

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND

The fifth annual cross-country championship of Scotland in connection with the Scottish Cross-Country Association, took place at Tynecastle, Edinburgh, on Saturday. The meeting will also be the last under the auspices of the association. The weather, unfortunately, was of the most miserable description, and there was a small attendance of spectators. The teams were:

Clydesdale Harriers (holders 1883-9)—A. Hannah, J. Campbell, A. G. Colquhoun, C. McLean, W. Henderson, G. Wright, A. Murray, A. Sims, R. Findlay, J. Smith, and J. R. Scott.

Edinburgh Harriers (holders 1886-87)—P. Addison, W. M. Carment, D. N. Duncan, G. Hume, J. Hume, T. I. Hunter, D. J. Mackinlay, D. Mackinlay, D. C. Macmichael, J. S. Morrison, A. Robertson, and J. C. Somers.

West of Scotland Harriers—J. A. Young, T. Gardner, J. Laug, W. T. Jack, W. H. Baxter, A. Walker, P. E. Morrison, T. M. Leish, H. McGuigan, J. W. Stewart, George Woodburn, and F. G. Clark.

Motherwell Harriers—R. Graham, M. Merry, J. Luggan, R. Dollar, W. Chambers, W. Craig, H. Wallace, J. M. Kenna, C. Robertson, J. Smeater, and J. Alexander.

The run was one of about 10 miles over a good deal of rough country. The pack first did four rounds of the track, and, striking into the open at the west end of the ground, went down by the piggeries to the polo ground, through a ploughed field, and on to the Forth Road, through the University's ground and up by Whitehouse Farm, skirting the side of Redhill Farm, thence on to the Mid-Castle Road. The return journey was by Saughton grounds, across the Water of Leith, over the Suburban Railway, down by the piggeries, into the park, and once round the track. The line of journey was laid down by Peter Porter (Dalketh Harriers), W. Whitelaw, D. Fraser, G. Ross, G. Kirk, and J. MacLagan (Edinburgh Harriers).

After the four rounds of the track, the pack left the ground, led by A. Hannah (Clydesdale), D. Mackinlay (Edinburgh), J. Campbell, and A. Robertson. Three of the Motherwell men gave up before taking the country. The time of waiting was filled up by watching a football match between the Queens Park Strikers and the Second St. Bernards. When the pack once more made its appearance Hannah was still leading, and won easily by 50 yards in 56min. 52sec. 2d, A. Robertson (Edinburgh), 57min. 16sec. 3d, J. Campbell (Clydesdale), 57min. 24sec. 4th, D. Mackinlay (Edinburgh), 57min. 42sec. 5th, W. Henderson (Clydesdale), 58min. 26sec. 6th, D. C. Macmichael (Edinburgh), 58min. 42sec. 7th, C. McLean (Clydesdale), 58min. 50sec. 8th, G. Wright (Clydesdale), 58min. 10sec.

The S.H.U. Ten-Miles' Championship, ran on Saturday from Cathkin Park, had a big field, and there has never been a race of the kind in Scotland in which the chances of the several leading athletes were so keenly discussed and canvassed, and it was the first time that Edinburgh and Mid-Lothian sent representatives. M'Millan, who ran for the East was considered as a likely winner. M'William's, the last year's winner, C. McCann, A. G. Colquhoun, C. Pennycook, Jamie Campbell, Jack Wright, Blane, Logan, Addison, R. Graham, Pollack, and Russell, were all considered as probable winners of the Scottish cross-country premier honour. Each county and division had put its best men in, and those so represented were Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire, Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Argyllshire, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Mid-Lothian. In all, 86 names were on the list—of this number 67 faced the starter. Lots were drawn for places at the start, as it was impossible to put all in one track. Renfrewshire won first position, Lanarkshire second, Glasgow third, Edinburgh fourth, Dumbartonshire fifth, Mid-Lothian and Argyllshire being ranged with Lanarkshire in second line. Andrew Hannah (the ten miles amateur champion), who had been running during the present season in exceptionally fine form, was the favourite; but on Friday he, in a communication to the secretary, expressed a doubt as to his being present by reason of an awkward cold. He attended, however, and determined to abide by the advice and decision as to whether he should run in the team of trainer Peter Cannon, the well-known long distance professional. Cannon said "run," and the little champion at once stripped, and at 4.10 he, with the big ruck, ran off to Mr. J. C. Lawson's word "go." The course had been well marked out by Messrs James Gibson, T. Thomson, G. Greenlees, C. Thomson, C. Dewa, J. Marshall, J. B. Brown, A. Russell, Ramsay, Sims, Dick, Lockhart; and the distance was about ten and a half miles in a southerly direction. Macdonald (of Renfrewshire), M'William, Pennycook, Hannah, D. Campbell, Colquhoun, McCann, Macmichael, and Cunningham left in order for the open country in the order named, and others followed in Indian file. All ran in this order for nearly half the distance, when the leader was overtaken first by Colquhoun, then Campbell, Hannah, and Pennycook. The latter, then running gamely, dropped his shoe for second time. He ran without it, and a good contest ensued between him and Hannah; the Glasgow man ran strongly, however, and the game little one could not shake his opponent off, and amid the cheers of those in the field Pennycook ran past the judges first, the following being the order in which the most important competitors were timed—C. Pennycook, 67.35; Andrew Hannah, 67.64; Jamie Campbell, 68.4; A. G. Colquhoun, 68.5; J. W. M'William, 68.43; D. Campbell, 69.19; D. G. Macmichael, 69.36; Charles McCann, 70.8; D. Taylor, 70.30; W. Henderson, 70.55; George Wright, 71.7; Alexander M'Donald, 71.11; James Logan, 71.35; T. Good, 71.47; Abraham Russell, 71.55; A. Murray, 72.10; G. Hume, 71.55; A. Sims, 72.31; R. A. Findlay, 72.40. First three individual prizes were thus won by C. Pennycook (championship), Andrew Hannah, and Jamie Campbell. Team honours with following results:—1, Glasgow—C. Pennycook, A. G. Colquhoun, W. Henderson, A. Sims, and R. Findlay. Average time, 70 minutes 20 4-5 seconds. 2, Renfrewshire—A. Hannah, W. D. Campbell, A. M'Donald, T. Good, and A. C. Russell. Average time, 70 min 55 1-5 sec. 3, Dumbartonshire—James Campbell, D. Taylor, George Wright, James Logan, and A. Rodger. Average time, 72 min 8 3-5 sec. 4, Edinburgh—D. G. Macmichael, D. Hume, P. Addison, J. Hume, and A. Robertson. Average time, 72 min 40 2-5 sec. Championships of counties:—Ayrshire—J. W. M'William. Dumbartonshire—J. Campbell. Edinburgh—D. G. Macmichael. Glasgow—Charles Pennycook. Lanarkshire—Charles McCann. Stirlingshire—J. R. Scott. Mid-Lothian—W. Whitehead. Argyllshire—P. Robertson. The prizes were presented at an after meeting held in Ancell's, Glasgow Street—Mr Farquhar Matheson, vice-president, discharging the pleasing duty with much grace. A social hour was also spent in the club-room, Dundas Street, under presidency of Mr J. C. Lawson.