

SCOTTISH CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The fourth Ten Miles Championship was held at Hare's Racecourse, Hamilton Palace, on Saturday. This was the second competition under the new association, and the fourth race altogether. Five teams had entered, viz., Ayrshire Harriers, Clydesdale Harriers (holders 1935), Edinburgh Harriers (holders 1937), Hamilton Harriers, and West of Scotland Harriers. Clydesdale and Edinburgh had full teams on the ground, West of Scotland and Hamilton eleven each, while Ayrshire had only eight. Thirty-five were sent off opposite Jockers Padlock, and course was once round the track, out by south-west corner, along the south wood to Bothwell Bridge Gate. Across Bridge, and along Fullerton Road, past Roman Bridge to Motherwell. Along bridge there, and re-enter policies, along which a mile was run to the course, once round, and finish in front of Grand Stand. All went well, and the Ayr man, Findlay, individual champion 1936 and 1937, was in front, some Edinburgh men and some from Clydesdale were also well to front. By some mistake, or following the old trail, the leaders, instead of crossing the bridge, preparatory to re-entering the policies held along the river side. The Hamilton man, coming out, seemed to have the way, and pursued the fresh Ayrshire man, but he was comparatively unknown man romped to first, and the race was then judged in rotation as follows:—J. Thorburn, Hamilton, 34 min. 19 sec., first; J. W. M. Jack, Edinburgh, 34 min. 46 sec., second; D. S. Duncan, Edinburgh, 35 min. 22 sec., third; A. M. Bryson, West of Scotland, 35 min. 27½ sec., fourth; J. Wyllie, jun., Hamilton, 35 min. 36½ sec., fifth; D. Vase, Ayrshire, 35 min. 38½ sec., sixth; M'Roben, Hamilton, 36 min. 57 sec., seventh; D. MacLennan, West of Scotland, 38 min. 44½ sec., eighth; D. M'Niven, West of Scotland, ninth; A. Walker, West of Scotland, tenth; M. Danley, Hamilton, eleventh; T. Thorburn, Hamilton, twelfth; E. Mackinlay, Edinburgh, thirteenth; C. Pennycook, Clydesdale, fourteenth. Others came in a long way behind, and protested. A meeting was held, and it was considered advisable in the circumstances to declare "no race," and it was arranged that the competition should take place on the same course on Saturday, 22nd inst.

HARRIERS.

SCOTTISH CROSS-COUNTRY ASSOCIATION — THE CHAMPIONSHIP. — The fourth annual cross-country championship of Scotland took place at Hamilton Park Racecourse on Saturday. About 60 runners entered. The weather was delightful for cross-country work, and the call was all that could be wished. The Ayrshire Harriers were represented by A. Brown, T. Brown, J. Quate, D. Cameron, W. Currie, H. Welsh, G. Milla, J. Q. M'Pherson, G. Gourlay, A. P. Finlay, J. Blane, and D. Vass—the other four competing teams being the Clydesdale Harriers, Edinburgh Harriers, West of Scotland Harriers, and Hamilton Harriers. The men were started by Mr Stewart Lawrie, and proceeded round the racecourse, headed by the veteran A. P. Finlay, of Ayr, who won the individual championship. Only twelve of the runners completed the proper course, so that no club could claim the club championship, as none had six men in that dozen. The Hamilton Harriers and West of Scotland Harriers had five each. The individual championship can, however, be claimed by T. Thorburn, of the Hamilton Harriers, who completed the distance first; W. T. Jack, West of Scotland Harriers, 2nd; D. S. Duncan, Edinburgh Harriers, 3rd; A. M. Bryon, West of Scotland Harriers, 4th; J. Wylie, Hamilton Harriers, 5th; D. Vass, Ayrshire Harriers, 6th; A. G. Robin, Hamilton Harriers, 7th; K. D. M'Kenzie, West of Scotland Harriers, 8th; D. M'Niven, West of Scotland Harriers, 9th; E. Walker, West of Scotland Harriers, 10th; M. Dunlop, Hamilton Harriers, 11th; and J. Thorburn, Hamilton Harriers, 12th.

Scottish Cross-Country Championship.

[BY "VIATOR."]

