

South Western District Championships.

Beith, 1954.

THIS developed into another of these individual races dominated by the Stevenson brothers but on this occasion Tom the holder had to give way to young brother John who ran superbly throughout despite the treacherous underfoot conditions to win by over a hundred and fifty yards from an admittedly much fresher elder brother. Young Archie Napier of Paisley came off best in a hectic battle for third place with Davie Lapsley the spritely Ayrshire Champion.

A close and exciting tussle took place for the team championship between rival county king-pins Beith and Paisley. With three men in each Paisley were ahead by one point. At four in Beith were four points ahead. At five the Ayrshire club was one point ahead but Paisley's last man sealed the issue in favour of Renfrewshire's champions. Irvine Y.M.C.A. were third.

Details:

Individual Championship.

- 1.—J. Stevenson (G. W. H.) 39m. 39s.
- 2.—T. Stevenson (G. W. H.) 40m. 10s.
- 3.—A. Napier (Paisley H.) 41m. 17s.
- 4.—D. Lapsley (W. K'bride) 41m. 18s.
- 5.—G. Lightbody (Beith H.) 41m. 36s.
- 6.—G. Adamson (W. K'bride) 41m. 38s.

Team Championship.

1. Paisley H. (A. Napier, 3; J. Campbell, 9; J. Feeley, 15; W. McNeill, 18; J. Deveney, 19; C. McCart 20). 84 Pts. J. Sellers, 30; D. Drake, 39; W. Miller, 42; G. Crerar, 43; T. Fellowes, 49.

2. Beith H. G. Lightbody, 5; J. W. Armstrong, 11; I. Harris, 12; K. Phillips, 14; H. Walker, 21; A. McGookin, 28.—91 Pts. S. Maxwell, 37; A. Hayes, 45).

3. Irvine Y.M.C.A. (S. Cuthbert, 8; K. Alexander, 10; D. Andrews, 13; J. Lawson, 24; J. Leash, 29; J. Dunlop Jr., 36). 120 Pts.

4. **Greenock W. H.** (J. Stevenson, 1; T. Stevenson, 2; G. King, 7; D. Anderson 40; R. G. Beaton, 41; D. McSwein, Jr., 47. **138 Pts.** R. L. McSwein, 54).

5. **Kilmarnock H.** (W. Martin, 26; G. Martin, 26; D. Todd, 27; J. McPheeley, 33; W. More, 35; J. Burns, 38; **175 Pts.** R. Ballantyne, 46).

6. **Greenock G. H.** (D. McFarlane, 23; R. Cox, 25; D. Gallagher 31; J. Grant, 34; A. Deas, 44; G. Muir, 52.) **209 Pts.**

Other Individuals

A. J. Duthie, (Babcocks & Wilcox), 17; E. Thursby (Ayr), 22; A. Fenton (Ayr) 32; A. Small (Plebeian), 48; T. R. Walker (Stranraer), 50; W. Douglas (Kilbarchan) 51; W. Shields (Auchmountain), 53.

Youths Three Miles Championship.

J. Simpson the promising young Plebeian boy added the South West title to the Renfrewshire crown he won a fortnight earlier beating A. Blackley (Irvine) quite convincingly by thirty-five yards. Even more convincing however was the team work of Irvine Y.M.C.A. Their full complement of six runners finished in the first fourteen. The first trio won the Champ-

ionship easily. It is interesting to note that if the first three Irvine runners had not been in the race the second trio would have been second only two points behind the winners.

Details:

Individual Championship.

- 1.—J. Simpson (Plebeian) 20m. 53s.
- 2.—A. Blackley (Irvine Y.M.) 21m. 00s.
- J. Barr (W. Kilbride) ... 21m. 13s.

Team Championship:

1. **Irvine Y.M.C.A.** (A. Blackley, 2; R. Kennedy, 6; S. Kennedy, 7; **15 Pts.** T. Parker, 12; A. McPhail, 13; W. Banks 14).

2. **Kilmarnock H.** (G. McLeod, 9; R. Reid, 10; A. Boyter, 18; **37 Pts.**

3. **W. Kilbride** (J. Barr, 3; J. Byrant, 16; A. Richardson, 19. **38 Pts.** A. McLardy, 23.)

4. **Greenock W. H.** (J. Howe, 15; W. Docherty, 20; A. Boyd. 22; **57 Pts.**

Individuals:

R. Black, (Kilbarchan), 4; M. Thomson, (Greenock G.), 5; R. Steele (Kilbarchan), 8; J. Pearson (Paisley H.), 11; A. W. B. Kyle (Stranraer H.), 17; C. McCafferty (Beith H.) 21.