

SPORTS DIARY

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University—Westerlands.

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14—Edinburgh City Police Div. Sports—

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Harrers.

13—Glasgow Police (continued).

17—Edinburgh University v. Glasgow

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University.

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range.

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Westerlands.

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—Bellahouston Harriers.

—Scottish Y.M.C.A. Championships.

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—Vale of Leven A.A.C.—Milburn Pk.

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—Dairy Juniors and Shettleston Har.

(Joint)—Dairy.

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21—Marshall Harriers—Dunoon.

24—Marshall Harriers—Dunoon.

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S.A.A.A. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By THOMAS CRUDEN

(Hon. Secy., Renfrewshire A.A.A.)

A fairish crowd of Club members and old-timers came along to Helenvale Park to give vocal encouragement to the contestants in the S.A.A.A. Spring Championships, on Saturday, 26th April, 1947. Starter Fred Evans sent a full turn-out of 16 away on their long, long trail in the 10 miles, and as soon as the field turned into the strong wind that was blustering down the finishing straight, there began a game of "wait and see," among a group of 10, all more or less reluctant to assume the punishing role of pacemaker. This went on for fully three miles, with the holder, J. E. Farrell (Maryhill), never allowing himself to get "boxed," yet never taking the lead: a tactical manoeuvre which looks so easy—until you try it.

A third mile of 5.35—obviously this could not go on, and at 3½ miles Farrell suddenly dashed down the stand straight with the wind at his back. The race fizzed up: two more helter skelter rushes in the next laps spreadeagled the field, leaving only Farrell, A. MacLean (Bellahouston H.) and A. McLennan (Shettleston H.) running together. Half-distance in 27.7 (good for the conditions), and then MacLean challenged the holder at his own game by piling on the pace down the back straight. The sixth mile, second fastest of the entire ten, was the deciding point of the race: MacLean's electrifying dashes downwind increased his lead over Farrell by 15 yards each lap, and finished McLennan.

One wondered: was the leader burning up his energy too soon by these spurts?—would Farrell's strength enable him to pull in the Bellahouston man in the closing laps? But at the start of the seventh mile it was apparent that the holder was beaten. His rhythmic style had given way to a laboured, rolling gait; barring collapse, MacLean was a certain winner. And there was no sign of the leader collapsing. He continued to spurt like a miler and, at the bell, was on the point of lapping his clubmate Anderson.

With the race in his pocket, he sportingly refrained from passing Gaby, which meant that S.A.A.A. Secretary, Mr. Gilbert, had to give a nimble performance by darting through the three-yard gap between the Bellahouston men, to unree the tape for a very worthy and popular champion. Farrell plodded on to finish 300 yards behind, and the steady Anderson was a good third.

Result:—

	min.	sec.
1 A. MacLean, Bellahouston H.	54	32
2 J. E. Farrell, Maryhill H.	55	28.8
3 G. Anderson, Bellahouston H.	55	45

The intermediate mile times were:—

mile	time	mile	time
1—5 min.	12.8 sec.	6—32 min.	25 sec.
2—10 ..	41 ..	7—37 ..	48 ..
3—16 ..	15.8 ..	8—43 ..	15.2 ..
4—21 ..	43 ..	9—48 ..	51.8 ..
5—27 ..	7 ..		

The new champion is a remarkable instance of a runner maturing late in his career. As long ago as 1931 he was novice champion of the Glenpark Club, and it seems to me that his gradual



D. A. JAMIESON

development of the qualities of judgment, stamina, and an exceptionally graceful stride reached fruition in this, his greatest race. An example to all young runners of what can be achieved by perseverance. "Modest" is an over-worked word, but it can be truthfully applied to MacLean.

I thought Farrell looked "over-raised." The most promising younger men seemed to be the Shettleston pair, Clark (a spirited, free-moving runner) and McLennan. The latter gave up at 8 miles: is 10 too far for him? Few men as tall as McLennan are ever at their best at 10 miles. With his length of limb he should be able to cultivate a stride which would make him a top-notch at 2 and 3 miles; and Allan Scally is the man to develop this possibility.

Clark excepted, the first six places were filled by men who would have been regarded as extreme veterans in

pre-war years. In the early stages of the race, until an embarrassed mother managed to silence her offspring, there were excited yells of "Come on, daddy!" as the field passed the judges' post. I never thought I would hear a bunch of ten-milers laughing: what has a man got to laugh about, running ten miles? But laugh they did, and to judge from the chaff ("Anyway, my kids can lick your kids") there was more than one bare-legged daddy on view.

Then we had the three miles walk. A very poor entry. The two entrants appeared, the gun banged, the holder, D. A. Jamieson (Dundee Hawkhill), opened up a clear lead within three seconds, and so they went on round the track like two machines geared to slightly different speeds, until the holder strode through the tape in 23.27, followed by D. Jordan (Glasgow Police A.C.), in 24.50.

Jamieson is a good champion: and one has to admire the spirit of Jordan, who last won this title in 1927, in turning out to save a "walk-over." Indeed, Jordan caused much interest, as well as a lot of memories, with his curious action. One facetious spectator called out: "You could put a three-inch plank under his feet." But, of course, you couldn't. Jordan has satisfied the scrutiny of too many good judges in the past (and in this race he satisfied another, Mr. MacFarlane, who kept appearing unexpectedly on hands and knees, his nose conscientiously on a level with the track, as Jordan went past) to be convicted now of hurdling imaginary three-inch planks.

