

DUNDEE LADY HARRIERS JUST FAIL

BEATEN BY SHETTLESTON IN SCOTTISH RELAY RACE.

The inaugural Scottish Women's Athletic Association eight miles relay race was won by Shettleston Harriers at Bothwell Castle policies on Saturday.

Dundee Hawkhill Harriers were well behind in the first three laps, but gained ground in the latter section of the race, beating Maryhill by 50 yards for second position.

Nan Aitken, Shettleston, registered the fastest time for the course of approximately one mile, returning 7 min. 3 sec., against 7 min. 5 sec. performed by Chris Hogg, Maryhill, and N. Robson, Dundee Hawkhill.

Team placings:—

1 Shettleston Harriers (N. Aitken 7.3, B. Anderson 7.50, J. Stewart 7.54, C. Harvey 7.43, M. Smith 8.9, N. Hutcheon 7.17, S. Rogan 8.14, B. Boyd 7.40)—61 min. 35 sec.

2 Dundee Hawkhill Harriers (M. Mitchell 7.49, E. Christie 7.46, J. M'Kenzie 7.56, L. Farmer 7.54, P. Laird 7.42, T. Graves 8.14, J. Cant 7.24, N. Robson 7.5)—61 min. 50 sec.

3 Maryhill Harriers (C. Hogg 7.5, E. Pickering 8.17, M. Ramage 7.48, M. Reynolds 8.6, N. Ramage 7.39, R. Smith 7.15, M. Kinniburgh 7.31, A. Garland 7.29)—62 min. 10 sec.

4 Kilmarnock Harriers (S. Conolly 7.32, M. Dickson 7.26, A. Davidson 8.21, M. Demster 8.7, M. Higgins 8.3, N. Conolly 8.21, M. Allan 7.50, M. C. Armour 7.54)—63 min. 34 sec.

Women Harriers' Race.

During the present season women have been taking quite a prominent part in cross-country work. Up till Saturday, however, they had only participated in ordinary club and inter-club runs.

The holding of a relay championship by the Scottish Women's A.A.A. was, therefore, something in the nature of an experiment, and the race, which took place at Bothwell Castle, could hardly be called an unqualified success.

Many of the girls found the task of racing a mile too much for them, and there were numerous cases of collapse.

According to the "Daily Express," the competitors and many of the women supporters, became almost hysterical at the start of the race, and the remarkable scenes witnessed at its conclusion prompted many athletes who were present to ask whether women should be permitted to indulge in this form of sport.

The "Glasgow Herald" says that "it was quite evident that many of the girls were anything but fit for what, after all, is a strenuous sport, calling for careful preparation."

Other reports were of a different nature, the "Daily Record" stating that the race was "an unqualified success." It was natural to expect that some girls would be a little distressed, but no serious cases were encountered.

The Shettleston club gained premier honours in 61 mins. 35 secs., with Hawkhill second in 61 mins. 50 secs., and Maryhill third (62 mins. 10 secs.) Kilmarnock H. (63 mins. 34 secs.) were fourth, Teviotdale H. (Hawick) (63 mins. 55 secs.) fifth, and Penicuik H. (64 mins. 35 secs.) sixth. The full entry of thirteen teams competed, and all covered the full course.

The Hawick team travelled with the 8.8 train to Glasgow, and considering that they had another ten miles to travel on reaching the city, they may be said not to have done badly to be placed fifth. Their names are:—Betty White (capt.), Isa McQuire, Peggy Dalgleish, R. Horne, R. Willison, L. Finnie, C. McQuire, and Peggy Anderson. The girls are none the worse of their experience.

There was an unsatisfactory ending to the race. Some over-enthusiastic spectators went to the assistance of the last of the Shettleston team, who collapsed before reaching the tape. In the ordinary course this would have involved immediate disqualification, but despite a protest lodged by the Dundee team, no action was taken.

DUNDEE LADY HARRIERS' TEAM FOR GLASGOW RACE.

Dundee Hawkhill Harriers' ladies' section ran a club race last night from North Street over a course of one mile. The race was in the nature of a trial to select a team for the women's eight-mile relay championship to be run at Bothwell Policies, Glasgow, on Saturday week.

Greasy roads were experienced last night, and the result was:—

1 N. Robson, 6 min. 10 sec.; 2 J. M'Kenzie, 6 min. 20 sec.; 3 J. Cant, 6 min. 40 sec.; 4 N. Rollo, 6 min. 41 sec.; 5 P. Laird, 6 min. 42 sec.; 6 M. Mitchell, 6 min. 55 sec.; 7 L. Farmer, 6 min. 58 sec.; 8 J. Graves, 7 min.

The team will consist of the first eight, travelling reserve to be chosen from Misses M. Barrie (trainer), E. Ross, N. Lindsay, and S. Hardie.

This will be the first occasion on which Hawkhill Harriers have entered a ladies' team in a national event, and a great deal is expected from the representatives of one of the oldest ladies' sections in Scotland.



The ladies' team of Hawkhill Harriers, Dundee, who came in second to Shettleston Harriers in the eight miles relay race at Bothwell on Saturday.