgh Northern and Dundee Hawkhill are also challengers.

I will not be surprised, however, if the main challenge from the East comes from Dundee Thistle. They have a well-balanced team.

Individual Race

In considering the individual race, one must look for another victory for Flockhart. He seems to be running as well as ever, and should still have the beating of his rivals. Past performances entitle W. C. Wylie, Darlington, to be held as the champion's biggest problem, and since the Anglo seems to be at peak form now, his challenge is expected to be dangerous.

There is a cloud of uncertainty over Alec Dow, who led our last international team, but there is reason to hope that he will come back to form in time. Fit and well, he is sure to finish well up.

The brothers Smith run in Hawkhill's colours, and are still able to pace the best of them; while J. P. Laidlaw and W. Hinde are the two Northern men expected to do best.

Bob Sutherland comes up on his annual attempt, usually successful, to "make" the team, and stands as good a chance of gaining further honours as any, while the old Maryhill man, D. Patience, now of the Scots Guards, is a fresh Anglo to the field.

Petrie Tries Again

Jack Gifford and Jack Campbell, Bellahouston, may be the leading men from their club, while J. M. Petrie, who was usually able to finish well up in this race in the old days, should do just as well as a re-instated athlete.

Donald Urquhart, Garscube, while Angus MacPherson, now attached to erratic, is a grand runner who may well upset the calculations of the best; and Monkland, is another who will disappoint if not in the first dozen.

J. E. Farrell, Maryhill; R. Simpson, Motherwell; and H. Haughe are the key men of their respective teams, while in the ranks of Plebeian, S. K. Tombe, W. J. Gunn, A. McGregor, and W. G. Black are all entitled to be mentioned among the best. This by no means exhausts the list, and it will not be the least surprising to find others finishing ahead of those that have been mentioned.

Club officials and enthusiasts who intend to make use of the special train running in connection with the event, are asked to note that tickets are not obtainable from the Union secretary, but from the L.M.S. booking offices. The train leaves Glasgow Central at 1.25, and passengers change at Slateford for Colinton. Passengers may return by any L.M.S. train from Edinburgh on Saturday night.

The Championships

There is a record entry for the National Championships at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, next week. The senior teams number 26 and individuals 21.

Assuming that Shettleston Harriers are not suspended they cannot but be regarded as likely winners of the team title. This season they have "swept the boards," so to speak, up to the present, and with J. C. Flockhart to lead them they will take a lot of beating.

Springburn Harriers, the holders, will be strongly represented and can be depended upon to fight to the last to retain the honour. Bellahouston, too will find support in many quarters. Runners of the ability of J. Gifford, J. Campbell, T. W. Lamb and G. Hunter are experienced in big events, and should be prominent throughout the race. Maryhill and Plebeian must be taken into account.

Since the championships are in the East this year, the challenge by the Eastern clubs will be strong.

Edinburgh Northern and the two Dundee clubs will take a lot of beating.

J. P. Laidlaw, Northern is back again to his best cross-country form, and his club-mate, W. Hinde, is running as well as ever.

The tussle for the individual title should be full of interest. Three Anglo-Scots have entered—R. R. Sutherland, Birchfield; W. C. Wylie, Darlington; and D. Patience, 1st Scots Guards and Bellgrave Harriers.

While J. C. Flockhart, the holder, must be regarded as a strong favourite, the entry is such that he will have to return fast time to win. Apart from the challenge of the Anglo-Scots, here is Laidlaw, A. Dow, Kirkcaldy; W. Donaldson, Shettleston; W. E. Farrell, Maryhill, and let us not forget, J. F. Wood, Heriot's, whose "come-back" recently pleased all followers of the sport. There are others, too, all capable performers, who will not be easily forced to give way their challenge.

Springburn Harriers have started a physical culture class at their headquarters on Wednesday night. An open invitation is extended to these classes, which are superintended by experts.

Shettleston-Union Dispute

The Shettleston Harriers-Union dispute has been settled for the time being. Frankly, I do not think it should have ever assumed the form of a dispute, and it is to be hoped that, in future, matters of the kind will not be allowed to develop without every effort being made to bring about a peaceful and willing agreement.

Prior to the meeting of the Shettleston club on Monday, I had heard all sorts of rumours regarding possible action, which, if carried into effect, might have had serious results.

The decision came to by the Shettleston club was that an undertaking would be granted to the Cross-Country Union that Allan Scally, the club coach and a professional runner, would not be allowed to take part in club fixtures again.

Shettleston, however, made two conditions. These were:—

(1) That the General Committee of the N.C.C.U., in asking the undertaking, was not charging the club with any breach of rules;

(2) That the club had not infringed any rules of the Union.

The club also requested a conference with Union officials to discuss the matter.

It may be that more will be heard of the matter later.

- INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS**
1. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston (holder) (56mins. 46secs.).
 2. J. E. Farrell, Maryhill (57mins. 4secs.).
 3. R. H. Sutherland, Birchfield (57mins. 13secs.).
 4. J. M. Petrie, Dundee Thistle (57mins. 22secs.).
 5. C. Smith, Dundee Hawthill (57mins. 28secs.).
 6. W. C. Wylie, Darlington (57mins. 38secs.).
 7. A. T. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle (57mins. 47secs.).
 8. W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern (58mins. 5secs.).
 9. A. M'Pherson, Monkland H. (58mins. 10secs.).
 10. W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan (58mins. 12secs.).

JUNIOR CHAMPION

- A. Craig, Shettleston (13).

TEAM PLACINGS

1. Dundee Thistle (J. M. Petrie 3, A. T. Whitecross 5, A. M. Donnet 8, D. Gowana 16, A. Hay 17, D. Coburn 29), 78 points.
2. Maryhill (J. E. Farrell 2, R. M'Pherson 11, D. M'N. Robertson 13, D. M'Lean 31, A. H. Blair 33, W. Nelson 35), 125 points.
3. Plebeian (J. Wilkie 12, A. M'Gregor 24, S. K. Tombe 25, J. Kerr 41, G. M'Allister 42, W. J. Gunn 54), 198 points.
4. Springburn (H. Haughie 27, W. Struthers 39, D. Fyfe 43, R. Allison 44, P. M'Nab 48, H. M'Phie 49), 250 points.
5. Shettleston (J. C. Flockhart 1, A. Craig 10, J. C. Ross 46, W. Moutrie 47, J. J. M'Donald 67, A. Hill 83), 254 points.
6. Garscube (D. Urquhart 14, T. Daily 32, J. R. Lardy 37, W. Gowans 55, J. Fleming 58, R. D. Phoenix 78), 274 points.
7. Edinburgh Northern (W. Hinde 6, J. P. Laidlaw 13, D. H. Ferguson 50, W. Russell 65, C. E. Clark 70, W. Johnston 71), 280 points.
8. Bellahouston (T. Gibson 15, J. Gifford 23, J. M. Lindsay 40, J. Campbell 55, R. Lumsden 61, L. Carlyle 94), 291 points.
9. Dundee Hawthill (C. Smith 4, J. S. Smith 19, J. M'Gregor 32, F. Kane 80, J. Bradley 100, C. Haskett 102), 357 points.
10. Beith (W. C. Murdoch 9, G. Murdoch 57, A. Munro 79, J. Miller 86, R. Reid 107, G. Fulton (123), 461 points.
11. Victoria Park A.A.C. (D. E. Thomson 58, I. M'Donald 74, F. Blackstock 85, A. Forbes 88, R. Rogerson 109, H. M. Hayman 112), 506 points.
12. Ardeer Recreation (W. Wallace 22, H. W. Davidson 65, J. Fulton 72, P. M'Curry 89, G. Maxwell 125, R. Maxwell 139), 510 points.
13. Edinburgh University (G. A. Smith 23, O. T. Stoddart 64, P. O. Yeaman 115, J. C. Donaldson 117, J. W. Gibson 120, L. S. Bruce 128), 567 points.
14. Rover Scouts (W. Blair 45, W. H. Whalley 60, G. Mochrie 66, A. M'Ra 127, J. Mitchell 140, F. Glen 172), 610 points.
15. Kilbarchan (W. Kennedy 7, R. Kerr 62, N. Hayes 110, D. Crawford 134, J. Harrison 159, A. Deans 189), 661 points.
16. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (T. I. M'Glynn 56, T. R. Milne 92, J. L. Ferguson 111, J. Brown 135, W. A. M'Gowan 141, J. M'Donald 142), 677 points.
17. Hamilton (J. Freeland 30, A. Wardlaw 82, J. D. Hill 114, J. D. Scott 122, T. Symington 153, A. Cullen 208), 709 points.
18. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (J. Peacock 68, A. Dow 93, W. Duncan 121, W. M'Gregor 126, W. Duff 166, W. Venters 173), 747 points.
19. Shawfield (S. A. Kennedy 26, G. Anderson 34, J. Gillies 137, W. Charters 149, W. Balston 201, H. King 211), 757 points.
20. West of Scotland (J. Parker 20, T. Cruden 87, J. Hadden 138, J. L. Parker 160, A. M. Kerr 176, A. Polwart 193), 774 points.
21. Clydevale (T. Sinclair 118, C. Midgell 130, A. M'Lean 145, D. M'Donald 146, J. C. Gray 147, W. Wilkinson 171), 857 points.
22. Edinburgh Southern (G. Lindsay 21, L. G. Campbell 106, R. M'Clure 174, J. D. Wilson 179, J. S. Reid 192, G. Reid 206), 878 points.

23. Heriot's (J. P. Wood 36, D. B. M'Kenzie 103, J. Worling 150, G. Sutherland 181, G. Insill 212, R. O. Gray 216), 898 points.
24. Edinburgh (J. T. Suttie 76, J. Allison 136, J. Wood 164, J. W. Crossley 184, A. Ritchie 187, J. Archibald 205), 952 points.
25. Paisley (A. Muir 119, W. M'Lean 152, J. Mason 155, H. Cassidy 177, J. O. Thomson 180, J. K. Lawrie 188), 971 points.
26. Carntyne (P. Crawford 143, R. Semple 168, J. Cullen 191, A. Graham 204, T. Kerr 210, J. Thomson 217), 1133 points.

- INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS** (excluded from team pointage)—R. R. Sutherland 3, W. C. Wylie 6, A. M'Pherson 9, J. S. D. Nisbet, Gala, 42; F. L. Stevenson, Monkland, 46; J. Clelland, Monkland, 63; W. A. P. Sanderson, Gala, 74; J. T. H. Taylor, Glasgow University, 75; J. M. Sellar, Paisley Y.M.C.A., 91; J. D. Binning, Glasgow University, 102; J. G. Paton, Paisley Y.M.C.A., 114; D. Burns, Cambuslang, 119; H. M'Clivmont, Ayr, 126; T. H. Harrower, Wellpark, 153.

YOUTHS

- INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS**
1. R. Reid, Doon (19 mins. 9 secs.).
 2. J. Muir, West of Scotland (19 mins. 23 secs.).
 3. G. Johnstone, West of Scotland (19 mins. 31 secs.).
 4. J. Stuart, Carntyne (19 mins. 34 secs.).
 5. J. Lindsay, Cambuslang Y.M.C.A. (19 mins. 38 secs.).
 6. F. Sinclair, Wellpark (19 mins. 41 secs.).
 7. W. Lamberton, Mauchline (19 mins. 50 secs.).
 8. A. Walsh, Beith (19 mins. 55 secs.).
 9. J. Thomson, Victoria Park (19 mins. 56 secs.).
 10. D. P. Ferguson, Shettleston (19 mins. 57 secs.).

- TEAM PLACINGS**
1. Carntyne A.A.C. (J. Stuart 3, B. Nicols 11, W. M'ulloch 14, A. Stewart 19), 47 points.
 2. West of Scotland H. (J. Muir 1, G. Johnstone 2, H. Malloy 8, J. M'Pherson 59), 70 points.
 3. Springburn H. (G. Martin 10, H. Beattie 12, D. Moore 18, W. Wumbald 31), 71 points.
 4. Shettleston H. (D. P. Ferguson 6, W. Johnstone 22, J. Simpson 23, T. Donald 26), 77 points.
 5. (equal), Eastbank A.C. (E. Clarke 7, D. Christie 17, T. Smith 29, R. Smith 35) and Beith H. (A. Walsh 4, W. B. M'Callum 16, J. M'Connell 20, R. M'Donald 48), 88 points.
 6. Dundee Thistle H. (N. Ewen 15, G. Fiske 25, J. Dunn 33, R. M'Manus 40), 113 points.
 7. Kilbarchan A.A.C. (A. Meikle 9, W. Ashberry 27, P. Docherty 37, J. Millar 46), 119 points.
 8. Garscube H. (R. Mulgrew 13, N. Thomson 32, A. Murphy 34, J. S. Hill 47), 126 points.
 9. Victoria Park A.A.C. (J. Thomson 5, J. Wilson 24, E. Ward 53, J. Halbert 56), 138 points.
 10. Bellahouston H. (D. Carmichael 30, W. Archer 36, I. Orennan 60, T. M'Gaughran 61), 167 points.
 11. Edinburgh H. (J. L. Murray 21, W. M'Pherson 29, G. Gordon 32, J. Histon 64), 176 points.
 12. St. Modans School (J. Doran 38, P. Donnelly 41, P. Cafferty 43, W. Power 56), 177 points.

- INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS** (excluded from team pointage)—R. Reid, Doon H., 1; J. Lindsay, Cambuslang, 5; F. Sinclair, Wellpark H., 6; W. Lamberton, Mauchline H., 7; J. Stoddart, Northern H., 12; B. Hood, Ayr, 17; J. Wilson, Glenpark H., 21; T. Wedlock, Larkhall Y.M.C.A., 22; T. Harrison, Maryhill H., 23; E. M'Glynn, Motherwell, 27; W. Herring, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 31; J. M'Gloane, Airdrie H., 33; T. M'Neil, Paisley Y.M.C.A., 38; W. Macmahall, B. & Wilcox, 41; D. Falconer, Eastern H., 42; H. Worrall, Motherwell, 44; W. Laughlan, Uddingston, 46; J. Thompson, Cambuslang, 49; J. Cameron, Cambuslang, 50; W. Murphy, Ardeer, 57; J. M'Donald, Eastern H., 58; W. Robertson, Gala, 62; R. Andrews, Shawfield, 64; A. Stevenson, Ardeer, 69; R. Armour, Renfrew, 76; A. Bradford, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 87.

JIM FLOCKHART AGAIN **Retains Harrier Title:** **Dundee's Honour**

By "GGROE"

JIM FLOCKHART, Shettleston, alone of the reigning champions, succeeded in retaining the Scottish nine miles cross-country championship at Redford Barracks on Saturday. New title-holders were found in the team race (Dundee Thistle), Junior (A. Craig, Shettleston), Youths' Individual (R. Reid, Doon), and Youths' Team (Carntyne).

Dundee Thistle, who have been firm in their optimism for some time, justifying themselves by a thoroughly convincing team victory. Their aggregate of 78 points was 47 points fewer than Maryhill, who ran well up to form to finish second, but even in emergencies the Thistle team was backed up by non-counting men, who finished close to the actual winning team.

Plebeian, without the help of W. G. Black, and with W. J. Gunn counting last, did well to finish third, ahead of Springburn (holders) and Shettleston. The East End club badly missed J. Whiteside and W. Donaldson (the latter's ankle gave way during the race), but even so, they were expected to do better. It was cheering to them,

however, to see A. Craig win the Junior title his colleague, Donaldson, was expected to capture.

The story of the race reveals Flockhart to have led from start to finish, but the champion did not take too much out of himself in the effort, for he was apparently satisfied to keep in front without making his victory spectacular.

The youths' three miles' title fell to R. Reid, Doon, and it is another feather in the cap of that grand little country club that they once more upset the calculations of the city clubs. Reid was closely accompanied by J. Muir, West of Scotland, most of the way, but the Glasgow boy was no match for Reid's powerful finish.

West looked like winning the team title, with three men in the first eight, but the last support failed badly, and Carntyne ran out easy winners. Congratulations to the young club in its initial success, and better luck to "West" next time.

Any clubs wishing to know the places of non-counting men can have them by writing to me at this office.

THE WRONG MEDALS!

Edinburgh's notorious east wind lived up to its nasty reputation last Saturday, when many East End sportsmen were included in the three hundred cross-country runners who set out on their ten-mile jaunt for the National Championship at Redford. City clubs did well, and reference is made elsewhere to the double triumph scored by Shettleston Harriers.

A most pleasant and not so widely heralded success was also recorded by Carntyne Amateur Athletic Club, which, though only eighteen months in existence, received four medals for the efforts of its junior section. The officials here made a most amusing *faux pas*, as the Carntyne runners, on examining their medals, found them to be medals for a billiards contest! The mistake was hurriedly corrected by the apologetic judges, and the proper medals secured!

There was also a good deal of dis-sension following many of the team announcements, as mistakes had crept into the lists of names and placings, although it is recognised that the officials had quite a mammoth task.

HAMILTON CLUB. **GRIEVANCE AGAINST N.C.C.U.**

Last Saturday's race at Edinburgh was somewhat disappointing from our point of view. First of all James Freeland, like a good many of the fancied entrants, failed to secure his place in the international team for Brussels. The course, in the opinion of many of the runners, was not of the type for the Scottish cross-country championship, there being in each lap a distance of 1½ miles of road. Also the weather conditions were a big factor, a heavy snowstorm coming on just as the runners were starting off and which continued during the race.

Secondly, our team was given 17th place in the race, and we feel we must point out that our position was actually 14th, due to the performance of G. Craig, who finished 3rd man for us, but was omitted completely from the official result. His place was around the 100 mark, which would have made an improvement in our total pointage of over 100 points. I may say that this is the second race this year in which the same runner has been denied his proper place, the previous one being the Midland District seven miles. Our club resent very much this treatment. How it happened we don't know, but can only think a certain measure of carelessness exists somewhere either in the judging or with the marking officials of N.C.C.U. I am led to believe that nothing can be altered after the official result has been published, and yet, according to N.C.C.U. rules, a protest can be registered, but this rule is somewhat ambiguous as it states protests must be made before the prizes are presented, and as this is done on the spot how can one protest?

Owing to counter attractions to-day our fixture with Shettleston has been cancelled, but there will be an ordinary run at home for those so desiring. J. E. B.

Two Champions **FINE SHETTLESTON FEAT** **But Harriers' Team Disappointed**

The great cross-country event of the year took place on Saturday last at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, where the national championships were staged. Two team titles (senior and youths) and three individual titles (senior, junior, and youth) were at stake.

The great run of successes which Shettleston Harriers have had throughout the present season was unfortunately broken. The team started off minus J. Whiteside, one of the stalwarts, and W. Donaldson, who won the individual title in the Midland District seven miles championship, and from whom big things were expected, had to retire in the second circuit owing to a leg injury, a very disappointed man.

In the final placings the senior team finished fifth in a field of twenty-six. The youths' team, led by D. P. Ferguson, club youth champion, took fourth place over a course of three miles.

Two individual titles however were won by Shettleston. J. C. Flockhart proved himself the greatest cross-country runner in Scotland for the fourth time in five years. Never at any time in danger of being overhauled, he finished with over 100 yards to spare the freshest of the leaders. Congratulations to Jimmy on his well-merited success, in which Bob Orton, his constant friend and adviser, is entitled to share. Bob was a proud man on Saturday.

The junior title was won by Archie Craig, who took 13th individual place. Archie, by the way, is the son of the present president of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, once a very famous runner himself.

Jim Flockhart travels to Brussels on 20th March to take part in the international cross-country championship. This year he is followed with the enthusiastic hope of his clubmates that the most coveted of all honours will return with him. He deserves it.

SHETTLESTON CLUB.

The national championships were decided at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, last week and in a day of disappointments, perhaps the most outstanding disappointment was the mediocre display of our club in finishing fifth in the senior team championship. Though starting favourites, our team was considerably weakened by the inability to run of such experienced runners as W. Sutherland, J. Whiteside and T. Littlejohn. This, coupled with an early injury to W. Donaldson which necessitated his retirement from the race at the half-way stage, and the upsetting of J. C. Ross by a bad stretch, wrought havoc with our chances.

