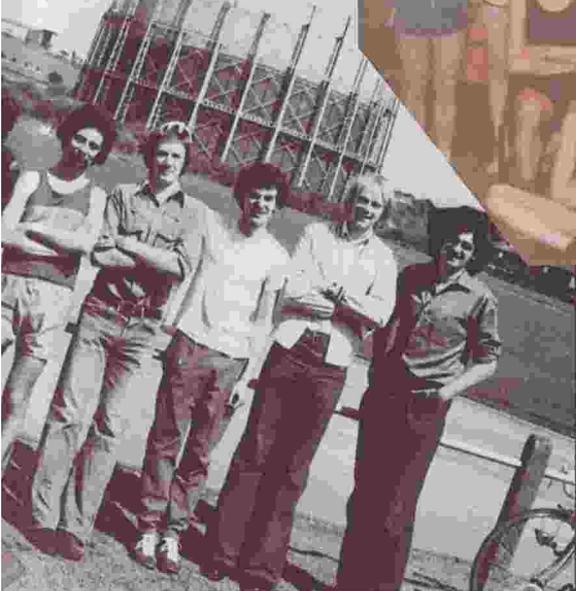
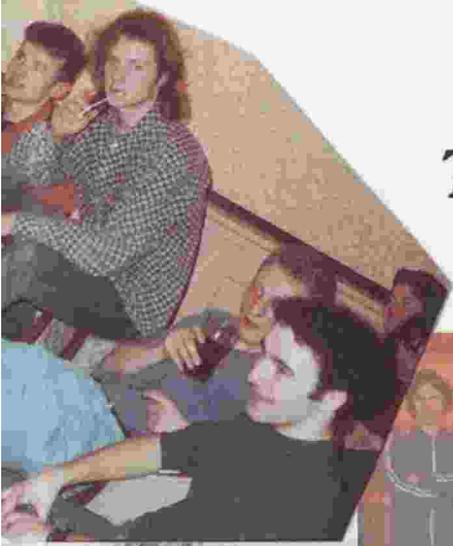


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Figure 1: Joe McGhee (1948 Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship Race).

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1989-90	...	G. Walker	P.D.W. Fettes	A. Crombie
1990-91	...	A. Crombie	P.D.W. Fettes	V. McPherson
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1992-93	...	K. Corbett	A. Russell	E.S. Jack
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* In the early years the post of Treasurer was combined with that of Assistant Secretary.

** Fixtures Secretary.

@ Combined Secretary/Treasurer.

At the AGM in 1954 it was agreed to lighten the duties of Secretary by creating the post of Fixtures Secretary, and combining the post of Treasurer with that of the Secretary. However, it appears that in the following year the post of Fixtures Secretary was dropped, but it was not until the AGM in 1967 that the posts of Secretary and Treasurer were again made separate.

Chapter 1

Early Days 1921-1930

Although Glasgow University Athletic Club (GUAC) was founded on Wednesday 20 April 1881, it was not till the beginning of the 1921-22 season that the formation of a Hares and Hounds' Section was authorised. Furthermore, it is only from 1926 that any of the Section's Minute books exist, so the detailed history immediately after its foundation is rather scanty. Moreover, while most of the Minutes of meetings from 1926 to 1980 are luckily still available for consultation, there is a gap to be filled between 1934 and 1941. Some information on early life in the Hares and Hounds can, however, be gleaned by perusing the *Glasgow University Magazine (GUM)*, although unfortunately the volume for 1921-22 is absent from the University Archives. Between 1941 and 1943, because of the war, the Section's activities were suspended.

It was at a meeting of the GUAC Executive on Tuesday 21 June 1921, that a letter was read out from Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds asking for a fixture the next season against a Team from Glasgow University. The letter was referred to a Mr. James Matheson to report on. Then at a further meeting of the Executive, on Monday 3 October, the GUAC Secretary (R.C. Mackie) reported that there was a certain amount of response to the appeal for members for a proposed Hares and Hounds' Section. He was instructed to proceed with its formation. On Friday 29 October there was another meeting of the GUAC Executive and the President (Mr. A.M. Pollock) stated that there had been a good response to the opening meet up of the Hares and Hounds' Section and that the first run was to take place the following day. Office Bearers and Committee were to be elected at a meeting held after the run. A Sub-committee of GUAC, consisting of Messrs Brown (Gymnasium), Paterson, Ponsford, Pollock and Mackie, along with the incoming Secretary of the Hares and Hounds, was appointed to interview the Secretary of the Gymnasium and go into the question of facilities.

At a GUAC Executive meeting on Monday 21 November 1921, the Secretary (name not given) of the Hares and Hounds was present and reported on the formation of the Section. The Constitution was read, altered in one place, and approved. The suggestion that the Section should run the sport was discussed, but not decided on for the present. On Friday 28 April 1922 it was announced at a GUAC meeting that a sum of 1/1/- had been granted to the Hares and Hounds for affiliation - presumably to the Scottish Cross Country Union.

In *GUM* on 15 November 1922 the following piece appeared:

“To the many who seek a remedy for that weary feeling and chronic cold feet we announce an infallible cure - before resorting to more drastic measures, let the sufferer turn his desperate steps to Westerlands on a Saturday morning. Here he will find others in the like evil plight and here, if he is not too sceptical to join them, he may see at all events what effect a run has upon them. We are convinced this will be enough to convert him.”

In the same issue of *GUM* it was reported that a Team from the Hares and Hounds at Glasgow University had met one from Edinburgh University in a very friendly social run on November 4th. A week later the Section ran with Dennistoun Harriers. The Hares and Hounds recorded with pride the success of William Neilson in the Novice Championship; he succeeded Moor of Edinburgh University as Scottish Champion.

On 16 December 1922 the Hares and Hounds staged a Club cross country race. J.A. Barrie and K.A. Mackay had a keen tussle to finish first and second, with Ben Reid and R.W. Hamilton third and fourth. Then on 14 February, there was a race against Edinburgh and Durham Universities over seven miles starting from Craiglockhart. The course was very heavy, with long stretches of plough. William Neilson of Glasgow was first in a time of 46min 15sec. Other Glasgow University placings were David Wilson sixth, J. Stewart Rough 12th, K.A. Mackay 14th, and R.W. Hamilton 15th. On 17 February 1923 the Hares and Hounds travelled north for a race against

Aberdeen University over seven miles. The course started from King's, went over Balgownie Golf Course as far as Murcar, then on to Scotstoun Moor and back to King's. A very strong wind and Aberdeen's coldness made the running difficult. Glasgow's placings were David Wilson second, Stewart Rough sixth, J.A. Barrie seventh, K.A. Mackay eighth, R.W. Hamilton 11th and R.V.C. Williams 12th. With the absence of George Pairman and William Neilson from the team, the Hares and Hounds considered their performance to be quite good. (George Pairman had been awarded the first Hares and Hounds' Blue for his performances during the 1921-22 season; William Neilson and David Wilson gained theirs in the 1922-23 season).

At the beginning of the 1923-24 season (on 17 October) the following appeared in *GUM*:

"Hares and Hounds The men who run and never get tired. Well, well that may be. The Section is keen as mustard and runs from Westerlands every Saturday morning at 10.30am. Bet you that three runs will cure the difficulty in breathing you have when climbing upstairs to a class. Furthermore the sub is only half a crown ($12\frac{1}{2}p$). Turn out ye fleet of foot!"

In *GUM* the following month (21 November) a report from the Hares and Hounds stated that the Section, though small in numbers, was full of beans. In the Scottish National Novice Championship decided at Bothwell on 3 November, David Wilson had gained fifth place in a field of about 250 runners - a very creditable performance. The team (Wilson, Rough, Mackay and Reilly) had been placed 14th out of 31.

In *GUM* on 12 March 1924 several of the Hares and Hounds were listed with appropriate quotes beside their names. These make rather interesting reading:

David Wilson (Blue 1922-23) "There is no effort in my brow, I do not strive, I do not creep, I rush with the swift spheres and glow, In joy and, when I will, I sleep".

W.A. Ramsay "Do they really think these little thin legs can do anything in such a slashing sweep-stake?"

John A. Ferguson "You must still be bright and quiet, And content with simple diet".

J.N. (John Norman) Miller¹ "Young stranger, whither wand'rest thou?"

L. Comens "Anyone got a pair of pants? Here gimme that singlet; I'm going to have my photo took".

J.W. Dalgleish "The trousers must be exceedingly tight across the hips".

J. Neilson "O why do you run through the fields in gloves Missing so much and so much?"

J. Stewart Rough "Who is this reverend personage?. God held all poor souls lost in the dark".

K.A. Mackay "I said - These painful shoes I cannot see. Why any longer they should cumber me; so I left them behind."

The closing run of the 1923-24 season was held from Westerlands on 8 March and took the form of a paper-chase when David Wilson and John Ferguson laid a trail over a fairly representative course of about nine miles. The AGM was held following this and Stewart Rough was elected Captain to succeed David Wilson. John Ferguson took over as Secretary.

In the October 1924 edition of *GUM* there was a note to say that the Hares and Hounds' season was to begin on Saturday 18th with a run from Westerlands at 10.30am. Ordinary runs were to be held on Wednesdays at 3pm and Saturdays at 10.30am. In addition inter-Club runs had been arranged with some of the leading city Harrier Clubs and as well there would be inter-University fixtures. Intending members were invited to come along to one of the runs from Westerlands where they would be heartily welcomed; the Hares and Hounds' subscription was $2/6$ ($12\frac{1}{2}p$). A report in *GUM* on 19 November stated that the season for the Hares and Hounds had begun with promise. In the National Novice Cross Country Championship at Bothwell on 1 November the Club was placed 13th among the 31 Clubs competing. Members of the Team which took part were J. Neilson, J.A.R. Watt, Stewart Rough and R.L. Rowe, who finished in the order stated. The issue of *GUM* on 17 December reported that

¹John Miller was one of the Hares and Hounds' most prominent runners in the early days, being a member of the Section from 1923 to 1929. He was Treasurer during 1926-27 and Captain from 1927 to 1929. Although competing on many occasions for the Hares and Hounds, John Miller was principally a track runner. In September 1926 he won a $2\frac{1}{2}$ mile trial race from Westerlands in 14min 12sec. He held the Scottish title for the quarter mile in 1927, and latterly was a prominent figure in the conduct of the Braemar Highland Games).

inter-Club fixtures had made a welcome addition to the programme of the Hares and Hounds' Section. There had been runs with Olympic and West of Scotland Harriers from Springburn Baths, with Bellahouston and Maryhill Harriers from Govan Baths and with Plebian Harriers from Govanhill Baths. On all occasions they had found large packs, new trails, " *even the black mud of Springburn and a plunge left them keener than ever on cross country.*"

It was noted at a GUAC meeting on 13 November 1924 that the Hares and Hounds had a membership of 25, although only 12 had so far paid their subscriptions. By 28 April 1925 there was a total of 29 paid up members of the Section.

The Hares and Hounds held their annual race against a Team from Edinburgh University on Saturday 31 January 1925 over a $7\frac{1}{2}$ mile course made very heavy by the recent rain. The individual winner was, as expected, C.H. (Charlie) Johnston the Scottish four miles flat champion running for Edinburgh, but he was chased all the way by D. Cameron and J. Neilson - only 15 yards separated the three at the finish. Glasgow University's First Team (D. Cameron, J. Neilson, J.A. R. Watt and R.L. Rowe) lost by 21 points to 16. The Second Team race ended in a draw of 18 points each. Eric Hay and N.A. Mackenzie, both of Glasgow, finished first and second, while Eric Mackay and J.S.M. Robertson also counted. Johnston's time was 45min 35sec and Hay's 49min 40sec. (The untimely death of Eric Mackay was commented upon at a Committee meeting of the Hares and Hounds on 30 May 1926; the cause was not mentioned). On Saturday 14 February a race was held from King's College against Aberdeen University Harriers over a course of seven miles, which embraced more road than the Team from Glasgow University was used to. Aberdeen University were decidedly the better Team and showed themselves worthy winners by 29 points to 52. The following men counted for Glasgow: J. Neilson, D. Cameron, R.L. Rowe, J.A.R. Watt, John Ferguson and Eric Hay.

A stern reprimand to members of the Hares and Hounds was issued by the Secretary in the 25 February 1925 edition of *GUM*:

"Surely when we invite a Club to run with us more than eight realise their responsibility as members of the Section. Yet only that number received Plebian Harriers at Westerlands on Saturday 21 February, one in the Fasts, three in the Mediums and three in the Slows - truly disgraceful! Let us redeem ourselves by turning out to a man for our fixture with Shettleston Harriers on 28 February inst."

At a meeting of the General Committee of GUAC on 15 December 1925 it was reported that the Hares and Hounds had a membership of 47, of whom 32 had already paid their subscriptions. The Section had begun the season in a promising manner, membership having increased by over 50%. On the afternoon of 24 October a run was held from Westerlands with visitors along from West of Scotland Harriers. Despite the Rectorial fight that morning the turnout was still very encouraging. Some of the Hares and Hounds also took part in the Novice Championship at Bothwell on 7 November, coming 10th out of 32 Teams. Those counting for Glasgow University were David Gray, D.E. Mackay, Andrew Tindal and John Ferguson. A Team was entered for the Struther's Relay Race at Paisley on 21 November, but the event was postponed because of the fog. When it eventually took place a fortnight later, the Hares and Hounds' squad (Gray, Tindal, Mackay and Miller) only finished 16th out of the 17 Teams which competed.

During December 1925 and January 1926 inter-Club runs were held with Shettleston and Bellahouston Harriers, as well as with Glasgow Post Office and Glasgow Tramways Athletic Clubs. On Wednesday 13 January a trial race was run over a course of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles and the first six home were: Andrew Tindal (37min 27 sec), D. Cameron (37min 30sec), D.E. Mackay (37min 36sec), John Ferguson (37min 38sec), John Miller (38min 14sec) and Eric Hay (38min 26sec). Then on Saturday 20 January, the Section defeated Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds by 31 points to 50 over a seven mile course. D. Cameron was second, David Gray third, D.E. Mackay fourth, Andrew Tindal fifth, Eric Hay eighth and John Ferguson ninth.

On 6 February the Hares and Hounds competed in the Western District Championship at Bothwell, coming 15th out of the 27 Teams taking part. The counters were D.E. Mackay, John Miller, John Ferguson, Eric Hay and E.R. McKillop. Then in an inter-'varsity race against Aberdeen on 13 February the Section had seven men in the first nine, and won easily by 32 points to 50. The first man home was George Esslemont (Aberdeen) in 36min 23sec, with D. Cameron (Glasgow) second in 36min 45sec.

Mr. William Irving, now of Ayr, was one of the Hares and Hounds' earliest members and has supplied some interesting information about his time with the Club. Although a member of GUAC from 1923-28, Mr. Irving initially played football for the first and second elevens. Then in 1927 he switched to cross country running, and in 1928 gained a Blue for his performances in the sport. Mr. Irving has pointed out that in his days with the Hares and Hounds, one tended to use only a person's initials along with the surname. For this reason many of the first names of members of the Section were not recorded and are therefore unknown. In the 1920s weekly pack runs were, as now, a very important feature of the Hares and Hounds' activities, as was inter-University competition.

Open races with other Clubs were, however, much less frequent than is the case today, and the amount of time spent training, as well as the distance covered, was considerably less than in recent years. The early records of the Club are also interesting in the information provided about relative costs in those days, and how smoking was much more acceptable in sporting circles than it is now. At the same time the camaraderie, emphasis on singing and other social events as well as competition was as important then as it is now. Even in the late 1920s songs like *The Ball at Kirriemuir* and *Shenandoah* were very popular. Students then, however, were remarkably abstemious for the simple reason that they didn't have the money to spend on alcohol.

Minutes of the 1926 AGM held at Westerlands emphasise the above points. A motion was passed that there should be only three inter-Club runs (excluding University fixtures) during the coming season and, that if a run was arranged with a Club, the return fixture would be in the following season. That year it was agreed to arrange runs with West of Scotland Harriers, Glasgow Tramways Athletic Club and Maryhill Harriers. (Only the last of these still exists, but in the 1930s Glasgow Tramways' Sports-ground at Helenvale had the fastest track in Scotland; it was however reputed to be a few yards short of the standard 440 yards tracks of those days). It was also decided to enquire into the possibility of a race against Dublin University (Trinity College, Dublin). This was the first race between the two Universities and matches against the Irish continued for many years; they would appear to have been one of the highlights of the season.