A pleasant afternoon was rounded off by the presentation of the handsome trophies to the two winners by S.A.A.A. President, Mr. R. Taylor; a few short votes of thanks proposed by Western Secretary, Mr. G. Dallas; and a most sporting tribute to the new Ten Miles Champion by the man who had lost the title, Emmet Farrell.



THE TEN MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Right)—Mr. James Gilbert, Hon. Secy., S.A.A.A., just gets the tape up in time to be broken by the winner, Alec, MacLean (Bellahouston Harriers).

(Left)—After the race, Mr. "Bob" Taylor, President of the S.A.A.A., is snapped with Alex. MacLean and the runner-up and former holder of the title, J. E. Farrell (Maryhill Harriers).



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RUNNING COMMENTARY

by J. E. FARRELL.

The ensuing track season promises to be one of the most interesting and important on record. In view of the proximity of the Olympic Games promoters may feature special events over Olympic distances involving metres instead of yards. Team manager, Mr. Jack Crump, would especially welcome these. He would also welcome details of notable performances.

Before discussing this month's highlights and impending events, it is opportune to sum up some of the salient points of the cross-country season just finished.

Cross-Country in Retrospect

Bellahouston, by virtue of retaining their title of National champions, last competed for in 1939, are entitled to be hailed as the Club of the Year—an honour specially gratifying on account of their Jubilee celebrations; at the same time providing two Internationalists in A. McGregor and G. Anderson. Yet, the greatest feature of the past season may be considered the meteoric rise to prominence of Victoria Park, whose long-distance athletes are fast rivaling the feats of their shorter-distance brethren.

Capably led by Andy Forbes, the new Scottish Cross-Country champion, and George Lamont, they outclassed their opponents in the Midland championship and were worthy runners-up in the National championship to Bellahouston. G. Cunningham, fairly new to cross-country running, looks like a star of the future.

National Novice champions, Vale of Leven splendid "packing" was also a feature of good team-running.

However, just when athletes were endeavouring to get really fit, a freakish display of severe weather, unparalleled for many years, greatly handicapped them in their attempts.

Paris—Flockhart's Glorious Swan-song

At Paris, in the recent International, Jim Flockhart, of Shettleston Harriers, ran one of the most sensational races of

his long career to finish 7th individual, first Scot home, and second Britisher in the field, thus justifying his selection and keeping Scotland on the map. His lap positions: 20, 14, 8, 7, show the progressive nature of his running. From a cautious start he graduated into a fine sweeping rhythm which carried him within striking distance of the leaders. His third lap, in which he moved from 14th to eighth, was his finest, and an analysis of the times in this lap show that he was running almost as fast as Pujazon at this stage. When one realises that he finished just over a minute behind Pujazon, who is in world class over the gruelling 9 miles course, the extent of his running can be assessed at its true value.

In a comparative sense, his performance rates almost on a par with his Brussels win of 1937, considering the disparity of time between the events.

Inclined to be erratic and over-exuberant in his early career, Flockhart, with the passing of time, cultivated splendid judgment, and his recent performance showed what careful nursing for a specific event can do—following somewhat in the Lovelock-Holden tradition.

A splendid performer, also on track and road, Flockhart, nevertheless, was at his best over country, where his fine bounding style was seen to most advantage. His decision to retire from racing is, of course, a distinct loss to Scottish running, but it is to be hoped that he will continue to be an influence in an advisory capacity.

Experience Counts

If Flockhart ran superbly, what shall we say of Jean Chappelle, of Belgium, incidentally, a great pal of Jimmy's? Runner-up to long-striding Emery in 1938, and thus, himself a veteran. Chappelle ran himself to a standstill in his attempt to hold Pujazon, failing by less than 150 yards to do so. With the Reiff-Pujazon duel failing to materialise owing to the former dropping out,

Chappelle stepped into the breach, made the race, and gave Pujazon more than a few worrying moments, although one must admit that the latter finished in good shape. Just prior to the start of the race there was an amusing incident when Flockhart and Chappelle found themselves together in the line-up. After a quick hand-shake, Jimmy turned to his pal and shouted: "The old dog for the hard road, Jack." The serious, temperamental Chappelle merely shrugged his shoulders, but how true was the remark to prove.

In general, experience came up trumps, but there was one notable exception in the performance of H. A. Olney, of England, who, running in his first International, finished a glorious sixth and first Britisher home. Incidentally if, as expected, Olney is to try for selection in the 10,000 metres event, he would make a grand team-mate for J. H. Peters, Essex Beagles, 6 and 10 miles A.A.A. champion, who is likely to try this event also.

Pujazon a Great Champion



Pujazon has now been undefeated in cross-country racing for over three seasons, and has won the International twice. Can he equal, or surpass, the feat of his countryman, Jean Bouin, who won three times; or record-holder, Jack Holden, with four wins?

A mature runner, he seems to be at the height of his powers and quite capable of repelling challengers for many seasons to come. While not particularly stylish, he runs with an easy, loping action, eminently suitable for cross-country work, while over the hurdles he is positively snake-like.

Indeed, he gained yards at each hurdle against Chappelle.

Modest and likeable, he trains seriously and every day, and one of his ace cards in a race is his cultivation of a fast start to soften up his challengers. He has the strength to start fast and keep going. He is far from talkative and when, in conversation with him, I suggested he should go for the Olympic Steeplechase, with his speed and cross-country experience, all he did was to shrug his shoulders and say "Peut-être" (maybe).

