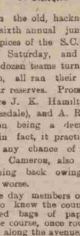


Cross-Country Championship.

The Juniors.

M'Cracken (Maybole) Wins Individual.

Tie for Team Honours.



M'CRACKEN

To begin in the old, hackneyed, stereotyped fashion, the sixth annual junior championship, under the auspices of the S.C.C.U., was run at Hamilton on Saturday, and proved a great success. The dozen teams turned out, and, with one exception, all ran their full teams, a few calling in their reserves. Prominent among the absentees were J. K. Hamilton (Maryhill), L. Ropner (Clydesdale), and A. Ross (Clydesdale), their defection being a decided handicap to their clubs—in fact, it practically robbed the Maryhill of any chance of success, and this, coupled with Cameron, also of the Maryhill Harriers, turning back owing to a sore foot, made matters worse.

Early in the day members of the Motherwell Harriers, who know the country well, ran out with well-filled bags of paper and laid the trail along the course, once round, out south to the golf-links, along the avenue, Bothwell Bridge, through fields to Palace Gates, Logan's Woods, on to the Motherwell Road, turning, and over fields to the course, a distance of about 5½ miles instead of 7 miles. The runners were late in turning up, and it was not until 4.20 that Secretary William Carmichael mustered all his men, and they lined up according to ballot half way down the course and facing the grand stand. Mr Andrew Hannah, after cautioning all his men about fooling, route to be taken, &c., got all off to a splendid start, and as the runners went off the click of many cameras was heard. After going once round the competitors passed the stand in the following rotation:—Lamb, Milroy, M'Donald, Miller, Jamieson, J. Miller, A. M'Callum, J. M. Ritchie, W. Hay. A mile out, Murray and Cameron, sheet anchors of the Clydesdale and Maryhill, cracked up. Three-and-a-half miles out M'Callum, Clydesdale, and M'Cracken, Maybole, singled themselves out, and the latter, half-mile further on, got to the front, and, going at a great pace, left all his followers behind, ultimately romping home an easy winner by 1 min 30 secs. Lamb, of Edinburgh, was second, 400 yards behind, with Jack, Welsh, Mill, and Girdwood close up; and the positions of the others will be seen below. Suffice it to say that Motherwell finished their first half-dozen men in in the twenty-eight, and drawing with the Clydesdale with 94 points. These two teams were well trained and the former ran consistently. M'Cracken's absolute victory was a grand one, and he received a hearty ovation on passing the judge's post. It was a bit of a revelation but he is grit right down to the heels. A social, at which Mr London, Hamilton, presided, was held in Hamilton in the evening, after which a smoker was held, during which the prizes were presented to a number of the winners, M'Cracken and a few more having to leave early to catch their train connections.

