

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

Starter—Mr J. Fairlie. **Judges**—Messrs J. McIntosh, S. Lawrie, and J. M. Bow.
Timekeepers—Messrs W. A. McLaren, A. G. Binnie, and W. W. Tait. **Hon. Sec.**
 —Mr D. S. Duncan.

Cross-country running in Scotland is, comparatively speaking, a thing of yesterday's date. Our public schools, it is true, have long had their periodical paper chases, but these were simply engaged in as preparatory training for football, rather than as systematic harrier work. It is little more than eighteen months since the first cross-country organisation north of the Tweed was formed, and, although the example of the Edinburgh Harriers has, as yet, only been followed by other two, the Clydesdale and the West of Scotland, the trio can show, numerically, a fairly strong muster roll. Somehow or other not only athletes and cyclists, but many who would never dream of distinction in either branch of sport, have taken kindly to the movement, which is one that cannot fail to rapidly extend its borders. The pioneers are enthusiasts, and enthusiasm is an important factor towards the success of any cause. Saturday's championship is the second that has been held, the first (before the West of Scotland was in existence) taking place last year at Lanark. On that occasion the champion harrier was A. P. Findlay, of the Clydesdale (who will be remembered as running second in the Ten Miles Championship at Lillie Bridge last summer), and the champion club the Edinburgh. This year, there being another Richmond in the field, additional interest was manifested in the event, and a more thorough training was undergone by those selected to take part in it. The conditions of the contest were of the usual kind—twelve competitors from each club, the individual winner becoming champion for the year, and the club, whose leading six totalled the fewest number of marks, the champion club. Findlay was the most fancied for the former distinction, and the Edinburgh Harriers for the latter. Hampden Park, Glasgow, the use of which had been kindly granted by the Queen's Park F.C., was the appointed rendezvous, and from it as starting point a severely testing course had been laid out. To begin with, nearly four laps of the cinder track had to be covered ere entering upon the open country—and such an open country as poor harrier never attempted to negotiate before—somewhere about four miles of the most hilly and roughest road, park, and plough, the greater part uphill, too, that can well be imagined. After this the running track had once more to be traversed, then back again to the open, and when the Park was again reached there was another circuit with which to finish. The committee called this an approximate ten miles, but many of the competitors preferred the adjective appalling. A lovely afternoon brought an attendance of about five hundred, a number which must be held as highly gratifying, for cross-country competitions can never expect to be in favour with the general public, who like to see every inch of the race for which they pay their money. The starters were:

EDINBURGH HARRIERS.—D. C. McMichael, D. S. Duncan, W. M. Jack, W. M. Gabriel, J. C. Clarkson, P. Addison, E. C. Buist, A. M. Donaldson, G. Black, J. Jack, F. Lumley, J. Luke.

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS.—A. P. Findlay, J. Campbell, W. M. Thomson, W. Henderson, A. D. McGillivray, A. Brown, A. G. Colquhoun, Jas. Henderson, D. M. Henderson, J. C. Lawson, John Henderson, W. Stewart.

WEST OF SCOTLAND HARRIERS.—R. Dickie, W. M. Walker, D. S. Walker, E. B. Tibbitts, A. C. Symington, E. Harper, A. J. Young, A. Mann, F. Bruce, J. Gow, J. J. Haining, J. E. Young.