In his wistful features there seem indications of past vicissitudes, for though now established as a physical training instructor with time to train and keep fit he has a background of struggle. In France he is now something of a National hero.

They certainly take their sport seriously over there. For example, a week prior to the International the French team was installed in a School for Physical Training, under Pujazon.

Incidentally, the summer-like conditions brought out an approximate crowd of 7000 enthusiasts, who paid £1000 to witness the double French triumph.

Scots Team Performance

While the Scottish team again disappointed more than somewhat and finished only fifth, as last year, the bald result does not tell the full story, as, with 137 points, they finished only four points behind Elre, showing an improvement of over 30 points compared with last year. Moreover, there was a general levelling up in times compared with last year. For example: last year Jack Holden, in sixth place, was over two minutes behind Pujazon. This year Flockhart, in seventh place, was just over a minute behind. Of course, the turf of St. Cloud while very flat was soggy in part, due to the previous day's rain, which shows that the stiffer the course the more levelling up is produced.

Incidentally, England promises us a real cross-country test at Reading next year. With some of the present Scottish team as back-bone the Scots should do better next year, as some of their runners encountered mishaps which mitigated against good performances,



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notably Forbes, who finished well considering he ran with a foot disability.

Introducing Mr. "Pickwick"

Talking of records, it would be difficult to beat that of Mr. Bob Lindsay, who has a connection with Paisley Harriers. Since 1912, with several exceptions, including both war periods, "Bob" has followed the fortunes of Scottish cross-country teams (ex-officio, of course). Several times he has travelled with the party to Paris and Brussels. He enjoys his visits immensely, and must have acquired quite a wealth of reminiscences and souvenirs. With "his black coat and bowler," Bob is a kenspeckle figure, and the French party were not long in recognising his personality by whimsically dubbing him "Mr. Pickwick." Up to date, Bob, while he has witnessed many excellent displays by individual Scots, has not had the privilege of witnessing a Scottish team triumph. Let's hope this is only a pleasure deferred.

Cross-Country Novelties

A curious feature of the recent cross-country international was the fact that at least four of the Irish boys ran with bare feet. Whilst this method may appear to invite injury, it must be realised that their constant training must harden their feet well beyond the average.

Red-headed, little, T. Walshe, who finished just in front of myself in 18th place, is said to be able to beat 4 min. 20 sec. on cinders with bare feet.

Another novelty was the running of Club championships in April. Shettleston took the unusual method of running off their Club championship on a Tuesday evening, taking advantage of double summer-time. This was won by Jimmy Flockhart, in what is reckoned to be his last race.

Maryhill's club race took place on Saturday, 12th April. Summer-like conditions added to the gruelling conditions natural to a cross-country race, although the country itself was fine and dry due to the recent sun and wind. A disconcerting feature was the incidence of ploughs at this time of the year. It was with some relief, for

example, that Steward Jimmy McNamara guided the runners past a huge plough at half-distance.

Notorious Cross-Country Race at Paris Olympics

Mention of summer-like conditions reminds one of the fiasco at Paris in 1924. The Olympic Games featured a cross-country championship of 5 miles, run in the suburbs of Paris. Not strictly a cross-country race, it featured a combination of path and road, but so torrid and enervating were the conditions that the race proved farcical, less than half the competitors finishing the course. The only runner to finish in really good shape was Paavo Nurmi, who finished well in front of his tired compatriot, Willie Ritola.

One of the heroes of this particular race was Ernest Harper, of Great Britain, who finished in fifth place. Some of the runners finished up in hedges; others collapsed at various stages of the route; some turned round and ran the wrong way. At any rate, this particular event was eliminated from future Olympics.

The Finns are noted for their ability to stand extremes of temperature, notably Paavo Nurmi, who won in all sorts of conditions. What is the secret? Is it the use of the famous Sauna baths (equivalent in some respects to our steam baths)?

April Activity

Whilst most runners are busy quietly tuning up for the track season, many cross-country runners are still racing.

On 5th April, for example, Shettleston repeated last year's win in the 18 miles road relay race round Dundee, chiefly due to a superb third lap by Charlie McLennan, who, since his great win in last year's unofficial cross-country championship, has shown only fugitive glimpses of form. From time to time, however, he proves that the ability is still there.

In the Kilmarnock to Ayr road race, Kilmarnock held off a challenge by West Kilbride, despite an effort by Internationalist Jas. Reid of the latter club. Both these races took place in very adverse conditions of wind and rain.

A.A.A. Titles Undefended

Also on 5th April took place the seven miles walk and ten miles running A.A.A. championships. Neither holder L. Hindmar (Sweden) in the walk, nor J. Chapelle (Belgium) in the 10 miles, took part, but the presence of some Italian walkers gave colour to the former event. H. G. Churcher (Belgrave) staved off the foreign challenge with a splendid win in 52 min. 48.4 sec.

In the 10 miles, J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles) added this title to the 6 miles which he already holds, with a comfortable win by 200 yards over a previous winner, R. Y. Draper, in the moderate time of 53 min. 21 sec. Draper's time was 53-58, while R. T. Towndrow (Poly) showed 55-46 to gain third place. Possibly weather conditions mitigated against fast times. While it may be difficult to find a suitable date for this particular championship, surely a week after the cross-country championship is hardly time to allow participants to recover from that gruelling race sufficiently to compete in the 10 miles event, especially as the cross-country fraternity are likely to furnish most of the entrants.

