

Athletics Festival road races



Paul Clarke of Manx Harriers (125) leads a group of competitors during the Good Friday road race around Douglas. Also in the picture is another Manx Harrier, Chris Quine (124) together with John Kiley, Liverpool University (43); Paul Feites, Glasgow University (75); and Phil Oakey, Liverpool University (42)



The first five finishers pictured during the early stages of the race walk around Douglas on Friday. Left to right: Steve Taylor who went on to finish second, Steve Partington (winner), Martin Young (fifth), Steve Brennan (third), and Dave Keown (fourth)



KING OF THE CASTLE... Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers) heads the charge up Peel Hill en route to victory in the second leg of the Easter Athletics Festival on Saturday. A comprehensive Festival round-up can be found inside today's issue. (Photo: John Watterson)

CLARKE'S HILL RACE VICTORY HIGHLIGHT OF FESTIVAL WEEKEND

THE overall winner of the 1993 Easter Athletics Festival was John Heap of Liverpool University 'A', who began the weekend with maximum points in the 5.8 mile Douglas road run on Friday evening, and went on to finish ninth in the Peel Hill Race on Easter Saturday.

His team won the four by five kilometre relay event on Sunday, and took the overall prize at the end of the three days.

Lucy Wright of Leeds University dominated the ladies' section, winning all three races, but it was Manchester University who took the team prize, led by junior athlete Jackie Pursey who was second in all three events.

The best result of the weekend by a local was Graham Clarke's excellent victory at Peel. He took over the lead at Corrin's Folly just before the halfway mark, and eventually won by 24 seconds. Graham's performance helped Manx Harriers 'A' squad to third place in the team section of the Peel Hill Race.

Another outstanding local was Steve Kelly of the Northern AC veterans, who was competing in the older age group for the first time. Steve was 52nd on Good Friday and 44th the following day which helped him on the way to overall victory in the veteran's section.

Best placed local overall was Gianni Epifani, who runs for Liverpool Pembroke. He was 27th in the Douglas run and 14th at Peel. Pauline Kennaugh of Manx Harriers 'A' who was fifth at Douglas and sixth at Peel was the best local lady. Another Manx girl, Sian Pilling of Blackheath, was third on Friday and Sunday.

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24.13; 38. Stewart Sayle (Northern AC 'A') 24.49; 44. Steve Kelly (Northern AC Vets) 25.23; 45. Alan Postlethwaite (Northern AC Vets) 25.28; 46. Frank McToal (Western AC) 25.32; 47. Phillip Jackson (Manx Harriers 'B') 25.34; 48. Mick Hannay (Manx Harriers 'B') 25.43. There were 123 finishers, including 20 more locals.

Best Veteran, Over 40: 44. Steve Kelly (Northern AC Vets) 25.23; **Veteran Over 45:** 45. Alan Postlethwaite (Northern AC Vets) 25.28; **Over 50:** 106. Alan Connor (IOMVAC) 30.12; **Youths:** 20. Robin Heap (Liverpool University 'B') 23.43.

Ladies: 1. Lucy Wright (Leeds University) 18.54; 2. Jackie Pursey (Manchester University 'A') 20.07; 3. Sarah Young (Manchester University 'A') 20.29; 4. Pauline Kennaugh (Manx Harriers 'A') 21.13; 5. Catriona Caddell (Glasgow University) 21.28; 6. Emma Johnston (Glasgow University) 21.44; 7. Michelle Jeffrey (Glasgow University) 21.58; 8. Helen Simpson (Manx Harriers 'A') 22.13; 9. Jane Rosbottom (Liverpool University) 22.25; 10. Gwynedd Huter (Manchester University 'A') 22.40. **Other locals:** 13. Rachel Sorby (Manx Harriers 'A') 22.46; 16. Melanie Brown (Manx Harriers 'B') 24.25; 18. Margi Newton (Manx Harriers 'A') 25.43; 24. Dorothy Grainger (Manx Harriers 'B') 29.10.

Men's Teams: 1. Derby and Co AC (23 points); 2. Liverpool University 'A' (44); 3. Manx Harriers 'A' (51); 4. Manchester University 'A' (60); 5. Liverpool University 'B' (68); 6. Copeland AC (73).

