

CROSS-COUNTRY

At the National Junior and Senior Cross-country Championships, held at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday, St. Modan's A.C. were well represented in both races.

The junior race, of 2½ miles, consisted of 1½ laps of the racecourse, including the famous button-hook and paddock loops. Seventeen teams and fourteen individuals contested a very fast race over the frozen ground. Result:—1, Victoria Park, A.A.C., 8 pts.; 2, Shettleston, 28 pts.; 3 (equal), St. Modan's "A" team and Garscube Harriers, 32 pts. Individual placings:—"A" team—S. Petty, 9th; A. Simmons, 11th; J. McGhee, 12th; and M. Kaney, 44th; "B" team—W. Mullan, 14th; J. McGuire, 49th; and A. Clelland, 58th—121 pts. S. Petty reversed the decision gained by J. McGhee the previous week in the club's junior championship. Packing four runners into the first fourteen in such a race augurs well for the club's chances in next year's series of races, as all the "A" team are still eligible to run as juniors.

The senior 10-mile championship and international trial consisted of four laps of the racecourse, with additional parts in the first three laps. The club's senior champion, D. Clelland, competing as an individual, ran an exceptionally well-judged race to finish 19th. Approximately 130 runners took part, and the first ten are considered as possibles for the Scottish team to compete on 30th March against England, Wales, Ireland, France and Belgium, at Ayr Racecourse. This is D. Clelland's first year as a senior.

On Saturday there will be an 8-mile handicap race from the club's headquarters over the Bannock Ford, Torbrex circuit.

CROSS-COUNTRY TRIAL

Individual and team honours in the ten miles international cross-country trial at Hamilton racecourse on Saturday went to Shettleston Harriers, whose Charles McLennan was first in 58 mins 10 secs. His clubmate, H. Howard, led the field for seven miles before falling out with a foot injury. Taking up the running from him, McLennan won by fifty yards.

Individual Results—1, C. McLennan, Shettleston, 58 mins 10 secs; 2, J. E. Farrell, Maryhill, 58 mins 25 secs; 3, G. Porteous, Maryhill, 58 mins 50 secs.

Team placings:—1, Shettleston, 61 points; 2, Maryhill, 78 points; 3, Bellahouston, 92 points.

The youths' two and a half miles race was won by J. Adams, Victoria Park, whose club won the team race with the low total of 8 points.

CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS

Win for Shettleston

Shettleston Harriers won both team and individual titles in the senior 10-mile cross-country championship, as did Victoria Park A.A.C. in the youths' 2½-mile cross-country race at Hamilton. Results—

Senior 10 miles. — Team race—1, Shettleston Harriers (C. McLennan (1), J. C. Flockhart (4), E. McAllister (5), W. Connor (10), J. Watt (15), J. C. Ross (16), 51 points; 2, Maryhill Harriers (J. K. Farrell (2), G. Porteous (3), J. Hopkins (12), D. M. Wright (19), J. Wilkie (20), T. Harrison (22), 78 points; 3, Bellahouston Harriers (G. Anderson (6), T. Gibson (7), A. McLean (8), G. Bell (17), A. McGregor (21), J. Gardener (33), 92 points. Individual race—1, C. McLennan (Shettleston), time 58min. 10sec.; 2, J. K. Farrell (Maryhill), 58min. 25sec.; 3, G. Porteous (Maryhill), 58min. 30sec.; 4, J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston), 58min. 57sec.; 5, E. McAllister (Shettleston), 59min.; 6, G. Anderson (Bellahouston), 59min. 4sec. Youths' 2½ miles—1, Victoria Park (J. Adams (1), E. Laing (3), M. Roberts (4), 8 points; 2, Shettleston (E. McLaren (5), E. Wilson (8), S. Pollock (15), 28 points; 3, Garscube and St Modans F.P., 32 points. Individual race—1, J. Adams (Victoria Park A.A.C.), time 13min. 11sec.; 2, E. Smith (Garscube), 13min. 19sec.; 3, E. Laing (Victoria Park A.A.C.), 13min. 19½sec.

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

SCHOOL OF EXPERIENCE

Last Saturday our boys were taught their lessons the hard way. Medicine was administered in nasty doses. Ninety-two runners, divided into seventeen teams of four runners, and fourteen individuals faced the starter for the junior two and a half miles championship. When the gun went Haddock dashed ahead of the field followed by his team mates. At the half way mark the boys were groggy and two dropped out. The others struggled to overcome the obvious mistakes which had been made, but that is not easy in such a short race. They tried hard but grit and determination were not enough. The counting men were A. Hyatt 26, H. King 40, G. Haddock 48, which gave them eleventh place.

The boys had quite definitely an "off-day" for they ran much below club form. A combination of excitement and inexperience produced the obvious result. Don't be discouraged lads. Take your medicine; it is what the doctor ordered. Say to yourselves that you have made all the mistakes that you are going to make and that next time it will be different, and we of the old brigade know it will be different because you have got it in you. Look to the future!

One pack covered a seven-mile trail at home.

A fortnight tomorrow the big fellows have their show in the eight miles road race round the district. A little bird whispers that veteran Charlie Middleton has his eye on the cup.

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