The Hares and Hounds' running strip has changed quite dramatically over the past 75 years. In March 1926 it was suggested it would be a sky blue running vest made in cotton Balbriggan, with a band of University colours around the middle. The clothier R.W. Forsyth was willing to provide these at a cost of 10/6 (52½p) each. However, at a later meeting this proposal for the strip was dropped because of the high cost, and in October of that year it was decided that the uniform would consist of white pants and a white vest. On the back and front of the latter would be a yellow badge with black bars forming a gate. This strip is well illustrated in photographs taken at the time.

In 1926 it was agreed that "*any member who runs consistently for the First Team during a season shall be awarded a badge with the date inscribed on it*". The award of blazer badges continued for many years.

In the autumn of 1926 the members of the Section were guests at a Smoker given by the President, and "*a varied programme was carried through in the whole-hearted Hares and Hounds' manner*". One of the President's subtle jokes told at the Smoker was "*Always keep to the right side of the spectrum*".

The Hares and Hounds have obviously had many Officers over the past three quarters of a century. Many prominent runners served in one capacity or another on the Committee, often being Vice-Captain one year and Captain the next, Assistant Secretary one year and Secretary the following season. Honorary Presidents have naturally been far fewer, frequently holding the post for a decade or more. The first President would appear to have been Mr. John Dunlop Anderson always referred to as JDA. It is possible that a President may not in fact have been appointed till 1924-25, as no record of one exists before that season. In *GUM* of 17 March 1926 a quote alluding to JDA as President reads as follows: "*I must congratulate the Hares and Hounds. They made a good stroke when they secured JDA*". JDA was Secretary to Glasgow Education Authority and his attachment to the Hares and Hounds was a very long and loyal one. After demitting office as President in 1928, JDA continued as a Vice-President and regularly attended Annual General Meetings up to his death in 1953. In 1946, and again in 1950, Mr. Dunlop Anderson was appointed to the Court of Glasgow University as an Assessor of the General Council. Dr Niel Morison can remember being in Mr. Dunlop Anderson's home as a student, and for the first time experiencing central heating. Other Presidents having long associations with the Club were Dr. R.M. Brown, of the Department of Civil Engineering and Mechanics (a quiet man who appears in many of the old Team photos), Professor C.A. Campbell of the Department of Logic, Mr. Bill Diverty and Dr. Jim Bogan of Veterinary Pharmacology. Bill Diverty, a member of Victoria Park AAC, became associated with the University because several student athletes (eg Ronnie Laing and Bill Conacher) were also members of Victoria Park. Jim Bogan's long association with the Hares and Hounds will be covered in detail later in this history.

Badges costing 6/6d (32½p) from Rowan & Co. were awarded in February 1927 to the following runners for creditable performances during the current and previous seasons:

David Gray (1925-26, 1926-27)	William Irving (1926-27)
J. Legg (1926-27)	E. R. McKillop (1925-26, 1926-27)
John Miller (1923-24; 1925-26; 1926-27)	R. Patience ² (1926-27)
J. N. Ross (1926-27)	

²R. Patience had taken over as Captain in January when Cameron resigned.

The 1927 National Cross Country Championship was held on 5 March over a course starting and finishing at Redford Barracks in Edinburgh. The race was 10 miles long, and the three laps covered long stretches of recently ploughed land. Charlie Johnston³ of Glasgow University finished third in this Championship and took the Scottish Junior title.

A very loyal member of the Hares and Hounds in its early years was Eric Hay, who was the Secretary in the 1926-27 season. According to Mr. Irving, Eric Hay was a bit of a wag and on one occasion, when coming to the end of a race along the Boulevard, he decided to show that he was a good finisher. However, as he put in his greatest effort a child came alongside him and said "*Mister, can I take your hand?*".

At the 1927 AGM it was decided that a levy of 2/- (10p) should be imposed on members, in addition to the annual subscription, to provide an entertainment fund for visiting teams. An addition was also made to the Constitution:

"that no member shall be allowed in the Club's Championship who has not taken part in at least three ordinary runs (or races) with the Club."

The matter of commitment to the Hares and Hounds has been a bone of contention over the years, and will be discussed in detail later.

Dr. Niel Morison (presently living in Alloway, Ayrshire) relates how he was "bullied" into joining the Hares and Hounds in May 1927, after winning the Novice 600 yards race on Sports Day and later went on to serve as Treasurer and then Captain.

At the start of the 1927-28 season a Smoker was held at Westerlands which was described in *GUM* on 26 October as follows:

"W. Miller delighted us with renderings of various songs, while Messrs. Scott and Walter with their ukulele, treated us to some delightful jazz. Engineer Rear Admiral Whittingham gave us a rollicking sea song in the chorus of which we all joined. Mr. Small of the Engineering Department had us all in stitches with his conversazione while Robbie McLeod delighted us with a violin solo. The clever patter of Claude Williams' magician next diverted our attention. In the second half of the programme there was an Apache dance."

Robbie McLeod was mainly a soccer player, but did some fitness running with the Hares and Hounds. He ran a small dance band at the University and organised another band in the hotel at Tighnabruaich in the summer. George Stewart (now resident in Lower Mitcham, South Australia) played in the latter; they were not paid, but were provided with their keep. Another member of that band was Roger MacDougall, later a multimillionaire playwright, songwriter and cinema scenario writer).

Rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities has been strong throughout the years, and races in which the two were involved have frequently been commented upon in records of the Hares and Hounds. On 5 November 1927 for example, it is reported that 40 Teams (each of six runners) took part in the Scottish National Novice Championship held in the grounds of Bothwell Castle. The Hares and Hounds came seventh out of 36 Teams and everyone finished within the first 75. William Irving was the first Glasgow University man home in 14th place. Hill came 22nd, Devlin 61st and Dunlop 62nd. Edinburgh University's team only finished 14th. Criticism was made of the venue because adequate changing facilities weren't available and the organisers were reprimanded for not ensuring an unhampered start and finish area. Runners apparently had to thread their way down to the finish through groups of spectators! Charlie Johnston of the Hares and Hounds won the 10 mile Western District Championship Race in 1927. A report in *GUM* describes Johnston as "the most brilliant individual in the event". (Interestingly however, no further mention of Charlie Johnston appears in the Hares and Hounds' records). The Section finished seventh out of the 29 Teams competing in this Championship event. After the race the President entertained the Team and Committee at Sloan's Restaurant and there a Glasgow University Team was selected to travel to Dublin. The Team was John Miller (Captain), Niel Morison, David Gray, William Irving, J. Legg, E.R. McKillop, I. Jones, Bob Harvey, J.C. Blossom and Jimmie Melvin.

The race against Dublin University (Trinity College) took place at Island Bridge on 3 December. Niel Morrison was the first man home and in *GUM* on 19 December 1927 it was reported that he "*justified all expectations by running cleverly*". However, the Irish easily won the team event by virtue of their better packing. William Irving ran steadily and finished fourth. Jones showed improvement by coming 10th, followed in by Harvey. The trip

³It would appear that he transferred from Edinburgh to Glasgow University sometime after the summer of 1925.

seems to have been very enjoyable, with the team sailing to Dublin overnight from Ardrossan. They managed to view The Book of Kells while in Dublin, but unfortunately missed out on an intended visit to the Guinness Brewery, and had to make do with seeing Jacob's Biscuit Factory instead! It is also reported in *GUM* that for four days the Hares and Hounds

"received the unequalled hospitality of our Dublin friends. We ate with them and drank with them, visited theatres and danced with them. Strange tales are told of surprise parties and of a tree that disappeared from Grafton Street, of bottles and bits of boats..... Up Dublin! For they are jolly good fellows."

George Stewart relates that the aforementioned tree was one of a pair outside a Barber's in Grafton Street. There was a tradition of displaying "souvenirs" in the Hares and Hounds' changing rooms in the Westerlands basement. A few of the Team in Dublin thought that one tree was enough for the Barber, so brought the spare one back to Westerlands. George recollects that Johnny Miller was the moving spirit in this escapade!

The tradition of holding a Christmas Handicap race for members was initiated at a very early stage in the Club's life, and has continued up to the present day. In this race (now carried out in fancy dress) everyone competing donates a modest prize, and thus everyone finishing has one to pick from. One race that no longer exists, however, is the Club Championship which took place from Westerlands.

On 28 January 1928 there was a race against Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds and the results were disastrous for Glasgow. Neither Niel Morison nor David Gray took part and the depleted Team showed signs of the recent festive season! The race, greatly under the regulation distance, was run over very heavy country which evidently unsuited many, including the Captain. Edinburgh had the first five men home; these were followed by four from Glasgow led by William Irving and Kenneth Hill. However, the following month in a match against a Team from Aberdeen University, the Hares and Hounds showed a welcome return to form. Niel Morison, however, was still feeling the effects of the attack of influenza which had prevented his running against Edinburgh. Conditions overhead were almost ideal, but the going underfoot was a trifle heavy. After three miles Niel Morison was about 10 yards ahead of George Esslemont running for Aberdeen, but the latter took over the lead about the five mile mark. Kenneth Hill was beaten into third place by Dalgarno (Aberdeen) and Niel Morison finished fourth.

At the AGM (held in March 1928) Team Badges were awarded to:

Robert Harvey	J. Kenneth Hill	William Irving
W.J. Jones	J. Legg	Donald MacAulay
E.R. McKillop	James S. Melvin	Niel Morison

Mr. Irving can remember sewing his badge on to the pocket of his blazer. It had the letters GUH&H surmounting the University crest. For the coming season it was decided to arrange runs against Beith Harriers, Garscube Harriers and Tramways A.C. Inter-University races were to be held against Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Dublin Universities. It was also decided to appoint an Assistant Secretary whose duties would consist of writing notes to the daily papers and articles for *GUM*, as well as helping the Secretary with his duties.

The Hares and Hounds started the 1928-29 season in a healthy state with membership up by 50% and an abundance of fresh talent. At the beginning of December 1928 it was Dublin University's turn to come to Glasgow where they were defeated by the Hares and Hounds - 28 points to 58. A report in *GUM* on 19 December stated that the victory Glasgow gained was:

"not due so much to any great weakness on their (Dublin's) part, as to the excellent state of training which our men had reached. The packing of six Glasgow men in the first seven shows an all round standard of ability, but special mention must be made of Hill and MacArthur who exceeded all expectations. The Dublin visit has left pleasant memories. In addition to the race there was a Civic reception in the City Chambers at which the Lord Provost told us never to run too hard; there was the dinner at Sloan's and the usual after-dinner incidents; and further there was the afternoon at Loch Lomond."

In the Western District Championship held over seven miles at Hamilton Race Course, Maryhill Harriers won the event and the Hares and Hounds finished 18th out of 28 Teams (six to a Team). William Irving was the first University man home in 87th position; Legg (95th), McKillop (98th), Donald MacAulay (106th), Kenneth Hill (147th) and Jimmie Melvin (161st) being the other members of the Team. Interestingly, several of the Clubs

that took part that day are now gone (Auchmountain, Doon, Eglinton, Glasgow YMCA, Hermitage, Olympic, St. Peter's and West of Scotland).

A race was held against a Team from Edinburgh University on 26 January 1929. Glasgow found itself deprived (by injuries) of two of its best runners (Kenneth Hill and Walter MacFarlane). Nevertheless, the Hares and Hounds gained the following places 1,2,5,6,8 and 13 to win by 35 points to 44. Niel Morison and William Dunlop ran in their usual sound fashion, the former finishing an easy first by over 100 yards. Donald MacAulay and John Macleod also ran very well; the latter (a fresher) proved to be one of the season's finds. J.N. Ross (who was in Glasgow's Team two years previously and was now running for Edinburgh) finished fourth. In an innovation a Second Strings' race was held, and here Glasgow had an easy victory by 13 points to 25. Two new Glasgow runners (Mackenzie and George Stewart) showed their paces in this event.

On 9 February the Hares and Hounds defeated Aberdeen University on their home ground and so became inter-'varsity champions of Scotland for the season. The race took place in perfect conditions over a $6\frac{1}{2}$ mile course.

With the absence of both Kenneth Hill and Niel Morison the Glasgow Team was considered a rather scratch affair. However, there were similar defections from the Aberdeen Team. In the event Dalgarno of Aberdeen ran brilliantly, to finish first by over 100 yards in 41min 30sec. However, Donald MacAulay ran the race of his life chasing Dalgarno over the Brig o' Balgownie into the 'Auld Toon' of Aberdeen to gain second place. After him came other Glasgow men, William Dunlop, Mackenzie and John Macleod. Glasgow won by 37 points to 41. One of the most pleasing features of the race was the good show put up by inexperienced runners like Mackenzie, John Macleod, George Stewart and Donald Brander. It was considered especially pleasing to give Aberdeen the tawse at home, a feat hitherto unaccomplished.

There was a long report (written by David Duff?) on the Hares and Hounds' 1928-29 season in *GUM*; many of the character assassinations make interesting reading. Included were the following:

"This has been the most successful season since 1921, when the Section was started by a band of enthusiasts. In actual results, in numerical strength and in the growth of Club spirit the Section has shown considerable advance. ... Dublin and Edinburgh were defeated here and Aberdeen away, making us inter-'varsity champions of Scotland and Ireland. The Section is now the largest in the Athletic Club, and as for spirit, that was never lacking in the Hares and Hounds. ... Miller has unfortunately been down with pneumonia since January. ... Morison was this year again the star turn. He is a peculiar combination of strength and speed and seems to be growing broader every day. Irving was the fittest man in the Club at the beginning of the season; but old age seems to be creeping on, or is it just the 'flu' Billy? Hill is our New Zealander. He is losing his tan and has acclimatised this year, being in sparkling form against Dublin, but a crock since. MacFarlane, after showing great promise, became a crock similarly in January. Dunlop seemed to shine best in inter-'varsity events and is the only runner in the west of Scotland who wears stockings. MacKenzie only began running in January. He believes in hard training and is a strong silent man. Brander is another recent acquisition, and would do very well if only he could keep in training. MacAulay (alias McCollie) made a great name for himself at Aberdeen, Sin thu fhein a'bhalach! Stewart is another of those who have only been running since Christmas, and he is bound to come on yet. Macleod is a fresher, but is guid enough for a' that, having that never-say-die spirit. McArthur is also of the stuffy type; Aberdeen was his only lapse. McPherson does not take his training seriously enough, but was useful on occasions. MacPhail also doesn't like to hurt himself. Duff was the hardest worker (not runner) in the Section; to him more than to anyone else is due the success of this season."

For the 1928-29 season Team Badges were awarded to:

William H. Dunlop	William Irving	Alex McArthur
Donald W. MacAulay	John Macleod	Alex M. McPherson

At the AGM held on 2 March 1929 a perennial problem was commented upon, ie an increase in membership, but the falling away of actual attendance at runs, something that is still a common occurrence nearly 70 years later! Prizes, donated by the President, Professor Gray (of the Natural Philosophy Department, and a specialist in gyroscopes), were presented to the Senior Club Champion, Niel Morison, and to the Junior Club Champion, William Dunlop. At the elections which followed Niel Morison was elected Captain, taking over from John Miller who had been unable to attend the meeting because of illness. A vote of thanks was made to Mr. Charlie

Durning for his services to the Club during the year. He was the Head Groundsman and GUAC Coach and is mentioned on many occasions in the Minutes of the Club during the 1920s and 1930s. He was appointed in 1922 and remained in the position till his retirement in 1936 when he was succeeded by Charles MacPherson. Charlie Durning's coaching abilities were recognised in 1924 when he was made Trainer and Coach to Scotland's Olympic athletes, and again in 1934 when he was appointed Coach to the Scottish Team at the Empire Games in London. (Incidentally, 1924 was the year that Eric Liddell won the Olympic gold medal in the 400 metres and the bronze medal in the 200 metres in Paris). According to Mr. Irving, Charlie Durning was known as "*Mr. Westerlands*" and was a very accessible man always ready to give help and advice to a GUAC Section. He had the gift, when chatting, of making you feel you were his prime interest. At athletic meetings Charlie Durning, resplendent in his red blazer and baseball cap, always acted as Starter.

In the general discussion that followed the formal business of the 1929 AGM, the problem of debts and entertainment expenses was raised. It was agreed to establish a "*Sinking Fund*" to be used "*for the sole purpose of entertaining visiting Teams*", and that this fund be made up of levies on Ordinary members, of the enrolment fees from Honorary members, postgraduates and others interested in the Club. A Club run was arranged with Dumbarton AAC to commence at Westerlands on 9 November and a race against Beith Harriers, also from Westerlands, on 11 December. Furthermore, it was agreed that the annual Down Town run would take place on the Thursday before Charities Day⁴. Dr. Morison can remember running in these through the centre of the city, and even once through the Mitchell Library, although the latter enterprise was discontinued rather abruptly!

