

Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

Too much credit cannot be given to the local club for its fine performance in last Saturday's Western District Championship held at Rouken Glen. Twenty-two teams of twelve runners took part, so that 264 in all lined up for the start. After leaving the park, the trail led by Whitecraigs Road to Clarkston via Mearns Castle, and finishing by Whitecraigs Road again.

It was with a certain amount of misgiving that the locals travelled, for had not they suffered much from the ravages of "flu." Then again, the team was composed of a good quota of untried colts, and of course Rouken Glen is the club's bete-noir.

The day was comparatively decent for the event and, although the going was stiff and heavy, good times were returned. The winner appeared in Young, of Renfrew, and was, in a way, a surprise packet, he being a young and new runner. The better known M'Mullan of Greenock was 2nd, with Moffat, Shettleston, 3rd; but it was with great jubilation that the Motherwell contingent of spectators hailed the arrival of W. Dykes as 8th man out of the 264. Willie just missed being novice champion for the club in November and ran a very close 2nd in the recent seven miles' handicap. He has been recognised as a boy with a future, but it was not expected that he would beat club-mate R. Copeland—at least not so soon.

In a team which deserves every praise, W. Dykes and R. Munro should be specially mentioned, whilst A. Wilson came back to form after a long lapse. H. Tawnie a reserve, must also be complimented on his fine running.

The team honours went to Maryhill, with Shettleston 2nd, and Motherwell 3rd.

The followings were the placings and positions of the locals:—1st, W. Dykes, 6th in race; 2nd, R. Copeland, 29th in race; 3rd I. Mathie, 38th in race; 4th, R. Munro, 41st in race; 5th, A. Nangle, 50th in race; 6th, A. Wilson, 54th in race.

The first prize in the gift of the Y.M.C.A. came to Steelopolis, W. Steven being the fortunate winner.