

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## Garscube Win the National Championship at Ayr

### INDIVIDUAL HONOUR AGAIN GOES TO WRIGHT

The National Cross Country Championship, decided within Ayr Racecourse on Saturday, was a success in every respect. The strong counter-attraction of the Rangers-Kilmarnock football match at Rugby Park claimed most attention from the surrounding districts, but nevertheless the cross-country officials had reason to be thankful for the good attendance of spectators.

The race is fairly easily described. The field went away to a prompt start. R. B. M'Intyre (West of Scotland Harriers) jumped into the lead, and setting a merry pace, the field of 18 teams, or over 200 competitors, was soon strung out round the first lap of the racecourse. At a mile and a half Miller, of Mauchline, was seen just in front of a bunch including D. M.L. Wright, R. B. M'Intyre, T. Whetton (Dundee), and M'Morran (Garscube), but before leaving the course little Wright ran dramatically into the lead, gaining at once 15 to 20 yards from Miller.

Wright was never afterwards headed, though Mitchell, of Mauchline, at the end of five miles had drawn close to his heels. Miller dropped 100 yards to the rear, third, and M'Morran was fourth.

These positions remained unchanged until the end, though the gaps grew greater. D. M.L. Wright ran out a worthy champion and comfortable winner in 66min. 32sec., time which showed the course to be a long 10 miles. This was his third victory in the event. Mitchell (Mauchline) did remarkably well for a junior, and by finishing second secured the honour of champion of that class. He finished 46sec. behind Wright. R. Miller was third, A. J. T. M'Morran fourth, R. B. M'Intyre fifth, T. Whetton (Eastern District Champion) sixth, P. Nicol (Kilmarnock) seventh, J. Girvan (Garscube) eighth, D. Quinn (Garscube) ninth, J. M'Intyre (Garscube) tenth, R. Henderson (Glasgow Harriers) eleventh, and H. Rourke twelfth.

### Easy Team Winners

Garscube Harriers, as was expected, won the team contest with plenty to spare. This is the first occasion on which they have succeeded in this event, and A. J. T. M'Morran, who led their team home, is a much improved athlete. M'Turk, the veteran, played no small part in his team's success.

Shettleston Harriers did very well to finish second, and, like Maryhill, who were third, were unfortunate in the collapse of one or two of their strong men.

The International team will be chosen on Wednesday.

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## MA-CU. TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The long-Mile annual championship meeting of the National Cross-Country Club was decided at Arc Harewood on Saturday under favorable weather conditions. The course was a broad one of about two miles, and the trail was laid by Marshall's Harriers. The first two miles were on the level, followed by about three miles across country in the direction of the River Ayr. The competitors then descended the course, covering about a mile on the trail on leaving again for the country. The start and finish took place in the straightaway straight in front of the stands, from which an excellent view of progress of the race was obtained.

On the splendid entry of 19 teams all were forward with the exception of Edinburgh University Harriers and Rodan. Two hundred runners were sent away to a fine start. The lead changed hands several times in the early stages. At 1 1/4 mile R. Miller, Marshall's Harriers, was leading, with Champion D. M. L. Wright, Hamilton Harriers, at his heels, and another Marshall's runner, James Mitchell, close behind. Immediately after, Wright jumped into the lead, and when two miles had been covered he was about 50 yards in front. At half distance the champion was still in front, but Mitchell had come up to within a few yards, with Miller 100 yards in the rear. On the second drop Wright assumed a comfortable lead, ultimately winning by a good 300 yards, and in no way distressed. This is Wright's third successive victory in the race.

The team race, as generally anticipated, went to Garrothe Harriers. Throughout the race the club had the runners go well forward. At half distance their placings totaled 54 yards, and although several places were lost on the second lap they had an ample margin to fall back upon. Last year's winners, Hamilton Harriers, were second with easily, double Garrothe's total.

Of the individual runners, T. Whitten (Eastern Glasgow Champions) did very well to finish sixth. The Dundee man has improvement, and should improve, as he looked with plenty to hand.

R. Miller (Western District and Ayrshire Champions) was generally expected to gain the Junior Championship, but his closemate, James Mitchell, proved too good for him. Miller scored a safe leg-winner and did not display the form expected. Results.—

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Duncan M. L. Wright, Edinburgh Harriers, 68m. 20s.; 2. Junior Champion, James Mitchell, Marshall's Harriers, 67m. 15s.; 3. R. Miller, Western District Harriers, 68m. 40s.; 4. A. J. T. M'Morran, Garrothe Harriers; 5. R. E. M'Intyre, West of Scotland Harriers; 6. T. Whitten, Dundee Thistle Harriers.

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Garrothe Harriers (A. J. T. M'Morran, 4; J. Irvine, 7; D. Quinn, 8; J. M'Intyre, 9; A. W. Adams, 12; T. M'Neil, 20—68 points); 2. Hamilton Harriers (D. M. L. Wright, 1; W. East, 10; J. Burns, 10; J. M'Charles, 27; R. Glenison, 51; M. E. Anderson, 52—150); 3. Marshall's Harriers (W. M'Roberts, 14; J. Mitchell, 24; A. Macdonald, 31; T. Glasgow, 56; J. Cunningham, 40; W. E. Calderwood, 47—142); 4. Hamilton Harriers, 280; 5. Glasgow Glasgow Harriers, 288; 6. Edinburgh Harriers Harriers, 320; 7. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 328; 8. Monkland Harriers, 355; 9. Marshall's Harriers, 357; 10. Glasgow Harriers, 357; 11. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. A.C., 400; 12. Edinburgh Harriers, 403; 13. Glasgow Harriers, 420; 14. Paisley Harriers, 473; 15. Glasgow Harriers, 624; 16. Ayrshire Harriers.