At the end of April 1929 a Committee Meeting was held specifically to discuss the Section's debts. To help alleviate these it was decided to run a Sweep-stake on the Derby with 50% of the income going into the Club's funds. It was also decided to invite certain people to become Club Patrons. Hopefully they would help with the finances of the Hares and Hounds. They would receive a Fixture List at the beginning of the season, and a report at its end. Some things, however, never change!

"The Committee discussed the decline of Cross Country running in Glasgow Schools, and decided to ask GUAC to try to encourage it, if necessary by throwing open Westerlands for racing."

It was not until October 1929 that another Committee meeting was held. It took place, as did many of the meetings held around that time, in Cranston's Picture House Smoke Room. This was a popular meeting place because of its central location. It was an impressive building situated on the west side of Renfield Street, between St. Vincent and Gordon Streets, and contained a cinema and extensive tearooms. At the meeting a resolution was passed which now expressed satisfaction with the Club's financial situation. A Club Smoker was also arranged for 24 October, members of the Hares and Hounds to be charged 6d admission fee. The Balance Sheet for this Smoker makes interesting reading.

100 Teas at 6d/head	£2 – 10 – 0
Extras for Chairman's Table	5 – 0
500 cigarettes!	£1 – 5 – 0
Whisky soda & Port	18 – 0
Banana (Straight) ⁵	2 – 6
Charlie's Tip	15 – 0
Less collection	19 – 0
	<hr/> £4 – 14 – 6 ⁶ <hr/>

At a Committee meeting held just a few days after the Smoker the appointment of a qualified masseur accredited to GUAC was discussed, but no definite encouragement was given to the proposal. At the same time it was agreed that the annual dance be held on 14 November; it was later reported "*that the dance lacked only numbers to be a complete success*"!

From the Autumn of 1929 the old Western District was divided into the Midland District (comprising Clubs in Lanarkshire, Glasgow and Dunbartonshire) and the Southwest District (including the Clubs in Renfrewshire,

⁴According to Mr. John Rainey, another early member of the Hares and Hounds, the Down Town runs were preambles to Charities Day and were intended to prepare the public for the imminent onslaught of can-rattling students

⁵The first mention in the Club's records of this trophy, which will be referred to later.

⁶Equivalent to £4.72½p

Ayrshire and the Southwest of Scotland). Almost 50 years later, in 1975, amalgamation of these took place to form the new Western District.

The National Novice Championship Race was held on 2 November 1929. The Team contest, in which the Hares and Hounds were mainly concerned, proved a fiasco because of an official's error in omitting to count one of the winning Team. Moreover, the Hares and Hounds could only field a scratch Team, with Niel Morison and William Dunlop ineligible to compete and Kenneth Hill and Walter MacFarlane incapacitated. However, George Stewart and Johnny Barr finished 34th and 40th respectively. George Stewart had improved considerably on the previous season's performance and Johnny Barr (mainly a track runner) was rapidly gaining valuable cross country running experience. By the end of 1929 the Hares and Hounds' membership was nearing the century mark. Interestingly, at this time the Secretary (Ian MacPhail) and 11 other members of the Hares and Hounds (including Johnny Barr, Alex McArthur, Alex MacPherson, and Bob Harvey) were all old boys of Dumbarton Academy.

A race was held over the usual $6\frac{1}{2}$ mile trail from Westerlands on 16 November to choose a Team to represent Glasgow University in Dublin. Atmospheric conditions were quite favourable although Glasgow was covered with a thick fog. Westerlands and the surrounding countryside were clear, but the footing was rather treacherous because of the frozen ground. Niel Morison was not quite up to his usual form, but George Stewart and Alex McArthur both ran well. George Stewart won the race in 33min 38sec. Other placings were: 2. Alex McArthur (36min 5sec), 3. Niel Morison (36min 15sec), 4. Johnny Barr, 5. Angus Ross, 6. George Macdonald, 7. David B. Allan, 8. Donald Brander, 9. J.B. Donald, 10. R. Arnold, 11. Ian McPhail and 12. J.M. Young. The race against Dublin University took place in Phoenix Park on 30 November 1929. No details exist of the trip, although Glasgow were soundly beaten, and in the evening a meal was held in the Dining Hall of Trinity College.

Edinburgh defeated the Glasgow Team in the inter-University race held on 25 January 1930 by 36 points to 42. The trail was over about $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles of rather difficult country, but the weather was almost perfect. Glasgow were considered unlucky not to win. However, Alex McArthur and George Stewart both ran badly. As Niel Morison was running with a crooked knee, he was unable to reproduce his previous season's form. William Dunlop, in third position, was the first Glasgow man home. He ran particularly well after a long absence from the Team, and at the end of the race put in a sprint that almost got him up to the two Edinburgh men. The real surprise of the race however, was Alex Gold, running in his first inter-University event and showing himself to be a good stuffy runner. Niel Morison was fourth, Alex Gold sixth, Donald Brander eighth, John Macleod 10th, Alex McArthur 11th, Angus Ross 13th and George Stewart 14th. There was a run-off between the Second Teams of the two Universities with an easy win for Glasgow by $26\frac{1}{2}$ to $56\frac{1}{2}$ points. Johnny Barr was first, Walter MacFarlane second and T.A. Thomson third.

In the final inter-University race of the season in early February, Aberdeen had a well-deserved win over Glasgow. The Hares and Hounds ran a much-weakened Team as a result of the withdrawal of both Niel Morison and Alex McArthur. William Dunlop met with an accident on the day and could only last the pace for about a mile, after which he broke down completely. Walter MacFarlane made a brilliant recovery in the race, being fourth at the end of the second mile and ultimately finishing first. George Stewart and Alex Gold came fifth and sixth, but Donald Brander unfortunately strained his ankle very badly early in the race and could only finish 14th. Angus Ross was 12th and John Macleod 13th.

At the AGM held at Westerlands on Saturday 1 March 1930 (attended by 30 members), the retiring Captain, Niel Morison, reported that the Club's membership had reached 75. Furthermore, although the Hares and Hounds had started the season with a deficit of £5, there was now a credit balance of £10 in the Club's funds. While the season had not been very good as far as competition was concerned, and thus no awards were being made to the winners of the Club's Championship, the social functions in which the Club had participated over the year had been very successful. An amendment was made to the Hares and Hounds' constitution - "*that the Office of Treasurer be combined with that of Assistant Secretary*". In the elections that followed Kenneth Hill was elected as Captain and Alex Gold as Secretary/Treasurer. It was suggested that the following season's fixtures should include inter-Club runs with Edinburgh University and with Maryhill, Springburn and Plebian Harriers. It was also hoped to arrange an inter-'varsity fixture with Oxford in November. (However, at a later meeting it was reported that no replies had been received from Edinburgh and Oxford Universities with regard to the invitations). The Oxford match did nevertheless go ahead on Tuesday 18 November, when the Hares and Hounds were well outclassed. In fact Niel Morison wracked himself badly running down a steep incline and had to retire from the race. An excellent dinner was held later in the evening at Vincent's Club in Oxford.

The Secretary regretted that no presentation had been made to Charlie Durning at Christmas, and a whip round raised 30/-. It appears that Charlie Durning was very well liked by the Hares and Hounds, and because he was rather poorly paid, he was frequently presented with tips. It was he who persuaded students such as Norman Glen

to join the Hares and Hounds in 1932. The following were awarded Team Badges:

Donald Brander (1929-30)	William Dunlop (1928-29, 1929-30)
Alex Gold (1929-30)	Niel Morison (1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30)
Alex McArthur (1928-29, 1929-30)	Walter MacFarlane (1929-30)
John Macleod (1928-29, 1929-30)	Angus M. Ross (1929-30)
George R. Stewart (1929-30)	

A photo of the Hares and Hounds appeared in *GUM* on 5 March 1930 (see Figure 1.1) along with a short article, which read as follows:

“Record - Defeated in all three inter-’varsity races. The Section suffered greatly from injuries to our best men. By the time of the last race McArthur, Dunlop and Brander were all crocked, while Hill had not run all this season. Appended is a list of beauties in the photograph-

Dr. R.M. Brown A worthy successor to our former Presidents. Helped the Section in more ways than one, and attended most regularly at our functions and dances.

N. Morison (Captain) Legs as hairy as ever. Not up to his old form this year. Developed a wonky knee after Christmas.

D.M. Brander Very dependable runner: trains very steadily. Met with an unfortunate accident in the Aberdeen race.

W.H. Dunlop Observe the stockings: he would have been wearing a sweater too if he had been allowed. Was our best man this year and trained very hard. Another of the injured list.

A. Gold A bhoys with a future. One of the bright spots in the team. A real good stuffy runner; only lacks experience.

A. McArthur (Assistant Secretary) First for Glasgow at Dublin. A bonny fechter in a race. Has been crocked since Edinburgh.

W. MacFarlane First for us against Aberdeen. Off running in the first term. Turned up trumps in his last race for the Club.

J. Macleod No, not Norman, but John of that ilk. Not as good as he was last year. Could do with more steady training.

I.M.M. McPhail (Hon. Secretary) Did his best, short of rendering medical assistance, to get the team to win their races. Ran at times himself. Also conductor of the Hares and Hounds’ male voice choir.

A.M. Ross Another of the young ’uns of the team Will improve when he gets more weight and strength.

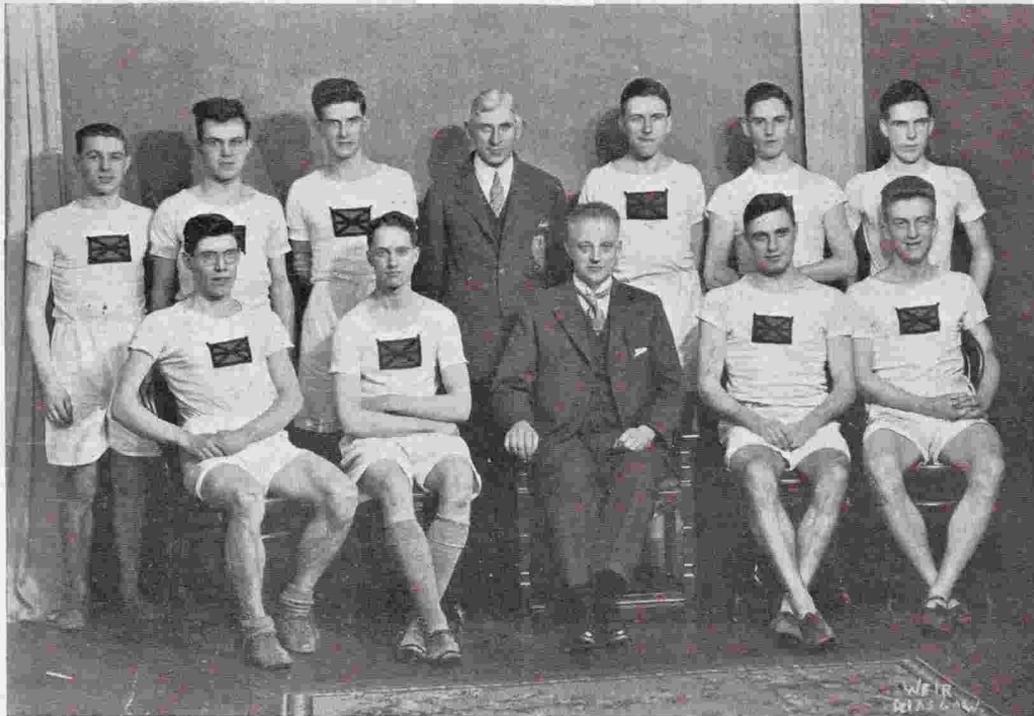
G.M. Stewart A very promising runner. In good form at the beginning of the season at Bothwell, but did not keep it up.

C. Durning Just Charlie! Nuff sed’.

On 17 May 1930 the Hares and Hounds held a dance and Cabaret Show (a Sports Night Palais) at Westerlands after the annual Sports Day there. Tickets were sold for 2/- (10p) and 180 folk attended. As a result the Club made a profit of £9 – 0 – 6 on the night.

HARES AND HOUNDS SECTION
1929-1930

[Photo. by Weir Bros.]



Standing (left to right)—A. Gold, J. MacLeod, W. MacFarlane, C. Durning, D. M. Brander, A. MacArthur,
and A. M. Ross
Sitting (left to right)—I. M. M. MacPhail (Hon. Secy.), W. H. Dunlop, Dr. R. M. Brown (Hon. Pres.),
N. Morison (Capt.), and G. R. Stewart

Figure 1.1: Team Photograph 1929-1930.

Chapter 2

The 1930's

It was not till after the summer vacation, at the beginning of October 1930, that the Club reconvened. At a Committee meeting it was stated that one of the Club's members (Richard Ratcliffe) was to be interviewed with regard to a debt incurred by him at Messrs. Hendersons and put down to the Hares and Hounds' account! (Later in the season it was reported that the account had been paid and the matter therefore settled). Richard (Dick) Ratcliffe was also a Shot Putter who won this event at the Scottish Athletics Championships, and was awarded *Blues* for his performances in both Athletics and Men's Hockey. The forthcoming visit of the Dublin Team on 29 November was discussed. Club members were asked to put forward ideas as to how the Irish might be entertained. It was decided to reduce expenditure at this year's Smoker by having no liquor, but the cigarettes would be supplied gratis! Mention was also made of the stopping of a pack of six runners by two policemen between Bearsden and Drumchapel. The police took the names and addresses of those in the group (among whom were the Secretary and Captain), because a local farmer (Buchanan) had complained about the runners damaging fences on his property.

On 26 November a meeting was held primarily to discuss the forthcoming visit of the Team from Dublin. It was agreed to arrange a dinner-dance (the dinner would cost 5/9 a head and the dance 2/-). It was planned to take the Irish on a trip to Luss on the Sunday and to provide them with tea at the Hotel there; cars would be hired if necessary. It appears that the weekend was a great success as seen by the financial statement shown below. The visit ended with a deficit which the President, Dr. Brown, volunteered to cover if GUAC did not pay up.

DUBLIN VISIT FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Union Account			
From Club Members Partaking	8 - 0	For dinners & teas	£1 - 17 - 11
Dance			
Sale of Dance Tickets	£2 - 6 - 0	Printing Tickets etc.	18-0
Money taken at door	£8 - 2 - 0	Decorations	3-6
		Band (incl tea & drinks)	£2 - 19 - 4
		Breakages & Dublin drinks	6-5
		Petrol & oil for car	10-0
Dinner			
From Members	£2 - 15 - 0	Menus	15-0
		Cigarettes	8-6
		Liquor	£2 - 18 - 9
		To Mrs Durning for soft drinks & dinner including payment of waiters	£7 - 0 - 0
Sunday Outing			
Teas paid by Glasgow men 6 @ 2-6	15-0	Hire of cars	£2 - 9 - 0
		Teas at Luss	£2 - 6 - 0
		Coffee at Balloch	3-6
		Supper in Glasgow	6-10
General			
Cash in Hand	£9 - 17 - 0	Postage & Phones	3 - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Per Alex McArthur to sale of half a bottle of sherry & half a bottle of whisky 25 cigarettes	8-9 2-0	Bus & Tram fares	8-3
Donation from Dr. R.M. Brown	£1 - 0 - 0	Train fares	7-6
		Tips (C. Durning 10/-, Union 4/-)	14-0
		Pictures	13-6
		Teas at Westerlands	9-0
		To Church of Scotland for putting up two men for weekend	£1 - 5 - 0
		For photos sent to Dublin	9-0
	£25 - 13 - 10		£28 - 3 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}d$



Figure 2.1: Teams Competing for the Hares and Hounds and Dublin University 1932. The *Straight Banana* is present too!

Johnny Jackson ran well in the race against Dublin and was first home.

At a further meeting, held on 6 January 1931, it was agreed to hold the Down Town run as usual on 15 January, the Thursday before Charities Day. Furthermore, it was arranged for a group of runners to leave Westerlands at midnight on Friday 16 January to start collecting for charity, and to organize a stunt on the Saturday itself!

On 10 January 1931 the statutory General meeting was held at Westerlands with about 30 members attending. It was reported that the Club had a debt of £2 – 17 – 6½d, but it was felt that this would soon be cleared up. At the meeting Mr. G.B. (George) Esslemont of Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities spoke a few words and conveyed good wishes to the Hares and Hounds from their Edinburgh rivals.

The AGM of the Section was held at Westerlands on Saturday 14 March. In his report the retiring Secretary (Alex McArthur) said that the Club's performance, as far as Team results were concerned, was not very good; only the defeat of Edinburgh allaying the gloom. In this event Niel Morison had been first to finish. Johnny Jackson was congratulated for his fine running in the National Cross Country Championship. The poor attendance of members at inter-Club runs was also commented upon. Members were reminded that these were runs and not races, as those turning out would readily agree. In his report the Captain (Kenneth Hill) suggested that letters of thanks be written to those local farmers who had been good enough to let runners cross their land. It was also suggested that "*a letter be written to Dublin University asking them not to be too lavish in their entertainment next season to avoid repercussions.*" . It is doubtful that the Irish students heeded this request, as the dinner on 28 November was sumptuous, as can be seen by the menu (See Figure 2.6).