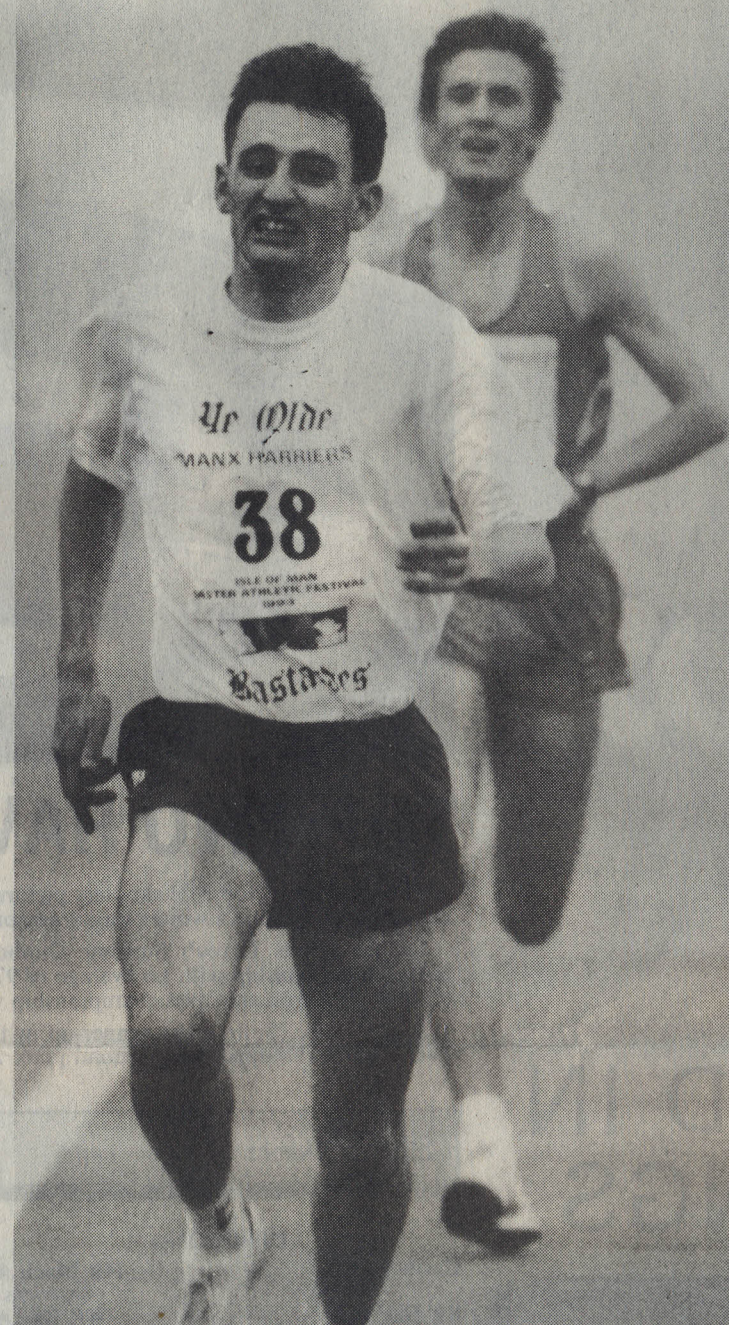
Ladies' Teams: 1. Manchester University 'A' (16); 2. Glasgow University Hare and Hounds (18); 3. Manx Harriers 'A' (26); 4. Leeds University (28); 5. Manchester University 'B' (58).

Easter Sunday, Ladies' four mile road race: 1. Lucy Wright (Leeds University) 17.52; 2. Jackie Pursey (Manchester University 'A') 18.28; 3. Sian Pilling (Blackheath) 18.33; 4. Sarah Young (Manchester University 'A') 19.04; 5. Amanda Radcliffe (Stafford University) 19.35; 6. Pauline Kennaugh (Manx Harriers) 19.42; 7. Natasha Cendrowitz (Leeds University) 20.08; 8. Emma Johnston (Glasgow University) 20.08; 9. Helen Simpson (Manx Harriers 'A') 20.32.

