

Titles Shared Around

McLAREN Glasgow AC swept to a comfortable victory in the 3x2½M Senior event of the Scottish National Women's CC Relay Championships at Dumbarton on March 2nd, writes **Derek Parker**. Eileen Cochrane gave the victors a useful lead at the end of the first lap, which took competitors alongside the scenic Clyde Estuary and below the majestic Dumbarton Rock with its historic castle perched precariously at the summit. The Glasgow runner's time of 13:09 gave her a comfortable margin over Victoria Park's Carole-Anne Bartley (13:17) and Kilbarchan's Carole Lunney (13:29), two of Scotland's leading intermediates.

On the second stage, Glasgow University student Ann Ridley increased the lead for Glasgow, pulling away from a chasing group which included Catherine Devlin (VP) and Eileen Masson (Kilb), to clock 12:45, one of the fastest times of the day. Nicola Allison, running the second stage for the Glasgow 'B' team, kept her squad in contention by recording 13:14, the fastest time by an intermediate. Elspeth Turner maintained the Glasgow lead over the final stage, anchoring them to a well-deserved victory, although she was chased all the way by Victoria Park's Sandra Branney, whose time of 12:36 was the fastest individual lap. Sandra's performance was all the more praiseworthy in view of the fact that she had won the women's category of the Balloch to Clydebank 12¼M Road Race just 24 hours earlier, into the face of a biting cold east wind. Janice Moore held on to third place for Kilbarchan, to give the Renfrewshire club an unexpected set of 'bronze' medals.

In the Junior 3x1½M event, defending champions Kilbarchan retained the title which they won at the same venue last year, their talented trio of Ria De Jager, Lorna Shaw, and Andrea Fisher finishing 35 seconds ahead of Kilmarnock, for whom Mary McClung, 'bronze' medallist at the Scottish Championships at Irvine the previous week, ran a magnificent final lap of 7:30, which was easily the fastest individual time. Kilbarchan's victory climaxed an amazing record of not having been defeated by any Scottish club in Junior cross country or road running team events for 18 months, during which time they have won seven consecutive national championships, including the league title.

The Kilmarnock Girls team went one better than their Junior colleagues when their team consisting of Elaine Sharp, Linzi Latimer, and Donna Rutherford scored a well-deserved victory over Colzium and Carlisle, who had won the Scottish National CC team title the previous week at Irvine. The English club's Janine Stirling produced an outstanding lap of 7:45, which was faster than that recorded by most of the Juniors over the very same course.

New Sprint Record

Kaye Jeffrey and Janis Neilson shared in a new Scottish 60m record at their own club — Edinburgh Woollen Mill Southern's — Indoor Championships at Meadowbank on February 16th. The winning time of 7.49 proved to be the highlight of the meeting, with Kaye being awarded first place after the photo-finish was studied. She beat her own Meadowbank record by 0.06 seconds in defeating Janis, who has improved dramatically with the benefit of George McNeill's personal coaching.

Strathkelvin, who were third in the Junior event, were easy winners of the Minor Girls 3x¼M race: Lynn Kerr, Lesley Chisholm and Colette Britton finishing 27 seconds ahead of Colzium, whose 'B' team pipped their 'A' squad by five seconds for the 'silver' medals.

Seniors — 1, McLaren Glasgow 38:43 (E. Cochrane 13:09, A. Ridley 12:45, E. Turner 12:49); 2, Victoria Park 39:09 (C. Bartley 13:17, C. Devlin 13:16, S. Branney 12:36); 3, Kilbarchan 40:55 (C. Lunney 13:29; E. Masson 13:09; J. Moore 14:17). **Fastest:** Branney 12:36. **Juniors** — 1, Kilbarchan 23:46 (R. De Jager 7:59, L. Shaw 7:50, A. Fisher 7:57); 2, Kilmarnock 24:21; 3, Strathkelvin 24:26. **Fastest:** M. McClung (Kilb) 7:30. **Girls** — 1, Kilmarnock 24:49 (E. Sharp 7:57, L. Latimer 8:50, D. Rutherford 8:02); 2, Colzium 25:08; 3, Carlisle 25:14. **Fastest:** J. Stirling (Carl) 7:45. **U/11** — 1, Strathkelvin 15:20 (L. Kerr 4:54, L. Chisholm 5:31, C. Britton 5:01); 2, Colzium 'B' 15:47; 3, Colzium 15:52. **Fastest:** Kerr 4:54.

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