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Louis Jones (U.S.A.) winning the 1 mile at Glasgow Police Sports
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H.) (4th) and British champion P. Fryer (2nd) who all returned 49.4s.

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**SCOTTISH SENIOR AND JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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FARRELL'S



IN world athletics this has been a season of dazzling brilliance. Up to the moment of writing we have the Bannister and Landy wonder miles, the almost equally brilliant efforts of Wes Santee of U.S.A. the herculean heaves of shot-putter Parry O'Brien the Karvonen-Peters Boston marathon duel, the great Chataway 2 miles and the fantastic 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres world figures by the Czech express Zatopek. On top of that another epic Peter's marathon.

These and other performances whet the appetite for the major events now almost upon us, the Empire Games at Vancouver and less than 3 weeks later the European championships at Berne. To be selected for either or both is a great honour especially the latter where Britain fields a composite team and with 2 only for each event only the most twinkling stars will merit inclusion.

British stars eligible for both.
Naturally Empire athletes like John

Landy are eligible only for the Empire Games while European star Emil Zatopek can run only in the European Games. But British athletes by virtue of inclusion in both the Empire and in Europe are eligible for both major events. However Gordon Pirie will reserve himself for the Berne test. On the other hand Jim Peters will run for England at Vancouver and for Britain at Berne, an amazing task when one considers the arduous nature of the marathon race itself, the extensive travelling and the fact that there is a bare 18 days between each race.

Empire and European classics awaited.

Every event in both programmes should be fiercely contested for the honour is great and the standards high. Yet I imagine that of all the duels, those of Landy and Bannister in the Empire mile, of Pirie, Chataway and Zatopek in the European 5,000 metres and of Peters and Karvonen in the European marathon will

be waited with breathless expectation. Not that others may not enter into the scheme of things, For young New Zealand sensation Murray Halberg could quite well upset the apple-cart in the mile event. Kovacs of Hungary and Anufriev of U.S.S.R. must be reckoned with in the longer track events, while in the marathon how often have we seen an upset in this truly unpredictable race.

Scotland's Small Team.

Scotland's small team of 4 men (5, if miler Breckenridge is selected) and 1 woman compares unfavourably with England's strong representation of 30 men and 10 women, and though each athlete is competent and able, the opposition is so strong that if they can return with more than one medal, gold silver or bronze they will have done remarkably well.

I fancy the best chance of a Scottish win lies in the hands of E. C. K. Douglas and the hammer he will wield. At the very least he should be placed. Ian Binnie is running better than ever and a win for him is not impossible, but even with Pirie absent the opposition is so formidable that a place would be excellent and applauded. Versatile Pat Devine could also be placed but though hammer thrower Valentine and marathon runner Joe McGhee fresh from his record Scottish win are in great shape and may be inspired by the occasion a place for either would be a reversal of the form book.

McKenzie's Omission.

We all realise that lack of finance necessitates a small team but quite frankly I am saddened by the omission of Edinburgh student D. W. Mackenzie whose record javelin throw at the championships of 203 ft. 8½ ins. was a wonderful effort, the result of intensive application allied to his natural skill. On the top of his form with his potentialities still untapped I feel that the selectors might have taken a chance with an athlete who merited inclusion equal to most of the selected.

Jim Hamilton May Run for Canada.

Ex-Scottish 880 yds. champion Jim Hamilton now resident in Canada waited

to see if he would be selected for Scotland but failing that he may try for inclusion in the Canadian team for whom he now has residential qualifications.

Perhaps the omission of hurdler David Gracie was most surprising though it has to be admitted that so far the Larkhall boy has not shown the form which put his name on the record books.

Some Scottish High-Lights.

Apart from the wonderful performances of Binnie and Mackenzie at the championships there were other high-lights chief of which was the great duel between Robertson of Edinburgh Northern and McDonald of Garscube. The latter made a tremendous effort to win and the holder had to pull out all stops to win on the tape. The time of 49.9 secs. was wonderful in gusty conditions and reflects great credit on both men. Some feel that McDonald went too fast in the early stages and although judgment is a necessary factor yet aggressive tactics embodying the will to win are more to be admired than safety first ones. A balance of both is necessary.

Admirable too was the running of young Bob Stoddart of Bellahouston in the half as was Adrian Jackson's mile in 4 mins. 19.8 secs., time which a few years ago would have been regarded up here as extraordinarily good, but now considered merely a workmanlike performance. Still for a man regarded primarily as a 2 or 3 miler it was a grand effort.

A main feature of the season has been the noticeable rise in the standard of the 2 and 3 mile events. The team races have been good too, for though Victoria Park with solid team packing have won practically all these races rarely has it been more than by a single point. Newcomer, J. M. Russell has proven a real asset to the Victoria Park club, having invariably led his team-mates home.

Grand running by Kirk and Quinn.

J. Kirk of Shettleston Harriers has been revealing grand form in the half and mile off low marks as has consistent and versatile R. Quinn in the sprints.

