

Easter Sunday Road Races

RESULTS of Easter Sunday, Douglas Promenade Road Races, were as follows:

4 x 3 MILES RELAY

1. Glasgow University "A" 58 mins. 8 secs., 2. North London A.C. "A" 58.09, 3. Manx Athletic Club "A" 58.10, 4. Warrington A.C. "A" 58.24, 5. Aldershot Farnham "A" 58.24, 6. Rochdale Harriers 58.31.

Other local teams were: 20. Manx A.C. "B" 62.25, 29. Boundary Harriers "B" 64.11, 46. Manx A.C. "C" 66.28, 47. Boundary Harriers "C" 66.35, 67. Manx A.C. "D" 70.12, 74. Boundary Harriers "A" 71.31, 81. Manx A.C. "E" 75.43, 85. Manx A.C. "F" 80.35.

BOYS 2½ MILES ROAD RACE

1. D. Moran [Musten Brook] 15 mins. 25 secs., 2. S. Gibbons [Mid-Roscommon] 15.57, 3. G. Riley [Burnley] 16.17.

Local placings were: 13. Nigel Whitehouse 19.03, 14. Brian Lewney 19.36, 16. Eric Comaish 19.40, 19. Graeme Collister 21.47.

COLTS 2 MILES ROAD RACE

1. A. Preedy [Burnley A.C.] 12 mins. 26 secs., 2. C. Green [Burnley A.C.] 12.31, 3. L. Barden [Longford A.C.] 13.05.

GIRLS 2 MILES ROAD RACE

1. K. Jackson [Liverpool Harriers] 12 mins. 57 secs., 2. S. Fryer [Ghost Runners] 13.01, 3. A. James [Liverpool Harriers] 13.11.

Local placings were: 12. Nikki Radcliffe 14.05, 23. Rebecca Morling 15.38, 26. Aimi Comaish 16.50, 27. Jayne Holland 17.10.

JUNIOR LADIES 2¼ MILES ROAD RACE

1. Mandy Radcliffe [Northern A.C.] 12 mins. 59 secs., 2. Sian Pilling [Manx A.C.] 13.01, 3. C. Sykes [Rotherham] 13.14.

Local placings were: 12. Charlotte Fisher 14.26, 17. Julie Bawden 15.09, 22. Petra Corkill 17.07, 23. A. Quayle 17.23, 28. S. Robinson 21.20.

LADIES 3 MILES ROAD RACE

1. B. Everley [Leicester [Univ.], 2. L. Davies [East Cheshire Harriers], 3. L. Martin [Manchester Univ.].

Local placings were: 17. Lynn Massey.



Over 400 athletes prepare for the "Off" in Good Friday's "Round the Houses" Road Race which was the opening event in the Athletics Festival. (Photo: Ron Southall).

Easter Athletics Festival . . .

LOCAL ATHLETES STEAL THE SHOW!

WITH all due respect to the 700 athletes who participated in the Easter Athletics Festival it was athletes from the promoting club, the Manx Athletic Club, who stole the show with superb running against top-class competition from all corners of Great Britain.

The Manx Athletic Club's Senior Men's "A" team ended a very hectic week-end by winning the Festival Team Championship Trophy after a nail-biting competition in which the overall championship depended on the result of the final race of the meeting — the 12-mile Relay.

With the Manx A.C. and Warrington A.C. level on points (the local lads winning at Peel and placed third in the Douglas "Round the Houses" and the Warrington squad placed second in both events), it was left to Graham Clarke Andrew Horne, Chris Quine and Steve Kelly to pull out all the stops to take third place ahead of Warrington and win the overall team trophy by

just one point, for the first time in the 22 years history of this event.

ROUND THE HOUSES

The Athletics Festival got under way on Douglas Promenade on Good Friday evening, when nearly 500 athletes competed in a series of Road-races over the "Round the Houses" circuits.

In the Senior Men's 5¼-mile race it was 21-year-old Paul Fowler of Staffs Moorelands who scored a fine victory by nine seconds over Kevin McCluskey of Copeland A.C., in 25 mins, 2 secs, with third place going to Kevin Barrett of Rochdale Harriers in 25 mins 14 secs.

The first local competitor to finish was Steve Kelly, who

tered the two-year-old local record by 41 secs, to take fifth place in 25 mins. 19 secs., with Graham Clarke placed 16th in 26 minutes dead and Chris Quine 23rd in a personal best time of 26 mins. 17 secs.

The team race was won by Aldershot Farnham and District with 39 points, followed by Warrington A.C. on 40 points and Manx Athletic Club third with 44 points.