Hamilton Park Racecourse is no doubt a very suitable place to hold a cross-country championship, but it is not exactly the spot one would select who desired to popularise the sport. It is not easily accessible, and on such a cold, dreary afternoon as Saturday last, its aspect is far from inviting. The Association might perhaps see that next season the championship is decided at a place within easy reach of the public. I must here say that Hawkhill is much better than Hamilton Park; indeed, the latter is the more suitable for the sport, but the Leith ground has a slight pull from a financial point of view. It was feared at one time that the championship would suffer the fate of most other delayed or postponed events, as it was rumoured—indeed stated—the Clydesdale Harriers would not again compete. It appears the Committee of that club held a meeting during the week, and, by the casting vote of the chairman, decided not to send their team again to Hamilton, though how they could justify such a conclusion, after previously competing, it is difficult to understand. I am informed on good authority that the team was never consulted on this important matter. However, the Committee proposed but the team disposed. Those most interested were surprised when they learned the determination of the Committee, and steps were at once taken to rescind that decision, and these steps were successful. Mr. Honeyman, the secretary, wired all the men who could not be readily got at, and took the precaution to secure the attendance of the reserves. Thus a very good team, consisting of eleven men, was beaten up, but M'Williams, C. Pennycook, M'Donald, Abraham, Russell, and D. Campbell were all absentees. The only member of the Clydesdale Harriers' Committee who attended Hamilton Park to my knowledge was Mr. Honeyman, the others were conspicuous by their absence. Though handicapped to some degree by the absence of some of their best men, the C.H. team were full of enthusiasm, and were determined to place the double event to their credit if at all possible.

without M'Michael, who finished first of those who took up the wren the 9th inst., the C.H. were hopeful of securing the individual championship. M'Michael certainly gave them a fright. The Clydesdale had 11 men, Edinburgh Harriers 12, Ayrshire Harriers 6, Hamilton 7, and West of Scotland 9. In all 46 men were sent on their way. M. Bow, President Edinburgh Harriers. It was seen at once Hannah (C.H.), and W. M. Jack (E.H.), the four-miles' champion, to watch each other. The former set off at a very lively pace, at one circuit of the racecourse was traversed the field had tailed off considerably. At the end of the second round, A. P. Finlay, the ex- and J. Blane, the mile champion, and two other Ayrshire Harriers it, the weather, and perhaps the pace, not being to their liking, and Jack still led alternately, but Robertson (E.H.), M'Cann (K veteran Colquhoun, and Graham were well up. After leaving the Jack and Hannah held command, but it could be seen that Robert M'Cann were sticking to them gamely. The field went out of sight the wood in Indian file. The fatal Motherwell Bridge was safely at this time, and the trail followed straight into the policies. Quite a was caused when it was seen, as the men approached the racecourse both Jack and Hannah had fallen back, the pace being made by a parative outsider, M'Cann, with Robertson in close attendance, being at least one hundred yards behind the Edinburgh man when course was entered upon, while Jack came fourth. The rivals to themselves in their pace-making exertions, and allowed M'Cann to reap the fruits. The latter went along the far side with Robertson in pursuit, at a slashing pace. Coming up the straight the Eastern representative put in all he knew, but M'Cann responded, and won the championship for the Clydesdale Harriers in the very good time of 46 1-5s. Robertson's time was 54m. 5s. Then came Hannah, J. Colquhoun at short intervals, well ahead of the field. The last 20 home some ten minutes after those just named. The positions of 25 were as under:—

			Min. Sec.
1.	M'Cann,	Clydesdale,	46 1-5
2.	A. Robertson,	Edinburgh,	54 5
3.	A. Hannah,	Clydesdale,	55 2
4.	W. M. Jack,	Edinburgh,	55 2
5.	A. G. Colquhoun,	Clydesdale,	55 30
6.	R. Graham,	Do.,	56 6
7.	W. Henderson,	Do.,	56 10
8.	P. Addison,	Edinburgh,	56 5
9.	And. Brown,	Clydesdale,	58 0
10.	J. Hume,	Edinburgh,	58 10
11.	Glennie,	West of Scotland,	59 5
12.	J. Henderson,	Clydesdale,	59 7 1-2
13.	R. Dickie,	West of Scotland,	59 7 1-2
14.	D. I. Mackinlay,	Edinburgh,	59 10
15.	C. F. Smith,	Do.,	59 25
16.	G. Hume,	Do.,	59 40
17.	Gardiner,	West of Scotland,	59 40
18.	G. Thomson,	Clydesdale,	60 10
19.	Carment,	Edinburgh,	60 8 1-2
20.	P. E. Morrison,	West of Scotland,	60 20
21.	Alex. Brown,	Ayr,	60 50
22.	Summers,	Edinburgh,	60 48
23.	D. S. Duncan,	Do.,	61 50
24.	R. Sime,	Clydesdale,	61 50
25.	Smith,	West of Scotland,	62 15

