

THE SEVEN MILES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

No event in the Scottish cross-country running world has aroused so much interest among athletes generally as the race set down for decision on Saturday. The starting place was Westmarch football field, the home of the St Mirren F.C., Paisley, and the course "papered" early in the day by Messrs Duncan Campbell (Greenock), George Lawson (C.H.), James Pollock, sen. (P.H.), Thomas Gibson, A. Buchanan (P.J.H.), Robert Scott, and W. A. Taylor (C.J.H.), extended across the well-known Paisley Racecourse, Inkersran, and Linwood, circling over three miles, into the football field, round the track, and over the same course again, this arrangement allowing of the onlookers seeing and noting the positions of the runners at start, half distance, and finish. The preliminaries seemed to be of the most complete and satisfactory description, and were detailed by Messrs D. C. Brown, Thomas Lawrie, Alex. Honeyman, W. Finlayson, jun., and Farquhar Matheson, the latter member of the Western Division Committee of the Scottish Cross-Country Union being repeatedly on the ground. By reason of the race being known as the Junior Championship, and being open only to those who had not taken part in any open senior cross-country event, there were many unknown competitors, but there were not a few well-known track runners entered, prominent amongst this lot being—Robert Mitchell (the half-mile champion) in the Paisley team; G. W. Pollard, four-mile champion; W. J. Lawson, Dundee; Jas. Blane (Carrick Harriers); E. D. Sheridan (Dundee); and Heathcote (Edinburgh). The Edinburgh Harriers team won the combined championship last year, and the individual honours were won by W. J. Lawson. Twelve ran in each team but only the six first can count, points being counted by the places won by the first half dozen arrivals of any team. The first man in is the winner of the individual championship independent of what place his team may take. The ground was heavy this morning, so that power of limb as well as pace is required to run over the course. Officials:—Judge—Mr Donald C. Brown, president, S.C.C.U.; marksmen, Messrs D. S. Duncan (K.U.H. and H.), C. Honeyman (C.H.) Carment (E.H.), Wm. Finlayson, jun. (W.S.H.); stewards Messrs A. M'Nab (C.H.), J. Marshall, jun. (C.H.), W. A. M'Laren (E.H.), J. Caw (E.H.), A. Robertson (E.N.H.), G. D. Murray (W.S.H.), T. G. Connell (W.S.H.), R. J. Pollock (P.H.), A. Matheson (P.H.), J. M'Naughton (H.H.), W. C. Blacklock (M.H.), D. M'Quisten (C.H.), J. B. Petrie (D.H.), J. D. Smith (M.H.) Timekeepers—Messrs A. G. Rennie and T. Fraser. Clerk to the course—Mr Farquhar Matheson. The corrected list of teams and parts of teams present was:—Edinburgh Harriers (holders)—D. MacLagan, W. Heathcote, J. A. Gray, J. D. M'Intosh, E. London, T. K. Fair, F. Kieffel, W. G. Malcolm, C. C. Landels, J. P. Gibb, A. R. Muir, J. H. K. M'Beth. Ayr Harriers—P. M'Dermont, J. Andrews, D. Richmond, W. Mellon, J. Hair, R. Martin, A. Rowan, W. Quinn. Carrick Harriers—Jas. Blane, J. Redger, J. Milroy, W. Johnstone, W. Muir, D. Scobie, T. Bell. Clydesdale Harriers—T. C. Rannatime, G. Brown, G. Graham, P. T. Lewis, J. C. Dobbins, T. Mason, J. Naismith, M. Reid, J. Staver, J. Stewart, R. Smith, W. White. Dundee Harriers—W. J. Lawson, E. D. Sheridan. Edinburgh Northern Harriers—R. K. Kinniment, A. Reid, R. Grant, W. Blackley, J. Rutherford, H. Girdwood, W. Morris, J. Hutchison, J. Hoggan, G. Walker, C. Christie, C. Stirling. Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds—A. P. Barlow, W. H. Chalmers, C. B. Dobell, A. G. F. Forster, W. C. Hamilton, J. Kennish, S. J. Gildilan, A. W. B. Livesay, R. T. Mitchell, G. W. Pollard, R. K. C. Thomson, G. Wallace. Maryhill Harriers—G. Marshall, J. K. Hamilton, J. M'Laren, J. D. Smith, P. Marshall, D. Munn, W. H. Todd, D. Carr, W. G. Livingstone, R. Watson, J. W. Macfarlane, F. Hobbs. Paisley Harriers—T. Buchanan, T. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, R. D. F. Paul, J. Pollock, jun., J. Taylor, J. Hindle, A. Eagleson, J. Gray, J. Currie, A. Robertson, J. M. Love. West of Scotland Harriers—M. Edgar, A. M'Candlish, H. D. Munro, P. M'Morrow, D. T. Morrison, W. Hunter, J. Noble, A. Hamilton, R. Macdonald, W. C. Greig, T. Blair, J. W. Shanks. Motherwell Harriers—J. Mills, J. Smith, J. Rodger, A. Wiseman, D. Duncan, W. Robertson, J. Barr, J. Buchan, F. Hunting, J. Chalmers, A. Struthers, B. Gilmour.

