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JOHN J. BARRY winning the sensational 3 Miles Scottish Championship from ANDREW FORBES.

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THIS year's track season is rapidly approaching its climax. The most noteworthy point has surely been the vast improvement in the general standard of performance. The rise of new stars, the intense competition and splendid weather have all contributed their quota. The recent Scottish Championship meeting at Hampden Park must compare favourably with any of its predecessors of the past. The latter at once conjures up names like Eric Liddell, F. P. Reid, Robin Murdoch, "Bobby" Graham and J. C. Stothard. But had not this year its personalities too, like Alan Paterson, John Joe Barry, Andrew Forbes, J. G. H. Hart and pole-vaulter N. Gregor.

In addition in J. S. Petty who impressed with his darting quick-silver finish in winning the 880 yards and fluent striding newcomer D. K. Gracie in the 440. We appear to have two of the greatest in Scotland we have had for some time.

Oscars for All

There was not a poor performance in the whole list of championships but special mention must be made of Laing's all-comer's record in the hop-step and jump, Hart's native record in the high hurdles, the great dual effort of Barry and Forbes in the 3 miles and Alan Paterson's splendid 6 ft. 6 ins. high jump.

Paterson's Performance Best

Judged purely by International standards there can be little doubt that Alan Paterson's 6 ft. 6 ins. high jump effort was the best performance of the programme. Such a height captured the Olympic title for J. A. Winter of Australia last year and though it is still 1½ ins. off Alan's British and all-comer's record of 6 ft. 7½ ins., it still represents jumping of world class. Paterson undoubtedly suffers from the high standard he has set. At these "higher flights," microscopic increases assume astronomic proportions.

Andrew Forbes greatest ever performance

Seldom can such a splendid programme of athletics been so poorly attended. The weather was certainly not to blame. Certainly a meeting with Alan Paterson, John Joe Barry, coloured stars S. O. Williams and W. N. Laing, Swiss Olympic athlete O. Hardmeier as well as the best of the home talent could not be said to be devoid of colour.

In any case the duel between John Joe Barry and Andy Forbes in the 3 miles was a classic and will be a fragrant memory to those privileged to be present.

Forbes in particular ran the race of his life and although losing his title cracked his own native record to the tune of 14 seconds, a remarkable display of powerful and artistic running.

It may seem churlish to lavish more praise on the runner-up than the victor. Barry after all came back in magnificent fashion after his disappointing show in the half mile to win the 3 miles title in gallant fashion despite the reaction caused by his earlier racing, and, previous heavy programme. He too proved himself a 'bonny fechter.' But we knew John Joe was capable of such running. On the other hand Andrew Forbes surpassed himself. Not only did he bear the heat and burden of the day, by assuming the role of pace-maker but he took John Joe right to the tape, demonstrating an entirely unsuspected brand of finishing power.

Barry's Recuperative Powers

Despite Barry's four-star display in the 3 miles at Hampden I had a feeling that he was beginning to feel the strain of his recent terrific programme, yet, the proof of the pudding is the eating. A few days later the Tipperary man completed the mile at Helenvale Park in the wonderful time of 4 mins. 12.1 secs., just 1.1 secs. outside Wooderson's all-comer's record of 4 mins 11 secs. Barry lapped in respectively 61, 64, 66, and 61.2 secs. Wooderson in 60, 64, 66, and 61 secs., a remarkable similarity indeed.

As if that were not enough Barry competed at Dublin next day where he gave an example of his amazing powers of recuperation. In the 2 mile invitation event he ran clean away from Douglas Wilson who joined him on the scratch

mark and passed Andy Forbes off the 35 yards mark to put up the magnificent time of 8 mins. 59 secs., 6 secs. faster than the time put up by Sidney Wooderson 3 years ago and claimed as a world record for a grass track. Barry's time is the fastest ever run in these Islands. The British record stands to the credit of Gundar Haegg of Sweden with his time of 9 mins. 0.6 secs. set up at the White City in 1945.

Incidentally though again beaten by Barry, Andrew Forbes ran another grand race, clocking an approximate time of 9 mins. 17 secs., only 4 secs. outside Scottish native record time.