The competitors being out of sight the greater part of the distance, little description is necessary. Thomson, Findlay, Campbell, and Duncan were the first to get clear of the ruck, and on leaving the inclosure for the open, the leading flight were Findlay, Campbell, Thomson, Duncan, Jack, Gabriel, Buist, and McMichael, as named. How they got on outside cannot with certainty be said; but when they again hove in sight Campbell was in front, closely followed by Thomson and Jack, while a long way in the rear came Henderson, Gabriel, McMichael, Black, Colquhoun, Duncan and Dickie. Thus early last year's winner was hopelessly out of it, and Donaldson, an Edinburgh man, from whom great things were expected, had retired before leaving the track. According to a prominent competitor the second round was productive of many changes, but despite them all Campbell still careered along in the van. Entering the ground he was first, and his club fellow, W. Henderson, second, and in that order they finished, about twenty yards separating them at the winning post. Nearly three hundred yards behind came Jack, then Gabriel, then Colquhoun, followed by McMichael, Black, and Duncan. It may be as well, however, to give the order in which the twenty-three who completed the distance finished: J. Campbell, Clydesdale, 1; W. Henderson, Clydesdale, 2; W. M. Jack, Edinburgh, 3; W. M. Gabriel, Edinburgh, 4; A. G. Colquhoun, Clydesdale, 5; D. C. McMichael, Edinburgh, 6; G. Black, Edinburgh, 7; D. S. Duncan, Edinburgh, 8; R. Dickie, West of Scotland, 9; E. B. Tibbitts, West of Scotland, 10; W. M. Walker, West of Scotland, 11; W. M. Thomson, Clydesdale, 12; A. Brown, Clydesdale, 13; J. C. Clarkson, Edinburgh, 14; E. C. Buist, Edinburgh, 15; Jas. Henderson, Clydesdale, 16; A. Jack, Edinburgh, 17; A. J. Young, West of Scotland, 18; J. C. Lawson, Clydesdale, 19; D. S. Walker, West of Scotland, 20; A. C. Symington, West of Scotland, 21; A. Mann, West of Scotland, 22; F. Bruce, West of Scotland, 23. J. Campbell, Clydesdale, thus became champion for the year, and Edinburgh the champion club. Their points were 42, those of Clydesdale 49, and of West of Scotland 93. The winner's time was 1h. 14min. 20³/₄sec. Few noteworthy incidents have to be recorded. Campbell ran well, and finished the freshest man of the lot, although it was a treat to see the hand-over-hand fashion in which Henderson made up ground towards the end. Gabriel also shone during the concluding stages, and Jack ran consistently throughout. Findlay's collapse was a disappointment to everyone, Duncan has been limping since Christmas, and only started to assist his club, Donaldson's ankle gave way, and Addison burst a shoe.

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and W. W. Tait. Clerks of course—J. Meikle, F. W. ...
W. Young.

In the following order the undernoted runners passed the ...
post :—

1.	J. Campbell,	...	...	Clydesdale.
2.	W. Henderson,	...	...	Clydesdale.
3.	W. M. Jack,	...	...	Edinburgh.
4.	W. M. Gabriel,	...	...	Edinburgh.
5.	A. G. Colquhoun,	...	...	Clydesdale.
6.	D. C. M'Michael,	...	...	Edinburgh.
7.	G. Black,	...	...	Edinburgh.
8.	D. S. Duncan,	...	...	Edinburgh.
9.	R. Dickie,	...	...	West of Scotland.
10.	E. B. Tibbitts,	...	...	West of Scotland.
11.	W. M. Walker,	...	...	West of Scotland.
12.	W. M. Thomson,	...	...	Clydesdale.
13.	A. Brown,	...	...	Clydesdale.
14.	J. C. Clarkson,	...	...	Edinburgh.
15.	R. C. Busit,	...	...	Edinburgh.
16.	James Henderson,	...	...	Clydesdale.
17.	J. Jack,	...	...	Edinburgh.
18.	A. J. Young,	...	...	West of Scotland.
19.	J. C. Lawson,	...	...	Clydesdale.
20.	D. S. Walker,	...	...	West of Scotland.
21.	A. C. Simington,	...	...	West of Scotland.
22.	A. Mann,	...	...	West of Scotland.
23.	F. Bruce,	...	...	West of Scotland.

WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP—

JAMES CAMPBELL, CLYDESDALE.

Time—1 hour, 14 minutes, 24 1-5 seconds.

Club Championship won by

1.	Edinburgh Harriers	...	...	43
2.	Clydesdale Harriers	...	...	40
3.	West of Scotland Harriers	...	...	38

In the evening a hastily-improvised social was held in the ...
Hotel. Mr. Stewart Lawrie presided, and in a few words ...

unctuality, highly to the credit of the committee. Meantime the public were speculating as to the probable result in a manner that showed clearly they had been taking some little interest in the doings of "them harriers" during the winter months. The stay-at-homes were the first to make an appearance, taking their places on the football field before the teams took to the track. At length the runners appeared, and it was found that each of the clubs had called upon their reserves, the twelfth man in each case being the absentee. The probable result was, however, in no way affected by the changes. The following were the teams:—

EDINBURGH HARRIERS.

D. C. Macmichael	J. C. Clarkson	G. Black
D. S. Duncan	P. Addison	J. Jack
W. M. Jack	R. C. Buist	F. Lumley
W. M. Gabriel	A. M. Donaldson	J. Luke.

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS.

A. P. Finlay	A. D. M'Gillivray	D. M. Henderson
James Campbell	A. Brown	J. C. Lawson
W. M. Thomson	A. G. Colquhoun	J. Henderson
W. "Anderson"	John Henderson	W. Stewart.

