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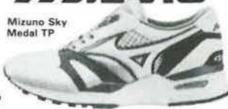
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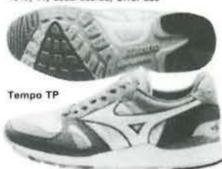
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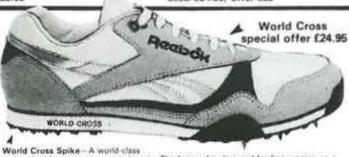
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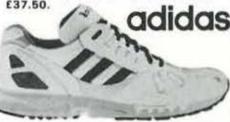
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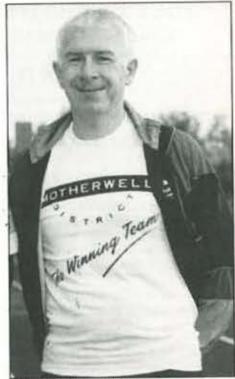
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Give Christie a break

THE knives, it would appear, are out for Linford Christie. The men's team captain is being made the scapegoat for Britain's failure to retain the Europa Cup at Frankfurt earlier this month.

The fickleness of press and public never ceases to amaze me. Yes, Christie mistimed his takeover from Marcus Adam, and the loss of eight, seven, or six, points cost Britain the cup.

But I cannot accept the two charges being levelled at Britain's great sprinter - firstly, that he missed relay practices, and secondly that he should have settled for a safe second (or third) place rather than try to beat the French.

The first criticism is easy to deal with. If Christie's alleged non-appearances at practice were putting the squad's chances in jeopardy, he should have been pulled out of the relay. That decision did not lie with Linford Christie, and the fact that he went to Frankfurt not only as a member of the sprint quartet, but also as men's team captain, would seem to indicate that his absences were not regarded as a serious problem.

The second argument, that he should have

held up and ensured second or third place, is harder to judge. In retrospect, perhaps he should, but that ignores the highly charged nature of the match, and the fierce competitiveness between the French and the British squads who, along with the USA, are the best in the world.

Had Adam and Christie gelled, and Christie crossed the line in world record time, would any critic have questioned the team's tactics? Of course they wouldn't. All concerned would be basking in the reflected glory of a world record.

Quite apart from the above, playing safe is a dangerous tactic in any sport. Think of the football team which plays for the draw then loses a goal in the last minute, or the golfer who tries to protect a four stroke lead by playing safe and then comes off the rails.

Given the element of chance which is always involved, who is to say that a disastrous mistake might not have occurred even at less than full throttle?

Or, what would the reaction have been if Britain had played it safe, finished third, and then lost the match by one point - a not unlikely scenario given the tightness of the match.

I say the knives are out for Christie because at the Kelvin Hall earlier this year I witnessed an amazing confrontation between him and the English press after the UK versus USA indoor

match. Suffice to say that Christie was making all the running, and was livid almost to the point of tears at what he perceived as slights on his ability in press reports.

COMMENT

If relationships have continued to deteriorate, then don't look for much sympathy for Christie when he hits the inevitable downslope - whether that be this year, next, or the one after.

On this occasion the heat was taken off Linford by the extraordinary rulings regarding the Soviet 4x400m team.

If, as is claimed, the reason the Soviets were not disqualified was a cynical political decision to keep them in the World Cup, then the British and the Germans must fight tooth and nail to have the men responsible turfed out of international athletics.

Meantime, I feel strongly that Linford Christie has, both as an individual and team captain, been a magnificent ambassador for British athletics. His achievements, in my opinion, more than entitle him to make the odd mistake, if mistake it was. His early run may have cost Britain the cup, but given later events was it worth winning anyway?

Alan Campbell

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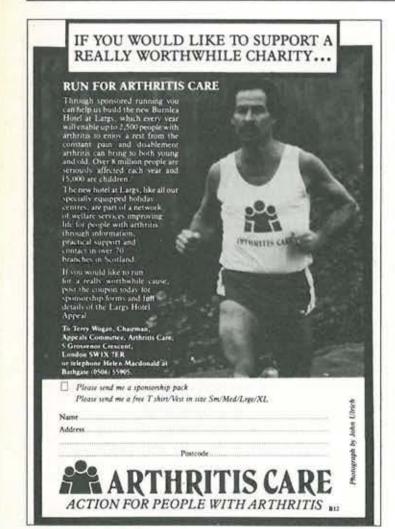
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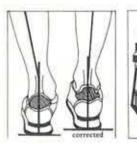
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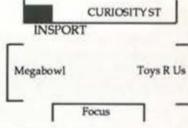
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NIGHT TO REMEMBER

IT was a night for the McColgan family to remember when they raced in the Adriaan Paulen Memorial meeting in Hengelo, writer Doug Gillon. As Liz warmed up for her first 10,000 metres since successfully defending her Commonwealth title in Auckland, husband Peter clocked his fastest 3000m steeplechase, 8-27.93 finishing third in a time which is inside the qualifying mark for the world championships this year.

Inspired by Peter's run, Liz went out to prove that she is once more a major force at 10,000 metres, running the fourth fastest time for that distance in history (the other three were all by Ingrid Kristiansen), 30-57.07, nearly 10 seconds inside her previous best. She lapped everyone in the field save Jane Ngotho of Kenya, who escaped narrowly in a time of 32-08.54.

McColgan had given due warning with a remarkably accurate prediction that she was in shape to break 31 minutes having won backto-back 3000m races in three days the previous week. First there was the Germany international, and victory in 8-41.78, a race in which she blew away world championship 10,000m rival Katrin Ullrich, and them, at the Pearl Assurance games two nights later in Belfast, she clocked 8-45.19. Notable scalps on that occasion were Ngotho, US champion Shelley Steely, and multiple marathon winner Wanda Panfil of Poland.

"I NEVER thought anyone was

indispensable, but now I am

beginning to wonder." That was the

comment of former national coach

Dave Lease on Scotland's continuing

failure to name a successor seven

months after he departed to take up a

similar post in the south-west of England, writes Doug Gillon.

The troubled route towards

replacing him has now taken a further

twist with the mistaken replacement

of two of the Scottish officials on the

reach the required unanimous

agreement on former Commonwealth discus champion

Meg Ritchie, the Scottish Joint

Coaching committee's constitution

was changed, making it possible for

Two groups have a vote on the

When the panel twice failed to

selection panel.

Morris, Neef and Davidson on course for place in **World Student Games**

DARREN Morris, the Scottish discus record holder from Pitreavie, improved his national record with a throw of 58.58 metres in the UK men's league match at Enfield June

The record came only days after the SAAA had ratified the record which he set early last season.

The 23-year-old Morris, a physiotherapy student added 22cms to the existing mark which should earn him a place in the World Student Games team for Sheffield.

The 6ft 7ins Morris, whose parents have a sports shop in Dunfermline, had warmed up for the meeting with a throw of more than 60 metres, and during the competition an effort of similar length landed just outside the sector.

Mel Neef (City of Glasgow) has been named for the sprint relay squad in Sheffield, and Aberdeen's Mark Davidson can also look forward to a call after clocking his season's best, and the third fastest time of his life, 51.50 sec at Loughbrough.



Melanie Neef

DANNY Wilmoth the Scottish Cross Country Union president from the Scottish Veteran Harriers Club, had a narrow escape when the umbrella he was holding at Airdrie Highland Games was struck by lightning. Wilmoth was stunned, but escaped in jury. The weather was so bad that the meeting was

FURTHER DELAY IN NATIONAL COACH SAGA

punel, three from the British Amateur

Athletic Board, three from the SJCC.

Following the change in the SJCC

that Mrs Docherty was mistaken in her

belief that that the other two Scots had

resigned. At the time of going to press,

SAAA secretary Greenoak was

attempting to have himself and John

Greenoak confirms: "Both John

Brown and myself were on holiday, and

sent letters of apology for absence, also

Brown restored to the committee.

THREE Scottish athletes are to be the first beneficiaries of the Eric Liddell Foundation, established to perpetuate the memory of the missionary who won 400 metres gold in the 1924 "Chariots of Fire" Paris Olympics. Eric Scott, Alex Greig and Allison Grey have been nominated to attend a training camp in Hong Kong, in September.

detailing business that we wished raised. You would have thought that if we had resigned we would have

constitution, Isobel Docherty, one of spelled that out in the letter too. the Board's representatives, resigned "Irrespective of whether we get and informed the board that the two back on the selection panel, a national coach must be appointed as other Scottish members, Bob Greenoak a matter of urgency," said Greenoak. and John Brown, both of whom were absent on holiday, and also stepped "This has dragged on dreadfully, and I am very concerned. Scotland's four-year programme towards the Mrs Docherty was replaced by Jim McInnes of Dumbarton, and Dave next Commonwealth Games should already be in place, and we lack Bedford and Margaret Elgy replaced the two other Scots. But is transpired input in several other areas."

If there is further delay, he will ask interim coaches Carlton Johnson and Norman Brook to prepare one, but that is likely to cause a storm. Brook is Northern Ireland's national coach, funded in part by their Sports Council who are sure to ask about paying to prepare Scotland's Commonwealth schedule.

NEW YEAR GALA WITHOUT PROMOTER

EDINBURGH'S New Year professional gala is once more in jeopardy with the decision of promoters Tom Young and his mother to end the family's association with the event.

"I don't have the time or the inclination to carry on," said Tom. "I originally did it for one year, after the death of my father, the previous promoter, in 1978," The family's interest goes back 30

"It is a heart-breaking decision, but there is not enough encouragement to continue when there are poor entries and crowds," said Young.

This year's big sprint, backed by an Edinburgh kitchen firm after the withdrawal of a brewery, was down to 12 heats, compared to 22 in its heyday.

Tom's father was handicapper for promoter Marshall Braidwood before becoming promoter in 1969 and it was also Tom's father who took the sprint to Meadowbank for the first time in 1971. That was when they had the biggest crowd which young Tom can remember (over 2,500) although he was breast-fed at Powderhall when crowds were substantially bigger.

He believes that somebody will promote an event this year, "But there is no real future without going open as the big pro races in Australia have done," he said. "The hypocrisy of the amateurs, and their refusal to go open is the biggest single factor."

THE draft constitution being drawn up by a working party with a view to establishing a Scottish Athletic Federation is ready to be circulated. The SAAA general committee will receive copies by the end of July. There will be special general and executive meetings in August, and a further draft, with explanatory notes, will go to all clubs in mid-September. Discussions with clubs will then be held the following

KAREN Hambrook of Ashford, in Kent, the Scottish women's triple jump national record holder indoor and out, improved her outdoor mark to 12.81m in the Southern Counties Championship at Crystal Palace.

a straight majority vote.

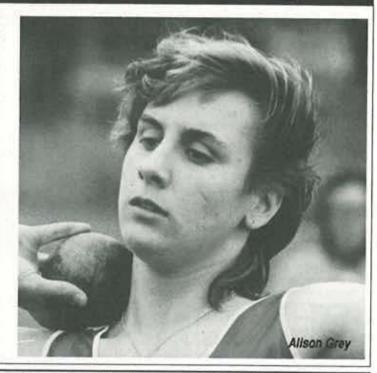
New foundation aids talented yougsters

A new foundation formed in the memory of the legendary Scottish athlete Eric Liddell is to give three of the country's most promising youngsters a chance to attend a training camp in Hong Kong.

Decathletes Eric Scott and Alex Grieg and shot putt/discus thrower Alison Grey will all attend the camp at the Hong Kong Sports Institute between September 16 and 25.

Eric Scott and Alex Greig were first and second with scores of 6180 and 5303 points respectively in the 1990 SAAA Under 20 Decathlon Championships. Eric also won the U-20 long jump championship while Alex topped the pole vault in the U-20 rankings with 4.35m.

Alison Grey was the 1990 SWAAA U-20 champion at both shot putt and discus and was first and second respectively in these events in the senior rankings for 1990 with throws of 14.29m and 44.70m. She has represented Great Britain at U-19, U-20 and U-23 level, despite having only just turned 18 years old.



Boyle is Coach of the Year

TOMMY Boyle recently received recognition for his coaching techniques when he was awarded the Post Office Counters Coach of the Year Award.

Boyle, mentor of Tom McKean and Yvonne Murray, both of whom received gold medals at the European Championships in Split last year, was selected for the award from a pool which also featured Ron Roddan. Mike Whittingham, John Trower, Ron Murray, Judy Vemon and John Isaacs.

Presenting Boyle with an engraved

trophy and a cheque for £1,500, Frank Dick said, "Tommy's approach to coaching embodies the concept of athletic development - the development of the whole person and not just the

Though the most famous athletes from the Boyle stable are undoubtedly McKean and Murray, Boyle also coaches a number of other athletes including schools internationlists Alan Cameron and Gavin Hart junior Lorraine Dick and, most recently, middle distance runner Tony Morrell.

Another unsung hero among Boyle's athletes is Britain's leading disabled decathlete Peter Meekin.

Receiving his award, Boyle, referring to McKean and Murray's double success at Split last year, said, "That was certainly one of the highlights but there is as much fulfilment in other less high profile areas of coaching too."

The 43 year old production manager from Bull HN Information Systems already holds a Post Office Counters Master Coach award,



Two Inches 10K

PERTH and Kinross District Council's Sports Development Team wish to bring the following two points to the attention of all nunners regarding the Two Inches 10K/Fun Run on Sunday August 18, 1991.

There will be no late entries taken on the day for the 10K race so please remember to enter early. Under no circumstances will this policy change. However, runners wishing to enter the family fun run (approximately three miles) can enter on the day.

Also, due to the many vet runners participating, there will now be prizes for the first three miles and first three

BILL Blair, current staff coach at 5000 and 10,000 metres, has agreed to take on the responsibility of hill running

Mathieson's snap decision

DAVID Barnetson shared the lead at the halfway stage of the Scottish decathlon championships with 3519 points, on his debut at the event in Aberdeen. That included a 2.15m clearance in his specialty, the high jump (he had three narrow failures at a Scottish native record 2.18m) but on the second day he slipped back to finish third overall with 6192 points.

Anthony Southward (Stockport, 6518) overturned a deficit of 54 points in the 1500m to snatch the title from Philip Brilus (Harlow, 6464). Dinkar Sabnis of Aberdeen won the junior decathlon with 5079.

Aberdeen's Scottish champion Duncan Mathieson did not defend his title, having competed just a week earlier in Germany - a snap decision when he was stranded at Birmingham airport with his poles unable to fit into the scheduled flight for a competition in Eire.

Instead Mathieson made for Saarbrucken. His first day total of 4089 put him on target for a Scottish record, but, having missed training through injury and exams, he ran out of gas in the 1500m. He clocked 5-11.00, nearly 30 seconds slower than his decathlon best, and finished with

The highlight was a legal long jump of 7.59m, just eight centimetres short of the Scottish record which has stood since 1968

WHITTLE BEATS MCKEAN

TOM McKean, the European 800 metres champion, was stunned in his first race at the distance this year, when he was outsprinted by fellow Scot Brian Whittle in the Dairy Crest Great Britain v Germany match at Crystal Palace - a match in which Ayr Seaforth's Whittle was not even deemed worthy of a place. But McKean's stablemate. Yvonne Murray made a stirring debut to her season with a 1500m win over Ellen Keissling and Yvonne Mai.

Murray had stepped down from her European championship-winning distance of 3000m, and a sign of her maturity and confidence, not to mention sprinting ability, was her willingness to linger at the rear against Keissling, European runner-up at 1500m last year, and Mai, who had beaten her convincingly in a similar tactical race last year in the corresponding fixture last year.

Whittle's was a win against all the odds, though no surprise to the underrated Ayrshire runner. The British 800m team placings had gone to McKean, European silver medallist David Sharpe, and Steve Heard, another man trying to make his way over two laps after having stepped up from 400m.

But it was Whittle who cam off the final bend as the only challenger to McKean, running him down some 25 metres from the line to win in 1-46.58 to the Bellshill man's 1-46.81.

McKean was not particularly perturbed, and certainly he did nothing

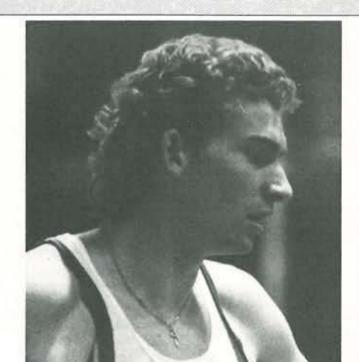
with him," said McKean. "It was a long sprint for my first race, particularly without having done speed work. I dare not start that too early, or I would be over the top before the races that matter-the AAA championships which are the world trials, and the worlds

tactically wrong, "Joachim Dehmel

went from 300m out, and I had to go

had the benefit of a European Club championship win and a 4 x 400m relay leg to sharpen him up. Ironically the Diary Crest win carned him nothing, since he had requested the race, and when it came to a rematch with heard two days later, Whittle was outdipped on the line, losing by one hundredth of a second in 1-46.77.

It was a gutsy run by Whittle who



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three of them outsprinting Alastair

Douglas. Achilles tendon and calf

muscle injuries have denied him

potential. But there were no signs

of these problems as he took the

Monklands seven-mile race, the

Invercivde 10K

Dumbarton 10,000m, and then the

The third of these was the best

quality, with Hammy Cox, John

Duffy, Steve Gibson and Tom

Murray following Muir and Douglas

home. (Gibson, incidentally, went

on to run the new Cumnock 10-mile

race in the afternoon after

Inverciyde, and again finished fifth).

another success, in the Polaroid 10k

at Vale of Leven. Douglas, patella

tendon, not to mention ego

somewhat bruised, was absent, and

this time it was Cox and Peter

Fleming who were left trailing. It is

11 years since Shettleston's Muir

was world ranked at 5000m with his

Scottish record of 13-17.9, but these

races confirm that Muir's future is

NO sooner, it seems, have we

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our skates on for the 1992 event.

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"WE'RE KEEPING THE CAPITAL RUNNING"

Beware of green eyed monsters warns Murray

97, Kilmacolm Road, Greenock

SIR - Over the past few months I have heard and read nothing but complaints and moans about the formation of the Reebok Racing Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to call the people concerned nothing but green eyed monsters and to congrtulate Alan Robson and wish him and his club every success.

Some of the comments that have been made are a piece of nonsensethings like "they've got no youth policy". Give them a chance, they've only been going for four months.

They were also accused of poaching athletes. Let's face it there's more than one Scottish club



Left: Reebok winning the six stage relay at East Kilbride earlier in the year.

which is guilty of this, and we're all big boys now. Nobody makes you do what you don't want to.

Lastly, I'd like to touch on the subject of sponsorship. This is where the green eyed monsters come in. Any club in Scotland would have grabbed the same deal with both hands and I call anybody who denies it a liar.

Everybody who knows Alan should know he is a good club man, but because he was unhappy with his läst club he decided to set up his own if things didn't change.

This was something he made no secret of, so come on get off the guys' backs and let them get on with it.

Tommy Murray

MORE FOR THE MODEST

15, Campsie Gardens, Clarkston, Glasgow.

SIR - The running boom may well be over, however, there are a lot of us less serious runners still around.

I agree wholeheartedly with R McLean's comments in your July issue. If many races are to survive, the modest runners must be encouraged to enter, and having done so must end up enjoying the experience.

This means good publicity and good organisation. Full marks to the organisers of the Luddon 10K and the Reebok Women's 10K - plenty of information before the events, runs starting on time, excellent stewarding, plenty of people around at the finish to cheer participants in.

Also, having the women's race start after the mens on the same route allowed us slower male runners to have other participants around us for the whole distance.

Compare this to the shambles of the Brightside event where they couldn't get numbers or proper information out beforehand, and where the timing and the length of the course were incorrect; and the poor turnout of modest runners and poor stewarding of the Johnstone 10K.

If organisers want events to remain on the running calendar they need the modest runner. That means continued hard work in the areas of publicity and organisation - otherwise many runs which have been good in the past, will simply disappear for ever.

Jim McCreery



The Luddon 10K 1991 - a great success.

Lack of clarity is unfair to pro's

24, Florence Place, Perth.

SIR - Reading the article by Hilary Bennet on Highland Games in the June issue I find it necessary to reply.

In reporting that Alan Pettigrew was unhappy with the considerable amount of performance drugs allegedly taken by competitors on the professional side the article goes on to report disqualification of top amateur thrower in the Scottish Championship.

