

Scottish Women's CC Champs

1977
At Dumbarton, February 19th

Christine Haskett Wins For Fifth Time

CHRISTINE HASKETT had little difficulty retaining her Scottish cross-country title over a pleasant three lap grassland course at Leven-grove Park, Dumbarton on February 19th, winning the championship for the third successive year and for the fifth time in the last seven years. Christine started fast and was 50y clear after the first mile from a chasing group of Margaret Coomber, Ruby Young, Gillian Hutchison and Janet Higgins. She doubled her lead in the next mile from Margaret Coomber with Ruby Young drifting back but still 120y clear of Hutchison, Watson, Hope and Gunstone.

The order of the leading trio remained unchanged to the finish with the two Anglo Scots leading home Ruby Young, who surprised by becoming the first home Scot to finish in her first season in athletics. She only started running last May in Glasgow University track trials and has improved rapidly in both track and cross-country races. Janet Higgins, in fifth place, led Glasgow AC to retain their Senior team title and this, plus team victories in the Intermediate and Girls races together with two individual titles and a second place, established them as the outstanding club of the day. Once thought of only as a track and field club Glasgow girls have blossomed this winter with many individual and team victories in Scottish events—thanks mainly to the coaching of former Scottish CC international Ronnie Kane.

Last year's Junior champion Fiona McQueen won an outstanding victory in the Intermediate race, recording the biggest winning margin of the day when she won by 25 sec from club-mate Elizabeth Trotter with Kerry Robinson a disappointing third. There was a very close finish in the Girls one mile race with Linda McDonald scoring the fifth individual victory for Pitreavie in the past six years with the first three all finishing inside three seconds.

The Scottish team for the IAAF Championships at Dusseldorf is: C. Haskett, M. Coomber, J. Shepherd (Glasgow), R. Young, G. Hutchison, J. Higgins. Reserves—P. Gunstone, L. Watson, V. Hope. Mary Stewart was invited to compete for Scotland but stated she was unavailable as

she has changed her eligibility to England for future international and Commonwealth Games competition after a conflict of views with the SWAAA regarding Commonwealth Games training sessions at Meadowbank.

Colin Shields

1, C. Haskett (Stretford)	20:26
2, M. Coomber (Cambridge H)	20:43
3, R. Young (Shettleston H)	21:16
4, G. Hutchison (Edin Un) 21:24; 5, J. Higgins (Glas) 21:29; 6, L. Watson (LOAC) 21:32; 7, P. Gunstone (EAC) 21:35; 8, V. Hope (Edin Un) 21:42; 9, J. Duncan (GRP) 22:03; 10, B. Harvey (Glas) 22:26; 11, A. Clarkson (ESH) 22:29; 12, M. Chambers (EAC) 22:45; 13, P. Meldrum (Glas-V) 22:55; 14, E. Treanor (Shett) 23:13; 15, C. Lightfoot (Shett) 23:26; 16, E. Brown (Glas) 23:35; 17, S. McMillan (Tev) 23:51; 18, N. McKinnon (Liv) 24:07; 19, L. Langan (GRP) 24:22; 20, A. Donnelly (Glas) 24:21; 21, L. Inglis (EAC) 24:34; 22, A. Munro (Strath) 24:40; 23, F. MacAuley (ESH) 24:45; 24, D. Greig (Unatt) 25:43; 25, E. Munro (Strath) 26:19; 26, E. Johnston (EAC) 26:37; 27, P. Briggs (Liv) 26:57; 28, S. Harvey (Shett) 27:04; 29, G. Meldrum (Edin Un) 27:52. Teams: 1, Glasgow 28; 2, Shettleston 32; 3, Edinburgh AC 40.	

