

Scottish C.C. Union.

First Attempt at District Championships.

A Signal Success.

Great Race at Edinburgh.

Kirkcaldy to the Fore.

(SPECIAL BY "PAGE.")

"What we lost by numbers was made up in quality, and enthusiasm." So said President Hume after the championship at Edinburgh on Saturday. The Eastern District Championship—the first ever run by a governing body in Scotland—was an unbounded success, and it is to be hoped is the forerunner of greater and nobler events to come.

The success of the race and meeting is due entirely to Messrs Hume, A. Ross Scott, and A. M. Bryson, and to this trio "Page" doffs his cap and says, "Well done, gentlemen." But for fact and figures.

TEN CLUBS WERE REPRESENTED.

Secretary Scott lost no time when the teams arrived at the rendezvous—the Rugby Union field—and the representation of each club was—

Kirkcaldy Harriers—H. Beveridge, J. Marcus, R. Hunter, J. Inglis, G. Lawson, A. R. Mackie, J. Rattray, E. Sang, F. Stevens, J. Stewart, A. West, D. Whyte.

Lothian A.C.—W. Dunn, A. Martin, D. Gommell, A. Shivas, J. Walker, C. R. Brown, J. Laing.

Stirling Osborne Harriers—J. Kemp, J. Lennox, J. Clarke, D. Brock, A. Kemp, J. Moir, J. D. Drummond, J. B. M'Intosh, A. Dumbreck, J. Purvis, J. Borsland, J. Crombie.

Waverley Harriers—A. Begg, A. Dickson, D. Hardie, J. H. Hardie, W. Morton, J. Mackay, H. Stevenson, J. Swan, C. T. Thomson, J. Walker, R. Wallace, W. Anderson.

Watsonian C.C.C.—J. Rankin, W. F. Rankin, F. J. Cameron, F. Todd, A. Buchanan, S. Bullie.

Bonnybridge Harriers—W. Keen, J. Wands, R. Leishman, J. Young, J. Leishman, J. Boyle, J. Lapsley, A. Esplin, R. Marshall.

Edinburgh University H. & H.—H. D. Blaikie, H. Dodgson, G. Fukuda, A. R. Hallam, C. R. P. Husband, J. Lee, D. Lee, A. F. McKay, J. G. Peabie, A. W. Wilson.

Edinburgh Harriers—W. Burness, D. L. Hutchinson, J. G. Inch, F. T. Laing, G. H. Malcolm, J. Malcolm, G. Morrison, J. P. Paterson, F. D. Reynolds, G. M. Shaw, J. Wright.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers—R. Crawford, G. M. Grant, R. Irvine, J. Johnstone, A. Lawrence, J. Miller, J. M'Queen, J. Shanks, G. D. Wardlaw, A. Wilson.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers—A. D. Geddes, R. G. Sheath, J. Ross, J. Webster, T. Dickson, A. Inglis, J. Frame, D. Jamieson, W. Falconer, D. Guilland, W. Renton.

The Stirling Osbornes formerly scratched on Friday, but two representatives, D. Brock and T. B. M'Intosh, ran; whilst the Watsonians were poorly represented by John and J. F. Rankin. The trail was, early in the morning, mapped out by the president and members of the F.H., and at three o'clock Messrs Blews, Batchin, A. R. Gibb, A. Douglas, and others willing went out with well-filled bags, and laid the trail over hard country roads and ploughing bounding, but with very few, if any, jumps. A second pack left at 3.30, and filled up gaps, nothing being left undone.

At 3.45 the signal was given to get ready, and five minutes later the runners—88 in number—this being 26 fewer than the actual entry—were sent off to a straggling start by Mr David Blews, Kirkcaldy Harriers. After going round the field twice the competitors left the ground for open country, when the leaders were Keen (Bonnybridge), Burness (E.H.), Anderson (Waverley), Mackay (Waverley), Inch (E.H.), Leishman (Bonnybridge), all in the order named. The distance from first to last man (John Laing, Lothian A.C.) was fully 200 yards. The full course was laid over five miles, so that when the condition of the ground was taken into consideration, the "field" was expected home in time on 30 minutes. Time was not wasted during the absence of the runners, so much was to be seen in the Union's new ground, whilst the grand stand and other accoutred much to talk about and win away the time.

