

WOMEN: FEBRUARY 26

BEACH PARK, IRVINE

Seniors: 1, S Branney (GAC) 22-46; 2, A Jenkins (EWM) 32-03; 3, L Harding (Houghton) 23-06; 4, L Van Dycke (Essex L) 23-17; 5, S Goldsmith (EWM) 23-24; 6, P Calder

(EAC) 23-50; 7, A Cochrane (GAC) 24-00; 8, J McColl (GAC) 24-26; 9, A Sym (Glas Un) 24-36; 10, J Armstrong (Giff N) 24-39; 11, J Salvana (Liv&Dist) 24-42; 12, M Reddan (Liv&Dist) 24-46; 13, P Rother (EAC) 24-50; 14, S Durham (EWM) 25-04; 15, M Dunlop (JW Kilm) 25-06; 16, J Stevenson (FVH) 25-12; 17, D Hillen (Blaydon) 25-22; 20, A Bell (Lin W) 25-52.

Teams: 1, Glasgow AC 16pts; 2, EWM 21; 3, EAC 46; 4, Houghton H 54; 5, JW Kilmarnock 77; 6, Livingston & District 89; 7, Falkirk Victoria 112; 8, Kilbarchan 116; 9, Glasgow University 116; 10, Dundee RR 128. **Veterans Team:** 1, Giffnock North 123 pts.

Intermediates: 1, C Blanden (Blaydon) 15-29; 2, S Best (Blaydon) 15-36; 3, J Artus (Telf) 15-39; 4, L Thouinire (EWM) 15-54; 5, R Pollock (Loudoun) 16-08; 6, R Houston (Moth) 16-09; 7, M Gemmell (S'Kelvin L) 16-10; 8, H McCann (JW Kilm) 16-18; 9, A Normand (Vic Park) 16-20; 10, T Clarke (Telf) 16-23.

Teams: 1, Blaydon H 35pts; 2, JW Kilmarnock 66; 3, Telford H 70.

Junior Women: 1, A Cheyne (Bath) 12-54; 2, D McNally (Vic Park) 13-09; 3, N Brown (T'dale) 13-15; 4, S Purdie (Teviot) 13-18; 5, Y Reilley (DHH) 13-31; 6, M Stevenson (Blaydon) 13-32; 7, L Davidson (Aber) 13-35; 8, K Stewart (JW Kilm) 13-39; 9, A Mooney (Bell) 13-42.

Teams: 1, Victoria Park 83 pts; 2, Bathgate 91; 3, Aberdeen 124.

Girls: 1, A Foster (Morpeth) 12-43; 2, I Linaker (Pit) 13-08; 3, C Boyes (GAC) 13-16; 4, A Poxon (Morpeth) 13-30; 5, L McGarrity (Spango V) 13-33; 6, C Leitch (Avon) 13-41; 7, N Meehan (Morpeth) 13-48; 8, M Smith (Black) 13-48; 9, M King (Blaydon) 13-48; 10, G Fowler (Vic Park) 14-00.

Teams: 1, Morpeth H 27pts; 2, Blaydon H 72; 3, Minolta Black Isle 81.

Minors: 1, S Scott (Ayr Sea) 9-57; 2, C Clarkson (Aber) 10-02; 3, K McDonald (Law) 10-08; 4, L Scott (Kirk Oly) 10-10; 5, C Morris (JW Kilm) 10-11; 6, R Wilkinson (Derwent) 10-16; 7, L Wilkinson (Morpeth) 10-22; 8, H Foster (Morpeth) 10-24; 9, J Robertson (EAC) 10-25; 10, C Foulkener (EAC) 10-26.

Teams: 1, Kirkintilloch Oly 59pts; 2, Aberdeen 93; 3, Morpeth H 115.

BRANNEY KEEPS HER TITLE . . .

■ **Scottish Womens Cross Country Championships, Irvine, February 26**

Scottish road running ace Sandra Branney of Glasgow AC displayed her vitality to the full when she beat a good class field and retained her Scottish three and a half mile National Cross Country title at Irvine on Sunday **reports Bill Melville.**

With Elaine Cochran finishing seventh and Janet McColl eighth, Glasgow were easy

winners of the team title. One of five contending the medals from the start, Branney made a second lap break that gave her an easy victory, and she crossed the line 17 seconds clear in 22:46. A sprint finish from Alison Jenkins (Edinburgh Woolen Mill) took her past Lynn Harding of Houghton and into second place. Her time of 23:03 put her three seconds clear of the Borders athlete in third place. Back in behind them all within a minute were Louise Van

Dyck, Sally Goldsmith along with veteran road runner and mountain running international Tricia Calder.

There was a surprise win for Katrina Williams of Dundee Hawkhill who finished 25th overall to take the young seniors medal ahead of Vicky McPherson (Troon) and Sonia Granger.

Susan Scott of Ayr lead all the way to win the minors race. Angie Foster of Morpeth and Isabell Lineker broke at the start

of girls race with Foster crossing the line first 100m clear.

Alison Sheyne of Bathgate continued to dominate the juniors age group finishing 16 seconds ahead of Debbie McNally of Victoria Park.

Shenya McDonald of Irvine started injured, dropped out and left the inters race wide open. Catherine Blanden and Suzanne Best of Blaydon took first and second spots ahead of Scottish international Jane Artis.