First Marathon of the Season

Olympic aspirants for the Marathon were forward at the Doncaster-to-Sheffield open race, on 8th April, which also incorporated the North of England championship.

Jack Holden (Tipton), recognised as our foremost marathon contender, finished first in the good time (thus early in the season) of 2 hr. 41 min. 55.8 sec. N. E. Tyrer (Sutton), again finished second in 2 hr. 46 min. 49 sec., ten minutes faster than his time of last year, and thus retained his North of England championship for which Holden, as a Midlander, was ineligible. J. Hemsley (Gosport), finished third in 2 hr. 52 min. 3 sec.

H. S. Oliver (Reading), last year's winner and one of Britain's representatives at Oslo in the European Games, dropped out. On this form, Holden will be difficult to dislodge from premier place among Britain's distance experts.

A. A. Robertson, England's cross-country champion, demonstrated his

versatility by winning the 15 miles open road race for the Harman Memorial Trophy from Parliament Hill, in 1 hr. 29 min. 56 sec.

On 12th April, in the South of Thames relay—Belgrave beat Birchfield by a narrow margin. Running last for Birchfield our own Bobby Reid managed to catch Herbert of Belgrave, but in a desperate finish the latter managed to draw away from his rival.

On Saturday, 19th April, the first of the famous "News of the World" relay races took place, after a lapse of many seasons. Belgrave repeated their win of the previous week, with Blackheath Harriers second. Feature of the race was Sydney Wooderson's record-breaking lap in his particular sector of 3.8 miles, which he covered in 17 min. 19 sec.—one second faster than the previous record standing to the credit of J. Parker in 1938.

Foreign "Affairs"

Of recent performances abroad, two in particular, are worthy of mention in diametrically opposed events—sprint and marathon.

On Saturday, 5th, April, it was reported that Herb. McKenley, of the University of Illinois, ran 220 yards in 20.4 sec. at Georgetown, British Guiana, which is claimed as a world record for a curved track. Like compatriot Wint, McKenley is a Jamaican, but it is not definitely known yet under whose colours he will run in the Olympic Games next year. Latest report is that Canada will have his services. Ratification is awaited for his times over 300 yards and 440 yards, which are also claimed as world records.

On Saturday, 19th April, the annual Boston classic marathon took place, and a sensational race developed in which a Korean student, Yun Bok Su, 24 years of age, beat European champion Hietanen, of Finland, in the course record of 2 hr. 25 min. 39 sec. These two runners apparently ran together till the last few miles, when a 20,000 crowd saw the Korean gradually draw away from his opponent, who collapsed after crossing the line. Ken Bailey, of Bourne-mouth was the only British competitor.

Sprint Fire-works

With good reports of Alan Watt, and the advent of coloured stars Coaffee and Cliff Pinks, of Honduras, along with champions Broadley and McDonald, the fur should fly in the sprints this season.

Similarly, in the mile events, with such as Scottish novice cross-country champion, J. Stuart, of Shettleston; F.



A. FORBES

Sinclair, of Greenock Wellpark; and Lamont and Forbes of Victoria Park around, although our cross-country champion may prefer to tackle the 3 miles event in the championship.

Heino for British Games

The British Games, due at White City on Whit Monday, 26th May, promises to be more attractive than ever this year. As well as the usual International scratch features, there is a special 6 miles invitation event, featuring Finland's present distance star, Viljo Heino, at present European champion at 10,000 metres.

Should our 6 and 10 miles champion, J. H. Peters and H. Olney compete, both of whom have ambitions over this distance for Olympic Games selection, they will have an opportunity of finding how they stand in comparison with this world beater.

Among other interesting news of Scottish athletes, is the report that D. McH. D. Clark is throwing the hammer further than ever; also, that Cyril Hall, the young Edinburgh Southern Harrier, has won the first open mile of the season, off the low mark of 55 yds. Hall, indeed, appears to be one of our greatest athletic prospects.

Of special interest to marathon runners, is the fact that maestro "Dunky" Wright will train Scotland's marathon runners.

Some reports caption the winning time as an unofficial world's record over the full course of 26 miles 385 yards, but it is common knowledge that the Boston marathon is short of the distance—some say it is 25 miles approximately.

Nevertheless, the fact that it was a course record, and that he beat the European champion, makes this Korean as something out of the ordinary.

Is it a coincidence that the last winner of the Olympic Marathon, Son, was a native of Korea, running under the colours of Japan, or are these Koreans endowed with speed and stamina above the ordinary?

Last year the annual "Finchley" 20 miles road race, at Ruislip, attracted a record entry of 119 competitors, and Tom Richards, of South London, completed a grand sequence of six wins in this event.

This year, Jack Holden, of Tipton Harriers, won from a field of 117 competitors, and in so doing set up a course record of 1 hr. 53 min. 42.8 sec. This beats Squire Yarrow's record set up in 1940, of 1 hr. 56 min. 47 sec, by three minutes.

R. Manley (Woodford Green) finished second in 1 hr. 58 min. 50 sec., with H. S. Oliver (Reading) third, in 1 hr. 59 min. 7 sec.