Cyclists were sighted a full mile away on the home road, scorching for dear life, and in 20 minutes from the start a "whist" brought in the news that the men were wearing home, and away in the distance, against a strong sun, with a white mantle for a background, could dimly be seen the "pedals."

III. THE CLEAR THE WAY!

was the order sent forth, and the crowd gathered inside the enclosure, the finish being made facing the grand stand. Marcus and Stewart (both Kirkcaldy) and Morrison (E.H.) were within four yards of one another, but in entering the ground the first-named started quickly, and left the tail, winning individual honours by ten yards. Morrison and Stewart vied for second position, but the latter's representative was not equal to the strain, and was beaten by five yards. The running throughout showed training and stamina, and those who failed to gain prizes are to be highly complimented on the grand show which they all made.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

First—Edinburgh Harriers—Morrison 2, MacLellan 1, Wright 1, Paterson 1, Stevenson 1, Total 12 points.

Second—Waverley Harriers—Anderson 3, D. Hardie 2, J. H. Hardie 1, Stevenson 1,

Thomson 2, Mackay 2, Total 11 points.

Third—Bonnybridge Harriers—Kuhn 1, Boyle 1, Wardlaw 1, Young 1, J. Leishman 1, McLean 1, Total 10 points.

Fourth—Edinburgh Northern Harriers—Guthrie 1, Irvine 1, Wilson 1, Johnstone 2, Grant 1, M'Queen 1, Total 10 points.

Fifth—Kirkcaldy Harriers—Marcus 1, Stewart 1, Wright 1, Hunter 1, West 1, Total 7 points.

Sixth—Edinburgh Southern Harriers—Frame 1, Smith 1, Jamieson 1, Sheath 1, Paterson 1, Inglis 1, Total 6 points.

Seventh—Edinburgh University Harriers and Footballers—Baldwin 1, Blaikie 1, Hallam 1, Peabie 1, J. Lee 1, D. Lee 1, Total 5 points.

Eighth—Lothian A.C.—Martin 1, Total 1 point.

Shirra 53, Walker 63, Brown 64, Laing 72.
Total for five placings, 270.

Stirling Osborne—Macintosh 39, Brock 49.
88 points.

Watsonians failed to finish a single representative.

My readers will see in the above figures an occasional difference of perhaps two. This is caused by deleting, in making up team points, those members of the clubs who did not run full teams.

Mr George Hume made an ideal chairman at the tea in the West End Cafe, Princes Street, after the race, and during the evening presented the individual championship medal to Johnny Marcus, who met with a great reception.

Medals were presented to the Edinburgh Harriers as team heroes, and Waverley got second badges, and an official of the Union has promised a special set to be given to the Bonnybridge team, who ran such a game race. Many speeches were made during the evening, and it was late when the meeting broke up.

HARRIERS.

EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event, the first of its kind in the East of Scotland, and a stepping-stone to the Scottish Junior Championship, was decided on Saturday afternoon from the Scottish Football Union field, Inverleith, Edinburgh. The race was run under the auspices of the Scottish Cross-Country Union, and one of the principal promoters was Mr George Hume, the president of the Union, who acted with Mr Ross Scott, the secretary of the Union, as clerk of the course. Stirling Osborne and Watson's clubs ran only two men each, accidents and other reasons causing the Stirling club to scratch their representatives, and those of Watson's running for the individual honour only. The individual championship was won by Marcus, Kirkcaldy. The Edinburgh Harriers with six men in the first fifteen won the team championship. The Waverley Harriers were second. The first ten individuals in were:—J. Marcus, K.H., 1; G. Morrison, E.H., 2; W. Rogie, K.H., 3; W. Keen, B.H., 4; J. Boyle, B.H., 5; F. D. Reynolds, E.H., 6; J. Wight, E.H., 7; W. Anderson, W.H., 8; D. Hardie, W.H., 9; H. Dodson, E.U.H. and H., 10. The team placings were:—Edinburgh Harriers, 55 points, 1; Waverley Harriers, 91 points, 2; Bonnybridge Harriers, 107 points, 3; Edinburgh Northern, 172 points, 4; Kirkcaldy Harriers, 177 points, 5; Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 254 points, 6; Edinburgh University H. and H., 283 points, 7.