The redeeming features of the race from a Shettleston point of view were the individual performances of J. C. Flockhart and A. Craig in annexing the senior and junior individual titles respectively. Jimmy, in retaining his title on Saturday under adverse weather conditions and over a course which was not suited to his style of running, fully proved that he has no equal in Scotland at the present day. Taking the lead from the start of the race he ran comfortably throughout and won fairly easily by over 100 yards from J. E. Farrell of Maryhill and R. B. Sutherland, Birchfield. On this display he must again come into the reckoning for the international title next week. Archie Craig also gave a splendid display in winning the junior title, finishing 13th in the race, and his success is very popular in the club.

Our club also disappointed in the youths' race (over three miles), both individually and as a team. However, their 77 points total was only 7 points behind that which gave West of Scotland second place in the race. In view of our many successes earlier in the season, we have no reason for complaint, and two titles out of a possible five on Saturday is very satisfactory. Before leaving the youths' race, I should just like to extend our congratulations to our next-door neighbours, Carntyne A.A.C., for their splendid performance in winning the team race by the wide margin of 23 points. This victory should do a lot to put this new club on its feet and, adopting the policy of "It's not lost what a friend gets," we wish them every success for the future.

Reverting to Jimmy Flockhart's popular success in retaining his Scottish title last Saturday, this feat gave great satisfaction to all concerned, and particularly to our official masseur, Mr. Bob Orton. Bob, himself an old Hamilton harrier, has always taken a personal interest in Flockhart's athletic prowess, and Jimmy attributes his wonderful condition and stamina at all times largely to the personal care and attention received at his hands.

This week's fixture with Hamilton Harriers has been cancelled on account of the counter-attraction at Douglas Park. An inter-club run, however, has been arranged with Carntyne Harriers for Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m. from their headquarters at Carntynehall Road.

The team for the six-nations international at Stockel Hippodrome, Brussels, on March 20, was selected as follows:—J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston; J. E. Farrell, Maryhill; R. B. Sutherland, Birchfield; and Garscube; C. Smith, Hawthill; W. C. Wylie, Darlington and Garscube; A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.; A. T. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle; W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern. Reserves—W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan; J. S. Smith, Hawthill, and D. Urquhart, Garscube.

- CLUB ITEMS**
- ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY**—Hares and Hounds—5 miles (handicap)—1. N. J. M'Lean; 2. T. W. Carson; 3. H. M'Dougall. Time 31 mins. 30 secs. Handicap—1. T. W. Carson (45 secs.); 2. N. M'Lean (20 secs.); 3. B. E. Brooks (1 min. 45 secs.).
- TEVIOTDALE**—Three miles handicap, at Hawick—1. J. Brown (40), 20 mins. 39 secs.; 2. P. Armstrong (scr.), 20 mins. 52 secs.; 3. S. Bell (30), 21 mins. 29 secs. Fastest time—P. Armstrong, 18 mins. 28 secs.

SCOTLAND should put up quite a good show in the Cross-Country International at Brussels next Saturday. True, it would be beyond the wildest expectations of enthusiasts in this country if we had to win, but it is not being unduly optimistic to hope that we will be among the first three.

All the Scottish team except two—J. E. Farrell, Maryhill, and A. T. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle—have run in previous internationals, so the team is quite an experienced one, and since the course at Brussels is stated to be flat, it should suit the majority of our runners.

A great deal will depend on the running of J. C. Flockhart, the Scottish champion. In past internationals Flockhart never seems to have been able to produce the form which has won for him so many Scottish championships. On his day, the Shettleston man is on a par with any cross-country notable in Britain, yet the international contest has always seemed to be one in which he does not shine. It will be a great hope realised in athletic circles in this country if Flockhart strikes "peak" at Brussels.

Experienced Runner

R. R. Sutherland and W. C. Wylie, the two Anglo-Scots in the team, are not likely to be affected in any way by the journey. Sutherland once again turned up "trumps" in the Scottish championships. Few people expected him to fill third place when the race was run in such trying conditions, but the Army man was untroubled throughout.

Sutherland is the most experienced runner in internationals in our team, and his record is a very fine one. He has run in six—1928 (18th), 1930 (2nd), 1931 (8th), 1933 (2nd), 1934 (11th), and 1935 (13th).

In 1935 the Scottish selectors made what many considered to be a bad blunder in dropping him from the team to run at Paris—because he had a "bad day" in the championships at Hamilton, and despite the fact that he finished 12th in the English championships the week after. Sutherland is very much at home running on the Continent, and though he may be approaching the "veteran" stage, he can still produce first-class performances.

If W. C. Wylie runs as well at Brussels as he did at Paris—he was second after covering about half the distance with one shoe—then Scotland will feel that the Darlington man has served his native country well.

Inclusion of A. Dow

There has been some comment regarding the action of the selectors in including A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., in the team after his poor show at Edinburgh. Dow ran fourth at Blackpool a year ago, giving a most creditable performance.

The selectors did well in including him in the team again this year. I understand that Dow has recently been troubled with a leg injury. If that injury is likely to trouble him a week hence it is up to the runner himself to withdraw. Everyone will hope that the injury will be cured by Saturday, but Dow is not the type of athlete who will start if he does not feel fit.

Farrell proved a tenacious runner in the championships. If he does as well in the international then Scotland's chances will be greatly enhanced.

From an individual point of view Scotland's best chance would appear to lie with

Flockhart. He is capable at his best of winning.

In Paris two years ago the Scottish runners suffered somewhat from the effects of the journey—and also the food did not appear to agree with some of them. It can only be hoped that there will not be a recurrence of these misfortunes at Brussels.

Once the international is over, the track will again come into its own. With the "keep-fit" movement growing, this year is expected to be an outstanding one so far as track work is concerned. There is likely to be a big influx of young men into the sport, and it is up to the established harrier clubs to see that they are in a position to cope with additional demands made upon their facilities.

Field Events

Among Former Pupils clubs especially, it is probable that athletic sections will make big strides. These clubs, too, are in a strong position to allow of development, since, in most cases, they are well favoured so far as ground and dressing room facilities are concerned. Their grounds are usually available at most times, and, in this respect, they have an advantage over many of our harrier clubs. From a recruiting point of view, also, they are in an enviable position, as the yearly flow of pupils out of school assures of an annual inflow of newcomers.

It is to be hoped that many of the Former Pupils clubs will develop field events. This branch of the sport has made progress in Scotland over the past few years, but there is still room for a much greater improvement. With field events it is best that attention should be concentrated, in the main, on newcomers to athletics, since what is required is that field events should become a specialised art. First-class coaching and patience to the limit will be required for a long time to come in order to bring Scotland up to the standard of other countries, and the sooner the matter is begun in an enthusiastic and sincere manner the better.

Carntyne A.A.C.

The success of Carntyne A.A.C. in the youths' three-mile championship was no surprise to the officials of this young and enterprising club. They would have been disappointed if it had been otherwise.

Carntyne is a club of which a lot may soon be heard. Only one and a half years in existence, the club has already a large membership composed of young and enthusiastic newcomers to athletics. Endeavours are being made to obtain permission to train during the track season at Carntyne Greyhound Racecourse on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

While Carntyne's senior team came in last in the championships it should be remembered that it was composed mostly of young and not fully experienced runners.

SCOTLAND will make their annual attempt to gain the international cross-country championship at Brussels on Saturday. Every year since the race was inaugurated at the old Hamilton racecourse in 1903 a Scottish team has taken part. Sometimes our place has been a very minor one, but on the whole our teams have given a good account of themselves, although we have never won team honours.

With England we share the "ever-present" record. At one time there was a doubt whether the continuity would be broken this year owing to the fact that it is only two years since the race was held in Paris. These Continental trips are expensive affairs, costing the Scottish Union over £100.

In the ordinary course of events the European venue should come round every third year, the rotation being England, Ireland, Belgium, Wales, Scotland, and France. The Irish Free State team's last appearance in the race was at Brussels in 1932, since when their place has been taken by Northern Ireland. This year's race would have been run in the North of Ireland had that country been admitted to the rota in time. Next year's venue, which will be decided by the international board at their meeting on Saturday forenoon, will probably be Belfast.

Twice Third

Saturday's race at Brussels will be the third in Belgium. The first one was in 1926, when Scotland took third place with 101 points against France's 32 and England's 62. The next time the big race was decided at the Stockel Hippodrome Scotland were again third, this time with 110 points as against England's 21 and France's 69. This was one of the two occasions on which England scored the lowest possible points by occupying the first six places—a feat which they had previously accomplished at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1924.

Here are the names and placings of Scotland's counting six in the last Brussels race—J. Suttie Smith 7, J. P. Wood 8, H. McIntosh 16, D. Urquhart 20, W. J. Gunn 24, J. M. Petrie 35—110 points. The three unplaced members of the team were W. Sutherland, P. Peattie, and M. Stobbs.

Not one of the foregoing is included in the team chosen for this year's race. Suttie Smith and D. Urquhart are now second and third reserves respectively.

Had it not been for Petrie's venture into professionalism, he would certainly have been again chosen.

Entirely New

Thus we have an entirely new team for this trip, although R. R. Sutherland, who did not run in the 1932 race, led the Scottish team at Leamington in 1930 and at Dublin in 1931, while he also was our third man at Ayr in 1928, his first international.

While Sergeant Sutherland is the veteran of the team with six previous honours, he has a long way to go to equal D. McL.

Wright's record of 11 consecutive honours. Next best is Suttie Smith with 10 appearances, which, like Wright's, were gained consecutively. Both Wright and Smith have been in Scotland's counting six in 10 internationals.

Of this year's team Flockhart, Sutherland, Dow, and Wylie have never run unplaced in the international race. Dow having three appearances to his credit and Wylie two, while the champion has run in the last four events. Of the others previously honoured Hinde has run three times, but has only counted in the team once, while C. Smith has been unplaced twice.

As only eight men are being sent this year this leaves only other two members of the team—J. E. Farrell (Maryhill), first reserve last year, and A. T. Whitecross (Dundee Thistle). The official party leaves Central Station, Glasgow, at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Selection Method

The union executive have come in for plenty of criticism since the team was announced.

Most of the other nations choose their teams entirely on the running shown in their championships. England always does this, and I think I am correct in saying so do Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, on the other hand, the Scottish Union officials accepted the first three men—Flockhart, Farrell and Sutherland—without discussion, but all the others were put to the vote.

There is a lot to be said in favour of letting the runners choose themselves. It certainly would afford more encouragement to new talent, as the competitors would know beforehand exactly how they stood.

Even the English Union make exceptions, however. On Saturday they chose J. A. Burns as one of the 10 from whom their team will be selected. The Elswick man did not take part in Saturday's race, having been delayed by the snow on the long journey from Newcastle to Stratford. The absence from the English team of J. Parker, Belgrave (4th) and A. J. Williams, Sutton (6th) is explained by the fact that Parker is a Northern Ireland man and Williams a Welshman.

As some misconception seems to exist regarding the race promoted by the Scottish Women's A.A.A. at Auchinairn on Saturday, I would like to make it clear that no championship was involved. The last Scottish women's cross-country championship was run at the same venue last year, when Clydesdale H. took team honours from Dundee Hawkhill H. The individual title was retained by Mildred Storrar, Dundee Hawkhill, with Miss Tait, Clydesdale H. runner-up.

There was a surprise result in the final points race of Stranraer Harriers when a new member, W. McCaulay, beat the favourite, J. McNally, who, however, had the fastest time with 22mins. 7secs. McNally has completed the series of races held during the winter season 10 points ahead of the runner-up, W. B. McCaulay.

WHAT THE REDFORD RACE DISCLOSED

Another Chance For Alec Dow

By "GGROE"

WITH the Cross Country National now a thing of the past, we can settle down to the prospects for the International at Stockel Hippodrome, near Brussels, on March 20.

The Union have decided that they can only afford to take eight runners to Belgium, and not the usual nine. This is perhaps hard luck on W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan, who is the first reserve. Two of the team, Farrell and Whitecross, will be competing in the International for the first time, but if their form of Saturday is maintained, they will be difficult to displace in future seasons.

One of the most distracting features of the Redford race was the running of Alec Dow, Kirkcaldy, who finished only 102nd. His loss of form seems inexplicable, but, bearing in mind his brilliant running for Scotland in previous races, the selection committee has given him a place in the team again. Let us hope that he is back at his best for the occasion.

Farrell, on Saturday's running, will be an excellent recruit to the team, while Sutherland and Wylie can surely be relied upon to do well in this important event. Young Charlie Smith, Billy Hinde and the vastly-improved Whitecross should be able supports.

For Services Rendered

The second and third reserves, Suttie Smith and Donald Urquhart, got their places despite a backward show on Saturday, and this tribute for services rendered was a nice gesture by the Union.

Among the noted runners who were unable to finish the course at Redford were D. Patience, Belgrave; W. Donaldson, Shettleston; M. Stobbs, Kilmarnock; A. M'Lean, Glenpark; and L. Tongue, Maryhill. In the cases of Tongue and Donaldson, leg injuries reassured themselves.

Disappointments were many, and affected almost all the clubs. T. W. Lamb and G. Hunter, Bellahouston, were both over the "hundreds"; J. Freeland, Hamilton, and J. F. Wood, Heriot's, were both among the thirties; Alec Dow was 102 to be exact; and his conqueror of the Y.M.C.A. championships, R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., was as far back as the "160's."

M'Gregor (24), Tombe (25) and Gunn (54) might all have done better; J. C. Ross and J. J. M'Donald, Shettleston, should also have been much nearer to the leaders, while the Springburn team, although packing well were too far back for the purpose.

Special Mention

There are a host of runners deserving special mention, but praise is especially due to Farrell, Maryhill; W. C. Murdoch, Beith; A. T. Whitecross and A. M. Donnet, Thistle; W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan; R. M'Pherson, Maryhill; and J. Wilkie, Plebeian. All exceeded expectations.

Shettleston, as a team, were the most disappointing, and sorely missed Willie Sutherland, W. Donaldson and J. Whiteside. Sutherland, by the way, is expected to restart training soon.

But for the Territorial championship at Maryhill Barracks and the ladies' race at Bishopbriggs, this Saturday is principally occupied with club runs, and apart from the Brussels race, the next event of importance is the Edinburgh to Glasgow relay on April 3.

The race at Maryhill on Saturday will bring together ten teams from the following units:—Avrshire Yeomanry, 6th Cameronians, Glasgow R.E., 6th H.L.I., 9th H.L.I., Renfrewshire Fortress R.E. ("A" and "B" teams), 4/5th Royal Scots, 7/9th Royal Scots, and 4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Sam Tombe, Plebeian, and A. M'Lean, Glenpark, are only two of the well-known harriers attached to some of the forces mentioned. M'Lean is now with the R.E., and a good race, as usual, is assured. The race will be over a course of almost five miles, and, starting at 3.45 p.m., it will start and finish on the canal banks.

Ladies' Championship

The annual ladies' cross country championship of Scotland will be held from the pavilion of Springburn Harriers, Auchinairn Road, Bishopbriggs, on Saturday. Interest among ladies in this sport is becoming less evident, and the entry is not a large one. It is expected that the clubs which will do best are Clydesdale and Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, the two clubs which pay most attention to the winter sport.

By ATHLON

HARRIERS had quite a good outing on Saturday—despite the snow. Conditions varied greatly, some districts escaping the blizzard almost entirely.

I went out to Garscadden to see the inter-university contest, but, like the Glasgow students, I met with a disappointment. The Edinburgh team had sent a telegram to the effect that they were "calling off"; and so Glasgow, whose full team were forward, had to fall back on a pack run.

If the Edinburgh students thought the heavy snowfall was likely to interfere with the fixture, they were quite wrong, as there was really no snow at all in the vicinity of the Glasgow University ground. Besides, the onus of calling the race off obviously lay with the home team.

The Glasgow students were rather sore at the way the race had fizzled out, for only a fortnight ago they agreed to Edinburgh's request for a postponement on account of team difficulties.

From Garscadden I set out for Maryhill Barracks, where the 52nd Divisional Territorial championships were down for decision. Here also I found that although the trail had been laid by Maryhill Harriers the race had been declared off.

The Scottish Women's AAA, on the

other hand, had no difficulty in carrying out their two-mile race at Auchinairn, where the trail was laid by Springburn Harriers.

There was snow on the ground here and also at Kirkcaldy, where the local YMCA Club, despite the absence of international A. Dow, continued their winning sequence in the Kirkcaldy league contests. The YMCA, who were successful in all three races this season, have now won the Sandilands Trophy for the champion team five years in succession.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers were to have decided their Consolation Handicap and their Junior championship from Glenogle Rd Baths, but owing to the wintry conditions both events were cancelled. This is the second time the Junior championship has been cancelled this year owing to snow. One pack, however, went out paced by W. Hinde, the whip being J. P. Laidlaw. The pack finished together.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers and Rover Scouts' inter-club run from Glenogle Rd Baths was also put off owing to the weather conditions.

In the English championship at Stratford-on-Avon, R. R. Sutherland ran his usual sound race to finish fifteenth in 62.23. Scots Guardsman D. Patience, who "packed up" at the end of the second circuit in the Scottish championship last Saturday, finished fourteenth, 3secs. ahead of Sutherland.

Although they had not a man in the first ten, Birchfield H., who have only been beaten twice since the war, retained team honours, but their four-point win over Belgrave H. was the closest for many years. The individual title went to H. D. Clark, York H., who was ninth a year ago, while the holder, J. H. Potts, Saltwell H., finished eighth.

For Brussels

After the race the following English team was chosen for the international at Brussels on Saturday:—G. W. Bailey, J. A. Burns, A. Bourton, H. D. Clark, R. V. Draper, J. Ginty, J. T. Holden, T. Lee, J. H. Potts, and L. H. Weatherill. Ten men have been chosen, but only nine run. Burns did not run on Saturday, being delayed en route for Stratford.

Shettleston Harriers visit their near neighbours, Carnynte AAC, for an inter-club run tomorrow night at 7.30. The Carnynte headquarters are at the Junior Instruction Centre at the top of Carnynte Hall Rd.

The Shettleston club's six miles road race has been brought forward from March 27 to Saturday first.

LADY HARRIERS IN FORM

Jean Tait Wins Scots A.A.A. Title

By "GGROE"

WE are so used to seeing cross-country races carried through in all sorts of conditions, and it is a reflection on the severity of Saturday's weather that the programme for that day was so seriously curtailed. In the cases of the Territorial and Universities events, however, it was the early morning presumption of those who had to travel a considerable distance that vetoed the races, and not the state of the going, for at both Maryhill and Garscadden the trails were in good trim.

It took more than snow and ice to deter the women, however, and although Eastern competitors failed to turn up at Auchinairn for the Scottish Women's A.A.A. race, the Glasgow competitors made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

London Entrant Retires

The race was over a course slightly under two miles, and was won, as expected, by last year's champion, Jean Tait, Clydesdale. She cut out a good pace, and despite the challenge of her colleague, Barbara Anderson, won by over 60 yards. The runner-up, however, was rewarded for her tenacity by winning the chief award in the sealed handicap. Connie Johnston, who was entered under the London Olympiad Club, retired before the finish.

WOMEN'S A.A.A. RACE

SCRATCH RACE

1. J. Tait, Clydesdale Harriers, 12 mins. 6 secs.; 2. B. G. Anderson, Clydesdale H., 12 mins. 23 secs.; 3. I. Hunter, Clydesdale H., 12 mins. 39 secs.; 4. G. Ballantine, Clydesdale H., 12 mins. 55 secs.; 5. A. Ritchie, Clydesdale H., 12 mins. 59 secs.; 6. M. Orr, Clydesdale H., 13 mins. 1 sec.; 7. B. Reid, Clydesdale H., 13 mins. 9 secs.; 8. C. Hogg, Bellahouston H., 13 mins. 40 secs.; 9. I. Gallacher, Clydesdale H., 14 mins. 9 secs.

