

SATURDAY'S RACE AT WHITEINCH.

MORE HINTS TO THE OFFICIALS

Betting Men and the Competitors

"Referee's" Tip Came Off.

Forrester, Coatbridge, Cock o' the Walk.

(Special by "Pace.")

The Agricultural Ground at Scotstoun had all right when you get to it, but you've got to get to it first. The train supposed to leave Central Station on the way out was twenty minutes late, whilst the train which brought us back to the city was not less than forty minutes behind time. It made one wonder to watch the trains go panting past apparently all sides of the ground, but I went to congratulate President Bryson and President Badenoch and his merry men for discovering of a route free from rails. While saying this, I do not sway from what I previously said on the subject, and there is no mistaking that it is not a convenient or desirable centre for a race of such importance, the water taps all off, pails of the "petulance stuff" having to be brought from Whiteinch. Before three o'clock the batch of trail-layers left with well-filled buckets. Those with the pack were William Lang (Edinburgh), Walter Brown (C.H.), D. H. Hughes Burns, T. Bennie, H. Harvie, Bert Macdonald, Scott, Bowers, G. Ross, Fred Archer (all Whiteinch), and R. R. Mitchell (Maryhill). A pack, a kind of a sort of supervising lot, headed by champion Jack Paterson, of the Scotstoun, Arthur Pitt, the Motherwell champion, Western District ex-champion Marshall, of West of Scotland Club, went out immediately before the race started. The route marked out by the Whiteinch Harriers was:—Leave the ground by the north-western gate, to the left to Great Western Road, which was crossed at Muttonhole Farm, to the Canal, and at Bankhead Plantation, where the circle was run for home over the same ground, a distance of seven miles.

An outstanding and sad feature of Saturday's racing was the not-to-be-desired presence of Mr Betting Man and his clique. Seizing rows and any object that could be brought to requisition, the pencilers were soon busy scribbling out at their loudest. M'Cafferty was the prime favourite—5 to 1 bar M'Cafferty.

This gives an idea of the popular opinion of the Celt. You could have got the following prices at the start of the race:—6 to 1 against Bennie, 12 to 1 Laurie, 15 to 1 Ranken (individual), Andrew Forrester (coming down to 4 against), 20 to 1 Scott, Brown, Brickley and Lindsay, whilst an Eastern "bookie, answering an inquiry regarding R. B. Mathieson of the Edinburgh Harriers, said, "£100 stamp."