The latter has been a sheet anchor in Victoria Park's great winning relay efforts where his courageous finishing efforts have frequently taken the tape from his opponent's chest.

... and McLachlan and King.

Veteran John McLachlan of Maryhill Harriers one of our most consistent sprinters of recent years and in some respects unfortunate not to have won a title showed that he is still not altogether passé by winning the 120 yds. invitation handicap off 3 yds. in 11.9 at Helenvale's Transport meeting.

At the other end of the scale I was impressed by Geo. King's marathon debut. The Wellpark man's time in finishing 3rd of 2 hrs. 47 is far from outstanding but is good for a first effort, especially as King was prominent throughout and only tapered off towards the final stages.

Peter's World Marathon.

Speaking of marathons what can one say of Jim Peter's new world figures of 2 hrs. 17 mins. 39.4 secs. set up in the A.A.A. and Poly championship, Windsor to Chiswick course even allowing that the course has been cut to the exact marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yds. the time is still better than last year's fantastic effort.

Great as are the Landy and Bannister mile times I do not consider them superior to Peter's world marathon figures yet the press featured the former as front page news while the latter was placed in an obscure corner and given coverage equal to that of dominoes or tiddlywinks, which would seem to suggest a profound ignorance of athletics.

A Sentimental Journey.

Some athletes strive for years to achieve a particular ambition without success. Others achieve it after years of frustration and disappointment and the sweets of victory taste all the sweeter.

The success of Jaroslav Drobný in the Wimbledon tennis championships has captured the imagination and adds another chapter to those who have finally triumph-



Photo by Ben Bickerton.

The famous Yugoslavian runner Franjo Mihalic during the 3 miles race at Glasgow Highland Gathering at which he set a new Scottish all-comer's record of 13m. 54.3s.

ed by virtue of perseverance and determination and proved the critics wrong. Seldom in the history of sport has there been such a sentimental outburst of satisfaction as shown in Drobný's final success not only by tennis enthusiasts, not only by the general sporting public but by all who feel that poetic justice has been achieved.

I can understand the feelings of Drobný.

Speaking as one who has tried 6 times to win the marathon championship including 2 seconds and a 3rd—desire becomes greater as the prize recedes out of reach. Few know what training and effort went into this year's effort but all that was achieved was a sound performance and soundness is no use against brilliance.

Someone facetiously suggested a 7th attempt as legend says the spider tried 7 times and 7 is regarded as a lucky number. But enthusiasm, will and spirit are of little avail without adequate bricks and mortar.

So this year's attempt is probably a swan song. Another appearance would be merely a sentimental journey.

BUT WHERE'S No. 7?



Photo by G. S. Barber.

It was an international field for the Glasgow Police Sports 3 miles race. Lined up as on the programme from the inside position they are 1—G. Warren, Australia, 2—J. Disley, Wales, 3—I. Binnie, Scottish record-holder, 4—L. Eyre, A.A.A., 5—E. Bannon, Scottish C.C. champion, 6—J. Fekkes, Holland, 8—J. Stevenson, Scotland, 9—P. Huylebroeck, Belgium, 10—A. Lucas, France. But where's No. 7?

BEST SCOTTISH PERFORMANCES, 1954

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- J. E. A. Robertson (E.N.H.)—10.1s. (W)
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R. Johnstone (E.E.H.) 10.2s.—Inverleith
25/5/54
G. H. Cain (E.N.H.)—10.2s.—Holyrood
—3/6/54
R. Quinn (V.P.A.A.C.)—10.2s.—Wester-
lands—15/6/54

220 Yards

- W. Henderson (W.A.C.), 22.3s.—Ibrox—
29/5/54
D. McDonald (Garscube H.), 22.4s.—
Ibrox—29/5/54
T. W. Henderson (G.U.A.C.), 22.8s.—
Westerlands—29/5/54
J. E. A. Robertson (E.N.), 22.8s.—White
City—5/6/54

440 Yards

- J. E. A. Robertson (E.N.), 49.3s.—White
City—15/5/54

- D. McDonald (Garscube H.), 49.4s.—
Ibrox—12/6/54
J. V. Paterson (E.S.H.), 50.9s.—Meadow-
bank—10/6/54
J. Johnston (St. A.U.A.C.), 51.1s.—
Craiglockhart—5/6/54

880 Yards

- I. M. Stuart (G.U.A.C.), 1m. 57.4s.—
Westerlands—9/6/54
T. B. Begg (V.P.A.A.C.), 1m. 58.0s.—
Westerlands—15/6/54
J. Hermiston (Edin. H.), 1m. 58.8s.—
Saughton—17/5/54
J. Kirk (Shettleston H.), 1m. 58.9s.—
Helenvale—8/6/54

1 Mile

- J. Smart (E.S.H.), 4m. 22.5s.—Saughton
—2/6/54
J. Stevenson (G.W.H.), 4m. 22.9s.—
Renfrew—21/6/54

THERE'S No. 7!



Photo by G. S. Barber.