HANDICAP

1. B. G. Anderson, Clydesdale Harriers (1.00), 11 mins. 23 secs.; 2. G. Ballantine, Clydesdale Harriers (1.00), 11 mins. 55 secs.; 3. J. Tait, Clydesdale H. (.05), 12 mins. 1 sec.; 4. B. Reid, Clydesdale H. (.55), 12 mins. 14 secs.; 5. I. Hunter, Clydesdale H. (.20), 12 mins. 19 secs.; 6. M. Orr, Clydesdale H. (.40), 12 mins. 21 secs.; 7. A. Ritchie, Clydesdale H. (.30), 12 mins. 29 secs.; 8. C. Hogg, Bellahouston H. (1.00), 12 mins. 40 secs.; 9. I. Gallacher, Clydesdale H. (1.15), 13 mins. 4 secs.

OTHER RACES

IRVINE Y.M.C.A.—Five miles team race at headquarters—1. D. W. Aldie, 27 mins. 20secs.; 2. G. S. Pringle, 27 mins. 58secs.; 3. W. H. McCulloch, 29 mins. 16secs.

INTER-CLUB

GARSCUBE AND CLYDESDALE.—Two packs covered seven miles at Westerton. Paces and whips—Mediums—J. Thomson (G.) and C. Middel (C.); fasts—T. Daily (G.) and T. Sinclair (C.).

ORDINARY RUNS

CARNTYNE.—Two packs covered five miles at headquarters. Paces and whips: Juniors—W. W. McCulloch and A. Stuart; fasts—D. Y. Dunn and R. Semple.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—Three packs covered seven miles at Garscadden. Pack 1—1. L. B. Young; 2. J. C. Gray; 3. J. N. Lapraik. Pack 2—1. J. D. Binning; 2. H. Garrity; 3. W. A. McBride. Pack 3—1. B. A. McLeag; 2. W. Docherty; 3. J. England.

KILMARNOCK.—One pack, controlled by C. Gibson and A. Tyrie, covered 2½ miles, and J. Phillips, in marathon training, covered sixteen miles from Kilmarnock.

MONKLAND.—One pack covered six miles from Inveresk. 1. H. Ryder; 2. A. James; 3. J. Williams.

OLYMPIC.—Three packs covered seven miles at Springburn. Paces and whips:—Slows—J. Lumsden and B. Hutchison; mediums—A. Ritchie and A. McAlpine; fasts—D. Beaton and A. Hutchison.

PAISLEY.—Two packs covered six miles at Moss-side. Paces and whips:—Slows—A. McIntyre and A. A. Steel; fasts—N. McLean and J. C. Thomson.

How The Harriers Finished

RACES.

IRVINE Y.M.C.A. H.—Five miles road race: D. W. Aldie, 27.20, 1; G. S. Pringle, 27.58, 2; W. H. McCulloch, 29.16, 3. Team race: D. W. Aldie 1 and R. Nairn 5 tied with G. S. Pringle 2 and W. Bell 4—5pts each. Aldie's time was fastest for course this season.

Kirkcaldy League.—Third and last race over five miles course. Individual placings: D. Nairn, YMCA H., 1; D. R. Williamson, Old Boys' Club, 2; J. Bell, Boys' Club, 3. Won by inches. Team placings: YMCA H., 52, 1; Old Boys' Club, 65, 2; Eastbank A.C., 75, 3; Boys' Club, 108, 4. Points aggregate: YMCA H., 150, 1; Old Boys, 215, 2; Eastbank, 245, 3; Boys' Club, 309, 4.

Scottish Women's AAA.—Two miles race from Springburn H. pavilion at Auchinairn: J. Tait, Clydesdale H., 12.6, 1; B. G. Anderson, Clydesdale H., 12.23, 2; I. Hunter, Clydesdale H., 12.39, 3; G. Ballantine, Clydesdale H., 12.55, 4; A. Ritchie, Clydesdale H., 12.59, 5; M. Orr, Clydesdale H., 13.1, 6. Handicap: B. G. Anderson (1.00), 11.23, 1; G. Ballantine (1.00), 11.55, 2; J. Tait (0.5), 12.1, 3.

INTER-CLUB RUNS.

Garscube H. and Clydesdale H.—Two packs covered seven miles at Westerton. Pack controllers—mediums, J. Thomson (G.) and C. Middel (C.); fasts, T. Daily (G.) and T. Sinclair (C.). No finishes.

Maryhill H. and Glasgow YMCA AC.—Three packs ran seven miles from Maryhill Baths. Pack controllers—slows, D. Denholm and J. Niven; mediums, W. Stromberg and A. Burnside; fasts, D. M. Robertson and A. H. Blair. Arrivals—slows, D. Denholm 1, W. Nelson 2, A. Robertson 3; mediums, D. McLeish 1, W. Osborne 2, D. M. Robertson 3, A. H. Blair 4. Finishes—slows and mediums together—fasts, W. J. Gunn (P.) 1, S. A. Kennedy (S.) 2, J. Wylie (P.) 3.

CLUB BUNS.

Airdrie H.—Run from Gartlea Rd cancelled owing to state of country. Annual smoker and presentation of prizes in Painters' Hall, Ballies.



Lane, on Tuesday, March 30. Old members cordially invited.

"RACE OF HIS LIFE"

Thrills Galore In Battle In Brussels

Special Report By George Dallas

Brussels, Saturday Night.

BRAYO, Jim Flockhart!

The Shettleston Harrier, and Scottish National Champion, ran the race of his life to-day to win the Blue Riband of cross-country running in the Six Nations International at Stockel Hippodrome, Brussels.

After a wonderfully thrilling race he beat A. Siccard, a dashing little Frenchman, by 50 yards, with J. Ginty, of England, almost the same distance behind.

The English team retained the International team title.

The race, as is usual on the Continent, was a very fast affair, and at the start the Scots runners were conspicuous by their absence from the leading places.

The Englishmen, J. Burns and J. Ginty, made the early pace, and pushed by Van Rumst, the Belgium title-holder, and A. Siccard, made it a cracker.

Flockhart first came into evidence at the second lap when he was 18th and running very easily.

Next time round Burns was still leading with Flockhart in sixth position, and despite the tremendous pace it was reassuring to the Scots enthusiasts to see how easily he accelerated when he did make up his mind to move up.

At half distance he joined the leaders, and with Burns and Siccard, gradually opened up a big gap between them and the rest. At six miles Siccard made his big effort leading Flockhart and Burns—40 yards in the rear.

FRENCHMAN TIRES

It looked as though the Frenchman was on the winning path, but his effort was too much for him, and at 8 miles Flockhart and Burns again cut him up.

It was at this point that Jimmy forced the issue and with relentless pace he gradually left his rivals behind. Both Siccard and Burns tried hard, but in vain, to keep on terms, but the Scot was too fast for them and won easily by 50 yards.

Ginty and Potts beat Burns, the early pacemaker, for the next places.

SCOTLAND FOURTH

Scotland's team was not up to standard, and only finished fourth. England, aggregating 55 points, were again the winners with France only 14 points behind. The Belgians, as they had hoped, beat us to finish third. Alec Dow, Kirkcaldy, fully justified his selection by finishing second man for our team in the seventeenth place.

R. R. Sutherland was our next man, with Farrell our fourth man. Wylie and Charlie Smith completed our counting six.

As well as winning the individual trophy Flockhart was presented to King Leopold after he had finished the course, and the Belgian monarch presented him with a bronze plaque to commemorate his victory.

The King chatted with him for quite a time, and congratulated him warmly on his achievement.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

- 1.—J. C. Flockhart, Scotland, 49 mins. 54 4-5 secs.
- 2.—A. Siccard, France, 50 mins. 3 secs.
- 3.—J. Ginty, England, 50 mins. 13 secs.
- 4.—J. H. Potts, England, 50 mins. 26 secs.
- 5.—J. A. Burns, England, 50 mins. 28 secs.
- 6.—E. Schroeven, Belgium, 50 mins. 37 secs.
- 7.—O. Van Rumst, Belgium, 50 mins. 54 secs.
- 8.—R. Berolle, France, 50 mins. 56 secs.
- 9.—A. Lonlas, France, 51 mins. 5 secs.
- 10.—W. G. Matthews (Wales), 51 mins. 9 secs.

TEAM PLACINGS

- 1.—ENGLAND — J. Ginty (Belgrave Harriers), 3; J. H. Potts (Saltwell Harriers), 4; J. A. Burns (Elswick Harriers), 5; H. D. Clark (York Harriers), 12; A. Bourton (Birchfield Harriers), 13; I. Lee (Sutton H.A.C.), 18—total, 55 points.
- 2.—FRANCE — A. Siccard, 2; R. Berolle, 8; M. G. Larbi, 9; R. Lecuron, 14; J. Guomar, 15; R. Lachaud, 21—total, 69 points.
- 3.—BELGIUM — E. Schroeven, 6; O. Van Rumst, 7; J. Chapelle, 11; P. Bajart, 20; B. Hermans, 24; A. V. Meenan, 26—total, 94 points.
- 4.—SCOTLAND — J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston Harriers), 1; A. Dow (Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.), 17; R. R. Sutherland (Birchfield Harriers), 19; J. E. Farrell (Maryhill Harriers), 22; W. C. Wylie (Darlington Harriers), 28; C. Smith (Dundee Hawkhill), 29—total, 116 points.
- 5.—WALES — W. G. Matthews (Penrhy Harriers), 10; H. Gallivan (Cwmbran Harriers), 15; I. Brown (Tooting Harriers), 23; A. Williams (Sutton Harriers), 30; E. Scooper (Roath Harriers), 31; D. Phillips (Cwmbran Harriers), 33—total 147 points.
- 6.—NORTH IRELAND — D. Cannavan (Ballydrain), 25; W. MacCune (Willowfield), 27; J. B. Andrews (Willowfield), 32; M. Gorman (West Down Harriers), 34; R. Patterson (East Antrim), 35; A. Workman (East Antrim), 36—total, 189 points.

BRUSSELS CHAMPIONSHIP WIFE PROUD OF SCOTS RUNNER'S WIN

A 26-YEAR-OLD Shettleston woman, Mrs. J. C. Flockhart, sat yesterday afternoon in a local picture house while her husband was taking part in the greatest cross-country race of his career.

He scored a wonderful win, and thus gave his wife the most acceptable birthday gift she has ever received. He was first man home in the International Cross-Country championship, which took place over a course of about nine miles on the Stockel Racecourse, Brussels, yesterday.

Flockhart's time was 49 min. 50 4-5 sec. Siccard of France was second; J. A. Burns, England, third; and J. H. Potts, England, fourth.

Flockhart is 28 and a Glasgow Corporation painter. He left his home in Carolina Street, Shettleston, on Thursday for Brussels with the good wishes of the little neighbourhood ringing in his ears. Last night the lights in their homes burned brightly as they celebrated the victory.

IN MOTHER'S HOME

In Flockhart's mother's home at Tolleross a *Sunday Mail* reporter found his young wife, who had gone to the pictures to "get away from all the excitement."

Mrs. Flockhart told our reporter: "I knew that he was confident of victory. He has faced the foreigners before on their own soil and he has done well."

"I know that my husband carried a secret abroad with him. He knew that on the day he was running it was my birthday and I am glad that he has won to give me the best birthday gift I have ever received."

Flockhart, who is a non-smoker and teetotaler, has four imposing trophies on his sideboard. At present he holds the National Cross-Country Championship—a recent achievement; the Club Cross-Country Championship (for which he holds the record); the Ten Miles Flat, and the Six Miles Flat.

J. C. FLOCKHART, of Shettleston Harriers, the Scottish champion, won the six-country cross-country race at Brussels, finishing the course of about 9 miles 65 yards ahead of the field.

His winning time was 49mins. 50 4-5secs. He is the first home Scot to win the race. England won the team event, in which Scotland took fourth place. Dow, of Kirkcaldy, was second Scot home in seventeenth place, closely followed by R. R. Sutherland and J. S. Farrell.

Individual placings: J. C. Flockhart (Scotland) 1, Siccard (France) 2, Lance-Sergeant J. Ginty (England) 3, J. H. Potts (England) 4, J. A. Burns (England) 5. Burns fell twice.

Team placings: England (55pts.) 1, France (70pts.) 2, Belgium (93pts.) 3, Scotland (122pts.) 4, Wales (162pts.) 5, Ireland (214pts.) last.

IT was a jubilant Scots party at the cross-country international championship at Brussels, on Saturday, when Jimmy Flockhart, Shettleston, Scottish champion, ran the greatest race of his brilliant career to beat the elite of six nations.

Flockhart did not allow the rushing tactics of the Continentals and Englishmen to upset him. When he did make his effort with less than two miles to go, there was no doubt that he was in a class by himself. He ran the last mile with exhilarating abandon, leaving others behind with every step to win by over sixty yards from Siccard, France.

The runner-up was also a gallant trier, and had he not "killed" himself with a spectacular spurt in the seventh mile, he would probably have given our title-holder a warmer fight at the finish. J. Ginty, J. Potts, and J. Burns, England, filled the next places, but Burns, had he not been the principal pacemaker throughout, might also have been much closer at the finish.

Below Average

Our team did not set the heather on fire, but then it was not expected to do that. We did hope to beat Belgium again, but the homesters were in top gear, while our lot were perhaps below average as a team.

As usual, England won the team title. Although they were only 15 points ahead of France, the Saxon victory was complete enough. Our own pointage was only ten worse than at Blackpool last year.

The race was patronised by the King of the Belgians and after the event Flockhart was immediately summoned to the Royal enclosure to be congratulated by King Leopold and presented with a handsome medallion in commemoration of his victory.

Hot Start

The race was an exceptionally fast affair from the start, and as usual the English and Continental runners made the pace very hot. Burns was the man who assumed command, and he showed the foreigners that he was as good as himself at this heart-breaking task.

He was joined by Van Rumst, the Belgian champion, Siccard of France, Clark and Holden of England. At this point the Scots were content to let those who would "kill" themselves, and Flockhart, our first man, was only a few paces ahead of Dow, about twentieth.

Retirels

At three miles, Flockhart moved up a bit, and for a time he kept in a handy position about thirty yards behind the leading group of runners, the personnel of which had not altered much, except that Holden of England and Larbi of France were forced to retire hurt.

Thus early the team championship was a close affair with only a dozen



J. C. Flockhart
of Shettleston Harriers, winner of
the international cross-country race
at Brussels.

points covering England, France and Belgium in that order. Scotland was hopelessly far back.

At six miles the pace had told its tale on many of those who were prominent earlier and Burns, Siccard, Van Rumst and Flockhart were in front.

Scot Dictates

Siccard made a burst, and then it became Flockhart's turn to dictate the pace. The Shettleston man did so with a vengeance and soon shook off Siccard, while Burns slipped further back still. In the last lap Flockhart maintained his lead to win by 60 yards.

Alec Dow (17) again proved his worth by counting second for Scotland, while R. R. Sutherland (20) was our third man. J. Farrell came in 23rd and W. C. Wylie (30), C. Smith (31) and W. Hinde (32) all finished together. T. Whitecross did not do so well, finishing 41st.

J. C. Flockhart will be the guest of honour at the dance of the Scottish Cross-Country Union, to be held in the Albert Palais, Bath Street, to-night.

THE LEADERS

1. J. C. Flockhart, Scotland, 49 mins. 54 4-5 secs.
2. A. Siccard, France, 50 mins. 3 secs.
3. J. Ginty, England, 50 mins. 13 secs.
4. J. H. Potts, England, 50 mins. 26 secs.
5. J. A. Burns, England, 50 mins. 28 secs.
6. E. Schroeven, Belgium, 50 mins. 37 secs.
7. O. van Rumst, Belgium, 50 mins. 44 secs.
8. R. Berolle, France, 50 mins. 56 secs.
9. A. Lonlas, France, 51 mins. 5 secs.
10. W. G. Matthews, Wales, 51 mins. 9 secs.

TEAM PLACINGS

1. England (5, 4, 5, 12, 13, 18), 55 points.
2. France (2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 23), 70.
3. Belgium (6, 7, 11, 21, 25, 28), 98.
4. Scotland (1, 17, 20, 23, 30, 31), 122.
5. Wales (10, 16, 24, 35, 37, 39), 162.
6. Northern Ireland (27, 29, 33, 36, 44, 45), 214.

J. C. Flockhart Wins Cross- Country International

Brussels, Saturday.

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England won the International Cross-Country Championship with 55 points.—P.A. Foreign Special.

J. C. FLOCKHART crosses
country first at Brussels.
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HOW THE HARRIERS FINISHED IN THE CLUB EVENTS

RACES

AIRDRIE H.—Five miles handicap: R. L. Lawson (3.10), 25.42; 1. C. Hannah (3.6), 25.25; 2. W. Nicholson (3.20), 28.5; 3. Fastest times: R. L. Lawson (3.06), 28.52; 1. John Marshall (28.56), 2. C. Hannah (29.31), 3. Date of annual smoker has been changed from March 30 to April 1.

BELTH H.—Five miles handicap (Crawford Cup): W. C. Murdoch (ser), 27.24; 1. J. McConnell (2.5), 27.23; 2. J. Millar (0.35), 27.43; 3. Murdoch best course record by 5.6secs.

CLYDESDALE H.—Seven miles handicap: C. Middel (1.10), 45.18; 1. A. Shields (5.30), 45.24; 2. T. Luke (5.30), 45.27; 3. Fastest time: T. Sinclair, 42.25.

DUNDEE THISTLE H.—Five-mile road championship: J. M. Petrie, 24.51; 1. A. Hay, 25.33; 2. A. M. Donnet (holder), 25.39; 3. D. Gowans; 4. D. Coburn; 5. D. Turner; 6. Junior championship was won by D. Duncan, who finished eighth in 27.14. Petrie broke C. Smith's course record by 14secs.

GREENOCK GLENPARK H.—Five-mile road race: A. McLean, 27.12; 1. R. Holmes, 27.25; 2. J. Wilson, 27.58; 3. Handicap: J. Wilson, 25.13; 1. C. Berry, 25.23; 2. D. Brown, 26.11; 3.

KILBARCHAN AAC v. JOHNSTONE WHEELERS.—Six-and-a-half-mile team race at Johnstone: Harriers (pts), 1. Cyclists, 29pts; 2. Arrivals: R. Kerr (K), 39.00; 1. N. Hayes, 2; D. Crawford, 3.

KIRKCALDY EASTBANK AC.—Six-and-a-half mile handicap: J. Rennie (1.30) 36.18; 1. R. Balfour (3.30) 36.53; 2. J. Adamson (ser) 36.55; 3. Fastest times: J. Adamson, 36.55; 1. J. Rennie, 37.48; 2. D. Rennie, 39.45; 3.

LARKHALL YMCA H.—Eight miles. T. White, 45.20; 1. J. McMillan, 47.4; 2. W. Perrie, 49.16; 3.

MARYHILL H.—Bannerman team race (seven miles). Fastest times: D. McN. Robertson, 39.41; 1. R. Osborne, 39.47; 2. L. Tongue, 40.11; 3. Team race: R. Osborne, 1; D. McLeish, 5; J. Murrin, 10—17pts; 1. D. McN. Robertson, 1; R. Nicholson, 7; A. Burnside, 12—20pts; 2.

OLYMPIC H.—Seven miles club championship: R. Hutchison, 42.25; 1. D. Beaton, 2; A. Hutchison, 3. Handicap: A. Hutchison.

PAISLEY YMCA H.—Ten miles road relay race: J. G. Paton, A. K. Holmes, P. Montgomery, 51.54; 1. J. M. Sellar, J. Doak, T. McNeill, 51.56; 2. J. Stevenson, H. McQuillan, M. McDonald, 54.11; 3. Fastest times: J. G. Paton, 16.00; 1. J. M. Sellar, 16.14; 2. A. K. Holmes, 16.22; 3.

SHETTLESTON H.—Six miles road handicap: G. H. Taylor (4.10), 28.5; 1. D. McCallum (10.00), 28.19; 2. J. MacEachern (6.00), 28.42.