At a meeting of the new Committee, held in the Smoke Room of *Cranston's Picture House* on Monday 5 October 1931, the means of advertizing the existence of the Hares and Hounds to potential new members was discussed. The Secretary (Alex Gold) was instructed to search for talent at the pre-Rectorial Smoker and at the Club's own Smoker. The latter was held at Westerlands on Thursday 29 October from 7.30-11pm. Mr George Dallas (Secretary of the Scottish Cross Country Union) spoke a few words and then tea and free cigarettes were provided.

At another Committee meeting that took place at the beginning of November, it was reported that confusion had arisen over the date of the proposed visit to Dublin because of the loss of a letter in the post. The Hares and Hounds were under the impression that the trip was to be on 14 November, but the Irish had assumed it was to

be a fortnight later. However, as the 28th coincided with the Midland District Relay, postponing the visit until the Candlemas term was considered. In the event the trip did go ahead at the end of November. As usual the Hares and Hounds experienced great hospitality. The President of Dublin University's Cross Country Club, Professor J.W. Craig, was a member of the *Dail* (Irish Parliament) and arranged for dinner to be held in the *Oireachtas* Dining Room in Leinster House. Dr. Morison was prevailed upon that evening to sing a song in Gaelic, as well as the then famous song *A Lum Hat Wanting a Croon*¹.

At the AGM (held on 12 March 1932), at which 20 members attended, the Secretary (Alex Gold) stated that the Hares and Hounds had been more successful socially than athletically over the past year. The sole cause for satisfaction had been the victory over Aberdeen. However, the Club was very well off financially, with a credit balance of £14/6/7d.

At a Committee meeting held on 10 May it was proposed that posters advertising the Hares and Hounds should be displayed at the beginning of term, in the hope of attracting new members. The forthcoming season's list of fixtures was debated. At another meeting in the autumn it was agreed to have the Annual Smoker on Thursday 20 October. An application was to be made to the College Pudding Club² to supply artistes for the Smoker.

A suggestion that a presentation be made to Niel Morison for being five times inter-'varsity mile Champion met with verbal support, but no tangible result! The following inter-Club fixtures were also arranged for the coming season:

12 November 1932 versus Dumbarton at Dumbarton.

3 December 1932 versus Maryhill and Garscube at Garscube.

18 February 1933 versus Bellahouston at Westerlands.

A rather amusing account exists of the Smoker, at which around 60 were present. The evening apparently passed very pleasantly, but the College Pudding Club failed to supply the *artistes!* However, there were piano performances, and Norman Glen provided a novelty by showing some films he had taken himself. These included him and other members of the Athletic Club at training. In a provocative speech Mr. Dunlop Anderson declared the present Hares and Hounds could not hold a candle to past members, and issued a challenge, saying that he would supply the artistes for another Smoker in December if the Hares and Hounds would provide decent community singing. The challenge was immediately accepted. Especially notable following this

“was the spirit of camaraderie displayed by the members themselves, who played up grandly and showed some of that old ability for community singing and happy abandon which has been so conspicuous by its absence of late years.”

However, it would appear that the second Smoker was never held. The October Smoker Balance sheet illustrates how the money was spent.

SMOKER BALANCE SHEET			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Collection	£1 – 0 – 3	Teas (60 @ 6d)	£1 – 10 – 0
Withdrawn from funds	£2 – 2 – 7½	Cigarettes (150)	7-6
		Liquor	7-5
		Hire of Westerlands	5-6
		Catering	5-0
		Charlie's Tip	5-0
		Phones, Postage etc.	2 – 5½

On 22 October 1932, Alex Russell won the University Novice Championship, over a five mile trail from Westerlands under wretched conditions, in a time of 29min 35sec. This was only 17 seconds slower than J. Kenneth Hill's record for the event. Second was James Glass (29min 51sec), third Alan Lindsay (30min 11sec) and fourth Norman Glen (30min 25sec). A fortnight later, in delightful weather, the Hares and Hounds equalled their previous best performance to come fifth in the Scottish National Novice Cross Country Championship held at Hamilton Racecourse. Donald Brander was eighth, Alex Russell 33rd, Norman Glen 52nd and James Glass 53rd.

¹Professor Craig had been Captain of the Dublin University Team that had competed against the Glasgow University Hares and Hounds in Dublin two years earlier.

²Mr. Glen relates that The College Pudding Club consisted of those students who took part in the College Pudding Club Variety Show put on in the Lyric Theatre as a contribution to the Charities Day Fund Raising effort. One who performed for The Pudding Club and later went on to achieve international fame was the tenor Fr. Sydney MacEwan.

Mr. Glen relates that one activity which took place during his time at Glasgow University was to meet the Lord Rector (Stanley Baldwin) at Central Station, with an open air carriage pulled by *Blues* from all sports and accompanied by hundreds of torch-bearing students. The students ran all the way with the carriage to a house near the sports-ground of Kelvinside Academy. Although most of the students were by that time exhausted, members of the Hares and Hounds claimed to be still “*fresh!*” One of those who participated in transporting Stanley Baldwin to the West End was Dr. Morison, who can also remember carrying Baldwin’s famous bowler hat from the old Union (now the John MacIntyre Building) to the new one, while the Rector assumed the more formal academic headgear.

As the Club’s finances were by now in a healthy state, it was agreed at a Committee meeting on 14 November 1932 to reduce the entertainments levy from 2/- to 1/-. Much time was spent discussing the forthcoming visit by a Team from Dublin University. A detailed programme was drawn up, the principal features being *The Empire*³, on the Friday evening, the race on Saturday afternoon followed by dinner at the Union and then attendance at the Union Palais. Permission was sought from the Union Board to permit members of the visiting team to play billiards there. It was decided to go to Luss or Rowardennan on the Sunday. Alex Gold asked the Secretary (Robert Eadie) if he had any knowledge of the whereabouts of the punchball and, on a motion from George Esslemont, the Secretary was instructed to write to GUAC conveying the feeling that a punchball should be installed. The punchball was eventually fitted in the large changing room in the Basement at Westerlands and proved very popular.

A long tribute to Niel Morison was included in *The Gilmorehill Globe* on Monday 21 November 1932. Entitled “Student Stars - Niel Morison Athletics”, it gave a detailed account of his athletic achievements. Extracts from the article read as follows:

“Niel Morison holds a unique position in Glasgow University and Scottish Varsities middle distance running. He has an amazing record of consistency in one mile races, having won our own mile championship every year since 1928 (five in all) and having repeated that feat in the inter-’varsity Championships.’ ‘As far as time was concerned, this summer was his best, for at our Championships in May, he made a new University record for the mile of 4min 37½ sec. He followed this up at Westerlands in June by making a new inter-’varsity and ground record for the same distance of 4min 30sec; thus clipping 22½ seconds off the previous record made by C.H. Johnston, of Edinburgh, at Westerlands in 1924’. ‘Apart from being Captain of Athletics, Niel has also been Captain of the Hares and Hounds and has gained a Blue in both Sections. He was our own Club Champion in 1928 and 1929, but after that devoted more time to the summer events. He has long been a mainstay for Glasgow in inter-University contests, though his actual placings are difficult to record. He has done much to maintain the prestige of the University in inter-’varsity athletics and his place will not be easily filled when he ‘goes down’. That is perhaps the best tribute one can pay to his excellence”.

In the race against Dublin University held on Saturday 26 November, Glasgow defeated Trinity somewhat easily by 30 points to 51. The race took place over a 6¼ mile course in the worst possible conditions. *The Gilmorehill Globe* reported on the race as follows:

“John Rainey’s winning performance, in his first inter-University race, must therefore rank a fine one. Content to leave pace-making in more seasoned hands he allowed the two Captains, French and Brander, to fight for the lead most of the way. With two miles to go however, he passed them and won by a fairly comfortable margin. The first seven home were 1. J. Rainey, 39min 40sec; 2. R.A. French (Dublin), 39min 45sec; 3. D.M. Brander, 39min 55sec; 4. G.B. Esslemont, 40min 8sec; 5. M.G. Hewson (Dublin), 40min 39sec; 6. A.B. Russell, 40min 52sec; 7. W. Erskine, 40min 57sec.”

Details of expenditure on the Dubliners’ visit are given below and make interesting reading.

³A famous (or infamous) Music Hall in Sauchiehall Street.

Dublin Visit 25-28th November 1932			
EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
		By members paying own	
Lunches (Friday) in Union	11-2	Lunch (Friday)	3-6
Teas	17-6	Teas "	7-0
Dinners (29 @ 6/-) & Wine	£13-0-10	Dinner	£ 3-18-0
Tips in Union	10-0	Empire (5)	10-0
Union Palais	£1-1-0	Tea at Balmaha	10-0
Empire (Friday) 12	£1-4-0	Photos (4)	6-0
Lunches (Saturday) 3	4-6	Donation (J.D. Anderson)	£ 1-10-0
Tea at Westerlands	2-0	Union (for wine)	8-0
Teas at Balmaha (Sunday)	£1-18-0		
McBrayne Hall	£1-10-0		
Photos (12 @ 1/6)	18-0	Deficit	£ 12-15-10
	£20-8-4		

At the National Novice Championship held in 1932 at Hamilton, in which 300 runners took part, Donald Brander and Johnny Jackson finished in the first 25, with Norman Glen about 35th and the Team finishing in the first six.

The Hares and Hounds held a Club 10 miles Road Relay Race on 12 December 1932. By all accounts it was a thrilling event with the lead changing hands several times in the early stages. Walter MacFarlane and William Erskine ran neck and neck for the whole of their lap. Finally Walter MacFarlane won by a yard. The First Team (W. Cameron, Robert Eadie, G. J. Monro and Walter MacFarlane) finished in 51min 5sec and the Second Team (W. McLeod, T. Gibson, W. W. Pollock and William Erskine) finished in 51min 5 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

A Race trial was held on Saturday 14 January 1933 to choose Teams to race against Edinburgh University on Field Day. Donald Brander and James Glass both broke the record for the course, finishing in 38min 21sec and 38min 31sec respectively. Then on Thursday 19 January the Hares and Hounds took part in the annual Down Town Run as part of Charities Day. All students were invited to take part; the run started from the Union at 7pm.

On 28 January, Edinburgh scored a narrow victory over Glasgow University (39-41 points) over a six and a half miles frost-bound course. The Edinburgh leaders, Hewitt and Whalley, won easily, but there was a terrific fight for Team placings. Donald Brander and John Rainey took the lead for Glasgow, but after three miles the Edinburgh pair went ahead. Hewitt outpaced Whalley, but waited for him to catch up on the line and the two dead-heated in a record time for the course of 37min 13sec. John Rainey came third in 37min 25sec and Donald Brander fourth in 37min 43sec. No fewer than the first seven runners broke Donald Brander course record made only a fortnight earlier. George Esslemont was fifth (37min 53sec), James Glass eighth (38min 39sec), Alex Russell 10th and William Erskine 11th.

At a Committee meeting held on 23 January 1933, the Secretary announced the resignations of Niel Morison and Johnny Jackson from the Committee because of pressure of business. The resignations were regretfully accepted. At this meeting George Esslemont⁴ was appointed to the Committee. He had obtained *Blues* at both Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities before coming to Glasgow and winning a *Blue* here as well. At Aberdeen he had taken a B.Sc. in Agriculture, at Edinburgh he studied Law, and at Glasgow Accountancy. A report was presented on the hurriedly arranged Hogmanay Palais which had made a profit of £2-8-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and considerable satisfaction was expressed at the bright outcome of this precarious venture. It was decided to arrange a dance jointly with the Women's Hockey Section at the end of term. This however, never took place due to the number of conflicting events.

On 13 February 1933, *The Gilmorehill Globe* carried a report entitled "Esslemont's Great Race". It described George Esslemont's victory in a match the previous Saturday between Aberdeen and Glasgow Universities:

"With miles of plough in prospect, both Teams were keen to play a waiting game. Black and Ludwig led for a mile and then Esslemont took the lead with Brander at his heels. On the first plough Esslemont began to spread the field. J.A. Robbie of Aberdeen came up to challenge Brander, who did not relish the plough, and passed him, but Esslemont pulled away to win one of the finest races of his career. ... Lindsay ran a glorious three miles to rise from 10th to sixth"

The Glasgow results were:

The Hares and Hounds' Club Championship was held on Saturday 25 February 1933. It ended up as a duel between Donald Brander and George Esslemont; the latter pushed ahead about half a mile from home and won by 20 yards. His time was 38min 13sec. Donald Brander was six seconds slower. James Glass finished in 38min 47sec, Alan Lindsay in 39min 31sec and John Rainey in 39min 41sec.

⁴Mr. Esslemont later went on to a distinguished career in Local Government in the West of Scotland, eventually becoming City Chamberlain of Glasgow.

1	George Esslemont	49min 00sec	3	Donald Brander	50min 00sec
4	John Rainey	50min 21sec	6	Alan Lindsay	50min 28sec
8	James Glass	50min 52sec			

On 7 March it was agreed at a Committee meeting to propose John Rainey (a member of the Hares and Hounds from 1932 to 1935, and also a Vice Captain) for a *Blue*, which was duly awarded. Because of their repeated successes in inter-University races during the 1932-33 season, George Esslemont, Donald Brander and John Rainey became known as “*The Big Three*”.

At the 1933 AGM, held on 11 March in the Lounge at Westerlands, it was reported that for a change the Club had been more successful in the field than socially. In fact the First Team had lost only to Edinburgh, and even that was by just two points. It was also mentioned that a new race (*Graduates versus Undergraduates*) had been introduced.

At the next Committee meeting, held on Thursday 25 May 1933, it was agreed to approach Mr. Dunlop Anderson with regard to his promise of providing artistes for the forthcoming Smoker.

Some photos taken during 1929 and 1930 supplied by Mr. George Stewart are shown in Figures 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

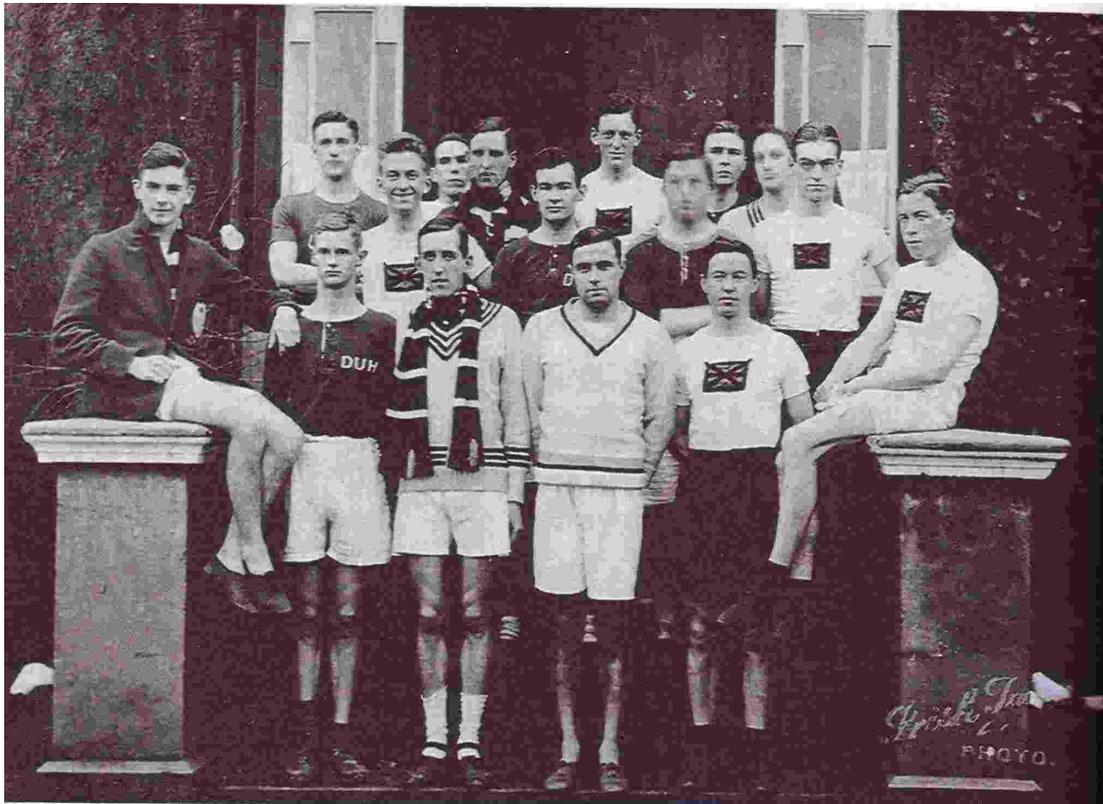


Figure 2.2: Dublin University's and Hares and Hounds' Teams after the 1929 match. The two Captains (Niel Morison and W. J. Craig) are in the middle of the front row. Alex McArthur (in blazer) and Johnny Boyd are seated on the stonework. George Stewart (grinning) is behind Craig and slightly to his right (Photo supplied by Mr. George Stewart).

