

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTERESTING EVENT AT DUNDEE.

LOCAL TEAM'S FINE EFFORT.

A carnival of junior sport was provided at Victoria Park, Dundee, on Saturday, when football and cross-country events took place. The functions were witnessed by one of the largest assemblies of spectators seen in the park, and this in spite of unfavourable atmospheric conditions, the afternoon being dull and threatening and the field heavy and sodden. The cross-country championship, in which much interest was manifested, was the ninth held under the auspices of the Eastern District, and there was a very keen struggle for the premier honours. Ten clubs were entered, and each had a well-balanced team in the field as each team comprised twelve members, there was the large aggregate of 120 runners and the start on the eight miles race was an interesting and striking event.

An enormous crowd of spectators were present, and in the first fifty yards the body of runners passed along a narrow avenue between the crowd of onlookers. A circuit was made of Victoria Park, and by the time the leaders were heading for the gateway the line of runners was more drawn out. Tosh and Ireland, Dundee Thistle, led the pack as it left the field, Hughes, Edinburgh Harriers, being third.

Proceeding towards Downfield, the harriers traversed the trail that had been laid earlier in the day. A quarter of a mile along the Downfield road the trail led into the fields and the course was on Balmuir, and by way of Bankhead, North Powrie, New Mains, Castle Mains, and fields to Fairmuir, the route being about eight miles. The thaw that had set during the morning made the travelling exceedingly heavy, yet some fine work was displayed. About three-quarters of an hour after the start the first bunch of runners re-entered Victoria Park, and after a fine race A. J. Grieve, Teviotdale Harriers, reached the finishing-point first, his time being 45 mins 18 seconds. Seven seconds later T. Jack, Edinburgh Southern, who was looked upon as a likely candidate for leading honours, passed the post, and in another seven seconds J. S. Matthew, Thistle, Dundee, had also finished. The next arrivals were:-A. Thomson, Edinburgh Southern (45 mins. 43 sees.); John Tosh, Thistle, Dundee (45 mins. 56 secs.); W. Watson, Edinburgh Harriers (46 mins. 2 secs.); A. Follon, Thistle, Dundee (46 mins. 4 secs.); followed by W. McGregor, Victoria, Falkirk; R. Grierson, Teviotdale; A. Brown, Waverley; G. Chalmers, Edinburgh Harriers; and V. Douglas, Thistle, Dundee. Runners continued to arrive in batches and singly, and ultimately it was ascertained that all the teams had finished the course with the exception of Stirlingshire Central. As they arrived the harriers showed trace of the heavy ground traversed, every one of the competitors being liberally bespattered with mud.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO EDINBURGH. On the officials completing their statistics and markings, the result of the competition was intimated .— 1 Championship, Edinburgh Southern 56; 2 Thistle Dundee, 81; 3 Edinburgh Harriers 4 Teviotdale, 167; 5 Edinburgh Northern, 168; 6 Victoria, Falkirk, 181; 7 Waverley 278, 8 Aberdeenshire, 333; 9 Watsonians, 360.

The members of the winning team, Edinburgh Southern, were .—James Cockburn, H. Fairley, A. Hogg, T. Jack, J. A. Lees, A. Moore, W. A. Muir, P. W. Sinclair, A. Thomson, J. Thomson.

The Thistle team was:— L. Barclay, G. Crichton, A. F. Cunningham, H. Douglas, G. Ireland, James Ireland, T. Longair, J. S. Matthew, W. Martin, W. S. Milne, A. Follon, and John Tosh.

The meeting proved very successful from every standpoint, and the local and district, arrangements worked smoothly and efficiently.

All the runners were lined up and started by Mr George Hume about an-hour after the advertised time, and being run a lap and a half of the field out into the country, the leaders being E. Hughes (Edinburgh Harriers), John T. (Dundee Thistle), and A. J. Grievs (Teviotdale). T. Jack (Edinburgh Southern) was considered a likely winner of the individual honour, was here running also 30th. After an absence of over 10 minutes the runners come in sight, ran past the judges in rotation as follows:

INDIVIDUALS.

1. A. J. Grievs, Teviotdale Harriers (Hawick) 18 sec.
2. Tom. Jack, Edinburgh Southern Harriers 23 sec.
3. J. G. Matthew, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 45 sec.
4. A. Thomson, Edinburgh Southern Harriers 45 sec.
5. H. Douglas, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 45 sec.
6. W. Watson, Edinburgh Southern Harriers 2 sec.
7. A. Fallon, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 44 sec.
8. Wm. M'Orange, Falkirk Victoria H., 40 sec.
9. R. B. Grierson, Teviotdale Harriers, 46 mins. 22 sec.
10. A. Brown, Waverley Harriers, 46 mins. 40 sec.
11. G. Chalmers, Edinburgh Harriers, 46 mins. 40 sec.
12. H. Douglas, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 46 sec.

The others arrived in the following order—James Cockburn, Edinburgh Southern; Moore, Edinburgh Southern; A. E. Hughes, Edinburgh Harriers; D. Milne, Edinburgh Harriers; W. A. Mair, Edinburgh Southern; Ralph Rennie, Edinburgh Northern; advanced placing—D. M'Kerracher, Falkirk Victoria; W. Burden, Edinburgh Harriers; George Inglis, Edinburgh Northern; D. C. Ian, Falkirk Victoria; Wm. Elder, Teviotdale; W. S. Milne, Dundee Thistle; Thomas Thorburn, Watsonians C.C.C.; James Thomson, Edinburgh Northern; Thomas Robertson, Edinburgh Harriers; James Leslie, Dundee Thistle; D. Brown, Edinburgh Waverley; George B. MacLagan, Edinburgh Northern; James C. Brown, Edinburgh Northern; W. Mackenzie, Falkirk Victoria; James Greig, Aberdeenshire; Thomas McFarlane, Edinburgh Harriers; Gen. H. P. Gibb, Edinburgh Northern; A. B. Hobbs, Teviotdale; Alfred Baker, Watsonians C.C.C.; J. S. Halliday, Teviotdale; Downie, Falkirk Victoria; W. Morrison, Edinburgh Central; A. Millar, Edinburgh Waverley; P. Baird, Falkirk Victoria.

TEAM PLACINGS, &c.

1st, Edinburgh Southern Harriers—Jack, 2; A. Thomson, 4; W. Watson, 6; Cockburn, 13; A. Moore, 14; W. A. Mair, Total—56 points.

2nd, Dundee Thistle Harriers—J. G. Matthew, 5; J. Tosh, 5; A. Fallon, 7; H. Douglas, 12; W. G. Milne, 23; J. Ireland, 29. Total—81 points.

3rd, Edinburgh Harriers—G. Chalmers, A. E. Hughes, 15; D. Milne, 16; W. Burden, 21; T. Robertson, 28; T. McFarlane, 37. Total—123 points.

4th, Teviotdale Harriers—A. J. Grievs, R. Grierson, 9; W. Elder, 24; A. B. Baird, 41; J. S. Halliday, 44; J. P. Burns, Total—157 points.

5th, Edinburgh Northern, 168 points; Falkirk Victoria, 181 points; 7th, Waverley, 278 points; 8th, Aberdeenshire, 333 points; 9th, Watsonians C.C.C., 360 points.

The presentation of prizes took place at the Royal Hotel. The president, Mr George Hume, presided, and was supported by John McCulloch (vice-president), Mr W. Macleish (Eastern District chairman), D. Scott (Eastern District secretary), Mr A. Scott (Thistle Harriers), Mr A. Ross (Central secretary and treasurer of the Union).