3. Fastest times: J. C. Ross, 30.04; 1. R. Thomson, 30.51; 2. W. Moutrie, 30.55; 3. West of Scotland H.—Two miles handicap at Ibrox Park: A. MacKenzie (550yds), 1. A. Bruce (550yds), 2; H. Malloy (420yds), 3. Time, 9.21.

INTER-CLUB RUNS

Edinburgh Southern H. and Heriot C.C.C.—Five miles from Glenogle Road Baths: Mediums—pace, A. S. Crosbie, Heriot's; whip, R. McClure, Southern; first home, W. McLauchlan, Heriot's. Fast—1. Ross, Southern; whip, A. M. Thompson, Heriot's; first home, R. Sime, Southern.

Hamilton H. Gilbertfield Wheelers, and Hamilton Cycling Club.—Seven miles from Hamilton Baths. Finish, J. Freeland (HH), 41.8; 1. F. Gardiner (HCC) 41.55; 2. R. Patterson (HCC), 42.42; 3. A. Wardlaw (HH), 43.1; 4.

Victoria Park AAC, Garscube H. Renfrew YMCA H. Dumbarton AAC, and Carntyne AAC.—Eight miles at Milngavie. Pack controllers: Slows: W. Gowans (G) and J. Martin (R); mediums: J. R. Taylor (RYMCA) and J. Cuthbert (G); fasts: T. Daily (G) and R. Rogerson (VP). Finishes: Slows: J. Barton (G), 1; J. Daily (G), 2; G. R. Walker (VP), 3; mediums: G. Russell (G), 1; D. B. Brooke (G), 2; W. T. Ross (G), 3; fasts: W. Gowans (G), 1; T. Daily (G), 2; D. E. Thomson (VP), 3.

Auchmountain H.—Two packs covered five miles from headquarters. Pack controllers: Mediums: J. Willis and J. Morris; fasts: A. MacDonald and J. Lynch. Mediums finished: A. McLean, 1; W. McLea, 2; J. Shultz, 3. Fast finished in pack formation.

Kilmarnock H.—Three packs ran two-and-a-half miles. Pack controllers: Youths: W. Richardson and A. Price; slows: A. Tyrie and C. Gibson; mediums: E. Price and A. Livingstone. No finishes. J. Phillips had a 24-mile spin.

Kirkcaldy Eastbank AC.—One pack, paced by A. Johnstone and whipped by D. Moir, covered five miles of road. Team for Perth-Kirkcaldy relay: D. Moir, A. Aitken, A. C. Bell, W. Townsend, J. Bell, H. Lancelles. Reserve: A. Johnstone.

Monkland H.—Fast pack paced by R. Taylor and whipped by J. Williams, covered seven miles. J. Clelland, 1; J. Leslie, 2; H. Ryder, 3.

Paisley H.—Two packs ran five miles at Moss-side. Slows in charge of R. Crawford and J. C. Tannahill; fasts under N. McLean and H. Cassidy. No finishes. End of season dance in Co-op Hall, Causey-side, on April 2.

Shawfield H.—Juniors did three miles and seniors five miles from Pollokshaws Baths. No finishes.

RESULTS OF CLUB RUNS

RACES

AIRDRIE.—Five miles handicap at Gartle Road. 1. H. L. Lawson (3.10), 28 mins. 52 secs.; 2. C. Hannah (3.06), 29 mins. 31 secs.; 3. W. Nicholson (3.20), 31 mins. 25 secs.

BELTH.—Crawford Cup Handicap—1. W. C. Murdoch (scratch), 27 mins. 24 secs.; 2. J. McConnell (2.5), 29 mins. 30 secs.; 3. J. Millar (3.5), 28 mins. 18 secs. New record for course.

CLYDESDALE.—Seven miles handicap at Clydebank—1. C. Middel (1.10), 45 mins. 18 secs.; 2. A. Shields (3.30), 45 mins. 24 secs.; 3. T. Luke (3.30), 45 mins. 27 secs. Fastest time, F. Sinclair, 42 mins. 25 secs.

DUNDEE THISTLE.—Five miles road championship—1. J. M. Petrie, 24 mins. 51 secs.; 2. A. Hay, 25 mins. 33 secs.; 3. A. M. Donnet, 25 mins. 39 secs. New record for course.

EASTBANK.—Club Championship, 7 miles—1. J. Adamson, 40 mins. 1 sec.; 2. J. Rennie, 40 mins. 40 secs.; 3. J. Christie, 40 mins. 41 secs.

GLENPARK.—Five miles road race at Orangefield—1. A. McLean, 27 mins. 12 secs.; 2. R. Holmes, 27 mins. 25 secs.; 3. J. Wilson, 27 mins. 58 secs. Handicap winner—J. Wilson (2.45), 25 mins. 13 secs.

KILBARCHAN and JOHNSTONE WHEELERS.—6½ miles team contest at Johnstone—1. R. Kerr (Kilbarchan), 39 mins.; 2. N. Hayes (Kilbarchan); 3. D. Crawford (Kilbarchan); 4. Team race, Kilbarchan, 6 points; Johnston, 29 points.

LARKHALL YMCA.—Eight miles Club Championship—1. T. White, 45 mins. 20 secs.; 2. J. McMillan, 47 mins. 4 secs.; 3. W. Perrie, 49 mins. 16 secs.

OLYMPIC.—Club Championship (7 miles) and handicap from Springburn Baths—1. R. Hutchison, 42 mins. 25 secs.; 2. D. Beaton; 3. A. Hutchison. Handicap winner, A. Hutchison.

PAISLEY YMCA.—Relay road race at Barshaw—1st team—J. G. Paton, A. K. Holmes, P. Montgomery, 51 mins. 34 secs. Fastest times—1. J. G. Paton, 16 mins.; 2. J. M. Sellar, 16 mins. 14 secs.; 3. A. K. Holmes, 16 mins. 22 secs.

SHETTLESTON.—Six miles road handicap at Gartocher Road—1. G. H. Taylor (4.10), 32 mins. 13 secs.; 2. D. McCallum (10.00), 38 mins. 19 secs.; 3. J.

M'Eachern (6.00), 34 mins. 42 secs. Fastest times—1. J. C. Ross, 30 mins. 4 secs.; 2. R. Thomson, 30 mins. 51 secs.; 3. W. Moutrie, 30 mins. 55 secs.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.—Two miles track handicap at Ibrox Park—1. A. M'Kenzie (550 yards), 9 mins. 21 secs.; 2. A. Bruce (550 yards); 3. H. Malloy (420 yards).

INTER-CLUB

HAMILTON, GILBERTFIELD W. and HAMILTON C.C.C.—Seven miles—1. J. Freeland (H.H.), 41 mins. 8 secs.; 2. F. Gardiner (H.C.C.), 41 mins. 55 secs.; 3. R. Patterson (H.C.C.), 42 mins. 42 secs.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN and HERIOT'S C.C.C. at Glenogle Road Baths—Two packs covered five miles. Paces and whips—Medium, A. S. Crosbie (H) and R. McClure (E.S.); fasts, J. Ross (E.S.) and A. M. Thompson (H); mediums—1. W. I. McLauchlan (H); fasts—1. R. Sime (E.S.).

VICTORIA PARK, GARSCLUBE, DUMGLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—Three packs covered 8 miles at Milngavie. Slows—1. T. Barton (G); 2. J. Daily (G); 3. G. Walker (V.P.); Brooke (G); 3. W. T. Ross (G); 2. D. B. W. Gowans (G); 2. T. Daily (G); 3. D. Thomson (V.P.).

AUCHMOUNTAIN.—Two packs covered five miles. Paces and whips—Mediums, J. Willis and J. Morris; fasts—A. MacDonald and J. Lynch.

KILMARNOCK.—Three packs covered two and a half miles from Riccarton. Paces and whips—Juniors, W. Richardson and A. Price; slows—A. Tyrie and C. Gibson; mediums, E. Price and A. Livingstone.

KIRKCALDY BOYS' CLUB.—One pack covered five miles road. Pace, A. Johnston; whip, D. Moir. No finishes.

MONKLAND.—One pack covered seven miles from Inveresk. Pace, R. Taylor; whip, J. Williams. 1. J. Clelland; 2. J. Leslie; 3. H. Ryder.

PAISLEY.—Two packs covered six miles from Moss-side. Paces and whips—Slows, R. Crawford and J. C. Tannahill; fasts—N. McLean and H. Cassidy. No finishes.

SHAWFIELD.—At Pollokshaws. One junior pack covered three miles and one senior pack covered five miles. No finishes.

Inside Shrubb's Old Record—In A Road Race

By ATHLON

J. M. PETRIE won Dundee Thistle Harriers' five-miles road championship in the wonderful time of 24mins 51secs.

Accomplished on the road, this, of course, cannot be accepted by the SAAA as a record, but for the sake of comparison I would state that the present Scottish native record for the distance is 25mins 12secs, and was made by J. F. Wood, Heriot's, at the 1932 championships. The all-comers' record—24mins 55 4-5secs—has stood to the credit of Alfred Shrubb since 1904.

This race at Invergowrie has always been noted for fast times. In 1928 J. Suttie Smith won in 25mins. 21secs, which remained a club record until Saturday. Last year Charlie Smith, running in the Hawkhill club's race over the same stretch of road, covered the distance in 15secs. less than his more famous big brother. Now we have a Thistle man doing inside 25mins. Where will it end? Obviously the runners are favoured in some way, as I am assured that distance and time are correct.

I will look forward to Petrie's running in the SAAA 10-mile championship at Edinburgh on April 24.

Murdoch's Feat

Another fine bit of running on Saturday was put up by W. C. Murdoch, the Ayrshire champion. Running from scratch in Belth Harriers five-mile road race for the Crawford Cup, Murdoch just got home in front of J. McConnell, to whom he had conceded a start of 2mins. 5secs.

The winner's time (27mins. 24secs.) beat the previous course record by 50secs. Olympic Harriers' twice-postponed club championship was decided from Springburn Baths, when R. Hutchison, holder 1933-4, regained the title.

Olympic Flier Cuts Record, Helps Cambridge Win Again

Godfrey Brown, Olympic runner and Cambridge president, beat the 440 yards record at the inter-varsity athletic sports at White City, London.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 9 events to 2, to score their third successive triumph. They were assured of victory when the runners lined up for the 440 yards, but the crowd of 5,000 cheered enthusiastically as Brown raced away to beat his Oxford rival, Alan Pennington, by eight yards in 48.4secs. Previous record was 49secs., made by Brown last year. Previously Brown had beaten Pennington by 2ft. in the 100 yards.

Another record-breaking Cantab was A. Irfan, weight-putter from Turkey, who put the inter-varsity record up to 49ft. 3in., beating his own previous best effort of 45ft. 9in.

R. K. I. Kennedy (high jump) and F. R. Webster (pole vault) tried unsuccessfully to beat record after winning their respective events for Cambridge.

E. C. Weir, unbeaten this year, easily carried the "Light Blue" colours to victory in the three miles, and the other Cambridge winners were G. A. J. Emery (mile), H. E. Askew (long jump), and D. L. Nichols (low hurdles). Emery's win by a foot from D. R. Martin (Oxford) provided the closest finish of the day.

J. P. Knight won the high hurdles race, and J. T. H. Macnair the half-mile, for Oxford.

Varsity Sports

CAMBRIDGE RUN AWAY WITH IT

CAMBRIDGE, 9 events; OXFORD, 2.

CAMBRIDGE ran away with the Inter-Varsity Sports at the White City yesterday afternoon by 9 events to 2. It was a bad day for Oxford, the only events they could win were the half-mile and the 120 yards hurdles.

By their victory, which was watched by 8,000 spectators, Cambridge hold the C. N. Jackson Memorial Challenge Cup for the third successive year. Since the trophy was presented in 1925 it has now gone to Cambridge ten times to Oxford's twice.

The 100 yards race, run for the first time just in front of the main stand, produced the expected duel between the Olympic Games athletes, A. G. K. Brown, the Cambridge President, and Alan Pennington, Oxford's Hon. Secretary.

Pennington was just ahead over the first thirty yards but Brown forged to the front and kept there, a few inches ahead all the way to the tape to win by inches in ten seconds.

This time was a tenth of a second outside the Inter-Varsity record set up by A. E. Porritt (Oxford) in 1925.

There was something of a surprise in the half-mile race, J. T. H. MacNair, of Oxford, beating his much more fancied light blue rival, W. M. P. Hudson, by three yards.

One of the outstanding performances of the afternoon was accomplished by Ali Irfan, the Turkish undergraduate at Cambridge, who won the putting-the-weight event with 49ft. 3in., beating his own inter-Varsity record by no less than 5ft. 6in.

This was his fourth successive win in the weight putt at the sports, and he thus equalled the record of J. M. Ware (Oxford), who won four times from 1883.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1. A. G. K. Brown (C.), 2. A. Pennington (O.). 3. B. Greatbatch (O.). 4. W. M. P. Hudson (C.). Time: 10sec.

Half Mile.—1. J. T. H. MacNair (O.), 2. W. M. P. Hudson (C.). 3. G. D. Woolley (O.). 4. J. A. Pennington (C.). Time: 57.1-58sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1. J. P. Knight (O.), 2. F. V. Scopes (O.). 3. D. L. Nichols (C.). 4. J. A. Pennington (C.). Time: 15.4-5sec.

Putting the Weight.—1. A. Irfan (C.), 2. P. Hincks (C.). 3. E. C. Hall (O.). 4. J. K. Hawkey (O.). 5. G. V. Couper (O.). 50yds. 14min. 46.5-5sec.

Pole Vault.—1. F. B. Webster (C.), 2ft. 4in. 2. R. H. Ferguson (O.). 11ft. 6in. 3. E. C. Hall (O.). 11ft.

One Mile.—1. C. J. Emery (C.), 2. D. E. Martin (O.). 3. E. H. Percival (O.). 1hr. 4min. 22.1-3sec.

Long Jump.—1. H. E. Askew (C.), 22ft. 10in. 2. J. P. S. Daniell (O.). 22ft. 8in. 3. T. L. Lockton (O.). 21ft. 9in.

High Jump.—1. R. K. I. Kennedy (C.), 6ft. 1in. 2. A. W. Selwyn (O.). 6ft. R. C. Hall (O.) and F. E. Winterton (C.) tied 5ft. 9in.

220 Yards Low Hurdles.—1. D. L. Nichols (C.), 2. J. P. S. Daniell (O.), 3. M. C. H. Bennett (C.). 25yds. 25.5-10sec.

Quarter Mile.—1. A. G. K. Brown (C.), 2. A. Pennington (O.). 3. J. A. Hudson (O.). 8yds. 48.2-3sec. (New Inter-Varsity Record).

Cambridge won by 9 events to 2.

PERTH-KIRKCALDY RELAY RACE

The open fixture for this week-end is the Perth to Kirkcaldy relay, which was won last year by Bellahouston, who, it will be remembered, had to run the same athlete in two different sections. The new rule passed at the recent Association A.G.M., however, precludes such an incident being permitted in future.

SPLENDID BOOST FOR SCOTLAND

Flockhart's Great Victory

By "GGROE"

CCROSS-COUNTRY running in Scotland has received an excellent boost from the victory of Jim Flockhart in Saturday's International at Brussels and his fortunes will be followed even more closely than ever in subsequent outings.

Everyone at Brussels was loud in his praises, and the opinion was freely expressed that his victory, now he had overcome that "International bogey," would be the forerunner of others.

Bill Wylie seems to have lost most of his "pep," and the contrast in his running on Saturday, from the occasion when he ran second at Paris two years ago, was marked.

ALEC DOW'S RETURN TO FORM

One of the most pleasing reflections was the return to form of Alec Dow. He always does well in the big event, and, unless under extreme conditions, cannot be left out of international teams in the future. Emmet Farrell punished himself severely to finish where he did, and should keep on improving.

Be it noted, however, Bob Sutherland, after a hard racing spell in previous weeks, was consistent as usual. I have read of him retiring from the sport this year, but he told me that, although he had considered the matter, he had not come to that decision yet.

CROSS-CHANNEL PRESENTATIONS

In a pleasant little gathering on the Channel boat on Sunday, Mr. W. S. McCarthy, the N.C.C.U.'s happy chairman, made a surprise presentation, on behalf of two staunch cross-country enthusiasts from Scotland. They would not like me to disclose their names, but the gifts they presented were handed over to Jim Flockhart and Alec Dow, our first two men in the race.

All the Scots managed the crossing well, and were not so upset as some previous teams have been with the travelling.

Busy days are ahead of us now. The Territorial championship, which was postponed two weeks ago, will be held at Maryhill Barracks on Saturday. The same list of teams I published three weeks ago will be competing, and there is no change in any of the other arrangements.

Renfrewshire Fortress, who are stronger than most of their divisional rivals, should retain the team championship; while there seems little danger of Sam Tombe losing the individual title. I will be able to announce the names of the runners later this week.

By "D. B. R."

THE track will soon be coming into its own again, but before this there is the Edinburgh to Glasgow road race on April 3—a most popular event with harriers. A years ago, I recall, J. Gifford, of Bellahouston, approaching the Royal Exchange, Glasgow, well ahead, and looking surprisingly fresh and capable. Just shortly before his arrival J. C. Flockhart had come in in a car, having earlier covered his lap, no doubt hoping that he would be there to welcome home a Shettleston colleague in the lead. Bellahouston, however, scored convincingly, and the question to be asked is—Can they score again?

Provided all goes well with Shettleston, I rather think that Bellahouston will have an extremely difficult task this year in holding this road relay honour.

Between road racing and cross-country racing there is a considerable difference, and the cross-country expert is not always seen at his best in a road race.

Rather do I think sometimes that a good distance track runner is more at home in a road race than a cross-country runner. Tactics can play a most important part in a road relay of the Edinburgh to Glasgow variety, and the team which is an experienced team has quite a solid foundation upon which operations can be based.

Spring Championships

Following the Edinburgh to Glasgow event comes the S.A.A.A. Spring Championships, which includes the 10 miles race. Flockhart won this title a year ago, and it is difficult to imagine his being beaten by any home talent at any rate. The Shettleston man is, perhaps, not so happy on the track as he is on a heavy cross-country course, but still he is an extremely capable performer in either sphere, and has distance running tuned to a fine art.

I would be extremely interested if D. Patience, the Service runner, had to come up for the Scottish 10-mile race. When he was up here for the Scottish cross-country championships I asked him if he intended taking part in any track work and he seemed quite surprised at the suggestion, as he had never thought about anything else than cross-country. Patience certainly did not show up well in the Redford race, but his 14th position in the English Championships a week ago proved that his Edinburgh appearance was just an off day.

Patience, I believe, if he cared to try, could build up for himself an extremely good reputation on the track. In the cross-country championships I rather think that it was the climatic conditions, and only the climatic conditions which beat him.

I hope that the Belgrave harrier will be persuaded to take part in track work, and if he is unable to come North for the 10-mile championship he might be persuaded to take part in the six miles later on.

A Busy Man

IF R. R. Sutherland runs prominently at Brussels to-day, it will be an achievement to dumfound any critics the Birchfield man may have, for over the past two weeks he has been remarkably active. He ran third in the Scottish, 15th in the English Championship last Saturday, and second in the British Army race this week. Quite a number of people are of the opinion that such a heavy programme is too great a strain on any athlete, particularly when he is in the veteran stage, and it is hardly surprising that they should think so. Sutherland, however, realised the possible heavy demand that was going to be made upon him, and took every precaution that he could to protect himself, in so far as he has practically refrained from doing any heavy running throughout the season, so that he could conserve his energy for the last testing period. I do not think he will be up for the S.A.A.A. Spring championships, but I shall be greatly surprised if he does not finish his running career by competing in the Scottish Championships in June.

A week ago I mentioned that field events in Scotland could be put on a much higher standard by assiduous and patient coaching, and I advocated specialisation.

A correspondent takes me to task, on the grounds that it is wrong that young athletes should specialise, particularly in heavy events.

"The all-round athlete," he writes, "is much fitter than the man who can throw a hammer only."

