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of Scotland were run off on Saturday from the Rugby Union field at Inverleith, Edinburgh. Unfortunately for the complete success of the fixture a strong wind blew from the west, with the result that the trail ran on certain points completely obliterated. Owing to this the mass of the runners were at different times on the wrong track, while a band of a dozen, among whom were several of the Dundee Thistle, who before the start were regarded as likely winners, never found the trail again, and looked on to the field several minutes before the main body of competitors. At the close the Dundee runners lodged a protest, but at a meeting of Committee it was dismissed. The course was that which has been followed in recent years, namely, a couple of rounds of the field, thence out by the Ferry Road for a hundred yards, then by Windiestraw and East Pillers to Dalkeith's spring. Here the road was taken, and a capital run of two miles brought the competitors home. The country was in good condition, the ground not being too heavy. The following officials were in charge:— Judges, Messrs G. Hume, Berwick and District Harriers, and K. D. Blair, Edinburgh University Harms and Harms; referee, Mr J. Bartleman, jun., president N.C.U. of Scotland; time-keepers, Messrs W. M. Lamb, and W. H. Buchanan; and clerk of the course, Mr D. Taylor, Edinburgh Northern Harriers. Ten clubs competed, including the previous holders of the championship, Edinburgh Harriers, 1899 and 1901; Stirlingshire, 1900; and Waverley Harriers, 1902. Several were weakened by their members not turning up, and the following is a corrected list of the starters:—

Dundee Thistle Harriers.—James Ireland, Alex. Bayne, John Guld, John Tosh, Tom T. Stewart, James Stewart, John Taylor, James E. Dickson, Peter Haggerty, James Crabbe, Robert Philip, and R. Page.

Edinburgh Harriers.—W. G. Brown, W. Buxton, A. Duncan, J. Palmer, G. H. Henderson, A. Kirkcaldy, J. M'Nee, J. Preston, R. Mackenzie, W. Ross, J. A. Wight, and J. Palmer.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers.—A. Dowell, G. Cairns, J. Duff, A. Grant, G. M. Grant, J. H. Grant, R. Irvine, A. J. Kirk, G. C. Law, J. E. Murray, J. N. Robertson, and J. M'Innes.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers.—Arthur English, Geo. Horsman, Henry Patney, John C. Pringle, Alex. Ross, Alex. G. Leslie, Charles Inglis, Thomas Jack, Alex. M'Leod, B. Severn, Donald A. Urquhart, William Watson.

Edinburgh University Harms and Harms.—J. H. Bennett, H. D. Irvine, A. E. L. Jones, G. L. Philip, J. D. Skinner, D. C. Stuart, and W. D. Walsh.

Grange Harriers.—D. M. Walker, E. L. Lanyon, Thomas Russell, Thomas Crockett, Robert Taylor, D. Cochran, John Morrison, Angus Cameron, and David Glen.

Stirlingshire Central Harriers.—H. Stewart, D. Fraser, D. McDonald, R. Minto, Wm Minto, R. Anderson, P. M'Nough, J. Milne, J. M'Larkin, G. M'Martin, A. Smith, and A. Simpson.

Victoria Harriers.—W. Neil, R. Neil, P. Burns, G. Arnold, J. Marshall, W. Cassels, J. Hill, G. Milne, J. Gilchrist, J. Kemp, V. Kerr, and W. Cockburn.

Walsley Green-Country Club.—T. L. Allen, A. B. Bishop, D. Black, J. A. Jamieson, R. P. Mason, P. J. Melville, George Purvis, Peter Shaw, W. A. Taylor, A. H. Ferguson.

Waverley Harriers.—Fred Boyd, J. H. Hardy, Fred Inkster, E. Kirkcaldy, W. Low, Theo. Mackay, Wm. M'Chesnut, A. Miller, J. Pratt, G. Stewart, J. Walker, A. Weston.

Individual Competitor.—J. G. Turnbull, Berwick Harriers.

Wagon, of the Boulders, a landed winner of the individual honours, did not at the start, and was looking when the country was entered on. After some thirty minutes' absence the cry was raised that the runners were in sight, and soon a coach was put in at Inverleith, but as they came west along Ferry Road it was obvious that they had lost their way somewhere. This proved to be the case, and some half-dozen were sent about the trail. After thirty-six minutes' absence the main body began to come in, the leader into the field being the Stirlingshire Central runner, G. M'Martin, while following him was A. L. Kidd, of the Edinburgh Northern. Kidd failed to make up the leader in the final run round the field, and M'Martin won comfortably. Result:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. G. M'Martin, Stirlingshire Central; 2. A. L. Kidd, Edinburgh Northern; 3. John Pratt, Waverley; 4. H. Stewart, Stirlingshire Central; 5. James Walker, Waverley Harriers; 6. W. Wilson, Edinburgh Southern; 7. W. G. Brown, Edinburgh Harriers; 8. J. Gilchrist, Victoria (Falkirk); 9. John Guld, Dundee Thistle; 10. D. Fraser, Stirlingshire Central. The time was 58 min. 55 sec.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