McDonald Bailey Shows His Versatility

The coloured flyer from Trinidad is another athlete who seems a law unto himself. Back from Iceland he appeared to have a recurrence of his muscle trouble and some critics alleged that he was competing too often and accepting too many invitations. However Mac also appears to be possessed of extraordinary recuperative powers as competing in the same meeting as Barry he ran 100 yards in 9.9 and 300 yards in 30.7. The latter beats the Irish all-comer's record set up by the young Australian Olympic runner Curotta of 31 secs. dead. A grand effort indeed by Bailey as those who witnessed Paul Dolan of Eire's recent 31.4 secs. at Helenvale can well imagine.

Stars Without Sparkle

However, too much competition and travelling can lead to staleness.

Normally the defeat of Herb. McKenley by George Rhodes over 400 metres and Harrison Dillard by Craig Dixon (3rd in Olympic high hurdles) in the 110 metres hurdles would be regarded as minor sensations. Both men however appear to be over-raced at the moment and their defeats are not entirely unexpected.

On the contrary Fred Wilt whose races with Barry over 1, 2, and 3 miles will long be remembered is still running strongly. As added proof of his exceptional versatility is his latest feat in winning the American National 10,000 metres championship in New York with a new championship record time of 31 mins. 5.7 secs. against the 31 mins. 6.9 secs. of Donald Lash in 1936.

DICK PHILLIPS, U.S.A.

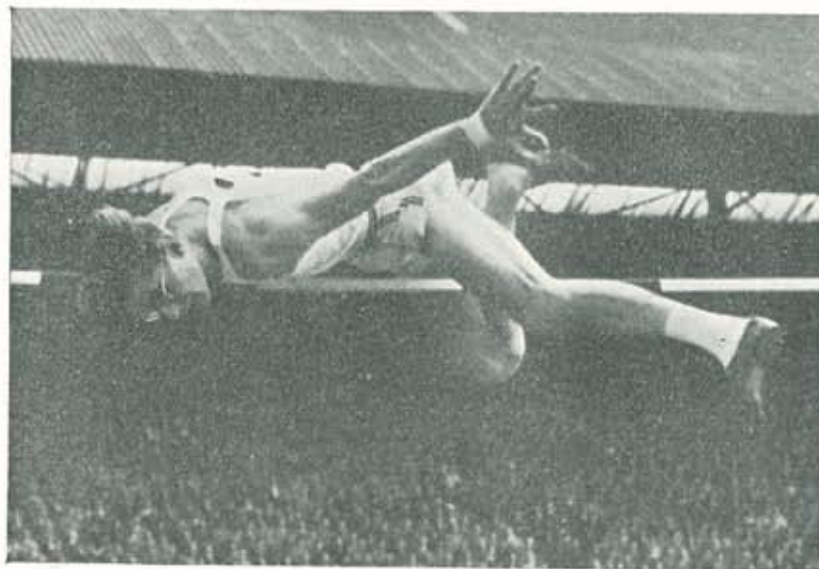


Photo by H. W. Neale.

An excellent study of the American A.A.U. Indoor Champion (6 ft. 8 ins.) DICK PHILLIPS of Brown University, jumping at the Glasgow Police Sports at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Like his fellow-members of the American touring team he showed himself to be a whole-hearted and sporting athlete. Through a very strenuous athletic touring programme, Dick Phillips competed at Hampden under strain and obvious pain of body bruises, and yet his desire was to give of his best—not wanting to let the sports public down—and not afraid to take a beating! A grand example of pluck and sportsmanship. He was the first to congratulate our own ALAN PATERSON winning with his magnificent 6 ft. 7 ins. jump.

"Marvellous boy" Bob Mathias who so sensationally won the all-rounders decathlon event in the Olympics for America again proved his superiority over his most dangerous opponent I. Mondschein by beating him in the American championship.

Lloyd Johnson "Keeps on Walking"

The veteran walker with the young legs T. Lloyd Johnson of Leicester recently won the 50 kilometres road walk at Chigwell, Essex, in 4 hrs. 51 mins. 50 secs. The man who at the age of 48 finished 3rd in the Olympic walk and along with Tom Richards provided Britain with her only places in the men's athletics events proved that his Wembley performance was not his swan song.

Poly. Marathon—Anglo-Scot's Fine Show

In a record field of 212 starters in which however Tom Richards was a non-starter due to leg strain. Jack Holden

retained his title by beating that other splendid runner J. A. Henning (Duncairn) by a minute with H. W. Dennis (Thames Valley) a grand 3rd, a further minute odd behind. The Tipton man's time was 2 hrs. 42 mins. 52.4 secs., 6 minutes behind last year's race which was the joint Poly. and A.A.A. marathon and Olympic trial. Anglo-Scot J. Paterson (Poly) ran splendidly to finish 4th in this huge field of crack stayers.