First home in the Youths 3¼-mile race was Alan Moffitt of Aldershot, who scored a convincing victory beating his nearest rival Darren Good of Harrogate A.C. by 27 seconds, in a time of 18 mins. 44 secs., with Brian Barlowe of Mosten Brook High School third.

The first local finisher was Alistair Mazzone who was placed 11th in 20 mins. 54 secs., and he was followed by Mike Brew (14th in 21 mins. 29 secs), and Paul Corkill (18th in 22 mins. 33 secs.)

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Barbara Everley of Leicester with second place going to Lucinda Martin of Manchester University, while the local challenge was headed by Christine Kissack who ran an excellent race to take to take fifth-place.

BEST-EVER DAY!

On Saturday at Peel, local athletes enjoyed it's best-ever day in the 22-year history of the Easter Athletics Festival, with a series of superb performances which brought credit to the Island, and the Manx Athletic Club.

It was Graham Clarke who set the ball rolling in the Senior Men's 4-mile hill race when he finished in second place, just one second behind race winner Kevin McCluskey of Copeland A.C. in a new local record time of 20 mins. 35 secs.

With Steve Kelly taking 11th place and Chris Quine 19th, the Manx Athletic Club "A" team surprised everyone by winning the team race, and in doing so were now joint

Champions with Warrington A.C. with everything depending on the result of Sunday's Relay Race on Douglas Promenade.

In the Ladies Fell Race which followed, the Manx flag was kept flying by Christine Kissack who ran a superb race to finish in third place in a new local record time of 20 mins. 47 secs., just two seconds behind the second finisher Lindsay Davies of East Cheshire Harriers, and less than a minute behind race-winner Barbara Everley of Leicester University.

The programme ended with yet another superb local performance, this time coming from 15-year-old Sian Pilling of Onchan who scored a great victory in the Junior Ladies Hill Race. **YET MORE SUCCESS**

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The local star of the Athletics Festival was without doubt Graham Clarke of the Manx Athletic Club who is pictured above leading the field on the opening leg of Sunday's Promenade Relay.



Dave Newton battles with Neil Piotrowski of Red-ditch A.C. in Good Friday's "Round the Houses" Road Race.

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In the Senior Men's 5 1/4-mile race it was 21-year-old Paul Fowler of Staffs Moorlands who scored a fine victory by nine seconds over Kevin McCluskey of Copeland A.C., in 25 mins. 2 secs, with third place going to Kevin Barrett of Rochdale Harriers in 25 mins 14 secs.

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SENIOR MEN'S 5 1/4 MILES

1. Paul Fowler (Staffs. Moorlands) 25 minutes and two seconds; 2, Kevin McCluskey (Copeland A.C.) 25.12; 3, Kevin Barrett (Rochdale H.) 25.14.

Local placings were as follows:— 5, Steve Kelly 25.19; 16, Graham Clarke 26.00; 23, Chris Quine 26.17; 53, Paul Clarke 27.09; 66, Dave Newton 27.23; 99, Alan Gage 28.11; 120, Colin Halsall 28.32; 125, Steve Parkinson 28.34; 131, Alan Fox 28.46; 164, Dave Cowell 29.37; 168, Keith Callister 29.41; 175, Tony Rowley 29.51; 181, John Butterworth 29.54; 183, Steve Brennan 29.55; 189, Mick Hannay 30.00; 199, Phil Brooks 30.11; 213, Steve Higgins 30.31; 226, Ian Callister 30.53; 232, Trevor Johns 31.02; 235, Graham Oates 31.10; 257, Terry Evans 32.00; 264, Ian Ellis 32.20; 268, Peter McElroy (V.) 32.25; 273, Doug Corkill 32.35; 275, Don Higgins (V) 32.41; 283, Bill Hooke (V) 32.57; 297, Graham Davies 33.25; 300, Gary Gilmour 33.31; 311, Stan Basnett (V) 34.18; 321, Graham Thwaites 34.50; 351, Frank Williams (V) 37.40; 353, Stan Kewley (V) 38.12; 356, Dave Capelen 38.25; 360, Peter Halsall 40.11.

SENIOR TEAM RESULT

1, Aldershot and Farnham; 2, Warrington A.C.; 3, Manx A.C. "A"; 4, Rochdale Harriers; 5, North London A.C.; 6, Lancaster University.

YOUTHS 3 1/4 MILES

1, Alan Moffitt (Aldershot) 18 minutes and 44 seconds; 2, Darren Good (Harrogate) 19.11; 3, Brian Barlow (Musten Brook) 19.33.

Local placings were:— 11, Alistair Mazzone 20.54; 14, Mike Brew 21.29; 18, Paul Corkill 22.33.