It will thus be seen that the Clydesdale easily secured the club championship with 31 points, Edinburgh being second with 33, and West of Scotland with 115 (the sixth W.S.H. man finished 27th), Hamilton a very bad and Ayrshire nowhere, as only two of the half-dozen who started the club completed the distance. The Clydesdale thus landed the double and have proved their undoubted right to be considered the cross-country champions of Scotland. They have a plucky and persevering runner, M'Cann, who deserves the greatest credit for the manner in which he beat the distance. He came away at the right time, and easily secured the inferior position. He was the surprise of the competition. His time was to prove that the distance, even with an additional circuit of the racecourse, was nearer nine than ten miles. It is a matter for congratulation that the championships have at last been satisfactorily disposed of, and the honours have fallen to the lot of those most entitled to them. The Clydesdale refrained from competing, the managers of the club would not act unjustly to their team. Disguise it as they may, the Scottish Harriers Union championship is simply the championship of the C.H. club, sections were for the occasion converted or sub-divided into county sections with the addition of the Ayrshire Club, a combination of Clydesdale, Kilmarnock Harriers. A championship without such a club or county Edinburgh is no championship. While I say nothing against the carrying it out cannot recommend itself to those who wish to see country running flourish. It must be obvious to the C.H. club that it cannot command the voice of Scotland outside its own membership. The has come, then, when it should lay aside any feeling of umbrage it may against the Scottish Cross-Country Association, and join with the leading clubs in the effort to govern and popularise the sport whose interests all have at heart.

"All's well that ends well," and let us hope that now that the Scottish cross-country championship is finished the fiasco over the false trail of a fortnight ago may be soon forgotten. Saturday's contest at Hamilton Park racecourse was remarkable for several reasons. Jack, of Edinburgh (male champion), and Hannah, of the Clydesdale, ran a splendid neck-and-neck race for fully three-quarters of the distance, and while Hannah made the pace from the start, Jack cut it out in the course of the seventh mile. M'Cann, as the race left the course to take to the country, was fast making up lost ground, with Blane, Colquhoun, and Graham close up. The tailing-off process had begun soon in the race, and at this point several of those from whom good things were expected cracked up and retired, among them being A. P. Fiedlay, who seemed altogether out of form. Blane, who had run into third place, surprised everyone by coming across the finish. He seemed comparatively fresh, and in answer to a query said he was going along nicely, but as the race was three-quarters of an hour late in starting it would be too late for him to run to finish, and he did not relish having to walk nine miles home, which must be the case if he did not catch an early train. A. Robertson, of Edinburgh, made a dashing show. M'Cann got past the judge's flag by only eight seconds in front of him, and when Hannah appeared in sight he had Jack still at his heels, with A. G. Colquhoun only twenty yards in rear. G. Home and Tom Gardiner had a stiff tussle. Running up the straight at the finish, the former just secured the pride of place by a yard or two. Altogether, as will be seen from the following figures, there were some close bits of racing. It was put pretty well about in the papers that they would not put a team in the field, and it was a surprise to nearly all present at Hamilton that there were representatives present. It was current on Saturday that those who put in an appearance did so in direct opposition to the orders that emanated from their committee or officials. Should this turn out to be the case, then the result will be that those guilty of insubordination have received encouragement in their so flagrantly disobeying their "superiors."

NAMES, TIMES, AND ROTATION OF ARRIVALS ON SATURDAY.