Last But Not Least

That little bit of grit from "way down under" Stewart Vance on the eve of his 65th birthday has been running in recent road races, usually finishing behind but in grand shape. In the recent Drymen to Firhill road race revived after a lapse of some year's he surpassed himself over this tough hilly trial ran in near tropical conditions, finishing wonderfully fresh and incidentally in front of others on this

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ONCE upon a time is the usual prelude to a fairy tale, but fact can be as strange as fiction and none more so than in the case of one Harrison Dillard fastest high hurdler of all time.

Jesse Owens was his idol—and first coach.

So once upon a time—way back in 1936 to be exact, Jesse Owens had arrived in U.S.A. from Berlin with 4 gold medals and 4 oak leaves, romantic symbols of Olympic victory. As he passed his East Side neighborhood he was acclaimed by a hero-worshipping crowd among whom were many wide-eyed kids. Harrison Dillard was one of these kids. A kid who dreamed that he too might be an OLYMPIC victor. Shortly after—fate took a hand.

HARRISON DILLARD

OLYMPIC SPRINT CHAMPION AND
WORLD-RECORD HURDLER

Story-book Career of a Wonder Athlete

The boy was attending Junior High School when Owens got a job across the street and started coaching the kids of the district. Harrison was trying the hurdles and Owens taught him the fundamentals of timber-topping—so well that by 1946 the former was recognised as the ace high-hurdler of his time perhaps Uncle Sam's best bet for an OLYMPIC title.

American try-outs are ruthless

Came the Olympic try-outs in 1948 on the eve of the Games and it seemed a formality for Dillard to stake his place in the American team as No. 1 man for the high hurdles. But whether through tackling too many events or not—Dillard fell in attempting to clear a hurdle—literally failing at the last hurdle and it looked as if he too would share the fate of other American "greats" eliminated in the tests, notably the stream-lined Adonis, shot-putter 'Chuck' Fonville and high-jumper big "Bill" Vessie.

For the American try-outs are ruthless. To fail in the final test cancels out everything else, world records included. The past is naught, the present everything. Back-grounds are useless appendages. You must come through in the pinches. So Dillard was out of the Games—sad exit for the world's ace hurdler. But just

a moment. The Yanks may be ruthless but aren't they democrats?

Hadn't Dillard squeezed a 3rd place in the 100 try-out behind Ewell and Patton. It was enough. Harrison Dillard travelled to London on a minor berth as supporting string to Barney Ewell and Mel Patton, blue-eyed boy of the American team and strongly fancied for the sprint double.

Strange as it seems

All three made the final. What were the thoughts in Dillard's mind on that August afternoon at WEMBLEY?

In 1946 he was recognised as probably the fastest hurdler in the world but his handlers feared that 2 years hence a little of the zip might have gone from his short-distance efforts. The 200 metres low hurdles, perhaps his best event was not on the OLYMPIC programme and there was a strange rumour that "Bones" might even go for the longer hurdle event—the 400 metres low—where jet-propelled speed was not so vital.

Doubtful for the sprint hurdle because some of his zip and sparkle might have gone from him. Yet here he was in the final of the shortest and most dynamic race on the Olympic programme the bitter blistering sprint where reflexes must be perfect and the speed so fantastic that the feet hardly seem to touch the ground.

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Photo by H. W. Neale.

As the six finalists moistened dry lips and crouched tensely waiting for the gun their eyes were focussed on a near finishing tape a mere hundred yards away but to these men apparently as far distant as the rainbow's end. Like startled hares they rose from their holes, but Dillard running the race of his life put in an electric finish, a real electric photo-finish, to win on the tape. Out of near failure had come supreme success.

Like his boyhood hero Jesse Owens before him "Bones" Harrison Dillard had become an Olympic victor—though perhaps not in the fashion he had dreamed of.

Just a Little Guy

Harrison Dillard is the "David" of the high hurdle event.

The pundits like their hurdlers to be 6 feet 3 tailor-made Goliaths weighing around 180 lbs, strong but "leggy" types. Dillard does not measure up to these requirements. By no means a midget he is nevertheless only 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, weighing a mere 150 lbs. odd.—unfor- giveable in a high hurdler.