WEST OF SCOTLAND HARRIERS.

Robert Dickie	A. C. Symington	F. Bruce
W. M. Walker	E. Harper	J. Gow
D. S. Walker	A. J. Young	J. J. Haining
E. B. Tibbitts	A. Mann	J. E. Young

may be interesting here to note that nine of the entrants of Saturday took part in the "affair" of last year, including Finlay, the ex-champion, while Duncan, Gabriel, Clarkson, Addison, and Jack were all in the

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND.—The event of the season, and a fitting termination to the labours of the last six months, was the cross-country championship of Scotland, which was decided on Saturday afternoon, in magnificent weather. The meet was at Hampden Park, where about a thousand spectators were assembled to witness the start and finish. Three clubs took part, and were represented as follows:—*Edinburgh Harriers*—D. G. Macmillan, D. R. Duncan, W. M. Jack, W. M. Gabriel, J. C. Clarkson, F. Addison, H. C. Bunt, A. M. Donaldson, G. Black, J. Jack, F. Lamley, and J. Latta. *Clydesdale Harriers*—A. P. Finlay, James Campbell, W. M. Thomson, W. Henderson, R. D. McIlhenny, A. Brown, A. G. Colquhoun, James Henderson, D. M. Henderson, J. C. Lawson, J. Henderson, and W. M. Stewart. *West of Scotland Harriers*—Robert Dickie, W. M. Walker, D. B. Walker, E. B. Tibbitts, A. G. Hymington, K. Harper, A. J. Young, A. Mann, J. Gow, J. J. Haining, and J. K. Young. The course was mapped out and a clearly defined trail was laid by Messrs Dougherty and Meikle of the West of Scotland, and Messrs Dick and Wilson of the Clydesdale. The course skirted the hill at Mount Florida (where some stiff hill work had to be got over), past Hundred Acre Park and cross to Castlemilk, thence round by Rutherglen, and back to Hampden Park, which was entered by the north-east gate. This was traversed twice, and in addition nearly five laps of the track had been gone over. A few minutes before four o'clock the 24 competitors were sent on their journey to a good start. During the second round Donaldson retired, and before the three preliminary rounds were finished the pack was much scattered, Thomson, Finlay, Henderson, and Duncan being the leading quartette. When leaving the ground on the south-east for their scamper across the country, Finlay, the Clydesdale "crack," was in front, followed closely by Campbell, Macmillan, and Duncan, two of the West Harriers bringing up the rear. After an absence of nearly 20 min seen the first to re-enter was little Campbell, who was welcomed with a hearty cheer, followed by Thomson, Jack, Henderson, Gabriel, Black, Macmillan, Duncan, Dickie, Bunt, Tibbitts, Clarkson, W. M. Walker, Finlay, Jack, Young, &c. Finlay had taken a stitch in his side, which accounted for his being so far back. In this order they left the ground for the second country run, and when the time drew near for their reappearance several shouts went on the outlook. It was soon shouted that Campbell was still leading, and when the little wonder came on the track he seemed quite fresh, and made a splendid dash up the straight, finishing as if he had just begun, instead of having ended a journey of eleven miles, and won the championship, amid the hearty plaudits of the spectators. The Edinburgh Harriers were again successful in securing the club's medal with 47 points; Clydesdale, 43; West of Scotland, 81. The men arrived in the following order:—Winner, J. Campbell (time, 1 hour 23 1/2 seconds); 2, W. Henderson, Clydesdale; 3, W. M. Jack, Edinburgh; 4, W. M. Gabriel, Edinburgh; 5, A. G. Colquhoun, Clydesdale; 6, D. G. Macmillan, Edinburgh; 7, G. Black, Edinburgh; 8, D. R. Duncan, Edinburgh; 9, R. Dickie, W.S.; 10, E. B. Tibbitts, W.S.; 11, W. M. Walker, W.S.; 12, W. M. Thomson, W.S.; 13, A. Brown, Clydesdale; 14, J. C. Clarkson, Edinburgh; 15, R. C. Bunt, Edinburgh; 16, James Henderson, Clydesdale; 17, J. Jack, Edinburgh; 18, A. J. Young, W.S. Officials:—Judges—J. McInnes, Stewart Lawrie, J. M. Bow. Timekeepers—W. A. McLaren, A. G. Rennie, W. W. Tall. Clerks of course—J. Meikle, F. W. White, T. W. Young. A football match, East v. West Harriers, was played during the time, but little interest was taken in the game, which was won by the West by seven goals to one.