Many readers could be mislead by thinking that this was the Scottish Championship on the professinal circuit.

Surely if such reports are to be published they should be much clearer and not so much emphasis towards amateur competitors.

A random drug testing programme has been in operation on the professional games circuit for some years now and such statements as given by Alan Pettigrew should be carefully checked before printing.

Andrew Rettie

PERSONALITIES ARE RAISING PRICES

36, St Giles Square, Falkirk

SIR - I owe a lot to Glasow. Through The Glasgow Marathon I was introduced to The Scottish Veteran Harriers Club and this has enriched me greatly.

Yet I did not run Glasgow last year, nor will I run this year and I hope others do likewise. I am asked to pay £7.75 - £8.25 to participate with celebrities and top athletes. I shall receive a T- shirt and medal. Last year's medal was a travesty, cheap and tawdry.

Thave, entered several events this year and none cost more than £4.
"Insignificant" Alloa gave quality medals. Glenrothes gave T shirts, unlimited tea, coffee, drinks and biscuits. Dundee gave medals of quality, unlimited tea, coffee, milk drinks and biscuits - before and after. Cumbernauld gave medals. The Scottish Marathan Club 25k had showers, tea, coffee, sandwiches, sausage rolls, biscuits and a prize, if you were good enough, for£2. Falkirk will give tea, coffee and medals.



Frank Bruno (14) in the 1990 Great Scottish Run.

I am asked to pay an excessive entry fee to publicise a company, should they not sponsor us. I have run with personalities. The McGolgans, Don McGregor, Don Ritchie and world class vets such as Brinn, Porteous, Morrison and Stoddart at no cost. "Never was" boxers and TV cigar smokers do not rate as personalities to me. We have ample of our own deserving recognition and they will ask or expect no fee. A free entry would be a bonus.

One Glasgow official when asked "Why?" said the personalities and VIP must be paid for. I shall preserve his anonimity, hoping he was being facetious. We should not pay for that, the sponsors may if they have money to burn. If Glasgow is successful, the others may well think "if it's good for them it's good for us" and up go the entry fees.

This entry fee for Glasgow in comparison to others is a liberty and disprace.

It is greatly inflated in comparison to others, with no corresponding greater benefits. Support athletics by encouraging those who try to do their best for us. Meanwhile, boycott Glasgow and explain why.

H. McGinlay

Bravo Brechin

32, Helmsdale Drive, Kirkton, Dundee.

SIR - Having taken part in the Brechin 24 hour race on May 25 and 26, I felt I had to write to congratulate Allan Young and the many volunteers who through sheer hard work and organisation turned the race into a totally brilliant event.

Catering for the runner's evey need they went round all the back up teams with numerous coffees and teas, homemade soup and fish suppers.

The local bakery also supplied us all with hot buttered scones at five in the morning.

This being my first experience of a 24 hour event I didn't know what to expect but I do know we all went home footsore and tired. I believe the many other runners making their 24 hour debut will agree.

Well done Allan and all concerned who helped out. Looking forward to next year.

Gail Blake

The making of TOM McKEAN

INTRODUCTION

THIS paper is based on a combination of my interpretation of current training theory and the experiences I gained working in the club situation, putting those theories into practice with athletes of different ages, abilities, and varying levels of achievement.

Initially I concentrated on sprint events, where much was learned about the special training required to develop and maintain speed up to 400 metres. The knowledge and experience I gained from this subsequently proved to be an invaluable asset as my coaching moved towards the middle distance events.

This shift in emphasis was as a result of working with a young athlete who possessed the unusual combination of having great natural speed, combined with high levels of endurance. By coincidence, it was around this time that Sebastian Coe destroyed the 800 metres world record, moving the event more favourably towards the speed based endurance athlete.

In the interim 10 years, much of my coaching time has been spent in the systematic development of 1990 European 800 metres champion, Tom McKean, and I now share with you, my interpretation on how to approach 800 metres through the 400 metres.

EVENT REQUIREMENTS

It is essential that before embarking on any longterm development plan that the coach fully understands the current and projected performance requirements for that event, in order that he may objectively assess the potential of the athlete, to meet the competition demands, and to establish realistic interim objectives which can be used to monitor progress towards the longerterm aims.

Table (1) illustrates the performance and levels at major events:-

EVENT	ATHLETE	TIME	AV. SPEED	BEST 400
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Europa Cup 87 Europa Cup 89	T. McKean T. McKean	1.45.96 1.46.94	7,55 M Sec. 7,48 M Sec.	46.0 45.0
World Cup 85 World Cup 89	T. McKean	1,44,95	7.62 M Sec.	46.0

It is evident from the statistics in Table 1 that three performance levels exist, additionally, each competition presents special demands which must also be considered in long-term planning.

In this, the second of two articles based on papers he gave at the recent European Coaches Congress in Finland, **Tommy Boyle** focuses on the coaching methods he has applied to **Tom McKean**.



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WORLD RECORD

Will require preparation which includes the ability to run a very finely balanced sub-50 to sub 52split - probably 49.6/51.8 or proportionally better.

OLYMPIC - WORLD - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Will include up to four consecutive days of competition with increasing pace each day (1.46 being common in semi-finals).

WORLD, EUROPEAN CUP

Are one-off sudden death, normally requiring high levels of tactical skill with excellent change in pace and sprinting ability in final stages.

GRAND PRIX

With many competitors in each competition erratic, often suicidal pace-making, but ultimately

- The first bend is run in lanes with the leading athletes now reaching 200 metres in around 23.5 - 24.5 seconds and 400 metres in around 49.5 - 50.5 seconds. This is around 90% intensity for an athlete with a 22 sec, 200 metres personal best.
- Failure to gain good tactical positioning after the first bend will result in the employment of sudden increases in pace with the resultant dramatic increase in energy expenditure and high levels of lactate.
- The 1500m-type athlete will run faster first laps with less protection time between first lap and their 400 metres personal best.
- The 400 type athlete runs slower first laps with greater protection time and more even splits.
- The second lap is normally run around 1.3 to 1.5 seconds slower than the first.
- Recent trends by Kenyan athletes in Grand Prix competitions have resulted in the 400-600 split time being faster, by utilizing one pace-maker to 400 and a second between 400 and 600.
- * Future developments will almost certainly

- result in faster first laps by 400 types through improved, specific conditioning over longer periods of time, thus enabling them to maintain closer contact with the leaders up to 600 metres and then capitalize on their ability to sustain sprinting form in a climate of high endurance factor, and to sprinting form in the home straight.
- This will require that the athletics career of the 400 to 800 type racer, is planned in such a way that he begins the transition early enought to allow adequate time for development of specific endurance, and to gain increasing experience on how to use that endurance to its maximum effect in the race situation, ultimately, at world level.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT 400 TO 800 METRES -

The three main pathways:-

- Athletes who fail at 400 metres because they
 do not possess the basic speed over 100 metres,
 but persevere for too long before making the
 transition. This category has the least favourable
 opportunity to succeed at the highest levels but
 will succeed in one-round competitions with
 slow first laps. It is a common mistake for this
 type of athlete to embark on a programme with
 dramatic increases in volume.
- 2. Those who move very quickly up through the distances with no real plan. They usually start late in athletics and due to individual circumstances at clubs, schools and colleges, do not spend enough time at any distance to develop either their sprinting ability, strength, or specific endurance. They tend to produce excellent results for one or two years and then either become injured, or performance deteriorates.
- 3. Those developed through a systematic programme aimed at producing an athlete equipped to meet the highest performance requirements at 800 metres. This approach was used with Tom Mckean, and is outlined here to illustrate the key points of emphasis in each phase and to show a practical example of a long-term plan. Ref. Table 2 below:

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Introduction to athletics

Probably the most important stage, and the one where much of the talented youth is lost to the sport. Progression is often accelerated with intensive sprint training and high volumes of endurance training, both of which have the same negative effect on long-term future development.

This should be the fun time, training 3 to 4 times each week with a many sided approach, competition mainly through team events with cross-country races and general aerobic conditioning in winter, multi-events in summer.

Education on the rules should be conducted and an overall appreciation of all track and field events established.

PHASE II

Training for the development of speed

The theory and practice of speed development for the growing athlete are now well-documented. However, it is essential in this particular situation to be aware of the following special considerations:-

- The structured programme of training must ensure that not only the short-term objectives of speed and special endurance for the 100/200//400 metres are achieved, but that a systematic foundation of conditioning is gradually established to prepare for the significant increase in repetition and duration which will be required at a later date (building for the
- Great emphasis must therefore be given to the efficient execution of technique in all aspects of running and special exercise.
- Strength training is introduced and a foundation firmly established - basic lifts well taught. This must not be accelerated as it is the strength gained and utilised in the development of speed in this phase which will ultimately decide what level the athlete can reach in 800 metres.
- * Just as speed should never be far away from the diet of an 800 performer (Peter Coe), endurance conditioning should never be excluded. Over distance track repeti tions, aerobic intervals and longer duration running must be maintained as a secondary objective.
- Ultimately, the decision to move up to 800 metres as the main competition objective will be influenced by many factors - but this should not be delayed until 400 metre racing is perfected.



PHASE III

Development of 800 metre training & racing

We now have an athlete who can consistently produce around 22 sec. - 200 metres/sub 1.47 - 400 metres and probably a one-off 800 metres in sub 1.50. The coach must now carefully construct a plan of training and competition which will gradually expose the athlete to increasing volumes and intensity in training and higher levels of competition. Over a period of 3 or 4 years the competition planning should consider:-

- A restricted number of competitions in first year due to limited endurance background.
- Low-level district competitions where the opportunity of winning is high, and improvement in personal bests will give confidence in training.
- National championships give experience of qualification rounds.
- European circuit or invitation races are essential to provide the necessary competition standard to lower personal bests, even if the athlete is last in the competition.
- The concept of peaking for main competition period is established.

* Major championships require special preparation, including time away from home, living in a competition village, organisation of food and drink, disruption of normal living, training routine - these all form part of the learning process which is never ending.

 The conclusion of one competition year will see a reassessment of the actual situation versus plan, and a reevaluation of training before planning the next competition season and training progression.

TRAINING TRANSITION 400 - 800

Having established a competition plan, training emphasis will gradually be altered to meet the requirements of the 800 metre event, and it is at this point that the coach will now become more aware that there is a difference between the conventional, middle distance training norms which have been researched, documented and practised for many years, and those of sprinter types who have different muscle composition, higher working pulse rates and are normally more highly excitable individuals. Care must be taken to ensure that the differences are noted. evaluated and taken into account when planning the training progressions. The individual training methods will vary depending on your coaching philosophy, however I would offer the following observations:

AEROBIC ENDURANCE

Improvement in aerobic capacity is best obtained through prolonged high intensity runs as near to the anaerobic threshold as possible. It is of particular importance for this type of athlete to quickly establish the correct training speed. This is best achieved by testing in the laboratory situation, where using a treadmill, controlled speeds, and blood lactate analysis, the anaerobic threshold can be established. This ensures that the athlete, by working as close as possible to the limit, will be able to get the maximum benefit from minimal distances and as the process of adaptation takes place, testing is repeated, the pace increases and the athlete will now be running aerobically at greater speed with higher pulse rates.

However intensity runs will be utilised for aerobic maintenance and will be around 20 seconds per kilometre slower. Recovery runs will be around 40 seconds per kilometre slower, but will still exhibit higher pulserates than normal. See table 3 on top of following page.

GENERAL CONDITIONING

Circuit training is especially beneficial for the 400/800 athlete as it can be constructed in many ways within a training programme and gradually working towards selected exercises where repetition can be increased through stage training and then the interval removed to give a very high strength-endurance effect when executed with speed.

Table 3 - which illustrates a typical 'OBLA' - 'AT' run by Tom McKean, progressing from 18.00 KPH in November to 20 KPH in May (1/2 times wk).

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STRENGTH TRAINING

The use of weights is a natural progression from free body circuits for:-

- a) Maintenance of maximum strength gained in speed development phase.
- b) Elastic strength with loading of 70% 85%
- c) Most important for the development of special strength endurance with high reps and sets at 50% - 75% loading.

The other form of aerobic endurance which has proved beneficial is extensive intervals, being particularly valuable in preparing for the development of anaerobic endurance.

See table 4 below.

Example of heart rate curve for mixed session on 28-12-90 -

TRACK TRAINING

Experience again has taught that it is better to keep things simple, with standard distances being used, building up the number of repetitions and sets at lower intensities, cutting recoveries and then increasing intensity and recovery towards the main competition season. It sounds simple; it is; and it works for this type of athlete.

Examples of progression are given in table 6 on facing page.

This method of structuring training allows the

coach to monitor the effects very closely, but most improtant of all, ensures that the athlete is prepared for the specific requirements of the event.

The following points listed below should also be considered:-

- checked to ensure that what is planned to millimoles of lactate per litre, then the training must ensure that eventually the give that effect and he learns to run with
- between high intensity sessions this is especially important in the first year of
- The athlete will require to be conditioned to run heats and finals.
- Competition specific practices must be

Video feedback of tactical errors is imperative. Faster types believe they can rectify errors by changing speeds. This is a natural response for

established for the individual athlete and each year refinements will be made until perfection is established.

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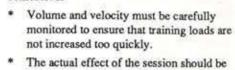
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T. McKEAN 1990 STATUS



- be speed endurance, is speed endurance. If the competition demands, for example, 16 athlete must be subjected to sessions which that level of lactate accumulation.
- Adequate recovery must be allowed
- devised by the coach to practice running at high speeds with changes in pace against opposition.

Gradually a successful mix will be

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Week Three

Sunday: As Week One. Monday: 75 to 90 min fartlek inc 20 x 45 sec fast (jog 60 and 45 sec recovery). Tues, Wed, and Fri: As Week One. Thursday: 2 x 4 x 400 metres at 1500 metres pace (60 to 90 secs recovery between reps/2 laps jog recovery between sets). Saturday: 12 to 15 miles steady. Morning runs as Week One.

Week Four

Sunday: As Week One.

Monday: 75 to 90 mins fartlek inc. 10 to 90 secs fast (120 and 60 secs jog rec). Tues, Wed, and Fri: As Week One. Thursday: 6 x 800m at 5K page (45 to 60 secs recovery) + 1 x 200 metres full effort starting 90 secs after final 800. Saturday: Race or 12 to 15 miles steady. Morning runs as Week One.

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PHASE IV

Consolidation and refinement

This is where we are currently at with the athlete, Tom McKean, and perhaps in two or three years I shall be able to write with authority on this subject, but until then, good luck with your

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Sunday: As Week One. Monday: 60 to 75 mins fartlek inc 30 x 20 secs fast (30 and 20 secs jog recovery). Tues, Wed, and Fri: As Week One. Thursday: 6 x 800 metres at 5K pace (60 to 120 secs recovery) + 1 x 200 metres full effort starting 90 secs after final 800. Saturday: Race or 10 to 12 miles steady. Morning runs as Week One.

High standard provokes angry reaction

THE prevailing humidity wasn't the only thing to send temperatures soaring at the Aberdeen 10K Championship, centrepiece of the first City of Aberdeen Milk Marafun.

The decision to confine the championship field to runners "capable of 38 minutes or less" prompted an angry reaction from a number of would be competitors for what turned out to be a 135 strong entry.

More than 700 settled for the secondary 10K Milk Fun Run.

Astonishingly, the most dramatic kick back came from the ranks of Aberdeen AAC - the club that just happened to organise the event!

One time marathon runner Terry Kerr was so irate at the time barrier that he drew up a petition of protest, initially unaware that Aberdeen AAC officials had recommended the cut-off time to the race committee.

"I won't be competing as a point of principle," said Terry as he watched the field, which included wife Bing, leave the starting line. Several others who did compete agreed that the 38 minute cut off was the wrong approach.

Aberdeen District Council staff who collated the entries admitted being on the receiving end of several telephoned complaints. "In each case the caller thought it was ridiculous to impose a time limit and hoped the committee would review the situation for next year," said one member of the City Arts Department staff.

Added a race committee member: "We are aware that feelings are running high. Obviously we will take a close look at the situation for next year.

Our idea was simply to identify the faster runners and encourage the less competitive to take part in the fun run."

Meantime, Terry Kerr's petition of protest - which condemns the race committee for "devaluing the event by adopting a policy of discrimination against good quality local runners" -



gathers Aberdeen AAC names.
"It is available to the race

committee any time they want to see it," said Terry.

Ironically, it was three former members of Aberdeen AAC who dominated the race.

Chris Hall, the Welsh-born, Aberdeen based runner who has switched his allegiance to Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, proved he is on song for an active track season with Haringey by kicking clear in the early stages to win in 30-33.

Metro Aberdeen's Fraser Clyne, making a comeback after five months on the sidelines through injury, lamented the lack of fitness when struggling from the two-mile mark before finishing second in 31-20.

And Simon Axon was less than pleased with a third place 3211, despite his race fitness.
"Perhaps I'm running too many races," said the Hunter's Bog
Trotters athlete who failed to live up to pre-race expectations in this year's ADT London Marathon.

But there was nothing wrong with the 32-21 fourth place enjoyed by leading veteran Colin Youngson (Aberdeen AAC) as he edged out Metro's Rob Taylor and clubmate Ian Williamson in the battle for fourth, fifth and sixth places.

The host club were equally delighted with the progress of women's race winner Debbie Porter who returned a personal best of 36-56 on a day when former Scottish women's marathon champion Janine Robertson marked a visit to her native city with a good second place 38-55 - just a fortnight after competing in the Dundee Marathon. Student Morag Campbell slashed almost nine minutes off her previous best with a third place 41-36.

New lease of life for old trophies

THREE of the North-east's oldest athletics trophies have surfaced after more than 50 years.

The Sunlight Prize Cup, the Milne Challenge Cup and the Evening Express Challenge Cup have been handed over to Aberdeen AAC following the death of Arthur Lobban, a top North-east distance runner of the 1930s.

Mr Lobban was a former secretary of the Aberdeen YMCA Harriers, the club which won all three trophies when they were last



Fraser Clyne

competed for - in season 1938-39.

The old trophies are to be put back into circulation. The Evening Express Challenge Cup will go to the first local team in Aberdeen University's annual relay race on the city's Beach

Esplanade.

The Milne Trophy is to be competed for by Aberdeen AAC, Metro Aberdeen, and Aberdeen University in an open six-mile team race. The Sunlight Cup, renamed the Lever Brothers Trophy in keeping with the company who made Sunlight soap, will be awarded to the first woman in the six-mile race.

The Kirkhill 8 - the traditional pipe-opener to the cross country season in the Aberdeen area - has lost its local company sponsor.

Aberdeen AAC members who organise the eight-mile race in Kirkhill Forest are now in the market to back the event, which will take place on October 8.

Surprise defeat for Fraser Clyne

THE annual Scolty Hill Race at Banchory threw up a record 129 entries - and a shock.

Fraser Clyne (Metro
Aberdeen), unbeaten in his ten
previous Scolty outings, for once
failed to dominate the 800ft climb
to the summit and could never
quite get back on terms with
Simon Axon, the Hunter's Bog
Trotter winning by 13 seconds.

And the rain drenched five mile course signalled the end of a hectic four race schedule in Clyne's countdown to a hard summer training programme aimed at a return to marathons in Sacramento in December.

Axon's winning time was 30-47 - a full minute outside Clyne's course record of 29-45, set in 1983.

Women's course record holder Lynda Bain (Aberdeen AAC) confirmed her new appetite for hill running with a clear cut win in 35-51 on a day when clubmate Ulli Simpson sliced 1-50 off Margaret Stafford's women's veteran record. A third Aberdeen AAC runner, Jackie Nuttall, set a new women's over-40 record of 42-29.

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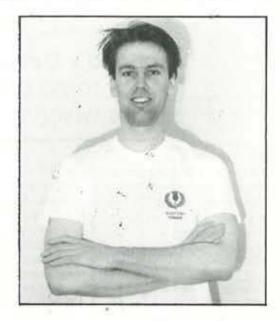
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Sport For All

Scotland's Runner concludes its two part look at some of the many worthwhile causes which athletes run for.

THE Multiple Sclerosis Society in Scotland is one one of many charities which has benefitted in recent years from donations from runners and their generous sponsors.

Besides being the biggest funding organisation into multiple sclerosis research in the country, the Society contineus with and is expanding its provision of holidays for its disabled members.