Ladies' Teams: 1. Manchester University 'A'; 2. Leeds University; 3. Manx Harriers 'A'.

Men's Four by Five Kilometre Relay: 1. Liverpool University 'A'; 2. 'Odd Balls'; 3. Manchester University 'A'.

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Women: 1. Lucy Wright (Leeds University) 30.42; 2. Jackie Pursey (Manchester University 'A') 32.02; 3. Sian Pilling (Blackheath) 32.23; 4. Sarah Young (Manchester University 'A') 32.30; 5. Pauline Kennaugh (Manx Harriers 'A') 33.53; 6. Jan Roxburgh (Glasgow University) 34.54; 7. Michelle Jeffrey (Glasgow University) 35.06; 8. Emma Johnston (Glasgow University) 35.17; 9. Natasha Cendrowitz (Leeds University) 35.36; 10. Helen Simpson (Manx Harriers 'A') 36.05. Other locals: 11. Rachel Sorby (Manx Harriers 'A') 36.39; 13. Linda Kelly (Manx Harriers 'B') 37.25; 15. Melanie Brown (Manx Harriers 'B') 39.16; 16. Marge Newton (Manx Harriers 'A') 39.20. There were 26 finishers.

Men's Teams: 1. Derby and Co. AC (24 points); 2. Liverpool University 'A' (29); 3. Manchester University 'A' (55); 4. Paisley Harriers (56); 5. Leeds University 'A' (71); 6. Copeland AC (74). Locals: 10. Manx Harriers 'A' (102); 15. Northern AC 'A' (163); 18. Manx Harriers 'B' (198); 19. Northern AC Vets (210); 21. Manx Harriers 'C' (235); 22. Manx Harriers Vets (237); 23. Northern AC 'B' (241). A total of 32 teams took part.

Ladies Teams: 1. Glasgow University Hare and Hounds (21); 2. Manchester University 'A' (23); 3. Leeds University (24); 4. Manx Harriers 'A' (26); 5. Manchester University 'B' (59).

Race Walk. Men (5.8 miles): 1. Steve Partington (Manx Harriers) 37.17; 2. Steve Taylor (Manx Harriers) 38.23; 3. Steve Brennan (Manx Harriers) 38.41; 4. Dave Keown (Manx Harriers) 40.00; 5. Martin Young (Leicester) 43.42; 6. Brian Brough (Manx Harriers).

Ladies: 1. Carolyn Partington (Manx Harriers) 46.07; 2. Carolyn Brown (Manx Harriers) 46.16; 3. Elizabeth Corran (Manx Harriers) 48.36; 4. Maureen Cox (Manx Harriers) 52.28; 5. Ruth Sadler (Manx Harriers).

Easter Saturday, Peel Hill Race. Men: 1. Graham Clarke (Manx Harriers 'A') 21.36; 2. James Ward (Derby and Co AC) 22.00; 3. Seb Shepley (Loughborough Old Boys) 26.16; 4. Neil Wilkinson (Manchester University 'A') 22.34; 5. Andy Tarry (Loughborough Old Boys) 22.38; 6. Andy Sawyer (Copeland AC) 22.40; 7. Raymond Keeney (Telford AC) 22.47; 8. Mike Jubb (Derby and Co AC) 22.56; 9. John Heap (Liverpool University 'A') 23.00; 10. Paul Feites (Glasgow University) 23.07. Other locals in top 50: 14. Gianni Epifani (Liverpool Pembroke) 23.23; 19. Paul Clarke (Manx Harriers

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Ladies' Teams: 1. Manchester University 'A'; 2. Leeds University; 3. Manx Harriers 'A'.

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Overall Easter Festival Winners. Senior Men: John Heap (Liverpool University); **Veteran Men:** Steve Kelly (Northern AC Vets); **Junior Men:** Gary Raven; **Youths:** Robin Heap; **Winning Team:** Liverpool University 'A'; **Winning 'B' Team:** Liverpool University 'B'; **Veteran's Team:** Northern AC Vets; **Best Local Man:** Gianni Epifani (Liverpool Pembroke).