	WTS.	SEC.
1. C. M'Cann, champion (C.H.) ..	54	45 1-6
2. A. Robertson (F.H.)	54	55
3. A. Hannah, jun. (C.H.)	55	51 2-6
4. W. M. Jack (E.H.)	55	52 3-6
5. A. G. Colquhoun (C.H.)	55	52 1-6
6. Robert Graham (C.H.)	56	5
7. W. Henderson (C.H.)	55	48 1-6
8. F. Addison (E.H.)	55	55
9. A. Brown (C.H.)	55	
10. J. Home (C.H.)	55	39 1-6
11. J. W. Glenroy (W.S.H.)	55	5 1-6
12. J. Henderson (C.H.)	55	7
13. Robert Dickie (W.S.H.)	55	9 1-6
14. D. J. Mackislay (E.H.)	55	15
15. C. F. Smith (E.H.)	55	25
16. G. Home (E.H.)	55	45
17. Tom Gardiner (W.S.H.)	55	45 4-6
18. G. M. Thomson (C.H.)	55	45 5-6
19. W. M. Carmichael (E.H.)	55	45 1-6
20. F. E. Morrison (W.S.H.)	55	15
21. A. Brown (A.H.)	55	45

The Clydesdale's first six men, as will be seen, had as their total 3. They could not have had a smaller score than 21, and they have secured the individual as well as the team championship. Edinburgh was second with 51; while no place could be given to others, as they had not six who finished.

HARRIERS.

SCOTTISH HARRIERS' UNION.

The members of this new union of cross-country runners met on the Celtic Park, Parkhead, on Saturday afternoon, to decide the championships instituted by the association. To give additional interest to the proceedings, a football match was arranged between members of the Harriers' club and the Celts, the first half of which was played before the competitors started, and the second half during the run into the country. About 400 spectators lined the enclosure, and the grand stand was completely filled. The football match was a great success. In the first half the Celts, with the wind at their backs, had most of the play, but notwithstanding their repeated attacks on the strangers' stronghold, and a number of fine shots for goal, the stubborn defence of the backs Watt and Brandon, and the grand goal-keeping of Chalmers, all their efforts were frustrated, and the first half ended without any scoring. In the second half the Harriers assumed the aggressive, scored three goals in succession, and won, the Celts not scoring. At seven minutes past four, half-time, the Harriers, numbering about fifty, entered the enclosure, and the hatch were sent on their journey. Early in the afternoon the trail was laid by T. Thomson, D. L. Dick, T. Griffin, James Erskine, R. Monar, W. M. Dick, T. W. Young, and C. Thomson. After going twice round the enclosure, the competitors left the ground on the north side of the stand and went off into the country. The trail, which was clearly defined, led over grass parks and hedges, and northwards past Shettleston, along the banks of the canal, then on to Spring-bolig to near Ellersmere, where a turn for home was made by Woodend and Fullerton. During the run four water jumps had to be negotiated, and the competitors re-entered the enclosure at the south-west corner, and finished at the south-east corner of the grand stand, running nearly once round. A. P. Finlay, the "crack" Ayrshire runner, came to grief when about two miles out at a stone dyke, one of the coping-stones of which fell on him, and he was so bruised and shaken that he was unable afterwards to keep up the pace. McCann of Lanarkshire made the running most of the distance, closely pursued by M'Williams of Ayrshire, Colquhoun of Glasgow latterly joining issue. After an absence of about an hour and a quarter M'Williams and Colquhoun entered the enclosure within a few yards of each other. Going round the Ayrshire led increased his lead, and sporting gamely in the straight, won the individual championship of the Union by about 30 yards. His time for the distance, which was fully 10 miles, was 77 min. 40 sec. The best arrivals were:—1st, J. W. M'Williams, Ayrshire; 2d, A. G. Colquhoun, Clydevale, headquarters Glasgow; 3d, C. McCann, Lanarkshire; 4th, C. Pennington, Glasgow; 5th, T. Brown, Ayrshire; 6th, Abraham Russell, Renfrewshire; 7th, R. Graham, Lanarkshire; 8th, Andrew Brown, Glasgow; 9th, G. Wright, Dumbartonshire; 10th, A. MacDonald, Renfrewshire; 11th, W. Henderson, Glasgow; 12th, J. Campbell, Dumbartonshire; 13th, J. Blane, Ayrshire; 14th, J. Smith, Lanarkshire; 15th, G. M. Thomson, Glasgow; 16th, A. Brown, Ayrshire; 17th, Duncan Campbell, Dumbartonshire; 18th, W. Sims, Glasgow. The others arrived in a straggling manner, and fully twenty minutes elapsed between first and last. To award the county team championship, the aggregate times of the first five men in each team were taken, with the following results:—

Aggregate Time.