At the start of the 1933-34 Cross Country season on Saturday 28 October George Smith, running well within his capacity, won the University Novice Championship Race over a sodden trail in a time of 27min 56sec. William Kirkwood was second (28min 02sec) and Walter MacFarlane third (28min 20sec). A week later, in the Scottish National Novice Cross Country Championship Race at Hamilton, William Kirkwood was 67th, Walter MacFarlane 80th and George Smith 83rd.

In November 1933 it was decided to adopt a new Hares and Hounds strip (white with a GUAC badge). It was

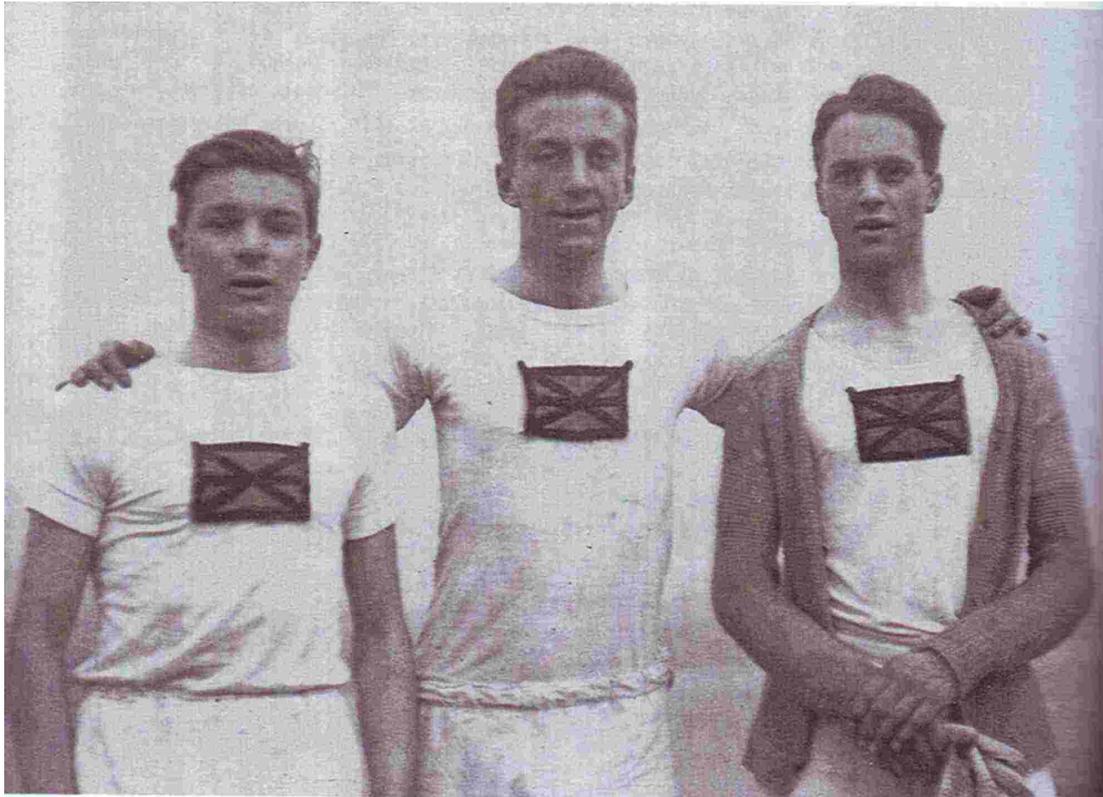


Figure 2.3: Photo taken just after the 1929 Club Championship, the winner, William Dunlop, appears on the right in the cardigan. George Stewart, who finished second, is in the middle, and Alex Gold, who came third, on the left (Photo supplied by Mr. George Stewart).

also agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting a notice board (detailing the Club's activities) in one of the quadrangles or in the Men's Cloakroom at Gilmorehill, and possibly also at Westerlands. Mr. Rainey relates that he was in the 1933-34 Team picked to run against Dublin University (Trinity College) on 18 November. They were put up in the students' quarters at the College and lavishly wined and dined—perhaps too well as they lost the race by 25 points to 60! Was this an Irish ploy to win? Andrew MacAulay, in third place, was the first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish. The most abiding memory Mr. Rainey has of this trip was of breakfast in the Refectory. Everyone was seated, but rose to their feet at the entrance of aged Professors who proceeded in a dignified manner towards the Top Table to the accompaniment of a Latin hymn or song sung by the students. Dinner was held for the Scottish and Irish Teams in *The Red Bank Restaurant*.

The Gilmorehill Globe contained the following item on 11 December:

“The Hares and Hounds are holding a race at Westerlands on Wednesday at 3pm which they style the '100 yards (land) backstroke championship of the world'. One of the many rules of this event is that all competitors must run backwards from start to finish, a fall amounting to a disqualification.”

The Hares and Hounds competed against Teams from Edinburgh University in a cross country race held on 27 January 1934. Glasgow University's First Team was defeated by 32 points to 46 and the Second Team by 35 points to 43. W. H. Whalley of Edinburgh was first home in 38min 50sec and Andrew MacAulay second in 38min 52sec. John Rainey was fifth in 39min 55sec, Donald Brander sixth in 40min and William Kirkwood 10th in 42min. Niel Morison and Walter MacFarlane finished in a dead heat in 11th place, both recording a time of 42min 10sec.

At a Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 6 February in the Union Lounge, a perennial hot potato was debated - relating to first and second claim members. It was decided to propose to the national Cross Country Union under Rule 6 of that body:

“That no competitor who has represented a Club (University Clubs excepted) in a Team event shall be allowed to represent another Club (University Clubs excepted) in a Team Event.....”



Figure 2.4: Photo taken at Westerlands around 1930 shows Charlie Durning with his starting pistol, on the track, just behind the runners (Photo supplied by Mr. George Stewart).

On Saturday 24 February, the Club Championship Race was held from Westerlands over a course of seven miles. The start was slow, with no one keen to set the pace or take the lead, and as a result there was good packing over the first three miles. Andrew MacAulay, Donald Brander and George Smith were at the front at this stage. Andrew MacAulay then began to make the running and gradually draw away, thus spredeagling the rest of the field. He easily finished first in 40min 26sec. Donald Brander came second (41min 34sec) and George Smith third (43min 15sec).

At a Committee meeting on 1 March 1934 it was agreed to put forward Andrew MacAulay and Walter MacFarlane for *Blues*, the former for the three great inter-'varsity races he ran so worthily for the Section, and the latter for the large number of races he had run for the Hares and Hounds both in inter-'varsity and Championship competition. (These *Blues* were duly awarded). Colours were awarded to: Messrs. Brander, Craig, Hall, Kirkwood, Lindsay, MacAulay, MacFarlane, Morison, Rainey, Russell and Smith.

GUM produced a GUAC Supplement in the Spring of 1934. Quotes thought appropriate for members of the Hares and Hounds' Section during the previous season were as follows:

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| A.B. Russell (Captain) | Full well the busy whisper circling round
Convey'd the dismal tidings when he frown'd. |
| J. Rainey (Vice-Captain) | My tongue within my lips I rein
For who talks much must talk in vain. |
| R.A. Reid (Secretary) | Gone the way of former Secretaries. |
| A. Lindsay | I've taken my fun where I found it,

I've rogued and I've ranged in my time. |
| A.R.P. Hall | His hair is of a good colour - an excellent colour;
your chestnut was ever the only colour. |

W.H. Kirkwood	And still they gazed and still the wonder grew, That one small head could carry all he knew.
W.W. Pollock	I am weak in toil, but strong in appetite.
A.W. MacAulay	Here the fell attorney prowls for prey.
N. Morison	Give me a look, give me a face that makes simplicity a grace - robes loosely flowing, hair as free.
W. MacFarlane	Youth is full of pleasance, Age is full of care.
J. Craig	Away with him, away with him! He speaks Latin.
G.V. Smith	The varlet was not an ill-favoured knave, A good deal like a vulture in the face, With a hook nose and a hawk's eye.

(Mr. Rainey claims that the above quotes were all very apt).

No Minutes exist for the period 1934-43, so there are few details available of what the Club was up to during that period. Interestingly, it was reported in *The Gilmorehill Globe* of Tuesday 20 November 1934 that:

“The Hares and Hounds have received an intimation from the Secretary of the AAA that their fixture with Dublin University, due to be run from Westerlands next Saturday, cannot be allowed to take place. As Dublin are an Irish Free State Club, the contest would be contrary to the regulations of the European International Federation.”

On Saturday 12 January 1935, the Hares and Hounds held a seven mile race from Westerlands for the purpose of selecting Teams for the Edinburgh Field Day. First to finish was Andrew MacAulay in 40min 28sec. R. Phoenix took 41min 58sec, T. Cosgrove 42min 48sec, William Kirkwood 43min 04sec and Alan Lindsay 45min 28sec.

Some idea of life as a member of the Hares and Hounds in the latter part of the 1930s has been given by Messrs. George Kirkwood and Lachlan Young. George Kirkwood joined the Hares and Hounds in 1935. At that time his older brother William was already a member of the Club. George can remember several incidents of that time. He relates how to save travelling expenses the Hares and Hounds sometimes hired a couple of bangers and ran them on the cheapest petrol available (1/9 1/2 d, ie less than 10p, a gallon). On one occasion the hired car broke down and had to be brought back to Glasgow on the back of a lorry. George Kirkwood can clearly remember the trips to Aberdeen where there was always a slap-up meal after the race, followed by a dance in the evening. He himself used to stay with Captain Brook, the Head of Physical Education at Aberdeen University, and used to go for a swim before breakfast on the Sunday morning.

Mr. Lachlan Young was a full-time student at Glasgow University from 1930-1935 and thereafter attended part-time till 1940. He then went off to fight Rommel in North Africa, was captured and spent 2 1/2 years in prisoner of war camps in Italy and Germany. Lachlan Young recalls running for the University at a national cross country event at Hamilton Race Course and undressing in the stables on a bitterly cold winter's day. There was a covering of snow on frozen ground and, after moving to the start in just singlet and shorts, it took him two miles to warm up. No hot showers or snacks after the race either! On another occasion Lachlan remembers going to an inter-University meeting in Leeds at which one of the team became ill. Instead of staying in Leeds as intended, the Hares and Hounds caught a night train back to Glasgow. They had foregone their evening meal and all were extremely hungry. Although the Buffet was closed, with a great deal of effort they persuaded an attendant to bring them a large square tin of biscuits and a basket of cheese. An hour later both were completely empty with not even a crumb for a mouse to enjoy!

In the thirties, away fixtures against Maryhill Harriers and Victoria Park AAC were always enjoyable because after the races one could have a swim in the Maryhill or Whiteinch Baths. In contrast, after away fixtures against Garscube Harriers, washing took place in one individual bath filled from a hosepipe in Garscube's wooden hut!



Figure 2.5: A 'jollification' in Westerlands, which was a combined Hares and Hounds' and Athletics' function. Even dancing girls were present! On the floor in front are ex-Secretaries of the Hares and Hounds Jimmie Melvin, third from left looking to his right, and Alex McArthur, wearing the blazer with the GUAC badge. George Stewart is at the very back with his hand resting on the shoulder of Donald Fraser, who was awarded a Blue for boxing (Photo supplied by Mr. George Stewart).

Garscadden had opened in 1935 and after this almost all home fixtures were from there. The trail went along to and beside the Canal to Drumchapel and back. On Wednesday the trail went from Westerlands along Dorchester Avenue to Dawsholm Park and on to Westerton. The return was along the Canal to Temple and back into Westerlands. Runs were always arranged to finish before the end of the hockey, shinty and rugby matches so enabling the runners to get good hot clean baths. The runs were followed by hot sweet tea and cream buns dispensed by Mr. and Mrs. Reid, who were in charge of Garscadden. The Reids were very friendly people. Mrs. Reid made the "after-runs" teas and Mr. Reid was a former 'Borders' rugby player, possibly even a former rugby internationalist. Mid week training sessions took place from Westerlands.

On one occasion in the 1930s members of the Hares and Hounds' and Athletics' Clubs, resplendent in dinner suits, were called upon to act as Stewards at a boxing match in Kelvin Hall where Benny Lynch didn't perform up to expectations and was booed out of the ring. Some months later George Kirkwood, while walking along Argyle Street towards the Hielanman's Umbrella, saw a man dead drunk in the gutter outside *The Grant Arms*; it was Benny Lynch!

Brian Rowe can remember running in the Novice Championship at Hamilton Race course in 1937. Despite having eaten far too much porridge for breakfast he still finished second or third.

It was in 1938 that the Hares and Hounds showed a greatly increased membership and made their first appearance at the British Universities' Sports Federation (BUSF) Championship. Here they finished a very creditable third with 152 points; individual placings were 15th, 21st, 25th, 26th, 32nd and 33rd. Cambridge won the event, with 72 points.

In 1939, at the first Scottish Universities' Sports Federation (SUSF) Championship at Garscadden, the Hares and Hounds had five in the first nine, thus easily winning the Team event from Edinburgh and Aberdeen. Then, at BUSF in Liverpool, John Muir and Tom McGlynn finished third and fourth to lead Glasgow University to victory. Others in the Team were the Captain, Ian Lapraik, Joe McGlone and probably also the Secretary William McBride, along with Brian Rowe. In 1939 too, the Hares and Hounds made their first appearance in the Edinburgh

Teams.

Glasgow University N. Morrison (Capt.). D. B. Allen. J. B. Barr. J. B. Donald. A. Macarthur. C. W. MacDonald. A. M. Ross. G. R. Stewart. I. MacPhail (Sub.).	Dublin University J. W. Craig (Capt.). H. J. Simms. H. F. Deane. D. G. Harpur. W. J. Craig. W. C. Wisdom. R. A. French. A. W. Breakey. J. Hinchcliff (Sub.).
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D. C. Cusack, Captain D.U.H. & A.C.

Menu.

Alex. M. Arthur

J.P. Wallace

releaser

perries

C.C.P.

KIDNEY SOUP	
✦	
VOL-AU-VENT SALLION.	
✦	
BRAISED HAM.	
SPINACH.	
✦	
CASSERIOLE.	CHICKEN.
SPROUTS.	POTATOES.
✦	
FRUIT SALAD.	CREAM.
✦	
COFFEE.	

James Craig, M.D. J.D.

Greetings Neil,

Yrs Walter

Wisdom

Mr. Barr

"United we stand"

Divided we dont"

How How "Scottie" be good

W. Barr

Hello Nellie!

Frances

W.C.

W. Barr

Return to

N. Morrison.



I shall return

Donald H. Binning

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

HARE AND HOUNDS

(Alex. M. Arthur and Led. fellow)

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY

HARRIERS AND ATHLETIC CLUB

Walter MacArthur

OIREACHTAS DINING ROOM

LEINSTER HOUSE

November, 28th, 1931

At 7-15 p.m.

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Figure 2.6: Menu from 1930 Dublin University - Glasgow Hares and Hounds social.

to Glasgow Relay.

Ian (Tod) Lapraik and Donald Binning were outstanding athletes in the Hares and Hounds during the late thirties. Tan Lapraik (a law student) organised red gowns for the trips to Dublin and kilts for matches south of the Border, often a chilling experience! He joined the army and achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Black Watch. Tod Lapraik was known as *The Black Scot* and carried out, on his own, acts of sabotage behind enemy lines. The

Glasgow Herald gave an account of his exploits. Donald Binning was a medical student, and was an extremely reliable first team member.

AUTOGRAPHS

Brian Rowle.
A.W. Benson.
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D.M. Beane
J.A. Ferguson
Kellanson

Glasgow University Hares and Hounds



Annual Supper

IN THE UNION

THURSDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1939

At 7.30 p.m.

Chairman:
Dr. R. M. BROWN,
Hon. President

Figure 2.7: Autographs of those attending the Hares and Hounds' 1939 Annual Supper.

Chapter 3

The 1940's

3.1 1943-1944

The Hares and Hounds, along with other GUAC Sections, was suspended in 1941 because of the war. The GUAC Handbook of 1940-41 gives few details of the Section's activities, but does mention that training runs would take place on Wednesdays at 3.30pm and that the Section's masseur would be in attendance on Saturdays. Then the 1943-44 GUAC Handbook contained the following insertion (referring to the Hares and Hounds).

