

SOUTH-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual cross country championship of the South-Western District was held at Inchinnan, on Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were good, but the going was very soft. As anticipated, Beith Harriers won the team event with ease, but there was a big surprise in the individual championship. W. Kennedy, of Kilbarchan, upsetting more fancied candidates. It was a good win, as he was in front most of the time and in the run-in beat P. Alwell, of Beith, by about 50 yards.

Results:—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Beith Harriers (P. J. Alwell 2. W. C. Murdoch 3. M. Barr 7. G. Murdoch 10. G. Fulton 24. J. M'Connell 25), 72 points.

2. Irvine V.M.C.A. Harriers (J. B. Ferguson 6. D. W. Auld 9. G. S. Pringle 12. W. H. McCallagh 17. M. Ferguson 27. W. Bell 47), 118 points.

3. Kilbarchan A.A.C. (W. Kennedy 1. R. Kerr 13. G. Lyle 18. N. Hayes 23. A. Deins 29. J. Harrison 35), 119 points.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan A.C., 37 mins. 34 secs.

2. P. Alwell, Beith Harriers, 37 mins. 42 secs.

3. W. Murdoch, Beith Harriers, 38 mins. 17 secs.

4. W. Fulton, Eglinton Harriers, 38 mins. 34 secs.

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BOTH the Eastern and the South-Western seven-miles junior cross-country championships produced keen racing on Saturday, with quite a few surprises in each event.

At Redford Barracks, Edinburgh Southern ran up to form in winning the Eastern team title, but, although they had twenty points in hand at half-distance, they just managed to resist a strong challenge by the University team, in the second stage of the journey, to win by one point. The Varsity, indeed, finished their last counting man five places in front of Southern's last man.

Kennedy's Victory

Beith won the South-Western title at Inchinnan in much easier fashion than was anticipated. Their winning margin of 46 points over Irvine Y.M.C.A. indicates how much the Beith men had in hand. Kilbarchan did extremely well to finish third, only a point behind Irvine.

The big surprise of this race was the excellent running of W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan, who won the individual title by 45 yards from P. J. Alwell, Beith. This is Alwell's second experience of finishing runner-up in this race. W. C. Murdoch, the Beith champion and favourite, was suffering from a sprained muscle and was far removed from his best, finishing only third. Kennedy's strength was the telling factor, and he finished quite fresh—an unexpected, but thoroughly popular victor.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. W. Kennedy, Kilbarchan, 37 mins. 54 secs.
2. P. J. Alwell, Beith, 37 mins. 42 secs.
3. W. C. Murdoch, Beith, 38 mins. 17 secs.
4. W. Fulton, Eglinton, 38 mins. 34 secs.
5. H. M. Clymont, Ayr, 38 mins. 53 secs.
6. J. B. Ferguson, Irvine, 39 mins.
7. M. Barr, Beith, 39 mins. 6 secs.
8. J. Rowan, Glenpark, 39 mins. 10 secs.
9. D. W. Aldie, Irvine, 39 mins. 15 secs.
10. G. Murdoch, Beith, 39 mins. 18 secs.

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4. EGLINTON HARRIERS (W. Fulton 4, R. Reid 15, J. Wallace 20, D. Mulholland 28, A. McDonald 39, W. Martindale 45, 149 points).
5. GLENPARK HARRIERS (J. Rowan 8, R. McLeod 21, T. Mearns 25, M. Ryan 31, R. Delussey 34, D. Brown 38, 157 points).
6. PAISLEY HARRIERS (A. Muir 14, C. Anderson 19, H. Cassidy 30, J. M. Graham 35, N. McLean 37, C. Mack 42, 178 points).
7. WELLPARK HARRIERS (J. G. Taylor 11, R. Whiston 33, J. Ritchie 41, J. Mallon 44, W. L. Taylor 53, T. Harrower 58, 240 points).
8. PAISLEY Y.M.C.A. (J. M. Sellar 22, J. G. Paton 52, W. McConnell 54, E. Johnson 55, J. Stevenson 59, A. McFarlane 62, 284 points).
9. Ayr (H. M. Clymont 5, W. Logan 16, W. Berry 65, E. Adams 65, did not finish complete team).

Individual entrants (excluded from team pointage)—A. Livingstone, Kilmar-
 nock, 20; J. Eyngh, Auchmountain, 28; R. Price, Kilmarnock, 41; J. Dalrymple, Auchmountain, 50; J. Price, Kilmarnock, 74.