

Harriers at Hamilton.

The Junior Championship.

Two Hundred and Thirty Runners

A Grand Race.

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The S.C.C.A. Championship was, without doubt, the finest race that has yet taken place on Hamilton Park Racecourse, or at any other championship venue in Scotland, and this is indeed talking big. But it is also the opinion of the gentlemen known as legislators and workers for the sport for the past decade. The Association officials are certainly to be congratulated on the success—financially and otherwise—which attended Saturday's meeting. An hour before the race started, onlookers began pouring into the ground, and when the special from the principal centres arrived at three o'clock the crowd was greatly augmented. The plan adopted by President M'Caa and Secretary Colquhoun of personally consulting each club to their respective dressing quarters worked out splendidly, and by 3.30 the trainers were busy at work getting their men ready. When the contingent of Motherwell Harriers—who had laid the trail—returned they reported that the strong wind had carried the paper right off the route at some points, and they kindly offered their services to go over the trail again, and station some of their men at various points to show the way to the runners. This the officials agreed to, and off went the Motherwell boys on their labour of love. At 3.56 the bell rang for the teams to come out, and at 4.2 the 230 runners were marshalled on the course facing the Members' Stand. At 4.8 President M'Caa sent the "crowd" off to a good start. The sight was one not to be readily forgotten, and I noticed a number of snapshots being taken by a party of golfers at the Links. M'Conville, of the Celtic, made his presence felt, and on making the circuit held the field.

After the water jump and on passing the last steward on their way to the open the runners were in the following rotation:—M'Conville (Celtic), Marshall (Springburn), Leggatt (Springburn), Gale (Clydebank), Bowie (E.W.H.), and M'Murdo (E.W.H.). The runners were never completely lost sight of, and on making their reappearance the spectators crowded into the south bank of the Clyde. The Celtic's representative had fallen to fourth position, Marshall, Blair, and Leggatt being the leading trio. On the level field at the back of the Grand Stand it was seen that something was wrong, as the leading twenty men halted, and were noticed to be looking right and left. All this time the rear men were coming up, and they caught up the paper, the erstwhile leaders following suit after losing, I am sure, about 300 yards. Again did the running partly go out of sight (in Logan's Wood), and the finish was eagerly waited. We had not long to wait, as twelve minutes afterwards the message was carried along the line—"Here they come." It was seen that three were together—Leggatt, Bell, and Marshall. The Coatbridge man had a bad fall, and Marshall got up and entered the straight about five yards behind Leggatt. The former seemed the fresher of the two, and on rounding the second last bend for home he spurred, and did a grand performance in his run up the straight. He was cheered to the echo, as was his plucky clubman. On the figures being made up it was seen that Springburn had also won team honours. The winners gave an object lesson in team racing, finishing 1, 2, 6, 14, 26, and 38. Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

W. Marshall, Springburn	J. W. Thomson, Springburn
W. Leggatt, Springburn	R. Smith, Olympic
W. Bell, Coatbridge	J. Bell, Coatbridge
A. Gale, Clydebank	W. Hunter, Cambusnethan
T. M'Conville, Celtic	T. Scholes, Hamilton
J. Wyllie, Springburn	H. Lavelly, Bellahouston
H. M'Gowan, Kilbowie	F. Douglas, Bellahouston
T. M'Murdo, Elderslie W.	J. Wallace, Maidslie
N. J. Parsons, Bellahouston	G. M'Leschian, Celtic
W. Stewart, Elderslie	J. Laurie, Wishaw
R. R. Brown, Bellahouston	W. Lang, Coatbridge
Joseph Hall, Partick	J. Campbell, Hamilton
P. M'Lean, Cambusnethan	T. M'Curdie, Springburn
K. Glover, Springburn	C. O. Scott, Paisley Juniors
J. Elliot, Elderslie W.	A. Anderson, Cambuslang
W. Anderson, Bellahouston	W. Steel, Paisley
W. Lawson, Partick	W. Stewart, Bellahouston
J. Simpson, Hamilton	A. M. Campbell, Broomston
T. M'Mullen, Celtic	J. Mason, Glenpark
R. Bowie, Elderslie W.	J. S. Menties, Olympic
T. M'Arthur, Paisley Juniors	W. Suttie, Bellahouston
James Hall, Partick	A. Coates, Coatbridge
A. Wyse, Glenpark	G. M'Lean, Kilbowie
R. Blair, Coatbridge	H. D. Guy, Partick
J. Tweedie, Wishaw	M. M'Grath, Elderslie W.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Springburn Harriers (Champions)—W. Marshall 1, W. Leggatt 2, J. Wyllie 6, R. Glover 14, J. W. Thomson 26, T. M'Curdie 38—total, 87 points.

Bellahouston Harriers (2nd)—W. J. Parsons 3, R. R. Brown 11, W. Anderson 15, H. Lavelly 31, F. Douglas 32, W. Stewart 42—total, 141 points.

Elderslie Wallace Harriers (3rd)—T. M'Murdo 5, W. Stewart 10, J. Elliot 18, R. Bowie 23, W. M'Grath 32, T. Erskine 56—total, 159 points.

Coatbridge Harriers (4th)—W. Bell 3, R. Blair 24, J. Bell 25, W. Lang 36, A. Coates 47, J. Marrs 68—total, 203 points.

Partick Harriers (5th)—Jas. Hall 1, W. Lawson 17, Jas. Hall 21, H. D. Guy 49, G. T. Guy 51, T. M'Allister 61—total, 215 points.

Celtic (6th)—J. T. M'Conville 3, T. M'Mullen 12, G. Mac

Laughlan 34, W. M'Intosh 51, T. Muirhead 71, J. Johnston 91—total, 273 points.

Other teams in rotation—Cambusnethan (7th), 213 points; Glenpark (8th), 156 points; Olympic (9th), 87 points; Hamilton (10th), 405 points; Paisley Juniors (11th), 421 points; Cambuslang (12th), 534 points; Maidslie (13th), 545 points; Clydebank (14th), 594 points; Kilbowie (15th), 611 points; Wishaw (16th), 651 points; Glasgow Y.M.C.A. (17th), 653. Glasgow Harriers finished with two men, 25 and 115; Greenhead, one man, 117; and Rutherglen Glencairn one man, 110.

Winner's time for the distance of eight miles—45 min 20 sec.