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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

BELLAHOUSTON'S GREAT WIN.

WALLACH INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION.

As generally expected, the National Championship, decided at Carnryne on Saturday, was a tussle between the holders, Bellahouston Harriers, and West of Scotland Harriers, and the former club won more easily than anticipated. The race, however, cannot be looked upon as being a great success. Apart from the two clubs mentioned, there was but a poor turnout—in fact, Edinburgh Northern Harriers was the only other club to finish six men. This is not as it should be, and it behoves the N.C.C.U. officials to display a little more enterprise, and endeavour to popularise the principal event of the year, and the sport generally. The weather conditions on Saturday were ideal for cross-country running, but the attendance of spectators, owing to strong counter-attractions, only moderate. Bellahouston and West of Scotland started twelve men, Edinburgh Northern eleven, Clydesdale, Glenpark, and Monkland nine each, Edinburgh Southern eight, while Edinburgh and Waverley could only muster five each, so their representatives ran as individuals.

About twenty minutes after the advertised time the runners were sent on their journey. The first to show in front was Alex. McDonald, Clydesdale, who cut out a fast pace—too fast, in fact—as the first mile was covered in a second or two under five minutes. He was followed by D. K. Wilson, E.N.H., and D. Peat, W.S.H. The latter was slightly in front on the completion of a lap of the ground, closely attended by McDonald, Mathie, Stephen, and Lindsay. After another lap and on leaving for the country J. W. Templeman was making the running just in front of Lindsay, Wallach, Stephen, and Peat. There was considerable excitement as the runners came in sight at half distance, more especially when it was seen that Craig was leading, closely followed by Lindsay, with Wallach some fifty yards in the rear. It appears that Wallach, when leading, over-ran the trail, and lost nearly a hundred yards. It was seen at this stage that the club contest was over bar shouting, as Bellahouston had four in the first six, and several others close up. Following Wallach and Mathie, Stephen, Peat, Watt, Mackenzie, Hughes, Cummings (suffering from a stitch) Ledingham, McDonald, and Rodger. In the country for the second time Wallach soon made up ground, and taking the lead entered the ground for the finish with an advantage of forty yards, which he maintained to the tape. Craig ran better than expected, but Lindsay began to lose ground towards the end.

Order of Arrival:—

1, G. C. L. Wallach, Glenpark, 62 min. 38 sec.; 2, A. Craig, Bellahouston, 62 min. 50 sec.; 3, G. R. Stephen, Bellahouston, 63 min. 49 sec.; 4, J. W. Templeman, Bellahouston, 63 min. 58 sec.; 5, D. Peat, West of Scotland, 63 min. 58 sec.; 6, J. Lindsay Bellahouston, 64 min. 7 sec.; 7, G. Cummings, Bellahouston; 8, G. Mackenzie, West of Scotland; 9, S. S. Watt, Clydesdale; 10, H. Hughes, West of Scotland; 11, W. G. Rodger, West of Scotland; 12, A. B. Lang, Glenpark; 13, W. H. Mathie, Bellahouston; 14, G. Mason, West of Scotland; 15, W. Ross (No. 1), Edinburgh Northern; 16, A. P. Inglis, Edinburgh Northern; 17, D. K. Wilson, Edinburgh Northern; 18, A. Peters, Edinburgh Southern; 19, T. Eloan, Bellahouston; 20, J. S. Matthews, West of Scotland; 21, W. Reid, Monkland; 22, J. Y. M'Adam, Bellahouston; 23, F. M'Connack, Clydesdale; 24, J. T. Smith, Bellahouston; 25, W. Dempsey, Edinburgh Northern; 26, R. Johnstone, Edinburgh Southern; 27, H. D. Souther, Glenpark; 28, J. Baker, Bellahouston; 29, A. Edwards, Edinburgh; 30, W. S. Unklea, West of Scotland; 31, J. Clark, Edinburgh Northern; 32, A. Muir, Hamilton; 33, T. W. Anderson, Edinburgh Northern; 34, B. Malcolm, Bellahouston; 35, W. Watson, Glenpark; 36, J. Grierson, Teviotdale; 37, R. Hampton, Bellahouston; 38, A. G. Lang, Glenpark; 39, J. Morris, West of Scotland; 40, T. B. Erskine, Clydesdale. The junior championship was won by J. Lindsay.

Club Placings.

1. Bellahouston Harriers—

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12—29 points.

2. West of Scotland Harriers—

4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 19—62 points.

3. Edinburgh Northern Harriers—

14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 30—128 points.

The unplaced clubs finished, as follows:—

Clydesdale Harriers—

8, 22, 36, 44, 45.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers—

17, 25, 42, 43, 48.

Greenock Glenpark Harriers—

11, 28, 32, 34, 38.

Edinburgh Harriers—

29, 51, 55.

Monkland Harriers—

30, 46, 47.

Waverley Harriers—

45.