Women - 1, S Branney (Glas) 22:46; 2, A Jenkins (EWM) 23:03; 3, L Harding (Hough) 23:06; 4, L Van Dyke (Ess) 23:17; 5, S Goldsmith (EWM) 23:24; 6, T Calder (EAC) 23:50; 7, E Cochrane (Glasg) 24:00; 8, J McColl (Glas C) 24:26; 9, A Sym (Glas U) 24:36; 10, J Armstrong (Giff) 24:39; 11, J Salvona (Living) 24:42; 12, M Reddan (Living) 24:46; 13, P Rother (EAC) 24:56; 14, S Durham (EWC) 26:24; 15, M Dunlop (Kilm) 25:06; 16, J Stevenson 25:12; 17, L McCarthy (Blay) 25:22; 18, C Bartley (Glas) 25:27; 19, R Murrey (Giff) 25:32; 20, A Sinclair-Bell (Linc) 25:52.

Inters - 1, C Blanden (Blay) 15:29; 2, S Best (Blay) 15:36; 3, J Artis (Tel) 15:39; 4, L Thumire (EWM) 15:54; 5, R Pollock (Loud) 16:08; 6, R Houston (Mother) 16:09; 7, M Gemmell 16:10; 8, M McClan (Kilm) 16:18; 9, A Normand (Vict P) 16:20; 10, T Clarke (Telf) 16:23.

Junior Women - 1, A Sheyne (B'gate) 12:54; 2, D McNally (Vict P) 13:09; 3, N Brown (Tyne) 13:15; 4, S Purdy (Teviot) 13:18; 5, Y Riley (Dund) 13:31; 6, M Stephenson (Blay) 13:32; 7, L Davidson (A'deen) 13:35; 8, K Stewart (Kilm) 13:39; 9, A Mooney (Bill H) 13:42.

Girls - 1, A Foster (Morp) 12:43; 2, I Lineker (Pit) 13:08; 3, C Boyes (Glas C) 13:16; 4, A Poxon (Morp) 13:30; 5, L McGritty (IBM) 13:33; 6, C Leech (Avon) 13:41; 7, N Meehan (Morp) 13:48; 8, M Smith (Black L) 13:48; 9, M King (Blay) 13:48; 10, G Fowler (Vict P) 14:00.

Minor Girls - 1, S Scott (Ayr S) 9:57; 2, C Clarkson (A'deen) 10:02; 3, K McDonald (L&L) 10:08; 4, L Scott (Kirkin) 10:10; 5, C Morris (Kilm) 10:11; 6, R Wilkinson (Derw) 10:16; 7, L Wilkinson (Morp) 10:22; 8, H Foster (Morp) 10:24; 9, J Robertson (EAC) 10:25; 10, C Faulkner (EAC) 10:26.

KILMARNOCK ARE NEW CHAMPIONS

HAWICK and Irvine were the venues last weekend for the national cross country championships with men and women from JW Kilmarnock prominent in both events.

Top honours went to Stephen Murray, Brian McEwan, Mark Cameron and Brian Scott, who are the new Scottish Junior men's cross country team champions, taking the title by being the overall best team of the day on the snow-covered fields of the Hawick course.

Stephen Murray also took an individual prize finishing in 3rd place.

For the senior men, David Murray was first Kilmarnock athlete in 60th place overall in a race won by Tommy Murray of Greenock Glenpark Harriers and including Steve Ovet of Annan and District AC.

Potential

In the younger age groups, JWK picked up two individual medals. James Tonner capped an excellent first season by taking second place in the junior boys' event after having led the field for most of the day.

For the senior boys, Eddie Tonner was third and confirms his ability and potential for the future.

Gordon Reid show-

ed superb form by finishing 5th in the youths event.

Other JW Kilmarnock results: Seniors — Jim Goldie 157th; Matt Ferguson 197th. Youths — Gordon Reid 5th; Stephen Baird 71st; Paul Ross 78th. Senior boys — Andy Armstrong 110th; Jim Kerr 120th; Barry Caldwell 156th. Junior boys — Billy Colvin 19th; Ronnie Neil 60th; Martin Mabon 108th.

THE Beach Park, Irvine, was the venue on Sunday for the women's championships.

With entries in most races over the 200 mark and top English runners competing at this major event the going was extremely tough.

Some excellent performances were recorded by Kilmarnock's women athletes with the best being Mary McClung, Donna Rutherford and Elaine Sharpe in the intermediate race. Their combined places of 8th, 11th and 47th were good enough to take second team prize.

No other prizes, but

top performances from Caroline Morris, 5th for the minor girls and Gaynor Syme 16th for the girls.

Kirsty Stewart ran well to take 8th position in the junior women's event and Morag Dunlop finished off an excellent season with a 15th place.

Other JW Kilmarnock results: Minor girls — Sally Youden 18th; Nicola Youden 27th; Lynsey Cree 86th; Lisa Topham 129th; Louisa Dullick 131st; Laura Johnston

135th; Elaine Ross 143rd; Catherine Johnston 148th; Gillian Irving 120th.

Girls — Kerry Stewart 22nd; Jennifer Rodgers 37th; Pauline Gillies 40th; Lynsey McPhail 90th; Nicola Cree 92nd; Margaret Dalton 129th.

Junior ladies — Jane McClung 58th; Linzi Latimer 62nd. Seniors — Morag Dunlop 15th; Kate Todd 28th; Lynsey Cairns 34th; Susan McGregor 56th.