LADIES 5 1/4 MILES

1, Barbara Everley (Leicester University) 29.49; 2, Lucinda Martin (Manchester University) 31.32; 3, Lindsey Davies (East Cheshire H.) 31.40.

Local placings were:— 5, Christine Kissack 31.58; 13, Helen Mackay 35.00; 17, Lynn Massey 35.43; 20, Anne Gomer (V) 36.27.

SENIOR MENS FOUR-MILE HILL RACE

1, Kevin McCluskey (Copeland A.C.) 20.34; 2, Graham Clarke (Manx A.C.) 20.35; 3, Alan Daly (Bellahouston H.) 20.36.

Local placings were:— 11, S. Kelly 21.15; 19, C. Quine 21.38; 45, P. Clarke 22.15; 61, A. Gage 22.58; 69, D. Newton 23.10; 102, C. Halsall 23.44; 108, A. Horne 23.50; 126, K. Callister 24.19; 128, T. Rowley 24.21; 145, G. Oates 24.43; 151, S. Parkinson 24.54; 160, J. Butterworth 25.05; 186, S. Partington 25.48; 192, S. Higgins 25.54; 195, I.

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First to finish in the Ladies Race was

Ellis 26.00; 218, T. Evans 26.55; 230, G. Gilmore 27.16; 237, D. Higgins (V) 27.28; 241, D. Corkill 27.34; 254, G. Davies 28.01; 256, B. Hooke (V) 28.09; 264, S. Basnett (V) 28.54; 267, G. Thwaites 29.12; 300, F. Williams (V) 31.33; 305, D. Capelen 31.56; 306, S. Kewley 32.02; 318, P. Halsall 36.22.

TEAM REPORT

1, Manx A.C. "A"; 2, Warrington A.C.; 3, North London A.C.; 4, Lancaster University; 5, Rochdale Harriers; 6, Glasgow University.

YOUTHS THREE MILES HILL RACE

1, A. Moffitt (Aldershot) 18.13; 2, D. Good (Harrogate A.C.) 18.24; 3, B. Barlow (Mosten Brook) 18.41.

Local placings were:— 13, A. Mazzone 20.08; 15, P. Corkill 20.44.

COLTS 1 1/4 MILES HILL RACE

1, Andrew Preedy (Burnley A.C.) 9.42; 2, Craig Green (Burnley A.C.) 9.57; 3, Mark Doney (Burnley A.C.) 10.20.

Local players were:— 6, Mark Pinnington 10.34; 7, Karl Morling 10.38.

BOYS TWO MILES HILL RACE

1, Steve Gibbons (Mid-Roscommon) 11 minutes and 12 seconds; 2, Dean Moran (Mosten Brook) 11.30; 3, Graham Riley (Burnley A.C.) 11.36.

Local placings were:— 13, Nigel Whitehouse 13.44; 15, Eric Comaish 13.56; 18, Brian Lewney 14.36; 19, Graeme Collister 14.56.

LADIES 3 1/2 MILE HILL RACE

1, Barbara Everley (Leicester University) 19.50; 2, Lindsey Davies (East Cheshire H.) 20.45; 3, Christine Kissack (Manx A.C.) 20.47.

Local placings were:— 22, Anne Gomer 24.06; 37, Lynn Massey 27.59.

JUNIOR LADIES 1 1/2 MILES HILL RACE

1, Sian Pilling (Manx A.C.) 10.39; 2, C. McLoughlin (Lough Ree) 10.53; 3, Collette Sykes (Rotheram H.) 10.54.

Local placings were:— 14, Julie Douglas 12.14; 15, Charlotte Fisher 12.16; 18, Julie Bawden 12.58; 22, A. Quayle 14.20; 24, S. Robinson 17.51.

GIRLS 1 1/2 MILES HILL RACE

1, K. Jackson (Liverpool H.) 10.32; 2, A. James (Liverpool H.) 10.34; 3, S. Fryer (Ghost Runners) 10.42.

Local placings were:— 22, Rebecca Morling 12.22; 26, Jayne Holland 13.22; 27, Anne Marie Preston 14.10; 28, Elrwen Jones 14.10; 29, Ami Comaish 14.25; 30, Cath Preston 14.26.

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Mandy Radcliffe of Northern A.C. and Stan Pilling (M.A.C.) dominated the Junior Ladies two mile race, with Mandy scoring a narrow two-seconds victory in 12 mins. 59 secs., while the Manx Athletic Club "A" squad were superb in the Senior Men's 4 x 3 mile promenade Relay.

The team of Graham Clarke, Chris Quine, Andrew Horne and Steve Kelly were always in contention and with a superb effort finished in third place, just three seconds behind the winners Glasgow University, in 58 mins. 10 secs. — the best-ever performance by a local team!