And its Pat Ranger (A.A.A.) who was behind all the way coming into the race picture for the first time to win in 13m. 57s. the second fastest 3 miles ever run in Scotland. G. Warren was 2nd and L. Eyre 3rd. (Observe the other photo again and you will see our winner was "hiding" behind John Disley, Shy fellow!).

- A. Small (Plebeian H.), 4m. 23.0s.—
Renfrew—21/6/54

- A. S. Jackson (E.U.A.C.), 4m. 24.4s.—
Meadowbank—10/6/54
I. Hermiston (Edin. H.), 4m. 24.5s.—
Meadowbank—10/6/54
I. Binnie (V.P.A.A.C.), 4m. 26.1s.—Ibrox
—12/6/54
J. Kirk (Shettleston H.), 4m. 27.0s.—
Westerlands—15/6/54

2 Miles

- I. Binnie (V.P.A.A.C.), 9m. 11s.—Ibrox
—12/6/54
J. Stevenson (G.W.H.), 9m. 12.9s.—
Meadowbank—19/6/54
A. S. Jackson (E.A.U.C.), 9m. 14.8s.—
Meadowbank—19/6/54
A. C. Black (Edin. S.H.), 9m. 16.7s.—
Meadowbank—19/6/54
E. Bannon (Shettleston H.), 9m. 21.0s.—
Shawfield—5/6/54
T. Tracey (Springburn H.), 9m. 23.5s.—
Helenvale—16/6/54

- J. McLaren (S.M.W.A.C.), 9m. 25.0s.—
Shawfield—5/6/54

3 Miles

- I. Binnie (V.P.A.A.C.), 14m. 04s.—Ibrox
12/6/54
J. Stevenson (G.W.H.), 14m. 5.2s.—
Ibrox—12/6/54
E. Bannon (Shettleston H.), 14m. 21.2s.—
Ibrox—2/4/54
A. S. Jackson (E.U.A.C.), 14m. 22.1s.—
Meadowbank—8/6/54
T. Tracey (Springburn H.), 14m. 25.6s.—
Ibrox—2/4/54
A. C. Black (Edin. S.H.), 14m. 25.7s.—
Meadowbank—8/6/54

120 Yards Hurdles

- C. A. R. Dennis (E.U.A.C.), 15.5s.—
Craiglockhart—5/6/54
N. R. Buist (St. A.U.A.C.), 15.7s.—
Craiglockhart—5/6/54
S. Nelson (J.T.C.A.C.), 16.1s.—Jordan-
hill—19/5/54

440 Yards Hurdles

D. K. Gracie (G.U.A.C.), 56.5s.—White City—15/5/54
C. A. R. Dennis (E.U.A.C.), 56.9s.—Craiglockhart—29/5/54

High Jump

W. Little (G.U.A.C.), 6 ft. 3 ins.—Westerlands—24/4/54
N. G. Gregor (H.H.H.), 6 ft. 2 ins.—Maidstone—12/5/54
W. Piper (V.P.), 6 ft. 0½ ins.—New Meadowbank—1/8/54
K. E. Cunningham (V.P.), 6 ft. 0 ins.—Westerlands—15/6/54
J. L. Hamilton (W. of S.H.), 5 ft. 11 ins.—Ibroy—12/6/54

Long Jump

W. Frazer (W.A.C.), 21 ft. 11½ ins.—Myreside—20/5/54
T. McNab (Milocarians), 21 ft. 10½ ins.—Leeming—26/5/54
G. H. Cain (Edin. N.H.), 21 ft. 9¾ ins.—Meadowbank—10/6/54
W. H. Clephan (W.A.C.), 21 ft. 9½ ins.—Holyrood—17/6/54
J. P. McAslan (E.S.H.), 21 ft. 5 ins.—Bangholm—20/5/54
W. R. Cameron (G.U.A.C.), 21 ft. 4½ ins.—Westerlands—25/5/54
R. M. Stephen (G.U.A.C.), 21 ft. 4 ins.—Westerlands—8/5/54

Hop, Step and Jump

T. McNab (Milocarians), 47 ft. 2½ ins.—Leeming—26/5/54
R. M. Stephen (G.U.A.C.), 45 ft. 5½ ins.—Westerlands—24/4/54
H. M. Murray (G.U.A.C.), 44 ft. 10 ins.—Craiglockhart—22/5/54

Hammer

E. C. K. Douglas (F.E.C.), 183 ft. 2½ ins.—Craiglockhart—19/6/54
A. R. Valentine (R.N.), 170 ft. 8 ins.—White City—15/5/54
R. Scott (G.U.A.C.), 160 ft. 7½ ins.—Westerlands—29/5/54
I. S. Bain (Army), 145 ft. 0 ins.—Redford—16/6/54
J. Malcolm (E.C.P.A.C.), 139 ft. 2 ins.—Craiglockhart—18/5/54
L. Nisbet (E.U.A.C.), 135 ft. 3 ins.—Craiglockhart—26/5/54