The Cleveland boy is no professor but he is a fair student. Perhaps he has read and digested Emerson's essay on "Compensation." In any case Dillard amply compensates for his lack of size by other virtues, chief of which are:—

Speed and Spring

In the 120 high there are 10 3 ft. 6 ins. hurdles, 10 yards apart with 15 yards clear to first and a further 15 yards to the tape. The 10 yards between hurdles is covered in 3 strides which represents over 9 ft. striding. It has been found that the big men clear each hurdle with an approximate 11 ft. stride in 6/10ths secs. Dillard does it with a 13 ft. stride in only 5/10ths secs. The dynamic fire of his speed and spring are ample compensation for his lack of size.

Those Hurdles Take a Beating

There is another quality that cannot be measured by the tape, which goes, even deeper than inner strength of lungs and

heart, even deeper than the technique which expert coaching can provide. Ace-hurdlers face the sea of hurdles and sub-consciously they respect them to the point of fear. Dillard is free from these complexes. He attacks these hurdles with fury and abandon.

This quality is a combination of determination and the will to win. Americans call it the "killer" instinct.

His Secret—Relaxation

Dillard is not choosy about his food. Nor does he take more than his ration of sleep. Six or seven hours per night are sufficient for his needs unlike other kings and queens of "Slumberland" notably Joe Louis, ace tennis player, Louise Brough (the girl who sleeps the clock round) and the fabulous "Babe" Zaharias. Yet, while short on sleep, Dillard has a yen for the sofa. He likes to curl up for a nap at odd moments of the day. He has the gift of relaxation.

Trains Conscientiously and Consistently

Destiny may have had a share in shaping Dillard's athletic career but hard work and consistent training provided the back-ground. A typical day's training includes 45 minutes of stretching and bending, a total of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of running including form work over 2 hurdles. Occasionally he runs a time-trial and an odd time perhaps a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile relay leg to build up strength and stamina.

A Sense of Humour

Up to the present Harrison Dillard has run faster than any other man over the high hurdles. His 13.6 secs. for 120 yards shades slightly the almost equally great dual effort of Forest Towns and Fred Wolcott of 13.7 secs. for 110 metres.

There is a theory that the greatest satisfaction a person can get is doing what people say he can't do. At times the Cleveland boy may wistfully reflect on the hurdle title he might have won, but in his heart of hearts I believe he got a bigger kick out of winning the 100 metres in Cinderella fashion than his own speciality. After all they say that Harrison Dillard does have a sense of humour.



Active top-ranking hurdler for 20 years DONALD FINLAY received a great ovation at the A.A.A. Championships. He won the 120 yards hurdles race in what was said to be his farewell championship appearance—and in the splendid time of 14.6 secs., only 1 tenth second out of his championship record.

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occasion. His "buddy" that other grand old man of running Jimmy McNamara is another remarkably lithe veteran who believes greatly in walking to keep fit. The popular Captain of the marathon club has lately been confirming his attentions to official duties.

Manchester Youth's Remarkable Six Miles

19 year old W. Hesketh of Manchester A.C. put up a grand display in winning the Northern 6 mile championship. Not only did he beat such renowned and mature stayers as D. C. Birch and Frank Aaron—the English cross-country champion but he stopped the watches with the fast time of 30 mins. 27 secs. a new record for the event beating the 30 mins. 34.2 secs. set by G. W. Bailey in 1933.

British Army Championships at Aldershot

The best performance at these championships was the win by 27 year-old Londoner Capt. Richard Morris. The Olympic runner won the mile in 4 mins. 13.8 secs. beating the record set up last year by Sgt. Instructor 'Bill' Nankeville of 4 mins. 14.2 secs. Other results of interest were the victory in the 120 yards hurdles of another Olympic athlete ex-Barrow Grammar school-boy Joe Birrell and the grand half mile win in 1 min. 57 secs by tall Maryhill Harriers G. Dove who recently flew back to his B.A.O.R.

head-quarters in Germany. Another addition to Scotland's grand team of brilliant half-milers.

41 beats 19

The English Inter-Counties Championships as usual provided first class performances.

That "Youth will be served" is regarded as a truism but it did not work out in the 120 yards hurdles where 41 years old veteran hurdler Don Finlay beat 19 year-old Joe Birrell the 1948 A.A.A. champion by 7 yards in 15 secs.