I was only dealing with sport from the competitive angle in my remarks. Frankly, I believe that if competition for prizes could be cut out of sport entirely, and yet the same interest be retained in it, it would be all to the good. But we have not yet reached the day when such an ideal can be expected to become fact; it is, in fact, purely a dream stage.

GLASGOW 'VARSITY' 'BLUES'

The Glasgow University Athletic Club have awarded the following "blues" for season 1936-37:—Rugby football—R. H. Gordon and G. C. Murray; Association football—L. Gallie and W. E. Scott; shinty—A. M. Tait and A. MacIntyre; men's hockey—A. Mackay; women's hockey—Misses L. Brown, N. Sloan, and D. I. Dobbie; boxing—E. F. Hill; golf—L. A. Hardie; J. C. More, and J. C. D. Moffat; swimming—R. Burradale-Smith, A. Paterson, and R. Buchanan; hares and hounds—J. D. Binning; half-blue—J. C. Gray; fives—half-blue—A. A. Gilmour.

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS

Good Sport Despite Many Injuries

ON Saturday last, while J. C. Flockhart was triumphing in Brussels, Shettleston Harriers held their annual six miles road race handicap, which also forms a trial for the Edinburgh-Glasgow road relay race on Saturday, 3rd April next.

The injured list at the moment is exasperatingly high, and notable absentees from the trial were W. Donaldson and J. Whiteside, still suffering from the injuries which incapacitated them for the national championship at Edinburgh. Archie Craig, who won the junior championship in the national a fortnight ago, has also joined the list of injured. It is to be hoped that they will all have a speedy recovery, and that 3rd April will see Shettleston with a full representation.

Incidentally the members have good news of W. Sutherland, who has been for the past fortnight in the infirmary undergoing a slight operation. It has been entirely successful, and the patient is making rapid progress. "Bill" has been missed at Gartocher Road recently, not only because he is one of the club's best runners, but because of his bright and likeable personality.

The result of Saturday's race was as follows: 1. G. H. Taylor (4-10), 38.03; 2. D. McCallum (10), 38.19; 3. J. B. McEachern (6), 38.42. Fastest times: 1. J. C. Ross, 30.04; 2. R. Thomson, 30.51; 3. W. Moutrie, 30.55. In securing first place G. H. Taylor registers his second victory in a handicap race this year. It will be remembered that he was the winner of the Christmas handicap this season.

The presentation of prizes for cross-country this year takes the form of a theatre night and supper on 9th April. As guests of honour the club will have, amongst others, J. C. Flockhart and Tom Riddell. A limited number of tickets are available, and of course members of the club must have preference. Applications for tickets should be made to Tom McCulloch, 22 Blair Street, Shettleston, the social convener.

JIM FLOCKHART'S GREATEST EVER!

Belgian King And Shettleston Victor

Leading Cross Country Honour For East End

"Vainqueur de Cross-Country International, 1937, a Bruxelles!" In these words was acclaimed over in Brussels last Saturday the winner of the blue riband of cross-country running, J. C. Flockhart, the famous Shettleston Harrier, Scottish cross-country champion, and Scottish ten miles and six miles track champion. And so he was saluted by King Leopold of the Belgians, who presented him with the beautiful three feet high Maison Lafitte Trophy.

Quickly the news was flashed across to this country, and not only his Shettleston clubmates but the whole cross-country fraternity in Scotland went wild with delight to know that "Jimmy" had won the most coveted honour in cross-country running, the first "home" Scot to do so.

Seated in a big armchair by the fireside in his Shettleston home, with Mrs. Flockhart, his pretty young wife, and his little girl beside him, he recounted the story of his success in characteristically modest way.

"It was a great day for the race in Brussels. The course was much flatter than my home course in Shettleston. In fact there was only one wee hilly bit in the whole course. There were four circuits in the race.

"My most dangerous opponents were Burns (England), Siccard (France), Ginty (England), and Van Rumst, who was this year's Belgian cross-country champion.

"At the end of the first circuit of the race I lay about 15th. At the beginning of the second circuit

I moved up among the leaders, but then fell back slightly, and was about 7th at the beginning of the third circuit. I kept the leaders within reach. They were battling it out at a cracker of a pace.

"That is the way with the English and Continental runners. They are very fast on a flat course; we Scots are more at home on a hilly course. I let them battle it out among themselves, and held myself ready. On the fourth and last circuit Siccard and Burns engaged in a fierce duel about fifteen yards ahead of me. Siccard made a tremendous effort, and actually drew away from Burns. But both of them were spent, and neither of them made any effort to overhaul me when I took the lead and broke the tape by a margin of fifty yards.

"After the race I was presented to King Leopold of the Belgians. He speaks perfect English. He asked me about the race, and said that cross-country runners must be very strong to stand up to nine miles. He expressed the hope that I had enjoyed my stay in Brussels. King Leopold presented me with a personal gift of a medal specially struck for the occasion and bearing on its face the king's head.

"My colleagues on the Scottish team were a great crowd, and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely."

Congratulations to "Jimmy" for his outstanding victory. He covered the nine miles course in 49 mins. 54 4-5th secs.

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With The Harriers

Tombe Defends Title Held For Nine Years

By ATHLON

THE official cross-country season ends tomorrow. Outstanding events are 52nd Divisional Territorial championships postponed from a fortnight ago, and the Perth to Kirkcaldy relay race.

Maryhill Barracks will again house the Territorial race. The course of some five miles will start and finish on the canal bank at Lochburn Rd. Units entered are Ayrshire Yeomanry, 6th Cameronians, Glasgow RE,

6th HLI, 9th HLI, Renfrewshire (Fortress) RE (two teams), 4/5th Royal Scots, 7/9th Royal Scots, and 4/5th Royal Scots Fusiliers. Teams are eight runners each, the first six counting in the team placings.

There should be a close tussle for the individual title between Sergeant S. K. Tombe, 6th HLI, who has held it for the past nine years, and A. McLean, Renfrewshire RE. Tombe is also Plebeian Harriers champion, and McLean is champion of the Greenock Glenpark club.

Team honours are likely to remain with the Renfrewshire Engineers, who are also holders of the British Territorial Army team title.

The Kirkcaldy Race

The Perth to Kirkcaldy relay, which is promoted by the Kirkcaldy Hospital Pageant Committee, is the fourth of the series. Edinburgh Northern H. won the first two races, but last year Bellahouston H. were first home, gaining custody of the Nairn Challenge Cup.

Dundee Thistle H., the national champions, have entered two teams, but I understand they may leave the racing to their second team, holding their strongest representation in reserve for the Edinburgh to Glasgow race next week. In that case Bellahouston may retain the trophy, for they are sending through a strong six. T. W. Lamb, who was the hero of last year's race, when he had to run twice owing to the absence of one of the team, will not be running tomorrow, the travelling six being J. Gifford, T. Gibson, J. Campbell, R.

Lumsden, G. Hunter, and A. Hamilton.

Members of Shawfield H. are asked to note that tomorrow's fixture is a road trial from Pollokshaws Baths. This fixture has been put on to assist in the selection of a team for the Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race. For the same reason Garscube H. are substituting a road race for the ordinary run which appears on their fixture list.

RACES.
52nd Divisional Territorial Championships.—Maryhill Barracks.
Cambuslang YMCA H.—Nine miles relay race, Greenlees Road.
Carntyne AAC.—Team race, High Carntyne Church Hall.
Dumbarton AAC.—Two miles handicap, Brock Baths.
Greenock Wellpark H.—Five miles conceding handicap (Elliot Cup), Gateside.
Hamilton H.—Road race, trial, Public Baths, followed by annual general meeting in Co-operative Tea Rooms, Quarry St. at 6.30 p.m.
Irvine YMCA H.—Nine miles relay race, headquarters.
Kilbarchan AAC.—Five miles road race, New St.
Garscube H.—Five miles road race, Westerton.
Kilmarnock H.—Two-and-a-half miles team race, married v. single, Kirkcaldy, Riccarton.
Paisley H.—Four miles road race, Moss-side.
Plebeian H.—Novelty race, Thornliebank Baths.
Shawfield H.—Road trial, Pollokshaws Baths.
INTER-CLUB RUNS.
Belth H. and Ardeer Recreation Club.—At Belth.
Olympic H. and Springburn H.—Springburn Baths.
Paisley YMCA H. and Clydesdale H.—at Barrhead.
CLUB RUNS.
Airdrie H.—Garties Rd.
Auchmountain H.—Carrwood St. Greenock.
Babcock and Wilcox H.—Victory Baths, Renfrew.
Bellahouston H.—Pollokshaws Baths.
Greenock Glenpark H.—Orangefield.
Larkhall YMCA H.—Charing Cross.
Maryhill H.—Maryhill Baths.
Menkland H.—Inveresk Place.
Shettleston H.—Gartocher Rd.
Uddingston Welfare AC.—Miners' Institute Hall.
Victoria Park AAC.—Whitethorn Baths.
West of Scotland H.—Thornliebank Baths.

The East Poorly Represented

The Edinburgh-Glasgow road relay, which was decided to-day, attracted a record entry of 20 teams—although only 16 started. Nevertheless, the entry showed clearly that clubs are prepared to send teams a distance to take part in events which are likely to provide a keen race.

One of the remarkable things, however, about to-day's race was that only one team took part from the East—and that was Dundee Thistle, the Scottish Champions.

It seems strange that none of the Edinburgh clubs took part.

A move is to be made by the English A.A.A. to popularise athletics in Great Britain by the staging of international meetings during 1938 and 1939.

It is intended to bring over to Britain many of the leading athletes of other countries, including Americans, to run full championship programmes.

Apart from the spectacular point of view, these meetings should do something towards assisting the leading British athletes to obtain experience which should be of assistance when the Olympic Games are decided in 1940 at Tokio.

One of the great handicaps which British athletes have to face in their preparations for the Olympic Games is the lack of first class competition. This handicap is even more pronounced in Scotland than in England.

Tom Riddell, I believe, would have reached even greater heights than he did as a miler if he had had keener and regular opposition.

The same might be said of J. C. Flockhart. I feel convinced that if the Shettleston runner had had the opportunities to develop his talent which are given to noted athletes in other countries he would have been one of the most outstanding distance runners of his generation.

World's Best Athletes For Britain

ALL the world's athletic stars are to be invited to compete in a sports meeting to be held at White City, London, on August Bank Holiday, August 2, under the control of the Amateur Athletic Association.

This is the outcome of an agreement reached by AAA officials and Brig-General A. C. Critchley, representing White City. General Critchley has guaranteed the expenses of all overseas athletes who attend at the invitation of the AAA, and the ruling body has been given freedom in its choice of stars from Europe, America, and the Dominions.

Arrangements have been made to hold similar meetings in 1938 and 1939 in the hope that British athletes will be able to profit from the visits of the world's best athletes in their preparations for the 1940 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

THE success of J. C. Flockhart, the Scottish cross-country champion, in the international a week ago, realised a hope that all enthusiasts in this country had harboured for several seasons. Few who knew the Shettleston man's real capability ever doubted that he was able to win this race, and it is quite likely that now he has succeeded he will do so again.

Flockhart has been unlucky in previous internationals. His best form always seemed to elude him. And yet, when he did win, it was on a course and under conditions which were not altogether in his favour. A heavy and strenuous course was thought to suit him better than a flat and light course, and Brussels was flat.

This Scottish win should do much to make many of our young runners even more enthusiastic in their activities in the sport.

J. M. Petrie, who won Dundee Thistle's five-mile road championship in the fine time of 24min. 51sec., is being spoken of as one of the men who are likely to challenge Flockhart closely for the S.A.A.A. 10-mile title to be decided at Edinburgh on April 24.

After his win at Brussels, however, I would imagine that the Shettleston man will be "on his toes" to retain his 10-mile title, and, later on, his six-mile title.

Petrie, a reinstated amateur, has certainly been running well and consistently throughout the season, but Flockhart will take a lot of beating.

Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay

Bellahouston Harriers have sent through a strong team for the Perth-Kirkcaldy road race to-day, and the outing should be a valuable one to give an indication of the chances the club has of retaining the Edinburgh-Glasgow honour.

This 45-mile relay has become a popular one with many of the West of Scotland clubs, and keen rivalry exists as to the gaining of places, as well as to the more important and difficult task of winning.

Among those Bellahouston have to call upon are T. W. Lamb, J. Campbell, T. Gibson, J. Gifford, R. Lumsden, G. Hunter and A. Hamilton, all experienced and capable men. It is in their all round strength that Bellahouston impress most, as distinct from any individual brilliance.

The Scottish Champions

Dundee Thistle, the Scottish champions, come into the same category, and they are keen to win. Every precaution is being taken by them to see that next Saturday all their men are fit. I understand that in the race to-day they may not be represented by all their leading men as a safeguard for next Saturday's event.

When last Dundee won the race it was run under terrible conditions, and the winners were given high praise for the precautions they took before the start.

If memory serves me, they altered their running order after making inquiries along the route as to where the weather conditions were worst, so that they could send their strongest men to face the most intense conditions.

The wind was so high on the occasion of that race that some of the competitors were actually blown off the course.

Plebeian, Shettleston, Garscube, Maryhill and Springburn should all be strongly represented next Saturday, and the tussle between the West and the East clubs should be a thrilling one. Edinburgh Northern can be expected to put forward a strong challenge.

BIG ROAD RACE ON SATURDAY

Dundee Thistle Out For New Record

By "GGROE"

ONE of the most popular events in the distance-running season is the team contest over the 44 miles road from Edinburgh to Glasgow. On Saturday 20 teams, including newcomers Beith and Carntyne Harriers, will take part.

Bellahouston sprang a surprise last year with a team containing practically no stars, but all pulled their weight with excellent results. Having again won the Perth to Kirkcaldy road race, Bellahouston will defend their title of Road Champions more hopefully than ever of withstanding the challenge threatened by Dundee Thistle.

The Thistle team are coming along stronger than they were at any time in this contest. In J. M. Petrie, Dundee have a real inspiration to the side, and from accounts received the club will be disappointed if they fail to set up a new record for the run.

Every Man Fresh

It is this optimism which reluctantly compelled them to stand down in the Perth to Kirkcaldy race so that every man in the team will be fresh for this attempt. Equally balanced is this side from Dundee, and so Bellahouston must by no means treat the opposition as mastered from the start.

Shettleston are also full of their chances, even if they do not appear to have a "tail" sufficiently powerful to give the confidence essential for success. In Jim Flockhart, Shettleston have a man who is like Petrie to Dundee, and much depends on how the East Enders' place their men.

Another Internationalist to be seen in action will be J. E. Farrell for Maryhill, and although his team has so far failed to win this event, never at any time have they been far away. Farrell, like the other cracker, may be sent over the long run from Forresfield to Airdrie.

Irvine And Beith Keen

Plebeian, Springburn and Garscube Harriers will also field good teams, and the South-West crack teams, Irvine and Beith, are keen to show that they are not far away in class.

The promoters are setting down a definite time limit in order to lessen congestion at the finish of the race. I understand that this limit may extend to 40 minutes at the last take-over at Barrachnie.

The Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow are taking an interest in the race; the former starts the race at Gladstone Memorial, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, at 11 o'clock, and Lord Provost Stewart is expected to preside at the tea to be held in the Ca'doro, Union Street, Glasgow, after the race, when the awards will be handed over.

DUNDEE HARRIERS MAY AGAIN SHOW THE WAY IN THE RACE ACROSS SCOTLAND



By ATHLON

TWENTY of the leading Scottish harriers clubs meet in the annual Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race tomorrow.

Starting off from St Andrew Sq at 11 a.m., the runners will cover the usual route, which goes by way of Broxburn, Armadale, Airdrie, and Barrachnie the finishing post being at the west end of Ingram St, in front of Glasgow Royal Exchange.

The 44½-mile journey is divided up into the usual eight sectors, the change-overs being Maybury Cross (5½ miles), Broxburn East Church (6 miles), Wester Dechmont Farm (4 miles), Armadale (5½ miles), Forresfield Inn (5½ miles), Airdrie War Memorial (7 miles), Barrachnie (5½ miles), and Glasgow Royal Exchange (5 miles).

Last year Bellahouston H scored a fine win at the first time of asking, with Shettleston H second, Plebeian H third, and Dundee Thistle H fourth.

After their win in the National Cross-Country Championship a month ago the chances of the Dundonians must be highly esteemed, but in the absence of details as to the composition of the various teams it is hard to say how the race will go.

Assuming that they are at full strength, I fancy the issue will be with Bellahouston, Dundee Thistle, and Plebeian.

No club has a better record in this race than the last-named, who, in the seven previous races have scored four wins, two seconds, and a fourth. If their team includes S. K. Tombe, W. G. Black, and A. McGregor, who did not run last year, they should certainly improve on their third place of a year ago.

Dundee Thistle showed fine team work at Redford Barracks in the cross-country championship. If there are no weak links in the chain tomorrow—and I do not anticipate any—the Dundonians will take a lot of beating, and may well repeat their win of three years ago.

Bellahouston are likely to be represented by T. W. Lamb, J. M. Lindsay, G. Bell, G. Hunter, A. Hamilton, J. Campbell, T. Gibson, and J. Gifford. Some doubt exists whether Gifford, the S.A.A. three-mile champion, will be able to get away from business. Last week he could not make the trip to Kirkcaldy for the same reason.

Shettleston Absentees

I hear that Shettleston will be without A. Craig, the Scottish junior champion; W. Donaldson, the midland champion; and J. Whiteside. Without them Shettleston can hardly hope to do as well as last year, when they were second, even with international champion J. C. Flockhart in the team.

Some clubs never seem to do themselves

justice in this race. Springburn H are an example, for although they won the cross-country championship last season, they could only finish seventh in the road relay, in which they have yet to get into the first three. I look to Maryhill to show considerable improvement on their last placing (sixth), while Garscube (fifth) should also be well up.

With the exception of Edinburgh Northern, all last year's contestants have accepted invitations to compete, while newcomers are Beith, Carntyne, Irvine YMCA, and Larkhall YMCA.

There is one point I would like to impress upon all competitors, and that is to wear the number which appears against their names on the programme. This applies whether they are running the first sector or the last.

An Early Start

The teams from the West of Scotland will leave from Cathedral St, Glasgow, at 8.30 a.m. The first relays will strip in the YMCA, St Andrew's St, Edinburgh.

If the wind is easterly, fast times may be looked for. The record is 3hrs. 50min. 39secs., and was set up by Plebeian H in 1931. Last year Bellahouston H covered the distance in 3hrs. 51mins. 15secs., which ranks as second best of the series. When Dundee Thistle won in 1934 the conditions were very much against them, as the time, 4hrs. 20mins. 47secs., shows.

Airdrie H start track training tomorrow at Scarhill Park. The new but there will be ready soon; meantime the club will welcome new members.

Tonight in the Co-operative Hall, Causewayside St, Paisley H hold their annual dance, while Kilmarnock H dance, whist drive, and presentation of prizes also takes place this evening.

Tomorrow at Greenock, Auchmountain H have a ramble run, while across the Firth at Dumbarton the local club stage their Captain's Day at Brock Baths.

The S.A.A. 10 miles flat and three miles walking championships will take place at Hawkhill Grounds, Edinburgh, on April 24.

PERTH TO KIRKCALDY RELAY.

Perth to Aberlady (6½ miles). Bellahouston (T. Gibson), 31mins 16secs. 1; Southern (G. Lindsay), 31mins 28secs. 2; Old Boys' Club (D. R. Williamson), 31mins 56secs. 3; Boys' Club (D. Moir), 32mins 18secs. 4; YMCA (J. Peacock), 32mins 30secs. 5; Thistle (W. Byrne), 33mins 17secs. 6; Northern (W. Russell), 33mins 47secs. 7; Eastbank (G. Mathieson), 35mins 27secs. 8.