Road racing is again well catered for up here in Scotland—the first event on the calendar is likely to be the 12 miles event at Brechin, on 10th May. The running of this race over the selected course keeps it as a right of way, so it is likely to be quite an attractive event and possibly a permanent fixture.

Then Larkhall have a 12 miles event on 17th May, while on 31st May, West Kilbride feature a run from their home town to Ardrossan, in which runners will, at least, get the benefits of the ozone from a course which hugs the coast line part of the way.

On 24th May Bellahouston Harriers are likely to feature a 2 miles team event, with certain English clubs invited. Should Sydney Wooderson, George Marshall and Bobby Reid manage to travel it would make this event specially attractive.

Not only will he advise, but he will keep in training to take out packs and demonstrate the art of pacing. Incidentally, that marathon enthusiast, George Barber, has kindly arranged the use of John Brown's Welfare hut as

stripping accommodation for those training on the road. Situated off the main roads in Clydebank, there is easy access to splendid road trails suitable for marathon training.

Development Fund Appeal

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Dear Reader,

After a very slow start there is a growing response to the above appeal. We have almost reached the halfway mark to our £60 target, the total, so far, being £25 13/-.

One club has given a great lead. After heading a subscription list among its members with £5, they have gathered £13 15/-, which has been passed on: though they point out the list is not yet closed. Grand work!

I know most of our readers have yet to respond, and I feel sure it is just forgetfulness, on their part, to post on their donation to me. We must make certain that our magazine is here to stay.

Let's give our young Editor every encouragement. So, rally round and give the postman some work to do in the next few weeks.

May I thank those Clubs and Individuals who have already given to the Fund: their thoughtfulness should give inspiration to others.

Yours in sport,
GEORGE PICKERING,
Convener.

CLUB SONGS

Dear Editor,

I enclose a copy of our club song which was written a number of years ago by one of our members. I have never seen anything in the magazine about club songs, and I thought it might be interesting to find out if other clubs had songs of their own.

Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours in sport,
A. LAMBIES,

Hon. Secy., Auchmountain Har.
Port-Glasgow.



A LETTER FROM JAMES L. LOGAN

Dear Mr. Ross,

It was good of you to publish my "Standards" article at such an appropriate time.

I was surprised that athletics did not have a better boost at the Sports Pageant in the Kelvin Hall show. Perhaps our officials did not like the thought of association with professional football. Even a good selection of newspaper photographs would have been interesting. As it was, I noted one photograph (sandwiched in the football section) and a selection of trophies from Babcock and Wilcox Athletic Club. Dunky Wright alone would have had a show-case of trophies, vests and photographs which would have surpassed any of the others. The football "field" was long enough to give sprinting lessons to the boys; and high-jumping, at least, could have been included in the coaching scheme. Also, I looked in vain for copies of *The Scots Athlete*. I wonder whether it was a "closed shop" affair.

I hope to see the paper getting a good show at the sports meetings this year. General interest, with the Olympias looming, should be at a peak.

The "photo-flash" is a good feature; also the potted biography that goes with it. J. E. Farrell's feature, too, never loses its appeal to me as an ordinary reader. I like its authoritative ring.

Keep up the good work.

Yours in sport,

JAMES L. LOGAN,

Glasgow.

PHOTOFLASH

No. 5



J. EMMETT FARRELL

(Maryhill Harriers)



Captain of Scotland's International cross-country team, John Emmett Farrell is the holder of the Scottish Three and Six Miles' track titles (he intends to let them go by default this year), three times holder of the 10 Miles title, and 1938 Scottish cross-country champion.

To have been club champion of such a prominent club as Maryhill Harriers since 1935, as well as being the mainstay of their cross-country and road teams, is also a magnificent record.

He has rendered tremendous service to our sport and at 38 years of age still retains youthful enthusiasm.

He is very keen on road-work and last year in his first serious attempt at long distance running, made a new record in the Perth-Dundee (22 miles) road race.

If he is given the opportunity for the arduous training necessary for the marathon distance I am sure he can make his place in the British Olympic team. He is one of the most determined runners I know, and his "never let up" spirit and doggedness makes him an excellent prospect.

ROY ROBINSON.

S.A.A.A. NOTES

A meeting of the General Committee of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association was held in Glasgow, on Saturday, 26th April, 1947, and the following are the principal items of business transacted.

1. For the purpose of the application of the "First Claim Rule," it has been agreed to regard competitions between recognised youth organisations as "Confined" competitions.

2. Applications for re-instatement were dealt with as follows:—

S. Freebairn—refused.

C. McL. Hepburn—admitted.

A. Sneddon—admitted.

3. With Dens Park, Dundee, not available for the Junior Championships the venue for these Championships, on 28th June, 1947, will be Rugby Park, Kilmarnock, the Kilmarnock F.C. Ltd., having kindly placed the park at the disposal of the Association. Final decision will depend on the result of inspection of the facilities available. (N.B.—Since then a small sub-committee, with powers, have definitely fixed Rugby Park.—Ed.).

4. Arrangements are now in hand for the re-printing of the S.A.A.A. Handbook (all club secretaries are requested to notify the Hon. Secy., immediately, of full name and address, together with name of Club, in order that the information may be as comprehensive as possible).

5. Application for affiliation by Shawfield Harriers (Hon. Sec., Mr. T. McQuarrie, 11 Cramond Street, Glasgow, C.5) was approved.