"This Section has had no activities for the past two years, but it is hoped that a restart may be made this season. Those interested are asked to get in touch with the Secretary of the Athletics Section, Tom Harvey. Watch the Notice Board for details."

Thus, on 23 October 1943 an Extraordinary General Meeting, convened by Tom Harvey, was held at Westerlands. Tom Harvey proposed that the Hares and Hounds which had been inactive for the past two years should restart, and a Committee was elected. Dr. R.M. Brown (first elected President in 1929) again took up the reins. David Cranston was appointed Captain, R.W. (Wallace) Baxter Secretary and David Jenkins (later to become the Bishop of Durham) Treasurer. The Club's subscription was half a crown (2/6 or 12½p). At a Committee meeting held on Saturday 4 December a Team of eight was picked to run against Edinburgh University the following weekend. The gift of a Trophy from Mrs Reid was also recorded with appreciation. It is not certain whether the proposed match actually went ahead, because a further meeting was held on 24 January 1944, again to pick a Team to compete against Edinburgh. The Team was to travel through from Glasgow on the 7.15am train with members paying 1/6th of the fare. At this meeting it was also agreed to apply to GUAC for a grant of one guinea a week to appoint a masseur for the Club. The services of Mr. Orton (masseur to the Hares and Hounds in 1940) were requested. He always carried out his duties using Johnson's baby powder, but kept it in a plain container.

On 30 January a meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held on the train coming home from a race in Aberdeen. The business was to select a four man Team for the Empire Games Sports' two mile race to be held at Ibrox on the cinder track. As it was believed that not enough was being done to retain the interest of non-racing members of the Hares and Hounds, it was proposed that regular runs be held for slow as well as fast packs. The Secretary was also instructed to write and thank Aberdeen for the excellent hospitality enjoyed and:

"this news was received by the entire Team with loud and prolonged cheering leading fellow passengers in the carriage to think that peace had been signed!"¹.

The Hares and Hounds' Annual Supper was arranged for the evening before the Edinburgh match (Friday 25 February) in the Union, and arrangements were made to have a piano present, "*because the Club abounds in musical talent*". An offer to prepare a coloured map of the five and a half mile Garscadden trail was made by Ian Mumford. It was agreed to award Colours to:

Wallace Baxter, David Cranston, R. Nicholls, Desy Parker, John Risk and J. Shaw.

It was also decided to invite Lt. Col. J. Neilson (Ian) Lapraik (a former Captain of the Section) to the Annual Supper. Ian Mumford then suggested that "*as the Minutes were lengthening into hours*" the meeting should be adjourned.

¹A little early, as it was still four months to 'D' Day!

The next Committee meeting was held at Garscadden on 26 February. The race against Edinburgh University scheduled for that day had to be cancelled by wire, as it snowed heavily till 10.30am. As the afternoon was clear and bright, the Racing VIII had run over the planned hilly trail. It was soft, but passable, although the path through the woods was unsuitable for racing as one had to pick a way around the fallen trees. At the meeting, a discussion was held about proposals for *Blues*. The Captain suggested that no names be put forward until the inter-University Championships had taken place. The Secretary (Wallace Baxter) disputed this, as he said that John Risk and R. Nicholls would be leaving for the Services in three weeks' time and should be considered on their previous performances. The President declined to give an opinion because, as a member of Council, he would be one of those considering the *Blues* nominations². There was general agreement to combine the AGM and Annual Supper and to hold these in the Union on Tuesday 14 March.

A meeting of representatives from the four Scottish Universities was held in the St Andrew's University Union on Saturday 4 March. David Cranston and Wallace Baxter represented Glasgow University's Hares and Hounds. There was a discussion about the Scottish Universities' Championship to be run later that day. St Andrew's informed the gathering that they had 18 runners and wished their first eight to count. The Glasgow University Secretary argued, however, that St Andrew's should choose a Team of eight, and let the remaining 10 run as non-counters, because the other three Scottish Universities each had only eight runners along. Although Ian Geddes (the St Andrew's Captain) said this decision could lead to hurt feelings, Glasgow University's proposal was agreed upon.

A Committee meeting was held on the train later on the same evening on the way back from the race in St Andrew's. The Captain proposed that Colours for the season be awarded to Ian Mumford, Robin Boyd and David Jenkins, and this was agreed. It was also decided to make the Hares and Hounds entirely separate from the Athletics Section of GUAC as "*all they had in common was the Colours' Tie (green with silver wreaths)!*" The Secretary (Wallace Baxter) was instructed to write to GUAC confirming this independence, and requesting that the phrase in the Blues Constitution that "*the Hares and Hounds for the purpose of awarding Blues be considered part of the Athletics Section*" be dropped. David Cranston also agreed to write an article for *GUM* outlining the recent performances of the Hares and Hounds.

The 1944 Annual General Meeting was held as planned after the Annual Supper in the Union Smoke Room at 7pm on 14 March. The Treasurer (David Jenkins) presented his report and announced that at the beginning of the season the Club's funds had stood at £1/2/6; they were now £1/8/8d as expenses for the year had been small. There had also been adequate grants from GUAC for travelling and entertainment purposes:

"The report was adopted with great applause except that our worthy Vice President (Mr. Dunlop Anderson) demanded that the balance be produced in proof!"

The Secretary (Wallace Baxter) referred in his report to the lapse of two years in the life of the Hares and Hounds (1941-43). He then described the events of the past season. The Hares and Hounds had been unbeaten in inter-University matches. The first (narrow) win over Edinburgh was with an inexperienced half-trained Team. He singled out the running of John Risk for special mention. St Andrew's and Aberdeen had also each been beaten once. The Hares and Hounds managed to win the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. This particular match had been outstanding:

"for its contribution to real friendship between the four Scottish Universities when the teams (except for most of those from Edinburgh, who had to leave early) sat around the supper table and sang themselves hoarse until it was time to go for their respective trains, when the meeting broke up to the strains of 'Gaudeamus Igitur'—a magnificent night"

Interestingly Brian Rowe, now resident in France, cannot recollect *Gaudeamus Igitur* being sung, but recollects *Sala sa va Varsity Ygorra*. In local events the Hares and Hounds had done well, the Team coming seventh in the Nigel Barge Road Race (John Risk 23rd, Wallace Baxter 25th and David Cranston 27th).

In the Empire Games Sports, held at Ibrox Park on 3 February 1944, the Team was fifth in the two mile race (Risk 14th, Cranston 17th, Baxter 21st and Boyd 23rd).

In his report the Captain thanked Tom Harvey for restarting the Club in 1943. He also felt that two examples of outstanding merit in the Club must be commented upon. The first was displayed by John Risk who had run brilliantly throughout the season and was awarded a *Blue*. The Captain regretted that John was soon to leave University to join the Services. The other individual singled out for praise was Desy Parker:

²John Risk did, however, eventually receive his *Blue* as did David Cranston; Wallace Baxter was awarded a *Half Blue*.

“who had almost perfect attendance at two runs per week so that he had covered approximately 150 miles at an average rate of over 6 mph”.

The Hares and Hounds Masseur and Trainer (Mr. Bob Orton)³. was also thanked. He had been with the Hares and Hounds when they brought the British Universities' Cross Country title north in 1939. Then:

In a general discussion that followed the Captain's report, the Vice-President (Mr. Dunlop Anderson) recalled many entertaining and historic stories of former Vice-Presidents of the Club. One concerned the financial source (himself of course) of the Club's entertainment for a whole week of the visiting Team from Dublin University. Finally he asked, “Where's the Straight Banana?”. The meeting continued with music and song led by Mr. Nicholls at the piano. Ian Mumford contributed Cockney songs which were much appreciated. The meeting concluded in accordance with custom to the strains of 'Gaudeamus igitur'.

3.2 1944-1945

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 1 November 1944 to discuss several pressing matters. It was agreed that someone should write an article for *GUM*. It was also decided to participate in more runs organized by the Scottish Cross Country Union, but it was emphasised that inter-University matches were the first priority. In addition to fixtures against Aberdeen, Edinburgh and St. Andrew's it was also decided to organize races against Liverpool and Sheffield Universities as well as Trinity College (Dublin), and Queen's University (Belfast). The meeting also discussed the appointment of a masseur for the season. Mr. Orton and Mr. Smith were proposed. However, GUAC was reluctant to grant an increased fee to pay for a masseur as the Section's membership hadn't risen. Therefore the decision as to what to do was left over. The possibility of arranging an International match between the English and Scottish Universities was also to be investigated.

At a Committee meeting held on 14 February 1945 it was decided to award colours for the season to:

Wallace Baxter	David Cranston	Desy Parker	Robin Boyd
R.(Austin) Johnson	Keith Rust	Peter Browne	Bill Conacher
Peter Righton	Dennis Dixon	Graham Jardine	Ian Laing

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6 March 1945. After an excellent supper provided by Mr. Mackay and the Union staff, liquid refreshment was brought in, and to loud cheers the *Straight Banana* was ceremoniously placed before the Chairman, Mr. Tom Muir (one of the Vice-Presidents), who then opened the meeting. The Treasurer (Desy Parker) reported that although the Hares and Hounds had started the year with a Balance of £5/19/11, this had now fallen to £3/2/8. Amongst the year's major expenses were hospitality with regard to the Aberdeen visit (9/-), J. Rowland's fare to Motherwell from Aberdeen (£1/11/3), the preparation of a map of the Garscadden course (3/-) and the President's photograph (6/-).

David Cranston (the Secretary) gave an account of the season's activities. At the Triangular Tournament held in Edinburgh, the Hares and Hounds had finished 35 points behind the Home Team, and one point behind St. Andrew's. In the return match over the Garscadden course, however, Edinburgh had won by only six points. Despite finishing in the first two positions in St. Andrew's, the Team still lost by 16 points. However, when Aberdeen visited and a race was held over the Garscadden course, three Glasgow runners were within the previous record time. Ian Laing was first in 35min 44sec, and the Hares and Hounds finished first with 27 points. The Section also won the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship, held in Aberdeen, with 45 points. Edinburgh was second with 53, followed by Aberdeen with 96 and St. Andrew's with 126. Ian Laing ran a magnificent race, failing to win the individual title by only a few inches. This was mainly because he had never run over the course before and was quite unaware that the finish of the race was near till he and Martin of Edinburgh, neck and neck, suddenly entered the playing field at King's College. This was the first inter-University race in which Graham Jardine competed. He remembers that on the evening after the race there was a dance in the Aberdeen Union (which was the only 'mixed' University Union in Scotland at that time). Around midnight, the members of the Glasgow Team, led by Johnny Rowland of Aberdeen, sang their way happily through the deserted

³Brian Rowe remembers that he was a great help to him when he tore a muscle, while at home running for Belgrave Harriers over Christmas in 1938. Bob Orton also introduced Brian to Jimmy Flockhart of Shettleston Harriers, who told Brian he needed to “change down a gear to run uphill.”

streets to their overnight accommodation - which turned out to be a First Aid hut at a location somewhere near Foresterhill Hospital. The lights could not be found and the beds were stretchers - but they sufficed!

The Hares and Hounds had also participated in runs organized by the Scottish Cross Country Union held at Pollokshaws, Renfrew, Glasgow Green, Ibrox and Shettleston as well as participating in the Scottish Cross Country Championships held at Motherwell.

The Captain (Wallace Baxter) spoke of pride in what the Hares and Hounds had achieved over the season, and asked the Section to show appreciation to Robin Boyd, who'd earned a *Half Blue*. He also spoke of the great promise and wondrous achievements of Ian Laing in only half a season's association with the Club.

In the general discussion that followed, one of the Vice-Presidents (Mr. George Esslemont) recorded the history of *The Straight Banana*. He mentioned:

“how it was picked up and later became one of the major University sports trophies. He told of its occasional loss to other Sections, and even to other Universities, of fights and scrambles for it at Charities and other days of celebration, of later how there arose the honour of having your name written on it as ‘The Order of the Straight Banana’. He doubted whether the one in front of him was the original, but this was confirmed when he saw some old honoured names written on it”.

Wallace Baxter proposed that Mr. John Muir (a Vice-President) and Robin Boyd be made Members of *The Order of the Straight Banana*, whereupon with due ceremony they placed their signatures upon the Banana.

Mr. J. Muir spoke of the teamwork involved when the Hares and Hounds won the British Universities' Cross Country Championship in 1939 just prior to the war. He told of the intense training, of sacrificing some other interests for running, and of the necessity of keeping packed together in the race and not being put off your stride by someone passing you at an early stage.

The business being over, the meeting continued with music and song and finished in accordance with custom by singing *Gaudeamus Igitur*.

3.3 1945-46

The season commenced with a turnout of 17 old and new members at Garscadden on Saturday 13 October. This was followed by a post-war renewal of inter-Club runs with Garscube Harriers and Dumbarton AAC. It was mentioned in *GUM* in November 1945 that the Hares and Hounds were “*hoping to obtain a supply of sandshoes soon!*”.

A Committee meeting with major significance for the Hares and Hounds was held in the Dressing Room at Garscadden on 8 December 1945. It was there that it was decided to replace the Hares and Hounds' running vest (the one with a gate on the front, which in old black and white photos could easily be mistaken for a Union Jack), with a new black singlet that had a yellow 'G' on the back.

Dr Graham Jardine has vivid memories of why the dramatic change of vest came about, and furthermore still has one of the originals; a real collector's item! Apparently there were two reasons why Robin Boyd (The Hares and Hounds Captain during the 1945-46 season) introduced this particular brand of vest. The black singlets were easily seen in the midst of a pack of white strips, and therefore those who were behind the leaders in a race could easily see their Team mates and make the effort to 'pack' nearer the front with them. The addition of the conspicuous 'G' was devised as a piece of psychological warfare. The theory - and the ruse seemed to work well too - was that opponents, in a state of semi-exhaustion and seeing perhaps three or four large 'Gs' bobbing in front of them, would be mesmerised into thinking that all eight members of the Glasgow team were ahead and thus be completely demoralised!

Although his home was in Troon, Robin Boyd lived in MacBrayne Hall in Park Circus. Being an all-male Hall, it was the custom of the MacBrayne residents to invite students from the nearby predominantly-female 'Dough School' (College of Domestic Science, now part of the Queen's College campus of Caledonian University) to be partners at Hall dances. Nothing loth, Robin persuaded some of the same fair damsels to attach the fearsome 'G's to the singlets. The first one thus adorned was made as an experiment, and since Graham Jardine was the nearest person of the correct size in the Dressing Room the day Robin produced the vest (or perhaps as he was Treasurer, later to become Secretary, during that season), he had the honour of wearing it and preserving the item for posterity ever since.

The meeting of 8 December also discussed arrangements for travelling to Ireland for the race against Dublin University. The Team would travel to Stranraer on the Thursday evening (13 December) and sleep on board the ferry in reserved berths, before taking the train from Belfast to Dublin the following morning. The Team would



Figure 3.1: The Hares and Hounds' Team that won the 1945 Scottish Universities' Cross-Country Championships. At Back: Keith Rush, Robin Boyd, Tom Muir, Austin Johnson, Dennis Dixon. In Front: Tom McGhee David Cranston, Dr. Brown, Ian Laing, Graham Jardine.

be travelling third class as usual, to keep the fares as low as possible. Essential meals would be paid for out of the Club's funds. In the race at Dublin the new singlets would be worn for the first time. (As it turned out the train was derailed between Belfast and Dublin when the engine boiler blew up)! Graham Jardine recalls that because it was only a few months after the end of the War, there was still severe rationing in Britain, but none in the Republic of Ireland which had remained neutral. Consequently Robin Boyd was able to drink pints and pints in Dublin, but it was pints of milk, not beer, that he enjoyed. The Hares and Hounds had a rather limited amount of money between them on the trip and there were many goods (such as silk stockings!) it was possible to buy in Dublin that were unobtainable at that time in Glasgow. Graham Jardine remembers the team arriving home with quite literally just 6d amongst them! He also has memories of John Matthew singing *Good Night Ladies* and *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* on the boat between Larne and Stranraer, long before the latter song became a kind of 'national anthem' of English football fans. In the race, held over a six mile course at Islandbridge, Ronnie Laing won in 34min 31sec. John Matthew was fourth, Robin Boyd seventh and Graham Jardine eighth.

An Extraordinary General meeting was held on 12 January 1946, in the Dressing Room at Garscadden, for the purpose of electing a successor to the Secretary (Dennis Dixon). The reason it was necessary to elect a replacement was that, between the time of the Dublin fixture and the beginning of the Candlemas term in January, Dennis had been called up to the army (there was still conscription for many years after the end of the War). It was all a bit of a joke, however, because while the Hares and Hounds had been in Dublin, Dennis had stayed at the home of J.K. Waldron and had taken a 'notion' to one of the Waldron sisters, and, it was rumoured, he had stayed on in Dublin, whereas in reality he had gone off to the army. Graham Jardine was elected Secretary unopposed, and was replaced as Treasurer and Assistant Secretary by John Matthew.