This year, expenditure on renewing and replacing its self-catering caravans and chalets specially designed for disabled people amounted to £75,000 - and this is quite apart from the major expenditure on fully-staffed nursing and holiday homes.

As they receive no direct government grants, they have to rely on the generosity of the public to make possible all of this vital work. They rejoice that so far, in spite of the many other worthy appeals to their generosity, the public has never let them down!

Anyone who takes part in sport understands a handicap. If you are a good runner you start behind a slower one and so on. Realistically, we all have handicaps. Some of us are tall and skinny and can make good distance runners, others are short and muscular and do well as sprinters.

But physical handicaps are different, particularly if they threaten your whole existence. Cystic Fibrosis is one such handicap. Around 600 people suffer from this in Scotland and very often it leads to a nightmare existence. CF affects the lungs and the digestion by turning the normal mucous into a thick sticky gunge. As a result it is not easy to digest food without help and the lungs are very easily damaged by infections.

If you can imagine a life dominated by physio sessions, twice and often three times a day being pummelled and thumped to loosen the mucous, and up to 60 enzyme pills each day with your food, you get some idea of the effects of CF. These young people are a special group whose courage and will to live are inspiration to all of us "normal" people.

Old age can be a difficult time of life. Though it should be a time when people are taken care of and respected, the reverse is often more true. There is, however, at least one organisation doing something about this - Age Concern Scotland.

With over 200 local groups providing practical services and social activities for the older age-group, Age Concern Scotland is extremely valuable not just to old people themselves but to their relatives and friends.

Apart from providing practical support Age Concern Scotland also ensures that the rights of old people are protected and campaigns for improvement to existing services.

All the money which it uses to carry out its many aims is raised in Scotland. Interested runners should contact the charity's Edinburgh office about raising the much needed funds.

There are of course many worthwhile charities to run for. Age Concern Scotland is undoubtedly one of them. So too is the Raeden Centre in Aberdeen.

Entering the Centre you could easily mistake it for an ordinary nursery school. There are toys and colourful paintings everywhere, and the rooms are filled with the sounds of busy children at play. But these children have special needs and the centre caters for them in a unique way.

Here under one roof is offered a combination of medical and educational advice and treatment for preschool children with a wide range of problems.

They may have physical disabilities, behavioural problems, defects in hearing, speech or vision. Often they ahve more than one difficulty. At Raeden, the child is treated as a whole, with the help of a comprehensive assessment by a team which includes paediatritians, nurses, teachers, physiotherapists, occupational and speech therapists, psychologists, social workers and health visitor. The team is backed up by visitng surgeons, psychiatrists, geneticists, dentists and teachers for the deaf and visually handicapped. In addition to the assessment unit there is a day nursery and a nursery school. About 60 children come to Raeden every day.

Originally set up to treat children with severe problems, the centre has broadened its activities over the years to include children with mild or temporary problems which can often be treated quickly.

If the children can be helped early enough, they will do well; about 50% of Raeden's children move on to ordinary schools. It is due to the generous support of the Friends of Raeden that the centre has been able to go from strength to strength.

Another very worthy cause is Muscular Dystrophy. Muscular Dystrophy is a disease which brings tragedy to the thousands of adults and children affected by it.

In its most severe and common form, it is fatal. This type - Duchenne - affects only young boys, causing their muscles to gradually waste away until they are virtually helpless. Few such youngsters outlive their teens.

Wtih girls and adults, the different forms of the disease may be less severe, enabling them to live fuller lives. The Muscular Dystrophy Group funds medical research into all forms of the disease and recently great advances have been made in scientific knowledge.

Resulting from this, it is now true to say that an effective therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy is within the foreseeable future. How long will it take?

Well, no one can say for sure, but what we can say with absolute certainty, is that the more money we can raise for these exciting research programmes, the earlier the answr will be found.

On couselling and care the group has vastly expanded the amount of money it spends on its patient care and support services, and now has fifteen family care officers throughout the UK, funded by the Muscular Dystrophy Group.

All the charities which have been mentioned in this article rely heavily on the generousity of ordinary indivuals. If you have a talent then your chances of contributing significantly to a chosen charity by raising sponsorship are higher than most. One such talent is running. Every year, thousands of runners use their physical ability to help those less fortunate than themselves .If you haven't already joined them, why don't you?

Colin Shields reviews the highlights of the track and field events which took place in June.

EVEN with the national championships being held in July, the month of June maintained its traditional position as the busiest period of activity for track and field athletics in the Scottish calendar.

For young athletes it was a crowded month, with the under 20 championships and the schools championships and inter area meeting being held at too frequent intervals. The senior athletes had a pressure free period preparing for the national championships.

It was a very busy month for schools competitors, with divisional sports being held just a matter of days before the national championships, at Grangemouth for boys and Crownpoint for girls.

Jason Allan set a personal best of 2.01 metres in the high jump at Dunbartonshire championships just three days before the rain spoiled championships at Grangemouth where he cleared 1.94 metres for a group A visitors.

His Boclair Academy teammate Colin Young ran 1-56.2 to win the 800m after recording an outstanding double in the Dairy Crest Under 20 Championships at Meadowbank. Young won the youths 400m in 50.28 secs and the 800m in 1-55.00; and showed his consistency with an 800m record win of 1-55.0 at the Woolworths West District Young Athletes League at Dumfries.

The Eric Liddell Memorial Trophy for the most meritorious performance of the SSAA boys championships was awarded to Stuart Sutherland (Tain Royal Academy) for his Group C 400m metres record run of 53.1. The Frances Barker Trophy in the girls championships was the subject of much debate.

Record performances over the Group A hurdles were deemed as being eligible for the award with Sarah Ramminger's wind assisted run of 14.2 for 100m hurdles and Suzanne Wood's time of 62.6 for the 400m hurdles being considered. The Judgement of Solomon was exercised with the decision of the award, together with the hurdles trophy, being shared between the two girls.

The men's Panasonic League produced exciting competition with Shettleston Harriers showing a glimpse of past glory when winning the Division 1 match from ESPC who suffered an upset in their usual consistent string of league wins.

The Edinburgh club were not so successful in the British League Division 2 where, weakened by important defections to the ranks of Edinburgh Reebok Racing Club, they performed well below expectations.

Rivals Caledon Park Harriers, strengthened

by many secondary first claim Scottish athletes, have reserved their best efforts for the British League and, after winning the Division 2 match on June 23 are worthy leaders and have hopes of promotion to Division 1 next summer.

Edinburgh Woollen Mill, recovering from a poor start to the season and the loss of highly valued club officials, won the Division 1 match of the womens' league. They gained revenge over the newly formed City of Glasgow AC and are both tied in the lead of Division 1 with just one match to go.

Internationally, the few world class Scots have made their season's debut as the televised Grand Prix and invitational meetings get under way.

Tom McKean suffered a surprise defeat in the last few strides in his first 800m race of the season at Crystal Palace. Brian Whittle, benefitting from his new short style hair cut which must reduce wind resistance, was unstoppable in his finishing straight charge to victory over a top class field.

Yvonne Murray came out of hibernation to win a slow, tactical 1500m in the first international match against the strong, combined German team.

Liz McColgan, after a series of money winning road races in USA which she claimed were necessary to bolster the family housekeeping budget, returned to the track at 3000m distance.

Displaying her usual fierce determination and strong running tactics she won two impressive races against strong opposition and showed that she will be one of the favourites at her favourite 10000 metres distance at the IAAF World Championships in Tokyo in September.

Anglo-Scot Annette Bell of Lincoln Wellington AC, who recorded 74-07 for the half marathon when winning the Great East Run in May, because the first Scot to be officially named for the World Championship team.

After finishing third in the official 10,000 metres trial at the wind swept United Kingdom Championships at Cardiff, she was named for the British team subject to achieving the qualifying time before entries close for the championships.

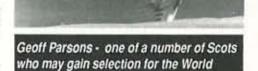
It is hoped that there will be at least six other Scots in the World Championship team. Brian Whittle (800 m and 4 x400 relay); Tom McKean (800m); Tom Hanlon (3000s/c); Geoff Parsons (HJ); Yvonne Murray (3000 m) and Liz McColgan (10,000 m) can confidently expect to better the necessary qualifying standard and gain selection at next month's AAA/WAAA Champi-

onships at Birmingham which include the official World Championship trials.

Sprinters Elliot Burney and Aileen McGillivray, while not aspiring to individual selection are hopeful of placing well in the sprint finals and gaining selection for the sprint relay







Championships.

pool. This would give a total of nine Scots and if Darren Morris can continue his rapid improvement in the discus and get over the 60 metres barrier he could yet gain a surprise selection.

The European Cup saw mixed fortunes for the Scottish competitors.

Tom McKean used tactics similar to those he employed in Split last year to secure a record time of 1-45.60 in the 800m but Yvonne Murray slumped to a tearful and embarrassing fifth place in a 3000m in which she was odds-on favourite to win and Tom Hanlon placed sixth in the 3000m steeple-chase.

Nairn and District AAC



It may be comparatively small but as Donald Wilson reports. Naim and District AAC is a club with a fine future.

THE Nairn Games proudly boasts the fact it is the only highland gathering in Scotland that remains free of charge to spectators. Set in the beautiful amphitheatre of the town links nestling on the shores of the Moray Firth, it was there in the summer of 1979 while surveying the animated scene, that local man David Brown noted the number of athletes on the programme from Nairn were conspicuous by their

The seeds had been sown for the formation of Nairn and District Amateur Athletic Club, and by 1980 it was up and running.

Last month the club celebrated

the official opening of their new 400 metre grass running track and custom built changing rooms on reclaimed land at the Maggot near Nairn harbour.

A small friendly club, it boasts a total membership of 110 of all ages, including 40 members of the Nairn Road Runners.

Although no longer directly associated with NDAAC, David, now a Nairn district councillor, said he felt a great sense of pride at the opening ceremony.

"It had been a source of irritation with me for years seeing runners and jumpers from all over the north and north east comes to the Nairn

Games and there were no local athletes competing."

"I knew the talent was there at schools level. I formed a steering committee which included myself. Chrissie Ellen, the district council leisure convener, John Macdonald, rector of Inverness High School, and Alan Mackenzie, a former school chum of mine."

"At the club's first training sesion in Rosebank School over sixty youngsters turned up. In the years that followed, with no track of our own, we received tremendous help from Highland Region's education department who gave us the use of Naim Academy."

"Then in 1983 the district council gave us a lease of the Maggot but the finance did not become available to develop the track and install changing rooms until quite recently."

The project was funded to the tune of £155,000 by the district

David, himself a former Nairn Academy senior champion of 1961, acknowledges there is a limit to how far NDAAC can take young

"Naim will never have a natinal champion because of its limited resources. But it has the potential to produce a champion. I see its role similar to that of junior football clubs and Highland League clubs fostering the sport at grass roots

"The Nairn club is lucky because it has a team of dedicated coaches led by chairwoman Sandra Ross."

While many road running clubs have already peaked following the upsurge of interest in the sport in the past decade, Nairn Road Runners are finding their membership continues to grow and now stands at just over forty.

"It's a very pleasing trend," says secretary Danny Bow, who also doubles up as secretary for the track and field side of NDAAC. "I think

it can be put down to the fact Naim is a very pleasant place to come and live and work. We find when newcomers arrive on the scene they generally stay."

Danny, an aircraft technician stationed at RAF Kinloss says their membership covers every walk of

"The club was formed in 1984 by myself, Gordon Nairn, Andy Paton, and our present chairman Stuart Innes joined the same year. Although I am secretary much of the workload lands on my wife Liz.

"Although at one time a split was considered from the NDAAC we decided to stick together and I think both track and field and the road runners have benefited by this arrangement."

"We meet every Thursday evening in the Sea Scout Hall and the emphasis is very much on making the newcomer feel welcome.

"Obviously, someone starting off can feel rather nervous so we split into groups after our warm up so nobody is out of their depth."

"We are very fortunate in Nairn with the variety of routes available on our doorstep. Apart from the quiet country lanes we have the beach and dunes and often we take off into the forestry tracks at Culbin."

The club this year has hosted the North District Cross Country League meeting at the east beach in February, their 10K in March, while the Nairn Games Half Marathon takes place on August 14 and the triathalon on September 1. In November the club are hosting the North District Cross Country Relay Championships and another favourite is their Turkey Trot on Boxing Day.

Forres Harrier Bruce Chinnick holds the titles for both the 10K (31-06) and the Naim Games Half Marathon. (65-11).

"The Games Day event began as a road race in 1983 over 12.6 miles,"recalls Danny. "There were just nine entries and the following year we decided to extend the circuit to a half marathon. There has been a steady growth and last year there were over 160 entries. It's a great atmosphere at the finish with crowds upwards of 5,000 cheering you on in the arena."

87 entries and this year we have 235 plus 75 in the fun run."

Danny himself celebrated his entry into the veteran class with his fortieth birthday last year when he took a ducking in Naim harbour courtesy of his clubmates.

"It's just as well I am a good swimmer!" laughs Danny.

A former winner of the Nairn Games Half Marathon in 1986 and the Naim Triathalon the same year,

he was also the winner of the Drumnadrochit to Inverness road race in 1987. His PB for the marathon was at Glasgow in 1986 when he clocked 2-38m and he is now one of the top veterans on the north circuit.

"Our members are very enthusiastic and travel all over the country competing. Five of us competed in the ADT London Marathon and the road runners' women's team has enjoyed con-

"The 10K began in 1988 with

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Grant from Nethy Bridge, Maureen

has won the ladies events at both

Sandra Ross and husband and wife

team of Roger and Sue Wilkinson

are seeing the fruits of their labours

as the club's young sters consistently

produce personal bests and fine team

performances at the various club

Thursday evenings at the track in

the summer and indoors at Nairn

their own facilities has been a rapid

improvement by the younger

athletes in the long and high jump

North District squad training days

at Inverness organised by John

ranging from nine years to 25

years," says Sue Wilkinson. "They

regularly compete in the Grampian

Television League (north section) -

the men's team look set to qualify

for the final again. Eric Fraser and

18 year old Iain are former Scottish

Schools long jump champions and

they are the mainstays of the senior

men's section competing in sprints,

hurdles, long jump, javelin shot and

North Schools 800m champion,

with a pb of 2-05 has a promising

future. Senior boys Ross McGuire,

who took a sprint double at North

Schools level, and David Cotter,

who won the 80m hurdles, are also

very good long and high jump

performers for their age.

In the youths, Kenny Nicol,

discus if required.

Wilson and benefited greatly.

In winter some members attend

"The club has about 45 athletes

Academy in the winter.

Training is on Tuesday and

An immediate benefit of having

In track and field, coaches

Nairn and Golspie triathalons.

siderable success in the past couple of years, winning a number of team events on the north circuit."

Susan Main and Sandra Paton were key members of the team last year but injuries have limited their performances this season.

Karen Gilmour, Jackie Mackay, Wilma McCruden, Penelope Smirthwaite, and Joyce Norgate, who won the Muir of ord 10K and the Elgin Half Marathon in 1990, have kept the team flag flying this season though with successes at the Nairn and Muir of Ord 10K's.

The club's triathalon is increasing in popularity. It involves a 500 metre swim in Naim's public baths, a twelve mile cycle run, largely along the half-marathon route, and a four mile run along the banks of the River Nairn.

Organiser, local GP Joan Noble, a former Scottish Schools hurdles champion, is expecting about sixty entrants for this year's event on September 1.

The triathalon was introduced five years ago and just twenty four people took part. It has grown steadily each year with many of the road runners testing themselves over the three disciplines.

"Maureen Wallace and I were also interested in swimming and cycling so we felt it would be a nice combination for all rounders," says Joan Noble.

"The idea was to have a fairly lowkey triathalon so anybody could come and have a bash and it has been kept that way although we have had some extremely good entrants."

Past winners include Kenny Riddle from Inverness and Gregor Nairn Road Runners were well represented at the London Marathon. Displaying their medals (left to right:) Bryan Burtwell, Danny Bow, Ian McKee, Joyce Norgate and Brian McCruden.

"The leading junior boy is 13 year old Kevin McAlpine," says Sue. "He is the under-14 Scottish Schools cross country champion and represented Scotland in the national schools cross country championships. Kevin is also North District 800m and high jump champion."

The club is not without some promising young women as well in their ranks.

Sharon McCruden won bronze in the intermediate 800m at the East District Championships and she won the north schools under-15 800m with a time of 2-26.00.

Intermediate Morven Fraser, who started her athletics with Nairn but now runs second claim for the club, is a talented and dedicated athlete - she won a bronze medal recently in the East District Championships when competing in the 400m for the second time with a time of 59.4. She also took the sprint double at the North Schools in the over 145 section.

The younger athletes performed well at the South Highland Schools competition where 13 year old Philippa Wilkinson won the 100m in 13.3 seconds, the 200m in 28.1 and the long jump in 4.41m.

Twelve year old Jemma Grant won the shot with 8.05m, was second in the high jump, and third in the 70m hurdles. Rhona Fraser was third in the 800m.

These girls, along with Kevin McAlpine who won the 800m and high jump, enabled their team from Nairn Academy to win the under-13 trophy.

The club also compete in the North District Cross Country League where Sharon McCruden and Kevin McApline excel. Kevin was third over all in the junior boys section last season and has another year in this age group so he is expected to do well.

Members also compete at Naim Highland Games where a special class for young athletes was introduced several years ago.

Sue says they try to give all their youngsters an all-round training programme in track and field events and do not specialise with them under 15 years of age.

"They love the competition and Nairn Games are always special where they are competing before

big crowds including all their family," she says.

Looking to the future, Danny Bow feels the club is in a very healthy state with promising athletes coming through the ranks at all levels.

"The new track is going to be a tremendous asset for the track and field athletes and the road runners could have a new meeting place in the near future when the Sea Scouts get their new hut built beside the Maggot. I think NDAAC is firing on all cylinders and has a very bright future to look forward to."



Promising youngster Kevin McAlpine.

Photographs by Iain Bain

Margaret Montgomery reports on Scotland's gripping performance at the Small Nations International in Grangemouth.
Photographs by Robert Perry.

EXCELLENT performances by Scotland's relay teams appeared to bring the small nations athletics international at Grangemouth on June 16 to an exciting, and satisfactory, conclusion.

With the Welsh women well ahead as the relays began, Scotland looked odds on favourite to take second place. But the 4x100m team comprising of Morag Baxter, Aileen McGillivray, Ruth Girvan and Loma McCulloch appeared to put paid to this when they narrowly clinched first place giving them the promise of overall victory - providing, it was thought, Scotland could also perform well in the 4x400m event. Cheers echoed round the stadium as the team allotted the nail biting race of attempting just this - Gillian McIntyre, Dawn Kitchen, Mary Anderson and Pat Divine - lead the race from the outset, winning in 3-41.83.

Sadly though, the cheers were short lived. No sooner had the celebrations begun than it was revealed that the relays had been incorrectly scored and therefore that Scotland had tied with Wales. The latter having the most individual wins were eventually deemed overall winners.

McGillivray's strong second leg in the 4 x 100m relay was a fitting end to a day in which she had already set marginally wind assisted personal bests of 11.70 in the 100m and 23.95 in the 200m. Neither performance was fast enough to hold off the powerful Welsh sprinter Helen Miles, who comfortably secured first place in both events, but for McGillivray, called in at the last moment to replace an ill Melanie Neef, they must have been a welcome boost to her confidence.

The only individual first place in the women's match came from 400m hurdler Gillian McIntyre who held off Welsh girl Michelle Cook in a close finish to win in 61.76 but there were fine performances too from Nicki Barr in the triple jump who took second place in a new Scottish native record of 11.71m and from Pat Divine in the 400m. Divine who placed second looked as if she had

first place within her grasp but was caught in the last fifty metres by Ireland's Emma Nicholson.

In the men's match there were wins from David Barnetson in the high jump, Ewan Clark in the 100m and Mark Davidson in the 400m hurdles, Davidson also helped the 4x100m relay team to third place before going on to produce an exciting performance in the anchor leg of the 4x400m relay in which he let both his Welsh and Irish counterparts overtake him before surging past them again to help the team finish first overall.