Forty minutes late—4.10—the men were lined up on the track facing the grand stand, to a capital start all got away. After circling the cinders the runners left by corner gate, the leaders being:—Andrew Forrester (Coatbridge), R. Pettigrew (Coatbridge), J. J. M'Cafferty (West), M'Aslan (Dennistoun), Ranken (Watsonians), Bennie (Whiteinch), Cumming (Paisley), with Mathieson (Edinburgh Harriers) bringing up the rear lot. Now the teams had gone we had time to consider their chances. Maryhill (the holders) without Smith and Davidson, and ran Simon and M'Lay. The West, who in some quarters were fancied, had to forego the services of C. D. Fraser, R. Inglis, and H. Laverty. Bell and J. Parlane were out of the Clyde team, J. Cunningham and P. Blair going to the reserves. Edinburgh Harriers was the club to run as first chosen. The Coatbridge lads who did not run were W. Brown, J. and T. Goldie, and J. Jackson, J. being the only reserve. J. Nicoll and J. withdrew from the Motherwell twelve. Brotherton and T. M'Murdo taking their places. John Browning and R. Stevenson not go out for Dennistoun. R. F. Scott, M'Murdo, and J. M'Grath, of the Paisley, had their places taken by W. Wilson, J. and W. Clark, a trio "drafted in to serve," as they say in the war news. At corner gate, W. Todd, J. Hutchinson, W. O. Ranken, A. Wilson, and A. Lawrence took themselves from the E.S.H. team. Rumour gained ground that the seven in the train. After an absence of 24 minutes the leaders were seen crossing the plantation, they ran into the ground in the following order:—Forrester, Pettigrew, Cumming, Brickley, M'Kay, Brown, Paterson, Ranken, Young, Wigham, M'Cafferty. At this juncture fifty-first, with Bennie five yards behind. The latter dropped out. The Clyde's chances of team victory now looked rosy, and amidst great excitement the runners again came into view, and the placings of those who finished are officially given as follows: 1. And. Forrester, Coatbridge; 2. R. Pettigrew, Coatbridge; 3. A. Bone, Clydesdale; 4. J. Cumming, Paisley; 5. J. Brickley, Clydesdale; 6. M'Kay, Maryhill; 7. J. Paterson, Clydesdale; 8. J. Ranken, Watsonians; 9. W. Young, Coatbridge; 10. D. R. Brown, Clydesdale; 11. W. Bell, Clydesdale; 12. J. C. Lindsay, Clydesdale; 13. J. W. Mathieson, Dennistoun; 14. A. Coates, Coatbridge; 15. E. Gall, W.S.H.; 16. W. H. Wigham, Coatbridge; 17. J. H. Thomson, W.S.H.; 18. C. O. Scott, P.H.; 19. G. C. Thomson, Maryhill; 20. James Forrester, Coatbridge; 21. J. Wylie, W.S.H.; 22. D. L. Hutchinson, E.H.; 23. T. Jamieson, Motherwell; 24. M'Geachin, Clydesdale; 25. R. Brown, Motherwell; 26. W. C. Munroe, E.H.; 27. D. Simpson, Maryhill; 28. G. M'Arthur, P.H.; 29. J. Cunningham, Clydesdale; 30. D. Chalmers, Maryhill; 31. W. Henderson, Maryhill; 32. J. Thomson, P.H.; 33. Alexander Forrester, Coatbridge; 34. R. Wallace, E.H.; 35. A. M'Donald, W.S.H.; 36. William Lang, Coatbridge; 37. G. M. Thomson, W.S.H.; 38. A. R. Blewett, E.N.H.; 39. Kirkpatrick, W.S.H.; 40. J. J. M'Cafferty, W.S.H.; 41. W. S. Russell, E.H.; 42. Reynolds, E.H.; 43. W. Scott, Motherwell; 44. W. Findlay, P.H.; 45. G. Browning; 46. H. Howatt, Maryhill; 47. P. Blair, Clydesdale; 48. J. M'Lean, Motherwell; 49. R. Bruce, Maryhill; 50. J. Calder, Paisley; 51. J. P. Paterson, E.H.; 52. J. Arthur, Paisley; 53. W. Burness, E.H.; 54. J. S. Craig, Paisley; 55. J. J. C. Milne, E.H.; 56. W. Ross, Paisley; 57. R. Irvine, E.N.H.; 58. R. J. Ferguson, Maryhill; 59. C. Mitchell, E.H.; 60. J. M'Ney, Maryhill; 61. A. Watson, Clydesdale; 62. A. J. Ritchie, W.S.H.; 63. A. O. Thomson, P.H.; 64. J. Lawrie, Clydesdale; 65. G. Douglas, Maryhill; 66. G. Ness, Dennistoun; 67. J. Linn, Dennistoun; 68. E. G. Robertson, Dennistoun; 69. R. F. Robertson, Dennistoun; 70. H. Robertson, Motherwell; 71. R. C. Sturatt, Dennistoun; 72. A. M'Lay, Maryhill; 73. J. Marra, Coatbridge; 74. A. M'Donald, Dennistoun. Time—At distance, 24min. 36secs.; full distance, 45secs.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

First, Clydesdale Harriers—A. Bone, 3; Brickley, 5; J. Paterson, 7; D. R. Brown, 10; W. Bell, 10; J. C. Lindsay, 11—total, 45 points.

Second, Coatbridge Harriers—Andrew Forrester, 1; R. Pettigrew, 2; W. Young, 8; Coates, 13; W. H. Wigham, 15; James Forrester, 19—total, 58 points.

Third, Maryhill Harriers—A. M'Kay, 6; C. Thomson, 18; D. Simpson, 26; D. Chalmers, 29; W. Henderson, 30; H. Howatt, 44—total, 153 points.

Fourth, West of Scotland—E. Gall, 14; Scott, 16; J. Wylie, 20; A. M'Donald, 36; M. Shaw, 36; D. Kirkpatrick, 37—total, 149 points.

Fifth, Paisley Harriers—J. Cumming, 5; O. Scott, 17; G. M'Arthur, 27; J. Calder, 31; W. Findlay, 42; J. Arthur, 50—total, 122 points.

Sixth, Edinburgh Harriers—D. L. Hutchinson, 21; W. C. Munroe, 25; R. Wallace, 39; S. Russell, 39; F. D. Reynolds, 40; J. P. Thomson, 49—total, 207 points.

Seventh, Dennistoun Harriers—J. W. Mathieson, 12; G. Browning, 45; J. Calder, Ness, 63; J. Linn, 65; E. G. Robertson, total, 296 points.

Motherwell Harriers (finished four)—T. Jamieson, 23; R. Brown, 25; W. Scott, 43; M'Lean, 48—total (for 4), 139.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers—A. R. (33) and R. Irvine (57) were the only two finished.

The usual social meeting was held on evening, under the presidency of Mr Bryson, and the large room of White & Gordon Street, was so crammed as to be matters uncomfortable. The Chairman, in a neat speech, congratulated the winners on their victories, and thereafter presented the representatives of the winning clubs with a few nice things about each other.