Pole Vault

N. G. Gregor (H.H.H.), 13 ft. 0 ins.—Maidstone—8/5/54
W. Piper (G.P.A.A.), 11 ft. 6 ins.—Ibroy—12/6/54
P. W. Milligan (V.P.A.A.C.), 11 ft. 3 ins.—Shawfield—5/6/54
P. McAndrew (J.T.C.A.C.), 10 ft. 6 ins.—Jordanhill—13/5/54

Putt

T. A. Logan (V.P.A.A.C.), 45 ft. 10½ ins.—Shawfield—5/6/54
K. Maksimczyk (E.E.H.) (doubtful) 43 ft. 6½ ins.—Inverleith—25/5/54
J. Drummond (H.A.C.), 42 ft. 11 ins.—White City—15/5/54
J. Donnelly (Q.A.C.), 42 ft. 2 ins.—Tillincoultry—8/5/54
S. Olafsen (E.U.A.C.), 41 ft. 8 ins.—Craiglockhart—29/5/54

Discus

K. Maksimczyk (E.E.H.), 145 ft. 1 in.—Craiglockhart—13/4/54
R. C. Buist (Q.A.C.), 131 ft. 1 in.—Craiglockhart—13/4/54
J. L. Donnelly (Q.A.C.), 130 ft. 3 ins.—Jordanhill—22/5/54
E. C. K. Douglas (F.E.C.), 129 ft. 2½ ins.—Craiglockhart—1/6/54

Javelin

D. W. R. Mackenzie (E.U.A.C.), 198 ft. 1 in.—Craiglockhart—5/6/54
C. F. Riach (J.T.C.A.C.), 181 ft. 5½ ins.—Jordanhill—13/5/54
G. A. Bell (Heriots), 180 ft. 0½ in.—Meadowbank—19/6/54

JUNIOR RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS
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1. Victoria Park A.A.C. (R. Beaton, J. Barrie, G. Reilly, J. G. Robertson) 45.6s.
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(440, 220, 220, 440 Yards)

1. Victoria Park A.A.C. (G. Reilly, J. Barrie, J. G. R. Robertson, R. Beaton) 2m. 34.7s., 2. St. Modan's A.A.C. 2m. 35.2s., 3. Bellahouston H., 2m. 36.3s.

We regret having to hold over several interesting features of Scottish track to our next issue.

SCOTTISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW MEADOWBANK, EDINBURGH,

25th & 26th JUNE.

OF the 18 individual titles that were at stake only seven were defended successfully. The 11 others changed hands though 4 of the events—sprints, 440 and 880 yds. went undefended.

Only the 6 miles was decided on the Friday evening. Wintry conditions prevailed.

Ian Binnie was in great form for though admitting immediately after the race to being continually blown off the track when against the wind he broke his own native record (19m. 28s.) and Paavo Nurmi's 1931 all-comers mark (19m. 20.4s) at 4 miles and his own all-comers records (24m. 24.1s. and 29m. 20.7s.) at 5 and 6 miles. It was a superb effort.

On the same evening in qualifying rounds, D. W. R. McKenzie finally topped the 200 ft. javelin mark with 203 ft. 8½ ins. to better his own recent native record figures and the previous best championship performance (187 ft. 8½ ins., C. F. Riach, 1953) whilst Tom McNab in the H.S. & J. with a distance bettering the native record though claimed to be wind assisted ousted W. N. Laing's championship mark of 47 ft. 1 in.

With the wind velocity averaging 4 times as strong on Saturday and reaching in gusts to 60 m.p.h. it was no day for track records.

On the field 2 other "Best Championship" figures were made. Bill Piper stepped up his own 2 year-old 12 ft. 0 in. mark for the Pole Vault and Tom Logan wiped out the 1907 mark (45 ft. 7 ins.) of Tom Kirkwood.

W. Henderson was a strong and worthy winner of both sprints. Olympic hurdler Dave Gracie with a good lead entering the straight in the 440 Hurdles won only by inches from W. H. Clephan.

Details:—

100 Yards

(Previous holder, W. Jack)

1.—W. Henderson, (Watsonian's) 10.5s.
2.—A. S. Dunbar, (V.P.A.A.C.) 10.5s.
3.—R. Quinn, (V.P.A.A.C.) 10.5s.
4.—J. T. Essuman, (Jordanhill T.C.A.C.)
5.—G. H. Cain, (Edinburgh North. H.)
6.—J. E. A. Robertson (Edinburgh N.H.)
27 entrants forward.

220 Yards

(Previous holder, W. Jack)

1.—W. Henderson (Watsonian's) 23.6s.
2.—R. Quinn, (V.P.A.A.C.) 24.2s.
3.—K. A. Robertson, (Edin. Un.) 24.4s.
4.—L. B. McKenzie, (E.U.A.C.) 24.6s.
5.—S. J. Watson, (Bellahouston) 24.6s.
6.—A. S. Dunbar, (V.P.A.A.C.) 25.9s.
Standard time: 22.8 secs.
22 entrants forward.