	Min.	Sec.
1. Glasgow team (champions).....	81	23 5-8
2. Ayrshire.....	83	2
3. Lanarkshire.....	84	45 4-5
4. Renfrewshire.....	85	55 4-5
5. Dumbartonshire.....	85	38 4-5

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

SCOTTISH HARRIERS' UNION

The championship meeting held in connection with this newly-formed association of cross-country runners took place on Saturday afternoon. The meet was at Celtic Park, Glasgow, the ground of the football club, and between four and five thousand spectators were present. There were four events—the County Team Championship, County Individual Championship, Individual Championship of Scotland, and Clydesdale Harriers Club Championship. Upwards of fifty competitors started, and the distance was fully ten miles. Early in the afternoon the trail was laid by eight of the members. Shortly after four o'clock the men entered the park, round which they travelled twice. The trail then led out into the country, over grass parks, hedges, and four broad water-jumps, and continued northwards past Shettleston, along the banks of the canal, then on to Springboigly Railway, near Ellesmere. Here a turn for home was made, the road leading by Woodend, Fullerton, and finishing with a quarter-mile round the track at Celtic Park. The runners were absent an hour and three-quarters, when J W M'Williams, Ayrshire, and A G Colquhoun, Glasgow, appeared close together at the entrance, but in the run up the straight M'Williams spurred and won (Individual Championship) by 30 yards. A G Colquhoun (Harriers' Championship) was second; C M'Cann, Lanarkshire, third; C Pennycook, Glasgow, fourth; T Brown, Ayrshire, fifth; and Abraham Russell, Renfrewshire, sixth. Glasgow won the County Team Championship (aggregate time, 81min 23½sec), Ayrshire being second (73min 2sec), Lanarkshire third (84min 49½sec), and Renfrew fourth (85min 55½sec).

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Like yourself, Mr. Editor, I am a modest man, but this week I think that I am entitled to "blow my horn" just a "wee bit" over my Scottish Harriers' Union Championships forecast, which was, on the whole, as near as it possibly could have been predicted. I shall say nothing about the gigantic success of everything connected with the meeting, as no doubt the athletic and football departments will be fully dealt with by your regular correspondents in another column. I should like, however, just to make a few remarks regarding the actual results as compared with my anticipations. Findlay ran just as I expected he would, but people are not to run away with the idea that this day has passed; he is not entirely done with yet, and although I do not anticipate that he will ever again gain first honours across country, I believe that he will still make a strong bid for supremacy at the distance on theinder path. My fears about his ankle proved only too well founded. Although his ankle was sufficiently strong to stand up to making a "try," the long confinement in the house, at a time when training was needed, almost minimised his chance of success, and he was compelled to stop from sheer exhaustion after going about five miles. I still consider, however, that he is the finest cross-country runner in Scotland, and I am certain that he will prove this ere many weeks have passed. M'Williams, the actual winner of the championship (who, by-the-bye, secured, by his win on Saturday, no less than four badges:—(1) a gold badge as champion of Scotland, (2) a gold badge as champion of the C.H., (3) a silver badge as champion of his county—Ayr, and (4) another silver badge as a member of the second placed team), I did not anticipate to run into quite such a high position, but he thoroughly deserves his honours, and his win was enthusiastically received. He had a hard tussle with the grand old veteran, A. G. Colquhoun, who certainly would not have allowed the winner to sprint away so easily from him at the first had he not slightly injured himself on going over a brick wall. The two are very evenly matched over the distance, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that Colquhoun will reverse the result at next meeting. W. Henderson, J. Campbell, and R. Graham are all capable, if in form, of running into higher places. M'Cann and Pennycook are about equal, had ran as I expected they would. Both are A.I., and it is remarkable that, in the four races in which both have taken part, the supremacy has been gained first by one and then the other—alternately. The "Auld Toun" landed the crack three-miler, Tommy Brown, into fifth place, a very creditable position, but I am afraid he will scarcely get up so high again when some of the above-named "demons" get into form. Abraham Russell, Andrew Brown, George Wright, A. Macdonald, J. Blane, and Duncan Campbell ran just as I expected, although I believe George Wright (now the Dumfriesshire champion) surprised himself. It was a great pity that his brother Jack was prevented by illness from competing, and equally unfortunate for his county, that Logan did not turn up, as both would have ran up into very high positions. Jamie Henderson ran a "dead frost," but he'll "come" again.