6. A sub-committee, with Mr. W. Doherty, and Mr. J. McMillan, as Hon. Secretary, is now operating with a view to expanding the S.A.A.A. Olympic Games Coaching Appeal Fund.

7. Olympic Games Coaching sub-committee: Mr. E. R. Walker (Shettleston Harriers), was appointed Chairman and Mr. D. McL. Wright (Scottish Marathon Club), Hon. Secretary. A scheme covering the initial setting up of coaching panels in each of the main areas in Scotland was submitted and approved.

8. It was anticipated that the trophy presented by the Trustees of "The A. H. Blair Memorial Fund" for annual competition at the Scottish Marathon

Championship, would be available for this year's event, and it was agreed to incorporate D. McNab Robertson's name thereon as the first winner.

9. It was agreed to incorporate the 440 yards hurdles event in the events for the Scottish Championships, and standards for the Championships were set as follows:—

	min.	sec.
220 Yards	23	
440 Yards	52	
880 Yards	2	
One Mile	4	30
Three Miles	15	15
Six Miles	32	
Ten Miles	56	
120 Yards Hurdles	16.8	
Three Miles Walk	23	
	ft.	in.
High Jump	5	8
Broad Jump	21	
Hop, Step and Jump	42	
Pole Vault	10	
Throwing the Hammer—		
Free Style	120	
Standing Style	100	
Putting the Weight (16lb.)	39	
Throwing the 56lb Weight	28	
Throwing the Javelin	150	
Throwing the Discus	110	
Marathon	Winner's time, plus 30 min.	

AMBITIOUS EDINBURGH OPEN MEETING.

Edinburgh Corporation Lighting and Cleansing Department Welfare Club are sparing no pains to ensure the success of their open sports to be held at New Meadowbank on Saturday, 14th June. The 3000 metres team race, itself, should arouse great interest, and help to bring about a great revival of distance running in the East. We expect some of the Western clubs will be out to show their paces over this distance.

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AROUND DUNDEE RELAY

By P. D. HENDERSON

Foreword by A. MUDIE

Readers having been acquainted with how the Kingsway Relay and Perth Marathon came into being, a resumé—prior to a report of this year's race—of Around Dundee history, should not be out of place.

Back in season 1941-42, the Scottish harrier winter season was still at the improvise-as-you-go stage. In the Dundee area the local clubs, thriving in their second year of war-time amalgamation, had enjoyed an exceptionally busy season. We had succeeded to such an extent in stirring up interest among neighbouring Service units that blanks in the fixture list were a rarity; we had made a little bit of history by enticing the Glasgow clubs through to Tayside for the first time on the occasion of our inaugural "Kingsway" the previous October, whilst we proved our standard to be high by finishing third team in the unofficial 'National at Shettleston. All this, together with the fact that we were maintaining Dundee as the only stronghold of the sport in the East of Scotland was instilling tremendous enthusiasm in our ranks, and we were only too ready to fall in with any suggestion that promised to still further brighten the war-time athletic scene.

Thus there was ready acceptance of Club Captain Jim Brannen's idea that, as a grand finale to the season, we should stage a really big event—open to Services and Glasgow men alike.

The upshot was the "Easter Parade" two miles team race on Riverside Drive.

Highlights were a terrific finish by J. E. Farrell, who snatched individual honours away from Alec Donnett on the tape; a team win for Garscube; and a nightmare provided for the officials by the 80 odd runners scrambling over that all-too-short distance. It was on account of the latter factor that there was a general disinclination for a repetition, and, by the same time the following year, an alternative was sought.

It was finally Davie Thomson who solved the problem. Davie, Hawks' vice-president of the amalgamated body

and our master organiser of those days, whose efficient handling of all Dundee's big events in their early stages has a great deal to do with their present popularity. Remember his "Story of the 'Kingsway'" in the November issue?

Davie thought up the "Around Dundee," which, as its name implies, is a circular tour of the main roads surrounding the city, a distance of approximately 17 miles. He also made a slick job of organising the first race, held on 3rd April, 1943, incidentally, setting the fashion of always holding it on the first Saturday of that month.

Garscube were the winners of that first race, after a stiff duel with the home team, who were only 13 secs. behind. Considering that this was the nearest Dundee ever came to winning, there was quite a bit of irony in the situation with Garscube fielding three Dundonians—Alec Donnett, and the brothers (Sandy and Albert) Hay. Sandy Hay set the last lap record that day at present figures 18 min. 52 sec.

In 1944 we blotted our copy-book. Faulty stewarding on the second lap led some runners astray and the race was declared void.

Garscube were actually first past the post, slightly ahead of Shettleston. George Burdett, of Shettleston, returned the 3rd lap record at 22 min. 15 sec.

Ideal weather conditions—dull, mild, with no wind—favoured the 1945 race, where a Maryhill quartette: Scholes, Farrell, Hoskins and Wright, broke the Garscube sequence, and set the team course record at 1 hr. 29 min. 20 sec. Scholes and Farrell set 1st and 2nd lap records, respectively, at 21-36 and 25-46. Shettleston were the 1946 winners, with a team that looked capable of breaking the course record, but, though the weather was bright enough, a high wind was all against fast times.

By this time the component parts of the amalgamated Dundee Harriers had resumed their separate identity as Hawks and Thistle, but were still co-operating with regard to the promotion of the race.

This year's race was a solo promotion by Hawks, but this year's report is not my business, so I'd better turn you over to colleague and race convener—Peter Henderson.