440 yards

1.—J. E. A. Robertson, (holder) 49.9s.
2.—D. MacDonald, (Garscube H.) 50.1s.
3.—R. Johnston, (Edin. E. H.) 50.8s.
4.—A. M. Sanderson, (V.P.) 50.8s.
5.—D. P. Marshall, (Glas. Un.) 51.2s.
6.—J. Johnston, ("Q" A.C.) 51.6s.
Standard time: 51.8 secs.

Award also gained by non-finalist C. M. Campbell (Royal High S.F.P.A.C.) 51.7s. in heat. 14 entrants forward.

880 Yards

(Previous holder, J. S. Hamilton.)

1.—R. Stoddart (Bellahouston) 1m. 58.6s.
2.—W. S. Linton, (Braidburn) 1m. 59.1s.
3.—F. W. Sime, (Strathay H.) 1m. 59.7s.
4.—I. M. Stuart, (G.U.A.C.) 2m. 0s.
5.—T. B. Begg, (Atalanta) 2m. 1s.
6.—J. Kirk, (Shettleston H.) 2m. 1s.

Other Finalists:—W. Messer (E.N.H.)
D. C. E. Gorrie, (Achilles) and L. K. H. Duncan ("Q" A.C.).

Standard time: 1m. 59 secs.
W. S. Linton, 1m. 58.7s. in heats.
21 entrants forward.

One Mile

(Previous holder A. D. N. Breckenridge).

- 1.—A. S. Jackson, (Edin. Univ.) 4m. 19.5s.
- 2.—J. L. Hendry, (Walton A.C.) 4m. 20.4s.
- 3.—J. I. Hermiston, (Edin. H.) 4m. 21.5s.
- 4.—A. Small (Plebeian H.) 4m. 22.2s.
- 5.—J. R. Cameron, (Thames Val.) 4m. 24.4s.
- 6.—T. Lambert, (Springburn H.) 4m. 27.2s.

Other Finalists:—H. Duncan, (Larkhall Y.M.C.A.H.), J. Smart, (Edin. South H.), P. Ballance, (G.U.A.C.).

Standard time: 4 mins. 27 secs.
24 entrants forward.

Three Miles

- 1.—I. Binnie (V.P. holder) 14m. 19.6s.
- 2.—E. Bannon, (Shettleston) 14m. 33.6s.
- 3.—J. McLaren, (Shotts Miners) 14m. 34.8s.
- 4.—A. C. Black, (Edin. South) 14m. 35.3s.
- 5.—T. Stevenson, (Greenock W.) 14m. 42.7s.
- 6.—R. C. Calderwood (V.P.), 14m. 51.7s.
- 7.—J. Stevenson, (Greenock W.) 14m. 54.1s.
- 8.—J. M. Russell, (V.P.A.A.C.) 14m. 54.6s.

Standard time: 14 mins. 55 secs.
20 entrants forward.

Six Miles

- 1.—(I. Binnie, V.P., holder) 29m. 10.9s.
- Scottish all-comers & native record also at 4 miles, 19m. 15.4 secs. and at 5 miles 24m. 12.1 sec.
- 2.—H. Lawrence, (Teviotdale) 31m. 12.2s.
 - 3.—H. Fenion (Bellahouston H.) 31m. 27.5s.
 - 4.—C. Fraser, (Edin. East H.) 31m. 33s.

Standard time: 32 mins.
12 entrants forward.

Two Miles Steeplechase

- 1.—J. R. Hamilton, (Ed. East) 10m. 49s.
- 2.—R. C. Wallace, (Shettleston) 10m. 57.3s.
- 3.—J. C. Harris, (Beith Har.) 11m. 10.9s.
- 4.—J. V. Paterson, (Ed. South) (prev. holder) 11m. 22.6s.
- 5.—H. S. Millar, (Ed. S. H.) 11m. 34.6s.
- 6.—T. D. Todd, (Falkirk Vic.) 11m. 36.4s.

Standard time: 11 mins.
11 entrants forward.

120 Yards Hurdles

- 1.—W. H. Clephan, (Watsonians) 16.1s.
- 2.—C. A. R. Dennis (E.U.A.C.), prev. holder 16.2s.

- 3.—A. R. Britee, (R.H.S.F.P.A.C.) 16.8s.

- 4.—S. A. Nelson, (J.T.C.A.C.) 17.1s.

Standard time: 16.6 secs.
Award gained by non-finalist N. R. M. Buist ("Q" A.C.) 16.4s. in heat.
6 entrants forward.

440 Yards Hurdles

- 1.—D. K. Gracie, (Larkhall, holder) 55.6s.
- 2.—W. H. Clephan, (Watsonians) 55.6s.
- 3.—C. A. R. Dennis, (E.U.A.C.) 56.4s.
- 4.—I. D. Steedman, (Athenian)

Standard time: 56 secs.
7 entrants forward.

High Jump

- 1.—W. G. Little, (G.U.A.C.) 5 ft. 11 ins.
- 2.—W. Piper, (Glas. Police) 5 ft. 11 ins.
- 3.—J. L. Hamilton, (W. of Scot.) 5 ft. 9 ins.
- 4.—K. Cunningham, (V.P.) (prev. holder), 5 ft. 9 ins.