With the individual champion and H. Stewart running fourth, Stirlingshire Central made a good start to again win the Championship, and this proved the case, the result, when the numbers were made up, being:—

1. Stirlingshire Central Harriers ..	107
2. Victoria (Falkirk) Harriers ..	111
3. Edinburgh Harriers ..	128
4. Edinburgh Southern Harriers ..	132
5. Waverley Harriers ..	145
6. Edinburgh Northern Harriers ..	150
7. Dundee Thistle Harriers ..	207
8. Edinburgh University Harms and Harms ..	264
9. Walsley Green-Country ..	292

Grange Harriers unplaced.

The placings of the leading teams were:—

Stirlingshire Central—G. M'Martin, 1; H. Stewart, 4; D. Fraser, 10; P. M'Murrough, 23; J. M'Larkin, 31; and R. Anderson, 38.

Victoria Harriers—J. Gilchrist, 8; W. Neil, 12; J. Kemp, 15; J. Marshall, 17; K. N-C, 24; and J. Harrier, 38.

Edinburgh Harriers—W. G. Brown, 1; W. Ross, 9; J. A. Wight, 20; A. Kirkcaldy, 26; W. Duncan, 27; and J. M'Nee, 29.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP —EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Fifth Annual Junior Championship was run from Inverleith, Edinburgh, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was ideal, and the country was also in a satisfactory state. Ten clubs competed as follows:—Dundee Thistle Harriers, Edinburgh Harriers (holders 1879 and 1902), Edinburgh Northern Harriers, Edinburgh Southern H., Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds, Grange H., Stirlingshire Central H. (holders 1900), Falkirk Victoria H., Watsonian Cross-country Club, and Waverley H. (holders 1901). There was one individual competitor, J. G. Turnbull (Berwick H.). The course was the usual one, extending to about seven miles over sporting country, a mile of which was ploughed. The route lay twice round the Scottish Rugby Union Field, and thence via Windlestrawies, Pilton, Davidson's Mains, with a run home of two miles on the road. A strong westerly wind had to be faced on the outward journey. When taking to the open Watson (Southern), Ireland (Dundee), Preston (Edinburgh), Hogg (Southern) led the field, a long tail extending to abo 100 yards having formed. All the runners were soon lost to view, but on reappearing M'Murrie (Stirlingshire) led the field, and eventually won the individual championship by fifty yards. Details:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION.

G. M'Murrie, Stirlingshire Central H. Time, 36 min. 35 sec.

OTHER PLACINGS.

2. A. L. Kidd, Edinburgh Northern	12. W. Neil, Falkirk Victoria
3. John Frazer, Waverley H.	13. A. Hogg, Edinburgh Southern
4. H. Stewart, Stirlingshire Central H.	14. G. Inglis, Edinburgh Southern
5. James Walker, Waverley H.	15. J. Kemp, Falkirk Victoria
6. William Watson, Edinburgh Southern	16. J. C. Frame, Edinburgh Southern
7. W. G. Brown, Edinburgh H.	17. J. Marshall, Falkirk Victoria
8. J. Giehrust, Falkirk Victoria	18. A. Sircaldy, Waverley
9. J. Guild, Dundee Thistle	19. W. Ross, Edinburgh H.
10. D. Fraser, Stirlingshire Central	20. J. A. Wight, Edinburgh H.
11. J. F. Robertson, Edinburgh Northern	21. D. Glen, Grange H.
	22. P. Haggarty, Dundee Thistle

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Stirlingshire Central Harriers—1, 4, 10, 23, 31, and 38—107 points.
2. Falkirk Victoria Harriers—2, 12, 16, 17, 24, and 35—111 points.
3. Edinburgh Harriers—7, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 29—123 points.
4. Edinburgh Southern Harriers—6, 13, 14, 15, 40, and 44—133 points.
5. Waverley Harriers—3, 5, 18, 25, 43, and 45—144 points.
6. Edinburgh Northern Harriers—8, 11, 22, 30, 33, and 64—168 points.
7. Dundee Thistle Harriers—9, 22, 32, 45, 49, and 50—207 points.
8. Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds—41, 54, 65, 75, 76, and 79—344 points.
9. Watsonian Cross-country Club—37, 66, 67, 70, 72, and 83—395 points.