Senior Ladies: Lucy Wright (Manchester University 'A'); **Junior Lady:** Jackie Pursey (Manchester University 'A'); **Local lady:** Pauline Kennaugh (Manx Harriers); **Ladies' Team (Over 3 Days):** Manchester University 'A'.



John Heap of Liverpool University outsprints Paddy Brice (Blackheath) to win the Good Friday road race. Heap went on to be the overall champion for the weekend



The runners emerge from the mist to start the descent of Bray Hill during Good Friday's athletics festival road race. Winner was number 38, John Heap

FESTIVAL FINALE

JOHN Heap and Lucy Wright held onto their respective leads in the Easter Athletics Festival when the three day Manx Harriers organised event came to a successful conclusion on Douglas Promenade on Sunday morning.

Locals had to be satisfied with the veterans awards, Steve Kelly the best individual over the three days, whilst his team - Northern A.C. - won the Veteran team title.

The leading local individuals were R.A.F. officer Pauline Kennaugh, running for Manx Harriers, and Gianni Epifani in the

Bagley's schedule

● **REGULAR** Island visitor and former winner of the Manx Athletics Grand Prix in August, Alan Bagley of Stockport limbered up for Saturday's Mountain Marathon by participating in Friday evening's six mile road race around the streets of Douglas. He finished ninth in the Standard class on Saturday.

mens, although he was running in the colours of Liverpool Pembroke.

Former Island Games gold medallist Mandy Radcliffe (Stafford Univ.) had a super run to finish fifth in the Ladies event on Douglas promenade, just

pping Pauline Kennaugh, while former race walker Linda Kelly wasn't too far down on Helen Simpson in 13th spot.

Graham Clarke posted the quickest leg in the Mens relay, 15 minutes nine seconds, Northern A.C.'s Alan Postlethwaite the best vet in 17.07.

Liverpool University mopped up in the team events, taking both the A and B prizes.

Ladies Individual Race times (Easter Sunday)

1, Lucy Wright (no time received); 2, Jackie Pursey 18.28; 3, Sian Pilling 18.33; 4, Sarah Young 19.04; 5, Amanda Radcliffe 19.35; 6, Pauline Kennaugh 19.41. **Other locals:** 10, Helen Simpson 20.38; 18, Liz Corran 22.25; 20, Margi Newton 23.07; 27, Ruth Sadler 28.28.

Men's Relay

1, Liverpool University (J. Heap 15.20; J. Kiley 16.16; P. Pudney 16.05; S. Thomas 16.05) 53.46; 2, Odd Balls 64.01; 3, Manchester University 64.14; 4, Derby & Co. AC 64.34; 5, Manx Harrier 'A' (G. Clarke 15.09; P. Clarke 16.58; P. Curphey 17.12; C. Quine 16.45) 66.04; 7, Copeland AC 66.58; 8, Liverpool University 'B' 67.33; 9, Paisley Harriers 68.45; 10, Northern AC (R. Radcliffe 17.05; I. Watson 17.59; B. Cannon 17.40; S. Sayle 17.11) 69.55; 11, Leeds City AC 70.17; 12, Liverpool University 'C' 70.22.



JUST APPLAUSE... Manchester University's Lucy Wright deserves the applause of the spectators here on Peel Hill during the latter stages of Saturday's race to Corrin's Folley and back. She won that event at a canter, and went on to complete a hat-trick of Festival wins the following morning in Douglas (John Watterson)

Overall Team Points (Men)

1, Liverpool University 'A' 5 points; 2, Derby & Co. AC 6; 3, Manchester University 'A' 9; 4, Leeds University 'A' 11; 5, Copeland AC 19; 6, Manx Harriers 'A' 19; 12, Northern AC 'A' 38; 16, Manx Harriers 'B' 47; 17, Northern AC Vets 54; 18, Manx Harriers Vets 62; 19, Manx Harriers 'C' 64; 21, Northern AC 'B' 74. **(Ladies):** 1, Manchester University 'A' 4 points; 2, Glasgow Univ Hare & Hounds 7; 3, Leeds University 9; 4, Manx Harriers 'A' 10; 5, Manchester University 'B' 15.