- 5.—G. Turner (V.P.A.A.C.) 5 ft. 6 ins.
- 6.—A. Galbraith, (Gale H.) 5 ft. 6 ins.

Final Qualifying height 5 ft 8 ins.
Standard height 5 ft. 9 ins.
10 entrants forward.

Long Jump

- 1.—G. H. Cain, (E.N.H.) 21 ft. 6½ ins.
- 2.—G. Turner, (V.P.A.A.C.) 20 ft. 11 ins.
- 3.—A. R. Smith, (G.U.A.C.) (prev. holder) 20 ft. 4½ ins.

- 4.—W. H. Clephan, (Watsonians) 20 ft. 1 in.
- 5.—D. A. Stewart, (Ardeer) 19 ft. 9½ ins.
- 6.—A. M. Law, (L'winnoch) 19 ft. 8 ins.

Standard distance: 21 ft.
14 entrants forward.

Hop, Step and Jump

- 1.—T. McNab, (Milocarian) 47 ft. 7½ ins. (Best Championship Performance).
- 2.—R. McC. Stephen (G.U.A.C.) (prev. holder) 44 ft. 4½ ins.

- 3.—H. M. Murray, (E.U.A.C.) 43 ft. 8½ ins.
- 4.—J. Y. Lawrie, (Edin. H.) 40 ft. 11½ ins.
- 5.—J. C. W. Lawrie, (Edin. H.) 40 ft. 10½ ins.
- 6.—T. Williamson, (Shotts M.) 40 ft. 6½ ins.

Standard distance: 43 ft.
8 entrants forward.

Pole Vault

- 1.—W. Piper, (Glasgow Police) 12 ft. 2 ins. (Best Championship Performance).
- 2.—P. Milligan, (V.P.A.A.C.) (holder), 11 ft. 0 ins.
- 3.—P. A. McAndrew, (J.T.C.) 10 ft. 6 ins.



Photo by H. W. Neale.
Dr. E. C. K. Douglas the famous Scottish Hammer-thrower has been selected captain of Scotland's Empire Games team. He will also act as Hon. Medical Adviser.

- 4.—W. Britee, (R.H.S.F.P.) 10 ft. 6 ins.
 - 5.—W. Learmonth, (Monk. H.) 9 ft. 0 ins.
- Standard height: 10 ft. 6 ins.
5 entrants forward.

Discus

- 1.—K. Maksimczyk (E.E.H.) (holder), 135 ft. 0 ins.
 - 2.—J. L. Donnelly, (Q.A.C.) 126 ft. 10 ins.
 - 3.—R. G. Buist, (Q.A.C.) 121 ft. 2 ins.
 - 4.—C. F. Riach, (J.T.C.A.C.) 119 ft. 0 ins.
 - 5.—L. Nisbet, (G.U.A.C.) 112 ft. 1½ ins.
 - 6.—W. K. McCrindle, (J.T.C.) 104 ft. 7 ins.
- Standard distance: 120 ft.
8 entrants forward.

Javelin

- 1.—D. W. R. McKenzie (E.U.) 203 ft. 8½ in. (Native Record & Best Champ. Perform).
- 2.—C. F. Riach, (holder) 177 ft. 6 ins.
- 3.—G. A. Bell, (Heriots) 176 ft. 5 ins.
- 4.—D. J. M. McNabb, (Milocarian A.C.) 175 ft. 3½ ins.
- 5.—I. H. Drummond, (Edin H) 169 ft. 9½ in.
- 6.—W. C. G. Patrick, (Belgrave Har.) 168 ft. 8 ins.

Standard distance: 160 ft.
Award also gained by A. J. McKellar, (J.T.C.A.C.) 165 ft. 10½ ins.
9 entrants forward.

Shot Putt

- 1.—T. A. Logan (Ren. & Bute) 46 ft. 10½ in. (Best Championship Performance).
 - 2.—J. Drummond, (Heriot's) (previous holder) 45 ft. 6 ins.
 - 3.—R. C. Buist, (Q.A.C.) 39 ft. 10 ins.
 - 4.—J. L. Donnelly, (Q.A.C.) 39 ft. 1½ ins.
 - 5.—H. McLachlan, (G.U.A.C.) 38 ft. 7½ ins.
 - 6.—S. S. Olafsson, (E.U.A.C.) 38 ft. 5 ins.
- Standard distance 40 ft.
9 entrants forward.

Hammer

- 1.—E. C. K. Douglas, (Field Events Club), (holder) 172 ft. 5 ins.
 - 2.—A. R. Valentine, (R.N.) 164 ft. 5 ins.
 - 3.—R. L. Scott, (G.U.A.C.) 146 ft. 4½ ins.
 - 4.—J. S. Malcolm, (Edin Pol.) 130 ft. 8½ ins.
 - 5.—L. Nisbet, ... 129 ft. 3½ ins.
 - 6.—A. McColm, (Shettleston) 116 ft. 5 ins.
- Standard distance: 130 ft.
7 entrants forward.