Other performances of note in the men's match included Alan Murray's second place in the 800m, in which he held off Northern Ireland's national record holder Mark Kirk to finish in a respectable 1-50.11, and Grant Hodges' 400m run. Hodges, 30 metres down on Ireland's Paul Sinclair at the start of the home straight, ran a sterling final 100 metres to close the gap considerably, finishing just 0.05 seconds down on his rival in 49.04.











Top left: Ewan Clark, winner of the 100m. Right: David Mulheron, Scottish captain. Above: Mark Davidson winning the 400m hurdles. Left: Robert Quinn (3) finishes third in the 3000m.

SPORT, SPONSORS AND TV CAMERAS

Aileen McGillivary

Against this background, the

importance of television coverage

athletics, has risen tremendously.

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BAAB. According to its media

director, Michael Wheeler, the

to sport as a whole, not least

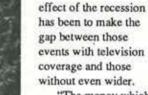
Margaret Montgomery examines the influence of television on sponsorship proceeds.

UNDER the BAAB's present contract with ITV a total of nine athletics events staged within Britain are shown on our television screens annually. This year only two of these - the GB versus USA indoor match held at the Kelvin Hall in February, and the GB versus USSR match scheduled to take place at Meadowbank on July 19 - will take place within Scotland. No events organised under the auspices of the SAAA or SWAAA will be screened.

For these organisations, the effect on sponsorship and subsequently the level of their funds is a significant one. This year there was no sponsor for the Scottish Championships. ScotRail, who filled this role between 1984 and 1990 decided not to renew their contract, leaving Scottish athletics substantially less well off than last year.

"In 1990 we renewed our contract, but for one year only," explains ScotRail's promotions manager Bill Irwin. "The downturn in the economy was a major factor but we might have overlooked this if we thought we were going to get some publicity on television."

Irwin's comments reflect a general trend affecting all sports. Sponsors whose contracts are up for renewal are choosing not to commit themselves again. In the past year, for example, the Electricity Association, the Leeds Building Society and the TSB, previously the major sponsors of ice-skating, table tennis and swimming respectively, have taken the decision not to renew sponsorship contracts with the sports concerned.



"The money which companies have to spend on sponsorship is at its lowest for a long time," he says. "The result is that it is the more high profile events enjoying television coverage which are able to retain their old sponsors or find new ones."

In searching for a new sponsor for the Scottish Championships the SAAA and SWAAA have had plenty of experience of this. Finding a commercial sponsor for the 1991 event proved impossible. Glasgow District Council, who committed themselves to financial involvement at the twelfth hour, agreed to underwrite the costs of the championships up to a maximum of £10,500 but not to sponsor them as ScotRail had done.

ScotRail had done. (In 1990 ScotRail gave £16,000.)

"TV coverage doesn't guarantee sponsorship," says Gregor Nicholson SAAA administrator. "But it does make it easier."

For the SAAA, finding sponsorship is a perennial problem. Of all its events only the Scottish Championships have enjoyed television coverage in the past. As a result, says Gregor Nicholson, many of the sponsorship deals which the SAAA are involved in are as much a "goodwill gesture" as they are a commercial decision.

John Biggain whose company JSB Plumbing recently took up sponsorship of the Forth Valley League is a prime example. As a throws coach with Edinburgh Woollen Mill whose two daughters are both accomplished discus and shot throwers, he has a personal commitment to athletics. It was this interest which drew him to the idea of sponsoring the Forth Valley League.

"I have sponsored other sports before," he says. "But I get a lot more satisfaction from sponsoring the Forth Valley League."

Under the agreement he has reached with the league, Biggain will donate an annual sum over the next five years. So far the league has elected to use this mainly to pay for printing and administrative costs.

Alec Moir is another example. Moir, father of young sprint star Stuart Moir, currently sponsors Aileen McGillivary and Darren Galloway and previously backed Ayr Seaforth. Because his construction company is involved only in large scale building contracts, Moir says there is no financial benefit to him of his sponsorship deal.

"We just don't deal in the size of contract which members of the public are looking for," he says.

Last but not least there is the poignant example of Giltron Office Equipment's sponsorship of Tom McKean.

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company's director, has chosen to sponsor McKean at a cost of £50,000 over the next two years as a means of thanking the 800m internationalist for taking a personal interest in his son Derek McLean whose progress as a very promising athlete was brought to an abrupt end by his death from cancer, aged just 16.

Robert McLean remains extremely grateful for the visits which Tom paid his son in hospital and for the fact that he attended the boy's funeral. For that and for no other reason he has undertaken sponsorship of

"We are not giving the sponsorship with any ideas of financial return,"said Mr McLean when the sponsorship deal was first announced to the public.

Yet, sponsorship for most companies remains a commercial decision and thus television coverage is important.

Philips, who are to sponsor the recently announced Princes Street Mile, are a case in point.

As official communications supplier for the event, Philips will be providing the mass of telecommunications equipment necessary to service the needs of broadcasters, journalists, and photographers in return for exposure which is expected to be worldwide.

"The exposure will prove hugely beneficial," says Alan Kennedy general manager for Philips BCS Small Switching.

Canon who will be supplying office equipment to the Princes Street Mile office and international media centre see their sponsorship of the event in much the same light.

"Supporting events such as the Princes Street Mile helps keep our corporate name and product range to the fore," was the comment of Alan Grant, managing director of Canon Scotland.

In the last year, Babcock Thorn have also entered the sponsorship arena, providing backing worth £15,000 over the next three years to Pitreavie AAC.



Isabel Linaker - one of a number of promising young athletes who will benefit from Pitreavie's new sponsorship from Babcock Thorn.

The money will be used to to promote and develop athletics within the Dunfermline area and to finance the travelling costs of the Pitreavie membership which includes top athletes such as Isabel Linaker.

According to Tony Ward, spokesman for the BAAB, the situation regarding television and sponsorship is unlikely to change. This year, six outdoor and three indoor events are being shown on ITV. All are high profile.

"We have to do what's best for the sport, its sponsors and the television companies so we choose the big events," he says.

This year, however, a number of "extra" events which don't fall under the BAAB's contract with ITV have been shown on television.

In these instances, which include the UK Championships shown on Channel Four, the sport has met the costs involved. The bottom line, however, was that

there was a substantial amount of sponsorship behind each event and this helped to finance the coverage.

According to Ward, Scottish athletics needs to adjust its vision. It needs more invitation events featuring high profile athletes as a carrot to bring in the sponsors and thereby to assist in the costs of television coverage.

Citing the example of the recently instituted Welsh Games. an invitation meeting run in addition to the Welsh Championships which is being covered by Welsh television and has secured plenty of sponsorship, Tony Ward believes a Scottish Games might be the answer.

"Scotland is fortunate enough to have three very high profile athletes at the moment," he says. "Perhaps it should make greater use of them and other high profile athletes to attract the attention of the sponsors and the television companies."



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ATHLETES AND SOCIALITES

THE summer of 1991 brings to Britain the World Student Games writes Gordon Ritchie. This event, second in size only to the Olympics, is gracing the new facilities at Sheffield, and a number of Scottish students are hoping for places in the team.

Glasgow's Mel Neef seems certain to be selected for the sprint relay, while her victory over 200m at the British Students Championships makes her favourite for selection at that event. She also has an outside chance in the shorter sprint, which she chose to ignore at BSSF. Edinburgh's Jamie Henderson should also make the men's relay team.

If his training picks up again after having sat his degree final exams, he could also join Steven Gookey in the individual 100m.

One man certain for selection is Heriot-Watt's Welshman Ian Hamer. He may well be allowed to choose his event - 1500m or 5000m - although his target for the year will be the World Championships rather than the students

Elsewhere, Mark Davidson has a strong claim to a place in the 400m hurdles, while Duncan Mathieson could be selected for the decathlon.

Among the possibles for the team are Karen Savill (Heriot Watt - javelin), Nikki Barr (Heriot Watt - triple jump), Graeme Smith (Heriot Watt - 100m hurdles) and Kathleen Lithgow (Strathclyde - 400m). It is ironic that athletes like Savill and Smith supported the BSSF Championships, and won their individual events, but are still not certain to qualify. It will be very difficult for the selectors to justify any other athletes being selected above them, and make something of a mockery of the idea of holding a joint British Students event in the year of Sheffield's Universiade.

To all athletes selected for the British teams, and in particular the Scottish athletes, I wish you well and hope that you enjoy this major sporting

On a less serious sporting note, Glasgow University will shortly be departing for their European tour. National Lampoons European Vacation is no match for this motley crew.

Their last visit to the continent was eventful (if not athletically successful), and with socialites, like Dave Allan, Gerry McCann, Joanna Cliffe and Sarah Stirling among the "athletes" the tour seems certain to destroy any prospect of a federal Europe

Ambassadors for their country? That is the biggest joke you will find in this column. In two weeks abroad, it is amazing how much damage 14 athletes can do to the reputation of a country. There is a nasty rumour that the trip was planned to coincide with the famous Munich Beer Festival, but I am sure that, if true, it is purely accidental.



May

Scottish U'ties Rep Meeting, G'mouth -MEN: Match: 1, Scottish League 'A' 142 pts: 2, SAAA Jun Select 132 pts: 3, Scottish League 'B' 127 pts; 4, Scottish U'ties 122 pts. 100: 1, B Ashbum (SLA) 10.7; 2, R Slater (SJ) 10.9; 3, S Tucker (SLB) 11.0; 'B' 1, D Walker (SJ) 10.9; 200; 1, D Galloway (SJ) 22.0; 2, S Tucker 22.0; 3, D Thoms (SU) 22.4; 'B': 1, D Walker 21.9, 400: 1, D Mulheror (SLA) 49.3; 2, G Newlands (SLB) 49.8; 3, I Pritty (SLB) 50.0; 4, C Saunders (SU) 50.2; 800; 1, B Murray (SLA) 1-51.5; 2, J McFadyon (SU) 1-52.0; 3, G Mitchell (SLB) 1-58.5; 'B' I, G Stewart (SU) 1-51.9; 2, P McDevitt (SLA) 1-55.2; 3, F Boyne (Cr) 1-55.4; 1500: I, J McKay (SLA) 3-51.0; 2, J Bowman (SLB) 3-52.2; 3, G McCann (SU) 3-53.3; 4, G Graham (SLA) 3-57.4; 3000: 1, I Johnston (SLA) 8-23.2; 2, J Garland (SU) 8-25.7; 3, F McGowan (G) 8-27.8; 4. G Croll (SLA) 8-31.6; 5, J Pentecost (G) 8-33.2; 6, S Cohen (G) 8-34.5; 7, J Bowman (G) 8-35.2; 8, M McQuade (G) 8-37.4; 110H 1, J Franklin (SLA) 15.3; 2, A Tupman (SJ) 15.4; 3, C Hogg (SLB) 16.1; 400H 1, D Hitchcock (SU) 55.1; 2, D Wight (SJ) 56.0; 3, A Taylor (SLB) 56.0; 'B' 1, T Nimmo (SLA) 56.0; 4x100 Relay: 1. Juniors 43.4: 2. St. 'A' 44.4:3. St. 'B' 44.4: 4x400 R: 1. S Unix 3-23 6: 2 Jun 3. 24.9; 3. SL 'A' 3-25.1; HJ: 1. J Allan (SJ) 1.93m; 2, A Simpson (SU) 1.90m; 3, S Hill (SJ) 1.90m; 4, N Robbie (SLB) 1.90m; PV: 1 1 McKay (SLA) 4.30m; 2, P Masterton (SLB) 3.60m; 3, I Winning (SLB) 3.60m; LJ: 1, B Ashbum 6.77m; 2, C McDaid (SL'A') 6.41m; 3, D Sabris (SJ) 6.41m; TJ: 1, N McMenem (SL'B') 13.83m; 2, D Sabris 13.29m; 3, W Leiung (SL'A') 13.52m; SP: 1, S Aitken (SL'A') 14.15m; 2, A Bryce (SJ) 13.29m; 3, L Carter (SU) 13.26m; 4, K Kobota (SU) 13.05m; DT: 1, N Elliot (SL'B') 40.80m; 2. P Neystrom (SU) 40.72m; 3, K Kobota 40.18m; HT: 1, D Allan (SU) 50.70m; 2, L Carter 46.00m; 3, D Aitchieson (SL'B") 45.54m; 4, S Bunker (DJ) 45.06m; JT: 1, B Hill (SLA) 49.42m; 2, S Hunter (SL'B') 47.92m; 3, P Nyestrom (G) 47.14m. WOMEN: 1, Unis 124 pts; 2, City of Glas-

gow 94 pts. 100: 1. R Stevenson (SU) 12.6: 2. S Glen (guest) 12.8; 3, A Currie (CG) 12.9; 200: 1, R Stevenson 26.2: 2, A Currie 26.9: 3. Z Butler (SU) 27.6; 400: 1, V Foster (SU) 59.2; 800: 1, C Cecil (SU) 2-16.6: 2, J Cliffe (SU) 2-16.9; 3, K Fox (CG) 2-22.4; 1500: 1, S Tooby (G) 4-35.6; 2, J Cliffe 4-38.1; 3, C Kitchen 10-08.4; 100H: 1, K Savill (SU) 16.1; 400H: 1, F Watt (CG) 66.5; 4x100 Relay: 1, Unis 50.9; 2, CG 54.3; HJ: 1, L Gordon (CG) 1.60m; 2, N Murray (CG) 1.55m; 3, M Benson (SU) 1.55m; LJ: 1, N Barr (SU) 5.50m; 2, S Stirling (SU) 4.97m; 3, L.Ramsay (CG) 4.94m; TJ: 1, N.Barr 11.44m; 2, S Stirling 9.97m; SP: 1, A Rhodie (CG) 11.28m; 2, S Freebaim (CG) 9.97m; DT: 1, S Freebairn 38.96m; JT: 1, K Savill 44.40m; 2, L Burke (CG) 34.74m.

June

SWAAA Combined Event Champs,

Hept order - 100H, HJ, SP, 200, LJ, JT, 800 Sen: 1, J Ainslie (EWM) 4413 pts (16.9; 1.56m; 9.20m; 26.6m; 5.13m; 30.10m; 2-25.0); 2, A Dutch (EWM) 3841 pts (16.8; 1.47m; 11.27m; 28.3; 4.51m; 30.16m; 2-44.6); 3, S Simpson (Pet) 3412 pts (19.2; 1.47m; 7.37m; 28.1; 4.74m; 25.16m; 2-36.5); 4, E Quinn (Law) 3312 pts; 5, L Wakeham (ESP) 3124 pts.

Euros: 1, E Grant (Pit) 4330 pts (16.9; 1.56m; 9.20m; 26.6; 5.13m; 30.10m; 2-25.0); 2, C Black (EWM) 4125 pts (16.6; 1.59m; 7.54m; 25.7; 5.72m; 10.22m; 2-28.5); 3, L McMillan (EWM) 3888 pts (17.7; 1.65m; 8.87m; 27.5; 4.61m; 25.78m; 2-38.3); 4, E Donald (Hel) 3416 pts; 5, F Smith (VP) 2307 pts.

Inters: 1, F Allan (Rudd) 3824 pts (12.9: 1.44m; 8.14m; 26.9; 5.37m; 19.48m; 2-38.3); 2, S ramminger (Arb) 3765 pts (13.2; 1.56m; 6.58m; 27.4; 4.98m; 22.62m; 2-40.7); 3. 1. Paterson (Ab) 3618 pts (13.7; 1.50m; 6.94m; 25.6; 4.49m; 15.16m; 2-35.1); 4, D Church (Ayr) 3529 pts (800 2-25.0); 5, S Still (Ab) 3499 pts; 6, G Wilson (Ab) 3237 pts; 7, J Moore (EWM) 3054 pts; 8, N kemp (Ab) 2606 pts; 9, C Donald (Hel) 2483 pts. Pent order - LJ. 75H, SP, HJ. 800m

Jun: 1, D Palmer (ESP) 2624 pts (4.64m) 13.3; 6.79m; 1.51m; 2-32.1); 2, J Reid (Barch) 2505 (4.42m; 13.2; 7.87m; 1.42m; 2-35.7); 3. S Robertson (Ab) 2496 (4.63m; 12.7; 6.32m; 1.57m; 2-52.0); 4, J Palka (CG) 2496 pts; 5, G Wilson (Cum) 2479 pt; 6, K Philip (Aber) 2373 pt; 7, K mcKenzie (Cai) 2095 pt; 8, N Falconer (Cai) 2064 pt; 9, C Middleton (Ab) 1933 pt; 10, E Dougall (Ab) 1910 pt.

Girls: 1, L Wason (EWM) 2365 pts (4.18m; 12.5; 7.10m; 1.39m; 2-41.8); 2, J Wright (Pit) 2177 (4.01m; 13.2; 6.95m; 1.39m; 2-48.1); 3, T Richards (Ell) 2143 (4.20m; 12.8; 6.39m; 1:36m; 2-59.9); 4, V Lesford (CG) 1919; 5, F Donald (CG) 1909pt; 6, M Donald (Helen) 1847 pt; 7, L Falconer (Pit) 1777 pt; 8, F Clasper (Cai) 1639 pt; 9, L Livingstone (Cum) 1599 pt: 10. D McDonald (Bo') 1504

SAAA/WAAA Relay champs, G'mouth SAAA Champs

Sen: 4x100: 1, Shc 43.7; 2, Ayr 44.9; 3, Kirk Oly 45.2; 4x400: 1, Shett 3-23.0; 2, JWK 3-25.7: 3. EK 3-26.2.

Jun: 4x100: FUH 44.9; 2, VP 45.8; 3, Ayr 46.9; 4x400: 1, VP 3-34.6; 2, Ayr Sca 3-45.2. Youths: 4x100: 1, Ayr 46.0; 2, PSH 47.2: 3, FUH 47.4; 4x400: 1, Pit 3-37.8; 2, Ayr 3-39.1; 3, Cly 3-41.4.

Sen boys: 4x100: 1, VP 49.1; 2, PSH 49.8; 4x400: 1, Ayr 3-46.1; 2, VP 3-48.4; 3, PSH 3-

SWAAA Champs -Sen: 4x100: 1. CG 49 4: 2. FWM 50 2: 4x400-1. EWM 3-59.2: 2. EWM 'B' 4-28.9:3x800: 1, CG 7-00.5: 2, EWM 7-23.4

Euro: 4x100: 1, EWM 52.5; 2, Fif 52.7; 4x400: 1. EWM 4-27.8 Inters 4x100: 1, EWM 50.3: 2, CG 51.3: 3. L'gelly 52.1; 4x200: 1, EWM 1-46.6; 2, Fif 1-49.1; 3, CG 1-49.8; 700m medley: 1, Pit 1-

58.0: 2. Ctr 1-59.2: 3. JWK 1-59.6. Jun: 4x100: 1, CG 50.2: 2, Ab 52.0: 3, Pit 52.4; 4x200: 1, CG 1-47.6: 2, Ab 1-50.5: 3 Pit 1-51.5; 3x800: 1, JWK 7-21.0; 2, CG 7-27.1; 3, Ayr 7-30.5.

Girls: 4x100: 1, EWM 53.7; 2, CG 56.1; 3, Fif 56.4; 4x200: 1, EWM 1-55.4; 2, Pit 2-00.4; 3, CG 2-01.6; 3x800: 1, Pit 7-59.8; 2, Lass 8-13.3; 3, EWM 8-13.7.