HEAPS MONI... Liverpool University's John Heap was the overall Senior Mens champion in this year's Easter Athletic Festival, winning the Good Friday road race outright, finishing ninth at Peel on Saturday, whilst a member of the winning team in Sunday's Relay on Douglas promenade. (JW)

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Western Ladies Darts League

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Athletics Festival Day One

Sprint finish to Douglas Road Race

Festival photographs by John Watterson

THE TT Grandstand on Glencrutchery Road has been the scene of many an exciting finish over the years, but few have been so keenly contested as the closing stages of Friday evening's round the houses road race - the first leg of the Easter Athletics Festival.

In damp conditions, Liverpool University's John Heap out-sprinted Blackheath's Paddy Brice to the line to win

the event by a solitary second, with Andy Sawyer of Copeland A.C. a further two seconds down.

Heap's winning time for the 5.8 mile course 26 minutes 21 seconds, which came as a marked improvement upon his performance in the corresponding event last year when he was 18th finisher.

The first Manxman to complete the course was Chris Quine in 26th spot, just one place ahead of fellow local Gianni Epifani - the latter man running in the colours of Liverpool Pembroke.

Lucy Wright of Leeds University won the Ladies race by a massive 80 seconds from Jackie Pursey of Manchester University, with local girl Sian Pilling third representing Blackheath.

Parti' time in Mexico

● THE Island's leading race walker, Steve Partington, will be travelling to Mexico at the end of the month to represent Great Britain in the Lugano Cup after all.

The 27 year old Laxey man received news last week that he has been drafted into the team to replace Lakeland's Martin Rush, who has been struggling with an injury for the past month or so.

Steve was originally pipped to a place in the official line-up by a margin of just ten seconds at the selection trials in Cardiff last month.

He last represented Great Britain in the event six years ago in Barcelona, and will be joined this time by Coventry's Andy

The Easter Festival (Day One)

Men's Road Race (5.8 miles)

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Ladies Race

1, Lucy Wright (Leeds University) 30mins 42secs; 2, Jackie Pursey (Man University A) 32.02; 3, Sian Pilling (Blackheath) 32.23; 4, Sarah Young (Man University A) 32.30; 5, Pauline Kennaugh (Manx Harriers A) 33.53; 6, Jan Roxburgh (Glasgow Univ) 34.54. **Other locals:** 10, Helen Simpson (Manx Harriers A) 36.05; 11, Rachel Sorby (Manx Harriers A) 36.39; 13, Linda Kelly (Manx Harriers B) 37.25; 15, Melanie Brown (Manx Harriers B) 39.16; 16, Margi Newton (Manx Harriers A) 39.20.



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This success adds to the Tynwald's earlier wins in both the Harrison & Garrett Cup and Examiner Shield competitions. It also means that the Peel Legion are bridesmaids in all three.

Last week's results and highest scorers:-

Baltic 3 Halfway 5

A.Curphey 120, 100
D.Smith 100

Creek 6

J.Davis 100
A.Mourant 100

Glen Helen 4

Central 4

T.Ennett 121, 92A

Peel Castle 1

T.Hide 114
J.Sayle 109

Crosby 4

D.Gelling 118
V.Gelling 100, 114

Marine 1

S.Jones 123, 100

Legion 2

N.West 100
P.Bailey 180

J.Sayle 101A

Royal 4

S.MacDonald 121

Vikings 4

M.,Murphy 95A
C.Horne 121, 100

J.Sayle 100

Mitre 7

P.Griffin 100x2
W.Callister 133

J.Lawrence 121

Whitehouse 4

Tynwald 7

G.DeYoxall 122, 117
L.Walmsley 125

● Golden Guinea, donated by British Fuels Ltd (Formerly N.F.D) Highest Score - 180 P.Bailey (Legion); No High Finish this week.