Now, just a word as to team decisions—and I would just like to say here that the antiquated place system of counting happens to bring out exactly the same general result—as follows:—1, Glasgow, average time, 81m. 23½ (40 points); 2, Ayrshire, 83m. 0¼ (33 points); 3, Lanarkshire, 84m. 49½ (27 points); 4, Renfrewshire, 85m. 56½ (26 points); Dumfriesshire, 86m. 30½ (22 points). It will thus be seen that Glasgow won the team championship easily, and it is remarkable that the team turned out to a man (no reserves having to be requisitioned), and to a man also they finished—all running well up, too. They would have been very hard pressed by Lanark, however, had Hannah been in form and W. M. Thomson able to run (he, too, sprained his foot on the previous Saturday). Had A. M. Marshall, Jack Wright, and Jamie Logan been running for Dumfriesshire, they would have been almost equally dangerous, so that, Findlay's poor form notwithstanding, Ayrshire were a bit lucky in gaining the silver badges. Renfrewshire ran just as I expected they would, but they will get up higher next year. Stirlingshire only finished two men, both, strange to say, "sons of the manse," the Auld Kirk representative—a plucky young lad, who received a most enthusiastic greeting when receiving his badge—getting the better of the U.P. man, the popular and likeable secretary of the Falkirk Section of the C.H. This county will also come up on to gain experience, and the Strathblane and Alloa Harriers may fairly be expected to contribute their quota to the county's success. Perthshire's champion (A. Sims) was on Saturday the worst he did not run in anything like his true form—brother—an inferior man to him, who was about him by about five minutes over the distance.

Before closing I would just like to compliment John Smith, of Stonehouse (who ran his first actual cross-country run on Saturday!), and runner, who just got into the favoured circle by securing a gold badge on their very first 4th and 15th respectively. And now, Mr. Harriers in general will find my "forecast" of the "Excelsior" again when the S.H.U. Junior Championships come round in December.

Scottish Harriers' Union.

[By "EXCELSIOR."]

The test competitions for the selection of the teams to represent the great cross-country counties of Scotland in the championships of the Scottish Harriers' Union at Celtic Park, Parkhead, Glasgow, on Saturday, 23rd February, were brought off on Saturday under favourable meteorological conditions, although the ground was too hard to suit cracks who accustom themselves to running with spiked shoes. Six strong representative county teams have already entered, the names of the teams being as under:—

Glasgow—1st, C. Pennycook; 2nd, A. G. Colquhoun; 3rd, Andrew Brown; 4th, J. Col; 5th, G. M. Thomson; 6th, W. Sims; 7th, J. Marshall, jun.; 8th, W. Henderson; 9th, E. Le Herbert; 10th, P. Dodson; 11th, W. T. Perthouse; 12th, J. Erskine; 13th, M'Dowall; 14th, P. Greenlees; 15th, D. S. Drysdale; 16th, P. Stewart. **Lanarkshire**—1st, C. M'Cann; 2nd, John Henderson; 3rd, Robert Henderson; 4th, A. Lethian, jun.; 5th, A. Hannah, jun.; 6th, R. Graham; 7th, William Thomson; 8th, James Henderson; 9th, John Anderson; 10th, J. Kelly; 11th, Donald Johnston; 12th, J. H. Paterson; 13th, W. Craig; 14th, John Smith; 15th, George Graham; 16th, J. H. Paterson. **Dumbartonshire**—1st, J. Wright; 2nd, George Wright; 3rd, W. Craig; 4th, J. G. Harrie; 5th, D. Campbell; 6th, J. M'Kae; 7th, James Campbell; 8th, A. Marshall; 9th, Dan Taylor; 10th, James Logan; 11th, John Johnston; 12th, J. H. Paterson; 13th, D. S. Campbell; 14th, A. R. M'Dougall; 15th, G. H. Murray; 16th, D. M'Culloch. **Renfrewshire**—1st, R. J. Pollock; 2nd, W. Cunningham; 3rd, R. J. Pollock; 4th, A. M'Indoe; 5th, D. M'George; 6th, G. Alexander; 7th, M. Graham; 8th, Alex. Russell; 9th, A. Macdonald; 10th, Alex. Russell. The reserves have not yet been finally chosen. **Ayrshire**—1st, J. Blane; 2nd, Good; 3rd, A. Brown; 4th, J. G. Harrie; 5th, Ramsay; 6th, M. Williams; 7th, M'Lea; 8th, Findlay; 9th, T. Thomson; 10th, J. Clark; 11th, W. Clark; 12th, A. Houston; 13th, Hillhouse; 14th, J. Clark; 15th, Sims; 16th, Law. **Stirlingshire**—1st, T. Waugh; 2nd, J. R. Wade; 3rd, J. Scott; 4th, J. Smith; 5th, W. Gillespie; 6th, W. Scott; 7th, A. Craig; 8th, John Cowan; 9th, D. Kerr; 10th, W. Wright. **Perthshire** and **Argyllshire** will probably also send teams, but we understand that these have not yet been definitely chosen. Both, at any rate, will send representative men to the championship, and the county of Edinburgh will also have some of their best men forward.