Tug-of-War (Catch Weights)

Glasgow Police beat British Transport Commission Police Club by 2 pulls to nil.
2 entrants forward.

Scottish Junior and Youths Championships

Reviewed by James L. Logan

IT was cold, windy and wet for the S.A.A.A. Junior and Youth Championships and Senior Relay Championships at Westerlands on July 3rd, 1954. The weather, too, damped the enthusiasm of the small crowd for they were surprisingly sparing with their applause for several performances, which were meritorious in the difficult conditions.

There was, for instance, D. D. Campbell's retention of his pole-vault title with a leap of 10 ft. 9 ins. With the opposition disposed of at 9 feet, Campbell had to proceed without the stimulus of competition, and his attempts at subsequent heights were made in rapid succession. His fast, well-controlled and accurate run-up, and excellent vaulting technique, suggest that with the natural development of body-power, he will be challenging for the senior title in a year or so.

Fettes College maintained their notable record in the heavy events and, relying on only two men in the shot putt, discus and hammer, they won all three events. M. M. Armour took the putt (adding quarter of an inch to the record) and the discus, and was second to school mate A. H. B. Ridgewell in the hammer, Armour was the defending champion in putt and hammer.

J. Robertson (Kelvinside Academy and Victoria Park A.A.C.), with the physique of a heavyweight boxing champion, punched through the wind to a creditable sprint double in 10.7 second and 23.9 seconds, while A. Lennox (Cambridge Harriers) was the third dual-title winner, in long jump and javelin.

There was a remarkably even quality about the winning standards in all events, with perhaps two slight peaks represented by D. D. Campbell's pole-vault and M. M. Armour's shot putt. Apart from the individual winning efforts, however, two

events were disappointing. In the pole vault, surely the most spectacular and rewarding of athletic feats, there was an entry of three. Until Scotland can get the numbers for this event—in which "natural ability" is perhaps less important than in any other event—we will continue to lag behind contemporary standards.

And in the Junior long jump, only the winner, A. Lennox, showed any real grasp of basic technique. He won by just over a foot but such was his consistency, the reward of an accurate, confident run-up, that any one of his six jumps would have taken the title. Until this fundamental point is mastered, long-jumping is literally a hit-or-miss affair.

However, the competitors in this event had to contend with the worst of the icy squalls and perhaps they will gain heart if they are reminded that the favourite for the 1952 Olympic title recorded three "no jumps" on the vital day!

R. Beaton ran a well-judged race to win the "440" final though he seemed to qualify in his heat with a struggle. Runner-up A. Hannah could possibly have reversed the decision had he a longer rest period following his winning the 200 yds. Hurdles in good style.

The timekeepers separated by 1 tenth of a second the two tall well-made Edinburgh half-milers, G. Grubb and G. P. Morrison yet to the spectators it was a perfect "photo-finish."

The mile was won easily by W. Watson the Scottish Youths cross-country runner-up, who strode out very strongly in the last lap. With developed confidence he is capable of a much faster time than his winning one of 4 mins. 35.8 secs. which was very good considering the wintry conditions.

The three youths' events were keenly contested, none more so than the long jump which took place in "no man's

land," with the writer as the sole (occasional) spectator! R. W. Watt's winning distance of 19 feet 8 inches was a good effort for this (15 to 17) category.

In the senior relay events, the resources of Victoria Park A.A.C. were never more clearly illustrated. Their 4 x 110 yards victory was a smooth performance which never looked like failing but in the mile medley race, Bellahouston's J. S. Petty took over the baton for the final lap with a yard or two in hand over Victoria Park's R. Quinn. The Bellahouston man, however, while still retaining the style which brought him honours a year or so back, lacks fire and strength, and in the run-in red-haired Quinn took the honours for Victoria Park.

100 Yards

- 1.—J. Robertson (V.P.A.A.C.) 10.7s.
- 2.—R. Prentice (Shettleston H.) 10.8s.
- 3.—G. MacLachlan (Stirling H.S.) 10.8s.

200 Yards

- 1.—J. Robertson (V.P.A.A.C.) 23.9s.
- 2.—R. Prentice (Shettleston H.) 24.4s.
- 3.—W. Smith (Larkhall Y.M.) 24.8s.

440 Yards

- 1.—R. Beaton (V.P.A.A.C.) ... 52.8s.
- 2.—A. Hannah (Athenian A.C.) 53.0s.
- 3.—J. Irvine (St. Modans) ... 54.3s.

880 Yards

- 1.—G. Grubb (Royal H.S.) 2m. 4.7s.
- 2.—G. D. Morrison (Ed. Acad.) 2m. 4.8s.
- 3.—R. A. Paterson (S'allan) 2m. 5.9s.

1 Mile

- 1.—W. Watson (Ed. E.H.) 4m. 35.8s.
- 2.—I. Drever (B'burn A.C.) 4m. 40.7s.
- 3.—C. Kennedy (B.H.) ... 4m. 41.2s.