League Table (Week 29)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tynwald	27	21	2	4	146	70	46
Peel Legion	27	20	4	3	139	77	43
Mitre	27	15	7	5	130	86	36
Creek	27	14	7	6	125	91	34
Glen Helen	27	13	6	8	124	91	34
Baltic	27	11	8	8	115	101	30
Halfway	27	10	7	10	116	100	30
Central	27	11	10	6	111	104	28
Vikings	27	9	12	6	106	110	24
Royal	28	9	13	6	95	129	24
Crosby	27	4	10	13	96	120	21
Whitehouse	27	6	14	7	95	121	19
Hawthorn	27	6	17	4	87	128	16
Peel Castle	27	4	19	4	70	146	12
Marine	27	3	20	4	73	142	10

margin of just ten seconds at the selection trials in Cardiff last month.

He last represented Great Britain in the event six years ago in Barcelona, and will be joined this time by Coventry's Andy Penn, Daryl Stone of Steyning and Chris Maddocks of Plymouth.

Northern road relays

TWO athletes used to competing against Isle of Man runners were among the stars of the Northern 12 stage relays at Stockport last weekend.

Mark Peters, a past Easter Festival competitor, put Salford in front, a lead they never lost, while East Cheshire's Paul Green who has run against Western in the Northern Mens League was fastest over the "short" 2.9 mile stage recording 14m17secs.

Results service

● CSL Delta again provided a superb computerised results service for the Easter Athletics Festival.

There were one or two hiccups sorting out the massive lump of statistics on Monday, but thanks are due to CSL Delta and the Manx Harriers results team of Ruth Sadler, Joan Powell and Kevin Madigan for all their help and assistance over the weekend.



TAKING THE STRAIN... Paul Clarke (left) and fellow local Stewart Sayle (centre) are reduced to walking pace on the steepest slope of Peel Hill. Paul was 29th, Stewie 38th (JW)

Husband and Wife victory in Good Friday race walk

ON A misty Good Friday evening in Douglas, husband and wife Steve and Cal Partington won the first athletics event of the 1993 Easter Festival.

There were just eight starters in the mens race walk over 5.8 miles, Steve Partington strolling to victory in a time of 37 min 17 secs, more than a minute ahead of Steve Taylor (38.23) with Steve Brennan third in 38 min 40 sec.

Dave Keown was fourth finisher in 40 minutes dead, some three minutes clear of Martin Young.

In the Ladies race, over the same course, there were six starters, and here Cal Partington gained her first ever victory over Carolyn Brown.

Both girls walked together until Summerhill, where Carolyn Brown's knee gave way, leaving Cal Partington to win in 46 mins 07 secs.

Carolyn Brown came back strongly in the later stages to record 46 min 16 secs, just nine seconds down.

In third place came veteran Liz Corran in 48 mins 36 secs, taking more than two mins of her personal best for the distance. Maureen Cox was fourth in 52 min 28 sec.

Less than two minutes behind Maureen in fifth place was Ruth Sadler in 54 min 23 secs, slicing more than three minutes of her 1992 time for the same event.

In sixth place came the much improved Gill Kewley, who also set a personal best, 58 min 19 secs.

Results

Men: 1. Steve Partington (Manx Harriers) 37 minutes 17 seconds; 2. Steve Taylor (Manx H) 38.23; 3. Steve Brennan (Manx H) 38.40; 4. Dave Keown (Manx H) 40.00; 5. Martin Young (Leicester W.C.) 43.42; 6. Brian Brough (Manx H) 53.58; 7. Ralph Martin (Manx H) 55.00; 8. George Callister (Manx H) 58.19.

Ladies: Carolyn Partington (all Manx Harriers) 46.07; 2. Carolyn Brown 46.16; 3. Elizabeth Corran 48.36; 4. Maureen Cox 52.28; 5. Ruth Sadler 54.23; 6. Gill Kewley 58.19.



TOP FLIGHT... R.A.F. officer Pauline Kennaugh was the best local performer in the Womens section of the Easter Athletics Festival. She's pictured here taking the strain on Peel Hill during the second leg of the Festival in which she finished fourth (John Watterson)

Easter Athletics Festival Day two

Clarke's home rule

GRAHAM Clarke repeated his Peel Hill Race win of five years earlier to win the second leg of the Easter Athletics Festival on Saturday afternoon.