There was the largest attendance that has been present at any former race. Shortly before four o'clock the word "go" sounded and all bounded off. After an absence of about twenty minutes the vanguard was descried, and amid the cheers of their friends and clubmates, the first three to run in were—P. T. Lewis of Coatbridge and MacLagan, and the following ran past in rotation:—1, P. T. Lewis; 2, D. MacLagan; 3, P. M'Morris; 4, A. Reid; 5, W. J. Lawson; 6, J. Naismith; 7, J. Mills; 8, E. London; 9, J. Rodger; 10, J. H. M'Intosh; 11, J. M'Laren; 12, G. Graham; 13, J. Hair; 14, A. M'Candlish; 15, R. K. Kinniment; 16, T. Buchanan; 17, T. Mitchell; 18, P. Marshall. This was half-distance, and on the contestants running off again the places were much transposed after the first lot. Forty-five minutes after start the leader ran past the officials who were posted at the stand. He was 200 yards in front of the second man, and the positions having been duly noted it was discovered that the first three had left the papered course and crossed a field by mistake, shortening their distance by nearly 300 yards. There was of course much confusion consequent on this untoward state of matters, and no satisfactory position of teams, or, for that matter, of individuals, could be arrived at. A preliminary meeting of the committee was held in the club pavilion, and it was resolved to continue an inquiry by evidence in Glasgow. A move was accordingly made for the city, and it was not until a late hour that the committee concluded their investigation, and in the end their finding was not to sustain any protest against the first man in, and the awards were:—Winner of individual championship—P. T. Lewis, Coatbridge section of Clydesdale Harriers. Time, 45 mins. 44 secs. Team championship—Edinburgh Northern. Rotation of winners and places—A. Reid 3, J. Hoggan 8, R. K. Kinniment 12, W. Blackley 19, J. Rutherford 20, R. Grant 35—Total, 100. Second placed team—Clydesdale Harriers—P. T. Lewis 1, J. Naismith 6, George Brown 20, J. Staver 24, J. Stewart 25, T. C. Rannatime 30—Total, 105. Third place—Motherwell Harriers—J. Mills 4, J. Rodger 11, J. Smith 15, W. Robertson 16, A. Wiseman 27, J. Buchan 48—Total, 111. Other places:—West of Scotland Harriers—P. M'Morris 2, W. Hunter 14, A. M'Candlish 25, J. Noble 28, M. Edgar 31, A. Hamilton 33—Total, 132. Edinburgh Harriers—D. M'Lagan 5, E. London 7, J. D. M'Intosh 21, J. A. Gray 23, W. Heathcote 34, J. P. Cobb, 36—Total, 132. Maryhill 219, Edinburgh University 276, Paisley 279. Carrick, Ayr, and Dundee did not finish with a team. It may be worthy of note that, while the winning team had their sixth placed man as 35th on the list of winners individually, Clydesdale had their men all within 50th. Edinburgh ran up to 36th, West of Scotland to 48th, Motherwell to 48th. Last year's winners were fourth—a tie with West of Scotland; and the individual winner of last year's championship was among the fifties when he retired. The prizes were presented to the winners at the social meeting held in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, in the evening—Mr D. C. Brown is the chair.

The Harrier Season of 1892.

Although the several clubs throughout Scotland began their races early in 1892, by having long-distance sprints and evening events, these were merely the "feetlers" in anticipation of the two Scottish National Events of the season, to wit—the junior and senior seven and ten miles team championships, in which all bona-fide teams of runners were invited to take part. These events are under the full control of the Scottish Cross country Union, and are held in the East and West of Scotland districts alternately. The very best available talent in long-distance runners, who had not previously run in a senior championship, was searched out in the clubs likely to send representatives, and by the day set apart for the race—Saturday, February 6th—all the best men put in an appearance at Westmarch Football Field, Paisley. There were in all eleven clubs represented as follows:—Ayr, 12 men's names on the list; Carrick, 12; Clydesdale, 12 and 4 reserves; Dundee, 12; Edinburgh (previous year's winners), 12 and 6 reserves; Edinburgh Northern, 12 and 6 reserves; Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds, 12 and 6 reserves; Maryhill, 12 and 2 reserves; Motherwell, 12 and 6 reserves; Paisley, 12 and 4 reserves; and West of Scotland, 12 and 4 reserves—a grand total altogether of 171 runners. The day was clear and bright, and the ground in the finest possible condition. The course took in three and a half miles, and so had to be run over twice, thus allowing the spectators, who had assembled in the grounds, an opportunity of seeing the runners at half distance. By some unlucky mistake, the instructions, as to the following of the trail, were misunderstood by some of the competitors, and it was alleged that some of them "cut" the full route by some hundreds of yards, and much consequent confusion ensued ere a decision could be given. The committee of the S.C.C.U. met at Glasgow later on, and the results of the afternoon may be embodied in the following words—"Edinburgh Northern Harriers team first with 100 points." Full results:—

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