Ex-champions coming back

Alan Chivers representing Surrey had a hectic duel in the 3 miles with Alec. Olney (Middlesex) before finally beating him by 30 yards in the excellent time of 14 mins. 20.2 secs. Green took the field along at a merry pace with a 4 mins. 32.6 secs. first mile. Perhaps Olney followed too closely on his heels for although he led at 2 miles in 9 mins. 29.8 secs. he just could not respond when Chivers put on the final pressure. It will be recalled that the Surrey runner won the 6 miles A.A.A. championships in 1947 but subsequently missed the Olympic Games through loss of form.

Tom White an ex-A.A.A. half-mile champion won the half-mile for Lincoln in the sound but not brilliant time of 1 min. 57.7 secs. from reigning $\frac{1}{2}$ mile champion H. Parlett who again showed

poor judgment. The latter has two ways of running, one wild the other brilliant as when he beat Wint and Douglas last year.

Douglas Wilson ran a nice waiting race behind "Bill" Nankerville and came away with a fast 58.4 secs. last lap to win in 4 mins. 13.4 secs. Policeman N. Gregor who won the Scottish pole vault with a mere 11 ft. 3 ins. managed to soar 12 feet for Kent.

Adedoyin back to form

Little has been heard of Adedoyin recently, possibly due to studies but at Belfast in the Queen's University and Aberdeen University contest the "Prince" showed he was right back to top form with a magnificent high jump of 6 ft. 5½ ins.

Not so long ago such a jump would have been sensational athletic news but the exceptional standard set by Alan Paterson has changed our attitude. Still it remains an effort of outstanding merit moreso when one considers that Adedoyin is a versatile athlete rather than a specialist. He has speed and spring in plenty and no less an authority than Tom Anderson the well-known physiotherapist, considers him to be one of the most magnificent physical specimens he has encountered, his muscle tone being of a particularly high order.

Zatopek's long-term policy

Long-term policies have become very fashionable of late. Bannister's planned programme has been of great interest to students. First his declaration of last year not to try for the Wembley Olympics. Then his decision not to compete in this year's mile championship after his American tour with the Universities team. But above all his determination to try and build up with the 1952 Games at Helsinki primarily in mind.

Other well-known athletes have decided to follow this general policy. But if recent reports are correct they are small-time compared with Zatopek's alleged programme embodying a 7 years plan in which he hopes to defend his 10,000 metres title at Helsinki and more sensationally try the marathon at Melbourne in 1956. Power and speed Zatopek has in plenty though his present style does not seem the most economical for the grind of the long distance classic. However Zatopek is a law unto himself

—and so might I add is the marathon!

Before leaving Bannister whose recent classic miles have made him the rage of American athletic critics we must not allow his feats to blind us to the merits of the other members of the Oxford-Cambridge. Norman Stacey's sprint double in 9.9 and 21.2, and Angus Scott's half-mile in 1 min. 52.7 secs. are also outstanding. C. Brasher and P. Morgan also put up a grand show in the 2 miles, the former winning narrowly in 9 mins. 16.5 secs.

Marcel says Adieu, or is it Au Revoir?

Debonair Marcel Hansenne of France has beaten more opponents than have beaten him. Now he has announced a defeat from an opponent who up till now has never beaten him, that stern unrelenting pacer "Anno Domini," alias Father Time. At 32 years of age he feels he is too old for International and National competition.

After winning the 800 metres in the Paris championships a title he has held since 1941, in 1 min. 53 secs., Hansenne stated that he was "leaving competition with a happy mind." I wonder if this is final. Adherents of stage and athletics have both experienced the attraction of that "fatal fascination." We are reminded of that proverbial statement of the past that "Sarah Bernhardt is retiring once again!" Athletes also have been known to change their mind.

Olympic Games Every Second Year

Instead of every four years as at present Sir Frank Beaurepaire of the Australian Olympic committee favours the holding of the Games every second year. Sir Frank who is an ex-Olympic swimming champion argues that under the present arrangement the Games will not be allocated to some cities for 250 years. Furthermore as the supreme significance of the Olympic Games is the promotion of International friendship further meetings might help towards this desired 'entente cordiale' between the nations.

Against this idealistic argument might be put the practical one of the added difficulty experienced by visiting teams in raising the necessary expenses.

As the Athletic Associations are strictly amateur Government sponsorship alone could resolve these difficulties.

S.A.A.A. Junior Championships

REVIEWED BY

JAMES J. LOGAN.



THE 1949 Junior Championships meeting at Ibrox Stadium was blessed with glorious weather and no notable counter-attractions in the city; and yet the attendance was disappointing.

