

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.—The experiment of holding this important fixture on an open raccourse was attended with the greatest success on Saturday, and there was a large attendance at Musselburgh to see the start and finish at the old grand stand, past which so many famous steeds have thundered in their day. Starting with a circuit and a bittock of the race course (about 1½ miles), the open country was then taken to for four miles of plough and stone walls, there being plenty and to spare, and a smart spin of the five furlongs' course completed a distance of about 6 miles 1 furlong in all. Shortly after the advertised time the 120 runners were marshalled at the post and dispatched by Mr Tom Fraser. At the outset A. Reid (E.N.H.) set a fast pace, he, Hume, and M'Cormick (E.H.), with Duffus (Arbroath) forming the vanguard as they left the course. On reappearing many changes had of course taken place, but Duffus had the individual honour in safe keeping, and ultimately passed the post first, easing up by 30 yards from W. Robertson (Motherwell), who ran a plucky race. Time, 36 min. 23 sec. Then followed Thin and Reid (E.N.H.), and, with a whole host of other "Northern lights" at their heels, the Northern's victory for a second year was assured. So it proved, for, with their six in the first dozen, they only totalled 45 against the Clydesdale's 108. The other positions will be found given below. W. A. McNab (C.H.) judged, Messrs T. Fraser and F. C. Lamley "clocked," Mr D. S. Duncan laid the trail, and Mr W. M. Carment exercised a general supervision over affairs at the starting point. Subjoined are the details:—

1. Edinburgh Northern—J. Muir, 3; A. Reid, 4; A. Moyes, 7; W. Blackley, 8; G. Hedderwick, 11; H. Girdwood, 12. Total, 45 points.

2. Clydesdale—J. McGowan, 6; J. Waddell, 9; J. Stavers, 16; D. Wilson, 20; J. Walker, 28; W. White, 29. Total, 108 points.

3. Edinburgh—W. G. Malcolm, 18; S. B. Home, 19; S. J. Cornish, 21; T. Jaap, 31; J. E. T. Scott, 40; R. Wilson, 42. Total, 171 points.

4. Motherwell—W. Robertson, 2; J. Mills, 5; J. Rodger, 17; D. Duncan, 33; H. M'Donald, 62; J. Buchan, 63. Total, 182 points.

5. West of Scotland—S. Mitchell, 22; J. E. Baxter, 23; G. Haldane, 25; A. W. Smart, 32; J. M'Laren, 38; J. H. Scott, 46. Total, 186 points.

6. Arbroath—S. Duffus, 1; R. Cargill, 36; J. Currie, 39; C. W. Wade, 42; J. Jones, 48; W. Tough, 54. Total, 220 points.

7. Paisley—W. Graham, 19; T. Mitchell, 14; J. Pollok, 27; J. Gray, 66; R. Scott, 71; D. Rough, 80. Total, 208 points.

8. Edinburgh University—F. G. Ballantyne, 26; M. C. C. Seton, 37; R. E. C. Thomson, 47; G. Wallace, 60; W. P. Elliot, 72; J. G. Ross, 74. Total, 316 points.

9. Maryhill—J. M'Laren, 41; P. Davidson, 60; J. Chalmers, 63; D. Carr, 69; G. Simpson, 83; D. Muir, 84. Total, 370 points.

10. Dalkeith—R. Dods, 30; C. H. Jones, 44; T. A. Paxton, 78; A. Henderson, 81; H. Paton, 82; A. Forrest, 85. Total, 400 points.

In the evening the medals were presented to the winners and runners-up at a smoker in the Continental Hotel, by Mr D. S. Duncan, President of the Union.

Commentary on the above, C.H. The numbers had