SAAA U-20 Champs, M'bank -Jun: 100 (wind - 3.4m/s): 1, D Walker (ESP) 11.33; 2, R Slater (FUH) 11.38; 3, P Lyons

(D'lin) 11.55; 200 (-1.4m/s): 1, P Lyons

22.45; 2, J Adams (Ayr) 22.66; 3, G McKinnev (Lark) 23.05; 400; 1, P McBurney (Lis) 49.84: 2. G Purves (B'hill) 50.29: 3. M Spoor (CleM) 50.49; 4, P Kennedy (ESP) 50.86; 5, 1 Murray (Inv) 51.98: 800: 1, J McFadyen (GGH) 1-53.61; 2, M Openshaw (CleM) 1-54.17; 3, E Calvert (Ab) 1-54.96; 1500; 1, G Graham (VP) 3-58.97; 2, S Young (W'field) 3-59.86: 3. G Reid (JWK) 4-03.72: 4. M Dennison (Liv) 4-07,29; 5000; 1, R Blakely (Ann) 15-37.27; 2, A Mors (Ctr) 15-35.56; 3 B Thomas (Camp) 15-59.72; 110H (-3.1m/s) 1, A Tupman (ESP) 15.90; 2, I Dickie (Ayr) 16.08; 3, D Govan (Cly) 16.53; 400H 1, J Bell (NSP) 56.01; 2, P Simpson (Pit) 56.64; 3, D Hards (Irv) 57.80; 2000 s/c 1, S Burch (Pit) 5-57.45; 2, M Brown (Mon) 6-11.15; 3, G McLeaman (W'field) 6-18.06; 4, S Gilmour (VP)6-19.48; 5, J Gowans (Tay) 6-34.41; HJ: I, W Wyllie (FUH) 2.00m; 2, J Allan (Cly) 2.00m; 3, G Smart (VP) 1.85m; PV: 1, D Fitzgerald (Pit) 3.20m; LJ: 1, I Paget (VP) 6.87m; 2, D Sabris (Ab) 6.52m; 3, S Atkinson (VP) 6.32m; TJ: 1, Sabris 13.22m; 2, S McGeoch (Kil) 12.43m; 3, F Lewis (Inv) 12.21; SP: 1, A Bryce (GGH) 14.31m; 2, J Grundy (Hel) 13.76m; 3, P Beaton (Pit) 12.08m; DT: 1. Grundy 40.02m; 2. Beaton 36.70m; D Minty (Ab) 35.50m; JT: I, K Pearson (Ctr) 45.44m; 2. A Kembo (Inv) 44.74m; 3, Beaton 41.86; HT: 1, P Bemard (M&C) 55.66m; 2, C Edgar (FVH) 53.72m; 3, I Park (Hill) 52.12m; 4, S Buckner (Hel) 48.14m; 5, D Minty (Ab) 47.00m.

Youths: 100(-1.6m/s):1, C McRoberts (Carn)

11.25; 2, S Moir (Ayr) 11.33; 3, J Bragg (MCS) 11.57; 200 (-1.7m/s): 1, McRoberts 22.26; 2, Moir 22.63; 3, C Ferrie (She) 23.48; 4, E McCormack (EK) 23.66; 400 1, C Young (CAC) 50.82; 2, K Mackie (DSMC) 51.26; 3, R Wilson (Ctr) 53.44; 800: 1, Young 1-55.00; 2, P Solomans (Sun) 1-58.15; 3, A Moonie (Pit) 1-58.85; 4, J Carroll (CAC) 2-01.66; 1500: 1, G Willis (Ayr) 4-04.06; 2, Moonie 4-04.48; 3, J Hatcher (Border) 4-11.31; 4, P O'Hare (CAC) 4-17.03; 3000: 1, M Morris (NSP) 8-38.77 (CBP); 2, T Winters (ESP) 8-58.10; 3, P Martin (ED) 8-58.31; 4, S Taylor (Pit) 8-58.54; 5, Cleland (Cam) 9-07.48; 6, S McKay (Inv) 9-10.34; 7, D Hughes (Tev) 9-13.26; 8, M Gorman (Spr) 9-19.71; 100H (-3.2m/s) 1, D Stewart (Unatt) 13.92; 2, S McAre (NSP) 14.07: 3. A Malcolm (ESP) 14.34; 4, S Dillon (MBI) 14.50; 5, G Adams (Ayr) 14.51; 400H 1, S Poutney (Moth) 57.42; 2, S Farr (She) 63.00; 3, S Dillon 63.28; 2000 s/c: 1, M Kelso (Pit) 6-15.06; 2, M Gill (Cam) 6-22.31; 3, A Casey (QUS) 6-26.27; 4, D Carty (ESP) 6-41.31; HJ: I, B Thompson (NSP) 1.95m; 2, S Hughes (Sea) 1.90m; 3, G Woods (Cam) 1.90; 4, S McKinley (Pit) 1.80m; 5, G Morrison (Ren) 1.80m; PV: 1, S Craines (Border) 4.20m (CBP); 2, C Eque (Mor) 3.40m; 3, K McNicol (CAC) 3.40m; SP: 1, G Mathieson (Av) 14.79m; 2, S Hayward (Mel) 14.41m; 3, A McKenzie (Inv) 13.78m; DT: 1, S Lloyd (Sea) 39.08m; 2, K Kay (Stra) 38.80m; 3, S Hayward 38.50m; 4, H James (Mon) 37.20m; HT: 1, I Park (Hill) 59.40m; 2, A Irving (Border) 54.42m; 3, S Dolan (Sun) 53.82m; 4, S Thompson (Sun) 52.54m; 5, R Mackinnon (QUS) 48.58m; JT: 1, G Bradley (Bor) 51,74m; 2, H James 47.50m; 3, N Dempsey (MCS) 44.28m; 4, R

Hislop (Mel) 44.16m. Sen Boy: 100m (-2.1m/s): 1, T Black (Inv) 11.80; 2, S Fisher (Der) 11.86; 3, D Lees (ESP) 11.94; 4, B Watson (Pit) 11.96; 200 (-1.5m/s): 1, D Galloway (Ayr) 23.42; 2, S Fisher 23.65; 3, D Pegrun (Curn) 24.10; 400: 1, C Black (MCS) 50.81; 2, B Watson (Pit) 51.72; 3, S Sutherland (Inv) 52.54; 4, H Kerr (Avr.) 52.74: 800: 1. D Roache (VP) 2:01-23: 2, K Daley (ESP) 2-02.68; 3, M Hamlin (Lass) 2-03.85; 1500: 1, D Roache 4-14.45; 2, D McDonald (PSH) 4-18.02; 3, K Mason

4-21.96; 4, A Donaldson (Pit) 4-29.94; 5, A Young (VP) 4-31.23; 8DH (-2.6m/s) 1, J Whannel (VP) 12.16; 2, S Hymers (Asp) 12.46; 3, P McGonagle (FRC) 13.04; 1500 s/ et 1, G Gorman (VP) 5-01.57; 2, A Kidd (JWK) 5-09 83: 3. A Sinclair (She) 5-20.05: H.I. 1. A Gilbooly (Cam) 1.75m; 2. D.Hymers (Asp) 1.75m; 3. C Beattie (Sea) 1.75m; PV; 1. K Horton (Cum) 2.60m: 2. S Schendel (Cum) 2.40m: L.J.: 1. J Whannel 6.11m: 2. H Kerr 5.83m; 3, D Hymers 5.64m; TJ: 1, 1 Whannel 11.99m: 2. F Edridge (Clyde) 11.79m; 3, K McCready (Kil) 11.78m; SP: 1, D Ablett (CPH) 13.46m; 2. B Robb (PRC) 12.74m: 3. C Loiue (AF) 11.99m: DT: 1. D Ablett 36 88m: 2. I. McIntyre (Kel) 35 50m: 3. B Robb (Pit) 35.44m; HT: 1, S Sneddon (Tay) 37.52m; JT: 1, MRoss (Work) 43.84m; 2. K Morton 42.34m; 3. D Ablett 41.84m.

Schools Pentathion and Relay Champs,

G'mouth -

Pent order - (LJ, 110H, 200m, SP, 1000m) BOYS O-17 - 1, D Wight (EdA) 3059 pts (5.69m; 16.0; 24.0; 9.44m; 4-35.6); 2. O Brume (Fet) 2959 (5.63m; 15.9; 23.5; 9.18m; 4-56.5): 3. D Stephen (Pet) 2890 (6.31m: 16.8: 23.7; 10.04m; 5-24.1); 4, C Young (Boc) 2793: 5 S Dillon (F'rose) 2587 pt: 6 I Smith (Perth) 2571 pt; 7, S Meldrum (Dol) 2184 pt; 8. G Pearson (Arb) 2062 nt.

15-17 years - 100H, SP, 200m, LJ, 1500m; 1, C Wilson (GorSch) 3245 pt (15.3: 9.82m; 23.6; 5.77m; 4-33.2); 2, M Kelso (QAHS) 3164 pt (15.8; 9.63m; 24.5; 5.41m; 4-11.4); 3, D Ablett (B'muir) 3126 pt (15.1; 12.28m; 25.3; 5.51m; 4-47.9); 4, M Alian (Port) 3109; 5, J Michie (Madras Coll) 2895pt; 6, D Montgomery (Castle) 2768; 7, C Laidler (Rannoch) 2757 pt; 8, 1 McGregor (Bal) 2750; 9, B Watson (QAHS) 2709 pt; 10, S McDermott (Bal) 2523.

U-15: 80H, SP, 200m, LJ, 1500m:1, A Ramsay (Ding) 2901 pts (12.4; 10.49m; 25.2; 5.38m; 4-50.9); 2, P Annal (Aln) 2535 (12.5; 10.83m; 26.4; 4.71m; 5-17.7); 3, G Hastings (Kirk) 2477 (13.8; 7.59m; 25.0; 5.11m; 5-00.4); 4, M Pate (Boc) 2396; 5, R Nolan (Ann) 2366pt; 6, S McPherson (Aln) 2322; 7, J Usher (PG) 2316 pt; 8, A McKnight 2177 9. C Frew (Hut) 2150: 10. P Consani (Boc)

2139nt Girls O-17: SP, 100H, HJ, LJ, 800m: 1, E Donald (Herm) 2523 pts (7.16m; 17.5; 1.51m; 4.65m; 2-43.0); 2, K McIntyre (ME) 2153 (6.98m; 18.7; 1.42m; 4.04m; 2-42.1); 3, E Sneddon (Lar) 2016 (7.54m; 19.8; 1.45m; 4.10m; 2-53.3); 4, J Carson (Fet) 1206pt. 15-17: 80H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800m -1, D Church

(Marr) 2801 pts (13.4; 1.48m; 4.67m; 6.54m; 2-22.3); 2, S Ramminger (Arb) 2792 (12.7; 1.54m; 4.78m; 6.68m; 2-37.6); 3, H Kilday (Ding) 2489 (13.2; 1.42m; 4.41m; 6.29m; 2-37.1); 4, L McKenzie-Wilson (Morr) 2444 pt; 5, C Donald (Herm) 1944 pt; 6, J Devine (Milne's) 1499 pt.

U-15: 75H, LJ, SP, HJ, 800m -1, D Palmer (RHS) 2635 pt (13.0; 4.48m; 7.37m; 1.51m; 2-33.2): 2. J Palka (StMir) 2621 pt (13.4: 4.68m: 7.50m: 1.42m: 2-28.2): 3. J Donald (Aln) 2505 (12.8: 4.63m: 7.55m: 1.45m: 2-44.7); 4, S Bain (Aln) 2322; 5, P clark (Boc) 2205; 6, D Quirie (O'macher) 2129; 7, S Gow (Boc) 2046; 8, C Middleton (P'lethen) 2008; 9, J Wright (Kin) 1933; 10, R Watters (GW)

Relay Champs

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Boys Over-17: 1, G Her 44.1; 2, EdA 44.3; 3, Hut 44.5; 4, S'allan 44.7; 5, DSMC 45.7, 15-17: 1, MCS 45.4; 2, EdA 45.8; 3, G'faulds 46.6: 4. GHS 46.6: 5, GA 47.2.

U-15: 1, Hut 48.3; 2, KelA 48.7; 3, GHS 50.0; 4, EdA 50.3; 5, MCS 50.4; 6, StNin 51.2.

U-14: 1, GA 50.4 (CBP); 2, EdA 51.2; 3, C'head 52.0; 4, StAl 52.1; 5, Hut 52.5; 6, GH

Girls O-17: 1. Hot 52.8: 2. Fet 53.8: 3. Park 53.8; 4, StLeo 54.1; 5, St Geo 54.8; 6, GH

15-17 years: 1, StGeo 51.0; 2, StNin 52.1; 3, GH 52.4; StLeo 52.5; 5, Well 52.9; 6, K'syth 52.9

U-15: 1, St Geo 54.0; 2, StNin 54.9; 3, Well 54.9; 4, StMarg 54.9; 5, StLeo 55.1; 6, StA1

U-14: 1, GH 53.5; 2, StNin 53.6; 3, Her 54.8; 4, Gala 54.8; 5, Park 55.5; 6, St Geo 55.8. Primary Inter-Area -Boys: 1. S Highland 55.6: 2. R'frew 56.3: 3.

L'shire 57.7; 4, S Gramp 57.7; 5, D&G 58.7; 6. Glas 58.7. Girls: 1. D'barton 'A' 56.6: 2. D'barton 'B'

56.7; 3, R'frew 58.7; 4, Fife 'A' 58.8; 5, Fife 'B' 59.2: 6. Edin 59.3.

Panasonic League, Div 1 match, C'point -100: 1, J Henderson (CPH) 10.8: 2, R Slater (FVH) 10.9; 3, B Ashburn (Cam) 11.0; 4, M King (Aber) 11.0: 100 B: 1, D Clelland (FVH) 11.0: 200: 1. D Mulberon (She) 21.9: 2. D Clelland 22.2: 3. H King 22.2: 4. G Farouharson (Pit) 22.5; 5, P Kennedy (ESP) 22.7; 200R: 1. R Slater 22.0: 2. P Ewing (DHH) 22.9; 400 1, G Hodges (ESP) 50.2; 2, T Nimmo (FVH) 51.3: 400B: 1. G Newlands (ESP) 50.6; 800: 1, P Duffy (CPH) 1-52.5; 2, J McKay (She) 1-53.2; 3, I Campbell (DHH) 1-54.4; 4, D Amott (Pit) 1-56.1; 5, K Downie (Cam) 1-56.5; 1500: 1, I Campbell 3-56.3; 2, J Garland (ESP) 3-56.9; 3, G Croll (Cam) 3-57.7: 4. D Blackie (CPH) 3-58.4: 5. J Hendry (She) 3-58.6; 5000: 1, P McCavana (DHH) 14-47.2; 2, K Rankin (FVH) 14-51.6; 3, M Gornley (Cam) 14-53.1; 4, D Cameron (She) 14-55.8: 5000 B: 1, E Stewart (Cam) 14-54.2: 110H: 1. JFranklin (She) 15.5: 2. K Campbell (CPH) 16.3; 110H B: 1, F McGlynn (She) 15.6; 400H: 1, D Hitchcock (CPH) 55.6; 2, P Simpson (Pit) 57.5; 3, G Simpson (Cam) 58.6; 4, J Culshaw (FVH) 59.1; 5, T Harrison (She) 59.1; 400H B: 1, I Moodie (Pit) 59.0; 3000 s/c: 1, I Steel (CPH) 9-01.5; 2, J Pentecost (FVH) 9-51.1; 3, J Orr (Cam) 9-27.0; 4, S Burch (Pit) 9-32.0; 5, M Ferguson (ESP) 9 44.3: 3000 s/c B: 1. I Johnston (FVH) 9-31.7: 4 x 100R: 1. She 43.4: 2. ESPC 44.1: 3. FVH 44.2; 4, DHH 44.9; 5, Pit 44.9; 4 x 400; 1, CPH 3-24.8: 2. ESP 3-24.8: 3. She 3-26.3: 4. FVH 3-27.8; 5, Pit 3-23.3; HJ: 1, A Scobie (ESP) 1.85m; 2. S Ritchie (Pit) 1.80m; 3. G Wood (Cam) 1.80m; 4, R Baird (FVH) 1.80m; HJ B: 1, S Hill (ESP) 1.85m; PV: 1, S Greig (FVH) 4.00; 2, I Black (CPH) 4.00m; 3, A Anderson (Cam) 3.60m; 4, S McMillan (Pit) 3.60m; LJ: 1, A Harrison (She) 6.79m; 2, S Greig 6.42m; 3, B Ashbum 6.22m; TJ: 1, R Harkins (She) 14.14m; 2, S Jamieson (ESP) 13.75m; 3, R Brown (CPH) 13.38m; 4, D Sabris (Ab) 13.30m; TJ B: 1, I Beattie (CPH) 13.31m; 2, W Leung (ESP) 13.26m; SP; 1, D Morris (Pit) 13.74m; 2. K Kabula (ESP) 13.67m: 3. J Scott (She) 12.74m: SP B: 1. N Mason (ESP) 13.48m; DT: 1, D Morris 51.36m; 2, K Kabota 40.64m; 3, B Shepherd (Ab) 38.14m; HT: 1, D Gisbey (CPH) 44.60m; 2, B Shepherd 43.94m; 3, H Naismith (She) 42.22m; HT B: 1, J Scott 42.12m; JT: 1, S McMillan 56.44m; 2, A Black (CPH) 53.84m; 3, G Dingwall (She) 51.24m.

Match: 1, Shettleston 333pts; 2, CPH 312; 3, ESP 305; 4, Pit 282; 5, FVH 261; 6, Cam 259; 7, Aberdeen 214: 8, DHH 198.

After 3 matches: 1, ESP 22 league p (1042 match p); 2, Shettleston 18.5; (910); 3, CPH 15 (802); 4, Cambuslang 14.5 (861); 5, Pitreavie 13 (851); 6, Aberdeen 12 (810) 7, FVH 7 (624); 8, DHH 6 (686).

Division 2 match, C'point -

100: 1, D Stark (JWK) 11.0; 2, H Kennedy-Skipton (VP) 11.1; 200: 1, D Stark 22.3; 2, H Kennedy-Skipton 22.5; 3, A Cullen (Muss) 22.6; 400: 1, M McPhail (Ayr) 50.9; 2, D Gilmour (EK) 50.9; 800: 1, P McDevitt (Bell) 1-56.5; 2, K Logan (Muss) 1-56.7; 3, C Little (VP) 1-58.2; 1500: 1, G McCann (Bel) 3-59.1; 2, G Graham (VP) 3-59.7; 5000: 1, G Wright (Avr.) 15-21.2: 2. S Barnett (VP) 15-26.2: 110H: 1. D. McCrae (Avr.) 16.1: 2. D. Govan (Clv) 16.5: 400H: 1. N Taylor (VP) 57.5: 2. G Malcolm (Muss) 58.6: 3. G McCann 59.4: 3000 s/c: 1. J Austin (Clv) 9-24.5: 2. D Cavers (Muss) 9-30.6: 3. F McGowan (VP) 9-41.4; 4, E Tonner (JWK) 9-49.0; 3000 s/c B: 1. S Gilmour (VP) 9-57.4: 4 x 100 R: 1. IWK 45.4: 2. Bell 45.4: 3. VP 47.2: 4 x 400 R: 1. Bell 3-26.2: 2. EK 3-27.5: 3. VP: 3-29.9; 4, Avr 3-31.4; HJ: 1, J Stoddart (Bell) 2.00m; 2, J Allan (Cly) 1.95m; HJ B: 1, N Fishbacher (Cly) 1.80m; PV: 1, D McLeod (Bell) IJ: 1, D Gormley (EK) 6.56m; 2, J Stoddart 6.18m; SP: 1, GLoney (EK) 11.59m; JT: 1. T Carlin (Clv) 44.42m.

Match: 1, VP 267.75pts; 2, Bell 259; 3, Mussel 242: 4. Clydesdale 234: 5. A vr 232.75: 6, E Kilbride 203; 7, JWK 201.75; 8, Harmeny

After 3 matches: 1, VP 23 league pts (861.75 match pts); 2, Ayr 19 (824.25); 3, Clydesdale 16 (749); 4, Musselburgh 13 (653) 5, EK 12.5 (696); 6, Bell 12 (693); 7, JWK 7 (615.25); 8, Harmony 5.5 (533.75).

Div 3 match M'bank -100: 1, M Barren (Inv) 11.22; 200: 1, M Banon 23.38: 400: 1. G Purves (BH) 50.89: 2. G Gibson (Kil) 51.87; 800; 1, G Gibson 1-55.91; 2, C Souter (Cumn) 1-57.61; 1500; 1. T Hearle (Kilb) 4-00.39; 5000; 1, J Bowman (Inv) 14-50.10; 2. T Hearle 14-53.50; 3. T Mitchell (Fife) 15-06.60: 110H: 1. J Pender (Kil) 16.09; 2, T Leighton (Inv) 16.53; 400H: K Pearson (Ctr) 58.04; 3000 s/c: 1, S McKenzie (Inv) 9-51.96; 2, A Moss (Ctr) 9-54.56; 4 x 100R: 1, Invemess 45.04; 2, Ctr 46.70; 4 x 400: 1. Ctr 3-35.52: 2. Fife 3-36.67: 3. Cumnock 3-38.14; HJ: 1, D Barnetson (Inv) 2.05m; 2, J Reilly (Kil) 1.85m; 3, H Lowry (Fife) 1.80m; HJ B: 1, F Lewis (Inv) 1.85m; PV:1, ABrown (Kil) 3.60m; LJ:1, TLeighton 6.09m; SP: 1, J Stewart (Ctr) 11.40m; JT: 1, D Barnetson 49,42m.