120 Yards Hurdles

- 1.—W. G. Montgomery (C'lang H.) 16.7s.
- 2.—R. S. Forrest (Jordanhill T.C.)

220 Yards Hurdles

- 1.—A. Hannah (Athenian A.C.) 27.2s.
- 2.—W. G. Montgomery (C'lang H.) 28.2s.
- 3.—F. G. Hutcheson (Geo. Watson's College) 29.3s.

High Jump

- 1.—A. Galbraith (Gala H.) 5 ft. 9 ins.
- 2.—G. MacLachlan (S.H.S.) 5 ft. 6 ins.
- 3.—D. Lyons (Shawlands A.) 5 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump

- 1.—A. Lennox (Cambridge H.) 20 ft. 11½ ins.
- 2.—J. Lundie (V.P.A.A.C.) 19 ft. 10¾ ins.
- 3.—J. D. Thorburn (Trinity Acad.) 19 ft. 8 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump

- 1.—J. W. Lawrie (Ed. H.) 41 ft. 0½ ins.
- 2.—T. Williamson (Shotts) 40 ft. 11 ins.
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Pole Vault

- 1.—D. D. Campbell (Geo. Heriot's) 10 ft. 9 ins.
- 2.—P. Wheeldon (R.H.S.) 9 ft. 0 ins.

Shot Putt

- 1.—M. M. Armour (Fettes College) (record) 44 ft. 9 ins.
- 2.—W. J. More (Kilmarnock) 41 ft. 8 ins.
- 3.—H. Ryan (Strathclyde H.) 39 ft. 3½ ins.

Discus

- 1.—M. M. Armour (Fettes College) 125 ft. 10 ins.
- 2.—J. G. Lacey (R.H.S.) 122 ft. 3½ ins.
- 3.—W. J. More (Kilmarnock) 117 ft. 9 ins.

Javelin

- 1.—A. Lennox (Cambridge H.) 156 ft. 3½ ins.
- 2.—W. J. More (Kilmarnock H.) 152 ft. 9½ ins.
- 3.—L. J. McKenzie (Madras Coll.) 138 ft. 4 ins.

Hammer

- 1.—A. H. B. Ridgewell (Fettes Coll.) 121 ft. 7 ins.
- 2.—M. M. Armour (Fettes Coll.) 101 ft. 5 ins.
- 3.—W. G. Anderson (Aberdeen A.C.) 81 ft. 9½ ins.

Youths 100 Yards

- 1.—V. P. Reilly (V.P.A.A.C.) ... 10.7s.
- 2.—J. D. Middlemas (Edin. H.) 10.8s.
- 3.—C. H. Cowan (Geo. Heriots) 11.1s.

Youths 880 Yards

- 1.—J. Thomson (Dal. H.S.) 2m. 8.4s.
- 2.—R. McDonald (G. Heriots) 2m. 8.7s.
- 3.—T. King (Braidburn AC) 2m. 10.1s.

Long Jump

- 1.—R. W. Watt (V.P.A.A.C.) 19 ft. 8 ins.
- 2.—C. Christie (Springburn) 19 ft. 1 in.
- 3.—V. P. Reilly (VPAAC) 18 ft. 11½ ins.

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White City.
17—Edinburgh City Police.....New Meadowbank.
17—Scottish Border A.A.A. Championships (Part)—
Galashiels.
22—Press Charity Sports.....Edinburgh.
24—Aberdeen Corporation Sports.....Aberdeen.
31—A.A.A. Junior Championships.....
31—Falkirk Victoria Harriers.....Falkirk.
31—West Calder A.S.A.....West Calder.
31/Aug. 6—British Empire Games.....Vancouver.

Aug.

7—Rangers F.C.....Ibrox Stadium.
Nairn Games.....Nairn.
14—"News of the World" British Games—
White City.
14—Atholl & Breadalbane Agric. Socy.—Aberfeldy.
14—Carlisle Charity Sports.....Carlisle.
14—Milngavie Highland Games.....Milngavie.
21—Bute Highland Games.....Rothsay.
21—Sanquhar Sports.....Sanquhar.
21—Edinburgh Highland Games—Murrayfield.
25/29—European Championships.....Berne.
27/28—Cowal Highland Gathering.....Dunoon.
28—Glenurquhart Games.....Drumnadrochit.

Sept.

4—Shotts Highland Games.....Shotts.
4—Inverness Games.....Inverness.
11—Dunblane Highland Games.....Dunblane.

Nov.

20—"News of the World" Edinburgh to Glasgow
Road Relay Race.

July.

17—Broughty Ferry.....12 mls.
31—Falkirk Victoria.....

Aug.

14—Carlisle.....12 mls.
14—Milngavie.....10 mls.
14—Aberfeldy.....13 mls.
21—Bute.....11 mls.
28—Perth-Dundee.....22 mls.

Sept.

4—Shotts.....15 mls.
11—Dunblane.....14 mls.

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