The meeting fulfilled its promise of being just about the best of the series, in point of view of the general standard of performance. Several of the youths on parade had already caught the eye in Schools and Open competitions and two of them, J. N. Black (Victoria Park A.A.C.) and J. P. H. Paton (Shettleston Harriers) confirmed expectations in the first two heats of the 100 yards when each recorded the fast time of 10.2 secs. Black, whose stocky build and dynamic action brought back memories of Jimmy Crawford, went on to win the semi-final and final in 10.1 secs., equalling Alan Watt's 1940 best championship performance.

This was only the first of a series of fine efforts throughout the day and it soon became evident that the award of the Glegg Trophy for the most meritorious performance would not be a matter for immediate decision. In fact, one of the best performances was taking place while the other winners were assembling for the prize-giving ceremony. This was the 10 ft. 6 ins. pole vault of W. Piper (Kilmarnock Harriers)—and he accomplished this in his bare feet!

Other performances of exceptional merit were the wins of J. Johnson ("Q" Athletic Club) in the "quarter," equalling best championship time of 52 secs., J. D. Clark (Irvine Y.M.C.A.) in the 880 yards, in 2 mins. 2.9 secs., A. R. Brittee (Royal High School) in the 120 yards hurdles, in 15.7 secs., and N. Kane ("Q" Athletic Club) in the high jump, with a leap of 5 ft. 10 ins., which topped his own height. The last three efforts

fall short of the best performance of 1 min. 59.3 secs., 15.1 secs. and 6 ft. 2 ins. respectively, but these three records are undoubtedly the best in the books.

Some fine performances came from lads who were not actual winners, the most notable being H. A. Cumming's second place in the 880 yards. This Heriots A.C. boy was an easy winner of his heat, in which he showed poise, judgement and supreme confidence; but in the final he was completely shut out at the first bend, partially regained his position with an electrifying burst in the back straight, only to be boxed-in again. And after this daunting experience he still emerged from the field at the last bend and closely challenged J. D. Clark at the tape. He recorded a fraction less than the winner's time of 2 mins. 2.9 secs. and, given an easier passage, should show time very close to W. M. O. Rennie's great record of 1 min. 59.3 secs.

J. L. Hamilton (West of Scotland H.) demonstrated that really good performances are now required to win in the High Jump. His 5 ft. 8 ins. leap for second place would have been good enough to win many a Senior Championship before the war.

The palm for the pluckiest performer goes to T. Lambert (Springburn Harriers) who was second in the mile. My attention had previously been drawn to this boy as a dark horse for the title but he was handicapped by a recent muscle injury and ran with his leg strapped up. His time of approximately 4 mins. 47 secs. was meritorious in the circumstances.

The only double winner was D. Leith, Gordon's College, in the javelin and the discus, in both of which he was well ahead of the nearest challenger.

Only two of last year's winners were forward again. J. P. H. Paton lost his

broad jump title to T. S. Weatherstone (Stewart's College) while H. Galbraith (Shettleston Harriers) elected to go for a new title, the "quarter," instead of defending his 880 yards bay. I had an impression that he overdid his "lazy-legs" style in the first furlong and left himself too far in arrears to make any sort of challenge.

Senior Relay Championships

Edinburgh University were not forward to defend the 4 x 110 yards title as they were competing in the inter-university event at Aberdeen.

The Victoria Park A.A.C. quartette of Kennedy, McNaught, Christie and McDonald were worthy successors, however, in 44 secs. dead. They owed their success to crisper work at the change-over stages and it must be recorded that the general standard in baton-changing technique in this part of the world is very low.

As in last year's event, J. Smart, of Edinburgh Southern Harriers (Holders), laid the foundation of victory in the mile medley relay and his colleagues carried on to such good purpose that they clocked 3 mins. 33.5 secs, just .6 secs. outside the Scottish record of the great pre-war Bellahouston Harriers' team. In the Women's 4 x 110 yards race Bellahouston Ladies had a better balanced team, were quicker in the take-over and generally superior in all departments to their rivals.

The necessary increase in the number of preliminary heats put an additional strain on the organisers and when this is considered it must be conceded that the meeting was run with reasonable regard to the time-table. But why the mistakes in the programme in the 220 yards and javelin best performance figures? The newspapers made much of McKenzie's supposed record of 23.2 secs.; and the Press do not like to find that they have been misled. Surely some official remembered A. Y. Monaghan's fine Glegg Trophy-winning, 22.9 secs. win at Rugby Park in 1947? Even the schoolboy standing beside me queried the announcer's statement of a record.