Match: 1, Invernoss 351; 2, Fife, Ctr 237; 4, Cumnock 236.5; 5, Kilbarchan 196; 6, Penieuik 184.5; 7. Blackhill 175; 8. PSH 174. After 3 matches: 1, Inverness 24 league pts (1048 match pts); 2, Ctr 20.5 (885) 3, Cumnock 16 (720.5); 4, Penicuik 14 (681.5); 5, Fife 12.5 (606); 6, Kilbarchan 11 (625); 7, Blackhill 6 (576); 8, PSH 4 (491).

Div 4 match M'bank -

106: 1, S Tucker (KO) 11.14; 2, D Hutchison (Lass) 11.32; 200: 1, S Tucker 22.52; 400: 1, J McFadven (GGH) 51.08; 800: 1, A Puckrin (GGH) 2-00.25; 1500: 1, A Puckrin 4-01.58; 5000: 1, J Houston (Mary) 15-33.08; 400H: 1, A Sellars (Mary) 61.53; 3000 s/c: 1, P Dymoke (Liv) 9-36.79; 4 x 100R : 1. Garscube 46.77; 2, Kirk Oly 46.79; 4 x 400 Relay: 1, GGH 3-38.56; HJ: 1, G McRae (Cum) 1.75m; PV; A Weir (Lass) 2.70m; LJ: . S Cameron (Lass) 37.76m.

Match: 1, Maryhill 292.5pts; 2, GGH 269; 3, Garscube 246.5; 4, Lasswade 233; 5, KO 216; 6, LD 169; 7, L'gelly 137; 8, Cumbernauld 105.

After 3 matches - 1, M'hill 24 league pts (865.5 match pts); GGH 20 (773); 3, Garscube 18.5 (741.5); 4, Lasswade 14.5 (665); 5, KO 9 (543); 6, Cumbernauld 9 (539); 7, Livingstone 8(567); 8, Lochgelly 5 (484).

Div 5 match M'bank -

100: 1, D Clark (Rec) 10.93; 200: D Clark 22.23; 400: 1, 1 Pritty (Hel) 50.10; 2, T Hanlon (Ree) 51.25; 800; 1, T Hanlon 1-57.19; 1500; 1. S Cohen (Rec) 4-03.40; 5000 1. A Robson (Rec) 15-02-22: 110H B: 1. N Robbie (Rec) 17.99: 116H: 1. C Hope (Rec) 15.66; 400H: 1, C Hogg (Rec) 59.86; 400H B: T Hanlon 59.12: 3000s/c: 1. G Crawford (Ree) 9-36.00; 2. A Donnachie (ESP) 9-51.23; 4 x 100R: 1, Rec 3-34.00; 2, H'burgh 3-37.00; HJ: 1, N McLaughlin (Ree) 1.96m; PV: 1, M Patterson (Arb) 3.00m; LJ: 1, N Comie (MBI) 6.34m; SP: 1, J Grandy (Hel) 12.67m; SP B: 1, N Elliot (Hel) 12.31m; JT: 1. R Hadden (Mont) 45.94m.

Match: 1, Rec 386pts; 2, ESP B 300; 3, H'burgh 260; 4 equal Irvine Cable and Arbroath 197; 6, BI 190; 7, Montrose 159; 8, Whitemoss 57.

After 3 matches: 1, Rec 24 league pts (1157 match); 2, ESPB 21 (950); 3, Helensburgh 18 (823); 4, BI 13 (694); 5, IrvC 12.5 (600); 6, Arb 9.5 (553); 7, Montrose 7 (472); 8, Whitemoss 3 (266).

School Girls Track and Field Champs C'point -

0.17 years: 100: 1 C Hynd (Dum) 13 0: 2 S Glass (Cur) 13.1; 3, H Wordsworth (Kirk) 13.2; 200: 1. S Carruthers (Greenwood) 26.1: 2, S McCreadie (Kirk) 26.6; 3, L Kinghorn (Craig) 26.6; 400: 1, S Carruthers 59.0: 2, L Kinghorn 60.6; 3, S Reid (S'allan) 61.3; 800: 1, H Bonnar (StMun) 2-28.1; 2, R Simkin (Wish) 2-28.7; 3, M Donaldson (Rav) 2-29.2; 1500: 1, K Stewart (Grange) 5-00.7; 2, J Grams (Ab) 5-02.4; 3, C Meiklejohn (S'allan) 5-08.1; 3000: 1, S Kennedy (KP) 10-58.0; 2, J Roxburgh (K'win) 11-05.8; 3, J Cuthill (Bears) 11-44.4; 100H (+3.2m/s): 1, S Richmond (W'mill) 14.2 (CBP); 2, C Murphy (StNin) 15.7; 3, E Donald (Herm) 15.9; 400H: 1, S Wood (Lin) 62.6 (CBP); 2, L Silver (Morg) 66.8; 3, L White (CD) 67.8; HJ: 1. H Melvin (Marr) 1.71m: 2. L Gordon (Boc) 1.55m; 2, C Corrie (S'allan) 1.50m; LI: 1, E Donald 5.03m; 2, L Morris (Hut) 5.02m; 3. B Mukami (StLe) 4.90m; SP: 1, L Barnett (Perth) 11.59m: 2. F Robertson (Hut) 9.04m; 3, A Edmunds (S'allan) 8.83m; DT; 1. A Cross (Kirk) 35.30m; JT: 1. L Jackson (Webster) 41.92m; 2, E Sneddon (Lar) 31.14m; 3, J Ablett (J Gill) 30.46m.

15-17: 100: 1, E Julyan (Lou) 121; 2, S Dudgeon (St Aug) 12.2; 3, K Sutherland (B'ron) 12.3; 200: 1, Julyan 25.3; 2, Dudgeon 25.3; 3, Sutherland 25.6; 400: 1, C Morton (Auch) 58.8; 2, M Fraser (Thur) 59.3; 3, A Bridie (StGeo) 60.3; 800: 1, A Potts (Wil) 2-12.4 (CBP); 2, G Fowler (Ear) 2-20.0; 3, L Stewart (Muss) 2-20.9; 1500: 1, Y Reilly (Mon) 4-47.2; 2, C Leitch (Str) 4-59.4; 3, S McCrae (C'ton) 5-00.1; 3000; 1, H Parkinson (Bel) 10-17.6; 2, L Cormack (PL) 10-18.3; 3, A Chevne (Bath) 10-42.1; 80H; 1. T Crosbie (StN) 11.7; 2, C Burr (RHS) 12.3; 3, S Ramminger (Arb) 12.4; 300H: 1, K Beverage (Forr) 46.0; 2, C Burr (RHS) 46.6; 3, H Kilday (Ding) 48.1; HJ: 1, J Ross (Gryffe) 1.61m; 2, J Reid (C'Head) 1.61m; 3 equal J Dale (Wel) and C Thompson (L'gilp) 1.55m; LJ: 1, S Ramminger 5.18m; 2, L Kerr (Kil) 5.12m; 3, L Shorthouse (K'ross) 4.91m; SP: 1, S Robin (Hem) 10.96m; 2, L Cunningham (I'keith) 10.16m; 3, R Samson (Kyle) 9.55m; DT: 1, H McCreadie (Dum) 35.46m; 2, S Robin 33.80m; 3, L Cunningham 27.80m; JT: 1. A Chevne 30.58m: 2. W McFarlane (Mon) 29.00m; 3, N Sloan (Herm) 28.64m. (U-15): 100: 1, F Hutchison (J'hill) 12.6; 2, R Hepbum (Crieff) 12.6; 3. S Balmain (Clare)

12.8; 200: 1, F Hutchison 26.3; 2, R Hepbum

(U-14): 100: 1, S Orr (St Nin) 13.2; 2, P Prow (Lom) 13.4; 3, L Senior (Dun) 13.5; 200: 1, N Hynd (Dunf) 27.5; 2, D Palmer (HS) 27.9; 3. S Orr 28.1; 800; 1, L. Frickleton (Bo) 2-22.9; 2, S Scott (Hun) 2-23.0: 3, P Crawley (E'bank) 2-23.7: 75H 1. S Moxey (P'bello) 12 1: 2 K McKenzie (Thur) 12.5; 3, L Stevenson (Ball) 12.6: HJ: 1. S Goldie (JH) 1.40m: 2. F.Kerr (Wellington) 1.40m; 3, D Palmer 1.40m; L.I: 1. D Palmer 4.59m; 2, J Reid (Ban) 4.50m; 3, F Paul (Por) 4.49m; SP: 1. N Dhaliwal (Park) 11.37m; 2. C Garden 33-08; 2. N Dhaliwal 32.98m; 3, L. Ross (Max) 24.94m; JT: 1, E Dougall (RG) 25.02m; 2, F Hunter 24.46m; 3, M Simpson (BD) 23.08.

Schoolboys Track and Field Champs, Grangemouth -

(O/17y): 100 (-1.9m/s) 1, R Slater (Dunb) 11.; 2, D Walker (GHS) 11.2; 3, D Stewart (Bal) 11.6: 200 (-1.3m/s) 1. Walker 22.4: 2. Slater 22.4; 3, C Allan (MCS) 23.7; 400: 1, 1 Murray (Mil) 50.9; 2, K Mackie (DSMC) 51.3; 3, J Ewart (Fett) 52.2; 800: 1, C Young (Boc) 1-56.2; 2, R Hooton (DSMC) 1-57.3; 3, J Ferguson (Prt) 1-58.7; 1500: 1, E Calvert (Mac) 4-03.7; 2, A Moonie (Bal) 4-04.6; 3, G Willis (Pre) 4-09.0; 5000: 1, D Fortheringham (CAC) 15-49.9; 2, S Taylor (Buck) 16-03.3: 3. J Reid (Colt) 16-15.1: 110H (-0.7m) s): 1, S Dillon (For) 15.5: 2, D Wight (Edin) 15.6; 3. D Birmue (Fett) 15.9; 400H: 1, Wight 56.5: 2. Brume 57.3: 3. M Milne (Cas) 60.4-2000 s/c: 1, A Casey (OVS) 6-25.8: 2, D Sharkey (C'mount) 6-31.2: 3. S Meldnur (Dollar) 6-38.9; HJ: 1, J Allan (Boc) 1.94m; 2, G Lockett (Geln) 1.78m; 3, N Fischbacher (Bal) 1.78m; PV: 1, P Ballantyne (Edin) 2.50m; LJ: 1, G Morton (Hut) 6.47m; 2, G Paul (Ed) 6.34m; 3, D Sabnis (Ban) 6.32m; TJ: 1, Sabnis 13.11m; 2, P Etheridge (Ram) 12.92m; 3, M Durward (Glas) 12.23m; SP: 1, A Byce (Glen) 13.30m; 2, G Mathieson (Lar) 12.97m; 3, D Tanner (Dum) 12.21m; DT: 1. D Ridland (Ed) 36.08m; 2, M Bowman (Lom) 35.92m; 3, A Bryce 35.84m; HT: 1, C Bryce (Glen) 38.38m; 2, D Milne (Ram) 29.40m; JT: 1, C MacAuley (Glen) 47.70m; 2, J Wishart (Ed) 45.80m; 3, H James (Mont) 44.12m.

15-17: 100 (-1.54m/s) 1, C McRobert (St) 11.1; 2, S Moir (Bel) 11.4; 3, J Bragg (MCS) 11.6: 200 (-1.9m/s) 1, McRobert 22.4: 2. Moir 23.1; 3, Bragg 23.5; 4, D Reid (Earlston) 23.6; 400: 1, C Buck (MCS) 50.4: 2, C Wilson (Gordon) 51.1; 3, E Craig (Ed) 51.6; 4, H Kerr (Kyle) 51.8; 806; 1, D Roache (Ren) 2-01.0; 2, M Cruden (IRA) 2-02.2; 3, M Govan (Bear) 2-02.5; 1500: 1, T Winters (StA) 4-13.2; 2, PO'Hare (St Amb) 4-15.1; 3, D Kerr (ND) 4-17.2; 3000: 1, C Clelland (JO) 8-56.0; 2, S Mackay (IRA) 8-56.4; 3, M Gorman (Len) 9-02.8; 4, D McDonald (Perth) 9-09.2; 5, D Hughes (Hawick) 9-14.9; 6, G Browitt (Bec) 9-15.8; 100H: (+0.2m/s) 1. G Adams (Grange) 14.1; 2, C Frew (JO) 14.6; 3, D Ablett (B'muir) 14.9; 400H: 1, S Poutney (OLHS) 56.7 (+CBP); 2, B Middleton (P'lethen) 58.6; 3, I Hamilton (Green) 59.6; 4, J

Michie (Madras) 60.9; 1500 s/c 1, M Kelso (QAHS) 4-25.0 (+CBP); 2, M Gill (St Aloy) 4-37.1; 3, B Thomson (Mont) 4-42.2; HJ: 1, G Morrison (Trin) 1.75m; 2, S McKinley (W'mill) 1.70m; 3, CNoble (Fra) 1.70m; PV: , M Liv (Ed) 3.10m; 2, R Dunn (Ed) 3.00m; 3, K McNichol (St Al) 3.00m; 4, M Vidler (Ed) 3.00m; LJ: 1, J Gilbert (Grange) 6.24m; 2, S Milne (K'wall) 6.19m; 23, J Whannel (Cleve) 5.98m; TJ: 1, N Aitken (Hut) 12.65m; 2, J Whannel 12.60m; 3, S Milne 12.44m; SP: 1, A Mackenzie (I'gordon) 13.21m; 2, M Muqit (Gl) 13.00m; 3, D Ablett 12.49m; DT: 1, J Penny (MCS) 36.66m; 2, L Newton (Bal) 33.74m: 3. PCowan (Gala) 31.56m: HT: 1. R MacKinnon (OVS) 45.34m: 2. S Gardner (QVS) 41.08m; 3, S Sneddon (Con) 34.72m; JT: 1, S Wands (Dol) 45.28m; 2, G Broomfield (Glen) 45.26m; 3, N Dempsey (MCS) 41.88m

14-15

100 (-1.3m/s): 1, R Booth (J'Gill) 11.9; 2, G Hastings (Kirk) 12.3; 3, A Lowles (Lor) 12.4; 200 (-2.8m/s): 1, Hastings 25.3; 2, R McGuire (Nai) 25.4; 3, Lowles 25.7; 400: 1, S Sutherland (Tain) 53.1 (CBP); 2, C Frew (Hutch) 57.0; 3, A Yip (Lom) 57.5; 800: 1, K Hinnels (Fal) 2-09.7; 2, B Waters (St N) 2-09.7; 3, S McGregor (OLHS) 2-11.1; 1500; 1, S Gibson (Col) 4-19.7; 2, M Smith (Doug) 4-20.7; 3, A Donaldson (DSMC) 4-20.9; 4, A Young (Boc) 4-21.4; 5, S McNellan (Doug) 4-22.6; 80H (0.3 m/s): 1, D Cotter (Nairn) 12.1; 2, W Stark (B of Don) 12.6; 3, A Ramsay (Ding) 12.7; 400H: 1, Ramsay 61.9; 2, M MacLennan (Ed) 64.7; 3, P Consani (Boc) 66.6; HJ: 1, M Pate (Boc) 1.65m; 2. S Templeman (Mil) 1.62m: 3. A France (Chrv) 1.57m: PV: 1. M Alberici (Ed) 2.35m; 2,1 Orr (QVS) 2.25m; 3, GRobson (Dol) 2.25m; LJ: 1, W Stark 5,70m; 2, F Eldridge (Kel) 5.44m; 3, K McCready (Gleniffer) 5.09m; TJ: 1, McCready 11.81m; 2, W Stark 11.70m; 3, F Eldridge 11.54m; SP: 1, B Robb (QAHS) 13.93m; 2, I Douglas (WH) 12.23m; 3, S Morton (B'briggs) 12.21m; DT: 1, B Robb 37.56m; 2, L McIntyre (Lom) 35.76m; 3, K Day (Ed) 34.52m; HT: 1, M Wight (QVS) 29.88m; 2, S Millan (QVS) 23.02; JT: 1, P Annal (Al) 38.84m; 2, P Cunningham (Ed) 36.30m; 3, R Nolan (Ann) 35 02m

U/14: 100 (-1.82m/s) 1, S Fraser (Cull) 12.5; 2, A Tsang (Gla) 12.9; 3, M McClusky (Trin) 12.9; 200 (-2.1m/s): 1, S Fraser 25.5; 2, P Rowling (VP) 25.8; 3, M McCluskey 25.8; 800: 1, B Hendry (StM) 2-09.7; 2, G Murray (StM) 2-17.6; 3, K Davidson (Auch) 2-18.3; 1500: 1, S MacDonald (Hut) 4-40.7; 2, K McAlpine (Nai) 4-41.0: 3. G Smith (Gfaulds) 4-41.6; 80H (-0.5m/s): 1, R Baillie (Cly) 12.5 (CBP); 2, D McFarlane (L'gilp) 12.9; 3, K McAdam (Boc) 134: HJ: 1. R Bellshaw (Car) 1.45m; 2, S McWhan (Dal) 1.40m; 3, N Craig (StA) 1.40m; PV: 1, R Sinclair (Ed) 2.35m; 2, A Alexander (Ed) 2.20m; 3, T Wilson (QVS) 2.10m; LJ: 1, P Rowling (VP) 5.35m (CBP) 2, A Campbell (Cast) 4.79m; 3, J Philip (Ed) 4.71m; : 1, R Bellshaw 10.76m; 2, S McAlindon (StCols) 10.75m; 3, S Addie (Cum) 10.73m; 4, A Bendell (Hut) 10.71m; SP: 1, P McGee (hut) 12.84m (CBP); 2, R MacDonald (Ding) 11.14m; 3, G Hoyk (DSMC) 10.97m; DT: 1, R MacDonald 31.66m; 2. P Fraser (OM) 27.38m; 3. A Sutherland (D'wall) 26.38m; HT: 1, S MacKinnon (QVS) 30.20m; 2, J Nelson (QVS) 22.78m; JT: 1, C Tulloch (Kel) 36.52m; (CBP); 2, P Fraser 34.88m; 3, R Ruickbil (Al)

Five Nations Int, G'mouth -

Men: Match: 1, Scotland 70pts; 2, BLE 64pts; 3, Wales 62pts; 4, N Ire 55pts; 5, Ice 51nts. (Scottish unless detailed)

100 (+1.8m/s): 1, E Clark 10.78; 2, R Sexton (NI) 10.85; 3, S Roes (W) 10.85;200 (+2.9m/ s): 1, M Forsythe (NI) 21.14; 2, J Baulch (W) 21.58; 3, S Shanks 21.66.400: 1, P Sinclair (I) 48.04; 2, G Hodges 48.09; 3, S Lewis (W) 49.22.800: 1, P Williams (W) 1-49.35; 2, A Murray 1-50.11; 3, M Kirk (NI) 1-50.23.1500: 1, N Horsefield (W) 3-48.03; 2, J McKay 3-49.30; 3, N O'Brien (I) 3-50.92.3000: 1, L O'Brian (I) 8-03.07; 2, J McKay 3-49.30; 3, N O'Brien (I) 3-50.92.110H (+3.6m/s): 1, S Cahill (I) 14.36; 2, P Davies (W) 8-03.63; 3, R Quinn 8-08.31.400H: 1, M Davidson 52.28; 2, C McDumphy (I) 52.71; 3, T Price (NI) 53.67.3000 s/c: 1, J Murray (I) 8-57.7; 2, G Croll 8-58.2; 3, P Cook (W) 9-16.8.4 x 100R: 1, Wales 41.34; 2, N Ireland 41.93; 3, Scotland 41.99.4 x 400: 1. Scot 3-14.17: 2. Ireland 3-14.68; 3, Wales 3-15.16; H.I: 1, D Barnetson 2.13m; 2, E Kristjansson (Ice) 2.10m; 3, A Gatt (I) 2.05m; PV: 1, S Sigurdsson (Ice) 4.60m; 2, A Burke (I) 4.40m; 3, T Thomas (W) 4.40m; 4, I McKay 4.30m; LJ: 1, M Forsythe (NI) 7.84m; 2, G Slade (W) 7.55m; 3, J Scott 6.82m; TJ: 1, M McDonald (NI) 15.69m; 2, J Hayes (I) 14.90m; 3, D Wood (W) 14.70m; 4, N McMenemy 14.30m; SP: 1. P Godmundsson (Ice) 18.68m: 2. V Costline (I) 17.28m; 3, L Wiltshire (W) 16.12m; 5, R Smith 14.00; DT: 1, V Hafsteinsson (Ice) 59.08m; 2, D Morris 54.10m; 3, J Moreland (NI) 48.38; HT: 1, G Karisson (Ice) 62.14m; 2.R Devine 60.28m; 3.P McGrath (I) 58.76m; JT: 1, H Gardarsson (Ice) 67.98m; 2, D Smahon (NI) 61.96m; 3, S Lewis (W) 58.78m; 4, A Whyte 46.26m.