Now for the difficult task of forecasting the result of the several championships—a task rendered especially difficult, on account of the large number of first-class new men who have been evolved this year.

Individual Championship of Scotland.—There are now a large number of men who are quite in the running for this honour, however, and, perhaps, the majority of cross-country men would plump for the old veteran, A. P. Hannah. I have special reason, however, to believe that he may safely be left out of account altogether, and I have no hesitation in allocating the honour to the popular captain of the C.H.—A. Hannah, junior—provided he is fit and well. Unfortunately, on Saturday last, he badly sprained his ankle (the one which was similarly injured last year), and he will, consequently, be prevented from training. The runners-up it is very difficult to place. I would have selected Jas. Campbell for the next position, but, in view of his cycling practice, which will tend to "slow" him, I am afraid he will descend several leagues. Both Willie Henderson (club champion) and the veteran A. G. Colquhoun will run little this year, and I expect either of the two will hunt Hannah. A group of about six or eight men will follow close up (I should say, 30secs. will not separate first and last of them), these being:—J. Campbell, R. Graham, J. M'Williams, Jack Wright, C. M'Cann, W. M. Jack, and Wm. Thomson, while following close up should be Jas. Henderson, Andrew Brown, A. Russell, A. M. Marshall, A. Macdonald, John Anderson, J. Blane, and J. Logan.

Championship of the Clydesdale Harriers.—This honour is presently held by W. Henderson, but, as stated above, I do not think that he can prevent Hannah from wresting the honour from him. As the most of the above men are Clydesdalers, I need not say anything further under this head.

County Team Championship.—A week ago I should have unhesitatingly plumped for Lanarkshire, with Glasgow, Ayrshire, and Dumbartonshire close up; but in view of the breaking down of several of the "crack" of the former, and the very excellent running in the same race of the Glasgow men, I am now inclined to favour the chances of Glasgow. Lanarkshire, Dumbartonshire, and Ayrshire should also average very well, and I should think that Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire, and Perthshire will be a bit further down, although the former, running well together, may oust some of the more favoured counties. I shall now endeavour to place the county men.

Glasgow.—1, W. Henderson; 2, A. G. Colquhoun; 3, C. Pennycook; 4, Andrew Brown; 5, P. Dodson or J. Paul or G. N. Thomson.

Lanarkshire.—1, A. Hannah; 2, R. Graham; 3, C. M'Cann; 4, W. M. Thomson; 5, James Henderson or A. Lethian, jun.

Dumbartonshire.—1, J. Campbell; 2, J. Wright; 3, A. M. Marshall; 4, George Wright; 5, Dan Taylor or D. Campbell.

Ayrshire.—1, M'Williams; 2, J. Blane; 3, T. Brown; 4, J. Clark; 5, A. Brown or M'Lea.

Renfrewshire.—1, Alex. Russell; 2, Alex. Russell; 3, Alex. Russell; 4, Alex. Russell; 5, Alex. Russell.