Fourth on the initial ascent, the Port Erin postman was out in front by the time he reached Corrin's Folley on the return trip, and he further increased that advantage on the somewhat slippery descent to cross the finish line close to the Creek Inn just under half a minute clear Derby's James Ward.

Clarke's time for the gruelling four mile course was 21 minutes 36 seconds

Seb Shepley (Loughborough) was third, 16 seconds down on Ward, with

Neil Wilkinson of Manchester University just holding off another Loughborough man, Andy Tarry, for fourth.

Good Friday winner John Heap maintained his form with a solid top ten run into ninth place.

Next best of the locals was Gianni Epifani in 14th place, while race winner Graham Clarke's elder brother Paul was next along in 29th spot, just three seconds in front of Manx Harriers team mate Chris Quine.

Lucy Wright maintained her 100 per cent record in the Womens class with a crushing victory over a

Gymnastics training

A PARTY of 16 athletes and five coaches from the St. Ninians Gymnastics Club were at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall over Easter for special training.

PEEL HILL RACE

Men's (4 miles)

1, Graham Clarke 21.36; 2, James Ward 22.00; 3, Seb Shepley 22.16; 4, Neil Wilkinson 22.34; 5, Andy Tarry 22.38; 6, Andy Sawyer 22.40; 7, Raymond Keeney 22.47; 8, Mike Jubb 22.56; 9, John Heap 23.00; 10, Paul Feites 23.07. **Other locals:** 14, Gianni Epifani 23.23; 29, Paul Clarke 24.10; 31, Chris Quine 24.13; 38, Stewart Sayle 24.49; 44, Steve Kelly 25.23; 45, Alan Postlethwaite 25.28; 46, Frank McToal 25.32; 47, Philip Jackson 25.34; 48, Mick Hannay 25.43; 52, Ian Watson 25.54; 55, Bernard Cannan 26.00; 57, Kevin Albinson 26.09; 48, Robert Webb 26.10; 59, Kevin Wynne-Smythe 26.13; 65, Len Carr 26.32; 67, Juan Wright 26.44; 72, Dave Newton 27.06; 73, David Ronan 27.09; 77, Philip Crowe 27.18; 79, Peter Cooper 27.21; 82, Stan Hall 27.34; 84, Jim Anderson 27.43; 85, Brian Goldsmith 27.49; 89, Paul Grainger 28.13; 103, Mark Bridson 29.30; 106, Alan Connor 30.12; 110, Juan Gell 31.03; 116, Charlie Quirk 35.09.

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Ju Jitsu Gradings

THE Samurai Ju Jitsu Association, International held their Spring grading examinations for all members last week.

The standard was high and resulted in only one student failing the grade. Those that passed and were awarded higher rankings are: Damon Coulter 3rd Kyu brown belt; Mike Kerruish 4th Kyu Purple Belt; Paul Kneen 5th Kyu Blue belt; Scott Hamer 6th Kyu Green Belt.

Orange belts (7th Kyu) were gained by Deborah Dadford, David Corkish, Matthew Roberts, Paul Teare and Peter Johnstone.

Yellow Belts (8th Kyu) were awarded to Brendan Long, Barry Caulfield, Helen Hogan, Kevin

Dadford, Joanna Major and John Teare.

The Association practice every Tuesday evening at Ballasalla Village Hall, and every Friday evening at Summerland.

The complete range of self defence techniques are taught and for the advanced students a knowledge of weapons is also introduced into the classes, so that every aspect of both armed and unarmed defence is practised. Over a period of time this gives the student a wide range of techniques which can be used in all situations where it is necessary to defend oneself.

Further details can be had by telephoning 823484.

Tennis juniors in competition

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GRAHAM Clarke repeated his Peel Hill Race win of five years earlier to win the second leg of the Easter Athletics Festival on Saturday afternoon.

Fourth on the initial ascent, the Port Erin postman was out in front by the time he reached Corrin's Folley on the return trip, and he further increased that advantage on the somewhat slippery descent to cross the finish line close to the Creek Inn just under half a minute clear Derby's James Ward.

Clarke's time for the gruelling four mile course was 21 minutes 36 seconds.