Inv Events: 100 (+3 0m/s): 1. P Fisher (W) 10.95; 200 (+1.7m/s): 1, E Clark 21.78; 2, M Allen (NI) 21.92; 3, D Mulherron 21.93; 800; 1, G Brown (Rec) 49.57; 2, A Walker (CPH) 1-51.01; 3, B Murray (CPH) 1-51.68; 4, M Fallows (ESP) 1-51.86; 5, G Gibson (Kil) 1 52.29;100m W'chair: 1, GFoxton (LSADC) 18.36; 2, R Bird (LSADC) 19.58; 3, J McDade (RS) 21.30; 200m Spec Needs: 1, J Barry (RS) 26.53; 2, S Howie (RS) 27.41; 3, S Larrick (RS) 28.24.

Womens match: 1, Scot 57pts; 2, Wales 56; 3, NI 54; 4, Ire 51; 5, Ice 37.

100 (+3.0m/s): 1, H Miles (W) 11.53; 2, A McGillivray 11.70; 3, MBaxter (guest) 11.94; 200 (+2.1m/s): 1, H Miles (W) 23.81; 2, A McGillivray 23.59; 3, M Smith (1) 24.24; 400: 1, E Nicholson (I) 54.82: 2, P Devine 55.29; 3, S O'Connell (NI) 55.48; 4, D Kitchen (guest) 56.21; 800: 1, B Kavanagh (I) 2-06.20; 2, A Parry (W) 2-06.75; 3, C Brook (NI) 2-09.55; 4, M Anderson 2-14.44; 1500: 1. T Duffy (I) 4-21.59: 2. C Funnell (W) 4-31.91; 3, C A Bartley 4-32.49; 3000: 1, G Hendricken (I) 9-17.92; 2, M Emstdottir (Ice) 9-20.91; 3, V McPherson 9-40.55; 100H (+2.5m/s): 1, K Morley (W) 13.37; 2, J Hale (ND 14.14; 3, L McCulloch 14.44; 400H: 1, G McIntyre 61.76; 2, M Cook (W) 62.00; 3, S McPeake (NI) 62.22; 4 x 100R: 1, Scotland 46.96; 2, Ire 47.26; 3, Wales 47.44; 4 x 400: 1, Scot 3-41.83 (D Kitchen 57.36: M Anderson 56.10; G McIntyre 54.34; P Devine 54.03) HJ: 1, T Gisladottir (Ice) 1:80m; 2, J Boyle (NI) 1.80m; 3, R Pinkerton 1.77m; LJ: 1, M Rea (NI) 5.96m; 2, T Horgan (I) 5.93m; 3, J Ainslie 5.80m; TJ: 1, M Res (NI) 11.79m; 2, N Barr 11.71m; 3, A Lewis (W) 10.40m; SP: 1, J Berry (W) 13.94m; 2, I Gronfeldt (Ice) 13.79m; 3, H Cove 12.89m; DT: 1, J McKeman (NI) 55.16m; 2, L. Shaw (I) 44.66m; 3, I Gronfeldt (Ice) 42.68m; 4. H Cowe 41.46m; JT: 1, I Gronfeldt (Ice) 53.82m: 2, C White (W) 53.18m; 3, M Real (I) 45.68m; 5, K Savill 40.24m



June

Glengoyne Gallop HR, Blanefield -

1, B Potts (CAC) 22-55; 2, S Nicolson (COr) 23-03; 3, W Gaunt (P&B) 23-45; 4, S Burns (Loch) 24-14; 5, P Davies (LeedsU) 24-22; 6, S Bennett (West) 24-33; 7, D Robertson (West) 25-08: 8. R Morris V1 (Car) 26-08: 9. J Gallagher (Ken) 26-12; 10, S Campbell V2 (Ctr) 26-34; 11, B Shiell (Car) 27-11; 12, D Calder (West) 27-18; Team 1 Westerlands 25pts. L1, L Wright (Leeds Un) 26th 31-18: L2 P McAdam (West) 27-18.

Annach Mhor HR. Fort William -

1, A Farningham (Gala) 51-18; 2, J Wilkinson (Gala) 51-56; 3, W Rodgers (loch) 52-57; 4, G Ackland (Liv) 53-16; 5, P Hughes (Loch) 54-05: 6. W Gaunt (P&R) 54-15: 7. D Rell (HELP) 54-17; 8, T Brand (Liv) 55-30; 9, M Dixon (Loch) 56-20; 10, P Marshall V1 (HELP) 57-08; 11, I Wallace (HBT) 57-18; 12, J Blair-Fish V2 (Car) 57-32; 13, J Sklenar (Unatt) 57-52; 14, A Spenceley (Cam) 57-58; 15, G Brooks (Loch) 58-13; V30/50 B Gauld (Car) 58-26; V4. E Butler (Aber) 58-37, L1. P Calder LV1 (ESP) 16th 58-20; L2, C Menhennett 34th (CAC) 65-46; L3, L Hope 44th (Loch) 70-19; LA, F Russell 48th (Loch) 73-12; L5, G Small 53rd (West) 77-22.

Scolty HR, Banchory (127 ran) -

1, S Axon (HBT) 30-47; 2, F Clyne (Met) 31-00; 3, R Taylor (Met) 31-58; 4, M Cumming (Met) 31-59; 5, G Bartlett (Forr) 32-15; 6, S Wright (Ab) 32-18; 7, C Farquharson (HBT) 32-34; 8, P Jennings (Met) 32-53; 9, K Craig (FFT) 32-56; 10, J Kirkland (DRR) 33-09; 11, J Gallacher (Unatt) 33-13; 12, S Willcox (Met) 33-38; 13, M Thomas (HBT) 33-59; 14, N Kilner (Ab) 34-01: 15, E Rennie V1 (Ab) 34-05; V2, M odwards (Ab) 34-23; V3, E Love (DHH) 34-38; V4, J Ingram (FRC) 35-42; V5, L Newman (CPH) 36-15; V0/50 G Angus (DHH) 37-26: V0/55 G Cruicksbanks (Ab) 40-52; Teams: 1, Metro AC 9pts: 2, Hunters Bog Trotters 21; 3, Aberdeen 35; L1, L Bain (Ab) 35-51; L2, D Porter (Ab) 36-53; L3, J Robertson (Ab) 38-43; L4, U Simpson LV1 (Ab) 39-05: L5. G White (FFT) 41-05: L6, J Nuttall LV2 (Aber) 42-29; L7, S Taylor (Garwich) LV3 42-43; L8, P Tosh Jun (ab) 44-06; L9, C Blyth LV4 (Ab) 44-37.

Hill of Tarvit 5.5 mile Race, Ceres, Fife -1, N Martin (Fife) 30-49 (record); 2,1 Moncur (DHH) 31-15; 3, P O'Kane (HBT) 31-31; 4, P Fox (DHH) 31-46; 5, A Cassidy (Fif) 32-35; 6, C Hanlon (DRR) 32-54; 7, A Crombie (Fif) 33-18; 8, C Hunter (HBT) 33-39; 9, A Wilson (DRR) 33-51; 10, D Murray (FVII) 33-53; V1, D Hodley (HR) 11th 34-00; V2, S Graves 14th (Fif) 34-27; V3, T Ross 16th (Fif) 34-44; V 0/50 D Macgregor 23rd (Fife) 35-31, L1, J Hanlon 45th LV1 (DRR) 40-23: L2, M Martin (Fif) 41-57; L3, M Robertson LV2 (DRR) 44-21.



Dollar HR -

1, M Patterson (DPFR) 38-18 (rec); 2, P Dymoke (Liv) 39-30; 3, W Rodgers (Loch) 39-51; 4, A Famingham (Gala) 39-53; 5, S McGonigle (She) 40-19; 6, B Potts (Clyd) 40-23; 7, J Maitland (P&B) 40-37; 8, J Wilkinson (Gala) 40-53; 9, G Bartlett (Forr) 41-30; 10, A Curtis (Clare) 41-51; 11, S Burns (Loch) 42-33; 12, S Convay (Liv) 43-46; 13, J Brooks (Loch) 43-48; 14, D Ramsay (Rood) 44-03; 15, R Hogarth (NU) 44-27; 16, R Morris V1 (Car) 44-45; 17, I Wallace (HBT) 44-48; 18, M Forrest (Clare) 45-10; 19, M James (Car) 45-42; 20, S Campbell V2 (Ctr) 45-47; V3, R Nicholl (fif) 45-51; V4, R Wandeles (Bigg) 46-06; V5, T Ross (Fife) 46-33; V6, A Lorimer (Dun) 49-17. Team: Lochaber AC 27pts; L1, T Calder (ESP) LV1 46-29; L2, J Salvona (Liv) 48-20: L3. P Rother (ESP) 50-18: 14 C Whalley (Liv) 50-21: 1.5. J Robertson (Ayr) 50-25; L6, C Menhennett (CIv) 52-04.

Traprain Law Hill Race, East Linton -1. R Rogers (New, NI) 39-12: 2. A Spenceley (Car) 40-06; 3, J Smith V1 (Help) 40-40; 4, C Hunter (HBT) 40-57; 5, M Flynn (CPH) 41-53: 6. S Bennett (West) 41-54: 7. S Wallace V2 (HELP) 42-13; 8, D Keighley (HBT) 43-10; 9, I Mustarde (HELP) 43-13; 10, K Burns V3 (Cam) 43-24.

Teams 1, HELP 19pts; 2, Camethy HR 23; L1, E Ryan LV1 (ESP) 51-55; L2, D MacDonald (Lass) 54-33; 23, D Mackie LV2 (Dun) 55-01.

Kippen Hill Race -

1, D Murray (FVH) 27-10 (record); 2, P Cartwright VI (FVH) 28-11; 3, P Dennis J1 (Hel) 29-17; 4, J Lunn 29-43; 5, S McPherson 29-56; 6, H Statham 30-12; 7, M Raeside 30-17; 8, A Choffin 30-40; 9, A Denny 32-28; 10. R Donaldson 33-40: L.1. GHarrison (FVH) 36-29; L2, M Gernmell 40-44; L3, W Walker 46-44.

Cairntable HR, Muirkirk (187 ran) -1, D Auchie (Dal) 45-00; 2, I Auchie (Dal) 46-16; 3, S Bennett (West) 46-57; 4, R Longmore (Sol) 46-58; 5, M Cowan (Sol) 49-07; 6, J Rowley V1 (Law) 49-54; 7, R Tumbull V2 (NV) 50-00; 8, L Hogg (Mui) 50-09; 9, J Surgeoner (Irv) 50-51; 10, B Mackin (Sol) 51-15; 11, I Pollock V3 (Aft W) 51-18; 12, D Milligan V4 (Sol) 51-28; 13, B Bums V5 (Muri) 51-58; 14, T Kelly (C DOug) 52-25; 15, A Clark (London) 52-47. Team: 1, Dalry Th 8pts: 2. S'way Strollers 26: L1, I Fraser (Avr) 58-44: L2. L Longmore (Annan) 59-38: L3. P McLaughlin LV1 (West) 65-07: L4 C Nicol (Cum) 68-40: L5 T Hume (Afton W) 71-47; L6, E Griffin (Cum) 75-02; Team: L. Afton Water.

Lomonds of Fife HR, Gateside, Fife -

1. N Martin (Fif) 67-36: 2. D Ramsay (Read) 71-19; 3, P Mowbray (Unatt) 72-31; 4, D McLean (Lom HR) 72-47; 5, B Knox (Tev) 73-15; 6, J Whittlet (PSH) 73-51; VI, R Nicholl (Fif) 75-39; L1, J Robertson (Ayr) 82-10. Team: 1. Lomond Hill Runners.

Glen Rosa Horseshoe HR, Brodick -

1, P Clark (K'dal) 2-14-13 (rec); 2, M Covell (Kildalton) 2-33-14; 3, M Walford VI (Kendal) 2-33-31; 4, D Richardson (Kendal) 2-33-54; 5, R Hackett (Clare) 2-35-40; 6, G Brooks (Loch) 2-36-20; 7, R Boswell (Loch) 2-37-45; 8, J Aitken (HELP) 2-37-59; 9, D McPhee (Islay) 2-38-30: 10. H Richmond (Loudoun) 2-38-38: V2 W Gauld O/50 (Cam) 2-40-16: V3 T Ross (Fif) 2-43-50: Team: 1. Kendal 8pts: L1, L. Hope (Loch) 2-56-31: L2. C Menhennett (Cly) 3-13-16; L3, S Ingram (Wrex) 3-25-31



May

Sri Chimmoy Mile RR, The Meadows, Edinburgh -

1, G Matheson (CPH) 4-20; 2, C Young (ESP) 4-30; 3, D Lothian (FVH) 4-31; 4, M Annan (ESP) 4-32; 5, G Lightwood (ESP) 4-33: 6. D Gillespie (FVH) 4-34: 11. M Gill (Cam) 4-48: V1. Z Bankouski (ESP) 4-48: VO/50: 1, A McKenzie (Liv) 5-40; L1, C A Gray (ESP) 5-01; L2, L. Connack (ESP) 5-14; L3. S Cutler (Un) 5-35.

C & G Sports Auld Toon 10K, RR, Dunfermline -

1, A Robson (Rec) 30-29; 2, J Duffy (SV) 31-20; 3, B Kirkwood (Ree) 31-25; 4, P O'Kane (HBT) 31-42; 5, W McNeill (Pit) 32-13; 6, S Quinn (Rec) 32-14; 7, A Robertson (Pen) 32-16; 8, M Coyne (Rec) 32-28; 9, C Smith V1 (ESP) 32-29; 10, K Smith (Rec) 32-45; 11, T Graham (V2) (Fife) 32-53; 12, G Gilhooley (Unatt) 32-53; 13, C Hunter (HBT) 33-05; 14, E McKee (SV) 33-09; 15, S Ogg (Pit) 33-15; 16, K Smith (PSH) 33-17; 17, P Gallagher (Unatt) 33-24; 18, P Simpson (Pit) 33-28; 19, W Blazek (Un) 33-53; 20, P Morrison (Pit) 33-57; L1, J Stevenson LV1 (FVH) 36-08; L2, J Swanson (CG) 36-27; L3, K McCallum (Unat) 37-35; LA, J Robertson (PSH) 38-53; L5, L Barclay (Pit) 40-01; L6, S Blair LV2 (Pol) 42-23. Team: 1. Recbok.

June

Ross-shire 10K RR, Muir of Ord (127 ran) I. D Runciman (Loch) 31-11 (rec): 2. S McKenzie (Inv) 32-59: 3. R Aiken (Mor) 34-02; 4, D Bow V1 (Nairn) 34-10; 5, T Holden V2 (Birch) 34-44; 6, G Mitchell V3 (Inv) 34-53; 7, G Whyte (Inv) 35-56; 8, P Gamer (Inv) 36-06; 9, I Cumming (Ab) 36-13: 10, G Fraser V4 (Inv) 36-21: Team: 1. Inverness H 15pts. L1, M Adamson (Inv) 39-24 (rec): L2. F Farquhar LV1 (Leith) 42-17: L3. H Searle (Un) 42-42; LV1, I McLennan (MBI) 45-39; Team: 1, Naim 243ots.

Shotts Highland Games 10 mile RR -

1, G McMaster (FVH) 54-35; 2, P Dolan (CAC) 55-24; 3, C Meek (Whit) 56-13; 4, F Wright V1 (Sp) 56-27; 5, R Jardine 57-06; 6, B Anderson (DRR) 57-32; 7, P McGregor V2 (VP) 57-43; 8, J Rowley V3 (Law) 58-48; L1, E Graham (Unatt) 1-28-13.

Lilias Day 5 mile RR, Kilbarchan -

1, G Tenney (Kil) 24-32; 2, R McCulloch (Kil) 24-45; 3, I McDougall (Kil) 24-52; 4, S Hodge (SV) 25-11; 5, M McGinley (Kil) 25-33; 6, P McErlean (Mil) 26-35; 7, D Branney (West) 26-38; 8, D McDougall (Kil) 26-47; 9, A McDowall (Dalry) 27-00; 10, B McGarvie (Cam) 27-04; V1, J McMillan 13th (Kil) 27-16: V2, D King 14th (Irv) 27-40; V3, H Rarrow 16th (VP) 28-14: L1. I Armstrong (GN) 22nd 30-48: L.2. I McErlean 23rd (CG) 32-10:1.3. R Gardner 25th (CG) 33-37. Team: 1, Kilbarchan AC 6pts.

5 mile RR. Haddington -

1. J Ross (HELP) 24-15; 2. R Hall (Tev) 24-46: 3 I White (FVH) 24-51: Kirkwood (Ree) 25-08: 5. P.O'Kane (HBT) 25-11: 6. I Elliot V1 (Tev) 25-17: 7. C Smith V2 (ESP) 25-21 8, M McQuaid (FVH) 25-32; 9, W Grieve(FVH) 25-39; 10, G Lightwood (ESP) 25-50; 11, M Ferguson (ESP) 26-02;12, A Little (She) 26-07; V3, B Howie 17th (CPH) 26-34; V4, J Knox (Gala)27-14; VO/50 A Cameron (CPH) 29-47; Teams: 1, F'kirk Vic 20pts; 2, ESPC 28; 3, T'dale H 28.

L1, S Durham (EWM) 30-26; L2, C McFadden (Dum) 31-37; L3, J Byng LV1 (Irv) 32-10; L4, T Thomson (Pit) 32-44; LV2 A Bankowska (ESP) 32-58; LV3, F Kay (Par)

Larkhall to Wanlockhead 5 stage RR -1. Motherwell YMCA 3-36-48 (W Weir D Gardner, J Brockett, J Brown, J Poutney); 2, Hamilton 3-47-30 (A McMillan; B Campbell; A Dyer, B Campbell (Jnr); D Adams). 3, Motherwell B 3-54-20 (S Poutney; J Douglas, J McMorrow, B McAlinden; J Ross); 4 Larkhall YMCA 3-54-45; 5, Biggar 4-00-05; 6, Calderglen B 4-03-43; 7, Larkhall B 4-22-

Cumbernauld Half Marathon -

1, K Rankin (FVH) 71-16; 2, J Cooper (Sp) 71-24; 3, J Duffy (She) 74-55; 4, J McLaugh lin (una) 74-58; 5, A McDonald (KO) 74-59; 6, W Higgins (FVH) 75-49; 7, C Northam V1 (Liv) 76-42; 10, S Green (Un) 78-16; V3, N McGregor (Una) 82-43; L1, MAdams (Unatt) 1-25-21; L2, A Hughes (ESPC) 1-28-24; L3, S Bauchop (SVHC) 1-34-23. Team 1, Forfar

Irvine Valley Half Marathon, Galston (464

1, G Tenney (Kil) 66-35; 2, A Stewart (Ayr) 67-07: 3. J Harrison (Mil) 67-40: 4. D Murray (IWK) 68-43: 5. C Martin V1 (Dun) 68-50; 6, P Walsh (Dum) 68-53; 7, D Harrison (Mil) 68-58; 8, A Adams V2 (Dumb) 69-08; 9, C Miller (Irv) 69-30; 10, J McNamee (Irv) 70-09; 11, R Brown (HBT) 71-01; 12, D Hart V3 (Mil) 71-04; 13, B Boyd (Ayr) 71-24; 14, D Wilson (Mil) 71-28; 15, H Gallacher (Bel) 71-30; 16, S White (JWK) 71-42; 17, D Gibson (Irv) 72-04; 18, B Craig (IRv) 72-36; 19, F Evans (JWK) 72-40; 20, H Young (Police) 72-57; V4, E McIvor (Cam) 73-40; Team: 1, Dumbarton 19pts; 2, Milburn 22; 3, Irvine Cable 36; 4, JW Kilmamock 39. L1, J Strawhorn (Loud) 1-24-46; L2, G Craig (Stra St) 1-25-31; L3, K Todd LV1 (JWK) 1-26-21; LA, J Harris (Air) 1-27-22; L5, C Reid (GN) 1-28-15; L6, K Chapman LV2 (GN) 1-29-26; L7, A Higgins (Loud) 1-38-56; L8, M Law (Ayr) 1-39-25; L9, I Wilson (Cum) 1-40-19; L10, M Allison (Stra St) 1-40-45; Team: 1, Giffnock North.