Intermediates

1, F. McQueen (Glasgow)	20:23
2, E. Trotter (Glasgow)	20:48
3, K. Robinson (Pitreavie)	21:03
4, A. Lind (EAC) 21:12; 5, A. Linton (Glas) 21:33; 6, L. Falconer (Aber) 21:55; 7, L. Johnstone (Liv) 22:39; 8, S. McLaren (Aber) 23:11; 9, J. Ellington (Aber) 23:20; 10, L. Roy (Glas) 23:28; 11, S. Bett (Fife) 23:36; 12, M. Pahnke (Clyde V) 23:41; 13, F. MacKenzie (Pit) 24:02; 14, M. Gray (EAC) 24:13; 15, J. Morrison (Aber) 24:36; 16, M. Melville (Law) 25:23; 17, E. Logue (Strath) 26:07; 18, J. Leggate (Clyde V) 26:10; 19, C. Hall (Law) 26:37; 20, H. Cameron (Shett) 26:56; 21, S. Lowrie (Vic P) 27:32; 22, I. Cowan (Falk V) 27:51. Teams: 1, Glasgow 8; 2, Aberdeen 23; 3, Edinburgh AC 25.	

Juniors

1, P. Fairley (Glasgow)	14:16
2, W. Sharp (Pitreavie)	14:25
3, L. Usher (Fife)	14:30
4, L. McDermid (VoL) 14:40; 5, A. Reid (Shett) 14:41; 6, B. Breen (Falk V) 14:41; 7, S. Gammack (Pit) 14:43; 8, J. Gibson (Pais) 15:04; 9, R. Balmer (Ayr) 15:05; 10, G. Pullar (Pit) 15:06; 11, D. Duncan (Pais) 15:15; 12, K. Brotherston (ESH) 15:15; 13, H. Kilpatrick (Ayr) 15:16; 14, C. McDonald (Fauld) 15:22; 15, G. MacAuley (ESH) 15:24; 16, A. Taylor (Caith) 15:30; 17, J. Bow (Glas) 15:34; 18, V. McWilliams (GRP) 15:41; 19, H. Home (Glas) 15:45; 20, J. Galvin (Pais) 15:46.	Teams: 1, Pitreavie 60; 2, Glasgow 62; 3, Paisley 65; 4, Shettleston 111; 5, Edinburgh Southern 116; 6, Victoria Park 157; 7, Greenock Rankin Park 172.

Girls

1, L. MacDonald (Pitreavie)	8:19
2, L. McDougall (Glasgow)	8:21
3, S. Walker (Edinburgh AC)	8:22
4, M. Hogg (Clyde V) 8:30; 5, A. Everett (Shett) 8:32; 6, L. Thomson (Law) 8:33; 7, F. Byrne (Glas) 8:35; 8, K. Grealley (Pit) 8:36; 9, J. Mitchell (Pais) 8:38; 10, C. Maxwell (Caith) 8:38; 11, S. Yait (ESH) 8:40; 12, S. Morriss (Shett) 8:41; 13, G. McArthur (Pais) 8:43; 14, C. Main (Glas) 8:48; 15, J. Bryce (Pit) 8:49; 16, F. Meldrum (Glas) 8:51; 17, F. Anderson (Pit) 8:52; 18, J. Anderson (Pit) 8:53; 19, C. Gray (EAC) 8:54; 20, A. McGeown (Pais) 9:03.	Teams: 1, Glasgow 39; 2, Pitreavie 41; 3, Paisley 74; 4, Shettleston 78; 5, Caithness 89.

Under/11

1, C. Candlish (Pitreavie)	7:43
2, L. Brownlee (Livingston & Dist)	7:51
3, C. Spiers (Caithness)	8:06
4, C. Brotherston (ESH) 8:11; 5, B. Akinlami (Liv) 8:22; 6, R. Brooks (Pit) 8:23; 7, S. Godden (Liv) 8:23; 8, W. Allison (Fife) 8:26; 9, S. McWilliams (GRP) 8:30; 10, S. Mackay (Caith) 8:32; 11, E. Dobbie (CR) 8:34; 12, M. McWilliams (GRP) 8:35; 13, S. Booth (CR) 8:35; 14, E. Barratt (ESH) 8:36; 15, F. Andrews (Caith) 8:38; 16, S. Graham (Vic P) 8:42; 17, J. Treanor (Shett) 8:44; 18, L. Vivers (Caith) 8:50; 19, C. Sommerville (VoL) 8:51; 20, S. Wass (Caith) 8:54.	Teams: 1, Caithness 46; 2, Livingston & Dist 59; 3, Greenock Rankin Park 69; 4, Pitreavie 70; 5, Victoria Park 88; 6, Edinburgh Southern 129; 7, Central Region 143; 8, Glasgow AC 154.