"Around Dundee" Relay

In face of the most atrocious weather yet encountered in this race, the first lap men set out from the East end of Riverside Drive, to the first change-over at Broughty Ferry, in the "Around Dundee" Relay.

From the start it was evident that Maryhill were out to prevent Shettleston from repeating last year's win, and J. Bissell, a newcomer to the Dundee races, showed that he was of the real Maryhill type, and, running strongly throughout, he finished the first lap about 30 yards ahead of Shettleston veteran, J. C. Ross, who was closely followed by Dundonians P. Donnachie (Thistle) and N. Scott (Hawks).

Bissell's time was 21 min. 53 sec., which was 17 sec. slower than the course record. It was in the second lap we were to see the greatest duel of the race, and it was fitting that it should be fought out by the two sturdy veterans—J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston) and J. E. Farrell (Maryhill), who both ran so valiantly for Scotland at Paris.

Running strongly over this gruelling lap and against a stiff head-wind Flockhart early made ground on Farrell, but over the last mile Farrell pulled away a little and handed over a 15 seconds lead to R. Mathieson, being 3 sec. faster than Flockhart.

Taking over from Jimmie Flockhart, Charlie McLennan soon made it evident that Shettleston were not to give up the title without a fight, and he was soon on Mathieson's heels, and, forging ahead, gave Shettleston an unassailable lead of 54 sec. at the last change-over. T. Dally (Garscube) also ran grandly in this lap, and brought his team up to third place from sixth. Running steady over the last lap for Shettleston, Jimmie Stuart was never headed, and finished a good winner in 1 hr. 32 min. 21 sec., which was 57 sec. faster than last year and, considering

the day, it was a really meritorious performance. J. Wilkie ran a grand last lap for Maryhill and clocked the fastest time, but Charlie McLennan, by his great third lap, had undoubtedly laid the foundation for Shettleston's victory.

A remarkable feature of the race was that Maryhill, who were second, recorded the fastest of three laps: the first, J. Bissell; second, J. E. Farrell; and the last, J. Wilkie.

George Dallas, N.C.C.U., paid us a welcome visit, and, besides assisting at the race, he presented the prizes to the winners.

Results:—

RIVERSIDE to BROUGHTY FERRY

(Record—H. Scholes (Maryhill H.)—21/36).

	M. S.
1 Maryhill (J. Bissell)	21 53
2 Shettleston (J. C. Ross)	22 5
3 Dundee Thistle (P. Donnachie)	22 14
4 Dundee Hawkhill (N. Scott)	22 51
5 Garscube "B" (A. Kidd)	23 3
6 St. Andrews Univ. (A. Young)	23 35
7 Garscube (J. Gunn)	23 39
8 Thistle "B" (F. Murray)	24 3

BROUGHTY FERRY to OLD GLAMIS ROAD

(Record—J. E. Farrell (Maryhill H.)—25/46)

	M. S.
1 Maryhill (J. E. Farrell—26/15)	48 8
2 Shettleston (J. C. Flockhart—26/18)	48 23
3 Thistle (D. Gowans—27/38)	49 52
4 Garscube "B" (A. L. Hay—27/41)	50 48
5 Hawkhill (D. Taylor—28/20)	51 11
6 Garscube (R. Mulgrew—27/33)	51 12
7 Thistle "B" (W. Slidders—29/41)	53 44
8 St. Andrews (A. Meekin—30/42)	54 17

OLD GLAMIS ROAD to INVERGOWRIE

(Record—G. Burdett (Shettleston H.)—22/15)

	H. M. S.
1 Shettleston (C. McLennan—23/49)	1 12 12
2 Maryhill (R. Mathieson—24/58)	1 13 6
3 Garscube (T. Dally—24/32)	1 15 54
4 Thistle (W. Byrne—26/10)	1 16 2
5 Garscube "B" (D. B. Brooke—25/49)	1 16 37
6 Hawkhill (A. Black—25/59)	1 16 40
7 Thistle "B" (P. Taylor—26/16)	1 20 0
8 St. Andrews (W. Davies—26/43)	1 21 0

INVERGOWRIE to RIVERSIDE

(Record—A. Hay (Garscube H.)—18/52)

	H. M. S.
1 Shettleston (J. Stuart—20/9)	1 32 21
2 Maryhill (J. Wilkie—20/1)	1 33 7
3 Garscube (R. Smith—20/36)	1 36 30
4 Thistle (C. Donnett—20/31)	1 36 33
5 Garscube (J. Duffy—20/56)	1 37 33
6 Hawkhill (G. Keiller—21/8)	1 37 48
7 St. Andrews (P. Love—21/11)	1 42 11
8 Thistle "B" (A. Husband—22/41)	1 42 41

PARIS IMPRESSIONS

By GEORGE DALLAS (Hon. Secy., N.C.C.U.)

One may ask what good purpose may be served by harking back to the International Cross-Country Championship, since this handy little athletic volume has already alluded to the fixture. It is just this, that there are some of us who think that something more should be said regarding the apparent failure of the Scots team to live up to the expectations of those who spoke disappointingly of the performance of running fifth out of six competing teams.

Those of us who have been closely identified with the goings on in the International sphere of the sport realise that England, Scotland and Wales have suffered more as a result of a catastrophic war than, perhaps, any of the other competing countries. It has certainly taken us longer to find our running legs, than has been the case for France, Belgium and Eire.