At the Scottish Universities' Championship held over a course of around five miles in the Braid Hills, Edinburgh, on 2 February, Glasgow easily won the Team event with only 27 points. St. Andrew's scored 80 and Edinburgh 90 points. The race was won by Gerry Young of Edinburgh, with Ian Laing second, Ronnie Laing

third, John Matthew fourth, Robin Boyd fifth, Graham Jardine sixth, Hugh Garven seventh, Jim Spence eighth and George Todd ninth. This strength of the Hares and Hounds during the 1945-46 Cross-Country season is also well illustrated by the records of an inter-'varsity Committee meeting held in the King's Buildings after the race. A Scottish Team was picked to run against a team from the UAU at Garscadden on 16 February. The Team included Gerry Young of Edinburgh, and the remainder, Robin Boyd (Captain), Hugh Garven, Graham Jardine, Ian Laing, Ronnie Laing, John Matthew and George Todd, were all from Glasgow. The maximum distance over which the race could be held was six and a quarter miles because it was claimed " *that anything further would be harmful to the youthful competitors.*" The Scottish Universities' Team strip was also agreed upon. It was to be a white singlet with a blue St Andrew's cross on the left breast, black pants and sandshoes! (These were the days before 'trainers' had been invented, and even sandshoes were hard to come by immediately after the war). However, upon learning that the UAU Team would be running in their respective University colours, and that the majority of Englishmen would thus be in white, the Glasgow members of the Scottish Team decided to wear their black singlets to avoid confusion and assist morale! However, the singlets would be worn inside out to conceal the 'G' and the blue St. Andrew's cross would be worn on the left breast.

The next meeting of the Hares and Hounds was the AGM held on 11 February 1946. In his report the Treasurer explained that expenditure had been particularly high during the season because of the extended Fixture List, the trip to Dublin and the inter-'varsity International. He wished to especially thank one of the Club's Vice-Presidents (Colonel Lapraik) for a most generous donation to the Hares and Hounds of three guineas. Despite this, a Balance from last season of £2-7-4 had now fallen to £1-14-6.

The Secretary (Graham Jardine) told of how in the first race of the season, over a course of around 5.5 miles from Garscadden, Aberdeen had been easily defeated by 26 points to 58 with Ian Laing winning the event in 33min 57sec, and Graham Jardine finishing third in 35min 15sec. Other members of the Hares and Hounds finished as follows: John Matthew (fourth), George Todd (fifth), Dennis Dixon (sixth), Robin Boyd (seventh), Hugh Garven (ninth) and Ronnie Laing (12th). The following week (with six men in the first seven) the Hares and Hounds had defeated St. Andrew's by 23 points to 61 also at Garscadden. Ian Laing was again first, this time in 33min 51sec. Graham Jardine came second in 35min 26sec and Robin Boyd third in 35min 40sec. John Matthew (fourth), George Todd (sixth), Ronnie Laing (seventh), Dennis Dixon (ninth) and Hugh Garven (12th) also made up the Team. In another race, against Edinburgh over a stiff five mile course from the King's Buildings at Liberton, Glasgow again won with four men in the first five. Ian Laing broke a long-standing course record, finishing 21 seconds ahead of Gerry Young of Edinburgh in 28min 54secs. Graham Jardine was third in 29min 34sec. Three weeks later, in the match at Islandbridge (Dublin), the Hares and Hounds suffered their first defeat, losing by 39 points to 41. However, Ronnie Laing won in 34min 31sec, and John Matthew finished in fourth place. Robin Boyd was seventh and Graham Jardine eighth. (Unfortunately Ian Laing was unable to make this trip; he had an important exam to sit on the Friday afternoon).

The Captain (Robin Boyd) recalled how in 1943 the Hares and Hounds was resuscitated by five men and that year they built the Club up to 16 and managed to win the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship at St. Andrew's. This season the Hares and Hounds membership had risen to 36 and the Captain thanked everyone for doing his bit to make the season so successful. He related how the difficulties of obtaining running shoes had been overcome on one occasion by a member running in an old pair of dance shoes! A *Full Blue* had been awarded by GUAC to Ian Laing and *Half Blues* to Graham Jardine and John Matthew.

Professor Campbell (one of the Vice-Presidents) then commented on how the Hares and Hounds were beginning to make a name for themselves. A friend of his had asked him exactly what the Hares and Hounds did. "Do they chase an electric hare?", Professor Campbell had replied "They don't require one, the electricity is in them!".

In the general discussion that followed formal business, the opinion was expressed that the Club should start participating in more races. Mr. Dunlop Anderson remarked on how surprised he was to learn that runs now took place in the afternoons. In the old days they took place in the mornings only, as the Westerlands Pavilion was required in the afternoons for other purposes. Mr. Dunlop Anderson went on to say that he was struck by the youthfulness of the Club, and it appeared to him that there was not the same regard for tradition as there was formerly. He told of an amazing collection of trophies kept in the basement at Westerlands including signs from cross-roads and restaurants. He related how the *Straight Banana* which lay on the table in front of him had come from a shop in St George's Road over 20 years ago. The banana was now somewhat the worse for wear and he corroborated the statement that those who were distinguished guests or members of the Section were admitted to "The Order of the Straight Banana". Mr. Dunlop Anderson urged that new blood should be brought into the Club from members of the University staff.

At this point the Captain proposed that Mr. Dunlop Anderson, David Cranston and Ian Laing should be

admitted to “*The Order of the Straight Banana*”. The suggestion was greeted with loud cheers and it was agreed that this should be done “*after the banana was cleaned up a bit!*”.

One of the Hares and Hounds members’ (Bob McLaren) then asked the Captain what the position was regarding the UAU Trophy that the Club held at present. He had reason to believe that England were wishing to compete for it. Robin Boyd replied that it was not for the English Universities to decide when and where it should be competed for, but that Glasgow as the holders would make the decisions. Members then retired to the Buffet where “*they continued their revels in song after the usual custom.*”

In a Scottish Universities versus English Universities match held at Garscadden on 16 February 1946, seven of the eight members of the Scottish Team belonged to Glasgow University Hares and Hounds. The race was won by David Haw of Leeds in a record time of 32min 35sec. Second was E.R. Downer of Southampton (32min 48sec), who just beat Ian Laing into third place by a fraction of a yard. Ian Laing’s time of 32min 48½sec was more than a minute faster than his previous best for the course. Other members of the Hares and Hounds in the Team were John Matthew (10th), Robin Boyd (12th), Ronnie Laing (13th), George Todd (14th), Graham Jardine (15th) and Hugh Garven (16th). Afterwards a dinner for the Scottish and English Teams was held in the *Taj Mahal* Restaurant in Sauchiehall Street. It was chaired by Dr. W. Ross Cunningham (the University Librarian), who was Honorary President of GUAC at the time. Drinks cost a total of £1 and the food £6.

3.4 1946-47

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held at Garscadden on 26 October 1946 to elect a replacement for Robin Boyd who, only a short time after being re-elected Captain, had been called up to do his National Service. Graham Jardine (the Secretary) was elected to replace Robin Boyd, and John Matthew was elected as Secretary. David Johnstone M.C. (formerly a Major in the Black Watch) was elected as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The 1947 Annual General Meeting took place in the Union at 6.30pm on 20 February. The Treasurer reported that the season’s Income had amounted to 49/9/5 and Expenditure to £47/15/9.

The Secretary noted that both the First and Second Teams had won all their inter-University matches and had also performed creditably in outside races. Notable performances were wins against Aberdeen University at King’s College (Aberdeen) on 18 January, with Glasgow scoring 27 points to Aberdeen’s 60. (The Hares and Hounds had eight men in the first 10). David Johnstone was second in 31min 11sec, Joe McGhee third in 31min 20sec, Tom Wilson fourth in 32min 15sec, Graham Jardine fifth, Bill Rathie sixth, J. Johnston seventh, Jim Spence eighth and George McCall 10th. The Club had finished fifth with 194 points in the Midland District Junior Championship held at Hamilton Race Course on 25 January. (The first member of the Hares and Hounds to finish was Tom Wilson in 20th position. David Johnstone was 25th and Ian Laing 29th). On 9 February, in an away match against St Andrews, the course included Scoonie Hill from the top of which a magnificent view of the town can be obtained. When Graham Jardine (Captain of the the Hares and Hounds) arrived at the top of ‘Scoonie’, he found his team-mate Bill Rathie standing there ‘having a breather’, and admiring the view! He was told to get a move on. He did and had the last laugh, for later he beat Graham in the run-in to the finishing line. Bill Rathie was a real character. At a time when noise of any kind was strictly forbidden in the University Reading Room, he was so amused whilst reading a passage of *Chaucer’s Tales* that he startled everyone by giving a great guffaw of laughter. On one ‘Charities Day’ when a number of the Hares and Hounds went out collecting in fancy dress, Bill’s outfit consisted of a pair of ‘combinations’ partially concealed by a wooden barrel which he ‘wore’ suspended by a pair of braces. The only snag was that every time he wished to sit down, as he did in a bus being ‘raided’, he couldn’t - unless of course, he removed the barrel!

In his report the Captain, Graham Jardine, said that the highlight of the past season was the Triangular fixture with Liverpool and Sheffield Universities, at Liverpool in mid November. This really was a notable victory. Liverpool had three men in the first five finishers, and the first two of these were among the best in the English Universities’ Teams of 1946 and 1947. What was also significant was that it almost was not recognised as a victory for Glasgow at all. When the race Officials (none of whom was from Glasgow) counted up the points the result was about to be given as a joint win for Liverpool and Sheffield with 59 points, Glasgow being third and last with 65 points. Fortunately, Graham Jardine had counted up the points independently and drew the Officials’ attention to the fact that Glasgow’s score was 55 points and Glasgow, therefore, was the winner. (Incidentally, if the match had been a straight one between Liverpool and Glasgow, Glasgow would have won by 39 points to 41, and if it had been between Sheffield and Glasgow on their own, Glasgow would have won by 37 points to 41). The trip to Liverpool had cost Graham Jardine only £2-18-3d; this included rail fare, three nights bed and breakfast and all meals!

On Friday 14 February 1947, Sir John Boyd Orr (as he was then) had delivered his Rectorial address. On the previous day he had travelled from the centre of Glasgow to the University in a carriage drawn by *Blues* of several Sections of GUAC. Hares and Hounds' *Blues* who helped to man the ropes were Brian Rowe, John Matthew and Graham Jardine.

The Hares and Hounds also undertook an exciting, but potentially disastrous, Charities Day publicity stunt one Saturday morning. Members of the Section dressed as 'knights' in silver-painted cardboard 'armour' and ran from the City Chambers through the town to Gilmorehill carrying aloft the "Fiery Cans". These were simply open cans screwed to the tops of short poles and filled most insecurely with flammable rags. It was something of a miracle that the Lord Provost did not set fire to his robes as he sent the runners off, or that the runners' 'armour' did not ignite when burning rags spilled out as they ran along!

In his Presidential address Professor Campbell commented on the repairs to the hot water system at Garscadden and then related tales of the washing facilities at the YMCA Club when he was a member!

Ian Laing was elected to replace Graham Jardine as Captain, but John Matthew remained Secretary. Bill Rathie replaced David Johnstone as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. After an adjournment of 30 minutes to do justice to an excellent dinner, the meeting decided that the number of racing fixtures should be reduced and the number of inter-Club runs increased.

In the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship held over a course of approximately six and a half miles from Garscadden on 22 February 1947 the Hares and Hounds again won the event (Glasgow 31, Edinburgh 78, St Andrew's 108 and Aberdeen 115 points). Dick Kendall of Aberdeen finished first in 38min 31sec, with Ian Laing second (38min 31sec) and John Matthew third (38min 48sec). Joe McGhee was fourth, David Johnstone sixth, Tom Wilson seventh, Graham Jardine ninth, Bill Rathie 10th, and Jim Spence 13th. Then in an International match of approximately seven miles, held at Leeds on 8 March, Glasgow runners finished fourth (Tom Wilson), eighth (Ian Laing), ninth (David Johnstone) and tenth (Joe McGhee).

An indication of the success of this season was the award of *Full Blues* to John Matthew, Tom Wilson and David Johnstone.

3.5 1947-1948

In the McAndrew Road Relay Race at the beginning of the 1947-48 season (on 4 October) a Team from the Hares and Hounds (comprising David Johnstone, Graham Jardine, Joe McGhee and Tom Wilson) finished seventh.

An Emergency General Meeting of the Hares and Hounds was held in the Garscadden Pavilion at 2.30pm on Saturday 18 October 1947, after a run at which new members to the Section were given a free tea, thus re-instituting the old custom of *The Freshers' Tea*. The meeting was arranged primarily to elect a new Secretary to replace John Matthew who had gone off to Cambridge. Twenty-seven members of the Club were present. David Johnstone, the Vice-Captain, agreed to accept the position. A donation of one guinea to the Club from Professor Campbell was reported, and this was received with enthusiastic applause! It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner and AGM separately this year. The Dinner would take place in early December and the AGM at the conclusion of the season. The Secretary also intimated that after a year's negotiation Forsyths had now a new stock of black singlets for 7/6 plus three clothing coupons.

At a Triangular match held from Garscadden on 15 November 1947, the Hares and Hounds defeated Leeds and St Andrew's, scoring 43 points (Leeds 50 and St Andrew's 82 points). Joe McGhee, who finished third in 33min 36 sec, was the first Club member home with David Johnstone fifth, George McCall sixth, Graham Jardine seventh, Bill Rathie ninth and Ian Manning 13th.

On 21 February 1948 the Hares and Hounds took part in the UAU Championship held in Leeds. The Club finished fourth with 164 points. Joe McGhee came 11th, Ian Laing 20th, Jim Spence⁴ 24th, David Johnstone 33rd, Graham Jardine 37th, John Risk 39th, Tom Wilson 41st and Ian Manning 66th.

The 1948 AGM was held in the Union at 4.30pm on Wednesday 10 March. Because both the President and Captain were absent, one of the Vice-Presidents (Professor Campbell, of the Logic Department) took the Chair.

"The Treasurer (Bill Rathie) gave a report on the Club's finances that was both informative and humorous!"

⁴Jim Spence had eaten a large whale steak at lunchtime much to the consternation of his team mates. Yet, he certainly ran a whale of a race that afternoon!

There was a credit balance of £3/1/6. The Treasurer suggested that in future the Club's accounts be audited, if not by a Chartered Accountant, then at least by some person fitted to do so. This would safeguard both the Hares and Hounds and the new Treasurer. This suggestion was approved.

The Secretary (David Johnstone) gave a *resume* of the season's activities, mentioning the award of a *Blue* to Joe McGhee and the Club's winning of the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship for the fifth successive time. That race had taken place in St. Andrews and Joe had finished second to Tom Braid, the Edinburgh champion. The Club had also performed well in the UAU race, and in both the McAndrew Relay and Nigel Barge Road Race. Because of Dr. Brown's impending retiral from the University at the end of the 1949-50 academic year, he had intimated that he wished to resign as the Hares and Hounds' President. It was agreed to elect Professor Campbell in his place. Professor Campbell pointed out that, as he was already President of several Sections, he would only accept the position for a year in the first instance. David Johnstone was elected Captain, Ken Cameron Secretary, and Ian Manning Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

At a Committee meeting held in the Union on Saturday 29 May it was reported that a donation had been received from Professor Campbell. It was agreed to open an account in the name of the Hares and Hounds, at a Bank within easy reach of the University. The question of racing in inter-University fixtures was then discussed. It was thought that a long list of "needle fixtures" throughout the season wasn't a good thing, either from the point of view of fitness or enjoyment. It was agreed to propose at a forthcoming inter-Universities' meeting that all inter-University fixtures (with the exception of the Scottish Universities' Championship) should consist of pack runs of varying speeds. As the next season's UAU Championship was probably going to be held in Bristol, it was decided that unless an exceptionally strong Team could be fielded, the Hares and Hounds would not take part because of the expense. It was agreed to hold a "Muster Run" from Garscadden, and to try to win the Midland District Junior Team Championship to forcibly bring the Hares and Hounds to the notice of outside Clubs. The Section's training scheme would be arranged with this in mind.

The Secretary was authorised to arrange a visit to Durham for a triangular fixture against Durham and Leeds. It was decided to postpone a visit to Ireland until the financial position became more clear. A *Freshers' Tea* would be held at Westerlands on Wednesday 20 October 1948, and Thursday 13 January 1949 was proposed as the date for the Annual Dinner.