The order of finish was as follows:—1, C. M'Cracken, Carrick; 2, J. Lamb, Ed. Northern; 3, L. Jack, Watsonians; 4, H. Welsh, Watsonians; 5, D. W. Mill, Clydesdale; 6, W. Girdwood, Motherwell; 7, H. Yuille, Motherwell; 8, J. Rodger, Motherwell; 9, A. M'Lagan, Ed. Northern; 10, G. S. Jamieson, Ed. Northern; 11, J. M'Laren, Clydesdale; 12, J. P. Gibb, Watsonians; 13, J. Cassens, Hawkhill; 14, A. M'Callum, Clydesdale; 15, D. Lee, Hawkhill; 16, Jenkins, Clydesdale; 17, J. Paterson, Watsonians; 18, W. Sharp, Motherwell; 19, A. R. Blewett, Ed. Northern; 20, A. A. Jackson, Maryhill; 21, J. F. Henry, Ed. Harriers; 22, J. Barclay, West of Scotland; 23, W. H. Whigham, Clydesdale; 24, J. Cadman-Young, Edinburgh University; 25, J. Stavert, Clydesdale; 26, J. Hutchison, Edinburgh Northern; 27, T. M'Kay, Motherwell; 28, R. Brownlie, Motherwell; 29, J. Hutton, West of Scotland; 30, M. Thomson, Motherwell; 31, D. Scobie, Carrick; 32, J. Galloway, Hawkhill; 33, R. Jones, Watsonians; 34, G. Draffin, Edinburgh Northern; 35, H. T. E. Bell, Watsonians; 36, R. Allan, Carrick; 37, T. Turabull, Edinburgh Northern; 38, John Mulroy, Carrick; 39, J. K. Tibbitts, West of Scotland; 40, D. Rough, Dalkeith; 41, J. H. Scott, West of Scotland; 42, J. Burton, Edinburgh Harriers; 43, A. R. Gibb, Watsonians; 44, A. L. Kidd, Hawkhill; 45, D. H. Mullmaker, Maryhill; 46, W. Paterson, Watsonians; 47, A. Harper, Hawkhill; 48, C. D. Paton, Edinburgh Harriers; 49, N. A. Carr, Berwick; 50, J. Scobie, Carrick; 51, J. H. Smith, Clydesdale; 52, W. Brown, Clydesdale; 53, O. C. Landels, Edin. Harriers; 54, A. Buchan, Edin. Harriers; 55, J. M'Donald, Carrick; 56, D. Carr, Maryhill; 57, Tom Lightbody, West of Scotland; 58, H. M'Neil, Motherwell; 59, T. Bryden, Edin. University; 60, W. C. S. Heathcote, Edin. Harriers; 61, J. Miller, Motherwell; 62, G. Read, Carrick; 63, C. C. Scott, Edin. Harriers; 64, T. L. O. Robertson, Watsonians; 65, A. G. Bain, Clydesdale; 66, G. Derry, Berwick; 67, J. Hutton, West of Scotland; 68, A. S. Mitchell, West of Scotland; 69, J. Bruce, Hawkhill; 70, Walter Brown, jun., Clydesdale; 71, James Milroy, Carrick; 72, P. M. Davidson, Maryhill; 73, A. West, Maryhill; 74, A. M'Kay, Maryhill; 75, J. Gray, Hawkhill; 76, N. Hay, Edinburgh Harriers; 77, J. Henderson, Dalkeith; 78, J. Moody, Hawkhill; 79, N. N. Wade, Edinburgh University; 80, G. Kirk, Edinburgh Harriers; 81, D. Welsh, Berwick; 82, W. Carruthers, Carrick; 83, J. Miller, Carrick; 84, W. M. Coffield, Motherwell; 85, W. Jardine, Teviotdale; 86, J. M'Intosh, Maryhill; 87, L. P. Brasseay, Edinburgh Harriers; 88, A. Douglas, Watsonians; 89, A. Forrest, Dalkeith; 90, S. Duncan, Edinburgh Northern; 91, G. G. Creese, Watsonians; 92, G. M'Donald, Teviotdale; 93, D. M'Coll, West of Scotland; 94, R. C. Baird, West of Scotland; 95, A. B. M. Smith, Dalkeith; 96, J. M'Nair, Hawkhill; 97, R. Anderson, Hawkhill; 98, T. Davidson, Teviotdale; 99, J. Duncan, Maryhill; 100, A. C. Bentley, Edin. University; 101, G. Thomson, Clydesdale; 102, D. M'Clymont, Carrick; 103, A. E. Bozer, Edinburgh University; 104, R. T. Munro, Dalkeith; 105, R. Wilson, Motherwell; 106, S. Campbell, Carrick; 107, J. Hutton, West of Scotland.

TEAM PLACING.

A tie for first and second prizes between Motherwell Harriers—W. Girdwood, 6; H. Yuille, 7; J. Rodger, 8; W. Sharp, 18; T. M'Kay, 27; R. Brownlie, 28—total, 94 points; and Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. Neil, 4; J. M'Laren, 11; A. M'Callum, 14; D. Jenkins, 16; W. H. Whigham, 23; J. Stavert, 25—total, 94 points.

Third team—Edinburgh Northern Harriers—J. Lamb, 2; A. M. Logan, 9; G. S. Jamieson, 10; A. R. Blewett, 19; S. Hutchison, G. Draffin, 34—total, 100 points. Fourth team, Edinburgh Watsonians, 104 points; fifth team, Carrick Harriers, 208 points; sixth, Dundee Hawkhill, 216 points; seventh, West of Scotland Harriers, 276 points; eighth, Edinburgh Harriers, 281 points; ninth, Maryhill Harriers, 344 points; tenth, Edinburgh University H. and H., 440 points; eleventh, Dalkeith Harriers, 572 points. Teviotdale Harriers did not finish six men.

The first six men's times were as follows:—39 min. 28 sec., 40 min. 58 sec., 41 min. 11 sec., 41 min. 31 sec., 41 min. 41 sec., 41 min. 45 sec.