Aberlady to Newburgh (5.5-12 miles). Bellahouston (A. Hamilton, 27.24), 58mins 40secs. 1; Edinburgh Southern (I. Ross, 29.2), 60mins 30secs. 2; Kirkcaldy YMCA (D. Dewar, 28.55), 61mins 25secs. 3; Kirkcaldy Old Boys (B. R. Cameron, 29.55), 61mins 51secs. 4; Dundee Thistle (J. Donoghue, 29.5), 62mins 22secs. 5; Edinburgh Northern (W. Johnston, 28.58), 62mins 25secs. 6; Kirkcaldy Boys' Club (T. Lees, 32.53), 65mins 11secs. 7; Kirkcaldy Eastbank (D. Rennie, 31.15), 66mins 42secs. 8.

Newburgh to Auchtermuchty (6½ miles). Bellahouston (J. M. Lindsay, 31.58), 1hr 30mins 38secs. 1; YMCA (A. Dow, 30.34), 1hr 31mins 59secs. 2; Southern (J. Wilson, 32.29), 1hr 32mins 59secs. 3; Thistle (D. Suttie, 31.56), 1hr 34mins 18secs. 4; Old Boys' Club (P. Parker, 33.9), 1hr 35mins. 5; Northern (G. K. Horsburgh, 33.25), 1hr 35mins 48secs. 6; Boys' Club (G. A. C. Bell, 34.58), 1hr 39mins 49secs. 7; Eastbank (J. Christie, 34.28), 1hr 41mins 10secs. 8.

Auchtermuchty to Freuchie (5½ miles). Bellahouston (G. M. Hunter, 25.38), 1hr 56mins 16secs. 1; YMCA (W. Duncan, 26.36), 1hr 58mins 35secs. 2; Southern (G. P. Jamieson, 27.10), 2hrs 0min 9secs. 3; Northern (W. Hinde, 25.32), 2hrs 1min 20sec. 4; Thistle (M. Smith, 25.31), 2hrs 3mins 21secs. 5; Old Boys' Club (D. E. Page, 29.41), 2hrs 4mins 41secs. 6; Eastbank (M. Craig, 30.14), 2hrs 11mins 24secs. 7; Boys' Club (W. Townsend, 31.48), 2hrs 11mins 37secs. 8.

Freuchie to Balgonie (6½ miles). Bellahouston (J. Campbell, 32.35), 2hrs 28mins 51secs. 1; YMCA (W. McGregor, 33.35), 2hrs 32mins 8secs. 2; Southern (R. Sime, 35.12), 2hrs 33mins 21secs. 3; Thistle (P. Taylor, 35.55), 2hrs 37mins 10secs. 4; Northern (R. J. McLean, 37.35), 2hrs 38mins 45secs. 5; Old Boys' Club (T. S. Ingram, 34.31), 2hrs 40mins 12secs. 6; Boys' Club (J. Bell, 35.15), 2hrs 44mins 50secs. 7; Eastbank (R. Balfour, 36.50), 2hrs 48mins 14secs. 8.

Balgonie to Kirkcaldy Esplanade (6½ miles). Bellahouston (T. W. Lamb, 33.34), 3hrs 2mins 25secs. 1; Kirkcaldy YMCA (D. Nairn, 36.16), 3hrs 8mins 24secs. 2; Edinburgh Southern (L. G. Kapelle, 35.24), 3hrs 8mins 45secs. 3; Dundee Thistle (W. Hoise, 37.5), 3hrs 14mins 21secs. 4; Edinburgh Northern (C. S. Clark, 36.8), 3hrs 14mins 53secs. 5; Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club (J. Fleming, 35.51), 3hrs 15mins 3secs. 6; Kirkcaldy Boys' Club (H. Lascelles, 38.27), 3hrs 23mins 17secs. 7; Kirkcaldy Eastbank (J. Adamson, 35.45), 3hrs 23mins 37secs. 8.

CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEAM PLACINGS.

Renfrewshire Fortress RE (holders) (A. McLean 2, R. Holmes 3, D. Turner 4, J. Gray 6, W. Taylor 7, H. McLeod 8)—50 points, 1. Renfrewshire Fortress RE "B" Team (J. Kennedy 10, W. Cameron 12, R. Curran 14, G. Barnett 15, J. Torrance 16, A. Snoddy 17)—84 points, 2.

6th HLI (Sgt. Tombe 1, Privates McLeish 5, Neil 23, Smith 29, Adams 41, Kane 46)—145 points, 3.

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THE success of J. C. Flockhart, the Scottish cross-country champion, in the international a week ago, realised a hope that all enthusiasts in this country had harboured for several seasons. Few who knew the Shettleston man's real capability ever doubted that he was able to win this race, and it is quite likely that now he has succeeded he will do so again.

Flockhart has been unlucky in previous internationals. His best form always seemed to elude him. And yet, when he did win, it was on a course and under conditions which were not altogether in his favour. A heavy and strenuous course was thought to suit him better than a flat and light course, and Brussels was flat.

This Scottish win should do much to make many of our young runners even more enthusiastic in their activities in the sport.

J. M. Petrie, who won Dundee Thistle's five-mile road championship in the fine time of 24min. 51sec., is being spoken of as one of the men who are likely to challenge Flockhart closely for the S.A.A.A. 10-mile title to be decided at Edinburgh on April 24.

After his win at Brussels, however, I would imagine that the Shettleston man will be "on his toes" to retain his 10-mile title, and, later on, his six-mile title.

Petrie, a reinstated amateur, has certainly been running well and consistently throughout the season, but Flockhart will take a lot of beating.

Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay

Bellahouston Harriers have sent through a strong team for the Perth-Kirkcaldy road race to-day, and the outing should be a valuable one to give an indication of the chances the club has of retaining the Edinburgh-Glasgow honour.

This 45-mile relay has become a popular one with many of the West of Scotland clubs, and keen rivalry exists as to the gaining of places, as well as to the more important and difficult task of winning.

Among those Bellahouston have to call upon are T. W. Lamb, J. Campbell, T. Gibson, J. Gifford, R. Lumsden, G. Hunter and A. Hamilton, all experienced and capable men. It is in their all round strength that Bellahouston impress most, as distinct from any individual brilliance.

The Scottish Champions

Dundee Thistle, the Scottish champions, come into the same category, and they are keen to win. Every precaution is being taken by them to see that next Saturday all their men are fit. I understand that in the race to-day they may not be represented by all their leading men as a safeguard for next Saturday's event.

When last Dundee won the race it was run under terrible conditions, and the winners were given high praise for the precautions they took before the start.

If memory serves me, they altered their running order after making inquiries along the route as to where the weather conditions were worst, so that they could send their strongest men to face the most intense conditions.

The wind was so high on the occasion of that race that some of the competitors were actually blown off the course.

Plebeian, Shettleston, Garscube, Maryhill and Springburn should all be strongly represented next Saturday, and the tussle between the West and the East clubs should be a thrilling one. Edinburgh Northern can be expected to put forward a strong challenge.

BIG ROAD RACE ON SATURDAY

Dundee Thistle Out For New Record

By "GGROE"

ONE of the most popular events in the distance-running season is the team contest over the 44 miles road from Edinburgh to Glasgow. On Saturday 20 teams, including newcomers Beith and Carntyne Harriers, will take part.

Bellahouston sprang a surprise last year with a team containing practically no stars, but all pulled their weight with excellent results. Having again won the Perth to Kirkcaldy road race, Bellahouston will defend their title of Road Champions more hopefully than ever of withstanding the challenge threatened by Dundee Thistle.

The Thistle team are coming along stronger than they were at any time in this contest. In J. M. Petrie, Dundee have a real inspiration to the side, and from accounts received the club will be disappointed if they fail to set up a new record for the run.

Every Man Fresh

It is this optimism which reluctantly compelled them to stand down in the Perth to Kirkcaldy race so that every man in the team will be fresh for this attempt. Equally balanced is this side from Dundee, and so Bellahouston must by no means treat the opposition as mastered from the start.

Shettleston are also full of their chances, even if they do not appear to have a "tail" sufficiently powerful to give the confidence essential for success. In Jim Flockhart, Shettleston have a man who is like Petrie to Dundee, and much depends on how the East Enders' place their men.

Another Internationalist to be seen in action will be J. E. Farrell for Maryhill, and although his team has so far failed to win this event, never at any time have they been far away. Farrell, like the other cracker, may be sent over the long run from Forrestfield to Airdrie.

Irvine and Beith Keen

Plebeian, Springburn and Garscube Harriers will also field good teams, and the South-West crack teams, Irvine and Beith, are keen to show that they are not far away in class.

The promoters are setting down a definite time limit in order to lessen congestion at the finish of the race. I understand that this limit may extend to 40 minutes at the last take-over at Barrachnie.

The Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow are taking an interest in the race; the former starts the race at Gladstone Memorial, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, at 11 o'clock, and Lord Provost Stewart is expected to preside at the tea to be held in the Ca'doro, Union Street, Glasgow, after the race, when the awards will be handed over.

DUNDEE HARRIERS MAY AGAIN SHOW THE WAY IN THE RACE ACROSS SCOTLAND



By ATHLON

TWENTY of the leading Scottish harriers clubs meet in the annual Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race tomorrow.

Starting off from St Andrew Sq at 11 a.m., the runners will cover the usual route, which goes by way of Broxburn, Armadale, Airdrie, and Barrachnie the finishing post being at the west end of Ingram St, in front of Glasgow Royal Exchange.

The 44½-mile journey is divided up into the usual eight sectors, the change-overs being Maybury Cross (5½ miles), Broxburn East Church (6 miles), Wester Dechmont Farm (4 miles), Armadale (5½ miles), Forrestfield Inn (5½ miles), Airdrie War Memorial (7 miles), Barrachnie (5½ miles), and Glasgow Royal Exchange (5 miles).

Last year Bellahouston H scored a fine win at the first time of asking, with Shettleston H second, Plebeian H third, and Dundee Thistle H fourth.

After their win in the National Cross-Country Championship a month ago the chances of the Dundonians must be highly esteemed, but in the absence of details as to the composition of the various teams it is hard to say how the race will go.

Assuming that they are at full strength, I fancy the issue will be with Bellahouston, Dundee Thistle, and Plebeian.

No club has a better record in this race than the last-named, who, in the seven previous races have scored four wins, two seconds, and a fourth. If their team includes S. K. Tombe, W. G. Black, and A. McGregor, who did not run last year, they should certainly improve on their third place of a year ago.

Dundee Thistle showed fine team work at Redford Barracks in the cross-country championship. If there are no weak links in the chain tomorrow—and I do not anticipate any—the Dundonians will take a lot of beating, and may well repeat their win of three years ago.

Bellahouston are likely to be represented by T. W. Lamb, J. M. Lindsay, G. Bell, G. Hunter, A. Hamilton, J. Campbell, T. Gibson, and J. Gifford. Some doubt exists whether Gifford, the S.A.A.A. three-mile champion, will be able to get away from business. Last week he could not make the trip to Kirkcaldy for the same reason.

Shettleston Absentees

I hear that Shettleston will be without A. Craig, the Scottish junior champion; W. Donaldson, the midland champion; and J. Whiteside. Without them Shettleston can hardly hope to do as well as last year, when they were second, even with international champion J. C. Flockhart in the team.

Some clubs never seem to do themselves

justice in this race. Springburn H are an example, for although they won the cross-country championship last season, they could only finish seventh in the road relay, in which they have yet to get into the first three. I look to Maryhill to show considerable improvement on their last placing (sixth), while Garscube (fifth) should also be well up.

With the exception of Edinburgh Northern, all last year's contestants have accepted invitations to compete, while newcomers are Beith, Carntyne, Irvine YMCA, and Larkhall YMCA.

There is one point I would like to impress upon all competitors, and that is to wear the number which appears against their names on the programme. This applies whether they are running the first sector or the last.

An Early Start

The teams from the West of Scotland will leave from Cathedral St, Glasgow, at 8.30 a.m. The first relays will strip in the YMCA, St Andrew's St, Edinburgh.

If the wind is easterly, fast times may be looked for. The record is 3hrs. 50min. 39secs., and was set up by Plebeian H in 1931. Last year Bellahouston H covered the distance in 3hrs. 51mins. 15secs., which ranks as second best of the series. When Dundee Thistle won in 1934 the conditions were very much against them, as the time, 4hrs. 20mins. 47secs., shows.

Airdrie H start track training tomorrow at Scarhill Park. The new hut there will be ready soon; meantime the club will welcome new members.

Tonight in the Co-operative Hall, Causewayside St, Paisley H hold their annual dance, while Kilmarnock H dance, whist drive, and presentation of prizes also takes place this evening.

Tomorrow at Greenock, Auchmountain H have a ramble run, while across the Firth at Dumbarton the local club stage their Captain's Day at Brock Baths.

The S.A.A.A. 10 miles flat and three miles walking championships will take place at Hawkhill Grounds, Edinburgh, on April 24.

PERTH TO KIRKCALDY RELAY.

Perth to Aberlady (6½ miles). Bellahouston (T. Gibson), 51mins 16secs. 1; Southern (G. Lindsay), 51mins 28secs. 2; Old Boys' Club (D. R. Williamson), 51mins 56secs. 3; Boys' Club (D. Moir), 52mins 18secs. 4; YMCA (J. Pescok), 52mins 30secs. 5; Thistle (W. Byrnes), 53mins 17secs. 6; Northern (W. Russell), 53mins 47secs. 7; Eastbank (G. Mathieson), 55mins 27secs. 8.

Aberlady to Newburgh (5.5-12 miles). Bellahouston (A. Hamilton), 27.24, 58mins 40secs. 1; Edinburgh Southern (I. Ross), 29.21, 60mins 30secs. 2; Kirkcaldy YMCA (D. Dewar), 28.55, 61mins 25secs. 3; Kirkcaldy Old Boys (B. R. Cameron), 29.55, 61mins 51secs. 4; Dundee Thistle (J. Donoghue), 29.5, 62mins 22secs. 5; Edinburgh Northern (W. Johnston), 28.38, 62mins 25secs. 6; Kirkcaldy Boys' Club (T. Lees), 32.53, 65mins 11secs. 7; Kirkcaldy Eastbank (D. Rennie), 51.15, 66mins 42secs. 8.

Newburgh to Auchtermuchty (6½ miles). Bellahouston (J. M. Lindsay), 31.58, 1hr 30mins 38secs. 1; YMCA (A. Dow), 30.34, 1hr 31mins 59secs. 2; Southern (J. Wilson), 32.29, 1hr 32mins 59secs. 3; Thistle (D. Suttie), 31.56, 1hr 34mins 18secs. 4; Old Boys' Club (G. Parker), 33.9, 1hr 35mins. 5; Northern (G. K. Horsburgh), 33.25, 1hr 35mins 48secs. 6; Boys' Club (G. A. C. Bell), 34.38, 1hr 39mins 49secs. 7; Eastbank (J. Christie), 54.28, 1hr 41mins 10secs. 8.

Auchtermuchty to Freuchie (5½ miles). Bellahouston (G. M. Hunter), 25.38, 1hr 56mins 16secs. 1; YMCA (W. Duncan), 26.36, 1hr 58mins 35secs. 2; Southern (G. P. Jamieson), 27.10, 2hrs 0min 9secs. 3; Northern (W. Hinde), 25.32, 2hrs 1min. 20sec. 4; Thistle (M. Smith), 29.3, 2hrs 3mins 21secs. 5; Old Boys' Club (D. E. Page), 29.41, 2hrs 4mins 41secs. 6; Eastbank (M. Craig), 30.14, 2hrs 11mins 24secs. 7; Boys' Club (W. Townsend), 31.48, 2hrs 11mins 57secs. 8.

Freuchie to Balgonie (6½ miles). Bellahouston (J. Campbell), 32.35, 2hrs 28mins 51secs. 1; YMCA (W. McGregor), 33.53, 2hrs 32mins 8secs. 2; Southern (R. Sime), 33.12, 2hrs 33mins 21secs. 3; Thistle (P. Taylor), 33.55, 2hrs 37mins 10secs. 4; Northern (R. J. McLean), 37.25, 2hrs 38mins 45secs. 5; Old Boys' Club (T. S. Ingram), 34.31, 2hrs 40mins 12secs. 6; Boys' Club (J. Bell), 35.13, 2hrs 44mins 50secs. 7; Eastbank (R. Balfour), 36.50, 2hrs 48mins 14secs. 8.

Balgonie to Kirkcaldy Esplanade (6½ miles). Bellahouston (T. W. Lamb), 33.34, 2hrs 2mins 25secs. 1; Kirkcaldy YMCA (D. Nairn), 36.16, 2hrs 8mins 24secs. 2; Edinburgh Southern (L. G. Kapelle), 35.24, 2hrs 8mins 45secs. 3; Dundee Thistle (W. Hoole), 37.5, 2hrs 14mins 21secs. 4; Edinburgh Northern (C. S. Clark), 36.8, 2hrs 14mins 55secs. 5; Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club (J. Fleming), 35.51, 2hrs 15mins 3secs. 6; Kirkcaldy Boys' Club (H. Lascelles), 38.27, 2hrs 23mins 17secs. 7; Kirkcaldy Eastbank (J. Adamson), 35.45, 2hrs 23mins 57secs. 8.

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RECORD-BREAKING RUNNERS HELPED BY ROAD COURSES

By ATHLON

SOME fast times have been recorded in road races recently—times which, had they been set up on the track, would have smashed records.

Conditions vary so much on the roads, however, that it is difficult to assess the comparative values of road and track performances.

Two outstanding instances of late have been J. C. Flockhart's 33mins. 32secs. for the seven-miles stretch of road from Forrestfield Inn to Airdrie War Memorial on Saturday, and J. M. Petrie's 24mins. 51secs. in the Dundee Thistle's five-miles road championship last month.

Flockhart did his time on a course which was definitely downhill, while the distance was, I should say, more or less approximate. The world's record for seven miles is 34mins. 46.8secs., and stands to the credit of V. Iso-Hollo, the Finn, who is the Olympic Games steeplechase champion, and who ran at Hampden Park two years ago in the Great Britain v. Finland international.

Here are some of the other records for the distance:—Scottish (native): J. Suttie Smith, 36mins. 1sec. All-comers and British: A. Shrubbs, 35mins. 4.6secs.

I give these figures to show the merit of the international champion's performance. Even allowing for the favourable conditions, the Shettleston man must get full credit for a very fine piece of running.

Second Best

Petrie's running on the same stretch was also noteworthy, as his time was only 22secs. slower than Flockhart's.

The Dundee Thistle champion's most recent accomplishment, coupled with his five miles time last month, seems to indicate that he ranks second only to the champion. I hope that Petrie changes his mind about the SAAA ten miles title which will be decided at Hawkhill Grounds, Edinburgh, on April 24. Petrie told me that he did not intend to enter, as he felt that he needed a rest. Entries do not close for a fortnight yet. There is time for him to reconsider his decision.

Donald Robertson, the AAA marathon champion, is likely to be seen out in the 10 miles race. The Maryhill man is very keen to retain his title this summer so that he may be chosen to go to Australia for the Empire Games. The British team will leave London at the beginning of December and will be due back on March 31. It is not every one who can make a trip entailing a four months' absence. I hope our marathon title holder is successful in view of his inability to travel to Los Angeles for the 1932 Olympic Games.

I have received some particulars about the course on which Petrie set up a club record in the five miles road race at Invergowrie. This race is decided annually on the Perth road, and is an out and home affair.

The outward journey, however, is of only two miles and the return distance is three miles. This extra mile certainly favours the runners, there being a drop of 50ft. before the tape is reached. The distance is taken from the milestones.

Whatever the reason, some fast times have been put up here. Probably it is because they have some good runners up that way!

Glasgow YMCA A.C. at their annual meeting held this week, appointed the following officials for the ensuing year:—

Drive For Harrier Recruits

By "D. B. R."

THE cross-country season in Scotland has been a successful one. True we did not do so well in the international as it was hoped we should do from a team point of view, but the success of J. C. Flockhart amply compensated for only the fourth team place being gained.

From the team angle internationally Scotland has a handicap to face in the fact that the number of cross-country runners in this country does not compare favourably with the number in other countries, but the possibility of members being increased in the next two or three years is a bright one since the "keep-fit" movement is likely to attract many young recruits to the sport.