Ireland, of Dundee Thistle, was leading the field at one time by over 100 yards, but he lost the trail. Several others followed a double trail and gave up. A protest was lodged at the conclusion by the Dundee Thistle Harriers regarding the broken trail, but it was not sustained.

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

At the Union Field, Laverloch, the Eastern District Scottish Harriers' run was held. There were ten of twelve representatives each. G. Turnbull, of Wick and District, ran as an individual. In all there were 121 runners. The run consisted of twice the field, leaving the same by the main entrance over cross country, in all about seven miles. The fully forty minutes behind the advertised time, splendid one. Watson, of the Edinburgh Southern Harriers, was the first to leave the field, with J. Ireland, Dundee Harriers, on his heels. When the men came to the first "turn" Watson and Ireland were neck and neck. The taking part were:—Dundee Thistle, Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh Northern, Southern, Edinburgh Union, Grange, Stirlingshire Central, Victoria Harriers, Waverley, and Waverley.

First—J. M'Murtrie, 46 minutes 38 seconds. He was closely followed by A. R. Kidd, of the Edinburgh Southern Harriers, and John Pratt, Waverley Harriers.

RESULTS OF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Stirlingshire Central, 197 points; Falkirk, 121; Edinburgh Harriers, 128; Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 144; Edinburgh Northern, 144; Dundee Thistle, 200.

Dundee Thistle protested, but their complaint was dismissed.

EASTERN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

TO THE ATHLETIC EDITOR OF THE EVENING
TELEGRAPH.

SIR.—The result of the race for the championship of the Eastern District of Scotland run on Saturday under the auspices of the National Cross Country Union requires some explanation, and I would ask space in your columns for this matter.

The race was run from Inverleith Park, Edinburgh, under rather stormy weather conditions, about 100 runners taking part. Early in the race J. Ireland (Dundee Thistle) went to the front, with Arnott (Falkirk), Tosh (Thistle), Murray (Edinburgh Northern), Turnbull (Berwick), while the other members of the Thistle team followed close behind. Owing to the strong wind which was blowing the paper was difficult to follow, but the strangers managed to keep the trail until a point was reached about three-quarters distance in the race. At this point there were two trails, the false one, no doubt, being caused by the wind scattering the paper. Here the leading 30 runners went on the false scent, while the back markers (some of whom had been acquainted with the ground) went on the right trail. By the time the original leaders had discovered their error the others had secured a lead of at least half a mile—a lead which it was now impossible to make up before the finish. Seeing the hopelessness of regaining their positions these men decided to return, thinking, naturally, that the race would be declared null.

At the time of losing the trail, the Dundee Thistle had nine men in the first 15 runners, and it was a foregone conclusion that they would win the team championship, creating a number of Edinburgh runners say a record for points, while Ireland held a lead over the others, which had practically decided the individual championship. On arriving at the grounds eight individuals and the Thistle Club lodged protests against the race owing to the bad trail. These protests were dismissed on the ground that it would be impossible to run the race again, the protest money being returned. The officials at the same time admitted that the race had not proved a satisfactory one. Had the Committee appointed stewards of the course, whose duty would be to stand at doubtful points to direct the runners this unpleasantness would have been avoided.

Then again is the taking of the actual finish the scores' cards did not agree with one another. Two Edinburgh Northern runners, who finished well up, did not have their numbers taken on any of the cards. The same applies to one of the Falkirk Victoria Harriers, who finished fifth for his team, and whose place, they claim, would have secured to them the championship instead of second place as was awarded.

Speaking on this point, the judge of the race, Mr George Hume, admitted that they did not have the correct result, but they had made the best they could of the scoring cards, and asked that the teams accept the result. He claimed that it would be impossible to rerun the race, as that would mean the spending of arrangements for other championships.

I fail to see how other championships would be affected, as the next, the National Championship, takes place on 14th March, a month from now. Had the Committee approached the teams in order to see whether or not they were willing to run the race again, I have no doubt they would have found the runners only too willing to have another race under fairer conditions.

It is regrettable that a body like the National Cross Country Union cannot have better arrangements made for the guidance of the runners and the taking of the finish in their championships, but it is to be hoped that by another year these mistakes will be guarded against, and a bungled race as the Eastern District Championship of 1903 avoided.

A meeting of the Dundee Thistle will be held to-morrow for the purpose of arranging an invitation, and, at the same time, an open challenge to the ten teams who ran on Saturday to compete in a seven-mile cross country run in Dundee for medals much superior to those given by the Eastern District Committee. First three competitors to receive gold medals and medals for the first three teams.—I am, &c.