Forth 10K RR. Forth Lanark -

1, N Muir (She) 30-34 (record); 2, W Nelson (Law) 30-46; 3, M Coyne (Ree); 4, P Russell (Forth) 33-44; 5, J Knox V1 (Gala) 33-59; 6, D McCara (FVH) 34-44; 7, A Nicol V2 (Ctr) 35-13; 8, I Stewart (Ctr) 35-19; 9, J Rowley V3 (Law) 35-28; 10, I Donnelly V4 (Law) 35-31; L1, A Dickson (Law) 24th 39-57; L2, E Tinney (Beth) 25th 40-09; L3, S Blair (FVH) 28th 43-00; VO/50 M Coyne (Ctr) 3801; Teams: 1, L&D AC 21pts; 2, Forth RR, 29: 3. Central 31

Young Athletes Half mile: 1 F McIntosh (Whit) 7-42; 2, D White (Law) 8-10; 3, J McLelland (Forth) 8-36.

Girls: 1, V Stewart (Forth) 9-57; 2, T Terbit (Forth) 10-08; 3, C Brand (Bath) 10-32.

St Andrews Womens 5 mile PP .

1, A Wilson LV1 (DDH) 30-15 (record); 2, K Macgregor (Fif) 31-24; 3, A Harley (Pit) 32-04; 4, M McLaren (Fif) 32-09; 5, J Farmer (Oct) 32-20; 6, Y Reilly Int (DHH) 32-31; 7, M Robertson LV2 (DRR) 32-52; 8, T Thornson (Pit) 33-10; 9, C Cadger LV3 (PSH) 33-13; 10, M Martin LV4 (Fif) 33-39.

AAA National 100 km RR Champs, Holme Pierrepont -

1, E Seedhouse (100km Ass) 6-42-03 (rec); 2, F Zapripov (USSR) 6-47-53; 3, D Ritchie (Forr) 6-56-55;15, M Francis (For) 8-05-52.

Sri Chinmoy 2 mile RR, The Meadows, Edinburch -

1. G Lightwood (ESP) 9-37: 2. D Amott (Ed Un) 9-42: 3. C Smith V1 (ESP) 9-45: 4. G McMaster (FVH) 9-59; 5, K Daley (ESP); 6, P Flynn (CPH) 10-11; 7, B Howie V2 (CPH) 10-15; VO/50 A Cameron (CPH) 11-28; L1, L <eikle (Unatt) 13-12; L2, S Dopson (AP) 14-08; L3, D Duncan (Unatt) 15-20; L4, I Wright (Unatt) 15-29; L5, J Rutherford (AP) 15-59

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Carlisle Rugby Club 10K RR -

1, A Walker (Tev) 31-24; 2, D Frampton (Kes) 32-25; 3, A Fair (Tev) 32-57; 4, D Scobie (Dum) 33-21: 5. J Ferguson (Dum) 33-43: 6. M Walker V1 (Gosf) 33-57: 7. N Mottman (Tev) 34-01: 8. C Nicholl (Tev) 34-18: 9. J Curran (Kes) 34-38: 10. R Fletcher V2. (Carl) 34-39; Team: 1, Teviotdale H 11pts.

Ayr Seaforth TAJ 10K RR, Dam Park Stadium (224 ran) Ayr -

1, N Muir (She) 30-29 (record); 2, S Gibson (HBT) 30-30; 3, T Murray (GGH) 30-46; 4, T Thomson (Ctr) 31-29; 5, G Wright (Ayr) 32-06; 6, C Ross (H'gate) 32-09; 7, W Richardson (Irv) 32-15; 8, A Stewart (Ayr) 32-26; 9, C HEnry (GGH) 32-26; 10, G Reid J1 (JWK) 32-38; 11, B Craig (Irv) 32-41; 12, M McGinley (Kil) 32-56; 13, C Miller (Irv) 32-58; 14, J Goldie (JWK) 33-06; 15, D Logue V1 (Ayr) 33-13; 16, S White (JWK) 33-28; 17, J Tonner J2 (JWK) 33-37; 18, J Gemmell (Cum) 34-06: 19. D Meuse (Kil) 34-09: 20. J McNamee (Irv) 34-10: V2 H Rankin O/50 (JWK) 34-42; V3, D King (Irv) 34-50; V4, M Ferguson (JWK) 35-07.

Teams: 1, Irvine Cable AC 31 pts; 2, JWK 40; 3. Avr Seafonh 48.

L1, D Rutherford J1 (JWK) 38-25; L2, M Blacker (GN) 38-52; L3, K McCallum (Unatt) 38-57; L4, J Byng LV1 (Irv) 39-33; L5, S White LV2 (Ayr) 39-41; L6, J Thomson (CG) 40-01; L7, L Caims (JWK) 40-08; L8, E O'Brien (GGH) 40-09; L9, M McGill LV3 (Irv) 40-30; L10, S McLeish (GN) 40-37. Teams: 1, Irvine Cable AC; 2, Giffnock North Ac; 3, Loudoun Runners.

Results compiled by Colin Shields

Due to lack of space all reports for June will appear in the next issue.

Drop in standards at schools events

Alex Jack reviews the performances at this year's championships.

THE four Scottish Power school championship events in June again attracted large numbers of competitors but sadly - with certain obvious exceptions - the overall standard was relatively

The poor weather conditions did contribute to some of the poor performance levels but there is no doubt that the more technical field events are on a downward slope which began more than five years ago. The "badge standard" (not to be confused with the entry qualification) was not achieved in many events.

This was developed over a period of 20 years to ensure that athletes performing well but not achieving a medal position received recognition - in the shape of a special badge. In some events in 1991 (a repetition of 1987-90) badge standard performances were not even recorded among the medal winners. In other words, current performances are worse than ten years ago.

The numbers of competitors at the events either increased or was maintained at a high level. The figures were : pentathlon/relay championships -798; boys track & field championships - 695; girls track & field championships - 503; inter area championships -520.

These statistics, coupled with the fact that the number of schools represented increased would seem to paint a healthy picture.

The mid week event, now in its fifth year - the SSAA Inter Area Championships - attracted 12 areas (with Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunbartonshire and North schools sharing the spoils) but again, even at this representative level the overall performance levels were low.

None of this pessimism should detract from the efforts of the teachers, coaches, clubs, schools, area associations, parents and the SSAA organisers who contribute hundreds of hours to the young athletes. Sooner or later, however, Scottish athletics must address the questions of how we improve overall performance levels nationally and how we keep youngsters in the

In spite of all the deficiencies in the system there are still some exciting young prospects to look out for as they mature over the years.

The young U/15 flyer from the North, Stuart Sutherland, who attends Tain Royal Academy, won the Eric Liddell Memorial Trophy for the best performance of the day at the boys' track and field championships winning the 400m in 53.1, a new championship best performance. The rest of the field in the final were four to seven seconds

Bruce Robb of Queen Anne High School



Suzanne Wood. winning the 400m hurdles and achieving a new SSAA record at the Girl's Track and Field Championships.

(Dunfermline), another U/15, took the throws trophy with his discus and shot distances of 37.56m and 13.93m respectively. The latter gave him a winning margin of 1.70m!

Other outstanding competitors, this time in the U/17 group, were Matthew Kelso (Queen Anne High School) with a record equalling in 25.0 sec in the 1500m steeple chase and Scott Poutney (Our Lady's High School) and Douglas Walker (George Heriot's) who took first and second respectively in the U/17 100m, then reversing their positions in the 200m (see results page for full details).

At the girls' championship the best performances on the day were deemed to be from Sarah Richmond (Woodmill High School) and Suzanne Wood (Linlithgow Academy) in the hurdles events which earned them a share of the Frances Barker Shield. Their performances created new SSAA records but only Suzanne's 62.6 for the 400m hurdles will stand as Sarah's 100 hurdles time of 14.22 was assisted by a 3.26

Outstanding also was Elaine Julyan (Loudon Academy) who recorded an U/17 sprint double with times of 12.1 sec and 24.4 sec. Championship best performances were also recorded by Hayley Parkinson (Balwearie High School) with a time of 10.17.6 for the 3000m and the inimitable

Alison Potts (Williamwood High School) with a time of 2-12.4 for the U/17 800m.

At the pentatholon relay championships on June 8 the outstanding relay teams were from St George's School (Edinburgh) who won the U/15 and U/17 events and added to their two trophies the Mildred Storar Trophy for the best girls' relay team at the championships.

In the Boys section a record was set by Glasgow Academy in the U/14 age group in a time of 50.4. The primary inter area 4x100m events were won by Dunbartonshire and South Highland in the girls and boys events respectively.

In the pentathlon the top places went to Douglas Wight (Edinburgh Academy) and Elaine Donald (Hermitage Academy) at U/17, with Debbie Church (Marr College) and Colin Wilson (Gordon Schools, Huntly) taking the U/17 medals

The Paisley Shield for girls awarded to the school gaining most places in the pentathlon, relay and track & field championships went to Hermitage Academy with St Ninian's (Eastwood) a very close second.

The SSAA wish to thank all officials who gave their time to all four events and with the numbers involved were rushing for (and sometimes missing) meals. All this in a very, very wet June ...

JUNIOR

PROFILE

NAME:

Peter Thomas Norquaw Annal.

DATE OF BIRTH:

March 24, 1977.

SCHOOL:

Alness Academy.

ATHLETICS CLUB:

Not a member of one.

STARTED ATHLETICS:

A year ago. I enjoyed athletics at PE so I started going to extra practices at lunchtime

and after school.

EVENTS:

Pentathlon - but I also compete in the hurdles, javelin and shot on an individual

PERSONAL BESTS:

80m hurdles -12.3: javelin - 41.80m:

shot - 11.70m.

ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE

SPORT:

The feeling of achievement when you win.

LEAST ENJOY:

The nerves before a race.

AMBITION IN SPORT:

I'd like to break any world records I could -

particularly for the javelin.

HIGHLIGHT SO FAR:

Second place in the Scottish Schools Pentathlon Championships in June and breaking the Ross-shire schools record

for the 70m hurdles.

FAVOURITE ATHLETES:

Steve Backley and Colin Jackson.

FAVOURITE STADIUM:

Grangemouth.

MOST EMBARASSING MOMENT:

Two false starts at the Schools Pentathlon Championships, in the 80m hurdles and the

FAVOURITE MUSIC:

Hothouse Flowers

FAVOURITE ACTOR:

Eddie Murphy.

FAVOURITE ACTRESS:

Whoopi Goldberg.

OTHER HOBBIES:

Basketball. Last year I played in the under-15 Scotland squad and I hope to do the

same this year.

AIMS FOR THE FUTURE:

To keep improving at athletics and be a Scottish medallist but I'd also like to get my

highers and join the RAF.

Have you any junior news or views you would like to share with other readers? Write to Scotland's Runner, 62, Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7SA.

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PARCELFORCE Games, Crystal Palace.

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INVERNESS HG, Inverness. D - (0436) 239111 Ext. 224.

MELANTEE HR, Fort William.

USA v Canada v GBR - U20.

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HALF Nevis HR, Fort William.

WELSH Games, Cwmbran.

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ROSNEATH & Clynder HG. D-(0436) 831 520.

ANNANDALE & Eskdale DC OGM, Everholm, Annan. D - (0461) 203311 Ext. 306. SCHOOLS (0-17) v Welsh Schools v Others, Wales.

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EIGHT Nations GB Junior International, Spain (also 20th and 21st).

GBR v URS v Australia.

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BRITISH Athletic League 3.

DAVID Shepherd Glamaig HR, Skye.

ELGIN HG and RR, Elgin.

SIAB Schools Int, Wrexham.

STROMNESS Shopping Week 13 mile RR, Orkney.

WORLD Student Games (to 25 July), Sheffield.

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HELENSBURGH People's Half Marethon, Helensburgh. D - (0436) 73839.

IRVINE Harbour Festival Road Race, Irvine. D - (0294) 51011.

MIDLAND Bank Universiade Sheffield Marathon, D - (0742) 780302.

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PANANSONIC AAAWAAA Championships, B'ham (also 27th).

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TAYNUILT Highland Games. D - (Taynuilt) 431.

ABERDEEN Leisure Shire Harriers Meeting, Aberdeen. D - (0224) 643734.

COW Hill Race, Fort William.

DINGWALL 10 miles RR.

LOCHABER HG, Fort William.

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DONKEY Brae Run, Aberdour.

WOOLWORTHS SYAL Semi Final, Pitreavie.

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LIVINGSTON & Dist AC OGM, Livingston. D - (0506) 37892.

August

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SCOT v Czech v Hungary v Portugal (women), Czech also 3rd).

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AAA/WAAA Combined Events Champs, Stoke

NEWTONMORE HG.

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AAA/WAAA Combined Events Champps, Stoke.

ANGUS Monros HR, Gilen Doll.

BALLATER 10, Ballater.

BRIDGE of Allan HG, inc Scottish Heavy Events champs. BUIRSAK Race (6 miles), Ecclefechan.

INTER Region - Borders v Dumfries v Galloway Tweedbank, Galashiels.

MORAY People's Marathon & 10K Races, Eigin. D-(0343) 54521 x 2415.

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BILL Elder 10K, Greenock.

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BERWICK Law Race, N Berwick.

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ROEVIN10K RR, Aberdeen. D - (0224) 636299.

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EUROPEAN Jun Champs (to August 11), Greece.

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INTERNATIONAL Invitation Meeting, Gateshead.

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BRODICK Highland Games, Isle of Arran D-(0770) 2568.

CELTIC Int, N. Ireland, Ger v URS v GBR Combined Events (U20), Germany.

MERRICK Hill Race, Glen Trool.

GRE Cup Final, Crownpoint.

SYAL Final, Crownpoint.

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DALCHULLY Hill Race, Laggan Bridge.

EDINBURGH & Dist League, Tweedbank.

GER v USR v GBR Combined events (U20) Germany.

GILENTROOL Hill Race/Forest Jog, Galloway Forest Park

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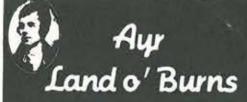
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Future of Ben Lomond race in doubt

IT looks like there could be an interesting debate brewing about the future of the Ben Lomond Hill race. Because of accelerating erosion, sponsored walks have been banned on Ben Lomond. I was therefore surprised to see that Dumbarton AAC's race went ahead this year.

Inote in the June issue of the SHRA magazine that the convener of the association carried out a survey of the damage done by runners during the race. The "interesting findings" that the survey produced will be in the magazine's next issue.

The park rangers, who help maintain and supervise the Ben Lomond park area (remember we're not talking about national parks yet) have also submitted their report. Speaking to one of them last week, it seems that their report will certainly be against any future race on the Ben.

The ranger I spoke to said he saw 68 of the nunners deviate from the route. The ground was very dry and even this small group of runners left a distinct impression in the almost dead vegetation. This has subsequently been trodden on by other users who saw the line in the vegetation as a new path, thus spreading and increasing the erosion. He said that he had received a quotation from Pathcraft for £17,000 to repair the damage done.

He maintains that if the race goes ahead, then the entire route should be taped and marshalled withinstant disqualification for anyone deviating from the route. He also said that perhaps the SHRA, Dumbarton AAC, and hill runners in general might like to put in some physical man/ woman power into helping repair the paths.

I think that this is a very emotive subject, introducing, as it does, all the issues about personal freedom, environmental damage and so on, but nevertheless it certainly is a subject that will not go away and really needs to be aired fully.

Service stars

SOME time ago I asked for nominations for sports retailers who provided the best service. Those which I received that checked out, I mentioned. I now have my own nomination. A couple of weeks ago, I bought a pair of New Balance spikes from Colin Campbell Sports in Edinburgh whilst on one of my rare forays into our capital city. I wanted to use them the next day in the Panasonic League meeting. I received good advice and information about them, tried them on in the shop and left after paying (and being given a 10% discount for being a club member).

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It is worth noting that you should check that spikes fit into the shoes before you take the shoes out of the shop.

Still waiting

IN last month's Diary, I asked why there were so few runners at the Edinburgh-North Berwick Marathon.

In one women's case this was because she did not receive an application form, despite sending an sae Janet Dick, from Simshill in Glasgow, phoned Henry Muchamore who told her that entry forms were available from Joe Forte in Haddington. She wrote, including her sae, but still awaits a reply.

I must admit I was a bit confused about the entry procedure because the entry address was different for the marathon than that of the other races in the HELP series.

Janet concludes her letter by saying "If organisers of such marathons can't reply, especially when an SAE is supplied, are you surprised the event did not have many runners?" She isn't.

HBT take the prize

PRIZEGIVINGS after races can be quite interesting affairs. Personally I enjoy the ones that take place in the warmth of some holstery as I dry out, warm up or replace lost fluid. The ones I enjoy most are those that inject maximum humour, often including the silliest prizes, many of them "spot" prizes. The ones I least like are those where the same small group of runners cart away the majority of the prizes because, in addition to being the first individuals, they are also the first team, the first vet etc.

Nominations for the most entertaining prizegiving this summer include the Kilpatrick Hills race, organised by Clydesdale, and, for the second year, the Hunter's Bog Trot.

The HBT prizegiving, at 32 minutes, was considerably longer than the winning time in the race!

The silly season

ONCE again the silly season is upon us. At the beginning of June, the village of Balerno held their civic week. Part of the civic week includes a road race around a very pleasant route, on roads on the edge of the Pentland Hills. There is also an accompanying series of children's races. All in all it is an enjoyable gala evening.

Because the run is called a race, technically it should have a permit. Any club runners technically should avoid taking part in such a race. My question is why? In case they enjoy themselves? In case they take away numbers from any other race?

In fact what happened was that there was an unsavoury scene where one of the gala organisers ripped a piece of paper out of an SAAA official's hand as he wrote down names of those taking part. The organiser's view was that he was organising a pleasurable, low key event which he wanted to keep open for everybody, not one that would be listed in the SAAA calendar.

Could someone please explain to me how having a permit would benefit the Balemo race organisers, those runners wishing to take part, and the SAAA?

Sour grapes

STRONG stuff in Claude Jones (ESP team manager's) letter in last month's issue. In it, he called the athletes who formed Reebok RC "a bunch of mercenaries" and said that the club would be of no benefit to Scottish athletics.

I don't agree with what the athletes who have set up Reebok Racing Club have done and in that sense I think that my sympathies lie with Mr Jones. However I can't help thinking that it sounds a bit like sour grapes. It is also perhaps a bit ironic that he feels somewhat aggrieved when, for years, larger clubs, ESPCAC included, have poached promising athletes from weaker provincial clubs and have themselves done quite a bit to promote elitism.

It is noticeable that there are a number of clubs who have shunned such elitism and who are constantly growing to become clubs of prominence in Scottish athletics, whether it is on the road, the hills or in cross country.

At a personal level, I wish the athletes in Reebok every success. I hope they continue to enjoy their running and that some day they will be able to pass on this joy to some youngsters. In the meantime, I will enjoy every occasion that sees them beaten by other Scottish club athletes. Like Claude Jones, I think it is unlikely that the club will have a lasting effect on Scottish athletics.

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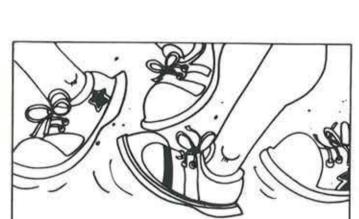
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