Details:—

100 Yards.—1. J. N. Black (Victoria Park); 2. J. P. Paton (Shettleston); 3. P. F. Innes (Grangemouth).—10.1 secs.
220 Yards.—1. L. B. McKenzie (Royal High S.); 2. J. N. Black (Victoria Park); 3. J. F. Innes (Grangemouth).—23.2 secs.

440 Yards.—1. J. Johnson ("Q" A.C.); 2. R. J. Stark (Edinburgh Eastern); 3. H. Galbraith (Shettleston).—52 secs.
580 Yards.—1. J. Clark (Irvine Y.M.C.A.); 2. H. Cumming (Heriot's); 3. R. J. Murray (Edinburgh Police).—2 mins. 2.9 secs.
One Mile.—1. T. C. Coleman (West Kilbride); 2. T. Lambert (Springburn); 3. A. C. Ross (Edinburgh Varsity).—4 mins. 44.8 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles.—1. A. R. Britter (Royal High School); 2. A. C. Gourlay (Shawlands School); 3. H. D. McKenzie (Royal High School).—15.7 secs.
High Jump.—1. N. Kane ("Q" A.C.); 2. J. L. Hamilton (West of Scotland); 3. G. Gorman (Victoria Park).—5 ft. 10 ins.
Long Jump.—1. T. S. Weatherstone (Stewart's College); 2. J. P. Paton (Shettleston) (holder); 3. J. Douglas (Shettleston).—20 ft. 10½ ins.
Pole Vault.—1. W. Piper (Kilmarnock); 2. A. Hanlon (Greenock); 3. W. McCamont (Springburn).—10 ft. 6 ins.
Putt.—1. T. Smith (St. Modan's); 2. D. Morrison (Linlithgow); 3. A. Blackwood (Hamilton).—41 ft. 8½ ins.
Discus.—1. D. Leith (Gordon's College); 2. T. Smith (St. Modan's); 3. J. L. Donnelly (Hamilton H.).—115 ft. 8½ ins.
Javelin.—1. D. Leith (Gordon's College); 2. I. Gordon (Edinburgh); 3. J. L. Donnelly (Hamilton H.).—153 ft. 2 ins.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Marathon.—1. J. Paterson (Poly.). 2 hrs. 57 mins. 7 secs.; 2. J. Macdonald (Thames Valley). 2 hrs. 57 mins. 11 secs.; 3. H. Haugie (Springburn). 3 hrs. 2 mins. 30 secs.
4 x 110 Yards Relay.—1. Victoria Park A.A.C. (W. Kennedy, W. McNaught, W. Christie and G. McDonald); 2. Shettleston; 3. Bellahouston.—44 secs.
One Mile Medley Relay.—1. Edinburgh Southern (J. Smart, O. Hardmeier, P. McKillop and W. Crow) (holders); 2. Shettleston; 3. Garscube.—3 mins. 33.5 secs.
Women's 4 x 110 Yards.—1. Bellahouston (M. Russell, F. Kennedy, Y. Shaw, and M. Carmichael); 2. Ardcer; 3. Greenock.—51.8s.

SCOTTISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Hampden Park, on 24th and 25th June, 1949.

Details:—

100 Yards.—1. R. M. Ward (Glasgow Univ.); 2. H. J. Scott (Jordanhill T.C.); 3. O. Hardmeier (Edinburgh Southern).—10 secs.
220 Yards.—1. O. Hardmeier (Edinburgh So.); 2. G. McDonald (Victoria Park A.A.C.); 3. N. D. McWhirter (Achilles).—22.2 secs.
440 Yards.—1. D. K. Gracie (Larkhall Y.M.); 2. J. Crow (Edinburgh So.); 3. T. J. R. Lee (Edinburgh Univ.).—50.2 secs.
580 Yards.—1. J. S. Petty (St. Modan's A.C.); 2. T. B. Begg (Glasgow Univ.); 3. J. Smart (Edinburgh Southern).—1 min. 56 secs.
1 Mile.—1. J. Reid (West Kilbride A.S.C.); 2. W. A. Lennie (Vale of Leven A.C.); 3. R. R. Rowles (Edinburgh Univ.).—4 mins. 31 secs.
3 Miles.—1. J. J. Barry (St. Machan's A.C.); 2. A. Forbes (Victoria Park A.A.C.); 3. T. Tracey (Springburn Harriers).—14 mins. 18.2 secs. (Best Championship Performance).
A. Forbes (14 mins. 18.4 secs.)—Scottish Native Record).
6 Miles.—1. A. McLean (Greenock Glenpark); 2. G. B. Craig (Shettleston Harriers); 3. J. Ellis (Victoria Park A.A.C.).—31 mins. 4.8 secs.