This should not be hard to explain, or to understand, simply for the very good reason that the exigencies of the circumstances weighed more heavily with us than with the others named.

Two important factors register problems and difficulties which have been overcome in a much more speedy fashion by our rivals on the "other side of the Fence," and these are the limited character of our resources and the equally coalescent and factual experience of having to train our boys on the meagre rationing system obtainable at the present time. On the question of resources, for instance, take away Glasgow and the West of Scotland, and what do you find?—a total absence of the racing power necessary to be of real service in International competition.

Until the full latent powers of the Eastern, Northern and Southern areas of Scotland are brought to bear on the subject, the longer will be the delay of the day we all wish to visualise when our representatives may be able to take their place in the first flight of cross-country running.

On the rationing subject there is definitely a bearing, exhibiting a consequent widening margin of distinction between our performances and those of the Foreign representation, and also evident by the appreciating position of Eire in the past two contests at Ayr and Paris. There is little doubt of this that England, Wales and Scotland miss the tremendous value of the regular vitamin diet of fresh eggs and meat. The other countries have no worries at all on this matter, except the trouble involved in the carriage of plenty of this quality food when journeying outside their country.

It is a noteworthy point that Eire, realising the importance of maintaining the continuity of this service of food, carried sufficient supplies of eggs and meat which would have fed the Scots team (on present-day standards of rationing in Britain) for the next two months.

And, after all, it was possible in Paris to secure the same valued vitamins, even at a price, at any time. Little wonder our French friends uttered commiserating words with us in the circumstances. Many of us who have come through the "mill" know the full value of a couple of poached eggs, or, it may be a nicely done point steak, at the appropriate periods in the course of our training and racing, and the part this plays towards sustaining a well-balanced training curriculum is unquestionable.

This brings me to the point that may enable the reader to truly and properly appraise the value of the performance of our boys in Paris, therefore, a run through the form shown on March 30 may put events in a better perspective.

First and foremost comes veteran Jim Flockhart, and those of us who know him well were never in doubt about how he would fare. He is one who would not accept his place without recognising what the honour meant to his Club, and, above all, to his Country.

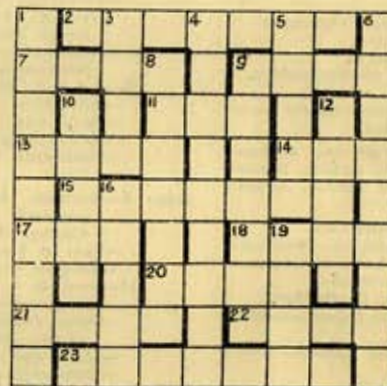
To finish first man home for Scotland in actual seventh place, and at one stage of the journey he appeared to have the honour within his grasp of heading the British contingent was, to say the least, a really brilliant achievement for one in his 38th year. John Emmet Farrell, as usual, gave of his very best to finish next man to Flockhart; another veteran whose consistent whole-hearted displays have idolised him among friends and rivals alike. Robert Reid, of whom we have yet to see the best in this contest, simply can not overcome the "Hoo-doo" which appears to haunt him in this classic contest, for we know that he is capable of bettering 26th place to finish third for his country. Andrew Forbes, in his first International, did exhibit nerves,

and no doubt the revelation by a Paris Therapist of an injured foot rendered him in a fidgety frame of mind at the start of the race, and he did well, in the circumstances, to reach fourth place for his team.

Frank Sinclair, the stylist, with his long, raking stride, failed to hit it off pat, and I refuse to believe that he is not capable of improving on 37th place and fifth man. Alex McGregor, who sparkled extremely well at Lanark, just could not get going at St. Cloud, and he, too, must be regarded as a better man than sixth for Scotland. Non-counters—G. Anderson, J. Reid and W. S. Sommerville may make the team again and improve by the value of their French experiences.

ACROSS

- 2 A woman's jerseys for these athletes (7).
- 7 Olympic star drops a letter but still possesses (4).
- 9 Tide (4).
- 11 Anger (3).
- 13 Get it with teas (4).
- 14 Jack's a sailor (3).
- 15 We've some outstanding ones at the running game: "Dunky" Wright, for instance (7).
- 17 Sometimes after first (3).
- 18 Biblical character (4).
- 20 Most runners like this between cross-country and track season (4).
- 21 We should never tell them though some Sunday mornings we like good long ones (4).
- 22 A flat one needs attention (4).
- 23 Sticking plaster does this (7).



LAST MONTH'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Across:—(1) A Custom; (7) Arab; (9) Runs; (11) Are; (13) Evil; (14) Dee; (15) Abandon; (17) Ate; (18) Inst; (20) Cin; (21) Ease; (22) Gala; (23) Stagers.
Down:—(1) Pacemaker; (3) Cad; (4) Sprinting; (5) Outdo; (6) Essential; (8) Balance; (9) Reading; (10) Ovate; (16) Beast; (19) Near.

DOWN

- 1 Warmerdam could tell you all about this event (9).
- 3 One standard quantity (4).
- 4 To achieve success we must do this (9).
- 5 A lariat (5).
- 6 Openings (9).
- 8 Are they in the Ladies Section (7).
- 9 Closest to (7).
- 10 Biblical character who gained victory against odds (5).
- 12 Water-way (5).
- 16 Watch you don't get ... off the track (5).
- 19 Sometimes appears on eyelid (4).

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