Graham Jardine	David Johnstone	Ian Laing	George McCall
Joe McGhee	Ian Manning	Bill Rathie	John Risk
Jim Spence	Tom Wilson		

On Saturday 5 June 1948, the Captains and Secretaries of the four Scottish Universities' Cross Country Clubs met in the Pavilion at St. Andrew's University. The business of the meeting concerned the termination of the activities of the Scottish Universities' Athletic Union. This meant that its work would now have to be done by representatives of the Clubs themselves, with the aid of an Honorary Secretary/Treasurer. It was agreed that Mr. Tom Muir, who for so long had been associated with Glasgow University's Hares and Hounds, should be asked to fill this post. It was decided that the portion of the Scottish Universities' Athletics Union's funds due to the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Clubs should be at the disposal of the Secretary/Treasurer for current expenses, and that until some other finances became available, the individual Sections would be responsible for subsidizing their own members chosen for international teams.

3.6 1948-1949

In a match held at St Andrew's on 30 October 1948 the Hares and Hounds comfortably defeated St Andrew's University with Joe McGhee finishing second, Jim Spence third, Ian Manning fifth, Graham Jardine sixth and Ronnie Laing seventh. Joe McGhee has reason to remember well this race at St. Andrews. An unusual (and distracting!) feature was that the course-markers were red-gowned girl students who were far too genteel in shouting directions! The first St. Andrews' runner, a top half-miler, caught folk by surprise by a flat-out start. Joe tried to follow him, but lost contact on a narrow twisting path. A girl-marker at a foot-bridge over a stream mouthed something unintelligible and Joe ran past completely off the course! Doubling back, eventually he spotted through the trees four or five competitors running in single file in the opposite direction on the far side of the stream. Immediately Joe plunged down the bank into what he mistakenly thought was a shallow stream, he found he had to swim for it! Luckily the runners still had to face the infamous Scoonie Hill and Joe was able to

fight his way back into second place before the finish.

A couple of weeks later at Garscadden, in a race of around five miles, Joe McGhee easily won a match against Aberdeen University in 27 min 35sec. Glasgow had nine men in the first ten (Jim Spence third, Graham Jardine fourth, Jim Gourlay fifth, David Johnstone and George McCall equal sixth, Ian Manning eighth, George Bowes ninth, Ken Cameron 10th and Ronnie Laing 11th). Then in the Scottish Midland District Relay Championship held on 4 December in Stirling, the Hares and Hounds finished eighth out of 31 Teams. The Club's runners were David Johnstone (15min 44sec), Joe McGhee (15min 16sec), Graham Jardine (16min 10sec) and Jim Spence (15min 57sec). The Hares and Hounds also came eighth in the Nigel Barge Road Race.

In the early morning of Saturday 26 February, a Hares and Hounds' Team left Glasgow by train for Durham, where, in the afternoon, it was due to take part in a race against a Team from Durham University. John Jardine recalls how the Glasgow students were welcomed by one of the Durham reserves, who took them for lunch and courteously conducted them on a tour of the medieval castle which now houses part of the University. He then took them to the splendid Cathedral which dominates the city. By special arrangement, he said, he was permitted to take the Glasgow Team up the great central tower of the Cathedral, from the top of which an amazingly wide view could be obtained. Willingly the Glasgow Team followed their kindly guide up the narrow, winding, stone stair. It was only as they neared the top of the 218 foot tower that the visitors knew by the stiffening of their leg muscles that the invitation to enjoy the magnificent panorama which lay before them had not been entirely altruistic. Not too surprisingly the Hares and Hounds were soundly beaten in the race later that afternoon. However, as some compensation, during the ensuing evening's entertainment hospitality flowed lavishly. Next morning, the Cathedral bells summoned so imperiously that members of the Glasgow contingent, some of them rather bleary-eyed, hastened to Matins. The preacher's text, rather appropriately, was from Chapter five of the First Epistle to Timothy "*Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*"

The 1949 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union at 4.15pm on Wednesday 16 March. In the absence of the Honorary President and Vice-Presidents the Captain (David Johnstone) took the Chair. The Treasurer (Ian Manning) explained that Income for the year had amounted to £20/14/0 and Expenditure to £21/15/6. The Secretary (Ken Cameron) gave a *resume* of the season's activities. In addition to the aforementioned races, the Hares and Hounds had come second to Edinburgh in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship at Aberdeen and had been beaten by Durham in an away fixture. The best result in outside fixtures was the Team's fourth position in the Midland District Junior Championship Race on 5 February. The Section was proud of the achievement of their Vice-Captain (Joe McGhee) on being chosen for his third successive Universities' International race. Other fixtures had included several very enjoyable inter-Club pack runs, and most successful was the paper-chase held in January.

In his report David Johnstone said how much he'd enjoyed his year as Captain and his only regret was that his own running had not been as good as in the previous seasons. There were several possible explanations, "*but he did not believe that advancing years was one of them!*" David Johnstone also emphasized the importance of "*away fixtures*" in the activities of the Section, and he hoped that finances would not prevent as many people as possible travelling to other Universities to compete against them. He finished by paying tribute to Graham Jardine, who in his five years with the Hares and Hounds (four on the Committee), had done so much for the Club.

Mr. George Esslemont (one of the Vice-Presidents) who had arrived late, then agreed to take the Chair. He told the meeting of his early cross country days at Aberdeen University, which had been very successful and had led their Team to victory over Glasgow University. When he came to Glasgow he then led the Hares and Hounds to victory over his former *alma mater*. He suggested that David Johnstone was probably in need of fresh air and ridiculed the idea of his succumbing to the call of *Father Time*. Mr. Esslemont was also glad to learn that the paper-chase had been run again this season, as some of his happiest memories were of paper-chases with the Section.

In the elections that followed, all the present Vice-Presidents (J. Dunlop Anderson, J. Binning, Dr. R.M. Brown, George Esslemont, J. Neilson Lapraik, John Muir, Tom Muir, Dunky McL. Wright and J.N. Miller) were re-elected. Joe McGhee was elected Captain, Ian Manning Secretary and George Bowes Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Under AOCB John Jardine expressed dissatisfaction with arrangements for the Annual Dinner, as he thought that equivalent facilities could be obtained outside the Union, and he asked the new Committee to look into this.

Colours for the season were awarded to:

On 19 March 1949 the British Universities' International Race was run at Wollaton Park, Nottingham. Edinburgh University were now in the ascendant, and the Scottish Team consisting of seven Edinburgh runners and Joe McGhee finished second.

George Bowes	Ken Cameron	Jim Gourlay	Graham Jardine
John Jardine	David Johnstone	Ian Manning	Joe McGhee
Bill Rathie	John Risk	Jim Spence	

3.7 1949-1950

Fifteen members were present at the 1950 Annual General Meeting held in the Union on 15 March. The Treasurer (George Bowes) reported that the Club's funds had continued their downward trend over the year and now stood at only 8/5 (42p)!

In his review of the season's activities, the Secretary (Ian Manning) said that things had been similar to the previous year. The Hares and Hounds had beaten St Andrew's University both over the Garscadden course on 29 October, and at their Dundee Campus on 18 February. In the latter race the same runner who had beaten Joe McGhee in St. Andrews the previous season again tried his whirlwind start tactics, but Joe hung on and got his revenge in a sprint finish. The Club had unfortunately finished second to Edinburgh in the Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship. Congratulations were extended to Joe McGhee (who had been elected Captain of the Scottish Team for the Universities' International race to be held at Garscube Estate on 18 March), to Fred Robertson (also selected for the same team) and to John Barbour who had been picked as a reserve. The Section had participated in the Nigel Barge Race, The Midland District Relay and the Midland District Junior Championship, coming seventh out of 18 in the last of these. Nine inter-Club runs had featured in the season's programme, and also a paper-chase in which the Hares and Hounds had lost the trail a few hundred yards from the beginning ! Colours for the season were awarded to:

John Barbour	George Bowes	Peter Endicott	Hugh Garven
Jim Hamilton ⁵	John Jardine	Bob Lennie	Joe McGhee
Fred Robertson	A. Smith.		

The Captain (Joe McGhee) expressed the hope that those who failed to be awarded *Blues* because of their fidelity to outside Clubs being given priority, would let the University have First Claim on them next year and so perhaps win their well-deserved honours. An amendment was made to the Hares and Hounds' Constitution, the position of Fresher member on the Committee being abolished. This post had apparently proved redundant in recent years. In the elections Professor Campbell was re-elected President, John Jardine became Captain, Hugh Garven Secretary and John Barbour Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Under AOCB Fred Robertson complained:

“that Pack runs lacked discipline and asked that a Pace and Whip should be elected and respected.”

Joe McGhee said that although he was in favour of such discipline, sometimes the implementation proved difficult. Charles Daly suggested that Team members should spend an hour in the Gym each week to promote their fitness. Joe McGhee said that the Gym was available for anyone who wished such additional exercise, although he was not in favour of it being formally organised. It was decided to place a levy on Hares and Hounds' members in order to meet the impending deficit in the Club's funds. Apparently funds had been declining steadily since 1947, and with the cancellation of a dance that had been scheduled during the winter, the expected proceeds had evaporated. Finally it was decided to prepare a Poster to display in the Union to advertise the forthcoming International Race, as the publicity for this so far was considered inadequate.

The Universities' International Race went ahead three days later over a course on the Garscube Estate. It was the first time that the Hares and Hounds had organized an event over this venue and the Lord Provost gave the participating Teams a lunch-time reception in the City Chambers.

⁵Jim Hamilton can remember being encouraged to join the Hares and Hounds when he was an “8½ stone wimp” expecting to do no more than jog with the Slow Pack on Saturday afternoons at Garscadden, and perhaps learn the words of some ribald songs at the Smokers. However, he soon began turning up for the Wednesday evening training at Westerlands and became fit enough to race for the Second Team. Eventually he went on to race on some occasions for the First Team.

Chapter 4

The 1950's

4.1 1950-1951

The 1951 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on 14 March. The Treasurer (John Barbour) was pleased to report that the season's opening Balance of 8/5d had swelled to £7/15/3 (due mainly to generous donations from the President and Vice-Presidents). The Secretary (Hugh Garven) told the meeting that the Hares and Hounds had again easily beaten Aberdeen (22 points to 66) on 29 October in a Home match and had also defeated St Andrew's very comfortably. The Club had squeezed a narrow victory over Queen's University (Belfast).

However, the Section had been convincingly beaten by Edinburgh and Durham in a Triangular match and by Trinity College (Dublin) in another hotly-contested match in Dublin, coming second equal with Queen's University. The Hares and Hounds could only manage to finish 31st in the Midland District Relay Race held in Coatbridge on 5 November, came 18th in the Nigel Barge Road Race and recovered to seventh in the Midland District Cross Country Championship. The Second Team had also participated in several away matches.

The Scottish Universities' Cross Country Championship, which had been held at Garscadden, had resulted in a runaway victory for Edinburgh (26 points, Glasgow 64, St Andrew's 111 and Aberdeen 151); the only notable Glasgow performance being by Joe McGhee who had finished a close third. Joe had actually been leading with 10 yards to go. However, there was no finishing tape at Garscadden! The finish was so close that elsewhere the result might have been given as a triple dead-heat.

Joe McGhee had been picked for the fifth successive year to represent the Scottish Universities in the International Race held in Dublin. However, the cost of travel precluded Scotland from taking part. The Hares and Hounds came sixth in the Scottish National Junior Championship. Nine inter-Club runs had been held, those with Dumbarton and St Modan's being particularly enjoyed, no doubt due to the large teas that these Clubs had provided.

The Captain (John Jardine) said that the season had been one of great contrasts with the Hares and Hounds being in the public eye more than it had ever been. On the other hand there had been a lessening of enthusiasm amongst members, indicated by the last minute cancellation of the Annual Dinner because of lack of support, and also by the very small attendance at the AGM (only nine members present). No applications for *Blues* were being put forward by the Club this year.

In the middle of the season there had been the great event of the Torch Run Relay, which had been held as part of the University's 500th Anniversary celebrations.

A team of 12 from the Hares and Hounds had carried the Torch the 100 miles from Bedrule, near Jedburgh in the Borders, to the present site of the University beside the River Kelvin in Glasgow. Bedrule was chosen as the starting point, as it was the birthplace of William Turnbull, the twenty-fifth Bishop of Glasgow, who had founded the University. After a service in the small church on the morning of Friday 5 January, the Captain of the Hares and Hounds (John Jardine) set off down a snowy slope. He was carrying the Torch kindled from a bonfire lit by a descendant from the same family as the Bishop (Colonel Bruce Turnbull). The route chosen followed the Rule Water initially. It led down to Teviotdale (the Torch being changed from runner to runner every three miles), up over Ancrum Moor, past Dryburgh Abbey and Old Melrose to the ruins of Melrose Abbey. Here the Provost of Melrose took the torch from Peter Endicott and handed it over to David Johnstone (the GUAC President).

From the Abbey the Torch progressed alongside the River Tweed close to Abbotsford and into Walkerburn. Thence the route taken led to Innerleithen and from there to Peebles, where in the ruins of St.

Kentigern's church the Provost took the Torch from Joe McGhee. A Civic Reception then followed and the runners were provided with lunch. After the meal, the Torch was carried into Stobo by Robin Boyd and thence to Altarstone and Broughton and on to Biggar, where the Provost greeted George Bowes as he passed through the town. Graham Jardine (who had been given four days special leave from National Service at the Army Officer Cadet School at Aldershot to be able to take part) carried the Torch into Lanark, the whole town having turned out to welcome the Relay Team. It was in Lanark that they spent the night.

On the second day the run began after dark and the Torch was sped through New Lanark on to Hamilton with Roddy Paterson, George Bowes and Hugh Garven handing on the Torch one to another. The Torch was then conveyed through Blantyre, Cambuslang and Rutherglen and over the River Clyde to Glasgow Cross, where the Lord Provost welcomed the torch into the city. The last stage involved all 12 runners, carrying Torches lit from David Johnstone's, running up High Street and past the original site of the University to Cathedral Square where they were greeted by the Rector, Dr. John McCormick. It was to him that David Johnstone presented the torch. A procession of students, citizens and representatives of other Universities, all carrying Torches, marched through George Square and along Sauchiehall Street to Kelvin Way. A great bonfire was set ablaze below the University Tower as Pipe Bands played a welcome to the marchers.

A great deal of planning had gone into ensuring that the Torch Relay went smoothly. Practices for the run indicated that the Torch would be extinguished if it was tilted too far, so to ensure that the original flame was not lost by accident a secret second torch lantern, lit from the Bedrule bonfire, travelled by car along the route and was watched overnight by the Police at Lanark. (An alert photographer from the Illustrated London News spotted the two torch lanterns together at an emergency handover after one flame had failed in wintry conditions near Walkerburn, and the picture he took went around the world). There were some moments of drama when the navigating cars slipped and skidded on the icy roads in their efforts to get the runners to the agreed changeover points. At Newton St Boswells, near Ancrum Moor, the Duke of Buccleuch was scheduled to hand the Torch from John Barbour to Peter Endicott, but he unfortunately met with a minor road accident on the way and was delayed. The County Councillor for St Boswells took his place. Then at St Ronan's Well the car carrying Joe McGhee, who was due to take over from John Jardine, got completely stuck. Joe was rescued by a Press car and was thus able to carry the Torch into Peebles on schedule. However, he had to run time and time again into the grounds of St Kentigern's church for the benefit of the Press Photographers!

The Hares and Hounds had also sent a Team to Dublin for the first time in five years. This race had resulted in a fine piece of team co-operation. The Captain wondered about the possibility of continuing cross country running through into summer. With this in mind, the Secretary was instructed to write to GUAC requesting permission for the use of Garscadden in the summer term.

John Jardine mentioned the advent of the Hares and Hounds' First Team Colours Blazer, the wearing of which was restricted to those who had been awarded First Team Colours. He thought that the Outfitters had done well in producing a Blazer of which the Section could feel proud.

Colours for the season were awarded to:

John Barbour	George Bowes	Peter Endicott	Hugh Garven
Jim Gourlay	John Jardine	Joe McGhee	J. Mellon
Roddy Paterson	Mike Ryall		

In the elections Professor Campbell was re-elected President, George Bowes became Captain, Mike Ryall Secretary and Jim Gourlay Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

4.2 1951-1952

The 1952 Annual General Meeting was held in the Union on Wednesday 12 March with 15 members of the Hares and Hounds present.

The Treasurer (Jim Gourlay) commented upon the Hares and Hounds' finances. He said that although the year's Balance had grown from £7/15/3 to £9, the Club had overdrawn its £20 grant from GUAC by £4. (Apparently that year GUAC had reduced its grants to the various Sections, and this lower grant had barely covered