2 Miles Steeplechase.—1. B. Bickerton (Shettleston Harriers); 2. W. McMillan (Springburn H.); 3. G. Adamson (West Kilbride A.S.C.).—10 mins. 55 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles.—1. J. G. M. Hart (Edinburgh Univ.); 2. J. McAslan (Trinity Acad. A.C.); 3. G. M. Fraser (Glasgow Univ.).—15.4 secs.
Scottish Native Record established in heat by J. G. M. Hart.—15.3 secs.
440 Yards Hurdles.—1. R. H. Boyd (Glasgow Univ.); 2. D. A. Stewart (Edinburgh Univ.); 3. G. M. Fraser (Glasgow Univ.).—57.9 secs. (Best Championship Performance).
High Jump.—1. A. S. Paterson (Victoria Park); 2. N. J. A. Gregor (Herne Hill Harriers). 6 ft. 3 ins.; 3. J. L. Hunter (Edinburgh Univ.). 5 ft. 10 ins.
Broad Jump.—1. S. O. Williams (Glasgow Univ.). 23 ft. 3½ ins.; 2. W. Curtis (Victoria P. A.C.). 21 ft. 1 in.; 3. D. A. Stewart (Edinburgh Univ.). 21 ft. 0 ins. (Best Championship Performance).
Hop, Step and Jump.—1. W. N. Laing (St. Andrew's Univ.). 45 ft. 4½ ins.; 2. A. S. Lindsay (Shotts A.C.). 43 ft. 9 ins.; 3. W. Curtis (Victoria Park A.A.C.). 43 ft. 3½ ins. (Best Championship Performance).
Pole Vault.—1. N. J. A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.). 11 ft. 3 ins.; 2. C. J. Werner (Edinburgh U.). 10 ft. 6 ins.; 3. W. Piper (Kilmarnock H.). 10 ft. 6 ins.
Putting the Weight (16 lbs.).—1. J. Drummond (Heriot's F.P.). 43 ft. 5½ ins.; 2. D. M. Clark (R.U.C.). 41 ft. 9½ ins.; 3. R. C. Buist ("Q" A.C.). 37 ft. 5½ ins.
Throwing the Hammer (Wire Handle).—1. D. M. Clark (R.U.C.). 166 ft. 8½ ins.; 2. E. K. Douglas (Edinburgh Univ.). 163 ft. 4 ins.; 3. A. Valentine (Royal Navy). 143 ft. 2½ ins.

Throwing the Discus.—1. K. Maksimczyk (Edin. Univ.). 132 ft. 1 in.; 2. D. G. Milne (Oxford Univ.). 127 ft. 5 ins.; 3. A. A. Bendy (Edin. Southern). 121 ft. 5½ ins.

Throwing the Javelin.—1. J. E. F. Clarke (Glas. Univ.). 175 ft. 9½ ins.; 2. G. A. Bell (Heriot's). 170 ft. 2 ins.; 3. W. Bisland (Bellahouston H.). 156 ft. 8 ins.

Tug-of-War (Catch Weight).—Denny A.A.C. beat Cumbernauld A.A.C. by 2 pulls to nil.

Tug-of-War (100 Stones).—Denny A.A.C. beat British Transport Police by 2 pulls to nil.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—1. S. Burns (Edinburgh Univ.); 2. D. Stewart (King's Park Sec.); 3. P. Devine ("Q" A.C.).—11.5 secs.
220 Yards.—1. S. Burns (Edinburgh Univ.); 2. D. Stewart (King's Park Sec.); 3. A. McKee (Ardcer Rec. C.).—26.6 secs.
Broad Jump.—1. E. H. Anderson (Dumfries A.C.). 17 ft. 10½ ins. (Scottish Native Record).

JUNIOR RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(440 x 220 x 220 x 440 YARDS)

1. Shettleston Harriers; 2. Royal High School; 3. Bellahouston Harriers.—2 mins. 34.7 secs.

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