Seb Shepley (Loughborough) was third, 16 seconds down on Ward, with

Neil Wilkinson of Manchester University just holding off another Loughborough man, Andy Tarry, for fourth.

Good Friday winner John Heap maintained his form with a solid top ten run into ninth place.

Next best of the locals was Gianni Epifani in 14th place, while race winner Graham Clarke's elder brother Paul was next along in 29th spot, just three seconds in front of Manx Harriers team mate Chris Quine.

Lucy Wright maintained her 100 per cent record in the Womens class with a crushing victory over a slightly shorter course, finishing over a minute clear of the Manchester University pairing of Jackie Pursey and Sarah Young.

Another good result from Manx girl Pauline Ken- nough to finish a hard earned fourth, with Helen Simpson (nee Mackay) ninth.

Gymnastics training

A PARTY of 16 athletes and five coaches from the St. Ninians Gymnastics Club were at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall over Easter for special training.

The majority of the girls squad on the short list for the Island games in the Isle of Man were training along with a number of prospects for the future.

They also met up with other clubs with the hope of arranging future competition.

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The girls team are in Yorkshire playing at the Graves Tennis and Leisure Centre in Sheffield. They start against Shropshire who just missed promotion in 1992 before playing relegated Suffolk. They also finish with a match against the Channel Islands.

All group matches consist of nine rubbers with six singles and three doubles. The top team in each group is promoted with all group matches, being played on a round robin basis.



TOP VET... Northern A.C.'s Steve Kelly, tackling the Easter Festival as a veteran for the first time, walked off with the over 40s prize after three very impressive results. Here he leads Western A.C.'s Frank McToal in Saturday's Peel Hill Race. (JW)

Turkey's clinch the title

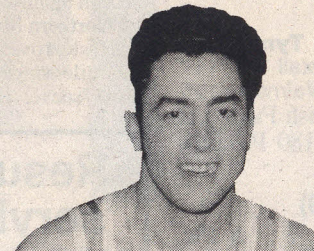
BASKETBALL by Graham Bassett

RON Smiths Turkeys finally clinched the league title last Thursday beating their nearest challengers, O.E.C. Select, by a ten point deficit.

They had to rely on strong defence and some fine scoring from Matthew Kelly to pull back O.E.C.'s early lead a miss match in height had left Simon Elson free to start the scoring. At half time the score was 23-18 in favour of the Turkeys.

O.E.C. a renowned second half team, led by their captain Dixie Griffin sneaked back to within one basket of the Turkeys, but with just eight minutes to go a burst of seven points without reply from Turkeys as their coach Gary Crosbie bravely returned them to a full court press and in doing so ended O.E.C.'s resistance winning the game by 48 points to 38 and reversing last year's positions.

Top scorers for Turkeys were



ISLAND SELECTION... Gary Corlett scored 13 in the clash with OEC and has been selected for the IOM for the Student Festival

Matthew Kelly (15), Gary Corlett (13) and Wig Bregazzi (12) while for O.E.C. Select Tony Jones (14) and Simon Elson (12) were their top scorers.

Earlier in the evening SNHS Boys had played O.E.C. II and although they had previously been involved in some close games the hard work put into training by the High School Boys paid dividends as they dominated to

win 66-29.

Kevin Perks with 12 points and Andy Cowley (10) had very good second half's for O.E.C but the nine man squad of S.N.H.S all got on the score sheet with David Thomas playing his best game and scoring 14 points and Jonathon Kinrade and Tony Quayle (12).

This weekend sees the Isle of Man senior men's and ladies squads playing opposition from Universities and Colleges in the Student Festival of Sport, senior men's coach Nigel Brown has been training the men's squad every Sunday and they are looking forward to putting up a good performance against some strong opposition. The squad is as follows: Gary Corlett, Gary Crosbie, Wig Bregazzi, Matthew Kelly (all Ron Smiths Turkeys), Paul Ellison (CopyCat Konica), Dixie Griffin, Tony Jones, Simon Elson, David Jones (all O.E.C.) Reserves: Scott Howarth (SNHS), John Mitchell (KPMG Panthers).