There are many areas in Scotland where a good deal of pioneer work will require to be done, but I feel sure that this is being recognised in the proper quarters, and that it will not be long until there is a drive to popularise the sport.

All clubs should take an enthusiastic part in this "drive." One suggestion that was put to me was that it should be put, as a matter of duty, to the members of each club that every member should bring in a new member.

Such a task is not really difficult to carry out if the necessary enthusiasm is there, and even if all the new members who came in were not held the percentage which was held would be large.

Good Season for Shettleston

This has been a wonderful season for Shettleston Harriers in the Midland area, and their running strength shows no signs of diminishing. The club has several young men coming on for whom a bright future is expected.

In the South-West district the sport is flourishing, and in Ayrshire particularly the clubs are happily placed. Beith have been very prominent, and have many fine runners on their books who have still a long time to continue active participation, and so also have Irvine Y.M.C.A.

The disbanding of the Eglinton club was unfortunate, but the increasing strength of Ardeer to a degree compensates for the loss of Eglinton.

I have been asking various coaches how they have faced this season in the matter of injuries, and the general impression I gathered was that injuries were fewer.

It was pointed out to me by one coach that runners are taking greater care of themselves in their training than ever before. Hurried and forced preparations, he told me, which very often bring about an epidemic of sprains and strains, are becoming a thing of the past, in his opinion.

Study, too, is being given by athletes to training methods, diet, etc., which are matters of importance. In America and other countries careful study is made of all sorts of things regarding athletics. Haphazard methods have been found not to pay, and I am afraid that in Scotland there is still too great a prevalence of haphazard ways.

To eradicate this evil altogether will be a task which must be gradual, but coaches are setting about it in the proper spirit, and making satisfactory progress.

Cross-Country Review

UNION CONSIDERING MEANS OF ROPING IN FRESH RECRUITS

By ATHLON

JIM FLOCKHART'S triumph at Brussels—the greatest cross-country performance by a Scottish-born runner in the history of the sport—was the one thing that made the past season of Scottish cross-country running in any way distinguished.

I had almost given up hope of his winning the six-country contest, when at last he showed his real form to win almost as easily as he had retained his Scottish honour at Redford Barracks a fortnight previously.

To a certain extent it was, so far as Scotland was concerned, a case of Flockhart first and the rest of the team nowhere at Brussels. At the same time, I have no wish to belittle the performance of our men in the Belgian race.

I believe there are still enthusiasts who visualise a Scottish team victory in the international. I am not one of them.

Correct Estimate

Third place is about the best we can hope for in the international event. The most frequent result of the series is England 1, France 2, and Scotland 3—a fairly correct estimate of the relative strength of the three countries. This year we were beaten for third place by the home country, Belgium, but two years ago we surprised every one, especially ourselves, by depriving France of second place at Paris.

When the running strength of the respective countries is taken into account we come out of the comparison not too badly. The standard is as a rule as high in Scotland as in England or France, but for every one good runner we have the countries named have, say, 10 or a dozen.

So much for the international aspect. As for internal affairs, while the sport is in a healthy state there is undoubtedly room for expansion. Fresh blood has not been too plentiful during the past six months, and the union have been considering propaganda.

Dundee's Pair

Honours have gone round fairly well during the past season. Early on Shettleston looked like carrying off all the team honours, but the national, the last and greatest of all, deservedly went to Dundee Thistle. With Hawkhill winning the Eastern District championship Dundee has certainly taken a prominent part, for earlier in the season the Thistle quartet won the district 10-mile relay championship. There are only two clubs in Dundee, but what they lack in numbers is made good in quality.

Shettleston have been the most successful team in the Midland area, winning national novice and the two district events, 10 miles relay and seven miles team. Beith and Irvine Y.M.C.A. shared honours in the South-West, Beith being successful in the 10 miles relay and the Y.M.C.A. regaining the seven miles title. Irvine also won the national Y.M.C.A. championship.

Ayrshire have a couple of fine youngsters in R. Reid, Doon H. the winner of the youths' title, and W. Fulton, Ardeer Recreation Club, the South-Western champion. Although he did not win the junior title, Fulton was the first of the three district champions to finish at Redford Barracks, when he just got home in front of G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University H. and H. the Eastern District title holder and Scottish universities' mile champion.

Donaldson's Ill Luck

At the beginning of the season I forecast that W. Donaldson, Shettleston H. would "make" the international team. From the manner in which he won the Midland title, it looked as though Donaldson would be well up at the finish of the national race, but a foot injury caused his retreat, and so he lost his chance. His time will come, however, but meantime he will have to get his foot right again. My good opinion of him remains.

George Craig, Shettleston H. who had held the national youths' title for two years, did not take part in any races during the season. The rest will do him no harm. His elder brother, Archie, ran up to the family tradition by winning the junior championship.

These two sons of the president of the SAAA bid fair to emulate their father, who won the national title in 1913. Heredity does not, as a rule, go for much in cross-country running, but the Craig boys are certainly proving an exception.

Twenty teams will compete in Saturday's Edinburgh to Glasgow relay, which will be run over the usual eight stages, starting from St. Andrew's Square and finishing at Glasgow Royal Exchange.

Bellahouston H. last year's winners, will gain confidence from their repeat win without J. Gifford, in the Perth-Kirkcaldy relay. Dundee Thistle, the national champions, were represented in the Fife-shire race by their No. 2 team, which finished fourth. At full strength the Dundonians will be quite a different proposition, however.

With Plebeian, Shettleston, Maryhill, Garscube and Springburn forward it looks like proving an exceptionally keen race. "National" battles will be fought over again, and it will be interesting to see how road form compares with that across country.

Kiss When Daddy Becomes Champion

WARM WORK—DESPITE SNOW!



J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston Harriers) receiving a kiss of congratulation from his little daughter after winning the Senior Championship at the National Cross Country Championships, held yesterday at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. On the left is Mrs. Flockhart and on the right, A. Craig (Shettleston Harriers) who won the Junior Championship.



J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston) finishing first man home to retain the National Senior Cross-Country Championship at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. Right — Some of the competitors in the Junior and Senior Championships plodding their way through the snow. Dundee Thistle (team) and J. C. Flockhart (individual) were the senior title winners, and Carntyne A.A.C. (team) and R. Reid (individual) the youths' title winners.

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Keen Sports!

BIG SHETTLESTON RUN

Harriers Out For Recruits

On Saturday last Shettleston Harriers held their annual Christmas handicap over a 3½ miles course. There were no less than forty starters—a tribute to the strength of the club and to the popularity of this event.

The reason for this popularity is not far to seek. The Christmas spirit prevails throughout. Each competitor brings a prize—anything from a pair of suspenders to a Christmas dinner turkey! All the gifts are displayed on a table, and at the conclusion of the race each competitor selects his prize, the selection being, of course, in the order in which the runners have finished.

The race was characterised by the greatest good humour throughout, and the results were as follows: J. G. Taylor (4-20), 19-10; 2 J. Jenkins (4-40), 19-33; 3, J. McEachern (4-50), 20-3. Fastest times: 1, A. Craig, 17-1; 2, J. J. McDonald, 17-17; 3, B. McLaughlin, 17-20.

It was not a good day for the newcomers, none of them getting through for a place. G. Taylor, the winner, is a newcomer to the club this year, and is to be congratulated on a creditable performance. Archie Craig has, with 17-1, reduced his time for the course.

On Saturday next the Shettleston Harriers entertain South Glasgow and Olympic Harriers at Gartocher Road. Granted police permission, the club also intends to stage another propaganda run through the main thoroughfares of the East End—so if you are round about midhead Cross or Gallowgate at mid-past three on Saturday, look it for the Shettleston pack.

The very active officials will not be satisfied until they have many young recruits of the East End joining with them the benefits of a sport.

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINE PERFORMANCES

Five performances were accomplished at Shettleston Harriers' championships held last night. E. R. Walker, Scottish discus champion, succeeded in winning two awards, but did not compete in his championship event.

J. G. Flockhart, ten miles S.A.A.A. and cross-country champion, won the three miles very easily, and W. Sutherland, former ten-mile champion, was also a comfortable winner in the mile.

RESULTS

100 yards—1, W. J. Eisdale; 2, A. T. Todd; 3, D. Macdonald. Time, 10 sec.

220 yards—1, A. T. Todd; 2, W. J. Eisdale; 3, D. Macdonald. Time, 24 sec.

440 yards—1, J. G. Flockhart; 2, A. C. Hall; 3, J. J. McDonald. Time, 1 min. 7.5 sec.

One mile—1, W. Sutherland; 2, J. G. Ross; 3, H. O. McEachern. Time, 4 min. 50.4 sec.

Three miles—1, J. G. Flockhart; 2, J. Whitehead. Time, 15 min. 24.5 sec.

120 yards hurdles—1, A. Clark; 2, J. McFarlane; 3, D. Macdonald. Time, 12 sec.

Throwing the discus—1, J. K. Braid, 105 ft. 6 in.; 2, J. Allan; 3, D. Morrison.

Throwing the hammer—1, J. K. Braid, 117 ft. 7 in.; 2, J. Law; 3, D. Morrison.

Shot put—1, E. R. Walker, 57 ft. 4 in.; 2, D. Morrison; 3, J. Allan.

Throwing the javelin—1, F. Knoch, 140 ft.; 2, W. Brown; 3, A. Clark.

High jump, and leap—1, F. G. Walker, 38 ft. 10 in.; 2, A. Clark; 3, J. McFarlane.

Allwell Leads Flockhart All The Way

By ATHLON

J. C. FLOCKHART, holder of three Scottish titles, was beaten by P. J. Allwell (Beith H.) in the Ayrshire champions' open team race.

The race was over a heavy two-lap course of over five miles. Right from the start Allwell made the pace a hot one. With about a mile covered, the Beith man had assumed a lead of 20 yards, with Flockhart lying fourth.

Half-distance saw the local lad still in front, with the champion now second, some 50 yards behind. Nelson, of Maryhill, was third, followed by the brothers Murdoch and J. Freeland, the Hamilton man who gained international honours when he won the Scottish Junior title in 1933.

When the runners came into view half-a-mile from the tape the Beith lad had actually increased his lead, and he broke the tape 150 yards ahead of the champion, who just staved off a late challenge by W. C. Murdoch, the Beith ex-champion.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

	Mm.	Sec.
1. P. J. Allwell (Beith H.)	52	56
2. J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston H.)	53	17
3. W. C. Murdoch (Beith H.)	53	18
4. W. Nelson (Maryhill H.)	53	50
5. G. Murdoch (Beith H.)	53	59
6. R. Lumsden (Bellahouston H.)	54	32

TEAM RACE.

1. J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston H.)	2. G. Murdoch (Beith H.)	3. T. Moffat (Plebeian H.)	19 points.
2. P. J. Allwell (Beith H.)	1. J. Miller (Beith H.)	10. W. H. McCulloch (Irving YMCA H.)	25 points.
3. W. C. Murdoch (Beith H.)	3. D. Macdonald (Ardeer Recreation Club)	8. G. Bell (Bellahouston H.)	15 points.
4. W. Nelson (Maryhill H.)	15. W. Nelson (Maryhill H.)	6. R. Wright (Shawfield H.)	14 points.
5. G. Murdoch (Beith H.)	9. H. W. Davidson (Ardeer Recreation Club)	13. B. Dennis (Beith H.)	17 points.
6. R. Lumsden (Bellahouston H.)	7. P. Crawford (Campanian YMCA H.)	11. J. Smith (Campanian YMCA H.)	48 points.

Scottish Runners Need Keener Competition

(By "D. B. R.")

THE first half of the cross-country season has been an interesting one, but it has revealed little which might give indication of what our strength at Brussels will be and where that strength will lie. True, some of the Internationalists of the past have been showing promising form, but the competitions generally have not been as keen as what we might have hoped for.

One handicap that our leading runners have to undergo, as contrasted to the runners of England and abroad, is that they do not have the same opportunity of keen competition. Scotland has many cross-country runners of average ability, but just a few on the first-class standard. These few, if they were competing against each other week after week, would, I think, show better performance than ever before. But it is only on comparatively rare occasions that they do meet in competition. Thus they are seldom stretched, and it is not enough to be only occasionally all out. Improvement comes only by realising one's weaknesses and remedying these weaknesses. An occasional realisation of a weakness is not sufficient to impress it upon the mind, and to concentrate upon rectifying the fault or faults.

That, to my mind, is one of the reasons why Scottish teams have not done as well as they might have done in international contests. Speaking not of Scottish teams, but of individuals, I hold the opinion—despite his defeat at Beith yesterday—that J. C. Flockhart, of Shettleston, would be unequalled in Britain in cross-country running if he were stationed in one or other of the districts of England where very fast running is a weekly affair.

All the Qualities

Flockhart has the stamina, he has the movement, and he has a natural aptitude for running. Yet he has not done as well in internationals as his gifts suggest he should have done.

On the other hand, there are runners in England who show consistently good performance, who, if we class running as a science, are not in the same class as Flockhart. When it comes to the occasion of an international, however, they seem to get there. My contention is that these runners, by running up against first-class opposition, get an opportunity to better themselves in a way

that they cannot do otherwise. If it were possible, what I think the Scottish selectors should do is to get together, from the middle of January onwards, all the probabilities for the international team and make them run every Saturday in races. It would, to my mind, result in surprisingly improved all-round performance, and give Scotland a better chance of carrying off international honours.

The Scottish leaders will now begin to make serious preparations for the championships and, of course, Brussels. Concentrated training will be required, and with the more promising of the younger runners—and there are quite a number of them—advice from experienced coaches will be of great assistance. One of the complaints of quite a few coaches, however, is that advice is something that is not always taken seriously by their charges. Such an attitude on the part of youngsters—and also on the part of men of experience—is foolish.

A good coach is often a man who has come "through the mill" himself, and in doing so he has picked up many pieces of knowledge which are not easily picked up. It is all very well to say that one can learn through one's own experience, but the "life" of an athlete is comparatively short, and often it is only at the end of his career that he begins to think of the things he might have done. He has learned his lesson, but it is too late. I know of one case at present where the enthusiasm of a 'talented' young runner may prove to be defeating his own ends. He quite appreciates that the advice which is being given to him is in his own interests, but he feels that he is capable of choosing his own course. Perhaps he will prove right, but more probably he will progress to a point and then cease to advance any further. If he will act according to the wise counsel of his advisers he will lose nothing, and may probably gain a lot.

The Beith Race

The success of P. J. Allwell in the race at Beith came as a surprise, as it was not considered likely that J. C. Flockhart would be beaten into second place. Allwell's success, however, was no fluke. He ran confidently, with no signs of flurry. Once he had established his 40 yards lead at half-distance it was thought that he had perhaps set too fast a pace, but it proved not to be so, as he went on to finish well over 100 yards ahead.

Beith occupied first, third and fifth places in the individual race, a most worthy performance, and one which indicates how strong the Ayrshire club is. Up to the present Beith, in the South-Western District, have won the district and county relays, and it is considered very probable that they will annex the two seven-miles events which are yet to be staged.

In the Midland District, Shettleston Harriers have been the most prominent club in competitive successes. Shettleston will be out to remain undefeated to the end of the season, and if their leading runners all retain form, the achievement is not one beyond the powers of the club.

The annual Scottish novice cross-country championship was decided at Hamilton Racecourse on November 7. Thirty clubs being represented by close on 250 runners. The race was run in a downpour. D. Fyfe (Springburn Harriers), ninth last year, finished first in 25 mins. 23 secs., with J. Barr (Leith Harriers) second, and J. Crawford (Kilmarnock), third. Shettleston Harriers won the team championship with 45 points, Springburn being second with 53 points, and Maryhill Harriers third with 69 points.

Donaldson's Course Record

By "GGROE"

SHETTLESTON returned to winning form in Victoria Park A.A.C.'s 12 miles relay race for the M'Andrew Trophy at Whiteinch on Saturday. Due, principally, to the excellent form of their star novice of last year, W. Donaldson, the East End club came away strongly in the last stages of the race to beat Garscube by 80 yards and Springburn by 150. Plebeian failed to repeat their form of two weeks ago, and only ran fourth.

Individual honours were taken by Donaldson, whose second lap effort of 15 mins. 39 secs. was an improvement of 13 seconds on the existing course record, held jointly by his colleagues Flockhart and Sutherland, and five seconds faster than the time recorded by W. G. Black, the first lap leader, who was also within record.

At the end of the first lap, it looked as if Plebeian were on the way for another victory. W. G. Black ran a grand race, and led J. R. Lardy, Garscube, and A. M'Lean, Glenpark, by eighty yards. Over the next lap Donaldson, starting eighth, gradually pulled his opponents in, and finished only seven seconds behind Tambe of Plebeian. As could only be expected, Jim Flockhart was too good for R. Clark in the next lap, and J. Whiteside had nine seconds to spare from G. Andrews, Plebeian, at the last change-over. The task was beyond Andrews, however. Whiteside kept his lead, and T. Armstrong, Garscube, and J. Kelly, Springburn, both proved too fast for Plebeian's last man.

FASTEST LAPS

1. W. Donaldson, Shettleston H., 15 mins. 39 secs. (new course record).
2. W. G. Black, Plebeian H., 15 mins. 44 secs.
3. N. M. Girvan, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 15 mins. 58 secs.
4. J. R. Lardy, Garscube H., 15 mins. 59 secs.
5. (equal) J. Barr, Beith H., and A. M'Lean, Glenpark H., 16 mins. 1 sec.
7. D. M'Ewan, Ardmountain H., 16 mins. 1 sec.
8. R. M'Pherson, Marshall H., 16 mins. 6 secs.
9. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston H., 16 mins. 8 secs.
10. S. K. Tombe, Plebeian H., 16 mins. 21 secs.

TEAM PLACINGS

1. SHETTLESTON H. (J. J. McDonald 16.23, W. Donaldson 15.39, J. C. Flockhart 16.8, J. Whiteside 16.36), 64 mins. 45 secs.
2. GARS_CUBE H. (J. R. Lardy 15.59, W. Gowans 16.12, D. R. Brooks 16.21, T. Armstrong 16.27), 64 mins. 59 secs.
3. SPRINGBURN H. (P. M'Nah 16.14), 64 mins. 16.24, D. Fyfe 16.19, J. Kelly 16.16), 65 mins. 15 secs.
4. PLEBEIAN H. (W. G. Black 15.44, S. K. Tombe 16.11, R. Clark 16.34), 64 mins. 16.59), 65 mins. 19 secs.
5. BEITH H. (G. Murdoch 16.42, J. Barr 16.00, P. J. Allwell 16.16, W. C. Murdoch 16.32), 65 mins. 20 secs.
6. GLENPARK H. (G. M'Lean 16.00, D. Turner 16.41, R. Holmes 17.5, R. B. McIntosh 16.40), 66 mins. 26 secs.
7. MARYHILL H. (R. M'Pherson 16.6, J. Nelson 17.10, R. B. Morrison 17.4, W. Nelson 16.21), 66 mins. 41 secs.
8. ARDMOUNTAIN H. (D. M'Ewan 16.1, R. Bottomley 16.55, A. G. M'Phail 17.22, A. McDonald 16.41), 66 mins. 64 secs.

9. PLEBEIAN "B" TEAM—J. White 16.21, H. White 16.41, P. J. Gordon 16.22, W. Hall 16.46, 67 mins. 10 secs.
10. VICTORIA PARK A.A.C. (H. Hayman 16.56, R. Rogers 16.39, D. E. Thompson 17.10, A. Forbes 16.38), 67 mins. 21 secs.
11. GLASGOW Y.M.C.A. 67 mins. 26 secs.
12. MOTHERWELL Y.M.C.A. 67 mins. 31 secs.
13. VICTORIA PARK "B" TEAM, 68 mins. 19 secs.
14. SPRINGBURN "B" TEAM, 70 mins. 3 secs.
15. BURNHURST WELSH A.C. 71 mins. 12 secs.
16. SHAWFIELD H. 76 mins. 17 secs.
17. BEITH "B" TEAM 71 mins. 8 secs.
18. SPRINGBURN "B" TEAM 71 mins. 51 secs.
19. GLENPARK "B" TEAM 72 mins. 4 secs.
20. SPRINGBURN "C" TEAM 73 mins. 4 secs.