THE SCOTTISH HARRIERS CHAMPIONSHIPS—Under most favorable weather conditions, the committee of the newly-formed Scottish Harriers Union were enabled to carry out their championship programme on Saturday. In conjunction with this, the Clydeside Harriers also decided their club championship. The headquarters was Celtic Park, and a football match thrown in was the means of attracting several thousand spectators, who evinced keen interest in the proceedings. Over fifty athletes competed. The course was twice round the track, and then cross country, the total distance being over ten miles. The ground traversed was soft, and against the accomplishment of fast times. The following are all who finished:—M'Williams, 77m 4m., champion of Scotland and C. H. Club champion; Colquhoun, 77m 4m.; G. M'Cauley, 77m 4m.; G. Pennington, 77m 4m.; T. Brown, 77m 4m.; A. Russell, 77m 4m.; Graham, 77m 4m.; A. Brown, 77m 4m.; G. Wright, 77m 4m.; Macdonald, 77m 4m.; W. Henderson, 77m 4m.; J. Campbell, 77m 4m.; Egan, 77m 4m.; Smith, 77m 4m.; G. M. Thomson, 77m 4m.; A. Brown, 77m 4m.; D. Campbell, 77m 4m.; W. Rime, 77m 4m.; Macleod, 77m 4m.; Ramsay, 77m 4m.; Paul, 77m 4m.; Pollock, 77m 4m.; Finley, 77m 4m.; M'Lean, 77m 4m.; John Henderson, 77m 4m.; J. A. Scott, 77m 4m.; J. Marshall, 77m 4m.; R. Henderson, 77m 4m.; Weir, 77m 4m.; W. Craig, 77m 4m.; M'Thomson, 77m 4m.; James Henderson, 77m 4m.; A. Sims, 77m 4m.; G. Alexander, 77m 4m.; Alexander Russell, 77m 4m.; J. Clark, 77m 4m.; Dwyer, 77m 4m.; Perthshire, 77m 4m.; M'Glasgow, 77m 4m.; J. R. Vain, 77m 4m. County Team Championships.—For GLASGOW.—Wm. Cox, Colquhoun, 77m 4m.; Pennington, 77m 4m.; Andrew Brown, 77m 4m.; W. Henderson, 77m 4m.; William Thomson, 77m 4m.—42m 5m.; average, 77m 4m. For Ayrshire.—M'Williams, 77m 4m.; J. Brown, 77m 4m.; Egan, 77m 4m.; A. Brown, 77m 4m.; Ramsay, 77m 4m.—42m 5m.; average, 77m 4m. For Lanarkshire.—M'Cauley, 77m 4m.; Graham, 77m 4m.; Smith, 77m 4m.; John Henderson, 77m 4m.; R. Henderson, 77m 4m.—42m 5m.; average, 77m 4m. For Dundee.—Alex. Russell, 77m 4m.; M'Donald, 77m 4m.; M'Indie, 77m 4m.; Pollock, 77m 4m.; Weir, 77m 4m.—42m 5m.; average, 77m 4m. For Dumbartonshire.—George Wright, 77m 4m.; G. Campbell, 77m 4m.; D. Campbell, 77m 4m.; M'Lean, 77m 4m.; W. Craig, 77m 4m.—42m 5m.; average, 77m 4m. County Championships.—Ayrshire, M'Williams; Glasgow, Colquhoun; Lanarkshire, M'Cauley; Renfrewshire, Wm. D.; Dumbartonshire, Wright; Edinburgh, Scott; Perthshire, A. Sims.

	Min.	Secs.
1. C. M'Cann (Clydesdale Harriers), champion	54	46 1-5
2. A. Robertson (Edinburgh Harriers)	54	55
3. A. Hannah, jun. (C.H.)	55	21 2-5
4. J. W. M. Jack (E.H.)	55	29 3-5
5. A. G. Colquhoun (C.H.)	55	39 1-5
6. R. Graham (C.H.)	56	6
7. W. Henderson (C.H.)	56	48 1-5
8. P. Addison (E.H.)	56	55
9. A. Brown (C.H.)	58	
10. J. Hume (E.H.)	58	39 1-5
11. J. W. Glenny (West of Scotland)	59	5 1-5
12. J. Henderson (C.H.)	59	7
13. R. Dickie (W.S.H.)	59	9 1-5
14. D. J. Mackinlay (E.H.)	59	16
15. C. F. Smith (E.H.)	59	25
16. G. Hume (E.H.)	59	46
17. T. Gardiner (W.S.H.)	59	46 4-5
18. G. M. Thomson (C.H.)	60	4 2-5
19. W. M. Carment (E.H.)	60	48 1-5
20. P. E. Morrison (W.S.H.)	60	58
21. A. Brown (Ayrshire)	61	43

It will be seen from these figures that the runners were surprisingly close up, and that in some instances very little divided them as they passed the timing line. Team championship has been won by Clydesdale with 31 as their minimum of a possible 21. Edinburgh takes next position, their figures being 65. No six of any other team finished, therefore no third place was awarded. West of Scotland's four men totalled 61. Competitors and officials supped together after the racing, and under the chairmanship of Mr Stewart Lawrie, and with song and speech and presentation of the championship medals, a pleasant evening was spent in the County Hotel, Hamilton.