

STEWART DOMINATES IN TIPTON WIN

IAN STEWART led Tipton Harriers to victories in both race and overall title in the First Division of the Birmingham Cross Country league in bitterly cold conditions at Perry Barr.

Stewart has produced many good runs in his career, but yesterday's was one of his most dominating. He was up against a good class field in the six mile race, but ignored the opposition, leading from start to finish and winning by 53 seconds in 28 mins. 32 secs.

Wolverhampton's Ian Gilmore had a hard tussle with Tipton's Tony Milovsorov and newcomer Bob Cyflau over the last lap, before outsprinting Milovsorov for second place by three seconds.

Cyflau hung on to fourth place, and Coventry's David Driver, who finished in fifth place, was the individual league winner, totalling 26 points for the four races.

Tipton, even without Peter Griffiths who was competing in the Welsh Cross Country Championships and Steve Emson on international duty in Germany, were most impressive. They had Andy Holden in sixth and Jim Wright ninth, and produced



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a six man winning total of 39 points.

Birchfield had a good day on their home course, finishing second with 148 points, two points clear of Coventry Godiva, but Wolverhampton had a bad day.

With the first three men home in the last race all missing, they could manage only sixth with 214 points.

CROSS-COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Small Heath, missing David Black, managed seventh, scoring 225 points, but it wasn't quite enough to save them from relegation with Worcester.

The Youths four mile race was won by Wolverhampton's Nigel Harper in 20 mins. 25 secs., three seconds ahead of Stoke's Robert Finney who was seven seconds up on Tipton's Steven Lowe.

On this form, Tipton must be in with an excellent chance in the National Cross Country Championships, due to be held at Leeds on March 4, and Stewart too must be confidently looking forward both to that race and the track season.

In the Third Division, at Solihull, M. Downes, Cannock, won the six miles in 29.28. Solihull were team winners and gained promotion to Division Two, along with Cannock and Halesowen.

FIRST DIVISION At Perry Barr

1st Division Cross Country League at Perry Barr, Senior 6-mile: 1. I. Stewart (Tipton) 28.32; 2. I. Gilmore (Wolverhampton) 29.25; 3. A. Milovsorov (Tipton) 29.28; 4. R. Cyflau (Tipton) 29.39; 5. D. Driver (Coventry Godiva) 29.44; 6. A. Holden (Tipton) 29.45.

Team: 1. Tipton Harriers, 39 points; 2. Birchfield Harriers 148; 3. Coventry Godiva, 150; 4. City of Stoke, 172.

Final League Positions: 1. Tipton, 285 points; 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston 461; 3. Birmingham University 502; 4. Coventry Godiva 526; 5. City of Stoke 806; 6. Birchfield 823; 7. Gloucester 1033; 8. Small Heath 1042; 9. Worcester 1318.

Small Heath and Worcester relegated.

Individual Senior winner — D. Driver, Coventry Godiva, 26 points.

Youths' 4 mile race: 1. N. Harper (Wolverhampton & Bilston) 20.25; 2. R. Finney, (Stoke) 20.28; 3. S. Lowe (Tipton) 20.35;

4. S. Chandler (Stoke) 20.36; 5. M. Hurst (Stoke) 20.39; 6. S. Bond (Gloucester) 20.42.

Team: 1. Stoke, 11 points; 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston, 21; 3. Gloucester, 25; 4. Tipton, 38.

Youths overall: 1. Stoke, 51; 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston, 88; 3. Gloucester, 101; 4. Tipton 224.

Youths individual: S. Chandler, Stoke, 23 points.

THIRD DIVISION (at Solihull)

Individuals, 6 miles: 1. M. Downes (Cannock) 29.28; 2. K. Holmes (Tamworth) 29.36; 3. S. Wilmot (Cannock) 29.52; 4. P. Sanderson (Telford) 30.06; 5. D. Jackson, (Telford) 30.08; 6. M. Necak (Nuneaton) 30.27.

Team: 1. Solihull 112; 2. Cannock 115; 3. Nuneaton 118; 4. Telford 123.

The following three teams were promoted to the Second Division Cannock 355 points; Solihull 405; Halesowen 518.

Youth's Race: 1. N. Tiotrowski (Warley) 19.1; 2. S. Asson (Tamworth) 19.33; 3. P. Davis, Hale (Cannock) 19.51.

Team: Tamworth 79 points; Halesowen 156.

Individual winners — Youths: N. Tiotrowski; Senior: K. Holmes, Tamworth.