Dundee Thistle Cut Down Time By 25 Seconds

By ATHLON

DUNDEE Thistle Harriers, the only team from the Eastern District, scored a decisive win in the eighth annual relay race from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

By covering the eight-stage journey of 44½ miles in 3hrs. 50mins. 14secs. the national cross-country champions clipped 25secs. off the course record made by Plebeian Harriers in 1931.

While every man in the Dundee team pulled his weight, special mention must be made of internationals A. T. Whitecross and J. M. Petrie. Both got inside the previous best figures in their sectors, but only Whitecross's time, which beat the record set up last year by T. Gibson, Bellahouston, by 18secs., now stands.

Petrie's fine running on the longest sector (seven miles) was timed as 13secs. better than that of his old team-mate, J. Suttie Smith, a record which had stood since the first race in 1930.

Whereas Suttie Smith's figures had withstood all attempts for seven years, Petrie's record was very short-lived. Its existence, in fact, lasted exactly 3mins. 15secs. by which time J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston H.) had covered the same distance in 33mins. 32secs., thereby knocking a further 22secs. off Petrie's figures. Even allowing for the fact that most of the course was down hill, this represented magnificent running by the international cross-country champion. It was undoubtedly the finest individual effort of the day.

Another sector record was broken on the stretch to Barrachnie, which was covered in 29mins. 5secs. by D. Urquhart (Garscube H.). The old figures, 29mins. 28secs. were made last year by J. R. Lardy, of the same club.

Second-Half Spurt

The story of the race is almost entirely one of Dundee leadership. At the first change over they were third, next time they were in front, then back again to third place. By the time Armadale (half-distance) was reached the crimson rig-out of the Dundonians was once more in front, with Bellahouston, last year's winners, 12secs. behind.

At this stage there did not seem any likelihood of the course record being broken, as the leaders were 24secs. behind Bellahouston figures at the same stage a year ago. Fine work by the remaining half of the Thistle team, however, soon made the issue secure, and brought the cross-country champions their second success of the series.

1. Dundee Thistle H. (A. M. Donnet 26.41, D. Gowans 31.59, D. Duncan 25.17, A. T. Whitecross 30.24, D. Coburn 28.55, J. M. Petrie 33.54, P. Murray 30.17, A. Hay 24.47)—3hrs. 50mins. 14secs.

2. Maryhill H. (L. Tongue 27.00, D. McN. Robertson 32.3, A. H. Blair 25.17, R. Osborne 31.2, G. Porteous 29.2, D. McLean 33.30, R. McPherson 29.7, W. Nelson 25.7)—3hrs. 52mins. 11secs.

3. Bellahouston H. (T. W. Lamb 26.25, A. Hamilton 32.26, G. Bell 22.55, T. Gibson 30.51, J. M. Lindsay 29.25, J. Campbell 35.25, G. Hunter 29.54, J. Gifford 25.40)—3hrs. 52mins. 57secs.

4. Garscube H. (W. Gowans 27.10, D. B. Brooke 32.12, R. McKie 23.44, T. Daily 30.54, C. B. Russell 29.38, J. R. Lardy 34.27, D. Urquhart 29.3, T. A. Gourlay 26.18)—3hrs. 53mins. 26secs.

5. Shettleston H. (J. J. McDonald 27.25, J. C. Ross 32.15, W. Shearer 23.28, W. Moultrie 31.54, R. Thomson 29.51, J. C. Flockhart 33.32, A. Hill 30.20, B. McLaughlin 26.12)—3hrs. 54mins. 57secs.

6. Plebeian H. (W. G. Black 26.24, A. Robertson 32.31, G. McAllister 22.35, T. Moffat 31.50, P. J. Connelly 28.34, J. Wilkie 35.49, H. Wilkie 31.11, W. Chalmers 29.51)—3hrs. 58mins. 19secs.

7. Springburn H. (J. Dunn 27.56, H. Haughie 32.49, W. McNab 24.6, J. Brinkins 34.18, G. Murratroyd 30.54, P. McNab 34.54, D. Fyfe 30.15, J. Wilson 26.17)—4hrs. 0mins. 57secs.

8. West of Scotland H. (R. I. Macdonald 28.9, J. Parker 30.52, J. M. Parker 24.40, A. Polwart 34.21, W. Erskine 30.17, T. Cruden 35.37, L. A. Haddow 31.22, R. Wood 26.56)—4hrs. 2mins. 16secs.

9. Victoria Park AAC (A. Forbes 28.35, D. E. Thomson 33.9, W. Clegg 24.34, I. Macdonald 32.41, J. S. Oswald 30.41, R. Blackstock 37.59, R. Rogerson 30.50, J. Blackstock 27.58)—4hrs. 6mins. 27secs.

10. Motherwell YMCA H. (J. Brown 29.11, T. R. Milne 34.15, J. L. McClurg 25.32, W. McGowan 35.15, R. Devon 30.49, T. I. McGlynn 36.38, J. McDonald 34.38, W. G. Kerr 28.4)—4hrs. 12mins. 22secs.

11. Glasgow YMCA AC (J. Redman 28.30, J. Buchan 36.9, W. Herning 25.28, W. Steel 33.56, J. R. Taylor 30.22, T. A. Strachan 37.39, J. Low 35.35, J. R. Scott 27.54)—4hrs. 13mins. 33secs.

12. Greenock Glenpark H. (J. Rowan 27.57, J. Wilson 34.10, J. Thomson 23.59, D. Brown 32.41, T. Mearns 32.45, M. Ryan 38.52, W. McKerral 34.49, R. Marshall 30.10)—4hrs. 15mins. 3secs.

13. Larkhall YMCA H. (W. Petrie 29.55, J. McMillan 33.30, J. McFarlane 27.8, H. Kilpatrick 36.39, T. Wedlock 32.2, T. White 37.48, A. Oray 33.24, J. Lyle 27.8)—4hrs. 17mins. 34secs.

14. Olympic H. (R. Hutchison 27.32, A. Hutchison 35.3, J. Lumden 27.18, A. McAlpine 33.16, R. Hutchison 34.27, D. McBeaton 37.53, A. Ritchie 35.27, A. Grant 30.31)—4hrs. 19mins. 27secs.

Hamilton H. (A. Wardlaw 28.15, J. D. Hillis 34.15, T. Hunter 26.2, J. G. Scott 33.24, T. Symington 32.41, and Crispedale H. (D. MacDonald 28.53, J. Gray 34.25, W. Howie 24.52, W. Wilkinson 34.18, A. Shields 32.6, C. Middel 27.29)—dropped out owing to incomplete teams.

FASTEST SECTORS.
Edinburgh to Maybury Cross (5½ miles)—T. W. Lamb, Bellahouston H., 26mins. 23secs.
Maybury Cross to Broxburn (6 miles)—J. Parker, West of Scotland H., 30mins. 52secs.
Broxburn to Wester Dechmont (4 miles)—O. McAllister, Plebeian H., 22mins. 55secs.
Wester Dechmont to Armadale (5½ miles)—A. T. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle H., 30mins. 24secs. (record).

Armadale to Forrestfield Inn (5½ miles)—P. J. Connelly, Plebeian H., 28mins. 54secs.
Forrestfield Inn to Airdrie (7 miles)—J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston H., 33mins. 32secs. (record).

Airdrie to Barrachnie (5 miles)—D. Urquhart, Garscube H., 29mins. 5secs. (record).
Barrachnie to Royal Exchange (5 miles)—A. Hay, Dundee Thistle H., 24mins. 47secs.

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS followed up their National Championship victory in great style yesterday, by winning the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race by over 600 yards in time which beats Plebeian's seven-year-old course record by 22 seconds.

The winners led at the second change-over, lost their lead temporarily, and, when they regained it at the fourth relay station, gradually built up a commanding lead to finish very comfortable winners.

MARYHILL IN FORM

Maryhill Harriers, even without champion Farrell, excelled themselves to finish second, ahead of Bellahouston Harriers, the holders, who were in the lead only at the end of the first lap.

Plebeian, whose past record is wonderful in this race, started well, but without star runners could not be blamed for slipping back to sixth place. Garscube were fourth, and Shettleston, who also had to run without a few of their notable men, were fifth.

The individual feature was appropriately provided by Jimmy Flockhart, the international and Scottish champion from Shettleston. There was not much at stake when he took over nearly a mile behind the leader at Forrestfield Inn, but he relished the very hopelessness of his task, and showing us all the tremendous speed of which we know him capable, broke Suttie Smith's 1930 record by no less than 29 seconds. This record was also beaten by J. M. Petrie, of Dundee, who was 13 seconds inside the previous best.

RECORD GOES

In the fourth relay, from Dechmont to Armadale, A. T. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle, took 18 seconds off the figures set up by T. Gibson, Bellahouston, in last year's race, while in the second last lap from Airdrie to Barrachnie, D. Urquhart, Garscube Harriers, clipped 26 seconds off his clubmate's Lardy's record. Also inside record in this sector was R. McPherson, Maryhill Harriers, who was only four seconds slower than Urquhart.

At the end of the first lap, Bellahouston (T. Lamb) were 10 yards in front of Plebeian, with Dundee Thistle third, and in the next stretch to Broxburn, the Dundonians took the lead.

The feature of this lap was the grand running by J. Parker, West of Scotland, who was, by fully a minute, the fastest of the field.

FINE RUN

Plebeian went to the front in the short run to Wester Dechmont, but in the following relay Andy Whitecross took the champions to the front with his record-breaking run. Coburn increased that lead in a dull race to Forrestfield, and J. M. Petrie put the issue beyond all doubt in the seven miles journey.

The race along the Glasgow streets was finished as far as the first place was concerned, but W. Neilson, Maryhill, and J. Gifford, Bellahouston, had a rare dust-up for second place. It was surprising to see Neilson beat the S.A.A.A. three miles champion so decisively at the finish, for Gifford was on his heels in Duke Street. Times:—

EDINBURGH TO MAYBURY (5½ miles)

M.	S.
1. Bellahouston (T. W. Lamb)	26 23
2. Plebeian (W. G. Black)	26 24
3. Dundee Thistle (A. M. Donnet)	26 41
4. Maryhill (L. Tongue)	27 00
5. Garscube (W. Gowans)	27 10
6. Shettleston (J. J. McDonald)	27 25
7. Springburn (J. Dunn)	27 56
8. Olympic (R. Hutchison)	27 32
9. Greenock Glenpark (J. Rowan)	27 57
10. West of Scot. (R. I. Macdonald)	28 9
Fastest time—T. W. Lamb (Bellahouston).	26 mins. 23 secs.

MAYBURY TO BROXBURN (6 miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (D. Gowans 31.59)	58 40
2. Bellahouston (A. Hamilton 32.26)	58 49
3. Plebeian (A. Robertson 32.31)	58 55
4. West of Scot. (J. Parker 30.52)	59 1
5. Maryhill (D. M. Robertson 32.6)	59 6
6. Garscube (D. B. Brooke 32.12)	59 22
7. Shettleston (J. C. Ross 32.15)	59 40
8. Springburn (H. Haughie 32.49)	60 15
9. Olympic (T. Hutchison 33.3)	60 35
10. Victoria Park (D. E. Thomson 33.9)	61 44
Fastest time—J. Parker (West of Scotland), 30 mins. 52 secs.	

BROXBURN TO WESTER DECHMONT (4 miles)

M.	S.
1. Plebeian (G. McAllister 22.35)	1 21 30
2. Bellahouston (G. Bell 22.53)	1 21 42
3. Dundee Thistle (D. Duncan 23.17)	1 21 57
4. Maryhill (A. H. Blair 23.17)	1 22 23
5. Garscube (R. McKie 23.44)	1 23 6
6. Shettleston (W. Shearer 23.28)	1 23 8
7. West of Scot. (J. M. Parker 24.40)	1 23 41
8. Springburn (W. McNab 24.6)	1 24 21
9. Greenock Glen. (J. Thomson 25.39)	1 25 46
10. Victoria Park (W. Clegg 24.54)	1 26 18
Fastest time—G. McAllister (Plebeian), 22 mins. 35 secs.	

WESTER DECHMONT TO ARMADALE (5½ miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (A. T. Whitecross 30.24)	1 52 21
2. Bellahouston (T. Gibson 30.51)	1 52 33
3. Plebeian (T. Moffat 31.50)	1 53 20
4. Maryhill (R. Osborne 31.2)	1 53 25
5. Garscube (T. Daily 30.54)	1 54 00
6. Shettleston (W. Moultrie 31.54)	1 55 2
7. West of Scot. (A. Polwart 34.21)	1 58 2
8. Greenock Glen. (D. Brown 32.41)	1 58 27
9. Springburn (J. Brinkins 34.18)	1 58 39
10. Victoria Park (H. McDonald 32.41)	1 58 59
Fastest time—A. T. Whitecross (Dundee Thistle), 30 mins. 24 secs. (Record).	

ARMADALE TO FORRESTFIELD (5½ miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (D. Coburn 28.55)	2 21 16
2. Bellahouston (J. M. Lindsay 29.25)	2 21 56
3. Plebeian (P. J. Connelly 28.54)	2 22 14
4. Maryhill (G. Porteous 29.2)	2 23 27
5. Garscube (G. B. Russell 29.28)	2 23 38
6. Shettleston (H. Thompson 29.51)	2 24 53
7. West of Scot. (W. Erskine 30.17)	2 25 19
8. Springburn (G. D. Murratroyd 30.54)	2 29 15
9. Victoria Park (J. S. Oswald 30.41)	2 29 49
10. Glenpark (T. Mearns 32.45)	2 31 12
Fastest time—P. J. Connelly (Plebeian), 28 mins. 54 secs.	

FORRESTFIELD TO AIRDRIE (7 miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (J. M. Petrie 33.54)	2 55 10
2. Bellahouston (J. Campbell 35.25)	2 57 23
3. Maryhill (D. McLean 35.30)	2 57 57
4. Plebeian (J. Wilkie 35.49)	2 58 8
5. Garscube (J. R. Lardy 34.27)	2 58 56
6. Shettleston (J. C. Flockhart 33.32)	2 58 57
7. West of Scot. (T. Cruden 35.37)	3 0 7
8. Springburn (P. McNab 34.54)	3 0 7
9. Victoria Park (R. Blackstock 37.59)	3 1 23
10. Glenpark (M. Ryan 38.52)	3 1 40
Fastest time—J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston), 23 mins. 32 secs. (record).	

AIRDRIE TO BARRACHNIE (5½ miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (P. Murray 30.17)	3 27 37
2. Maryhill (D. M. Robertson 32.6)	3 27 48
3. Garscube (G. Hunter 29.54)	3 27 57
4. Bellahouston (A. Hill 30.20)	3 28 45
5. Shettleston (H. Wilkie 31.11)	3 29 14
6. Plebeian (H. Wilkie 31.11)	3 29 14
7. Springburn (D. Fyfe 30.3)	3 34 20
8. West of Scot. (L. A. Haddow 31.22)	3 35 18
9. Victoria Park (R. Rogerson 30.50)	3 38 20
10. Motherwell (J. McDonald 32.38)	3 44 16
Fastest time—D. Urquhart (Garscube), 29 mins. 5 secs. (record).	

BARRACHNIE TO GLASGOW ROYAL EXCHANGE (5 miles)

M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle (A. Hay 24.47)	3 50 14
2. Maryhill (W. Nelson 25.7)	3 52 11
3. Bellahouston (J. Gifford 25.40)	3 52 57
4. Garscube (T. A. Gourlay 26.18)	3 53 24
5. Shettleston (B. McLaughlin 26.12)	3 54 27
6. Plebeian (W. Chalmers 29.5)	3 59 19
7. Springburn (J. Wilson 26.17)	4 0 57
8. West of Scot. (H. Wood 26.58)	4 2 16
9. Victoria Park (J. Blackstock 27.58)	4 6 27
10. Motherwell (W. G. Kerr 28.4)	4 2 22
11. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. (J. H. Scott 27.54)	4 13 53
12. Greenock Glen. (K. Marshall 30.10)	4 15 3
13. Larkhall (J. Lyle 27.8)	4 17 34
14. Olympic (J. Grant 30.37)	4 19 7
Fastest time—A. Hay (Dundee Thistle), 24 mins. 47 secs. (record).	

Club Events

Shettleston announce that their sports meeting on June 12 will be an open meeting, and that the inter-club contest will be held at their evening meeting in August.

The Scottish Y.M.C.A. Championships will be held this season at Fir Park, Motherwell, and the date is May 22.

Melrose Football Club are running an open mile handicap at the Greenyards, Melrose, on April 20. Forms are now obtainable.

Kilmarnock have done with cross-country work for the season, but announce track training will commence at Rugby Park on April 29.

Dumbarton's annual social and presentation of prizes takes place on Friday in the Bishop's Crown Hall, Dumbarton. This club begins track training on April 15 at Meadow Park.

Springburn's annual smoker and presentation of prizes will take place in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, on Friday, April 25, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets, price 2s 6d, are now available.

Shettleston's theatre and supper night is Friday next. After the first house of the Empire, the party adjourns to the Ceylon Restaurant for presentation of prizes.

Plebeian's half-yearly meeting will be held in the Central Halls, Bath Street, on Friday first, at 7.45 a.m., and the half-yearly gathering of Springburn Harriers will be held to-night.

PETRIE AS CHALLENGER TO FLOCKHART

Spring Championship. Test

By "GGROE"

CROSS-COUNTRY is, except for fugitive runs by a few clubs, finished for the season, and attention from now on will principally be focussed on track prospects.

The Edinburgh-Glasgow relay was a fine climax to an excellent season's work, the high light of which was, of course, Jim Flockhart's International victory at Brussels. That was a tonic which should stimulate a general interest in the sport, and should, I imagine, be a good recruiting urge for the Shettleston club itself.

Dundee Thistle, by following up their national success with such a convincing road race victory on Saturday last, must be acclaimed as undoubtedly Scotland's best team. Their reserve power suggests that any clubs who have eyes on their title for next season must indeed be good.

Spring Championship

The next important fixture on the calendar is the S.A.A.A. spring championship meeting, to be run at Hawkhill Grounds, Edinburgh, on April 24. The events, of course, are the ten mile flat race and three miles walk, and the former race gives promise of being a thrilling contest.

J. C. Flockhart will be defending his title, and he is in such superb form at present that anything but a victory for him would be surprising.

It is not going to be easy for him, however, for, as we saw on the road from Forrestfield to Airdrie on Saturday, J. M. Petrie, Dundee Thistle, is running better than ever before, and is expected to be the champion's most dangerous rival.

Entries close, by the way, on Monday, April 19, with either R. J. Bryson, 3 Forbes Street, Edinburgh 3, or G. Dallas, 239 Cambernald Road, Glasgow, E.I.

Cross Country

Camryn AAC.—Three miles team race: First arrivals, J. Stuart, 17.3, J. R. Sample, 17.10, G. W. McCulloch, 17.26. S. Team race winners: R. Sample and A. Graham.

Dumbarton AAC.—Captain's day team race (two-and-a-half miles): "A" team (D. Cannon, S. H. Nisbet, S. J. McIntyre, J. J. McDougal, S. R. Henderson, 9) 25pts. 1: "B" team (J. Rainey, I. T. Elbow, G. M. Cullen, T. D. McGrimmon, S. A. Johnston, 11) 35pts. 2.

Edinburgh BB.—Championship was decided over a course of three miles at Stonyhill, Musselburgh, on Saturday. Results:—Individual placings: L. Opl. K. Bain (14th Co.), 16mins. 25secs. 1: Opl. A. Bain (35th Co.), 2: Opl. G. Gillies (14th Co.), 3. Team placings: 27th Co., 41pts. 1: 35th Co., 1pts. 2: 3rd Co., 4pts. 3: 4th Co., 5pts. 4.